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president's message

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Engaging the Cultures and Serving the Cities—this is the essence of the Fresno Pacific Idea for the 21st Century. In this edition and those to follow, we will be reporting on how we are living out this core identity as a Christian prophetic community. To prepare our graduates to lead and serve in the church and society, we have the responsibility of nurturing a learning environment that models the outcomes we hope our students will carry back to their families and forward to their communities. As a Christian community, our first responsibility is to live the life of love in our work and relationships. To follow the wisdom of the Scriptures: “by love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13).

You may be curious about our direction for the future. We shall walk in the possibilities, reminding ourselves of the words of Jesus: “... but with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26). Our future is full of possibilities that will demonstrate the light and splendor of God. We are becoming a unique university in five locations, serving as many different student populations: seminary, graduate, bachelor's degree completion, traditional and online. We are extending our classrooms to

learn and serve in the cities and towns where we have established presence. Even the plans for our upcoming Cultural and Arts Center will engage cultures and serve the city. Not only will this be a venue of learning for our students, it will be a vehicle of outreach for elementary students and the senior community in our region.

As an institution, we will continue our effort to extend the influence of the kingdom of God through our work with students. All our efforts in building new facilities, renovating the old, launching new initiatives and sustaining current programs will align with our purpose since our founding as a university: to honor God in the Valley and around the world.

Thank you for investing in this future. Your commitments to FPU will impact the lives of thousands of students who will, in turn, impact cities and towns including Fresno, Bakersfield, Visalia and Merced, as well as online and across this country. We trust in your continued support in prayers and finances. Your support has sustained us in the past, but will now catapult us into an exciting new future.

Thanks so much,
Joseph Jones, Ph.D.



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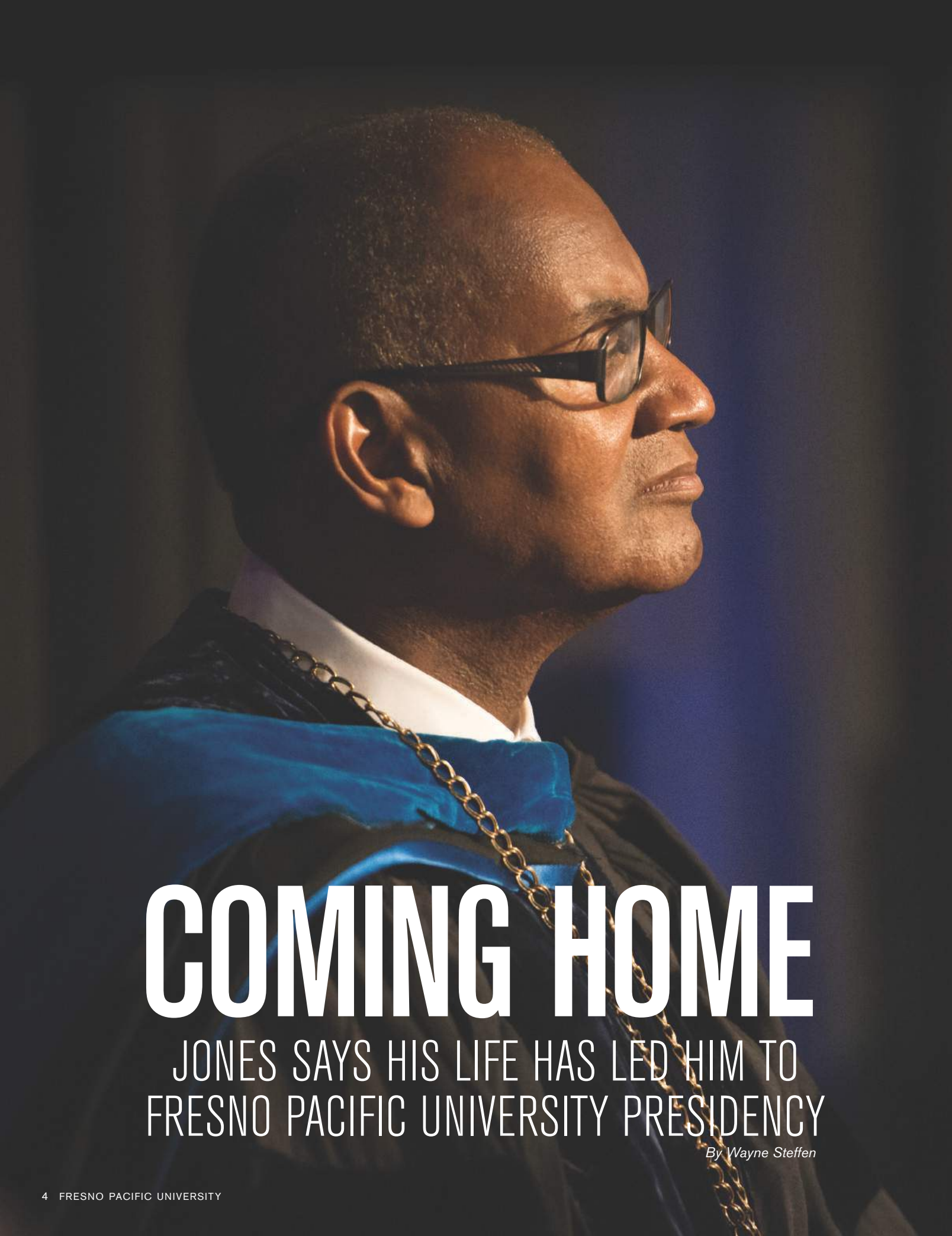
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COMING HOME

JONES SAYS HIS LIFE HAS LED HIM TO
FRESNO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY PRESIDENCY

By Wayne Steffen



A well-traveled president

was officially welcomed to his new home October 28, 2017, as Joseph Jones, Ph.D., was inaugurated thirteenth president of Fresno Pacific University.

After a professional journey that has taken him and wife Yvette from Pennsylvania to Pakistan, Jones woke up one morning in Fresno with a new feeling. “It just came to me—I’m home. This is the first place we have been that it didn’t seem we were working and making steps toward something, but we’re home,” he told about 550 faculty, staff, students, administrators and guests such as community college presidents and area school superintendents gathered in the Special Events Center on the main FPU campus, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno.

Jones comes to FPU from Forman Christian College in Lahore, Pakistan, where he was vice rector, overseeing academic programs and administration, marketing and enrollment for a school whose 6,347 students range in age from kindergarten to doctoral

candidates. Prior to FCC, Jones spent more than two decades in Christian colleges and universities in Chicago, IL; Mechanicsburg, PA; Fort Wayne, IN; and Rochester, NY.

Looking around his new home, Jones sees challenge and promise, but not a place to rest. “How would the world change if we awoke each morning looking at the possibilities?” he asked.

Jones suggested three “disruptive” strategies for living out his call for FPU to “engage the cultures and serve the cities” as well as FPU’s theme verse, Matthew 19:26: “With God all things are possible.”

None of these ideas are new to FPU, “but it is not common for these principles to be intentionally pervasive in our work, outreach and learning environment,” according to Jones. Making them so will help the university “do common things in an uncommon way,” he said.

Encouraging a selfless passion for learning



In its long commitment to first-generation, underserved and undocumented students, FPU has shown its compassion. The university should stretch its academic and professional education. “Not for our own gain, but for the love of God, and for the dignity of others,” Jones said.

Empowering a spirit of reconciliation and peacemaking



Striving for peace and reconciliation changes our whole view of those we identify as our adversaries as we work with them. “Can we be known as a community that assists adversaries to become partners?” he asked.

Inspiring courageous innovation



Like many universities, we teach change in the classroom but fear making change because it is disruptive. “We dare not dream for fear of being disappointed,” he said. But if we trust in God love will drive out fear.

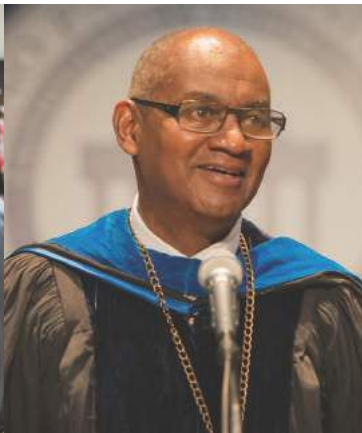


God clearly has a dream for FPU, Jones said. “What is God thinking when he brings an African American couple...to serve a Hispanic-serving institution in a part of California we’ve never been to before?” he asked. “Maybe God is preparing us all for an uncommon journey. It is on this pathway that we will engage the cultures and serve the cities.”

Welcoming Jones were family—including his mother, two adult daughters and their husbands and five grandchildren—old friends and new neighbors. “Seize this moment of abundant promise,” Kim Phipps, Ph.D., said in introducing

Jones. Phipps, president of Messiah College, hired Jones as a dean. “I am confident he will expand this institution’s canopy of favor in service to the surrounding region and beyond.”

“On behalf of our churches, the (FPU) Board of Trustees and the entire university community, let me just say, ‘Welcome home, Jones family, welcome home,’ said Gary Wall, D.Min., conference pastor of the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, with which FPU is affiliated. Other speakers included Paul Binion, senior pastor at West Side Church of God, Fresno; Terry Brensinger, Ph.D., president of Fresno Pacific



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Biblical Seminary and vice president of FPU; Don Griffith, chair of the FPU Board of Trustees; and Shirley Hoogstra, J.D., president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Andrea Cook, Ph.D., president of Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR, read Scripture along with Peter Rios, DSL, director of Academic Innovation at FPU. Angulus Wilson, Ph.D., university pastor, gave the benediction, and Wall, Griffith, Binion and Valerie Rempel, Ph.D., dean of FPBS, gave a prayer of dedication to Jones, who knelt on the stage with Yvette and family members. Music was provided by the FPU Symphonic Band, conducted by Erik Leung,

D.M.A., director of bands; Dieter Wulfhorst, D.M.A., associate professor of music, cello; Crosswind, conducted by Melita Mudri-Zubacz, M.M., music instructor; Concert Choir, conducted by Bethany Alvey, D.M.A., assistant professor of music; and Walter Saul, D.M.A., professor of music, organ.

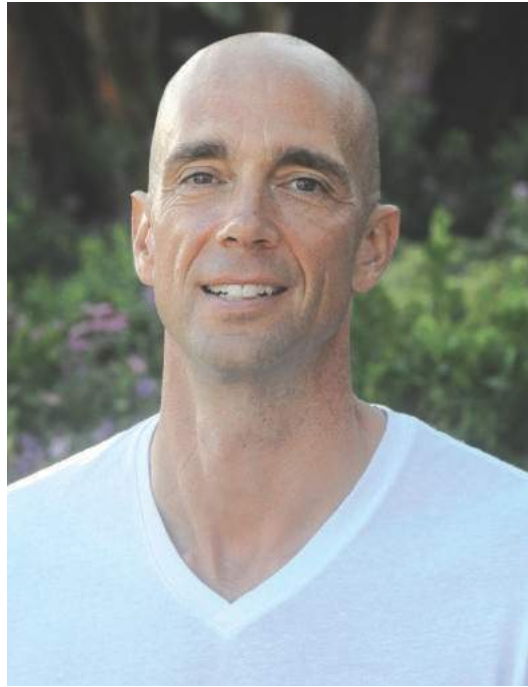
A reception and a dinner followed the inauguration. 🏠



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more than delicious

By Katie Fries

Food Network and Instagram say food is trendy—entrepreneurial alumni are adding servanthood, science and health to the recipe, and their customers are eating up what they're serving.

A sweet tradition of service

At Stafford's Chocolates (staffordschocolates.com), the Taylor family and staff handcraft confections using the recipes and methods of original owner Larry Stafford.

Robert Taylor (MA '10) and son Ben purchased the company from the Stafford family about six years ago. "It caught my eye," says the leadership studies grad. "I'd finished my master's and saw a really unique opportunity."

Today, Stafford's Chocolates is adding some old-school flavor to its home in Porterville. Stafford "learned to make chocolate from a 90-year-old chocolatier from Europe," Taylor says. "We use the same techniques chocolatiers used 100 years ago."

Stafford's is, in fact, one of the few chocolate companies that still makes its products by hand. Employees make treats like truffles, brittle, caramels and the best-selling Ooey Gooey Bar, made from peanut butter, marshmallow, caramel, almonds and chocolate. Except for the chocolate itself, all ingredients—from dairy products to fruits and nuts—are local.

The company, which has always been headquartered in Porterville, recently reopened in a 110-year-old building in the city's downtown area, where visitors can watch candy being made through the front window and enjoy coffee, tea and specialty drinks in a seating area. A second location is in Los Olivos, CA.

Taylor understands he bought not just a business, but a community tradition. Just after Christmas a man came in to buy a box of chocolates. Taylor wasn't sure why he would want chocolate after Christmas, until the customer said



it was for a daughter in the military spending her first Christmas away from family. Her one request was for a “taste of home”—a box of Stafford’s chocolates.

“There are so many people who have grown up with Stafford’s here and made it part of their family,” Taylor says. “We feel like we have a responsibility to continue our business and be really good at it because people are counting on us.”

So each year, Stafford’s supports a local organization, such as the Porterville Area Coordinating Council, and all employees are involved in service. “Who wouldn’t want to make their community a better place to live?” Taylor says.

Although Taylor had experience as a business owner before buying the company, FPU profoundly influenced how he operates Stafford’s Chocolates. Returning to school in his 40s meant Taylor had held different roles throughout his career. “I was really able to look at both sides of the coin,” he says.

The lessons Taylor learned as a student are the basis of his business philosophy. “What I try to explain to my employees is, ‘I want you to be servants to each other,’” he says. “We make and sell chocolates. We’re all about love, in the end.”

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Science and health: a delicious combination

Greg Zuffelato (BA '94) also found direction at FPU, though it took some time before he applied the lessons to a career in the food industry. The founder of the Too Busy to Eat (busybar.co) line of nutrition bars became interested in health and science during his years at the university, where he majored in environmental biology and played on the basketball team.

“That was the foundation,” he says. “That was the launching point for my love of fitness and exercise and overall health. The excitement I had for exercise and nutrition, coming out of FPU, was a big motivation.”

After FPU, Zuffelato embarked on careers as a science teacher and personal trainer. As a result, he became more interested in nutrition. He knew he could draw on his science and training backgrounds to create a healthy, on-the-go product for athletes and other busy people. He created a line of nutrition bars aimed at people who are, well, too busy to eat. Or too busy to sit down and eat a balanced meal, at any rate.

The bars are made from high quality ingredients like almond butter and grass-fed whey protein, and—Zuffelato is particularly proud of this—each bar contains only one gram of naturally occurring sugar. “They’re really healthy and taste good at the same time,” he says. “It’s all real foods, smashed into a bar.”

They’re meant for anybody, he says. But they’ve been most popular with busy parents. “Anybody in the family can eat it,” he says. “It’s good for kids, mom and dad. They can be for fitness junkies, cyclists...but the best fit is that busy, on-the-go mom. That’s just come from the experience of getting the bars out there.”



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Creating her own solutions

Kellie Black (MBA '14, BA '13) is also motivated to help busy people make healthy food choices. It's at the core of MÂCHE, her Visalia-based meal-prep business (gomache.com).

It was years in the making, she says. As a young child, her youngest daughter was plagued with health problems. Eventually, she was diagnosed with multiple food intolerances. "This was back before people were talking about gluten free," she notes. "Our whole world changed. We ate healthy—at least I thought we did—but we had to detail it, and it took a lot of effort."

As her children grew older, and her family's life began to include after-school activities, Black longed for a restaurant where people like her could "stop for a quick meal that was going to be healthy and not make our child sick."

She never forgot this dream, and when the time came to create a business

plan during her MBA coursework at FPU, she remembered her vision of a "healthy eatery."

The healthy eatery Black wished for as a young mom is soon to become a reality. She's in the process of opening a storefront, which will also provide space for the meal preparation aspect of business, a venture she initially took on for her family and a few friends.

"In between my bachelor's and my master's, I worked in sales," she said. "I had a friend who was eating fast food every single day. I said, 'I'll buy the food, I'll prepare it for you and you'll be good to go.' In that week his whole body changed. He lost five pounds, his skin cleared up, he had more energy and he saved a ridiculous amount of money. The next week, six of his co-workers called me."

Each meal typically includes a lean protein, a low-glycemic carbohydrate and in-season vegetables. As word of what she was doing spread, others requested her services. MÂCHE now prepares 200-300 meals





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– Kellie Black

a week—dishes like turkey chili and shrimp scampi with zucchini noodles—using fresh, local and allergen-free ingredients.

Turns out a lot of folks want to eat whole, healthy foods. “I thought my niche was just going to be food intolerances, and now it’s blossoming into feeding the need for almost every individual possible,” she marvels. “I have young college students, young athletes, clients with health issues like cancer, the elderly, working people who want to cook but after working eight hours and dragging kids to events...time is really what we’re giving people.”

But it’s not just about giving people time, or better health.

Black is passionate about giving back to the community in which she lives and works. Through her Feed the Need initiative, a portion of each meal’s proceeds is donated to Visalia Emergency Aid, which provides food support for food-insecure households.

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And without FPU, she says, she wouldn’t be able to do this work. “It was there where I blossomed as an individual,” she says. “I really grew to have an understanding of certain areas in business that are not my forte. They helped me tap into myself and have the courage to take my thoughts and chew on them and make something of them. There are no words to say how grateful I am for the opportunity. The only word that comes to mind is “blessed.” 🏠



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From Nazareth to Fresno: Bringing Out the Good

By Katie Fries

The sound of local voices is carrying well beyond Fresno, thanks to a new book.

Out of Nazareth: Christ-Centered Transformation in Unlikely Places is the collaborative effort of men and women working in the field of community transformation—many with connections to Fresno Pacific University. Randy White, D.Min., associate professor of community transformation and the executive director of the Center for Community Transformation (CCT), part of Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary, spearheaded the project after Urban Loft Publishers approached him in 2015 about writing a book on Christ-centered civic engagement.

At the time, White was too busy with CCT to devote additional time to a new book project. He did, however, propose a way it could still happen.

“H Spees and I decided we would conceive the book and offer ourselves as editors,” White says. Spees, D.Min., is a longtime pastor and community activist who is director of strategic

initiatives for Fresno Mayor Lee Brand. He is also an FPU instructor.

Spees and White called on local practitioners with expertise in particular areas to write the chapters. “It didn’t take long before we had a unique book where we had eight pretty diverse voices,” White says.

All contributors have ties to FPU or local churches or organizations, and are actively engaged in the work they wrote about. “None of the other writers had been published,” White says, “and that’s as it should be. We wanted to hear the voice of practitioners.”

Those voices include Monika Grasley, Jacob Huang and **Cathleen Lawler (MA ’09)**.

Huang, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology at FPU, discusses how community organizations can access and utilize data to create, manage and evaluate their projects. “By building an updated community data set,” he says, “community organizations can find common ground so their visions and resources can be shared and used more effectively.”

Grasley, executive director of LifeLine Community Development Corporation, outlines the process of asset-based community development (ABCD) using the example of Winton, an unincorporated town in Merced County. Winton is “known for violence, gangs and drugs, and yet a small group of community members came together to ‘put Winton on the map for something good,’” says Grasley, a former CCT Fellow.

Lawler highlights stories of increased collaborative efforts in Clovis. “Mainly among churches, but also with organizations, businesses and the city sectors—for the good of our city. This cross-sector collaboration takes a lot of work, limitless conversations and vision



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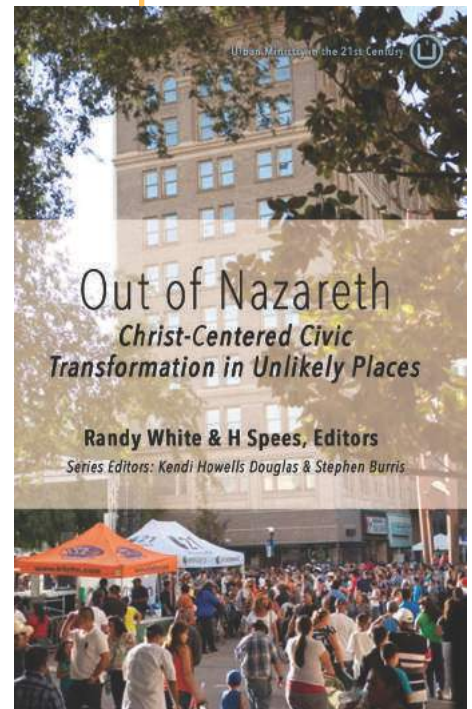
casting, but such efforts are leading change in communities,” she says. Lawler teaches at a university in Indonesia, is a ministry coach in the FPBS ministry, leadership and culture program and a community consultant for the CCT. She chose to continue the work of her dissertation, *Church Collaboration for City Transformation in a Context of Affluence*. “To have a project I have been so entrenched in for almost six years be included among those of great Valley leaders was an incredible privilege,” she says.

The remaining chapters were contributed by Phil (SEM '06) and Rici (Bell, MA '05, BA '02) Skei and Yammilette (Gutierrez MA '06) Rodriguez and Bryson White. The Skeis co-pastor On Ramps Covenant Church, Fresno. Rodriguez was an FPU staff member and is now senior director and national trainer at Youth Leadership in the Central Valley. Formerly a community organizer in his native Fresno, White is a doctoral student.

While these local voices give the book a distinct Valley perspective, it's designed to speak to anybody working

in community development. “This is a Fresno case study,” Randy White says, “but it's not just a Fresno book. Any person from any city in the country could read this and take some sort of encouragement or have some sort of example they can pull. If you can read this story and imagine similar systems, similar assets and resources, you can employ similar approaches that are specifically tailored to your own context.”

The book has already caught one important ear, attracting the endorsement of John Perkins, a Christian minister, civil rights activist and founder of the Christian Community Development Center. “Dr. Perkins is really the father of Christian leadership development here in the United States,” Randy White says. 



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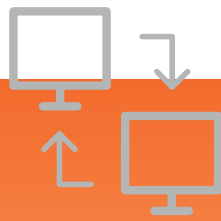


Randy White



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Pursuing Possibilities in STEM

By Doug Hoagland

“At the end of the day—when I’m driving home—I feel I made a difference. In fact, I know I made a difference.”

- Christopher Deleon

The future belongs to STEM majors like **Christopher Deleon (BA '16)**.

Beyond the ubiquitous acronym for science, technology, engineering and math is this fact: Fresno Pacific University has developed two programs in the last decade to help STEM majors succeed, giving them opportunities to move into the vital jobs of today and tomorrow.

Consider, for example, the journey of Deleon, an environmental studies major. Today, he provides life-saving lessons about healthy eating and community gardens to low-income children, their parents and seniors in Fresno.

“At the end of the day—when I’m driving home—I feel I made a difference,” Deleon says. “In fact, I know I made a difference.”

He wasn’t always so confident. Deleon didn’t know what he didn’t know when he arrived as a freshman. “In high school, the goal was to get into college. Nobody told me what to do once I got there,” he says. Quickly, though, came an important reality: “In high school, if you show up, they pass you. I learned at Fresno Pacific that you have to study,” he says.

He learned the full implications of studying—good notes, study groups, smart test-taking strategies—through an FPU program funded by a federal grant for Hispanic-serving universities. “Hispanic students are not finding the success in the sciences at the rate of other demographic groups,” says Karen Cianci, Ph.D., dean of FPU’s School of Natural Sciences.

Changing that is crucial. Hispanics are one of the fastest-growing segments of the U.S. population, comprising 44 percent of FPU’s student body.



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A path

Deleon participated in FPU's first STEM program, PASEO, financed through a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Spanish for "pathway," PASEO (Promoting Achievement and Scholarship Enrichment Opportunities) ran from 2010-2015. It focused on freshmen in three categories: low income, Hispanic or first-generation college student.

As a PASEO participant, Deleon attended a week-long "summer bridge" session at FPU. Participants took non-graded math and science classes to get a taste of college-level instruction. Equally important was meeting other STEM majors who would be in Deleon's freshman collegium (a small group of first-year students who learn together with faculty and peer mentors). "It was great to get to know people you could study with," he says. "I didn't know anyone coming into Fresno Pacific."

A strong start

Taking first-year classes in biology, chemistry and calculus with members of his collegium, Deleon found success his first semester with a 3.1 grade point average—"I started strong," he says—and continued strong through his FPU career.

Deleon graduated in four years with many members of his collegium—an achievement that brought FPU national recognition. Excelencia in Education, a nonprofit organization that promotes Hispanic success in higher education, presented FPU with an award because 91 percent of the first PASEO students

graduated in four years. Some even finished in three-and-a-half years.

Hoping to duplicate that success, FPU launched a second five-year program in 2016. Called STEM REALM (Retention, Excellence and Adapted Learning Modalities), its first participants are freshmen who started at the university this fall. FPU received federal grants for STEM REALM and PASEO in partnership with College of the Sequoias in Visalia, with each grant bringing \$2.9 million to the schools.

'Body concept'

STEM REALM differs from the earlier program in two fundamental ways. First, it includes all freshman STEM majors. "It's using the philosophy that the whole is stronger than the individual parts," Cianci says. "It's the body concept of Christianity—that all of them have something to give."

In the second change, students took four weeks of online instruction at home last summer rather than studying on campus. The change provided more hours of coursework. Overseeing the online work were three FPU faculty: assistant kinesiology professors Devin Beasley and Amy Brogan, both Ed.D., plus Shadi Adineh, M.S., STEM program coordinator, biology instructor and Ph.D. candidate. (Kinesiology, pre-med and pre-pharmacy are part of STEM at FPU.)

"I wish I had had this in my undergraduate years," Adineh says. Faculty mentored their online collegiums at weekly group meetings in the fall semester. For spring, professors in the students' majors will take over the advising. "We've tried

to give them a good start, but their faculty advisers can be more specific about what they need," Adineh says.


Pursuing possibilities

Opportunities definitely await these graduates. "The U.S. is not turning out enough STEM majors," Cianci says. "And all the job growth will be in the STEM areas. All the technology that affects everyone from schools to agribusiness is going to need STEM-trained workers."

Furthermore, she says, "STEM is really good preparation for understanding our world and the issues facing us. In the Valley, STEM will help you understand air, water and soil."

Deleon embraced his opportunities. When a peer mentor stressed the importance of internships, he applied and was accepted into the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of Washington. Over multiple summers, these undergraduates explore conservation across the climate, water, food and ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest.

In his second summer with the internship, Deleon investigated community gardens in Seattle, which led to his current job with the UC CalFresh Nutrition Education Program. In the future, he wants to attend graduate school, perhaps to become a professor of environmental studies or an urban planner.

Says Deleon: "STEM showed me all the possibilities I could pursue." 

Nurses Care for Body & Soul

By Doug Hoagland

A mother lay dying in India with a wish for her young daughter.

The woman longed for her 11-year-old to become a nurse and one day offer the same tender care she was receiving as cancer took her life.

Pritpal Sidhu (MS '15) was that daughter, and today she works as a nurse practitioner in the Valley after earning a Master of Science in Nursing from Fresno Pacific University.

"I couldn't really help my mom, but now at least I can help my patients," Sidhu says. "I feel like I'm doing this for my mom and in some way I'm helping her."

FPU's nursing programs exemplify the university's philosophy of serving students so they can serve others. In clinics, hospitals, schools and elsewhere, graduates fill crucial positions in a region where access to health care can be determined by ZIP Code, cultural barriers, doctor shortages, lack of insurance and other factors.

The contributions of FPU nursing graduates often occur in exam rooms or hospital rooms where patients struggle with fear and uncertainty about when—or if—they'll regain their health. The graduates step into those moments equipped to care for body and soul.

"I have been that fearful patient; it's what inspired me to become a nurse," says Stacy Wise, MSN/DNP, assistant professor of nursing and director of the nursing department. "Nurses have the honor of caring for patients when they are at their most vulnerable. It is a big, but beautiful, responsibility."

Patients and FPU graduates might begin as strangers, but the gifts of God can build trust and offer comfort. "As nurses we can be vulnerable too," Wise says. "Sharing our faith, offering prayer—these are powerful when caring for people."





“ I feel I am a better educator because of the knowledge I gained at FPU. I can better explain the disease process to my patients because I have a deeper understanding of it.”

- Mee Yang-Vu

The nursing department currently offers two degrees:

The bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) is for registered nurses already on the job. They start their careers by earning a one-to-two-year diploma or earning a two-year associate degree, often at community colleges, and then passing the RN licensing exam. But, they need a BSN to move into management, public health or fill other specialized positions. The program is known as RN to BSN.

The master of science degree in nursing offers an emphasis on becoming a family nurse practitioner (MSN/FNP). Students pursuing this degree already have a bachelor's in nursing, and the master's enables them to diagnose, treat and prescribe medicine while working with, but independent of, physicians. As doctors and patients have recognized the value of nurse practitioners, their role in health care has grown. "Extraordinary opportunities exist for nurse practitioners in the current health care climate," says Lisa Hood, MSN/FNP program director and clinical assistant professor of nursing.

In addition, the university is exploring another option for students: the feasibility of a traditional bachelor of science degree in nursing, according to Karen Cianci, Ph.D., dean of FPU's School of Natural Sciences. Once approved by accreditors, the program would allow students to major in nursing while completing their general education and qualify for their licensing examination as a registered nurse.

"We believe that a Fresno Pacific BSN education will

prepare quality leaders for this high-need service for our Valley in the near future," Cianci says.

Making a difference

Mee Yang-Vu (BSN '16) came to Fresno Pacific's nursing department because she wanted to spend more time with patients. She completed the RN to BSN program and now works as a nurse in the Clovis Unified School District.

Yang-Vu was first drawn to nursing out of a desire to help other immigrant families. Her family is Hmong and came to the United States from Laos. They had no money and no medical knowledge, which led to poor treatment by medical personnel when her father was hospitalized with a serious illness, Yang-Vu says.

"I never wanted any of my patients to experience what my family did," she says. At the time of her father's illness, Yang-Vu was in her 20s and planning to become a dental hygienist. Then she switched her major to nursing and was "miraculously" accepted into an impacted RN program at a community college. "I was accepted within a month. Looking back, I know that being a nurse is what God wanted me to be," she says.

After completing a two-year program, Yang-Vu became a registered nurse and worked for more than 20 years in Fresno-area hospitals. Eventually she wanted something more. "One thing I enjoy doing as a nurse is teaching others about their medical condition," she says. "I also value the time



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- Julio Garibay

I spend with my patients, and it was very difficult to spend a lot of time due to the workload in the hospital.”

Not only did Yang-Vu get a BSN, but the education gave her the tools to serve her students in Clovis Unified. “I feel I am a better educator because of the knowledge I gained at FPU,” she says. “I can better explain the disease process to my patients because I have a deeper understanding of it.”

In one of her courses, Yang-Vu volunteered at Clovis East High School and saw what a school nurse does. That opportunity led to networking, which helped Yang-Vu get her CUSD job.

She serves severely disabled students at two high schools and at an education center as well as providing training for school staff. “I am more confident in how I do my presentations and research because of the education and training I received at FPU,” she says.

Sacred moments

Christine Burg (MSN '15, BSN '12) worked for 30 years as a registered nurse before attending Fresno Pacific. Today, she is a nurse practitioner in a medical practice in San Luis Obispo.

“I’ve always loved patient care, and as a nurse practitioner, I focus on treating the whole person. When I’m with a patient and they open up to me, it’s a very sacred moment,” she says.

Her work is more than a job, Burg says. “A lot of nurses think of what we do as a calling. I do.”

Early in her career, Burg jumped into the high-stress world of the intensive care unit (ICU) at Fresno’s Valley Medical Center. “It was a crazy but wonderful environment,” she says. “You’re constantly learning. I loved it.” That attitude would serve Burg well at FPU.

Through the years, she worked at other Fresno-area hospitals in the ICU and in pre-op, but she eventually wanted more responsibility. “I wanted to transition from a supportive role to a leadership role. I wanted a role where I could affect changes,” Burg says.

Becoming a nurse practitioner would allow that, but it meant returning to school after three decades to get both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree. At age 20, she’d become a registered nurse through a two-year program.

Burg enrolled in the RN to BSN program, where professors guided



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- Christine Burg



her in two daunting catch-up courses (chemistry and statistics) plus the regular curriculum. “The professors made it possible for me,” she says. “They have a heart for students. It’s very evident.”

In earning a BSN, Burg and her classmates met the requirements of the California Board of Registered Nurses to apply for public health nurse certification. That’s important because the duties of public health nurses include promoting wellness as well as identifying, treating and containing infectious diseases.

Other real-life advantages accrue to registered nurses with a BSN, says Wise, who also directs the RN to BSN program. Hospitalized patients do better and have lower mortality rates, according to research. One explanation is that BSN course work enables nurses to learn more about the social, cultural and economic issues that can affect patients and their care, according to Wise.

Community of learners

Because Fresno Pacific gears its programs to working nurses, Burg was able to keep working while pursuing both the BSN and the MSN/FNP. Classes are offered one day a week at the North Fresno Campus near Woodward Park. Small groups of students go through the course sequences together, allowing for tight bonds and building on the concept of Christian community.

In pursuing the master’s degree, Burg researched and wrote a paper exploring how workplace stress caused by disrespectful behavior can potentially affect patient care in a negative way. After graduating, she presented an abstract of her paper at a conference in Germany, where she and her husband were visiting. “Some of the people at the conference were true world changers,” she says. “It was a delight to present my paper.”

Meanwhile, Burg treasures those “sacred moments” when patients confide in her. In one case, a woman who had recently retired said the transition had left her feeling stressed. Burg concluded this indicated depression, and she suggested the woman would benefit from medication and talk therapy. The woman eventually returned and thanked Burg with a simple but profound acknowledgement: “You heard me.”

Love of God

Julio Garibay (MS ’16) found his calling to save lives when he was a teenage lifeguard. He became a medic in the U.S. Air Force, a registered nurse at hospitals in Fresno and Clovis and now nurse practitioner at a Fresno nursing home where people rehabilitate after surgery and other hospitalizations. At Fresno Pacific, where he earned the MSN/FNP, Garibay found the combination of science and soul care that he wants to share with his patients.

“I wanted more than knowledge to perform my job,” he says. “The love of God is truly the best source of medicine, as you cannot heal the body without healing the mind and one’s spiritual being.”

Sometimes, showing the love of God means taking time to explain to patients what other medical personnel have not

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Beyond the Scoreboard:

A Different

Idea of

Athletics

By Wayne Steffen

At the end of every event, all eyes look to one unblinking measure of success: the scoreboard.

Sometimes the defeated can't look away—the victors don't want to. In the smiles and shrugs that follow, people analyze, dissect and discuss, sometimes loudly, strategies, split-second decisions and other what-might-have-beens.

The scoreboard declares victory, but is victory the complete measure of athletics, and athletes? Fresno Pacific University looks beyond the win-loss column to shape student-athletes for full lives.

"The time comes when you've played your last game," says Jeremiah Wood, associate athletics director. "If you have the mentality that sports is all there is, then when athletes are done competing, they're no good to you anymore. We want to be a place that is preparing student-athletes for success after college, whatever that looks like."

A different idea

That preparation begins by committing athletics to academic, personal and spiritual development. "We have a unique ability to use athletics as an avenue to grow young men and women holistically," Wood says.

Goals, statistics and honors are also a part of this idea of athletics. The department set a mark of 3.0 for an average GPA among student-athletes—that objective was reached in the 2017 spring semester. To make this happen, coaches hold required study hours at home and on the road, coordinate with the Academic Support Center, Faculty Team Representatives and other resources and make sure student-athletes communicate with faculty and others.

Each team has targets for service hours as well, totaling 2,288 hours split between the 14 teams. Six teams—men's

basketball, men's water polo, women's swimming, women's water polo, women's basketball and women's volleyball—surpassed their marks.

In the last four years, Sunbird athletics has also won two service awards each from The Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Pacific West Conference, where teams compete as part of NCAA Division II. "We appreciate the recognition for our commitment," Wood says.

Smashing stereotypes

C.J. Haydock (BA '10), men's basketball, is one head coach leading his team to a new level academically, athletically and personally. All three attributes are parts of a complete identity. "A person who will sacrifice for service will sacrifice on the floor," he says. "The way you do anything is the way you do everything."

Selecting and developing student-athletes starts with recruiting. When Haydock meets candidates, he doesn't just talk basketball. "We can talk about how to be a better Fresno Pacific student first, then how to be a better basketball player," he says. "Our university has a very clearly staked-out identity. We're looking for a very specific kind of student-athlete."

In addition to supervised study hours, Haydock hosts Thoughtful Thursdays, where he or guest speakers address behavior and other topics, and Wednesday Morning Commitment Statements, where student-athletes set specific and actionable goals in personal, athletic and academic areas. They also write thank-you notes to faculty, family and others. "The antidote to entitlement is gratitude," he says.

“It's really important to give back to the community and the school because they've done so much for us,”

- Megan Lee, Women's Basketball

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THE SUNBIRDS
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Men's Basketball Coach C.J. Haydock talks
about community service
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1,859 SERVICE HOURS


Sunbirds served during the 2016-2017 academic year

Community Food Bank	Rescue the Children	Poverello House	Fancher Creek Elementary	Kids Day for Valley Children's Hospital	West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Sale
180	34	76	80	100	340
HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS	HOURS

111 ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS

Student-athletes earned during the 2016-2017 academic year

84	14	13	5	3	2	2
PacWest Scholar Athletes	Assoc. of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC) All-Academic honorees	College Swimming Coaches Assoc. of America (CSCAA) Scholar All-Americans	NCAA Division II Academic All-District honorees	NCAA Division II Academic All-Americans	Teams received the CSCAA Scholar All-American Team Award	PacWest Scholar Athletes of the Year



SOCCER, CLASSWORK, TENACITY ESAU'S CHAIN OF SUCCESS

By Wayne Steffen

A determination to succeed, a passion for the Bible and a willingness to work led one alumnus to piece together a chain of success to his own human development company.

Carlos Esau (BA '97) agrees he wasn't the best player on the soccer team. But 20 years later, his coach recalls his drive. "Carlos was as committed a player as I have had," says Jaime Ramirez, FPU head coach. "Once he was on the team, he gave of himself. What he lacked in ability he made up in work ethic."

Raised in the German Mennonite Brethren colony of Colonia Nova in the southernmost region of Brazil, Esau grew up active in church, but not driven. "I was born into a Christian family and it was always in the mix. Perhaps I wasn't as mature," he says.

The idea to attend Fresno Pacific came from Esau's brother, Arthur, a student at Mennonite Brethren

Biblical Seminary (now Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary), who worked in the university business office. "He sent me the application," Esau says.

Having played soccer in Brazil, Esau linked quickly with Ramirez. He got "a little bit of scholarship," then another scholarship, then help from his parents, then jobs for the summer and school year, persistently piecing what he needed. Summers were spent working full-time for facilities management, cleaning buildings and cutting grass. At one time or another, there was also work in construction, an auto shop and helping with soccer camps and kids' activities at Butler and Northwest churches in Fresno. "I would do whatever," he says.

After a rough beginning learning English and adjusting to his new life and place, Esau found a home in the business department studying marketing and management. His

education led him from just jobs to a position as a marketing manager back in Brazil, where today he lives in Santa Cruz do Sul with his wife, Rejane, and two sons.

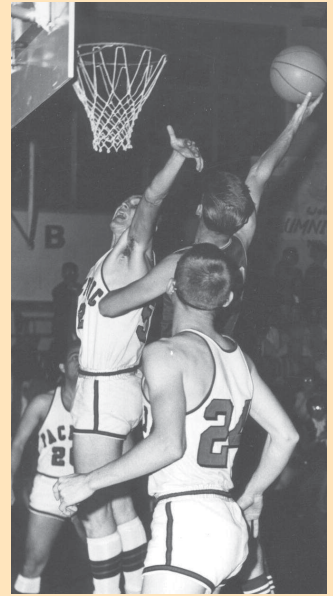
Success for Esau still meant uniting his skills in leadership with his desire to develop people through Christian principles under his own banner. This led him to form Get Human Development in 2006, which he took full-time 10 years later. Esau coaches, trains and consults adults, using practice and theory to establish new professional attitudes. "The whole point of opening my business was to help people achieve their goals," he says.

Esau is also on the faculty of Haggai Institute, an international Christian leadership organization, where he earned a master's degree in regional development. The institute focuses on places where Christianity is not the

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THE BIRTH OF FPU ATHLETICS

By Kevin Enns-Rempel,
Director, Hiebert Library



Today FPU athletes compete at a high level in a wide variety of sports. Sunbird teams have claimed national championships in both NAIA and NCAA Division II.

But the origins of FPU athletics were humbler. The first mention of competitive athletics at Pacific Bible Institute (as FPU was then known) appears in the school's 1952 yearbook, *The Portal*. It shows photographs of both a men's and women's basketball team, and mentions that PBI played Immanuel Bible Academy, West Coast Bible Academy, Pacific Bible College of Madera and several church teams from Fresno. The men's coach was Dan Friesen, MB pastor.

By 1955, the team had a name ("The Messengers") and played in a local church league, placing third in the city finals. It appears the women's program had been abandoned, since only men's basketball is depicted in the 1955 Portal. The church league program appears to have continued through the 1950s, by which time Ed Nachtigall had become the coach.

The first year of intercollegiate basketball competition apparently was in 1960-1961, when Pacific College compiled a 5-4 record against other California Christian colleges, including Concordia, West Coast, Simpson, Bethany and San Jose. This also was the first year of the "Vikings" mascot.

Gary Nachtigall, who would enjoy a long career in athletics and on the faculty, became basketball coach in 1961 and led the Vikings to an 8-3 record in the N4C league. This also was the first year a track and field team is mentioned in the yearbook, consisting of four men.

In 1963 Pacific College added a men's soccer team, which compiled a 2-5 record. The basketball team was the N4C league champion, and won the California Christian College championship.

It appears women joined intercollegiate athletics in 1968, when men's and women's tennis was introduced. Competitors were mostly nearby junior colleges.

From these beginnings, FPU athletics would grow to 14 men's and women's teams today. While the facilities, breadth of programs and competitive levels are far different from those of the 1950s and 1960s, Sunbird athletes today still

trace their roots to these pioneers. 🏠



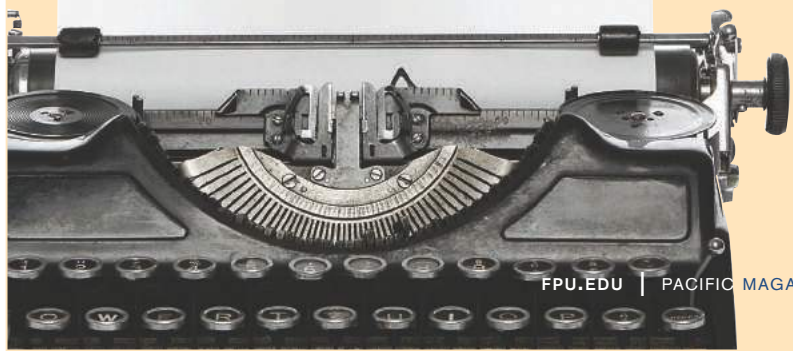
majority religion, according to Esau, and his affiliation is linked directly to his education at FPU. "It's only because I came to Fresno Pacific," he says.

In all, Esau estimates he has affected 10,000-15,000 people. And whatever they come for—consulting, personal development or leadership training—they get more. "I put God's principles in there somehow. I share the Gospel in some way," he says.

Soccer and travel are still part of Esau's life. The family has been to Paris, Buenos Aires and Singapore. August 2017 brought Carlos and Rejane to FPU for his first visit since graduating. Re-connections included a special friend: the electric cart that was his campus work vehicle.

What Esau received from FPU was well worth the labor—in and out of class. "It was four awesome years. I grew as a young boy, as a Christian and in my skills," he says. "My heart is very thankful. God, keep on blessing Fresno Pacific." 🏠

From the Archives...



IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI

GENERAL » ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel De Leon (BA '17) is an undergraduate admission counselor at FPU.

Eddie Gonzalez (MA '15, BA '10) is assistant men's soccer coach at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA.

Ivan Paz (MA'15, BA'09) presented a paper based on his thesis March 18, 2017, at the American Academy of Religion and received an award for best paper from an independent scholar.

Paige Ainley (BA '15) is a social science teacher at Visalia Unified School District.

Sherri Udall (BA'15) is employed as the community relations coordinator for Made for Them, a nonprofit with a location in Fresno.

Nicole Donnelly (MA '14, TC '13, BA '08) is a program specialist at Clovis Unified School District.

Katie Elwood (BA '14) is a political science instructor at College of the Siskiyous in Weed, CA.

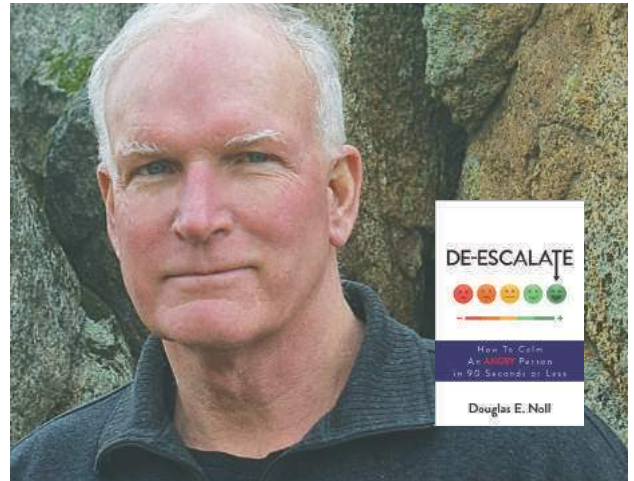
Dan Crosby (MA '13, BA '10) contributed a chapter to the book *Prophets and Profits: Ancient Divination and its Reception*. His chapter is titled "Arrows Fledged from Our Own Wings": Discovering a 'Delphi of the Mind' in the Writings of the Early Church Fathers." The book is published by Routledge. More at fpu.edu/302-crosby

Kevin Rule (MA '12) is a senior recreation assistant for the City of Stockton, CA.

Edgar Olivera (BA '10) is the administrative assistant for the nonprofit agency Centro La Familia Advocacy Services, Inc.

Sherie Lewis (MA '09) is associate vice president of Synermed.

Stephanie Cameron (BA '08) was named executive officer at Tulare County Superior Court in August 2017.



» NOLL SHOWS HOW TO DE-ESCALATE ANGER

The latest book by **Doug Noll (MA '02)** marks another turn in his journey to peacemaker. *De-Escalate: How to Calm an Angry Person in 90 Seconds or Less* was published September 12, 2017, by Simon & Schuster.

After more than 20 years as a trial lawyer in the Central Valley, Doug questioned his direction during a solo rafting trip in the early 2000s and enrolled in the Master of Arts in Peacemaking & Conflict Studies. In 2010, Doug and friend Laurel Kaufer implemented a de-escalation curriculum called Prison of Peace, which is used in six California prisons. Doug's book details the methods and applies them to other situations. More at dougnoil.com and fpu.edu/302-noll

Christina Whalen (Woods BA '06) co-wrote *The Greatest Gift of All: A Guide to Biblical Salvation* with her father, Leland Woods. The book published by Xulon Press shortly before Leland died January 17, 2017.



Audrey N. Hinds (BA '01) joined the pastoral leadership team at College Community Church Mennonite Brethren, Clovis, June 26, 2017. Her installation ceremony was July 2, 2017. Hinds had been associate director of student life and academic support at Emory



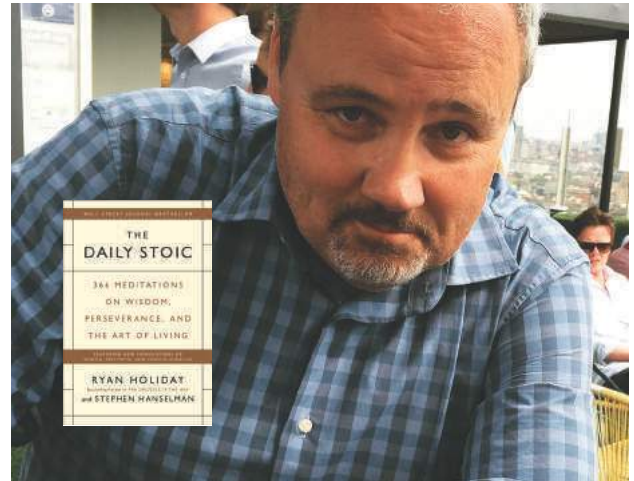
» **MAYA WINS
NEWCOMBE FELLOWSHIP**

Gustavo Maya (BA '04) is one of 21 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellows for 2017. This \$25,000 fellowship is the nation's largest award for Ph.D. candidates addressing ethical and religious values in the humanities and social sciences. Gustavo is completing his dissertation, *The Work of the People: Religion, Politics, and the Farmworker Movement*, at Princeton University. The honor excited and humbled Gustavo. "The fellowship means that I can continue with my research and writing unimpeded," he said.

FPU laid the foundation for his scholarly career. "It began with **Richard Rawls (BA '87)** (former history faculty and director of Hiebert Library). I took his Ancient Civilizations course and was hooked. My degree says classics, but it should more accurately be called 'Rawls studies,'" Gustavo said.

University's Candler School of Theology and a biblical studies instructor at FPU. Her M.A. is in Biblical Languages from Berkeley's Graduate Theological Union. Hinde is married to **Brian DiPalma (BA '06)**, who has a Ph.D. in Hebrew Bible from Emory.

Felipe Hinojosa (BA '99), will lead a discussion titled "Race and Mennonite History" on March 30-April 1, 2018 at the Greencroft Community Center in Goshen, IN.



» **HANSELMAN BOOK
MAKES BESTSELLER LISTS**

Stephen Hanselman (BA '83) has co-written a book that has appeared on the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestseller lists: *The Daily Stoic: 366 Meditations on Wisdom, Perseverance, and the Art of Living* (New York: Portfolio/Penguin, 2016). "I co-authored *The Daily Stoic*—contributed to introduction and commentary, and prepared the translations and glossary. It's been translated into 12 languages so far and has sold more than 130,000 in English in the 10 months since publication," Stephen said. In this interview, he mentions the fact that Delbert Wiens, emeritus humanities/philosophy/history, did his dissertation on Musonius Rufus, one of the great Roman Stoics, whom Stephen translated in the book: fpu.edu/302-hanselman



Adonijah (BA '66) and Eva (BA '86) Pauls celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in McPherson, KS, on July 15, 2017. Over 200 people were there to honor them. Both were long-time FPU employees.



Roger and Ina (Bergen) Heinrichs (FS '66) celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in March 2017.

IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI

continued

» IN THE NEWS

Blaire Bostwick (BA '17) competed in the 2017 Miss California pageant. She is currently Miss Central Valley. fpu.edu/302-bostwick

EJ Hinojosa (BA '16), Matthew Wheeler (FS) and Maxton Vieira (BA '16) received coverage in a local arts/culture blog for their July 15, 2017, performance at Community United Church of Christ, 5550 N. Fresno St. EJ will also perform at the church March 27, 2018, as part of the FPU Pacific Artist Series. fpu.edu/302-concert

Two alumni who are Fresno police officers received commendations in a July 27, 2017, ceremony at Fresno City Hall. **Ruben Barron (BA '16)** was among those who received the medal of valor (the department's highest honor) and **Michael Pierce (MA '17)** received a recovered firearms award. fpu.edu/302-policeawards

Tim Fletcher (BA '16) served as vocal coach in the Selma Arts Center's summer 2017 production of *Carrie*. fpu.edu/302-fletcher

Bryan Medina (BA '14) was appointed Fresno's poet laureate in April 2017. fpu.edu/302-medina

Sheryl Sisil (TC '08) was noted in the August 2, 2017, *Madera Tribune* for her appointment as assistant superintendent at Madera Unified School District. fpu.edu/302-sisil

Bryan Feil (BA '07) CEO of Lanna Coffee, Fresno, was the subject of a July 31, 2017, article in *The Business Journal*. fpu.edu/302-feil

Ron Adams (BA '69) was the subject of a *Sports Illustrated* profile June 6, 2017. A former FPU basketball player and coach, he now coaches for the NBA-champion Golden State Warriors. fpu.edu/302-adams

» WEDDINGS



Zach (BA '16) and Kaylin (Drum BA '17) Ragan married on May 13, 2017.

Maria Gonzalez (BA '14) married Miguel Ocegueda October 1, 2016, and is a teacher in the Central Unified School District.

» BIRTHS

Monica (Choo BA '15) Gonzalez and husband Joseph announce the birth of Joseph David Gonzalez on November 7, 2016.



Dustin Johnson (MA '14) and wife Kyla announce the birth of Emily Marie Johnson on May 26, 2017.



Sarah (BA '14) and Zack (current student) Bartley announce the birth of Levi Manu Bartley on January 20, 2017. She weighed 5 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.75 inches long. Sarah is a physical education teacher in Sanger Unified School District.



Phil (SEM '12) and Mary (SEM '12) Schmidt announce the birth of Noah Gabriel Schmidt on September 17, 2016.



Eldar (BA '10) Moraru and wife Kayla announce the birth of Novalie Rose Moraru on July 11, 2017.

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DEATHS

Arthur Marvin Villi Jr. (CRED '01 '99 '86), 69, died July 13, 2017. fpu.edu/302-villi

Carol Becker Friesen (AA '62), 74, died March 28, 2017, of cancer. Carol grew up in Shafter, CA, and was active in Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church. In 1961 Carol began attending Pacific College, where she met her husband, **Bob Friesen (AA '63)**. Both attended the University of California at Santa Barbara, where Carol earned her degree in home economics. They married August 21, 1965, and moved to Fresno, joining College Community Church, Mennonite Brethren in Clovis. Carol taught home economics for more than 35 years and was active with CCMB and the California Mennonite Historical Society. Survivors include husband Bob, daughter **Tiffany (Friesen MA '00, TC '93, BA '92) Ylarregui** and her husband, Michael; son **Todd (MA '03, BA '97)** and his wife, **Sarah (Steckling MA '03, TC '98, BA '97), Friesen**; and grandchildren Paul, Levi and Adam. fpu.edu/302-friesen



Tim Beauregard (BA '10) and wife Paloma announce the birth of Nayeli Jolie Beauregard on June 21, 2017. She weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz., and was 19.5 inches long.



Adriana (Martinez-Vilanova BA '08) Willey and husband Jeremy announce the birth of Annabelle Joy Willey on February 1, 2017.



Christina (Woods BA '06) Whalen and husband Dustin announce the birth of Daisy Mae Whalen on May 24, 2016.

Daniel (BA '04) and **Hanna (Nielsen BA '04) York** announce the birth of Mikaela Alexandra York on Tuesday, May 30, 2017.



Aaron (MA '09, BA '08) and **Brittany (Pierce MA '13, BA '09) Henderson** announce the birth of Hadley Kathleen Henderson on August 7, 2017. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 19.5 inches long.



Ara (BA '00) and **Tricia (Wichert, MA '04, BA '00) Anspikian** announce the birth of Eliot Aren Jason Anspikian on January 25, 2017. He joins big brother, Arek, 3. The family resides in Redlands, CA.



WHAT'S GOING ON?

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LIVES TRANSFORMED
DAVID SUMBELA

Finding His Own Faith and Voice

By Wayne Steffen

A student raised in a country at war might go to university for a new outlook.

But when David Sumbela came to FPU, he was not interested in different perspectives. At home in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the church and world were separate. “No overlap whatsoever,” says the senior theology/philosophy student.

Though his father studied law, most Congolese Christians consider the educated enemies of the faithful, David says. “I was going to hold on to what I grew up with.”


He grew up in a large Pentecostal church pastored by his parents. David is upbeat about Congo, despite—even because of—the war and poverty. “I’ve gotten to see the full reality of the world,” he says.

In Kinshasa, the capital, David’s life was not as dangerous as it would have been in the eastern part of the Central African nation. Still, there were uprisings and soldiers in the streets.

The friendship between his father, Jean-Baptiste, and Angulus Wilson, Ph.D., university pastor, brought David to FPU. Having given his life to God, David brought faith. But not, he says, his own faith.

A smile brightens David’s face when asked about the professors who opened his mind, like Nathan Carson, Ph.D., assistant professor of philosophy, and Laura Schmidt Roberts, Ph.D., professor of biblical and religious studies. “I’ve learned to consider different perspectives,” he says.

David combines his new perspectives with his continuing passion for music. He is or has been part of College Hour, FPU’s Got Talent and Crosswind. He also started Worship at the Cross every Monday in Alumni Plaza.

As he looks forward to pursuing music and ministry, David is grateful for FPU. “God was able to shape me,” he says, “I’m still not what he wants me to be, but it’s a great start.” 



EDITOR’S NOTE

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

Academic Innovation Leader sees Online Education as Outreach

By Wayne Steffen

Online education is integral to spreading the message of Christ, and so is integral to FPU, according to Peter Rios, D.S.L., associate vice president for academic innovation (AI).

The Apostle Paul did not have modern technology. "Imagine what he would have accomplished," said Rios, who joined the university in July, 2017. "FPU has the privilege, and also the responsibility, to leverage technology for God's kingdom."

Visit Rios in his Jost Hall office on the main campus and his passion for online education is palpable. "I'm really excited about the opportunities and challenges we have as a Christ-centered university," he said.

Reporting directly to President Joseph Jones, Rios is responsible for FPU Online, representing all university online degree programs, the evaluation and development of new academic and technology innovation, as well as Continuing Education and the Center for Online Learning. He works with administration, staff and faculty

to ensure FPU Online and other AI offerings embody the academic and faith standards of the university.

With the expertise and education to match his passion, Rios comes to FPU from the DeVoe School of Business at Indiana Wesleyan University, in Marion, IN, where he was a program director and affiliate faculty. Indiana Wesleyan's pioneering success in online and off-site higher education has made it the largest member of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) by enrollment. Of its more than 14,000 students, just over 3,000 study on the main campus and more than 5,000 study at DeVoe. He is also the CEO and co-founder of Robust Innovative Organizational Solutions (RIOS), a consulting firm for businesses, organizations and religious institutions that focuses on strategic foresight, leadership development, organizational diversity and renewal.


The integration of faith, knowledge and application are as important in the online class as



it is face-to-face. "It starts with the faculty," he said, "and carries through to assignments, engaged discussion boards and other activities."

FPU students are part of a faith-based family, "even if the student is in Alaska," Rios said. "You have to be intentional about creating a community."

Faculty, for example, have virtual office hours, where students can text, email, call or Skype with them. In online classes, all students are required to participate in discussions and other activities. "You can't be absent," Rios said.

Introverts and others who prefer to ponder before responding often enjoy online discussions. "The options are limitless," he says. 



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Lewis, Tolkien and Christian Writers of England Tour

Be where C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien and other English Christian authors lived, imagined and wrote as part of the June 2018 FPU Alumni and Friends tour. Join Steve Varvis, Ph.D., professor of history, and wife Teri Varvis in:

- Oxford, home of Lewis, Tolkien and the Inklings. Also visit Churchill's Blenheim Palace, the Bodleian Library and monuments to leaders of the English Reformation.
- Salisbury, Bath and Winchester provide a wonderful mix of writers—Jane Austen and George Herbert—as well as Stonehenge, Roman Baths, medieval cathedrals and more modern monuments.
- London, home to Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and haunts of figures as diverse as Bunyan and Chesterton. Don't forget the Globe theater and Southwark, where Chaucer's pilgrims set off for Canterbury.

Alumni, friends of FPU and friends of friends of FPU are invited and plans are for approximately 12 days between June 14-30, 2018. Latest details as they happen at fpu.edu/alumnitravel



What They're Saying 2017 500th Anniversary Reformation Tour

"I reflect on the faith of the reformers and how they did not waver even in the threat of persecution. I have been able to share in Sunday School, book club and in conversations with friends and church family what I experienced."

Janet Harader, Golden Grad

"This was a great way to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. The tour guides were knowledgeable and personable, meeting all of our needs."

Dick and Pam Denton

Read Steve's Reformation tour blog at fpu.edu/302-reformation

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discussed. Information can help relieve patients' fear and frustration, Garibay says.

He did that for a woman with diabetes at an Adventist Health clinic in Kerman, where he first worked as a nurse practitioner. A year after being diagnosed as a diabetic, the woman did not understand why she needed to take her medication or why she needed regular blood work. "Nobody had explained to her in detail how the medication worked," Garibay says. The fact that he could talk to the woman in Spanish made all the difference in this case.

In his current job at Sierra Vista Healthcare Center, he helped a man and his family who did not understand the treatment for the man's enlarged prostate. Garibay not only provided information but made an appointment so the man could see a urologist.

Doing that kind of follow-up is why

Garibay became a nurse practitioner. "I wanted to have more control over patients' overall care. I'm doing more for patients and giving them the care that they deserve," he says.

Giving thanks

Pritpal Sidhu—whose mother inspired her to become a nurse—begins and ends each day with a prayer. Sidhu is a Sikh, and she values that FPU is Christ-centered and appreciates how the university's Christian philosophy influences instruction.

"Everyone was so helpful, and it was like a family. Everyone was so nice. I didn't feel like I was thrown into the master's program and was drowning," she says.

Sidhu works at an Adventist Health clinic in Selma, and she's like many people who enroll in FPU's nursing program. "Our nurses want to give back to their patients and communities with a

higher level of practice," says FPU's Hood.

One day, Sidhu saw a patient with diabetes who had an ulcerated foot. The woman said she had sought help in the past from other medical professionals, but her foot didn't heal.

Looking at an old X-ray of the woman's foot, Sidhu didn't like what she saw and ordered an MRI. That diagnostic tool confirmed that the woman had osteomyelitis, an infection of the bone that left untreated could have led to amputation. The woman entered the hospital for treatment, and she later returned to the clinic to thank Sidhu.

"I felt so good," Sidhu says. And she gives her own thanks for the opportunity to help people. "I believe God held my hand when he took me to the nurse practitioner program, and he will take me through this job," she says. "I think my mother would be happy." 🏠

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Students on board

Unlike the stereotypical view, it is not unusual for student-athletes to be good students, due to their drive and organization. "They know how to manage their time because they have such busy schedules," Wood says.

Student-athletes agree time is of the essence, but appreciate FPU's different idea of athletics. "The community, the faith background of the school and the idea I could build closer relations with teachers, coaches and classmates," caused Sam Burt to transfer. The senior exercise major from Minneapolis plays forward on the men's basketball team.

"The main challenge is keeping up


with your homework on the road," says Burt who, used to the Minnesota chill, wants to experience the West Coast. "You have to get your academics done first, then you can venture," he adds.

Trips can be a week when teams play in Hawaii, says Clovis senior Megan Lee, who plays shooting guard on the women's basketball squad and is working on an M.A. in Kinesiology with an emphasis in physical education. "You have to be organized and communicate with teachers. It's like another job, with the time we put into it," she says.

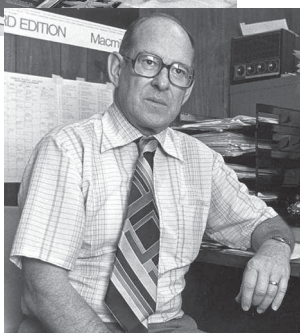
Service assignments range from cleaning the cafeteria to organizing a crab feed fundraiser for Court Appointed Special Advocates for

Children (CASA) to working with students in special education at Greenleaf Middle School. There are also long-term relationships such as the one with Make-A-Wish.

Helping others is part of living up to your God-given potential, according to the student-athletes. "It's really important to give back to the community and the school because they've done so much for us," says Lee.

In the end, FPU athletics is about skills and values for life. "It's really important to us as a department in a Christian setting that we don't look like the rest of the world," Wood says. 

For Love of the Game— and those who play



Braun Endowed Athletics Scholarship

From the days of the Pacific Bible Institute Messengers, through the reign of the Fresno Pacific College Vikings to the dawn of the Fresno Pacific University Sunbirds, Donald Braun, Ph.D., and wife Johanna cheered on student-athletes.

"We were boosters for Pacific when it began," Johanna (Joan) remembers. "We were there!"

Don's passion for athletics drove him from watching games to a 16-year career recording statistics and overseeing compliance in the athletics department. This on top of creating Pacific's science department, and for a time being the entire faculty. "His first laboratory was the laundry at the campus," Joan says.

In all, Don served Fresno Pacific from 1956 to 1996 as a professor of chemistry, and the couple remained avid fans for years. Born December 15, 1930, he died August 19, 2016.

The Dr. Donald and Johanna Braun Endowed Athletics Scholarship honors Don and their shared love. Recipients will exhibit excellence and skill in an intercollegiate sport and reflect the moral and ethical standards of Fresno Pacific University.



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Matai Lealaimatafao

Freshman Undergraduate at FPU

“ I chose FPU because of the community and faith-based campus. As a student-athlete, FPU’s focus on excelling on and off the track works with my goal to become a sports physician.”

Franchesca Bawks

Organizational Leadership at the FPU Visalia Campus

“ FPU is enabling me to reach my goals and form exciting new ones. God has used my experience here to heal parts of myself that I never knew an education could heal.”

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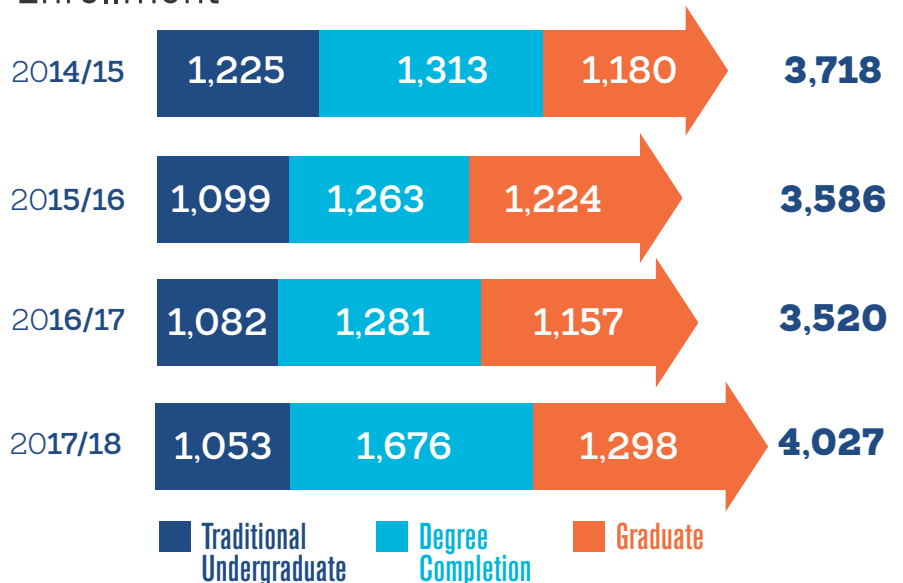


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Brian Schultz, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies, FPU

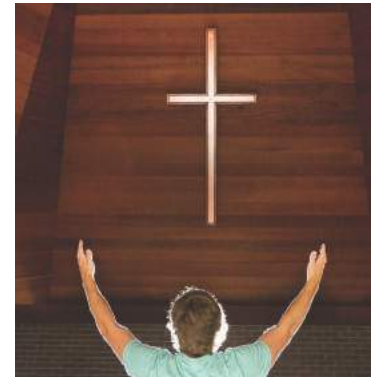
“It’s quite simple: I work here and I want to invest in FPU. We have a distinct opportunity to serve a swath of students who might not otherwise succeed in college, which is God-honoring.”



Sheila Frowsing

(Kamps, BA '04)
FPU Alumni

“Giving back is my way of saying ‘thank you’ to those at FPU who gave to me, and a way to help provide an opportunity for others. Giving is also my way to be used for his glory.”

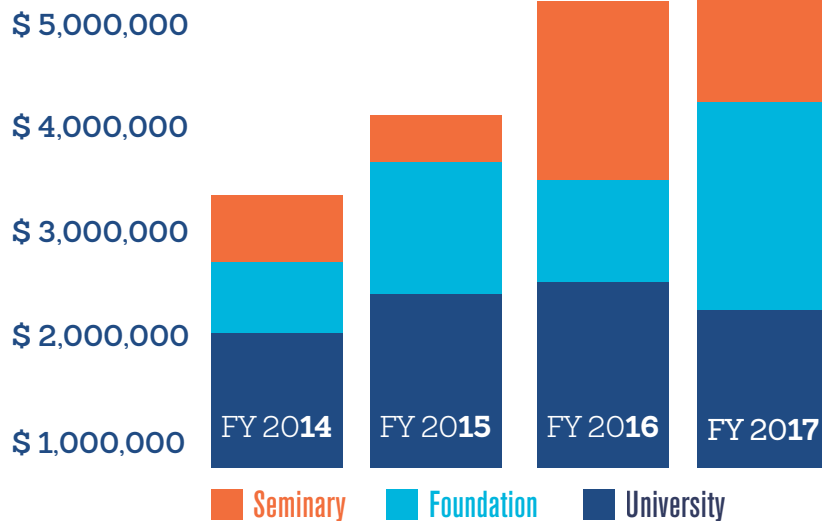


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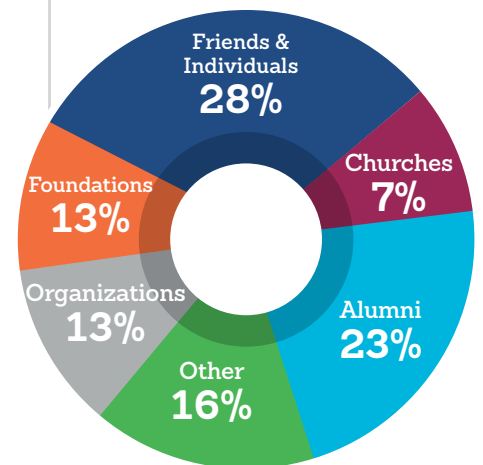
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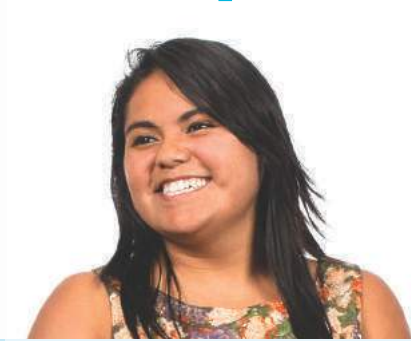
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