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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

Each morning, the Israelites would open their tent flaps, crawl out from their sleeping spaces, and see another miracle from God. Manna. I do not know what Manna tasted like, smelled like, or looked like. I do know that without it the Israelites surely would have perished. I know, in time, they grew weary of this life-sustaining gift. They wanted something more and different, but the Lord was taking care of them.

schools closed in Washington, and by the middle of the week, many schools on the West Coast were closing. On Thursday of that week, most schools in the area had either shut down or were extending spring break to provide extra time to figure things out.

This was our decision as well. We added a second week of spring break and sought the Lord for wisdom to make the best decisions we could for the health and safety of our community. It was a sad day when we needed to keep students at home, not just for the rest of spring, but for the fall as well.

It has been hard on everyone to learn remotely. While technology allows for adequate instruction, it cannot replace what we get from in-person learning. It cannot replicate community. We long for that community experience again.

Through it all, though, God has provided. Most Christian colleges and churches are struggling financially and yet I am also aware how many of our schools and congregations have seen powerful moves by God to sustain us during the crisis. Hope has been blessed with three significant gifts in the last three months. Without them, I do not know where we would be. They have allowed us to carry on our important work.

While we are not prospering, neither are we failing. God knows what we need; He has provided for us and will continue to provide for us. The gifts have been like Manna from heaven. Many of you are part of His

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He knew exactly what they needed, and He provided; every day there was food to eat.

When COVID went from a remote news story to a real and present crisis in America, I thought it would be a short-term crisis that would pass in a few weeks. It just did not seem possible that we would be dealing with the pandemic for this long. And yet here we are.

I will never forget the critical week in March when it became crystal clear what we were up against on college campuses. Early in the week, a couple of



PERSPECTIVE

provision for us. Thank you for your generosity over the years and especially now. I would ask that you consider a gift to help sustain us through this crisis.

Last March, we made the difficult decision to close our campus in Nebraska due to enrollment drops and budget deficits that could no longer be sustained. For seventy-five years, that college prepared pastors and servant leaders to lead churches and organizations throughout the Midwest and beyond. Nebraska Christian College will continue to exist as a legacy entity, thanks to the work of dedicated believers, supporters, and staff that will continue to support churches, students, and ministry preparation.

HIU is providing staff support, scholarships, and church relations staff to encourage and facilitate ongoing training of pastors in Nebraska and the surrounding area. I am very thankful to our NCC trustees, Christine Clausen and Don Rowe, as they help us develop strategies to come alongside pastors and churches. This year alone, we have awarded more than \$270,000 in scholarships to the 33 students from NCC who are continuing at HIU.

Just as we have been sustained by gifts from God and his people, we are trying to be a gift to our supporting churches. Those of you who know me know how important this is to me. It is my heart. I love helping pastors, and right now they need extra support. They are on the front lines of care provision for their flocks. Many have been running on adrenaline for far too long, and they are worn out.

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This summer, I wrote a presentation for pastors that is an extension of the pastoral care work **Dr. Joe Grana (MA '88)** and I have been doing for the last two years. The new presentation is entitled *Self-Care in the Midst of a Pandemic: A Church Leader's First Aid Kit*. It has been a blessing to be able to provide some spiritual food and a cup of cool water to pastors and their teams. Please pray for all our pastors.

Finally, I want to thank the HIU community personally for your support as I lead during this season. I have felt the power of the Lord and His abiding presence daily, and I know part of that is due to prayers from those of you who love our institution and the work that we have the privilege to do. God bless you all and I pray that you experience the joy of the Lord during this most interesting season.

Paul H. Alexander

NEBRASKA CAMPUS CLOSURE

NCC'S LEGACY ENTERS NEW ERA

Early in 2020, the Spring enrollment at Nebraska Christian College dropped catastrophically to an historic, 30-year low of just 85 students. The enrollment decrease caused unsustainable operating losses for the small campus. After intently weighing all options and praying for divine wisdom and discernment, the HIU Board of Trustees announced the closure of the Nebraska campus, effective at the conclusion of the spring semester.

After months of careful and prayerful consideration, the HIU Board of Trustees made the extremely difficult decision in late March.

"This closure is a reflection of the unprecedented financial challenges facing many small, private, Christian higher educational institutions across the country," said Toby Yurek, then Chair of the Board of Trustees, when the closure was announced. "In these difficult times, institutions must make very hard choices in order to survive and continue to thrive."

NCC merged with HIU in 2016, after operating as an independent college since 1944. NCC was struggling financially prior to the merger, and the strategic addition of intercollegiate athletics and increased online academic options was intended to grow the student body. After a post-merger enrollment jump to 140 students (a 27% increase), Spring 2020 plummeted to the unsustainable low.

"This news was initially unsettling and disappointing, of course, and it was our top priority to make sure that the students and their families understood that there were still several very viable options open to them," emphasized President Paul Alexander, Ph.D. "Students enrolled at NCC were already HIU students, by virtue of the 2016 merger, and we wanted to be sure they knew that they were able to continue uninterrupted, and that we are here to assist them through this."

This transition did not increase students' out-of-pocket tuition costs, and institutional financial aid levels remained the same for the 2020-2021 academic year.

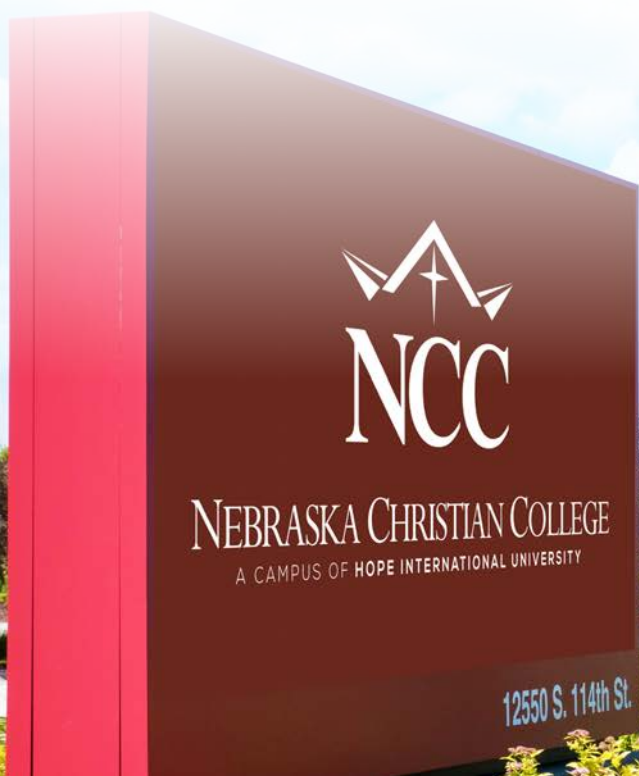
This fall, 33 NCC students opted to continue their pursuit of a degree through HIU. Ministry students participating in residencies have continued with their current host churches and HIU is planning with select church leaders in the NCC region for the preservation of ongoing ministry preparation opportunities.

NCC alumni are, understandably, saddened by the news, but most understand the economic necessity of the decision. One of those alumni is Tony Clark ('86), Associate Vice President for Business and Operations and former Interim NCC President.

"It is crucial to remember that the legacy of NCC is not found on this property, but in the lives and achievements of our students and alumni, and in the lives that are changed through the impact of those students and alumni," Clark said.

Nebraska Christian College conferred degrees on approximately 1,000 students over the course of its 75-year history. HIU is committed to help facilitate ongoing opportunities for NCC alumni to communicate, contribute and gather, including the creation of the NCC Legacy Fund to provide scholarships at HIU for students from the NCC region.

"The legacy of NCC and its alumni will ripple through eternity," said Michael Mulryan, HIU Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "We look forward to many more opportunities for alumni to enjoy each other and their alma mater."





THE SOCIAL RESPONSE

A SAMPLING OF FACEBOOK POSTS FROM THE NCC COMMUNITY

Tony L. Nelson | '81 | 75 years was an amazing run. While I haven't lived in my home state for decades, I always had an affinity for NCC. It's where I received and accepted my call to full-time vocational ministry, where I was trained to lead, and where I met and married my wife of 40 years now. NCC's doors may close but her legacy will echo into eternity. To God be the Glory. ❤️

Shelley Lee | '73 | I certainly have wonderful memories from my time at NCC (1968-1973). I matured emotionally, spiritually and mentally during my 5 years there (I changed my major to ministry after three years, which added a year). I met Sally Theobald and we married in 1972. For that alone I will be eternally grateful to NCC. The faculty was amazing at that time. Probably no one had more of an impact on my decision to go into the ministry than Mr. Miller, unless it's Sally. But we loved and respected all the teachers and staff. I truly enjoyed my further education at Wheaton and Emmanuel, but NCC changed my life. I am so thankful for Nebraska Christian. ❤️

Marci Hackel | '98 | This was an amazing school with world-changing faculty and team members, and alumni that changed the spiritual landscape of the Midwest through Christ. May God raise up another way to disciple church leaders. ❤️

Dick Hess || I so much enjoyed my travels there, staying on campus while visiting churches to do estate planning on behalf of the school. Your legacy lives on through your students and professors. ❤️

Judy Bush Peak | '77 | So thankful for the years Gary Peak and I shared at NCC. Great memories and wonderful life-long friends. ❤️

Torri Schultz || Will never forget the emotions I felt on this campus as a mom. And I know the students felt it even more. Jesus was everywhere. So blessed that two of my most favorite people were able to attend. ❤️

Naomi Schultz | '18 | NCC was truly something special and there was a reason all of us kids were sent to that little college down the dirt road in the cornfields. That place will always be such a huge part of my testimony. ❤️

Kelly Novak | '81 | Nebraska Christian College will forever hold a special place in my heart! It is true that when you attended, you didn't just gain a great, fortifying education, but a family! Even today that "family" remains a part of my life! NCC has given me cherished memories of people who went above and beyond. That action was seen in all of the staff and leaders and modeled well. I was

beyond blessed to meet, date and marry the love of my life, Mike Novak, while attending. ❤️

Amanda Cookson || I will always remember Gorf and Turning Point at the Norfolk campus. My dad, A.L. Cookson, is a graduate of NCC ('78). He had some good stories to tell. ❤️

Beth Ludwick-Fisher | '95 | I have many fond memories of my years with NCC through New Way Singers and then as a student. I was blessed to read through all the historical letters and plans about beginning this college and its mission to prepare ministers and missionaries. NCC has always held a special place in my heart. I treasure so many lessons and personal encouragement from the professors and staff I knew there. ❤️

Jamie L. Jamison-Campbell || NCC was the first college I attended but it was so much more than a campus, it was my family. ❤️

Sara Blackburn | '01 | NCC 1996-2001. My NCC years hold some of the BEST memories of my life. I would not be who I am without the influence of NCC, its professors and the friendships I made there. ❤️

Julie Mortensen Kochan || What wonderful memories we have of our professors, the staff (I still think about Romaine's warm cinnamon rolls in the morning),

the connections and friendships we had, and, of course, meeting each other and falling in love. When you went to NCC, you became part of a family. Our time at NCC not only prepared us for ministry, it prepared us for life. NCC's legacy will continue as those of us who are a part of the family continue to do God's work here on earth. ❤️

Cheryl Rector | '78 | Nebraska Christian College will always have a special place in my heart. The staff was amazing. The music program with Lowell Burkum was outstanding. I treasure those memories. ❤️

Michelle Mathews-Muggy | '77 | Nebraska Christian College will live on forever in my heart. I praise our Heavenly Father for the two years I attended back in 75-77. I was given a strong foundation in the knowledge of scripture as well as its application to my life. I discovered the "teacher" within me during those years and eventually got degrees in Special Education and General Education. This has given me many opportunities to extend the hand of Jesus to so many needy families. God truly blessed me by my being able to learn from godly professors those many years ago and the many lifelong friendships I enjoy even to this day. ❤️



HONORING A RICH HERITAGE

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF TRAINING, MINISTRY, & RELATIONSHIPS

The evening before Nebraska Christian College's 2020 Commencement, more than 400 alumni, donors, friends and former faculty, staff, and administrators gathered on the campus to celebrate 75 years of learning, ministry, and lifelong relationships forged at NCC.

"The evening was a beautiful expression of what God has done," said Christine Clausen, a member of the NCC Class of 1985 and a member of the Hope International University Board of Trustees. "Jesus started his work with twelve disciples, and this works the same way; this small campus has impacted ministries all around the world."

Participants reported a pervasive spirit of celebration throughout the evening and into the following day, when alumni and veteran coaches were inducted into the NCC Athletic Hall of Fame, and two alumni choirs performed as a prelude to NCC's final Commencement ceremony. Clausen said that the alumni connected meaningfully with each other and pointed upward to God.

"I think this event re-focused us on what we each found important at the time we were NCC students, and as our faith and futures were shaped," Clausen said. "At the event, I grew to understand how important those years were in a new way. What would have been if I hadn't

been submerged in a Bible-following, Bible-believing environment?"

Christine's parents met because of NCC, and she noted that she wouldn't even have been born without NCC's role in their lives. The connections are intergenerational, too, as the children of her parents' NCC friends have become her friends.

University Trustee Don Rowe, a longtime supporter of NCC, emphasized that the closure of the campus does not mean the end of the institutional mission, which has remained unchanged throughout 75 years.

"The evening was very much focused on hope for the future," he said. "There will just be new methods and delivery models to continue our mission."

The evening's activities included a panel of alumni reminiscing about funny pranks and others shared college experiences. Don said he was in awe of the alumni turnout, and added that the most meaningful stories were those that told how NCC prepared them to change lives through their ministries.

Another highlight of the event was the presentation of a ministry map, on which many alumni had placed a marker to indicate their respective places of service.

The only untouched continent was Antarctica.

"For 75 years, NCC equipped men and women to be disciples and to be disciple-makers. When our graduates left NCC, they were fully trained to share the good news of Jesus and lead people into a vibrant relationship with Him," said Don. "This celebration is not the end of our legacy."

Christine expressed her deep appreciation to the other members of the Event Committee, which included Don Rowe, Tony Clark, Mark Krause, and Laurie Wood. Additionally, she was very grateful to President Paul Alexander; Tom McGlinchey, Vice President for Business and Finance; and Michael Mulryan, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, from the Fullerton campus, for their recognition of NCC's significant legacy and contributions to God's Kingdom. Clausen reported that alumni were very happy to learn of HIU's establishment of the NCC Legacy Fund to support students from the region who choose to continue at Hope.

"I am confident in HIU's ongoing commitment to training Kingdom workers in the Midwest," she said. "We are looking forward to embracing the new plans that will emerge for training up students for ministry."

NCC COMMENCEMENT

THE CLASS OF 2020

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Bianca Isabella Casares, Liberal Arts, Teacher Preparation
Christopher James Smith, Pastoral Ministry
Corey Benko, Next Generation Ministry
Corinne Adriana Bortner, Next Generation Ministry
Dakota Michael Draper, Pastoral Ministry
Devin Armbrust, Pastoral Ministry
Dillon Michael Smith, Pastoral Ministry
Ginae Duncan, Family Life and Counseling
Ian Michael White, Pastoral Ministry
Jordan Makanjuola, Criminal Justice
Jordan Reed, Intercultural Ministry, Business Concentration
Joseph Nilsen, Next Generation Ministry
Kasandra Williams, Intercultural Ministry, Urban Ministry
Matthew Clement Lillquist, Business Administration
Olivia Caron Smith, Family Life and Counseling
Peter Riley Vogel, Next Generation Ministry
Rebecca H. Lee, Intercultural Ministry, Disability Ministry

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Rebecca J. Watkins, Intercultural Ministry, Deaf Ministry
Timothy William Poeschl, Intercultural Ministry, Global Ministry
April Tyres-Zurya Eldridge, Human Development
Jerrica Joy Perez, Human Development
Jontay LeVon Williams, Human Development
Alexander Christian Asboe, Worship Ministry Leadership
Brittany Crimmel, Worship Ministry Leadership
Colin Wayne McCracken, Worship Ministry Leadership
Desiree Catherine Chance, Media Technology
Elijah Chase, Worship Ministry Leadership
Jileannette Figueroa Rivera, Worship Ministry Leadership
Nina Catherine Krichton, Worship Ministry Leadership

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

Joshua Brentlinger, Christian Ministry
Skylar Saathoff, Christian Ministry



TRANSITIONS

PASSING THE TORCH

Affectionately dubbed “The Pope of Hope,” **Dr. Joe Grana (MA ’88)** identifies the pinnacle of his 33-year HIU tenure as the moment when he realized that his dreams were integrated with the dreams of his students.

“In my *Life of Christ* class, I have always asked each student to share his or her dream of dreams, and one day, a student turned it around and asked me to share mine,” Dr. Grana recalled. “Usually, I need to ponder those kinds of questions but, that day, my response was immediate, and I said, ‘My dream of dreams is that you fulfill your dream of dreams.’”

It is that total investment in students that led President Paul Alexander to ask Dr. Grana to stay on with HIU after his retirement as Dean of the Pacific Christian College of Ministry & Biblical Studies. Dr. Grana accepted, and now works directly with alumni and churches as Special Assistant to the President. He coordinates his efforts with the President and the Office of Institutional Advancement, under the direction of Vice President Michael Mulryan.

“Dr. Grana developed meaningful relationships with students over the past 33 years,” said

President Alexander. “His interest in their lives didn’t end when they graduated, and now he has the opportunity to go out and see firsthand how they are serving.”

“When our graduates go out from HIU, I feel like a piece of me goes with them,” Grana said.

Dr. Grana looks forward to recruiting regional Alumni Ambassadors in areas where there are strong concentrations of alumni. He has already begun tapping ambassadors in Denver, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Portland, Sacramento, and San Francisco, and expects to increase communication with alumni.

“The Ambassador program will help keep us apprised of what is happening in the lives of alumni, so we can minister to them,” Grana shared. “I view alumni relations as a ministry. We want to support them, as well as ask them to share their resources and help us identify prospective students.”

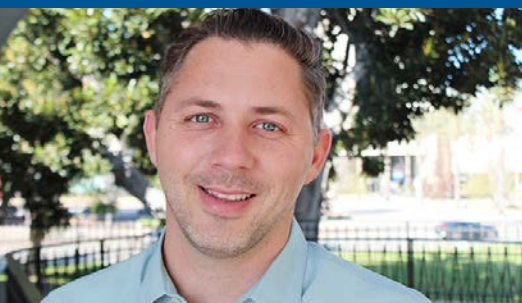
Dr. Grana sees the church relations aspect of his new position as a natural outgrowth from his relationships with former ministry students he taught and mentored over three decades.



Dr. Grana spent his first three-and-a-half years at HIU (then Pacific Christian College) working as the Pastor of First Christian Church of Downey while teaching full time. He is an avid whistler, and at a point during the last year of his dual responsibilities, he realized that he wasn’t whistling anymore, so it was time to make a choice. Teaching won him over, because he believed that he could multiply his ministry through his students. He also realized that, as a professor, he could spend his time talking about deep theological concepts.

Grana said he would never have imagined this new endeavor 30 years ago. “I am not a fundraiser,” he laughed, “but this is all about personal relationships, which is the best part of any job.”

Alumni and churches may reach Dr. Grana via email at jgrana@hiu.edu.



As HIU’s new Director of Campus Ministries, **Joey Ross** brings a passion for developing programs and activities that foster spiritual formation among the student body.

“I love helping students see that everything they do has a spiritual component,” Ross said. “God is in the classroom, in the

dorms, and at athletic events, not just in chapel. My goal is that every HIU student will realize how much their spiritual development matters, and how much they are truly loved.”

Five weeks after Ross was hired, COVID-19 basically shut down campus life, which has been quite an adventure. His initial goals were upended,

and perpetual changes forced continual adjustments.

Although Joey is not able to accomplish everything he set out to do as quickly as he would like, he understands that God is much more concerned about who we become than what we accomplish, and that God tends to use challenges to shape our character.

“While COVID-19 has been and continues to be an incredible challenge, it is also an incredible opportunity,” Ross explained. “I have been able to connect with students in honest and vulnerable ways, to partner with faculty and staff, and to rely upon God in unique ways.”

“My current focus is to help our students embrace the notion that we are meant for good, even when our experiences are not always good,” he said. “Many of us carry hurts and hang-ups from the past, and we have wounds that still need to be healed; and yet, God can repurpose these wounds for our good and the good of others.”

Dr. Timothy Dally has been selected as the next Dean of Hope International University's Pacific Christian College of Ministry and Biblical Studies (PCCMBS). Dr. Dally has served as Professor of Biblical Studies at HIU for the past four years and assumed the role of Dean on June 1, 2020.



He succeeds Dr. Joseph Grana, who transitioned into semi-retirement after serving HIU for more than 30 years as Professor and Dean.

"Dr. Tim Dally has done an amazing job as a faculty member," says HIU President, Dr. Paul H. Alexander. "He is beloved by students, respected by his colleagues, and blends the best of academia with the best of church ministry. He is a very strong communicator and a great preacher!"

"I am a vision-driven person," Dally commented. "I have a passion to awaken and empower

students to change the world and am really eager to work with our new President. I love hearing him dream about the future, and I want to be part of helping make good things happen."

As an undergraduate student, Tim says his goals in life were to "play basketball, race cars, and become Picasso." After experiencing a very painful personal loss, he began to feel a growing desire to inspire people and to make a difference in their lives. He had enjoyed working with students in a Christian athletics association, so he decided to become a youth pastor.

"I didn't like public speaking," he admitted, "but I thought I could be a youth pastor, because I didn't think I would have to preach much!"

Dally served as Youth Pastor at Rochester Christian Church in Illinois for eight years, and then as Lead Pastor for another nine years. His journey to HIU included church planting in Colorado (Discovery Church, near Boulder) and pastoring in Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Pasadena. In addition to teaching and mentoring, Dally worked as a Chaplain, and he helped start 10/10, a non-profit organization focused on providing microfinancing for small businesses in Kenya. He was serving as Pastor at Pasadena Covenant Church when Dr. Joe Grana invited him to teach classes at HIU.

Ironically, although Professor Dally disliked schoolwork as much as public speaking, he still completed his doctoral program while his children were in college. In fact, most of his educational pursuits occurred while his kids were also in school, underscoring Dally's commitment to lifelong learning. Despite his personal aversion to schoolwork, he thoroughly enjoys teaching and working with students both inside and outside of the classroom, helping them achieve their goals, and inspiring them to impact the world for Christ.

Dr. Dally was surprised when Dr. Grana approached him about the Dean's position. "I've never been pre-occupied with my own aspirations," Dally said. "I just want to be close to Jesus and the next adventure we might tackle – I've loved the surprises along the journey!"

Tim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sacred Literature from Ozark Christian College, a Master of Arts degree in Sociology from University of Illinois, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He and his wife, Elaine, who were college sweethearts, now live in Fullerton. They have four grown children and six grandchildren.

He is excited for what lies ahead and believes that this challenging new season will continue to be marked by unexpected blessings.

Ross was raised in a blended family in Las Vegas, Nevada, as a "nominal Catholic," in his words. He dated a girl who was a committed Christian and, though he doesn't necessarily recommend "missionary dating," it changed the trajectory of his life.

"I discovered a passion for Jesus through that experience," he said. "My relationship with the girl didn't last, but my relationship with God did."

He became involved with a church and was quickly recruited by a church leader to help with middle school kids. By the time he was nearing the end of high school, he knew that he was called to ministry but wasn't sure what it meant. After attending a Biola University summer camp, he was awarded a scholarship and enrolled without having ever visited the campus. Those years at Biola, as both an undergraduate and graduate student, prepared him in a unique way for his current place of service.

"Because I was not raised in a structured church setting, I experienced a real shock when I began living in this kind of environment," Ross laughed. "I've been to Africa, and that was less of a culture shock than suddenly being immersed in all the sub-cultures of a Christian university campus – I actually took Bible classes with business students, so I could avoid ministry students!"

Joey's college experience and 10 years of ministry at Journey Church in Irvine (eight in Youth Ministry and more than two as Associate Pastor) have fostered creative ideas for bridging gaps between groups through activities that cultivate spiritual formation in every aspect of campus life.

"I was impressed by the HIU community and its mission as soon as I visited," Ross commented. "It is a microcosm of what the Church should be, just in a University shape!"

Ross and his wife, Allison, met as students at Biola University. They have three young sons: Elias, Asher, and Levi, and currently live in Irvine.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



This summer, alumnus **Robbie Phillips ('91)** returned to his alma mater to join the faculty as a Professor of Biblical Studies and Chair of Church Ministry, filling the position that opened up with the promotion of Dr. Tim Dally (see page 11). Dr. Phillips is excited to serve in the classrooms of his former mentors like Dr. Joe Grana and Dr. Knofel Staton, and HIU is blessed to have him.

"Robbie Phillips is a remarkable leader and scholar, but more importantly, a church leader who understands personally the importance of both theology and practical training. He brings a breadth of experience in a variety of Christian Churches on the West Coast and the East Coast," said HIU President, Dr. Paul Alexander. "I know our faculty are thrilled to have this Royal alum back in the fold."

Over the years, Robbie and his wife, **Leanne ('92)**, maintained relationships with many HIU staff and alumni, including Gayla Congdon ('77, '89) and her husband, Scott, which led to a lifetime of summer mission trips in Mexico. Their family's annual commitment with Amor Ministries now includes leadership roles with the ministry's volunteer program for families. Due to their ongoing connection with HIU, Robbie learned about the opportunity at the University just as his interim ministry position was coming to an end.

"In the back of my mind, there was always a thought that I would teach one day," he said. "I realized that 'someday' is today, and the timing was perfect. Now, I get to help students receive what I did: a strong, healthy, biblical education that has an organic connection to servanthood."

Phillips didn't grow up in California or the Church, but was introduced to Christ and Pacific Christian College by PCC alumnus Dean Mathis ('80), who served at East Tennessee State University. Dean also introduced Dr. Phillips to Amor Ministries.

After a short time at Milligan College, he transferred to PCC, where he met Leanne. Robbie said that his favorite class was Theology of Ministry, which he is now teaching at HIU.

"I learned a healthy theology that leads to optimistic servanthood," he recalled, "and I can hardly wait to help instill confidence in students so they can use theology to shape their places of service."

Robbie acknowledges that this is the "weirdest possible time" to begin a new ministry, in the midst of a global pandemic, cultural turmoil, and intense political polarization, but sees unique opportunities amidst the challenges.

"We have to lean on the Lord and focus on what is eternal," he said. "This can lead us to see and share Christ as an anchor."

While Robbie's preference is teaching in person, he is grateful for the resources that make it possible to continue teaching remotely.

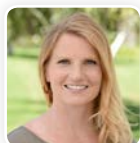
"We just need to embrace it, and get better and more creative," he explained. "We are blessed to be here for a long time, if the Lord wills."

Phillips earned a master's degree from Emmanuel Christian Seminary and ministered in Tennessee for 17 years. He and his family relocated to Kentucky so he could earn a doctoral degree through the Asbury Theological Seminary's Beeson International Center for Biblical Preaching and Church Leadership.

Robbie and Leanne live near the campus, in Placentia, with their daughters, Maggie, Skylynn, and Annie. Their older sons, Carter and Will, live in Nashville, TN, and Lexington, KY, respectively.

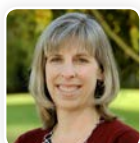
"It is a challenge to be away from some of our family," Robbie laughed, "but we love HIU, the weather, and In-N-Out Burger!"

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



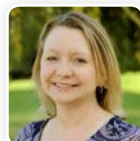
Shannon Bates, Ph.D. (Communication) presented a G.I.F.T. – Great Ideas for

Teaching Speech – at the National Communication Association's annual conference in Baltimore, MD. She also presented her paper "Pastoral Communication During the Week: An Ethnographic Approach" at the same conference. See sidebar below.



Karen Clark, Ph.D. Candidate (Education) continued to work on doctoral

research related to student experience as they transition to higher education.



Kelly Dagley, Ph.D. (Biblical Studies/Old Testament) graduated with

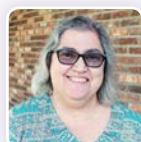
her doctorate in June 2019 and is still a little giddy when she is called "Dr. Dagley." She presented the paper, "Ruth, Women's Experience of Migration and the Negotiation of Gender Ideologies within the Family" in the Emerging Scholars section of the Institute for Biblical Research meeting at the Society of Biblical Literature Conference in November 2019. She has written a chapter entitled "Preaching Texts of Terror in the #MeToo Era" to be published in a forthcoming Festschrift honoring Dr. Joe Grana.

This fall, Dr. Dagley was appointed Chair of the Biblical Studies Department for Pacific Christian College of HIU.



Erin Galaviz, M.S. (Kinesiology, CSCS USAW) recently was hired as a

full-time faculty member in Kinesiology. Erin will be starting a Kinesiology Club, along with providing free weekly virtual workouts to all students and staff.



Robin Hartman, M.A., M.L.I.S. (Library Services) recently celebrated 26 years at HIU. In

2018, she took a sabbatical during which she wrote a chapter for a book on Christian librarianship. *The Faithful Librarian: Essays on Christianity in the Profession* was published by McFarland & Company, Inc. in the fall of 2019. Robin has just completed four years as chair of the Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee for the Statewide California Electronic Library Consortium (SCELC) and has been elected to the SCELC Board of Directors for three year term, which began in September 2020.



Natalie Hewitt, Ph.D. (English Literature), was scheduled to present a paper

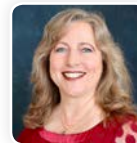
entitled "It must be by his death": Representations of Christian

Theology in Shakespeare" at the annual Christianity & Literature conference in March, but due to COVID-19 precautions, the conference was cancelled. She is currently working on a proposal for the 2021 Popular Culture Association National Conference in Boston; she is also preparing several of the students in her Popular Culture & Fiction course to submit proposals as well.



Sandy Kavanaugh, M.A. (Mathematics) has developed a Concentration in Foundational Math

for HIU Education students who are interested in teaching Math at the Jr. High and High school levels. She and Laura Brislawn (M.A.) took four Math Education students to the California Mathematics Council – South conference in Palm Springs during the Fall of 2019. Over the two-day conference, students learned from experienced educators regarding how to effectively teach mathematics to all ages and levels of students.



Lydia R. Knopf, Ph.D. (Business and Management) consulted CEO's of non-profit

organizations Plant with Purpose, and The Charis Project, alongside other volunteer business leader members of The Barnabas Group (TBG) of OC's SWOT group consulting ministry. TBG of OC's mission is to see the time, talent,

network and knowledge of marketplace and other Kingdom leaders help ministries transform lives worldwide.



Josh Luke, Ph.D. (Business and Management) was named an

Amazon Best Seller for his new book, *Health-Wealth for You*, his third Amazon #1 bestselling release. Dr. Luke is also the host of the *Spend Less, Live Well Show* on YouTube and all major podcast channels, which was named a Top Ten healthcare podcast in 2020 for the second year in a row. He launched a new YouTube Show and Podcast in 2020 called "Things White Guys Say" on topics focused on social justice and racial equality, which he co-hosts with his high school friend and teammate, Jerome Facione, Sr.



David Matson, Ph.D. (Bible), participated in a professors tour of Greece and

was in the last group to leave the Acropolis in Athens before it closed due to Coronavirus. He published three book reviews for the *Review of Biblical Literature* and led a video seminar on apostolic hermeneutics for the Los Angeles Archdiocese diaconate program. His article, "Is There a Universal Love Ethic in 1 Thessalonians 3:12? Probing a Pervasive Presupposition" will

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Dr. Shannon Bates, Associate Professor of Communication, was presented with the Rose B. and Edgar B. McReynolds Faculty Excellence Award for the 2019-2020 academic year. The annual award honors one HIU faculty member that embodies teaching and learning excellence, as identified by the HIU community.

Students who nominated Dr. Bates described her as "dynamic, engaging, entertaining, fun." One student wrote, "She is incredibly intentional when it comes to helping her students grow." A disabled student shared a story of how Dr. Bates personally escorted them to the Student Affairs office to start their accommodation process; and said that it was incredible to experience how deeply HIU faculty care about their students.

Upon hearing the announcement online while watching the live stream of the Opening Convocation Chapel, Dr. Bates commented, "HIU is a great place to be!"



>>> MORE FACULTY FOOTNOTES

appear in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal for the Study of Paul and His Letters*. He also became a grandfather for the third time.



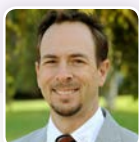
Karen McReynolds, M.A. (Arts & Sciences), began a long-term environmental research project with her students, collecting nurdles (small pre-production plastic pellets) on various Southern California beaches. The project is affiliated with A Rocha USA, a Christian environmental nonprofit (see story below). She also completed the third annual Western Bluebird nestbox survey in Craig Regional Park, which yielded 80 young birds successfully fledging, and represented Hope at the AP Biology Read event, which was held remotely instead of in person at Kansas City, Kansas due to COVID-19.



Roberto Sirvent, JD, Ph.D. (Social Sciences) had a co-authored chapter (with Duncan Reyburn) published in the book, *Gods, Games, and Globalization: New Perspectives on Religion and Sport* (Mercer University Press).



Russell Stevens, Ph.D. (Business & Management) completed his book, *Say No! to College Debt* (River Birch Press, July 2020) based on the premise that those who follow the world's system will suffer the world's consequences. God tells us to avoid bondage, but often, when students choose a worldly strategy, they wind up in bondage to debt.



Carl N. Toney, Ph.D. (New Testament) led a tour to the Holy Land. He was elected vice president of the Pacific Southwest Society of Biblical Literature Region.



Phil Towne, Ph.D. (Intercultural Studies) recently finished writing and editing a chapter for an upcoming book that will be out later this year. During quarantine he has also spent a lot of time wearing a mask, going to BLM protests, monitoring his kids' social media usage, having serious conversations about significant issues in life, researching conspiracy theories, and otherwise trying to stay sane.



Denise Wallace, Ph.D. (Psychology) taught a series at her home church, Parkcrest Christian Church in Long Beach, CA. She co-taught with Pepperdine Caruso School of Law Professor Brittany Otey. The course is entitled "Soul Formation: Tending to your Soul in the Dumpster Fire that is 2020."



NURDLE HUNTERS

CONSERVATION AND HOPE

Undergraduate students taking science courses (biology, earth science, and environmental science) normally take part in a scientific method field trip experience each semester. This year, because of COVID-19, the regularly scheduled field trips were cancelled. In their stead, Professor Karen McReynolds partnered with A Rocha for a uniquely SoCal science field trip.

The students met at Crystal Cove State Park in Orange County to determine quantities of plastic waste and nurdles at the beach. Each volunteer scoured several 10-meter plots covering about a kilometer of beach. In a 3-hour span, they collected 2,419 nurdles.

Nurdles (plastic pellets) are the raw stock that is melted at factories and formed into various plastic items. Nurdles are spilled during transport or at the factories and some eventually enter streams and oceans via runoff or storm drains. They absorb human-made toxic chemicals while in the ocean.

These pellets have been found in large numbers on Orange County beaches as well as in sediment off the southern California coast. Since they are quite small, often 1-2mm in diameter, nurdles generally go unnoticed by people, but are eaten by both fish and birds because they look like fish eggs.

"This project was a good way for students to learn and apply the scientific method. We talk about the process of making observations, forming a hypothesis, and then testing that hypothesis," reported McReynolds. "It's a great opportunity for teaching environmental science, earth science, and biology, as students learn firsthand about organisms and how they are impacted by the ecosystems in which they live."

A Rocha is a Christian-based non-profit organization whose mission is to restore both people and places through collaborative, community-based conservation. Two of these A Rocha beach plastic surveys have been completed at Crystal Cove in partnership with HIU, collecting 8,472 nurdles. The two organizations will be coordinating a more extensive research project this winter to find out if the plastic pollution problem at our local beaches is getting better or worse.

NEW FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

THE ART & HEART OF WORSHIP MINISTRY



Matt with Cassie and their two daughters

"If it weren't for the Beatles, I wouldn't be a musician today," said alumnus **Matt Thompson** ('03), HIU's new Associate Professor of Worship Arts. Thompson's journey to a vocation in worship arts included two legendary streets: *Abbey Road* and *Penny Lane*, which are, respectively, the name of the Beatles' 11th album and the name of a top-five hit from the *Magical Mystery Tour* album.

"I loved their music so much that I decided to learn guitar. (My parents were adamant that drums would be too loud!)" Guitar remains Matt's favorite instrument, but he also sings and plays drums, keyboard, and mandolin.

When Matt arrived at HIU as a freshman, he pursued a degree in Biblical Studies, but was not yet sure what he would do with it, as his passion centered on the musical aspects of worship. His degree and passion worked together as he graduated and then served on the staffs of churches in California, Arizona, South Dakota and, most recently, as Executive Director of Creative Arts at Orchard Church in Denver, Colorado. The seed was planted for Matt's return to HIU before he ever graduated.

"I watched Dr. Joe Grana and Dr. Knofel Staton while I was at HIU and saw their passion for God's work and their incredible knowledge; I wanted to BE them," he said. "I remember thinking, 'Someday, I'd love to be in the university setting and help build that kind of knowledge.'"

Last year, Matt and his wife, Cassie, recognized a need to return to Orange County in order to be closer to their families, and Matt began to consider the idea of leaving fulltime church ministry. Shortly thereafter, he learned of the teaching position at his alma mater, and he is pleased to join the faculty under the presidential

leadership of one his former professors, Dr. Paul Alexander.

"My calling seems to be a really good fit with President Alexander's goals," he said. "I have a passion to develop other leaders and to watch those I work with grow in their ministries. What really gets me excited is the thought of seeing the students from the

beginning their college experience to serving in a local church."

Matt wants to help his students to understand that the weight of worship ministry does not lie solely in performance, but in the minister's calling. Specifically, he wants them to know that serving in worship ministry means serving as pastors first and artists second. One of his top priorities is to help HIU students who are attracted to musical excellence learn how to integrate their creative talents and gifts into effective ministry.

"Art is a great tool for evangelism," said Thompson. "Through art, we can bring people who are far from God, closer to Him."

Matt welcomes the return to Orange County and close proximity to extended family. He and Cassie have two daughters, Abbey and Penny...and yes, they are named after *Abbey Road* and *Penny Lane*. He said they are very happy to be back near Disneyland.



ROYAL





2019-2020 HIGHLIGHTS, HONORS, & ACHIEVEMENTS



WOMEN'S SOCCER - The Royals advanced to the GSAC Championship Tournament for the fourth consecutive year. **Luli Bethencourt, Cassie Soto, and Leigha Williams** were honored as All-GSAC. **Leigha Williams** was honored as a Cliff Hamlow Award Winner, for demonstrating outstanding athletic achievement, campus and community leadership, future ambition and embraces the five core character values of the NAIA Champions of Character program (Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership).



MEN'S SOCCER - Three Royals were honored as All-GSAC, **Omar Morales, Chris Ribet, and Sergio Vega**. Coach **Joe Lurker** scored his 100th career victory after his team defeated The Master's University on October 23rd.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - The Royals finished with 20 wins on the season, the most in program history. The team advanced to the GSAC Tournament Semi-Final game for their third consecutive post season appearance. They received their first national ranking at #23. **Jalyssa Sanchez** was honored as All-GSAC and All-American for the second straight year.



CROSS COUNTRY - **Joseph Tobin and Keith Williams** were honored as All-GSAC leading their team



to a second place finish in GSAC Championships. Men's Cross Country made history as they broke the All Time Team Record at the Warrior Invitational total time of 2:11:26. Men's Cross Country qualified for the NAIA National Championship Race for the first time. The Royals finished strong with Joe Tobin leading his team with a 35th place finish out of 335 runners, just shy of an All-American top 30 finish. Tobin was honored as a Cliff Hamlow Award Winner. Daphne Saloman was honored as All-GSAC and led the Royals to a fifth place finish in GSAC Women's Cross Country Championships.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - **Josh Powell-Davis** was honored as All-GSAC and All-American for the second straight year and passed his 1,000 career points mark. Men's Basketball returned to the postseason and advanced to the GSAC Tournament Championship Game. The Royals received an at-large bid and were headed to Kansas City for the NAIA National Tournament before it was cancelled due to COVID-19.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL - advanced to the GSAC Tournament and the Royals produced a winning GSAC record for the first time since the 2013-14 season. The Royal's nine GSAC wins were the most since the 2005-06 season.

GOLF - **Carter Anderson** won the first-ever individual championship in the history of the program at the Westmont Invitational Tournament.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL - **Joshua Nehls** was honored as All-GSAC. Royals went 6-10 on the season before it was cut short due to COVID-19.

TRACK & FIELD - At the On Your Marks Meet, three Royals set four new school records. Shaylyn Wynn set a school record in the 60m Hurdles with a time of 9.44, **Joseph Clemons** set two new school records in the 60m Hurdles with a time of 9.65 and in the 600m run with a time of 1:26.85, and **Daphne Salomon** broke the school record in the 600m with a time of 1:41.72. **Joe Tobin** qualified for the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championship for the second straight year; however, it was cancelled due to COVID-19.

TENNIS - Season cut short due to COVID-19. **Tanishq Mahendru** was named as the 2020 Intercollegiate Tennis Association West Region Most Improved Senior. Men's Tennis also earned their highest program ranking as they were ranked #15 nationally this season.

SOFTBALL & BASEBALL - Seasons cancelled due to COVID-19.

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9 NAIA SCHOLAR
TEAMS

The **NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM AWARD** recognizes excellence in the classroom by NAIA teams. The following HIU Royals teams were honored:

- **Women's Golf** (3.650 Team GPA)
- **Women's Tennis** (3.440 Team GPA)
- **Women's Volleyball** (3.370 Team GPA)
- **Women's Basketball** (3.330 Team GPA)
- **Women's Cross Country** (3.240 Team GPA)
- **Women's Outdoor Track & Field** (3.240 Team GPA)
- **Softball** (3.070 Team GPA)
- **Women's Soccer** (3.020 Team GPA)
- **Beach Volleyball** (3.560 Team GPA)



Jordan Achay (BA '19), catcher on the HIU Royals Baseball Team, has been selected for the Golden State Athletics Conference's (GSAC) first-ever Diversity Internship position during the 2020-21 school year. This new position was created to help enhance representation of ethnic minorities and females in intercollegiate athletic administrative positions.

"Having the opportunity to be the first person to hold the GSAC Diversity Internship position is a great privilege," remarked Achay. "College athletics plays an important role in so many lives, and I want to use this opportunity to maximize the positive impact they can have in the world. I am

COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, Jordan also will compete in his final season of HIU Royals baseball.

This internship allows Achay to oversee the Student Athlete Advisory Committee as well as the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (in the process of being formed). Other duties Achay will be responsible for include assistance with the 2021 NAIA Men's Soccer National Championship, sponsorship fulfillment through NAIA & GSAC Championships, leadership of the Champions of Character program and Awards Banquet, implementation of conference-wide marketing strategies through grassroots programs and more. Achay will also be exposed to events surrounding

EXEMPLARY SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, & CITIZENSHIP

HIU Royals pitcher **Taylor Asio** (JR/ Lahaina, HI) has been nominated by the Golden State Athletic Conference for the A.O. Duer Scholarship Award. The award has been presented since 1967 to one male and one female junior student-athlete in any sport who have excelled in scholarship, character, and citizenship.

Taylor enters her senior year academically with a 4.0 overall GPA while handling a rigorous schedule majoring in Business Management.

Away from the field, she has volunteered at the Society of

Biblical Literature Pacific Regional Meeting, which is affiliated with HIU. Additionally, she has helped "The Cause Church" to clean up its facilities. Asio mentors young student-athletes as the assistant coach for the USA Athletics travel softball team.

On the mound, Asio had a record of 3-1 with seven appearances and led the Royals pitching staff with the lowest batting average against (.247).

As the GSAC winner of this prestigious award, Taylor now qualifies for national consideration by the NAIA.



passionate about doing my part to help the GSAC and NAIA grow and influence society."

Achay is currently interning while continuing to work on his MBA degree at Hope International University. If/when

the NAIA National Convention, NACDA Convention and other professional development opportunities.

"We are happy to have Jordan as our first Diversity Intern within the Golden State Athletic Conference. Having a student-athlete from one of our member institutions lead this initiative is a blessing," stated GSAC Commissioner, Mike Daniels. "We hope Jordan can have an immediate impact in the conference and be able to pave a path for future student-athletes that will hold this position."

The GSAC is striving to support a diverse and inclusive culture. Though conversations and education of social injustice are important, actions will have a greater impact towards the goal of inclusion for all.

The Presidents and Athletic Departments of the GSAC have committed to funding this Diversity Internship within the conference office annually. The conference office will set aside money from each institution to be used for this program which will allow the intern to be involved in various professional development opportunities.



2020 CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Last spring, the Golden State Athletic Conference honored 20 student-athletes from across the conference with the 2020 Cliff Hamlow Champion of Character Award. Two remarkable HIU student-athletes, **Leigha Williams** and **Joe Tobin**, received the annual award.

The Cliff Hamlow Champion of Character Award is given to one male and one female student-athlete on each GSAC campus who demonstrate outstanding athletic achievement, campus and community leadership, future ambition and embraces the five core character values of the NAIA Champions of Character program: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership. Student-athletes must be at least a junior academically and carry a 3.0 GPA.

LEIGHA WILLIAMS | WOMEN'S SOCCER. Leigha earned All GSAC Honors for both the 2018 and 2019 season, was named GSAC Scholar-Athlete for both 2018 and 2019, earned NAIA All American Honorable Mention in 2018, and was named a Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 2018. In 2018, Leigha helped lead her team to the program's first-ever GSAC Tournament Championship. Leigha exemplifies the pillar of Servant Leadership in the NAIA Champion of Character core values. At her alma mater, Fountain Valley High School, Leigha was a member of the Human-To-Human Club, where they made sandwiches for the homeless, and was an active member of Fellowship for Christian Athletes. Leigha volunteered at NHB Academy Nights at Hope View School where she facilitated a 7-week soccer training for 8-9 year old boys to teach and demonstrate skills, drills, and sportsmanship. She also volunteered as a teacher's assistant at Carrillo Elementary where she worked with Special Disabled Classes and assisted with their work, teaching math, and making crafts with the children. Leigha participated in Tim Tebow Foundation's *Night to Shine*, which gives special needs youth a true prom experience. Leigha excelled in the classroom as well. She majored in Business Management with a concentration in Accounting, maintaining a 3.78 GPA. Leigha aspires to become a Certified Personal Accountant and do Forensic Accounting or Compliance. She graduated last spring, and currently is working at an accounting firm.

JOE TOBIN | CROSS COUNTRY and TRACK & FIELD. Joe earned All GSAC Honors in Cross Country for both the 2018 and 2019 seasons, and also earned ALL GSAC Honors in the 10,000m in 2018. Joe helped lead the Royals to a second place finish at GSAC Championships, where he was the lone Royal to place in the top ten. He also helped HIU to their first-ever NAIA Nationals appearance where he placed with a 35th place finish out of 335 runners, just shy of an All-American top 30 finish. Joe exemplifies the pillar of Servant Leadership in the NAIA Champions of Character core values. Joe participates



in Tim Tebow's Foundation event, *Night to Shine*, where he is a "buddy" for youth with special needs, allowing them to experience an unforgettable prom night centered on God's love. In addition, his Cross Country and Track teams volunteer at Love Fullerton making blankets for foster children. Joe helped coordinate and organize Hope International University's community service day where a group of students did yard work for a foster home. Joe earned his degree in Business Management with a Marketing Concentration. After a successful internship with the HIU Admissions team, Joe was hired full-time as HIU's Admissions Coordinator.



COACH CZECH RECOGNIZED FOR POSITIVE IMPACT

Men's Basketball Head Coach **Bill Czech** was selected to the Silver Waves Media 50 Impactful D2/NAIA Coaches list. Czech was included on a list of 50 coaches from the NCAA Division II and NAIA levels. Selections were based on coaching records, number of high-level players coached, tournament achievements, awards, votes from panelists, and other relevant factors.

Coach Czech has significantly impacted the HIU program, elevating HIU Men's Basketball to elite levels in the GSAC and NAIA. In 11 seasons with the program, Czech has accumulated a 229-128 record (.559), including the program's first NAIA-ever National Tournament Appearance, first #1 national ranking, first NAIA Final Four appearance, two GSAC regular-season titles, and one GSAC Tournament title.

During his tenure at HIU, Coach Czech has produced nine NAIA All-Americans, 16 GSAC All-Conference Honorees, three GSAC Players of the Year, and one GSAC Defender of the Year. As Head Coach at Hope International University, he has received many personal awards and accolades for his work with the Royals. Czech has twice been named the GSAC Coach of the Year (2016 & 2017).

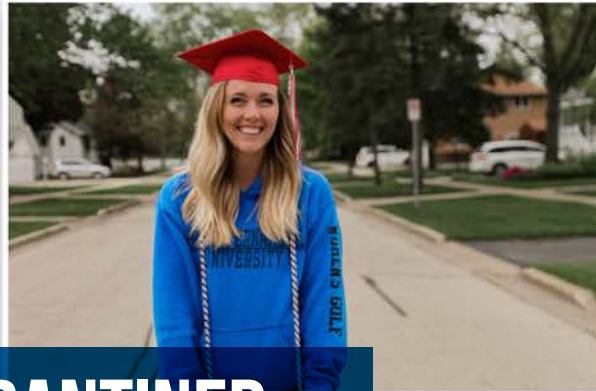
In the final eight games of the 2019-2020 season, Czech led his team to a seven-game winning streak, upsetting four NAIA top 25 teams to take the Royals to the GSAC Tournament Championship Game. The Royals were getting ready to leave for Kansas City to compete for a National Title, when COVID-19 abruptly ended the postseason prematurely. It would have been Coach Czech's ninth postseason appearance.



HONORING OUR SPRING 2020 GRADUATES



PICTURED: Students who graduated with honors



THE CLASS OF THE QUARANTINED





Although our Spring Commencement exercises were derailed by the global pandemic, we proudly celebrate our 2020 graduates' remarkable perseverance and notable achievements, in and out of the classroom. In the face of unprecedented challenges, 187 students successfully completed their chosen program, earning a Bachelors or Masters degree.

The following snapshots feature our 2020 **Medford Jones Servant Leader Award** recipients, presented to graduating students who best exemplify the characteristics of the "Priesthood of All Believers" through exceptional service to the Church and community.



Jenny Rodriguez | Jenny has been the consummate servant leader during her time at HIU. She held multiple campus jobs, including information desk attendant, library tutor, and phone-a-thon caller. In all of these positions, she has been willing to help with whatever needs to be done. Her peers shared that they could count on her to be available to serve and support them. She stated that in her role a tutor, "There is nothing better than knowing that I helped students understand a concept that they previously believed was confusing." Jenny also volunteered in the Hope Mates program mentoring elementary students. Outside of school, she often shared the Gospel through her interactions with others. She stated, "I take risks and start up conversations with strangers and treat them in the way that is Christ-like. In most cases, these people are intrigued by my kindness and ask me what motivates me. In those moments I share the Gospel with them. – Dr. Doug Domene, Dean of the College of Education



Leigha Williams | Leigha earned All-GSAC Honors for both the 2018 and 2019 seasons, earned GSAC Scholar-Athlete for both 2018 and 2019, earned NAIA All-American Honorable Mention in 2018, and earned Daktronics NAIA Scholar-Athlete in 2018. She helped lead her team to their first ever GSAC Tournament Championship in 2018. Leigha exemplifies the pillar of Servant Leadership in the NAIA Champion of Character core values. At her alma mater Fountain Valley High School, Leigha was a member of the Human-to-Human Club where they made sandwiches for the homeless and a member of Fellowship for Christian Athletes. She also volunteered at NHB Academy Nights at Hope View School where she facilitated a 7-week soccer training for 8-9 year old boys to teach and demonstrate skills, drills, and sportsmanship. Leigha volunteered as a teacher's assistant at Carrillo Elementary, working with Special Disabled Classes and assisting with their work, teaching math, and making crafts with the children. She also participated in Tim Tebow Foundation's 'Night to Shine,' that gives special needs children a true prom experience. Leigha also excelled in the classroom, maintaining a 3.78 overall GPA. She majored in Business Management with a concentration in Accounting and aspires to become a Certified Personal Accountant and do Forensic Accounting or Compliance. She was Vice President of the Student Government Association, has been a business and accounting tutor for the past two years, and captain for the women's soccer team. – Andrew Paine, Chair, Online Undergraduate Program; Associate Business and Accounting Professor



Michelle Young | Michelle "Shelli" Young is an adult learner and an amazing student. Shelli has been in a professional environment for quite some time, and she wanted to earn her degree. Coming into the program after being away from school for so long, she was understandably anxious and nervous at first. Her schedule included a full-time job and putting her daughter through college, all while carrying a full-time load at HIU. As a single parent of a college student, she jokes about going to school with her daughter. She is a perfectionist by nature. She completed Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsay and was able to pay for her schooling out of pocket as well as put her daughter through school without any debt. Shelli was always a delight to talk to. She had a positive attitude and used her professional experience in her threaded discussions. She said that her colleagues learned a lot from her perspective, as did she learn from theirs. – Denise Castillo, Academic Coach

*For all honoree profiles and links to videos of student Commencement Addresses, go to bit.ly/HIU-ClassOf2020

LEARNING TO PIVOT

A YEAR LIKE NONE OTHER



In late July, with deep concern for the safety and well-being of the entire HIU community, President Alexander announced that the 2020-2021 school year would begin with remote learning only. It was a difficult-yet-necessary data-driven decision, based on the status of the coronavirus pandemic.

In preparation for the fall semester, HIU made significant investments in technology and instructor training to ensure the learning experience is just as rigorous as in-person instruction. The HIU Administration also provided the following guidance and information regarding implications of the move to remote learning.

Tuition & Student Fees. Full-time traditional undergraduate students received a \$625 tuition grant and a \$375 reduction in student fees, resulting in a \$1,000 combined tuition grant and student fee reduction for the fall semester (some exceptions applied). Also, full-time marriage and family therapy graduate students who are part of the traditional in-person program received a \$300 tuition grant for the fall semester. Part-time undergraduate students and marriage and family therapy students who are part of the traditionally in-person program received a prorated amount based on their program enrollment level.

Financial Aid. All academic and athletic institutional financial aid and scholarships remain unchanged for the fall semester. Any institutional financial aid provided in connection with residential housing is only provided to students who reside on campus during the fall semester.

Residential Housing. To support the health and safety of our students, we limited residential housing capacity to one student per room for the fall semester, but at the triple room rate. We encouraged all students to carefully consider the necessity to live on campus or in the local community for the fall semester. Residential housing has been made available on a first-come, first-served basis, although preference is given to students based on hardship needs. In preparation for residential living, we made operational investments in our housing facilities and adopted relevant protocols in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Meal Plans. Students are only charged for meal plans if they are residing on campus for the fall semester. All meals are packaged "to go." Common area kitchens in the residence halls are closed in connection with our COVID-19 protocols. Given the risks of community spread of COVID-19 off-campus, we encourage our residential students to dine on campus as much as possible.

Athletics. All fall intercollegiate sports are postponed, and will be rescheduled for 2021 if/when it is safe to do so. The Golden State Athletic Conference is following CDC guidelines and working with each member school's Athletics Directors to determine next steps and timing.

Campus Ministries. Chapel services have been moved online. New chapel videos are made available each Thursday at 10:00am via our YouTube channel. Joey Ross, our new Director of Campus Ministries, is working closely with the Student Affairs staff to provide spiritual and emotional support for students on and off campus.

Over the past several months, we have been developing and refining protocols for the safe reopening of our campus. That important work continues so we will be prepared, when permitted, for a return to in-person instruction and intercollegiate athletic competition.

Until there are dramatic, positive changes in the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Southern California and/or we receive updated guidance from the State of California permitting colleges and universities to reopen in the coming weeks, we anticipate that we will remain in a remote learning format. Currently, the tentative plan is to reopen the campus for the Spring 2021 semester.

While our approach to delivering on our mission may be different for the fall semester, our dedication to every student's success through the integration of faith, service and learning remains unchanged. We continue to depend on God's provision, wisdom and protection as we continue together on this unprecedented and unpredictable journey.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

PARDON OUR PROGRESS!

We can hardly wait for everyone to see what we have been doing to improve the Fullerton campus!

Notable 2020 projects include:

- Relocating Online and Graduate Admissions from Anaheim to the current Student Services area
- Relocating Student Services to the current Bookstore location
- Relocating the Bookstore nearer to the entrance of the Student Center
- Creating six new classrooms:
 - Carving two out of the second floor of the Darling Library
 - Segmenting Room 205 into three classrooms with movable partitions
 - Converting Christensen and Rotary Rooms into primary classrooms
- Relocating Graduate Psych and Ed faculty, as well as the HIU Counseling Center from Anaheim to leased space in the ground floor of University House (in two phases)
- Renovate the Pacific Auditorium/Theatre stage and upgrade lighting

The permanent relocation of our grad faculty and the Hope Counseling Center from Anaheim to Fullerton is in process, and should be completed by the end of the Fall semester.



Admissions
reception area



Executive
Conference
Room relocation



Pacific Auditorium
stage renovation



WE ARE HOPE

RESERVATION FOR TWO

"I sensed that God was calling my family to begin a new work," recalls **Dale Lawrence** (FS '77, MA '09). "Through prayer and guidance, Arizona Reservation Ministries (ARM) was born."

Dale and **Diana** (BA '79) Lawrence are the founders of ARM, an organization that partners with the community members of the San Carlos Apache Nation in Globe, AZ, which has been their mission field for the past 18 years.

ARM supports the community by providing leadership training, children's programs (including mobile youth ministry), benevolence work, and emotional/physical support for Native pastors, Tribal leaders, and others. As part of their mission and values, the Lawrences believe "all that we do must flow from God's leading, restoring the dignity our Native brothers and sisters most certainly deserve." Dale serves as ARM's Executive Director, overseeing the general operations, construction projects and financial accountability.

"The Master's Degree in Intercultural Studies I completed at HIU has given me tools to better understand the delicate balancing act between cultural sensitivity and excessive assimilation of cultural concepts into the Gospel message," Dale says. "It gave me confidence and clarity on how best to converse with Native Christian leaders. I have a much better understanding of how to yield to their leadership while coming alongside them to provide support and advocacy."

"We are compelled to serve our Native brothers and sisters. To do less would simply result in the same centuries-old missionary egotism that has produced minimal results."

Diana serves as ARM's Development Director. She also leads a weekly Bible Study at the tribe's assisted living facility and mentors the younger women on the ARM Team. "With my BA in Psychology from HIU, I've used much of that information as I encourage and counsel others," Diana shares. "The Bible classes continue to be a big help, too, as I search for scriptures, teach lessons, and speak at Women's Retreats."

The Lawrence's mission in Arizona has been blessed from the very start, when God provided a church building near the San Carlos Apache Reservation for just \$1.00. Tools for building homes and bunk beds for the work groups were donated, as well as buses that were converted into mobile ministry centers for children and youth programs. They were given office space that wasn't even on the market.



The most recent blessing ARM received was tens of thousands of pounds of food and hundreds of cases of water to distribute to families unable to provide for themselves because of COVID-19. "God has provided in miraculous ways over the years, confirmations that we are where He wants us to be."

Perhaps the most meaningful blessing has been the baptisms of more than 100 children, teens, and adults.

Along with the general assistance ARM provides, they also build homes for families. Dale says that watching as families receive the keys to their new home has been one of the most rewarding parts of his work. "These homes provide shelter from the elements, of course, but they produce spiritual fruit. We've seen families transformed as Christians from all over the world come to work on and pray over their houses," says Dale. "Our house-building ministry allows us the opportunity to share God's love with them, demonstrating His provision for their needs and His desire for them to have a personal relationship with Him. Several home recipients have committed themselves to full-time Kingdom service, and some have even joined our staff!"

The Lawrence's community involvement and genuine care for those they serve has enabled them to maintain fellowship and live in a way that demonstrates Christ's love. "Having been part of the community for eighteen years now, we are 'Nana and Papa Dale' to many Apache kiddos," Diana shares. "We have been invited into the lives of many, many Apache families."

"One day, a friend asked me if I was going to attend the (Apache) Seniors Luncheon. When I reminded her that I wasn't Apache, she laughed and said, 'Oh, right!'"



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

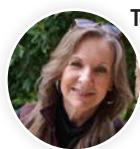
1950's

Charles (BA '54) and Mildred **Arnold** have been married for 76 years. Mildred is 96 and Chuck is 99 years old. Chuck expressed how it sure has gone by fast.

1970's

Casey McMichael (BS '77) worked for Youth for Christ before starting a 30-year career with the LACO Sheriff's Dept. which he has been retired from for 5 years. Casey and his wife, Tara, have four children with the youngest married in 2020. Both Casey and Tara are active in their church with mentoring men. They look forward to the 'empty nest' coming soon. Casey wishes "blessings on all of our alumni."

1980's



Teresa Krager (Clark, BA '80) After 27 years of teaching mostly kindergarten and first grade in the Phoenix area, Teresa began the journey of becoming a picture book

author. (Thank you, Cora Alley, for your wonderful instruction all those many years ago!) In July 2020, Teresa's debut book was released. *Before Your Birth Day* is a celebration of life in the womb. Graced with delicate illustrations of pre-born babies, this picture book traces the miraculous milestones of development in lyrical rhyme as each precious child is wonderfully woven by God (available on Amazon). Teresa is currently under contract for her second book. Check out her author website: teresakrager.com and/or sign up for her weekly blog devotional at pointingtheway.live.

Bob (BA '82) and Amy **Carter** have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 36 years, and during that time Bob has lived in or worked with translation projects from 19 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Pacific and the Americas. Bob led the effort to translate the Old Testament into Pijin, the national language of Solomon Islands, along with a revision of the previously published New Testament. In 2008, the Solomon Islands Pijin Bible

was dedicated. Bob is a Senior Translation Consultant helping teams working on Old Testament translations. He has helped to train people from 27 different countries. Bob and Amy have five children, all of whom are serving the Lord, wonderful kids-in-law, and nine grandchildren.

Andrew Phillips (BA '85, MBA '06) is working for the Department of Defense in Washington, DC, as a Lean Six Sigma specialist. Andrew lives in the DC area near his two daughters, Monica and Hannah.

John Roberts (BA '83) earned a MS in '87 from the University of La Verne and completed all course work for his Doctorate of Public Administration at ULV as well (ABD). John retired in July 2016 after 42 1/2 years of public service, the last 26 years with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, holding various mid-level and senior operations executive positions in Transportation and Maintenance. John also taught classes for seven years at HIU as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Business

Administration. **Sheree (Sumrall, FS '76)** retired in 2010 after teaching preschool, at First Christian Church, Huntington Beach, for over 36 years. John and Sheree attended Knott Avenue Christian Church for more than 30 years, John serving in various capacities including Elder and Chairman of the General Board and Sheree teaching preschool and on the worship team. They have attended Eastside Christian Church in Anaheim for the last 17 years with several other family members. John and Sheree have been married for 43 years and they have three adult children and six grandchildren.

2000's

Jessica Alvarez (BS '03) earned a Masters degree in Education and is now an Instructor at Diversified Vocational College. Jessica is currently living in La Puente, CA.

Derek (BA '07) and Krista (Mullally, BA '07) Beaudoin have been married for 13 years and have the joy of two daughters: Glory Michelle (age 6), and Violet

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After 20 exemplary years of employment at Hope International University, **Sharon Carter (BS '95)** retired from her post as Executive Assistant to the President. Hired by Dr. Roy Lawson in 2000, Sharon served under the last three HIU Presidents: Lawson, Dr. John Derry and Dr. Paul Alexander.

Sharon is known and beloved for her cheerful attitude, generous spirit, and compassion. She received the HIU Servant Leadership Award, an annual University recognition given to one faculty member and one staff member, as nominated by their peers. Beyond her specified duties, Sharon often assisted with University and community events. Her interaction and relationships with countless alumni, community and church leaders, students, and employees was an invaluable asset to the University.

"Sharon Carter has been an exceptional servant leader. Serving Senior Pastors and College Presidents is no easy task, yet she did so gracefully and graciously for decades," remarked President Alexander. "With a heart of gold and strong sense of pride in doing things well, she served tirelessly and selflessly day in and day out. I consider it a privilege to have worked with her. I wish her all the best in retirement."

Just months into her retirement, Sharon's husband, John Carter, fell gravely ill and passed away. They married on Christmas Day, 2002. John attended and volunteered at HIU events alongside Sharon, and befriended many in the HIU community. Sharon has begun the process of moving back to Ohio, where she's originally from, to live near family and close friends.



>>> MORE ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Grace (age 2). Their dog, Marty McFly, is still with them as a part of their family. Derek just celebrated 10 years of ministry at St. Johns Christian Church in Portland, OR, and was blessed and refreshed from a sabbatical this winter where he was able to rediscover his love for and talent in art. He also serves on the Board of Directors for Wi-Ne-Ma Christian Camp in Cloverdale, OR. Krista received her Master of Business Administration degree in Healthcare Management from Marylhurst University in 2016. She currently works as the Access Supervisor for the Brain & Spine Institute at Providence Health.

Joshua (BM '07) and Karyss (Love, FS '05) Bollen are living and serving in Folsom, CA, and have been there since 2011. The Bollens have 2 beautiful children (one boy, one girl). Josh is on staff at Lakeside Church as the Creative Arts Pastor. It has been an amazing fit for the Bollens. Karyss owns a handmade jewelry store called MY TRENDY TRAILER and recently opened up a retail storefront in Historic Folsom. Her business is not only a place to find great jewelry and accessories, but also a place for community engagement and connection.

William "Bill" Carmignani (BS '04) is still the host of "God Wants you Back" which is live on Sunday evenings. Bill is the English speaking associate pastor at Bethel Vietnamese Church in Nokomis, FL.

Shawn (BA '01) and Katie (Work, BA '04) Hunter relocated to Northern CA in 2015. Shawn is a high school teacher in Folsom and

Katie is a school counselor in El Dorado Hills. The Hunters met at Hope in 2001, got married in 2005 and now have 3 beautiful children: Evan, 8; Andie, 7; and Ansley, 4. They previously lived in Fullerton and worked at Whittier Christian High School in La Habra.



Robin Joyce (MA '08) celebrates 38 years of marriage to his wife, Patty, in September. The Joyces have two adult children, Jillian and Miles. Robin was the Pastor of Men and Senior Adults at Canyon Ridge Christian Church from 2008-2015. He is currently the Director of Advancement at Faith Lutheran Middle School & High School since 2015. Robin has served as an elder at Canyon Ridge CC since 2015. Robin turned 60 last January and will celebrate 42 years in the Lord in August.

Shiraaz (BA '09) and Krista (Sally, BA '09, MEd '14, MBA '19) Lall announce the birth of their first child, Amaya Shiny Lall, born on May 2, 2020.

Gabriella Van Breda (Nazza, MA '04) recently completed her doctorate at George Fox University. While she did many years of research in the UK, nothing came close to the wonderful Christian universities she attended in the US. Gabriella works for World Impact Network Organization.



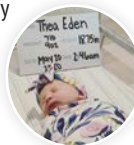
Deborah Vinall (BS '03, MA '05) recently completed a Psychology Doctorate summa cum laude from California Southern University. She is the recipient of the 2016 Clinton E. Phillips

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

Susan (Kubitz, BS '09) and Doug Wroten retired in February of 2017. The Wroten's sold their house in California and bought a sailboat. They live full time on their boat cruising the Caribbean. Their son is in the Air Force and their daughter married Oct 12, 2019.

2010's

McKenzie Austin (BA '13) attended Trinity Law School in Santa Ana, CA, then passed the California State Bar. She married Daniel Cannata in September 2019 in Yosemite Nat'l Park. They welcomed their first child, Kalem Daniel Cannata on June 16, 2020. The family is currently living in Huntington Beach, CA.



Robert (BA '16) and Kaylee (Walter, BA '17) Brazile welcome their first child into their family. Thea Eden was born on May 20, 2020.

Jillian (Albert, BA '13) and Andrew Chester welcome their first child to their family. Eleanor Louise Chester was born on May 15, 2020.

Ali (MBA '12) and Rachelle (Myers, BA '12) Hamze have recently moved back to CA after living in WA and NE. Ali is now the Food Service Director at Cal State University, Fullerton running the Gastronome at CSUF. Rachelle teaches at Molokan Elementary School in Hacienda Heights as the 5th and 6th grade teacher.

Rebecca (Mendoza, BS '16) and Joshua Magana welcome the first child into their family. Jedieal Ethan Magana was born on June 16, 2020.

Allyssa (Stencil, BA '16, MEd '18) married Nick Mercado in 2019. Allyssa is a 4th grade teacher in the San Bernardino City Unified School District.



Erich Pfohl (MBA '18) is proud to announce the birth of his son, Gavin, born on April 20, 2020, who has a super proud big sister Chloe at home that helps with everything! The Pfohls can't wait to be at the baseball field cheering on dad as he coaches the HIU Royals.



Nicole (Eggers, BA '10) and Perris (BA '11) Rowan welcome baby number four. Revington Azaiah Paul Rowan was born on May 17, 2020.

Trevor Williams (BA '14) recently started a Ph.D. program at Villanova University focusing on systematic and historical theology.



Email updates and pics to alumni@hiu.edu or alumni@nechristian.edu – or use the convenient forms on our respective websites.



YOUNG ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT TAKING HOPE HOME

Stanley lived on campus and enjoyed many opportunities to connect with his peers, as well as other international students. He particularly appreciated serving with Judy Kim in the International Students Program. Stanley enjoyed being a peer mentor for students who came from South Korea and considered it a privilege to be their first friend in the USA, helping them get settled and build lifelong friendships. It was a way of giving back, having been supported by student and campus leaders as he made his own adjustments to SoCal culture.

His favorite instructor was Andrew Paine, who motivated Stanley to always be his best, and helped with the challenges of accounting coursework.

"Professor Paine was always willing to make time during his office hours. He was so involved with students that we could text him at 8:00PM about an accounting problem and he would reply instantly and offer assistance," said Stanley. "Many other HIU faculty and staff are just like Andrew, always available to help students succeed, not only academically, but also socially and spiritually."

Stanley treasures the lifelong friendships he formed in his four years on campus. Starbucks runs, movie outings, late night bowling, beach sunrises and sunsets are all HIU experiences he enjoyed, but an American road trip tops the list.

"My personal favorite memory is when I travelled with four other buddies to Washington state over a Thanksgiving break," Stanley recalled. "It was truly one of the best weeks of my life, and I am so grateful for such amazing friendships."

Stanley Abie (BA '19) never planned to study abroad. As he neared high school graduation in India, he expected to attend college in his own country and find a good job, near his parents, who have served as missionaries in India for three decades.

"God had a different plan," said Stanley. "He opened the door for me to go to college in California and become part of the HIU community."

Growing up watching his parents serve under extremely challenging conditions, Stanley was inspired to serve God and His people. He enrolled at HIU with plans to become a servant leader and then return to India, and is grateful for the opportunity to serve among some of the poorest and most vulnerable of India's population.

Stanley graduated from HIU in December, 2019, and returned to his homeland, where he was happy to be near family again. Shortly after his return, he was hired by Central India Christian Mission (CICM), where he serves under the leadership of Dr. Ajai Lall, co-founder of the organization, and his wife, Dr. Indu Lall.

"There are millions of people who know more about Bollywood stars than Jesus, about politicians than Jesus, and about other celebrities than Jesus," said Stanley. "I am glad to be part of the CICM mission, bridging gaps and reaching out to people, sharing the Good News of God's love. I thank God for the opportunity to be part of this amazing initiative and make a difference in the lives of the people for years to come."

HIU's mission to prepare servant leaders for service around the world was confirmation for Stanley that God was calling him to attend school in California, and it led him to a four-year experience that changed his life. He firmly believes that HIU taught him what it means to be an exceptional servant leader, and how much of a difference one person can make in his or her community.



"HIU is a Christ-centered community that was there for me all the time," he reflected. "This all became possible because of the amazing generosity of donors and churches who invest in the preparation and training of next-generation leaders."

THE 2020 HIU GOLF CHALLENGE

PUTTING THE FUN INTO FUNDRAISING

*A heartfelt THANK YOU to all
of our generous participants!*



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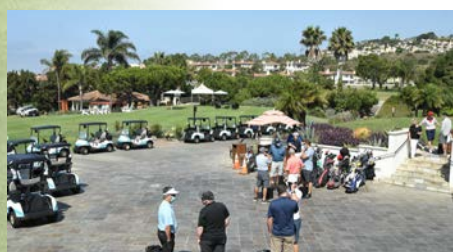
On Monday, August 31, Hope International University held its 14th Annual GOLF CHALLENGE at the spectacular Monarch Beach Golf Links in Dana Point, CA. The 2020 event, originally scheduled for May, had been postponed due to COVID-19. Upon the safe reopening of the course, HIU was able to successfully reschedule the tournament, which raised \$60,000 to fund student scholarships and departmental programs.

This year's tourney drew a record number of golfers, including HIU friends, supporters, alumni, trustees, administrators, staff, and local church pastors/leaders. Participants enjoyed panoramic coastal views and ideal conditions while competing for prizes and enjoying the round. Immediately afterward, the group gathered on

the outdoor patio of nearby Salt Creek Grille for a fun, informal, and delicious awards dinner.

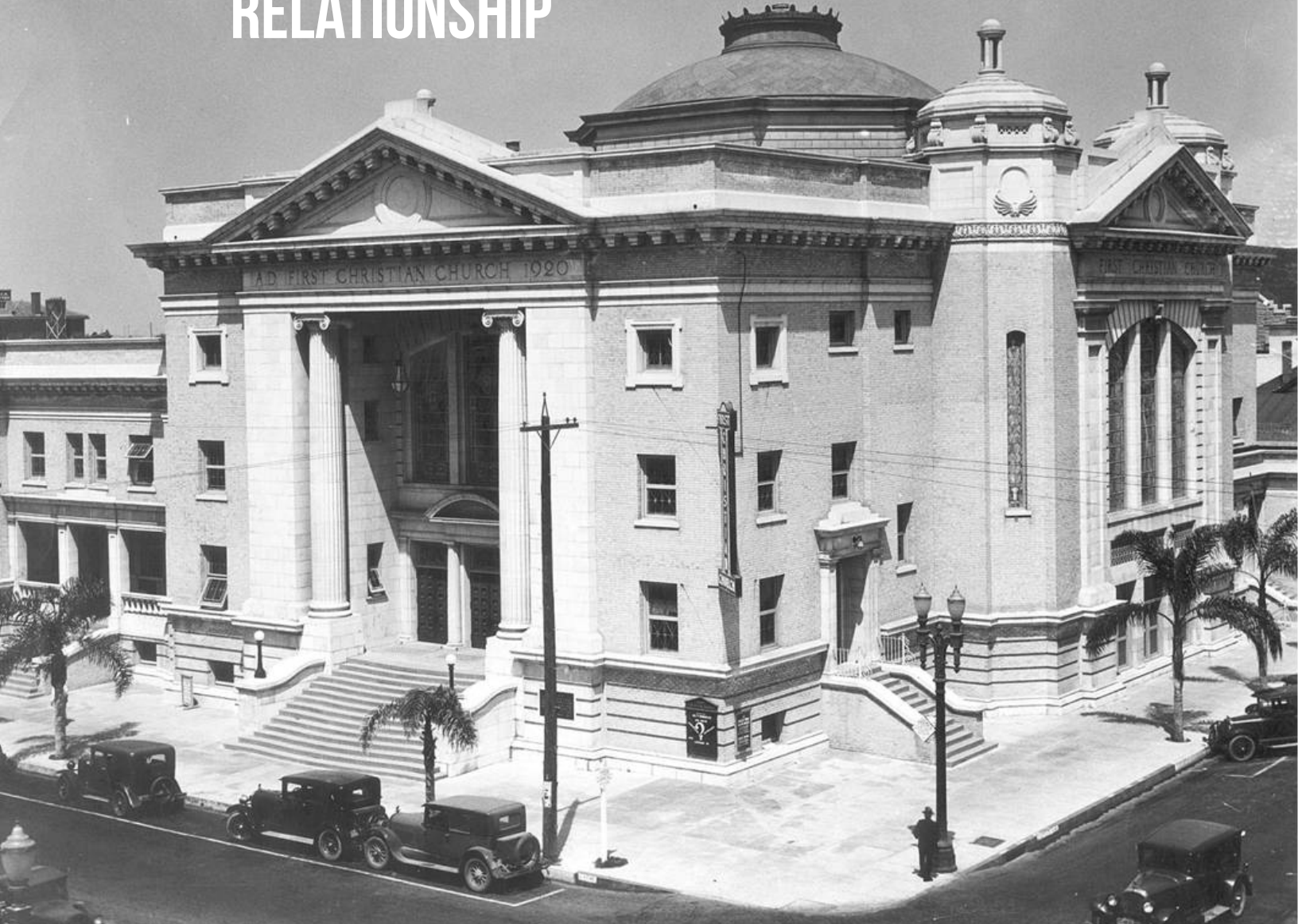
A very special THANK YOU to all of our 2020 sponsors, whose contributions helped make this event a success: Dr. Paul Alexander, The Solomon Foundation, CDF Capital, Rizio Lipinsky Law Firm/Will Mullins, One&All Church, Refinery Christian Church, Proline Electrical Contractors, Inc., DC Construction/PGA Construction, Direct Print & Promotion, Peter C. Foy & Associates, Faithlife/Logos Bible Software, and The Wright Image.

For more information about HIU's annual golf fundraiser, contact Ryan McKinney at 714-879-3901, ext. 2210.



FROM MODEST ROOTS TO BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

A FOUNDATIONAL RELATIONSHIP



The longstanding history between **First Christian Church Long Beach (FCC LB)** and Hope International University roots HIU firmly in the Restoration Movement. In May of 1930, Pacific Bible Seminary, as it was called at that time, moved into First Christian Church, located at Fifth and Locust in Long Beach, where Dr. George Taubman served as minister. Dr. Taubman, an influential figure in the Restoration Movement and the city of Long Beach, was appointed Dean of the Seminary.

After struggling for the last several years, FCC LB recently decided it was time to close its doors. FCC LB had partnered with Church Development Fund (CDF) to ensure that any remaining property and monetary assets would be properly allocated to partners who would carry on its Christian values and mission. HIU is one of four beneficiaries and will receive a generous gift amounting to more than \$480,000. HIU is extremely grateful for this timely blessing in a year that has shaken organizations in many sectors, including Christian Higher Education.

HIU *Honor Roll of Donors* 2019

This Honor Roll of Donors features individuals, churches, corporations and foundations that have made gifts through cash or pledge payments received by **Hope International University** between January 1 and December 31, 2019. Gifts received after December 31, 2019 will be recorded in the 2020 calendar year. On behalf of the entire HIU administration, faculty, staff, and student body, THANK YOU to each and every donor. Your gifts are very much appreciated and vital to the success of our scholarship recipients, many of whom otherwise could not afford to attend HIU. You have impacted their lives, as well as countless lives that they in turn will impact as they take Hope to their corner of the world.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

In the face of unprecedented challenges, HIU saw unprecedented increases in student enrollment. Fall Enrollment in our Graduate Programs is at an all-time high, and Online Undergraduate enrollment has jumped significantly as well.



"We are thrilled to announce that our enrollment in graduate programs is at 542 this fall, an all-time high, exceeding last fall's numbers by more than 8%. Enrollment in our online undergraduate programs is up as well, 10% higher than a year ago," said Teresa Smith, Vice President for Enrollment. "The pandemic has changed recruitment significantly, requiring our Admissions team to be very creative in coming up with innovative, effective new methods. I'm very proud of what we've been able to accomplish together."

The fastest-growing HIU graduate programs are in the Education and Psychology & Counseling colleges. HIU also offers graduate programs in Ministry as well as Business & Management.

ADVANCING ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS



HIU has been recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as a **2021 Top Performer on Social Mobility**. HIU was listed among the top 25 educational institutions in the West Region, including private, public, and state schools.

Social Mobility is defined as the change in social status relative to one's current social location within a given society. Economically disadvantaged students are less likely than others to finish college. Some colleges are more successful than others at advancing social mobility by enrolling and graduating large proportions of disadvantaged students awarded with Pell Grants. The vast majority of these federal grants are awarded to students whose adjusted gross family incomes are under \$50,000.

