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“Your people shall be my people
and your God my God.”

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Richard Kriegbaum, Ph.D.

president's message

LORD, MAKE US BEAUTIFUL

In a recent worship service on campus we sang about how God makes beautiful things out of dust. God made us, formed a human being of “dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life.” In his own image, in the image of God, he created mankind. Male and female he created us. And somehow, far beyond our understanding, we share in the beauty of God himself. And God saw all that he had made, and it was all very good, beautiful like its creator.

But because of our sinful, rebellious choices, the original, inherent beauty and goodness is marred, defaced, obscured. The chapel service ends and we walk outside together. I watch students, teachers, coaches and staff moving in all directions, to all the wondrous variety of “next things” in their lives. And I realize that Fresno Pacific is a massive collaboration with the creator who continues to be in the business of making beautiful people or, more accurately, the business of making people beautiful.

My mind leaped from the visions of the original creation to the vision of all followers of Jesus at the end of this age being made ready as the beautiful bride of Christ for the final culminating celebration of God’s eternal plan. My life as president of Fresno Pacific University is constantly filled with beauty becoming more beautiful, filled with people choosing to become more like Jesus Christ.

I get to enjoy the elegant beauty of a math or science problem resolved, the beauty of a lung-bursting swim, of flying slam dunks, of music too challenging for me to understand that still overwhelms my emotions, of the brilliance of insights into the human predicament and the meaning of the Bible that shines the light of truth into a world blinded by its own preference for darkness. I am blessed with the beauty of teachers who are still learners, and students who are already teachers. I walk every day surrounded by the beauty of people who truly rejoice as they model how to overcome a world of ignorance, fear and despair with the power of truth, faith and hope. For all these blessings, I am truly grateful.

On July 1, 2017, Joseph Jones, Ph.D., will assume the role of president. I believe God guided the FPU Board of Trustees to the person he has prepared to lead us in achieving the enormous potential that lies ahead for this most beautiful Christian university. Joe and his wife, Yvette, listened to God’s whisper and accepted the challenge to lead during this period of social, legal and economic uncertainty. FPU is ready, and they will succeed if you will give them the support of your generosity and the power of your prayers for them and for Fresno Pacific. Pray with them that at Fresno Pacific University, the Lord will make us beautiful for his eternal glory.

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Fresno Pacific University Board Chooses

JOSEPH JONES AS NEXT PRESIDENT

By Wayne Steffen

A candidate with extensive administrative, fundraising and international experience will start as President of Fresno Pacific University July 1, 2017.

Joseph Jones, Ph.D., has been chief administrative academic officer, dean and full-time faculty member at Christian colleges and universities in the United States and Pakistan. He will succeed Richard Kriegbaum, Ph.D., who started his second term as president in September 2014 after serving from 1985-1997.

"Dr. Jones has a proven record as an educator, leader and administrator with a number of outstanding Christian colleges and universities," said Donald Griffith, chair of the FPU Board of Trustees. "He brings with him a very clear vision of Christian higher education and a history of being an advocate for biblical justice, racial reconciliation, urban leadership training and intercultural learning."

Jones comes to FPU from Forman Christian College, a chartered university in Lahore, Pakistan, where he has been vice rector (provost) since 2015. In addition to being chief academic officer, his responsibilities included marketing, communication

and enrollment management. (More at fccollege.edu.pk/).

Prior to Forman, Jones spent more than two decades at colleges and universities in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, to which FPU belongs. He was provost and professor of justice and community development at North Park University, Chicago; academic dean of the School of Education and Social Sciences at Messiah College, Grantham, PA, where he once served on the board of trustees; professor and department chair at Taylor University, Fort Wayne, IN; and associate dean of students and assistant professor of criminal justice, sociology and social work at Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY. National involvement with the CCCU includes chairing its Chief Academic Officers Commission, serving on the International Forum Planning Committee and being part of the collaboration with World Vision International, a Christian humanitarian organization.

The FPU Board of Trustees began the search for a new president in September 2015 and Jones was interviewed January 10-11, 2017, on the main campus. The search

committee comprised 12 members, representing the university board, administration, faculty, staff and students. Leading the committee were Griffith and Xavier Piña, Ed.D., FPU board member, school district superintendent and Mennonite Brethren pastor. AGB Search, an arm of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, coordinated the process through its consultant Paul Corts, Ph.D., past president of two universities and the CCCU. A discernment group representing a larger cross-section of the FPU community also met with Jones.

An ordained, licensed minister, Jones has a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany, part of the State University of New York system. His M.S. in Psychology is from Oklahoma State University and his B.A. in Psychology is from Colby College. Jones also earned the Management and Leadership in Education Certificate from Harvard University's Institute for Higher Education. He and wife Yvette have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. 🏠



In his career, Jones has:

- Advocated for biblical justice, racial reconciliation and diversity.
- Established an integrative multicultural education model unique in Christian higher education.
- Established a regional biblically based justice summit, youth entrepreneurship programs, and centers for justice and urban leadership and community research and collaborative partnerships.
- Developed international partnerships in Europe and Asia.

FPU looks to Jones to:

- Nurture its Christian identity and commitment to a distinctive education
- Develop and expand fundraising and financial solidity
- Foster community and diversity
- Develop innovative academic programs and partnerships
- Expand facilities

From Congo and Canada TO A CAREER AT FPU

By Rachel Catrina

A pair of FPU's newest retirees agree that relationships are what endure.

The Face of the Library

For more than 34 years, Hiebert Library and Anne Guenther have been inseparable, with her constant presence and friendly face for generations of patrons.

As natural as her career seems now, it was not Guenther's intent. "In my first life, in Canada, I was an elementary school teacher for 20 years. Never in my wildest dreams did I think of becoming a librarian," she says.

Guenther and husband Allen, Ph.D., brought their sons to Fresno in 1981 when Allen, who died in 2009, became professor of Old Testament at what is today Fresno Pacific Biblical

Seminary. Anne began the process of becoming a teacher in California, but now says God had other plans.

Hiebert Library had purchased a shipment of books without the staff to organize them. Always looking to serve, Anne volunteered. She was soon hired as a para-professional and then asked to consider returning to school. Anne earned a Master of Library Science at San Jose State University.

The rest really is history, with Anne retiring in December 2016 as the longest-serving university employee at the time. "None of us know what a library is like without Anne," says Library Director Kevin Enns-Rempel (BA '82), who joined the staff as an archivist in 1984.



“People remain
the same.”

- Anne Guenther

A Heart for International Students

Flags, jerseys, and other memorabilia decorate Arnie Prieb's office and spill into the Steinert Campus Center hallway. Prieb, who retires as director of the International Programs & Services Office (IPSO) in June 2017, does not collect these items—they are tokens of gratitude and reminders of his influence on students from more than 40 nations.

After receiving his B.A. in Biblical Studies in 1974, Prieb returned to his home country of the Democratic Republic of Congo and his parents' vocation of missionary work. Arnold (PBI '50) and Rosella Prieb spent 30 years as missionaries there, raising five children. The third Prieb son spent two years with Mennonite Brethren Missions (MBM) before earning his M.A. in World Missions

from the then-Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

After his master's, Prieb returned to MBM and Congo. He calls the next seven years, "some of the best years of my life."

While known for his work with international students, Prieb's first job at the corner of Chestnut and Butler avenues was seminary groundskeeper in the early 1990s. His talents soon recognized, Prieb became the seminary's first recruiter. He later did the same for Fresno Pacific's degree completion program. In 1999, Prieb moved to IPSO.

Prieb and wife Brenda, a former FPU staff member in the Graduate Degree Completion Office, have a blended family of five adult children and nine grandchildren living in California, Washington State, Iowa and New Mexico.

In about 60 years of combined service Guenther and Prieb have seen change, but they remember what endures. "People remain the same," Guenther says.

"I just fall in love with these kids; my kids," Prieb says. "I feel so honored." 🏠

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my kids.”

-Arnie Prieb



A portrait of Felipe Hinojosa, a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a dark blue suit jacket over a white shirt. He is smiling and has his arms crossed. The background is a blurred bookshelf.

Once an Activist

By Katie Fries

Mennonite. Latino.
Activist. Teacher. Author.

This collection of titles may occasionally seem at odds with each other, but Felipe Hinojosa (BA '99) embraces them all, sparked by his time at Fresno Pacific University.

Now an associate professor and director of undergraduate studies in the history department at Texas A&M University, Hinojosa returned to the main campus March 16-17, 2017, to speak to first-generation students and others as part of the Advancing Latino Academic Success (ALAS) Lecture Series. His talks touched on his experience as a first-generation college graduate as well as his current work.

Born and raised in predominantly Latino Brownsville, TX, Hinojosa experienced culture shock at FPU in the mid-1990s. "Every faculty member I saw was white, the campus was overwhelmingly white. There was always the sense that we felt like outsiders, that we had to struggle to belong to be part of that Fresno Pacific Idea we talk about," he says.

The English major became a student activist. Although Hinojosa admits some considered him too vocal and radical, others listened, including then-president Allen Carden, Ph.D. When the university was criticized by its accreditor for the lack of student and faculty diversity, he says, Carden asked him to serve on a committee that explored how to respond and work

toward making necessary changes.

Carden's decision helped set Hinojosa on a career. "For him to put me in that group, to work with faculty and staff that I had a tremendous amount of respect for, helped me think about how you organize social change at educational institutions," Hinojosa says. "What I'm doing now, and what I'm writing, comes out of my time at Pacific."

"He was a very articulate and competent voice for more diversity at FPU," says Carden, now professor of liberal arts and history and degree completion academic coordinator. While Carden takes no credit for the increase in student diversity since the turn of the century, "I did have a heart for more diversity, and saw in Felipe a student kindred spirit," he says.

Today's FPU student body is more representative of the region, though leaders agree there is still work to be done on the faculty front. About 24 percent of traditional undergraduate students are from a Hispanic background, along with 30 percent of those in the adult degree completion program and more than 19 percent of graduate students, according to fall 2016 figures. The graduation rate for first-time, full-time students is 55.6 percent in six years and the rate for Hispanic students 56.3 percent, based on 2016 figures. The university is also an Hispanic-Serving Institution, included by *The Chronicle of Higher Education* among the top 10 of the nation's HSIs in graduating Hispanic students.

For his part, Hinojosa went on to a Master of Arts in History from University of Texas Pan American and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Houston. His primary academic interest is the intersection of race and American religion and social movements; specifically Hispanic



Americans and Latinos.

Hinojosa's background as a Latino Mennonite—his father was a Mennonite minister—and student activity formed the basis of his first book, *Latino Mennonites: Civil Rights, Faith, and Evangelical Culture*, which looks at connections between religion and identity for Latino Mennonites. His current research is focused on the relationship between the church and activist groups and "how Latino Christians learn from activists that would have rejected the church entirely," he says.

While a large body of work is dedicated to the role of the church in African American activism, relatively little has been written about the place of Latino faith communities. "Latinos have been just as involved, but they have been much more geared toward questions around citizenship and sanctuary. Latino churches became sanctuaries for immigrants from Latin America, and that sometimes means you can't be as outspoken," Hinojosa says.

These are the stories Hinojosa wants to tell. "I want to find out how is it that people understood and read the Bible, and how that motivated them to get involved in civil rights struggles. It wasn't just the Bible, it was what they were learning from Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights leaders in the streets. I'm interested in exploring how the church and society have interacted over time. I'm looking at it as a very integral part of our daily lives even if those people don't go to church," Hinojosa says.

“The role of religious leaders is imperative, and we need it now more than ever.”

—Felipe Hinojosa

Current events, including the Syrian refugee crisis and the new presidential administration's position on undocumented residents and immigration, make Hinojosa's work timely. "The role of religious leaders is imperative, and we need it now more than ever," he says.

As for Hinojosa, well, his activist days aren't exactly behind him. "This is a huge campus," he says of Texas A&M, "but I'm still very much involved in the ways that I was at Fresno Pacific. Nothing has changed except the title."

Or titles. 🏛️



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"Your people shall be my people

*Three students interviewed for this article—Angel, Eduardo and Monserratt—are part of the federal DACA program and asked to be identified by their middle names.
—Editor*

Angel closes his eyes, bows his head and begins to pray aloud with confidence and conviction during a student Bible study at Fresno Pacific University.

He leads the study once a week and goes home on weekends to teach Sunday school. Home is a small city in the San Joaquin Valley where his parents brought him from Mexico when he was a child.

In a turbulent time in America, FPU remains committed to serving Angel and other students from immigrant families. The university has long welcomed newcomers to this nation—people from different corners of the world who have come in different political seasons. All share a common desire: to receive a Christ-centered education that respects and nurtures their faith while equipping them for the future.

Angel—a slender 19-year-old sophomore with a shock of black hair and an easy smile—sees his future in business. But, he cares about more than a career.

Believing it's a privilege to attend

FPU, Angel feels a responsibility to serve his family, his Christian brothers and sisters and other students participating in the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. DACA is an Obama-administration policy temporarily protecting from deportation immigrants illegally brought to this country as children.

Angel's faith is deep, and his words come easily as he prays at the Bible study: "Heavenly Father, we come before you as a family of faith and thank you for this week you've given us. In the midst of our pain and troubles, you didn't stay in the tomb. You brought us life. Who would we be without you?"

a history of helping

Through the years, FPU has supported students from immigrant families with scholarships, academic assistance, career counseling and travel opportunities. Just as important are the professors, staff and alumni who help immigrant students from Russia, Laos, Mexico and elsewhere find their way to FPU and offer counsel and friendship.

One of those alumni is Melissa Bergen (BA '04), now a student at the Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. She serves as local missions director at

Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church and pastor at Iglesia Compañerismo Cristiano, another MB congregation in Shafter. Bergen has worked tirelessly to help several Shafter students from immigrant families attend FPU. She believes caring for people who are searching for better lives is rooted in the Bible and Mennonite history.

Bergen notes that the Old Testament book of Ruth tells the story of how Naomi, her husband and their sons fled to Moab as refugees in search of food (Ruth 1:1). "Naomi and her impoverished family could have starved to death while waiting for visas," Bergen says. "I have heard similar stories from recent immigrants I have come to love—stories of not being able to feed their children before they came to the United States."

And, when Naomi and Ruth returned to Bethlehem, they depended



and your God my God."

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By Doug Hoagland

on other people to survive. "These grandmothers of Jesus were welcomed as immigrants as they settled in a new place. The hospitality offered by their new community helped them survive," Bergen says.

Furthermore, Mennonite history includes chapters of persecution and church members seeking peaceful places to live and worship. That search led Bergen's family to Shafter nearly 100 years ago. They were sojourners, she says: "And it's the same for so many now."

Eduardo's story

Eduardo is an easygoing, lanky 19-year-old freshman who often wears a

baseball cap over his curly hair. He and his family came to Shafter from Mexico when he was 7. He is one of about 30 DACA students at FPU in 2016-17, says Dina Gonzalez-Piña, M.A., former dean of multicultural ministries and now a national staff member for Mennonite Central Committee.

Eduardo's journey to FPU began when a high school friend invited him to the Shafter MB Church, where he was eventually baptized and became the congregation's first DACA member. It's also where he met Bergen.

Normally open, Eduardo grew uncharacteristically somber at the end of high school, believing that universities would reject him because he had no Social Security number. At his lowest, Eduardo accepted that he might become a welder like his father or a field worker like his mother. Both jobs are honest work, but not the step ahead Eduardo envisioned for himself and his brother and sister in the United States.

Meanwhile, Bergen encouraged him to apply to Fresno Pacific, and he was both hopeful and anxious when he submitted his application. Soon an FPU counselor called and encouraged Eduardo to apply for the Samaritan Scholarship, which the university first awarded in fall of 2002 for gifted undocumented students. Bergen drove him to Fresno

for the scholarship interview, and she was so nervous waiting for him that she became nauseous.

In awarding the competitive scholarship, FPU officials consider a number of factors, including a student's academic performance and Christian commitment. "Fresno Pacific became a trendsetter when it introduced the Samaritan Scholarship," Gonzalez-Piña says. It was the first of its kind in the Central Valley and among members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, she adds.

Sixty-five students (including those currently enrolled) have received the Samaritan Scholarship. In 2016-2017 FPU budgeted \$200,000 for the program, about 1.5 percent of the \$13.5 million that the university set aside for all institutional scholarships (academic, athletic, music, drama and other awards that do not involve state or federal funds) this academic year. (California made DACA students eligible for Cal Grant scholarships, which are included in aid packages.)

On a spring afternoon in 2016, Eduardo cried when Bergen came to Shafter High to tell him he'd been awarded the Samaritan Scholarship. While pursuing a biology major, Eduardo is growing spiritually at FPU. Before his baptism, he says, he would



Facts about DACA

Scholars have an average
HS GPA of 3.95

92% are Hispanic,
5% are Asian and
3% are other

62% female,
38% male

Most graduate in
less than 4 years

100%
graduation rate

pray at night without knowing who he was praying to. Now, he has a deeper understanding since taking a class from Quentin Kinnison, Ph.D., associate professor of Christian ministry. "Jesus was sent here to reset what Adam and Eve had caused," Eduardo says.

escaping religious persecution

Unlike Eduardo, Yuriy Andreyev (BA '04) came to FPU with a deep Christian background. He was a 19-year-old son of a Russian pastor whose family immigrated to the United States in 1998 to escape religious persecution. They settled in Sacramento as documented immigrants.

Andreyev felt comfortable at FPU because fellow students shared his culture and spoke his language. "The fact that it was a Christian school was a bonus," he says. Andreyev attended for five years—growing proficient in English, making American friends and understanding more about the United States.

FPU's financial support was important. "My family wasn't rich," Andreyev says. "We came here with \$1,000 in our hands." He received a scholarship from FPU to supplement state and federal grants plus loans.

Andreyev majored in business administration with an emphasis in finance and accounting. Now 36, he is a senior financial analyst for Boeing in Seattle, where he lives with his wife Natalie (they met at FPU) and their two children.

Longtime FPU employee Vyacheslav Gladyshev played a key role in bringing Andreyev and more than 300 other Slavic students from the former Soviet Union to FPU in the late 1990s and early 2000s. As an admission counselor (he's now in financial aid), Gladyshev visited Slavic churches on both coasts and in the Midwest, helping skeptical



immigrant parents understand FPU would nurture their children's faith, not tear it down.

"To send a child to university in the Soviet Union was like losing a child to the world," he says. "The education system was based on atheism."

FPU "opened doors to so many opportunities" for these students, Gladys says. "They became prepared for life in their new country, and it was the right place for them to grow academically and spiritually, and to use their gifts for ministry."

voices in the villages

Other students from immigrant families have connected with their pasts through FPU's study abroad programs.

Coua Lee went to Southeast Asia in 2011 and visited several Hmong villages in the mountains of northern Vietnam. She traveled with Ken Martens Friesen, Ph.D., associate professor of international studies, and other FPU students.

Lee's parents lived in a similar village in Laos before fleeing communist rule and immigrating to Fresno, where she was born. "As a Hmong-American, I wanted to experience what it was to be a Hmong person in Southeast Asia, where we originated," Lee says. "I really value my parents, and I wanted to put myself in their shoes."

Friesen was deeply moved as he witnessed the link Lee and other Hmong-American students made to their heritage. "It was an amazing moment of wonder," he says.

Lee, now 25, moved to Minneapolis after attending FPU for two years, finishing her education at the University of Minnesota. She works as a case coordinator for Minnesota Adult & Teen, a Christian nonprofit that addresses the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people with chemical addictions.

Another FPU student—a woman named Monserrat—had her own transcendent experience while traveling to Guatemala last summer with others from Fresno Pacific. Monserrat, a Tulare senior who wants to become a nurse, traveled with other DACA students. Her Samaritan Scholarship did not pay for the trip; she raised her own money.

Monserrat—articulate, serious and committed to her Catholic faith—says the Guatemalans are poor in possessions but have rich spiritual lives. "It strengthened my faith to see the humility of the people and their desire to worship God when they don't know where their next meal is coming from," she says. "We start doubting God when one thing goes wrong, but they don't. It's very inspirational."

Gonzalez-Piña, the former dean of multicultural ministries, and Cindy Jurado Hernandez, M.A., director of FPU's College Hour & Chapel Program, led the trip. At FPU, Gonzalez-Piña worked closely with DACA students, and many found her counsel and friendship invaluable.

"Dina's always been on the front line of protecting us," Monserrat, 21, says. "It's definitely been a hard time because of the new national administration. But because of her, I can proudly say I was born in Mexico and not be fearful of what people will think."

digging deeper

FPU student Christian Douangphouxay—who was born in Laos and came to the United States at age 8—found another kind of support from Dave Wainscott (BA '86), M.Div., adjunct instructor of biblical and religious studies. At the Visalia Center, Wainscott was Douangphouxay's teacher for Jesus and the Christian Community. "I think I had the hardest time of all the students in learning the Bible,"



“I think God has a plan for everyone, and you have to let Him work it out,” – Christian Douangphouxay

says 44-year-old Douangphouxay, a degree completion student. His parents are Buddhist, and he converted to Christianity as an adult before enrolling at FPU.

In Wainscott's class, Douangphouxay wrote a paper for his final assignment about the connection between faith and work. In it, Douangphouxay had to address how the Gospel of Matthew and other material informed his understanding about the choice of a career.

Wainscott kept challenging Douangphouxay—without criticizing him—to dig deeper as he rewrote his paper multiple times. “Dave is very supportive in trying to get the real passion from you,” says Douangphouxay, who completed his bachelor's in business administration and is now working on a master's degree. He currently is the chief technology officer for the Santa Rosa Rancheria in Lemoore.

Douangphouxay's goal is to one day teach, which he sees as a form of Christian service and a way to motivate future generations. “I think God has a plan for everyone, and you have to let Him work it out,” he says.

not giving up an opportunity

Patricia Vazquez Topete (BA '15) had a goal, too. Near the end of her four years at FPU, she wanted to participate in a semester-long public

policy internship in Washington, D.C. It fit perfectly with her major in political science.

But, she didn't have the necessary funds, and her Samaritan Scholarship would not cover the internship. Challenges were nothing new to her, though. She has not seen her parents since she was 12—she's now 23—when they sent her from Mexico to live with relatives in Fresno. Still she graduated first in her class at McLane High School.

While at FPU, Vazquez Topete cleaned houses and picked strawberries to pay for room, board and books. Never a quitter, she listened when Bret Kincaid, Ph.D., associate professor of political science, challenged her not to throw away an opportunity without fighting for it. So she cleaned more houses, spoke to groups and raised the necessary \$15,000. Once in Washington, she networked beyond the internship, seeking mentors who worked on social justice issues.

Her interest in such issues was nurtured at FPU by Gonzalez-Piña. “She encouraged me to become active in my community, to share my story, but above everything else, to never forget where I came from,” Vazquez Topete says.

After graduation Vazquez Topete worked at the university for one year, counseling DACA students

like herself who are the first in their families to attend college. She now lives in Sacramento and works in a state agency through a public policy fellowship. Her next goal is a master's degree and a position developing public policy to improve the lives of immigrants and their children.


Vazquez Topete has found new mentors since graduating, but she will never forget Kincaid and Gonzalez-Piña at Fresno Pacific. “They are now lifelong friends,” she says.

praying in unity

Angel, the Bible study leader, believes the lives of his parents and siblings are in the hands of God. “It was the will of God for us to come to the U.S. and get to know him better and accept Jesus as our personal savior,” he says.

He believes attending Fresno Pacific also is part of God's plan. He received a Samaritan Scholarship, and, he says, “Words can't describe the gratitude I feel. All I can say is ‘Thank you.’”

Angel also appreciates the chance to grow spiritually as a Bible study leader. “Leading has been a wake-up call about taking on a responsibility and being open and listening,” he says. Another piece of FPU's faith-based education—professors and students praying together in class—is special.

“We come from a variety of faith beliefs,” he says, “but it's reassuring to know that we're in this together.” 

DACA What and How

DACA is a term often in the news.

What does it stand for and how does it work?

Short for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, DACA allows qualified undocumented young people to work legally, and temporarily protects them from deportation. The policy does not provide permanent legal residence.

Former President Barack Obama established DACA through executive order in 2012. As of mid-March, President Donald Trump has not announced any decision on the program.

Approximately 750,000 people—roughly 238,000 in California—have registered under DACA. About 30 students with DACA status enrolled at FPU in the 2016-2017 academic year.

To get the status, applicants must:

- * Live in the U.S. but have no legal status as of June 15, 2012
- * Be younger than 31 as of June 15, 2012
- * Have come to the U.S. before their 16th birthday and have lived here continuously since June 15, 2007
- * Be in school, have graduated from high school or have been honorably discharged from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy or Marines
- * Have no felony or significant misdemeanor convictions
- * Pose no threat to national security or public safety

DACA students pay all normal payroll taxes on their wages. Furthermore, California passed legislation allowing successful DACA applicants to apply for driver's licenses.

Montserrat applied for DACA because "it gave me a chance at feeling 'normal' and being part of this country. Being born in Mexico was always a lingering issue that somehow placed me in another category compared to my peers," she says. She also believes DACA paved the way for her to work and secure internships.

Angel says DACA gave him a "sense of hope and opportunity" besides allowing him to get a work permit and a driver's license and "most importantly to continue my education."

Doubt about the future of DACA has affected Angel and Montserrat differently. Angel says he feels "at peace" and is calm because he believes President Trump "wants to do good for this country."

Montserrat calls the uncertainty "extremely challenging." "Every morning before going to class, I search 'DACA' on Google to see—if while I was asleep—my future and status have been changed," she says.

Beyond Charity Sparkling Solutions Through Enterprise

One looks like a restaurant, another looks like an after-school center and the third looks like a gym.

They are that—and more.

Tree of Life Café & Bakery, YMI and 701 United are three of the 32 social enterprise start-ups that have been boosted by the Center for Community Transformation's (CCT) Spark Tank program. Now in its fifth year, Spark Tank has distributed about \$60,000 donated by a combination of foundations, individuals and Wells Fargo.

While the Shark Tank TV show

offers business entrepreneurs a chance to pitch ideas to investors in hopes of adding to their financial bottom line, the Spark Tank encourages social entrepreneurs—usually churches and other nonprofits—to offer products and services that serve a triple bottom line of financial sustainability, social impact and environmental stewardship.

By its nature, social enterprise is local, using community assets to solve problems in innovative ways. "You don't want to just import

solutions; you want to focus on what you have," says Randy White, D.Min., executive director of CCT, part of the Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary. CCT hosts annual "Pitch Fests," first on the main Fresno Pacific University campus and now at Bitwise Industries, a downtown Fresno tech hub. Judges are local leaders and university faculty.

Social enterprises provide choices for those who need help and those who want to help them. If someone just out of prison comes





YMI Cafe

to a pastor for help, traditionally all that pastor can do is write letters of recommendation or refer him or her to other agencies. "Social enterprise says we have another option: we can start a business to employ

jars containing Oolong, Rose Jasmine and Happy Raizana teas, but diners—young, multicultural and dressed in business suits or "don't-call-me-hipster" flannel—don't seem to mind.

Carolyn and Steve Ocheltree run the operation. She's the executive chef and "Mama O" to nine employees, seven of whom have gone through the Fresno Rescue Mission. He's a CPA in private practice. The Tree of Life grew from the Ocheltrees' mission involvement, though the seed germinated slowly before the grand opening in March 2016. "Probably for the last 20 years we wanted to have a business in Fresno to employ people who have gone through drug and alcohol rehabilitation and want to stay clean, but need a job and support," Carolyn Ocheltree says.

these people," White says.

Tree of Life Café and Bakery

Tree of Life Café and Bakery, 2139 Kern St., Fresno, (treeoflifefresno.com/) takes downtown trendy seriously. Tabletops are cut planks and none of the variety of chairs, including swiveling antique tractor seats, are from a restaurant equipment catalog.

Daily specials—including nopales salad, Chinese chicken salad, butternut squash and steamed artichoke—are scripted in bold colors on chalkboards inside the door. Live mint, oregano and chive grow from wooden crates and stuffed pheasants, paintings and Asian-style wall hangings decorate the brick walls. The contemporary Coca-Cola fountain may clash with the glass

That support includes equal helpings of love, respect and accountability. "We hold them to high standards but understand there are areas of their lives they're still getting in what I call kingdom order—with the lordship of Jesus and law enforcement," she says. People come out of rehab wanting to do right, but carrying baggage such as probation officers, court dates, issues with Child Protective Services and health problems from years of bad habits. "These things can affect your employment," Ocheltree says.

Often there is nowhere to go but back to the places where they got into trouble in the first place. Those who do get a job may be the only employee with a record,

Tree of Life

Clockwise from top: Eddie Valero, Carolyn Ocheltree and Jesse Paz lead three social enterprises supported by the Spark Tank program at the Center for Community Transformation.

and will be the first suspect when something goes missing.

Tree of Life gives workers skills and interesting work in a place they want to be. "So when old dark habits come knocking they can say, 'I'm busy,'" Carolyn says.

One of Mama O's "kids" is 27-year-old Mauricio. He came to Tree of life after 18 months at Fresno Rescue Mission. Life before that? "Oh, trouble," he says. Dealing drugs and driving under the influence brought him to police attention; the judge decided to chance him in the program rather than prison.

Mauricio is proud of his developing kitchen abilities, but is still willing to bus tables. "Anything they need," he says. He is also spending time with his young daughter, studying for his GED and planning to attend barber college. What helps him? Support from his family, Mama O—"I don't see her like my boss, I see her like my friend," he says, and his fellow workers—"They're happy people, they're getting on with their lives."

YMI Café

The writing is on the wall at YMI, 12737 Avenue 417, Orosi

(ymicampus.com/)—even in the bathroom. Signs ask "What's Stopping You?," exhort "Have Courage" and promise "You are Worth It All."

The renovated former home behind Orosi High School (OHS) has sanded wooden floors, repainted walls and new couches, chairs and lamps for a place to study, meet and learn in the back. The café in the front features black wire mesh tables and chairs inside and outside where the lunch and after-school lines of students in caps and t-shirts and the adults in shirts and ties enjoy paninis and drinks.

Eddie Valero started YMI, "Young Men's Initiative" in 2013 and opened the café in July 2016. Valero is a native of Orosi, a Tulare County community of about 8,770 people. The 2010 U.S. Census put the diverse population at around 87 percent Hispanic, 9 percent Asian and 8 percent Filipino.

The organization promotes leadership. "Our mission is to develop the next generation of successful young men in California," Valero says,

"making sure Orosi is better today and even better tomorrow."

The young men are a mix of high school students, all from

homes lacking a father figure.

"We have the valedictorian, we have the gangster, we have the emo and we have the jock," he says.

While these groups don't hang out at school, they seek deep conversations that tackle tough issues, Valero says. "This place allows that."

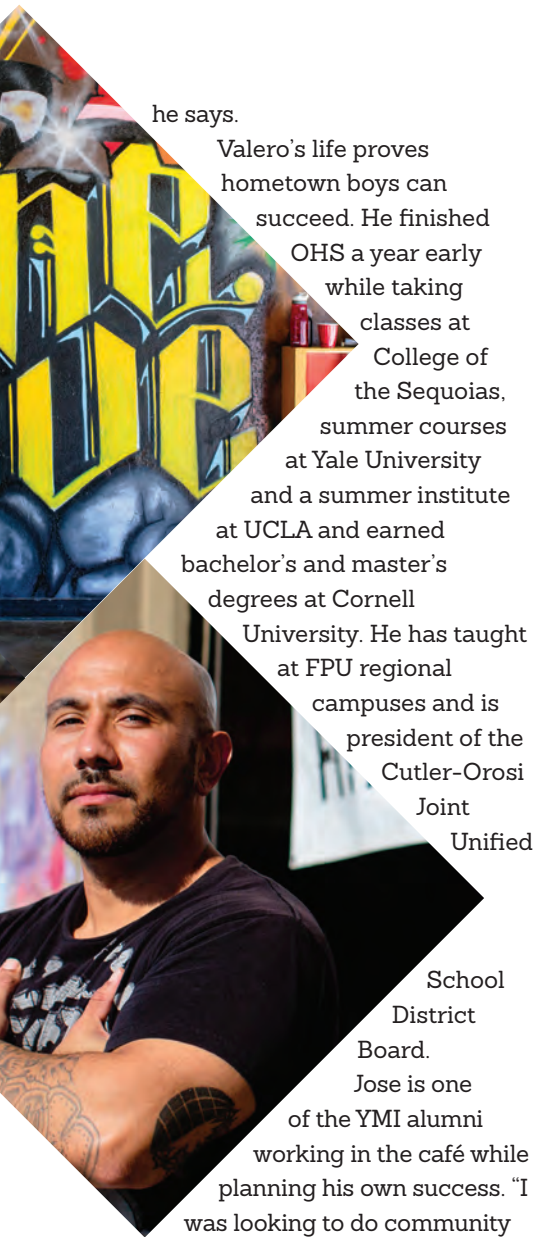
More than 50 young men have come through YMI, and current attendance is 15-20. Members enter through

recommendations from teachers, administrators and YMI participants after passing an interview. Staff includes an OHS counselor, a church praise and worship team leader and a community liaison with the Tulare County Office of Education.

Twice-monthly meetings feature guest speakers and guided conversation. There are trips to San Francisco and Los Angeles to visit the Getty Museum, Glide Memorial Church, the Oakland Unified School District Office of African American Male Achievement and the L.A. Dream Center.

One thing men do is give back, according to Valero. Service projects include serving food to veterans, giving pumpkins to kids and painting house numbers on curbs. "We've done numerous things for the community,"





he says.

Valero's life proves hometown boys can succeed. He finished OHS a year early while taking classes at College of the Sequoias, summer courses at Yale University and a summer institute at UCLA and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at Cornell University. He has taught at FPU regional campuses and is president of the Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District Board. Jose is one of the YMI alumni working in the café while planning his own success. "I was looking to do community service. I went to one of the meetings and I really liked it," he says.

The 2016 OHS graduate takes the bus to California State University, Fresno where he is a fulltime student. YMI showed Jose he's not alone in his struggles. "You know you're not the only one and you can get through," he says.

701 United

Fresno/Madera Youth For Christ (YFC), 1401 Divisadero St., Fresno, blends into the neighborhood. Past the offices and hallways and across the threshold of 701 United (**701united.com/**) is a different world. Heavy bags

and lockers full of workout equipment edge a concrete floor covered with mats. A graffiti mural proclaims "Relationships" and "One Love" across one wall.

A fitness center/mixed-martial arts ministry, 701 United merged with YFC in November 2016 to reach teenagers in Fresno's 93701 ZIP Code. As the poorest part of the city with the nation's second-highest level of concentrated poverty, GB3 is unlikely to build. The story connects finding Jesus, improving lives and full-contact grappling and striking.

Not so long ago—the summer of 2012—on a street not far away—McKenzie Avenue—Ivan Paz was punching a bag in his carport. Passing teenagers asked if they could join him. The former gang member (BA '09, Sem '15) saw a teachable moment. "The vision was born," says Jesse Paz, Ivan's brother and 701 United's program director and sole full-time employee.

Daily training sessions began. Neighbors supported young men building their bodies and blowing off steam without gangs. Eventually MMA professionals were holding demonstrations in the back yard.

Ronnie was about 13 that first day and living one more 93701 tale: broken home (father deported), mom struggling to raise kids, gangs and drugs everywhere. But Ronnie stuck around to become a 701 United volunteer and part-time staff. Today he's interned in a bank, will graduate high school with honors and has been accepted to United States Marine Corps recruit training.

"Ronnie had all this dark stuff going on and we've helped him overcome that," Jesse says. "That's what we do."

Jesse knows the dark stuff. He wasn't hitting the bag at his brother's that summer because he was in prison. By the time Jesse got out in 2015, he had accepted Christ and

Social Enterprises Face Special Challenges

It's not easy running a business—attracting customers, developing employees and keeping up with laws and regulations can make anyone who wants to be their own boss feel like they're working for everyone but themselves.

- Social enterprise puts a different spin on these concerns:
- They don't appeal to all investors. While a social enterprise might provide some monetary return, breaking even is a victory. Pursuing a triple bottom line of financial sustainability, social impact and environmental stewardship won't provide the same profitability as a purely financial investment.
- Entrepreneurs need a personal personnel approach. The goal of a typical business is to fill each job with the most qualified person. Social enterprises seek to hire the hard to employ and prepare them for a more conventional next job.
- Often social enterprises can't or don't price their products or services at the top of the market. This means they also have to raise money and balance business revenue and fundraising.
- The churches and nonprofits that often sponsor social enterprises are not used to working non-profits under business regulations. While formats that blend business and are expanding, finding and understanding them takes time and expertise.



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ALUMNI
PROFILE

ROB ROSE
M.Div. '06


Seminary Lessons in Afghanistan

By Wayne Steffen

A challenging call led Rob Rose (M.Div. '06) on an unusual path for a graduate of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (MBBS, now Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary).

Captain Rose, United States Air Force, is a military chaplain in Afghanistan, a journey that began about 14 years ago. "It began with a call to ministry, specifically to military ministry. I had a weak pacifist streak in me from some high school friends, and my wife, a Navy brat, had warned me of the challenges to family a military life offers," he says. "I knew God was calling me to family, first, so the military call seemed a challenge. Yet, knowing God was calling me there, I figured God would work out the details."

Though a life-long Presbyterian, Rose called MBBS a good choice. "They taught me how to treat the Scripture with respect and honor and taught me how to treat people with respect and honor. They also taught me more about being Presbyterian and Reformed than I would have learned at a Reformed seminary. I had to argue for my call to the military in every class


and with many fellow students," he says. (Rose's father, David Bruce Rose, Ph.D., is an associate professor of marriage and family therapy at FPBS.)

After pastoring churches and serving in the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, Rose was picked up for active duty, first at Travis Air Force Base, near Fairfield, CA, then to Afghanistan for the fall of 2016. On deployment, in addition to leading worship, providing care and counsel and coordinating volunteers, "I also protect the Constitutional rights for our troops to the free exercise of religion," he says. "I coordinate Roman Catholic and Orthodox priest visits. I provide space for non-Christian religious groups to practice their faith. I provide care to those in our hospital. I visit people in their workplace offering encouragement and support. I also advise leaders at all levels on moral, spiritual and religious issues."

Rose was attached to Train Advise Assist Command-Air (TAAC-Air), part of Operation Resolute Support, an international effort to build a self-sustaining

Afghan nation. "I still have a pacifist streak, and Fresno Pacific (MBBS) helped me see the value of human life and God's wholeness and healing in a brand new way," he says.

TAAC-Air helps Afghanistan build an air force. "What we are doing is helping put the country back together, and helping the Afghan people do so in an Afghan way. It is super exciting to see Afghans begin to understand how their government can provide security for their own people—and how a capable air force helps the ground forces do that," Rose says.

A capable Air Force can perform humanitarian activities such as evacuating people affected by landslides and flooding. "We are on the front lines of seeing Afghans work to build a healthy, sustainable Afghan nation. I am blessed to be part of that," Rose says. 

The views expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense or the U.S. government.



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1955-1973

THE FACE OF PACIFIC

By Kevin Enns-Rempel, Director, Hiebert Library

Ben Lippold is scarcely remembered at Fresno Pacific University. But those who study and work on the Chestnut Avenue main campus interact with his legacy every day, since he designed almost every building there before the mid-1970s.




Benjamin Franklin Lippold was born in 1912 in Wilmington, DE, growing up in Middletown, NY. He graduated from MIT in 1936 with a degree in architecture. After his discharge from the Navy in 1946, Lippold moved with his wife and daughter to Fresno for a position with an architectural firm. In 1948 he opened his own office. During his career Lippold completed roughly 50 school projects in the Central Valley, including buildings for Centennial Elementary School in Fresno and Reedley College. He also designed HUD housing and a fire station at San Pablo and Divisadero streets.

Lippold's first contact with Pacific Bible Institute came in 1955, when he was one of several architects asked to create plans for the property recently purchased near Chestnut and Butler avenues. By 1956 the board had selected Lippold to be campus architect.

His first FPU project was the building now known as Sattler Hall, completed in 1959. Over the next 14 years, Lippold designed a dozen projects on campus, including Witmarsum Quad (1960-1968), Strasbourg Quad (1960-1971), Alumni Hall (1964), the old amphitheater (1965), Marpeck Center (1967), the seminary apartments (1966-1969), North Hall (1970), an addition to Hiebert Library (1973) and an addition to the old facilities management building (1973).

Marpeck Center is his most distinctive and creative Fresno Pacific project. Its 24-sided design, which Lippold made reality based on an idea by then president Arthur Wiebe, Ph.D., inspired the college to run an advertisement in *Time* magazine that asked “What college would choose an icositetragon rather than a football team?”

Though newer and larger buildings now overshadow much of his work,

perhaps no other person has done more to quite literally shape Fresno Pacific University than Ben Lippold. 

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dorianne Bennett (BA '16) is employed at Quall Cardot LLP Law Firm, which focuses on business, collections and real estate litigation.

Emily (Wright BA '16) Mooney and husband Benjamin are missionaries with Bethel Ministries International in Guatemala. BMI, an inter-denominational ministry, exists to advance social transformation by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. BMI travels throughout the country giving out wheelchairs, food and clothing, as well as building houses for those in need. Emily and Benjamin are ecstatic to be living out God's calling on their lives in Guatemala.

Michael Smith (BA '16) participated in the pediatric residency research group (UCSF Fresno Pediatrics) researching accessibility to services for families that have children with Down Syndrome in Fresno County. The group's research was accepted by the Western Medical Research Conference that took place January 26 in Carmel, CA.

Benjamin Steven (MA '16) is employed by First Baptist Bonham, TX, as an outreach pastor.

Nuriddin Ziyadinov (BA '16) is employed by the American Red Cross as an AmeriCorp disaster relief member. He works with multiple counties in Northern California to establish connections with agencies and carry out projects in home fire prevention and other areas.

Anthony Duhon (BA '13) is chief of staff for the Madera County Board of Supervisors.

Rosalyn Jamili (BA '12) is a legal research assistant with the San Francisco Superior Court.

Eldar Moraru (BA '10) is a customer service specialist with the Corporation Service Company.

Michael Spinelli (SEM '95, BA '86, AA '83) is lead pastor at Perkiomenville (PA) Mennonite Church.

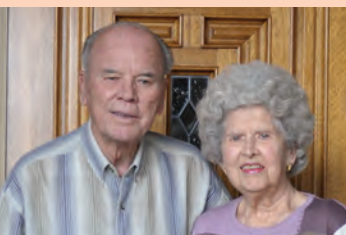


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MEMORIUM

Marvin Steinert left legacy at FPU and beyond



Long-time friend of Fresno Pacific University Marvin Steinert, 94, Bakersfield, died April 22, 2017. "Marvin Steinert will be remembered as our most generous donor to the university, the FPU Foundation and the seminary. His interests were wide-ranging but always in the best interest of the university," said Mark Deffenbacher, executive director, Fresno Pacific University Foundation.

The couple's more than \$4.6 million in gifts to FPU provided significant funding for Steinert Athletic Complex, Steinert Campus Center, AIMS Hall of Mathematics & Science, the Harold and Betty Haak Tennis Complex, McDonald Hall, the recent track resurfacing, land expansion and the ongoing Performing Arts Center project, plus the endowments for Steinert Campus Center and the Steinert Kruger Scholarship. Marvin also brought his entrepreneurial expertise to the university as an emeritus member of the FPU Board of Trustees and Foundation Board.

The Steinerts were named the Outstanding Philanthropists of 2011 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) San Joaquin Valley Chapter. "It's all through the grace of Jesus Christ," Marvin said.

Read the full article at fpu.edu/Steinert-legacy

IN THE NEWS

The State Center Community College District Board appointed **John Leal (MA '16)** as president. fpu.edu/301-leal

Jonathan Salles (MA '15, BS '13), became head baseball coach at San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno after one year as Kingsburg High School coach. fpu.edu/301-salles

Timerie Correia (BA '14) was featured in *The Hanford Sentinel* as a new fifth grade teacher at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Hanford, CA. fpu.edu/301-correia

Melissa Bergen (SEM '09, BA '04), pastor at Iglesia Compañerismo Cristiano and local missions director at Shafter MB Church, wrote the story of one undocumented teen's journey to college: "When Dreams Come True," for *Christian Leader* magazine. fpu.edu/301-bergen

Mark D. Baker, Ph.D., professor of mission and theology, **Ivan Paz, (BA '09, SEM '15)** and **Sheri Wiedenhoefer (MA '04, BA '85)** made up a panel on Catholic Social Teaching 101, a program on KNXT-TV. Paz is a community activist and Wiedenhoefer is director of Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA), a prisoner-reentry program for high-risk offenders that follows a restorative justice model. fpu.edu/301-paz and fpu.edu/301-wiedenhoefer

Selma Unified School District administrator **Efraín Tovar (MA '06, BA '95)** has been selected as a participant in the Google for Education Certified Innovator Program, joining a worldwide community of 1,300 certified innovators. He is a frequent speaker at local, state and national conferences, addressing

how to use technology to meet the linguistic/digital needs of second language learners and their parents. He is the founder of @CAellchat, a global network for teachers who teach second language learners, and the Central Valley Coding Project, whose mission is to provide equitable access to coding opportunities for students and teachers. Efrain is also involved with the Central Valley Computer Using Educators (@CVCUE). Efrain and wife **Susan Tovar (BA '06)** have three daughters and one son. certifiedinnovators.com

Lori Hamada (MA '91), executive director of the AIMS Center for Math and Science Education, was honored during the 33rd Annual Top Ten Professional Women and Leadership Business Awards October 14, 2016, at Fresno's Convention Center Exhibit Hall. mmcenter.org/top-ten and AIMS visit aimsedu.org/

Golden State Warriors Assistant Coach **Ron Adams (BA '69)** was inducted into the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame November 3, 2016, in the 58th annual Enshrinement Awards Dinner at the Fresno Convention Center. Currently in his third season with the Warriors and 22nd overall as an NBA assistant, Ron served as head coach of Fresno Pacific from 1972-75, as well as head coach of Fresno State from 1986-90. The Laton, CA, native also served as an assistant coach at both schools in addition to stints on the bench at U.S. International University, UC Santa Barbara and UNLV. Prior to joining the Warriors, Ron was an assistant coach with the Boston Celtics (2013-14), Chicago Bulls (2003-08, 2010-13), Oklahoma City Thunder (2008-10), Milwaukee Bucks (1998-2003), Philadelphia 76ers (1994-96) and San Antonio Spurs (1992-94). In each of the past two seasons, Ron was voted as the best assistant coach in the league in NBA.com's annual survey of general managers. Established in 1958, the Fresno Athletic Hall of Fame honors Fresno area athletes for outstanding achievement in their sport. fresnoahof.org

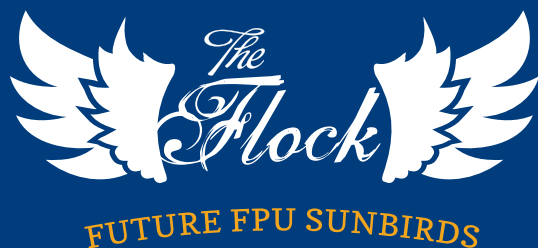


BIRTHS

Alia (BA '15) and Voff **Bogdanoff** announces the birth of McKoy Voss Bogdanoff on August 1, 2016.

Jared (TC '14, BA '12) and **Emily (Akina BA '11) Barcelos** announce the birth of Annie Gayle Barcelos on October 14, 2016. She was 7 lbs. and 20.5 inches long.

Jason (BA '12) and Melinda **Havay** announce the birth of Gunner Benedict Sebastien on January 20, 2017. He was 10 lbs., 3 oz.



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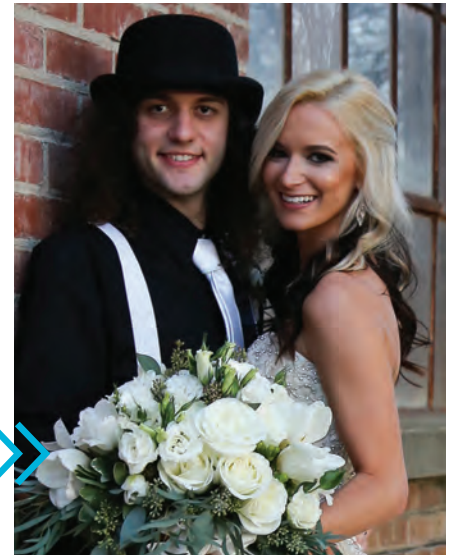
MARRIAGES



Travis Beck (BA '16) married **Savannah Heskett (BA '16)** on July 30, 2016. Savannah is working at Guarantee Real Estate and Travis is working for Alliant, selling insurance.

Katharine Lee (BS '15), married **Alexander Ours (BS '15)** on Oct. 8, 2016.

Nicole May (BA '15) married Kimo Alaman on February 27, 2016. Kimo has a guitar repair business called Kimora Guitar Repair and Nicole is a kindergarten teacher at Red Bank Elementary School, Clovis.



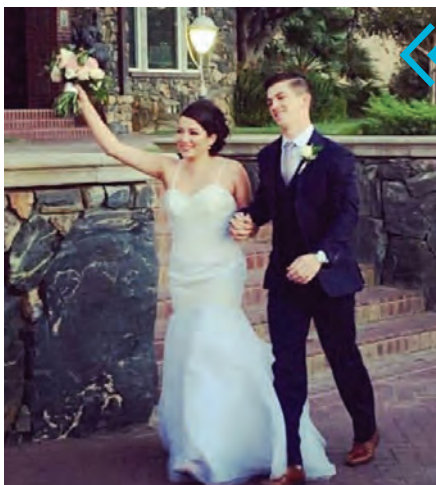
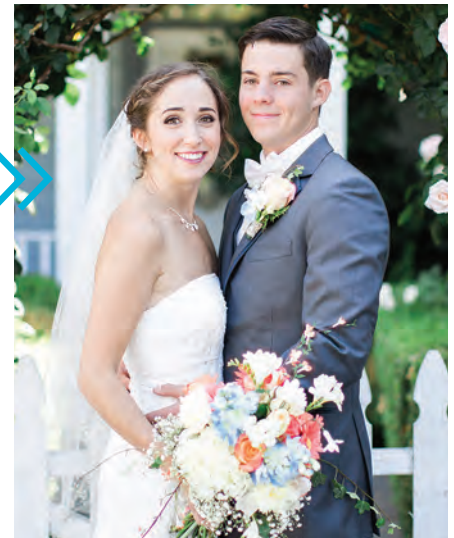
Danielle Mortimer (BA '15) married **Alvaro Nogales (BA '16)** on August 6, 2016.

Katelyn Hayden (BA '14) married Tim Case on June 12, 2016, in Kingsburg, CA.

Travis Jessus (BA '14) married **Bailey Doyle (BA '14)** on June 25, 2016. Bailey is teaching third grade at Monroe Elementary in the Hanford Elementary School District and Travis is the accountant at the Central Valley Community Foundation in Fresno.

Allyson Robison (MA '14) married John-Reed McDonald on October 14, 2016, in San Francisco.

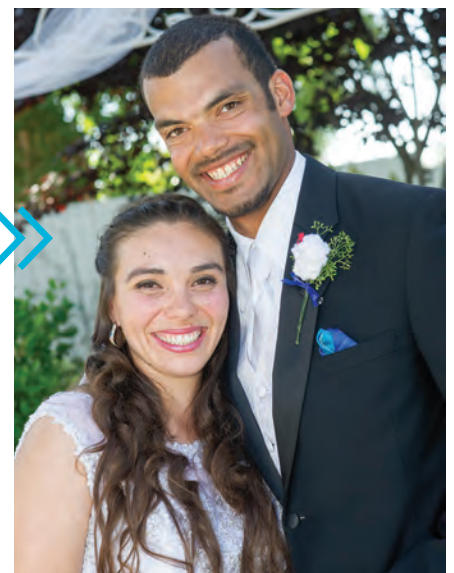
Elena Rodriguez (BA '13) married Matthew Vincent on March 19, 2016, in Fresno.



Vanessa Carrasco (BA '14) married former student **Jordan Cardoza** on September 3, 2016, in Clovis.

Addison Lyons (TC '12, BA '11) married **Colleen Rooney (BA '12)** on May 30, 2015.

Christa Dean (BA '07) married Joshua Benton on March 12, 2016, in Portland, OR. The two have enjoyed attempting to puddle jump all over Oregon, and making a happy family with their two dogs.



DEATHS

Debbie Manning (MA '88), 66, Fresno teacher and co-owner of Petunia's Place bookstore, died after a nearly year-long fight with cancer. fpu.edu/301-manning

Robert Kroeker (PBI '52, SEM '71), 88, died February 27, 2017. A 1952 graduate of then Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Bob and wife Wanda (PBI '49) spent 21 years with MB Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He was later lead pastor in several area churches (including Madera MB and Zion MB, Dinuba), directed the MB Christian Service Program and served in short-term ministries in Minot, ND, and Lithuania. Bob ministered as chaplain while a resident at Palm Village Retirement Community and volunteered there until shortly before his death. The Bakersfield native is survived by his son Gordon and wife Luise, daughter Cindy and husband Merlin, son-in-law John Musgrave, brother Orville and others. More at fpu.edu/301-kroeker

Leslie "Les" Mark, 92, died February 26, 2017. Les was emeritus professor in biblical studies and Spanish at Fresno Pacific, and admission counselor for Hispanic students. He also directed Hispanic ministries at what was then Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. Les helped develop the Mexico Study Program. Other positions included professor at Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico; missionary to Guadalajara and India; short-term Mennonite Central Committee worker, Guatemala; several interim pastorates; and founding pastor of Hispano Instituto Biblico, Fresno, and Club Amigos Unidos, Fresno Pacific College. A native of Rochester, VT, Les earned his M.Div. at Gordon Divinity School, Wenham, MA. Survivors include two sons, David and wife Wendy and Steven and wife Barbara. More at fpu.edu/301-mark

Kay Elrich Spencer (FS '70), 67, died July 29, 2016. The Bakersfield native was an educator and client's rights advocate



with Disability Rights California. Survivors include alumni **Chuck Spencer (BA '70)**, husband; daughters Meredith Spencer and Meghan Sparling and husband Daniel; and others. fpu.edu/301-elrich

On August 25, 2016, Kay was honored on radio by FPU Board of Trustees member Larry Powell. fpu.edu/301-spencer

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was ready when Ivan picked him up and invited him to 701 United. "I was excited," he recalls. Jesse trained with kids that day and hasn't left. "701 United gives me an opportunity to give back to the community I once ran amuck in," he says.

701 United lights the darkness with physical fitness, Christian spirituality, leadership, acceptance and love. Paz, part-time staff and volunteers work with a consistent group of 15 teenagers, though the number can rise to 25, including 10 females. Fees range from \$5 for a class to \$15 for a month. The message of fitness and health is one the 701 needs to hear, Jesse says. Gyms aren't affordable or available, but fast food is. "People in low-income neighborhoods battle obesity," he says.

MMA's popularity brings teens in. "They can see it on TV and here it is at a reasonable price," Jesse says. Once

inside, they see more than a gym. "I've seen whole families give their lives to Jesus," he says. "701 United is a place where lives are transformed."

More than money

The \$2,000 Spark Tank awarded Tree of Life in 2015 went into start-up costs. YMI put the \$2,000 it got in 2014 into kitchen equipment and the \$2,000 701 United received in 2013 helped hire part-time staff. But Spark Tank has meant more than money to these social entrepreneurs.

For Tree of Life, the benefit has been connections. Bryan Feil (BA '07), CEO of Lanna Coffee, and Jake Soberal, co-founder and co-CEO of Bitwise Industries, were judges. Today Lanna is the café's only coffee, and the location near Bitwise is no accident. "We've gotten nothing but support from the people we've met, and we hope to help

them as well," Carolyn Ocheltree says.

Eddie Valero, who helped judge Spark Tank in 2016, was moved to think more about how YMI could generate income rather than depending on grants, donations and public funding. "I will always hold Spark Tank dear," he says.

Spark Tank motivated 701 United to be strategic and organized. "With the support we were able to build a concrete ministry in the neighborhood," Jesse Paz says. Spark tank helped get the word out to students and donors. "It's been a blessing," he says.

A path out of rehab, toward manhood or into physical and spiritual fitness—whatever a social enterprise looks like, whatever it offers customers, it's a way forward for those who need help and those who want to help them. 🏠



LIVES TRANSFORMED

MIRELLA ESTELA MATA

Right Place, Right People

By Wayne Steffen

Mirella Estela Mata knows the power of the right friends.

The Southeast Fresno native felt adrift after two years at Fresno State University. She still wasn't sure her major—criminology/victimology—was what she wanted, or even what it entailed. She was sure she needed a group of Christians her own age.

Joining the Micah Project, a residential discipleship program operated by North Fresno Church-Mennonite Brethren, gave Estela support and led her to FPU. Her Micah Project mentor was Cindy Jurado, FPU director of College Hour and chapel programs.


Jurado was not Estela's first contact with FPU, as her mother, Socorro M. Acosta, earned her B.A. through the degree completion program. With Jurado's encouragement, Estela enrolled and eventually changed her major to social work, graduating in May 2017. Growth that started at the Micah Project continued at FPU. "God couldn't have come up with a more perfect plan than to start there and bring me here," Estela says.

FPU deepened "the practicality" of Estela's faith, which she credits to the Mennonite Brethren influence.

Estela grew up an uninvolved Roman Catholic. After her family started attending a Hispanic Baptist church, Estela came to understand Jesus but was uncomfortable with what she calls a heavy focus on evangelism and very conservative outlook. "I felt stuck in that sense," she says.

At FPU, Estela has become very involved with the Office of Spiritual Formation as a student worker and part of the College Hour Team, Multicultural Scholars and Asian Fellowship. She is also a student representative to the West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Board and has an internship with the Fresno Police Chaplaincy. "FPU has a really unique way to give people a voice," she says.

Mirella and husband Justin Mata even come to church at FPU. They attend New Beginnings Community Baptist Church, which meets on the main campus and is pastored by University Pastor Angulus Wilson, Ph.D.

Thanks to the right people, Estela is off the "rough path" she was on toward becoming a "typical college party young adult." "I've been able to feel confident in my faith as my own," she says. 



EDITOR'S NOTE

Do you know a student who has been transformed at FPU? Contact Wayne Steffen at wsteffen@fresno.edu

Hall of Fame Inducts First Full Team

Sometimes excellence comes individually, sometimes in a whole team.

By Wayne Steffen

Fresno Pacific University honored individuals and a team at the Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, April 25, 2017, in the Special Events Center. The class included the first team inductee, Sunbird-Viking student-athletes who excelled both in their athletic and professional careers and a team doctor.

More at fpu.edu/301-fame

1973 Men's Track & Field Team

The 1973 men's track & field team was among the first to make a name for the university by going toe-to-toe with larger, well-known programs. The group established school records in nearly every event, including three that stand today. Led by Hall of Fame coach Jerry Huhn, these Vikings placed 10th nationally at the NAIA championships. Steve Hardison set a national championship record and earned a title in the pole vault. Dennis McCave joined Hardison as an All-American, while the Vikings also had four NAIA District champions (Hardison, McCave, Roger Trujillo and Dennis Anderson). Perhaps the team's most memorable moment was March 17, 1973, with FPU's first victory over Fresno State.

Anna Butz

(Volleyball, Track & Field: 1984-1988)

Anna Butz was a two-sport All-American. In volleyball, she led the 1986 team to an undefeated season and to the Sunbirds' first regular season championship. Butz was selected to the NAIA All-American First Team in 1987. In track, she was

GSAC champion in the 100 hurdles and the high jump in 1987 and an All-American in 1988. She still holds the school heptathlon record. Butz became a children's counselor in Surrey, BC, Canada.

Edgardo Contreras

(Men's Soccer: 1997-2000)

The most prolific scorer in men's soccer, Edgardo Contreras was a two-time GSAC Player of the Year (1998, 1999), three-time All-American (1998, 1999, 2000) and four-time All-GSAC honoree (1997-2000). He led the 1998 and 1999 teams to GSAC championships. He still holds records in goals in a single game, career goals, points and game-winning goals. Contreras is a teacher and soccer coach at West Hills College.


Dennis McCave

(Track & Field: 1969-1973)

Dennis McCave dominated the throwing events and was named Outstanding Field Athlete twice. He earned All-American honors in 1973, the same year set a school hammer record that still stands and reached the NAIA national championships. He went on to a career in the sheriff's department in Billings, MT, and the Yellowstone County Detention Facility, the largest in Montana.

Malcolm Ghazal, M.D.

Malcolm Ghazal, M.D., team physician since 1997, posthumously received the university's second Legacy Award, honoring lifetime contributions. In addition to caring for all student-athletes, he

mentored the sports medicine staff and helped establish policies and procedures. Dr. Ghazal completed his orthopedic surgery residency at McGill University after earning his Doctor of Medicine from Loma Linda University. Dr. Ghazal died on March 10, 2015. His wife, Michelle Bernard, accepted the award. 

Sunbirds Join Kids Day



The sun rose on smiling Sunbirds March 7, 2017, as student-athletes and others from FPU helped raise money for Valley Children's Healthcare. For 30 years, the annual Kids Day event has seen volunteers standing on Valley street corners selling special editions of *The Fresno Bee* to benefit the hospital. This year members of the women's and men's water polo and women's volleyball teams joined coaches, administrators and staff to sell 700 newspapers and raise more than \$1,500 for the effort, sponsored by The Bee and KFSN-TV, ABC Channel 30. Kid's Day has raised nearly \$8 million. More at: fpu.edu/301-day



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“The scholarship was actually huge for me. It allowed me to live on campus and get the full FPU experience,”
- Carlee Clarke

Scholarships Accumulate Human Dividends

By Wayne Steffen

Scholarships improve students' lives. At Fresno Pacific University, they also build relationships.

Take the scholarships funded by the Leon S. Peters Foundation and the Karl and Nancy Avakian Family Endowed Scholarship. The Peters Foundation offers scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the Leon and Alice Peters Business Leadership Scholarship. The Avakian Scholarship assists undergraduate students and honors an alumnus and church leader.

The annual Scholarship Dinner, (this year on April 6) brings together those who give and those who receive. “It’s really special to us and we’re grateful,” said David Peters, of the Peters Foundation Board.

“It’s just nice to know people are willing to invest money in students,” said John Samson, who gets the Avakian Scholarship.

Why they give

Karl Avakian was born in Egypt in 1936, moving to the United States at 21 to attend Pacific Bible Institute, the forerunner of FPU. He also graduated from the then-Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. He became moderator



and conference minister of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America. Avakian joined the FPU Board in 1990 and served until his 2010 death. The scholarship is continued by wife Nancy and daughter Laura.

Karl Avakian faced the same challenges as many current students. “He didn’t know how he was going to pay for private schools,” Nancy said. “He received a lot of financial help from a lot of people.”

Faith and gratitude led Avakian to help others. “He often said, I came from Egypt to the promised land,” Nancy said.

Leon S. Peters (1905-1983) was from Fowler, CA. After high school, he worked on his father’s ranch and did custom tractor work. Peters was later a salesman for Valley Foundry and

Machine Works, eventually owning the company. Peters and his wife, Alice, invested in the community. He chaired at least 12 community and charitable organizations. Today, the foundation is overseen by a board, including nephews Ken Peters, president, and David Peters.

“I got interested in the kids at Fresno Pacific because of their integrity,” Ken Peters said. “It makes us feel good we can do these things for deserving people who can make the community better.”

The university’s Christian witness is important, as is the sacrifice students and families make to attend, David Peters said. “They really want to come here.”

Why they're grateful

Derek Arkelian and Carlee Clarke receive Peters scholarships. Arkelian is a junior from Clovis majoring in kinesiology with an emphasis in physical therapy who plays outfield for the Sunbirds and is preparing to become a physician's assistant with a part-time job as a scribe at a local hospital. Clarke (BA '16) is in the teacher credential program. The Selma native spends her days student teaching fifth grade at Ronald W. Reagan Elementary School in Kingsburg and attends classes at night.

FPU had long been in Clarke's plans. "I always knew I wanted to be a teacher, and if you want to be a teacher in the Central Valley, Fresno Pacific is the place to do it," she said.

"The scholarship was actually huge for me. It allowed me to live on campus and get the full FPU experience," Clarke said.

Arkelian wanted to stay close to home for college. "Being able to play baseball in my hometown was important to me," he said.

Strong academics and a community where he could get to know students and professors also figured into his calculations. "Here I knew I was going to be successful past baseball," Arkelian said.

Avakian Scholarship recipient John Samson is a Bakersfield senior majoring in communications and contemporary Christian ministries who serves as a resident assistant and admissions ambassador. He will spend next year at a New York City nonprofit helping young people in foster care.

Samson's scholarship allowed him to take an unpaid internship with Fresno Area Community Enterprises (FACE,) a social enterprise at North Fresno MB Church. "I could get experience I wouldn't have been able to get if I'd needed to use the time for a part-time job," he said.

Speaking for many, Arkelian describes the difference his scholarship makes: "I don't know if I could be here without it." 🏠



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Building Body and Spirit

"They were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart." -Acts 2:46

Eating together builds community at FPU today, just as it did in the early church, and Shehadey Dining Hall in Steinert Campus Center is where that happens for most of our students.

Built in 2003, the room is named for the late Larry Shehadey, owner of Producers Dairy and a major contributor to the campus center project. Every year over 200,000 meals are served, and after 13 years and more than 2.6 million meals, renovations were required. The university community began the Shehadey renovation project in 2016 and, thanks to donors and friends, these renovations will be completed in August 2017:

- New lighting
- New tables and chairs
- Pizza oven
- Panini press
- New paint
- Banquette seating



Board members, local companies, vendors, alumni, parents and friends have contributed to update this place where our students eat together, laugh together, study together and form friendships with one another, faculty and staff.

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