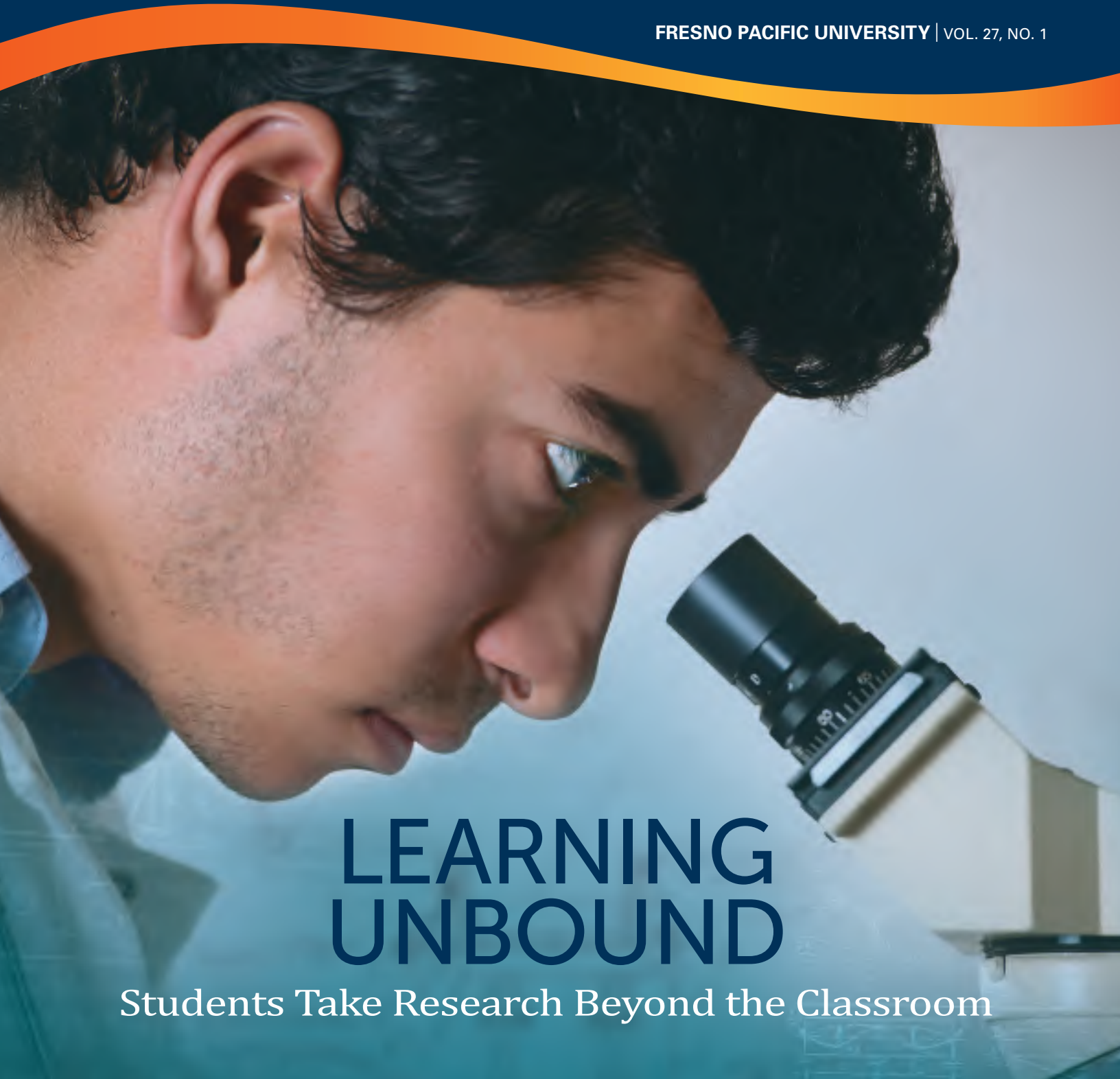


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president's message

TELLING OUR STORY THROUGH OUR STUDENTS

Transforming Lives—it's what we've been doing every day at Fresno Pacific University since our founding in 1944.

Young people and adults come to FPU to prepare for a career, or take the one they have to the next level. Whether they know it or not when they enter their first class, our students receive more than a degree or credential: they get a complete education.

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toward service." "I felt they were building a program around me," he says in an alumni profile in this issue of *Pacific*. "Fresno Pacific convinced me I could do this." Mike took these values from FPU into his role as principal of Minarets High School, where he spends time in the hallways and classrooms, building relationships with students and teachers that will help them succeed. "We've tried to build a school around the students," he says.

It seems transformation is catching.

We hear stories like Mike's all the time, and it never fails to stir pride and humility for the task we have chosen and the mission we have followed for the past seven decades. At this moment, I am working with leaders across FPU, laying the groundwork through our strategic plan and other initiatives that will produce more graduates like Mike Niehoff in the future. There are more great things in store for the next 70 years!

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Mark Isaac

Diana Bates Mock

Mark Deffenbacher

New appointments and an innovative approach to organizational structure are revitalizing the fund development and communications/marketing efforts at FPU.

President Pete C. Menjares, Ph.D., has appointed Diana Bates Mock, associate vice president for university communications/marketing, as the new vice president for the Office of Advancement and University Relations, bringing back together two departments that have been operating separately for the past 18 months.

“Diana’s collaborative leadership style and enthusiasm for the work we undertake here at FPU will serve the university well,” says Menjares, “as we do our part to help meet the growing, ever-changing demands for quality higher education in the Valley. As the only fully-accredited independent Christian university with roots in the Central Valley, Fresno Pacific plays a unique role among the institutional choices offered regionally. Diana knows FPU well, has served on the president’s cabinet since I arrived here and has been integral in raising our profile over the last

decade. I am extremely pleased to make this appointment at a time in the university’s life when strong leadership will be a key to our growth.”

“Having the opportunity to work with the advancement team again makes this new position especially attractive,” says Mock. “This is a group of consummate professionals who are dedicated to Fresno Pacific, and have finely honed skills in fund development. I can’t begin to express how much I value their

“This is a group of consummate professionals.” -DIANA BATES MOCK

ethics and expertise. Bringing the two teams (advancement and communications/marketing) together and having the privilege of being their leader is humbling, and quite an honor.”

Mock joined FPU in 2001 and spent her first 11 years in the advancement area as director of communications. She brings wide experience as an advertising copywriter, creative director,

"The Development Functions of FPU Are in Good Hands!"

- Pete Menjares

President Reorganizes Advancement/Communications

public relations director and independent marketing consultant. She has a B.A. from California State University, Fresno, in mass communications, and an M.A. from FPU in leadership and organizational studies.

Mock has named Mark Isaac, executive director of university advancement, to a new role as associate vice president of that office. Isaac will provide direct leadership to the fundraising and development staff under Mock's overall supervision. Prior to his executive director role with FPU, Isaac oversaw fund development at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, which became Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary through a merger in

2010. Isaac has more than seven years of experience in fund development and leadership, and is a licensed minister of the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches, FPU's denominational affiliation. He has a B.A. from Tabor College and an M.Div. from MBBS.

"The mission of Fresno Pacific

"The mission of Fresno Pacific University is a treasure."

-MARK ISAAC

University is a treasure well-worth advancing in Fresno, the Valley and around the nation and world," says Isaac. "I am grateful for the opportunity to provide direction to the development team under Diana's ardent and capable leadership, and to engage and assist a growing number of donors' hearts toward this mission."

The Fresno Pacific University Foundation, under the leadership of foundation executive director Mark Deffenbacher, CFRE, will continue to function with the foundation board and report directly to the president. Mock, Isaac and Deffenbacher recognize and fully embrace the benefits of a close collaborative relationship between advancement and the foundation.

"Mark (Deffenbacher) and the foundation are absolutely integral in our fund development strategies for the future,"

says Mock. "Mark hired me 13 years ago to oversee the communications department. We have grown considerably over the years, as has my respect for Mark's insight and capabilities in the planned-giving arena. He continues to be one of my most knowledgeable mentors and I look forward to ramping up the working relationship between our departments!"

"The foundation is critical to FPU, and Mark Deffenbacher's insights are invaluable," Isaac adds.

Deffenbacher is also supportive of more synergy between advancement and the foundation. "It is vitally important to coordinate our efforts in order to achieve successful outcomes. We are all building together to ensure a future in which FPU can flourish," he stated. Deffenbacher spent more than a decade as vice president of advancement, while heading up the endowment efforts through the foundation. Prior to coming to FPU in 1993, he served as an executive pastor, foundation director and college administrator. Deffenbacher is an ordained minister and certified fund raising executive (CFRE).

"We are all building together." -MARK DEFFENBACHER

Everyone agrees that the work ahead is essential to keeping Fresno Pacific on the cutting edge of higher education. "We need a performing arts center, scholarships, academic and athletics facilities. We need to grow our endowment and we need resources to keep our faculty and staff at the top of their fields," Menjares says. "All these require sustained effort by a creative, focused team with a breadth and depth of experience and expertise. Virginia and I are very excited about the new synergy these capable professionals bring to the table and working alongside this team. The development functions of FPU are in good hands!"



Wes Qualls New Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs

The new vice president for finance and business affairs brings a mixture of entrepreneurial and nonprofit experience to FPU. Wesley Qualls began April 14.

Qualls is founder/CEO of iAxxis LLC, a Fresno-based manufacturing and consulting organization. He was also founder/CEO of Western Pumps, a builder of specialty centrifugal pumps. Previous to that Qualls spent seven years at Community Medical Centers, becoming senior vice president and chief financial officer. He also served for six years at San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, ending his time there as chief financial officer.

“Wes has experience managing diverse and complex programs, and a proven track record as a team leader,” said President Pete C. Menjares, Ph.D. “We are blessed to have such a combination of professional expertise and strong personal fit.”

The duties of the vice president include:

- Providing financial analysis, planning and management of the university’s resources to support its mission and strategic plan.
- Developing operating and capital budgets and guiding university investments and endowment.
- Leading the managers responsible for the business and human resources offices, and overseeing the bookstore and food service contracts.
- Serving as an administrative liaison to both the budget/finance and audit committees of the board of trustees and foundation.
- Communicating with the university community on finance and business affairs.

Qualls earned a B.S. in business—accounting and an MBA from California State University, Fresno. His community activities include serving as director and treasurer for the Foundation for Clovis Schools. He and wife Gale reside in Clovis and have three children: Megan, 17; Billy, 14; and Julia, 12.



New Alumni Director Values FPU Connections

Ali Sena brings a wealth of FPU connections to her role as director of alumni development.

A 1988 graduate, Ali and her husband, Pete (BA '87) Sena, have two current FPU students among


their four children. “Fresno Pacific has been a big part of my life and the life of my family because of the relationships we have built,” she said.

The director reports to the associate vice president for advancement, Mark Isaac, and plans, directs and manages a variety of functions for traditional undergraduate, graduate, degree completion and seminary alumni. She will also be involved in fund-

raising for scholarships, the annual fund, capital campaigns and other projects that involve the alumni. “Ali’s strategic thinking, easy rapport and passion for promoting positive relationships with the students and alumni—from the main campus, the seminary and the regional centers—will go a long way to heightening the value of an FPU education. We are so glad to have her on the team,” Isaac said.

Ali has served FPU in the admissions and communications and marketing offices. She and Pete, a senior property claims adjuster for Allstate Insurance, have four children: FPU students Ty, 22, and Tori, 20; as well as Trey, 17; and Trent, 15. The family attends Trinity Community Church, Clovis, where Ali and Pete help with the high school group. Ali also likes to run and work in her garden when not watching one of the children’s sporting events.

STAY CONNECTED! As a member of the FPU alumni, it's easy to stay connected with what's going on at the main campus, seminary and regional centers. Contact Ali Sena at [Facebook.com/FPUalumni](https://www.facebook.com/FPUalumni) and alumni@fresno.edu.



FPU from a Bird's Eye

By Wayne Steffen

They've never applied for admission, but they're celebrating 10 years on the main campus. You won't see them in the dorms or the cafeteria line, but they live, and sometimes dine, above Bartsch Hall. They don't have a faculty advisor, but Hiebert Library Director Kevin Enns-Rempel, watches over them. They are a pair of red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*).

Moving in, settling down

No one can say it's always been the same pair, but red-tailed hawks mate for life and often use the same nest for years. The couple's first home was the top of a Deodar Cedar tree between Bartsch Hall and Wiebe Educational Center. Their current home is in another cedar just to the east.

Why the move? Location, location, location: high winds blew the nest apart in 2005 and 2008, and pesky neighbors—crows and jays—were such a problem that for two years the pair had no young. The adults still perch atop the tree where the old nest was, looking for mice, gophers, chipmunks, squirrels and the occasional bird or reptile. Sometimes hummingbirds harass the hawks. "Hummingbirds are very brave; if they were the size of crows we'd all live in fear," Enns-Rempel says.

Still, the family has flourished since the move, producing a dozen confirmed surviving young, including four in 2012. One to three eggs is average and sibling rivalry is the rule of the nest. "Often that means whichever bird hatches last has the odds stacked against it," Enns-Rempel says.

Family life

The adults commonly arrive for spring cleaning in January, and Enns-Rempel begins observation. Once the house is up to snuff, courtship follows quickly and the white downy heads of recently hatched birds appear in late April or early May.

Hawks start flying at about five weeks. They by now have most

of their flight feathers, brown on top and white below, but still enough down to give them a scruffy adolescent appearance. The red tail doesn't appear for two years, when they are ready to reproduce.

An adult male will weigh 2-3 pounds and stand 18-24 inches high, with a wingspan of 41-56 inches. Females are as much as 25 percent larger.

Like any young adult stretching new wings while still enjoying home-cooked meals, the hawks will still look to their parents for food until they become competent hunters. By July they are gone, and Enns-Rempel waits for another year. "Once they are grown up enough to fly far from the nest I lose track," he says.

Part of the community

Ask Enns-Rempel what the hawks add to campus and he'll give you a practical reason—"They do help control animals that could be pests. Rodents chew stuff."—and a philosophical one—"They add a connection to the natural world that doesn't often occur in the city."

As a bird watcher, that connection is important to Enns-Rempel. "It's the librarian, archivist, classifier in me," he says. Formerly the archivist in the Mennonite Library and Archives in Hiebert Library, Enns-Rempel is also past president of the Fresno Audubon Society. In 2013 he created a guide listing about 70 bird species that visit the main campus.

But no matter how many birds come and go, Enns-Rempel's heart holds a special place for the hawks. "I'll be very disappointed if one of these years they don't come back," he says. "Oh my, that'll be tough for me."



"It's
opened
my eyes"

- Cory Wyse

Undergrads Decode a Piece of History

Dead Sea SCROLLS

By Wayne Steffen

Brian Schultz, Ph.D., doesn't brandish a whip or fight Nazis, but he has discovered clues to eternal truths in the Middle Eastern desert, and brought a piece of an ancient puzzle into the classroom for his students to investigate.

The spring 2014 Hebrew IV class translated a piece of the Dead Sea Scrolls, performing the first line-by-line examination of part of this important collection. This is a rare opportunity for a university. "These students are among a handful," says Schultz, assistant professor of biblical and religious studies.

Schultz has participated in three archaeological expeditions in the caves where the first scrolls were discovered, uncovering dwelling caves, portions of the aqueduct that brought water to the community center and the cemetery with over 1,000 tombs. He was also part of a team that found another cave used as a hideout by Jewish fighters during the Bar-Kochba Revolt (132-135 C.E.) against the Romans. "I thought, 'I'm being taught by Indiana Jones,'" says junior Allison Ens, a member of Hebrew IV.

In 1947, the first Dead Sea Scrolls were found in jars by Bedouins looking for a lost sheep or goat. The cave, now known as Qumran 1, and 10 others have yielded remnants of approximately 800 manuscripts dating from about 200 B.C.E. to 68 C.E. Texts include early copies of biblical books in Hebrew and Aramaic, as well as other Jewish writings, some attributed to characters such as Enoch and the patriarchs. The authors seem to be connected to the Jewish priesthood, according to the website of the West Semitic Research Project at the University of Southern California (usc.edu/dept/LAS/wsrp/educational_site/dead_sea Scrolls/discovery.shtml).

The fragment Schultz's class is using came through the Green Scholars Initiative, a program for young scholars sponsored by the Green Collection. Named for the founders of the arts and crafts retailer Hobby Lobby, Green is the world's largest private collection of rare biblical texts and artifacts (greenscholarsinitiative.org/about).

These biblical texts predate most other Hebrew copies by 1,000 years, Schultz says. "Scholars are now able to examine all the changes between these earlier texts and the later ones, and better understand the formation and transmission of the Hebrew Bible," he says.

The scrolls also provide a look at a Jewish group dating from the time of Jesus. "This provides the world with a trove of data by which to better understand the religious and geo-political world into which Jesus came and ministered," Schultz says.

Because ancient written materials, especially those left in caves for centuries, don't travel well, students worked with a CD of high-resolution, infrared and other images of the fragment. All translating had to be done in class or in Schultz's office, and no copies of the images may be made, since the original is privately owned.

Before coming to FPU, the text had been preliminarily identified, but needed to be translated in detail, described, dated and prepared for publication. While there has been at least one case where a fragment turned out to be something totally different than what was thought, more likely this fragment might be a different interpretation of a known text.

Even if this proves to be another copy of a standard text, it's still a worthwhile activity. "There's a huge benefit to the students. They'll still have to decipher each word," Schultz says.

Learning biblical Hebrew and translating original texts helps students in areas of faith and life as well as academics. "It helps me sort of get inside the minds of the ancient authors," says Ens, who is majoring in biblical studies and minoring in Hebrew. Learning a new language and exercising the skill has even benefitted her as a cellist. "Music itself is a language," she adds.

"It's opened my eyes," says Cory Wyse, a sophomore biblical and religious studies major with a minor in Hebrew and emphases in philosophy and ethics. "It's a good way to...get a more historical view of the Bible. I think in a lot of ways people have deified the Bible when it was never meant to be."

Both Wyse and Ens plan to do graduate work in religious studies or a related field. "To do biblical studies without being able to read the Bible in its original language would be very difficult," Wyse says.



Students examine Dead Sea Scroll fragment with Brian Schultz, Ph.D., (second from left)

"I'm being taught by Indiana Jones"
- Allison Ens

“There's something about sitting down at a table with someone.” —Mark Baker



Church Around the TABLE

By Wayne Steffen

If a meal was worship for Jesus and his disciples, then it's worship for Life Community Church (LCC). Churches have been believers before a pulpit. “The 21st century model may be a table,” says LCC founder Ryan Davis (seminary '12).

Meals are more than physical nourishment in cultures around the world. Want to get to know someone? Remember good times with family and friends? Honor someone's life? Break out the good dishes, make reservations or call for pizza—because it's time to gather 'round the table and eat!

In Christianity the bread, cup and table are more than symbols, according to Davis. “The last supper was actually a meal.”

The last supper wasn't the only meal in the Bible, adds Mark Baker, Ph.D., professor of theology at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary (FPBS). “Jesus is regularly eating with people, feeding

people or telling parables where table fellowship is central.”

In Acts 10 and Galatians 2, table fellowship was one issue in the debate over the place of Gentiles in the church since observant Jews did not eat with non-Jews. Eventually early Christians broke with tradition and used the table to bring people together. Table fellowship still does that today. “To invite someone to a meal is to show interest in that person,” Baker says. “There's something about sitting down at a table with someone.”

Table fellowship inspired Davis' senior project at the seminary, which focused on the Lord's Supper from Corinthians 1, Chapter 11. “As I'm doing that I'm noticing the highly relational structure of the early church,” Davis says. He would carry this interest in relationships into the creation of LCC.

More than a restaurant

Centering worship around a meal is just one difference between Life Community Church and traditional congregations. LCC is a plant of Valley Christian Center, where Davis had been youth pastor since coming to Fresno in 2003 after three years as youth pastor at Mountain Christian Center in Oakhurst. Groups began meeting weeknights in member's homes in November 2011, one month before Davis graduated from FPBS.

Originally LCC people were to meet weekly in small groups for three months with a monthly "celebration service" where everyone gathered. After that the celebration was to become weekly, as well.

The first two celebrations were in the backyard of the home Davis, an Illinois native who grew up a pastor's son in the San Fernando Valley, shares with wife Christen (also a worship leader), son Logan, daughter Sophia and a foster child. They now take place at Fresno not-for-profit Break the Barriers (breakthebarriers.org).

The small groups came to mean so much LCC kept the celebrations monthly. "What started as a pre-launch strategy became how we do church," Davis says. There are presently six small groups with about 60 attenders in all. Monthly celebrations attract around 75 people.

Group leader Nick Chandler is still wrapping his mind around LCC. He and wife Kyoko were looking for a church, knew Davis from Valley Christian Center and in May 2013 accepted his invitation to drop by. First reaction: "It was awkward. I didn't know anybody and it was a small group," Chandler says.

Chandler, who is studying for an M.A. in Christian ministry at FPBS, was quickly moved by a 22-year-old girl's perspective on the Bible. "In a positive way, it knocked me upside the head," he says.

While he's been to large churches with impressive services, Chandler found himself touched more directly in the small group. "It forces community in a way I don't see in a large church," he says.

For Chandler, community has led to hosting a group. But don't call him a "leader" even if it is his title. "I specifically call myself the 'facilitator.' I don't want to be one guy bringing one message," he says.

The new group met with Davis' group before splitting off, a spiritual mitosis Chandler hopes to repeat. "Eventually the goal is our group would grow to such a size that someone will start a new group," he says.

Not members, disciples

Chandler's experience defines LCC's idea of discipleship. "Who did Jesus ask to make disciples? Did he ask just the pastors, or did he ask everybody?" Davis says. "Rather than counting how many people are coming—how many people are going to be disciples?"

If LCC's numbers are modest, that does not lessen its success. "This is not the model for creating a megachurch," Chandler says.

Certainly not without a building or a full-time pastor, and neither are in Davis' plan. While he first heard the call to ministry in seventh grade, Davis felt no desire to become a senior pastor, or even continue his education after graduating from King's University in 2000. He describes himself as "an accidental fan," of FPBS, taking his first course in 2005 at the invitation of a fellow pastor and student. "I took that class and loved it," Davis says. The next year another pastor invited him to Greek 1, which led to Greek 2, 3 and 4.

By 2008 Davis was one quarter of the way to a degree. "I decided I was all in," he says.

Today the vision Davis took from the paper he worked on with Baker still does not include a traditional pastorate. He feels working full time (Davis is a sales manager at Neptune Water Solutions) keeps him in touch with others who balance jobs and family. In addition, the money saved by not having a building allows the church to help others, such as buying a family Christmas gifts and food. Davis could, however, see the possibility of a full-time administrator, freeing him and others to build the relationships he sees as the foundation of discipleship.

Home churches are not an unusual stage for new congregations, but making small groups central sets LCC apart, Baker says. "It then makes their leadership training and discipleship also central. For Ryan these things go together."

They do indeed. Eating together, meeting in homes and building relationships: "This is how you make disciples," Davis says. "I want people to think, 'I can do this.' We equip our people to become missionaries—
across the ocean,
across the
street."



"We equip our people to become missionaries – across the ocean, across the street."

-Ryan Davis

Learning Unbound

Students Take Research Beyond the Classroom

By Katie Fries

An FPU education stretches beyond the classroom, campus and centers. Study abroad, internships and research projects get students out of the classroom and into hands-on experiences that they might not otherwise have until they are in graduate school or pursuing careers. During the summer of 2013, Brandon Croft, Dallas Nord, Elijah Roth and Jerome Trembley all took part in off-campus research that allowed them to collaborate with nationally and internationally known experts, and prepared them for study after graduation. All four found that “what they did on their summer vacation” enhanced their university experience and left them well-prepared for the future.



Brandon Croft

When Brandon Croft, a senior pre-health major with a pre-med emphasis, starts applying to medical schools, he can note his experience on not one but two breast cancer studies at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The first study was, “Comorbidities as a Risk Factor for Breast Cancer Related Lymphedema.” “This study involved looking at current breast cancer patients that were developing a secondary disease due to breast cancer therapy,” Croft said. In the second study he examined reoccurrence in patients with breast conserving therapy with radiation treatment versus prophylactic mastectomy. “This study looked at a comparison in the effectiveness of patients who had full breast tissue removal versus partial breast tissue removal,” he added.

Croft credits his professors—especially Alan Thompson, Ph.D., associate professor of biology; Steve Pauls, Ph.D., associate professor of chemistry; and Deanne Bell, assistant professor of biology—with giving him the tools to achieve success. “They have pushed me to a new level of thinking,” he said.

Such thinking was critical to overcoming obstacles. “[The] most challenging part of the experience at Mass General Hospital was learning that rejection of ideas is not an end but a means to developing something even greater,” he said. “My proposed study was refuted three times by some of the greatest oncologists in the nation. It was not until the third time that I was approved to proceed with the study.”

After graduation from FPU, Croft plans to work in the clinical research department of the University of California San Francisco Fresno campus.



Elijah Roth

Due to his unusual combination of interests as a chemistry major and Hebrew minor, junior Elijah Roth was encouraged to apply to the science and religion seminar hosted by the Association for Core Texts and Curriculum (ACTC) through the Oxford University Study Abroad Programme by Greg Camp, Ph.D., professor of biblical and religious studies/Greek, and Brian Schultz, Ph.D., assistant professor of biblical and religious studies.

While in Oxford, Roth and seven other students from around the world took part in the Science and Religion seminar led by David DiMattio, Ph.D., associate professor of physics and dean of Clare College at St. Bonaventure University. “Our first few meetings helped us to conclude that we cannot assume that all laws of science are true for everything. They are just axioms based on the imagined ideas of others that seem to apply to what we have today. This was to be our foundation for discussion,” Roth said.

Roth also participated in a tutorial with an Oxford don (tutor) and studied the “Jewishness” of Jesus. “These were instructed under Dr. Larry Kreitzer and consisted of papers on Jesus’ adherence and dissent from the traditional sects of Judaism at the time,” Roth said.

After graduation, Roth plans to pursue a master’s degree in science and religion as well as a doctorate in chemistry. “My passion for both chemistry and biblical studies has driven me on this path to take every interdisciplinary opportunity I can,” he said.

STUDENT RESEARCH

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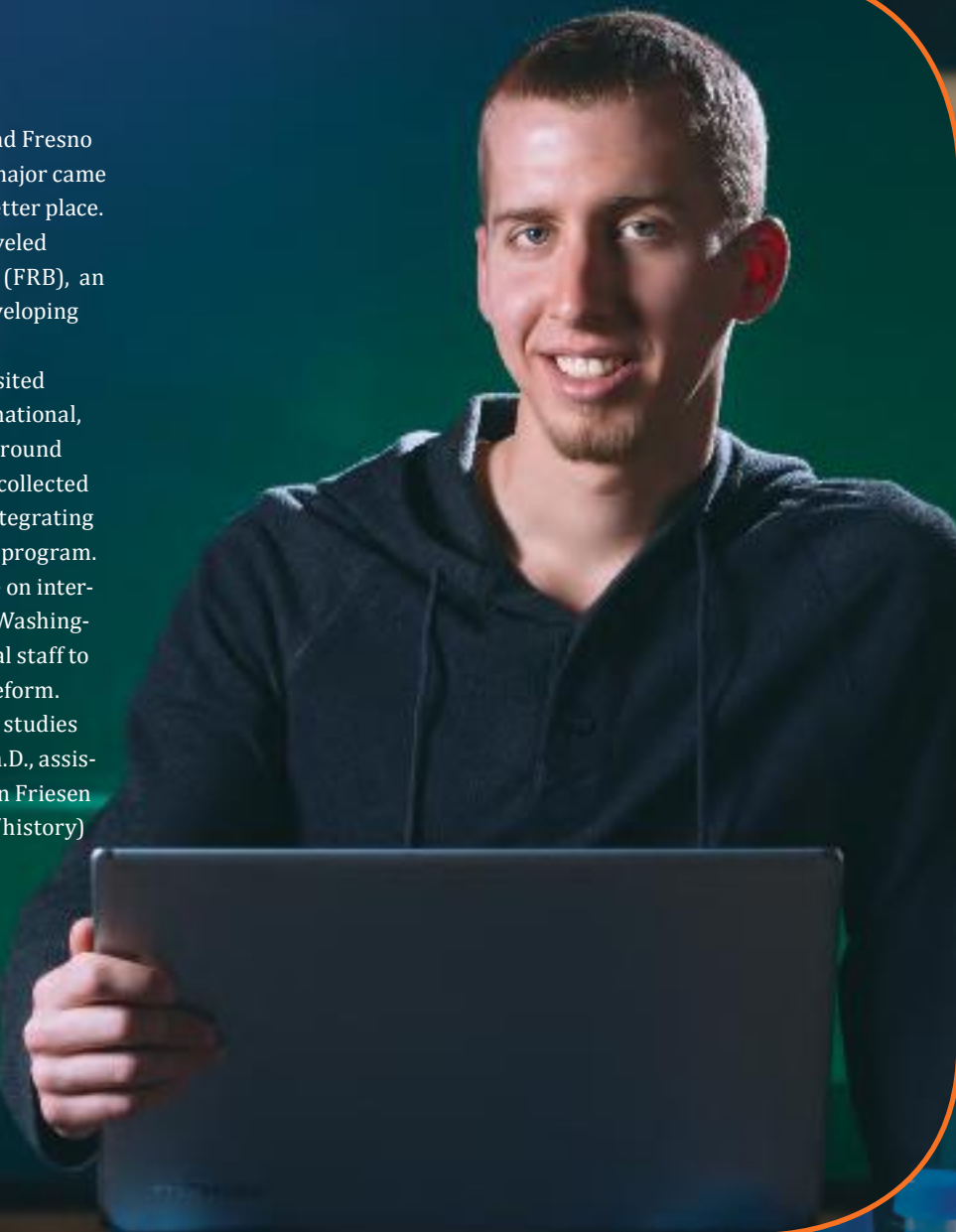
Dallas Nord

For junior Dallas Nord, the decision to attend Fresno Pacific University as an intercultural studies major came from a desire to see the world and make it a better place. Nord put this desire into practice when he traveled to Sierra Leone with the Foods Resource Bank (FRB), an organization that works to help farmers in developing countries grow and produce their own food.

While in Sierra Leone, West Africa, Nord visited Catholic Relief Services and World Hope International, two of FRB's partner organizations; traveled around the country performing well inspections; and collected stories and data from beneficiaries of FRB's Integrating Savings and Agricultural Development (ISAD) program. Following his trip, Nord attended a conference on international and domestic food security issues in Washington, D.C. While there he met with congressional staff to lobby for U.S. food programs and foreign aid reform.

"Since being at FPU and in the intercultural studies program, professors like Darren Duerksen (Ph.D., assistant professor of intercultural studies) and Ken Friesen (Ph.D., associate professor of political science/history) have really inspired me," Nord said.

Nord said. "It was great to gain experience [in journalism] and to do it with a significant purpose. Not only was I collecting data and stories, but they were stories of hope and success. Those are the sorts of stories I would like to promote—stories of hope being fulfilled in a world that too often appears chaotic and hopeless."



STUDENT RESEARCH

"I had the opportunity to work in the world's number one cancer research hospital, and I was able to contribute—even a small part—to the eradication of this devastating disease."

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For senior Jerome Trembley, a former U.S. Navy submarine nuclear operator and instructor, an internship at an internationally known cancer research hospital led to the 2013 Abstract Achievement Award at the American Society of Hematology's (ASH) International Conference.

Trembley, a biology major with a human health emphasis, participated in the MD Anderson Summer Experience at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston. He was mentored by Dr. Dean Lee, an FPU alumnus who offers an annual internship to an FPU student.



The project dealt with finding a means of modifying killer-immunoglobulin like receptors repertoire on expanded natural killer (NK) cells from patients with cancer. “Being able to control the population of NK cells...offers a potential pathway for increased anti-cancer immunotherapy,” he said.

The group’s hypothesis was confirmed enough to warrant submission of an abstract to the ASH. “I absolutely did not go into this internship expecting an abstract. I expected to work on a project, test a hypothesis and return to Fresno with enhanced

understanding of cell biology and cancer research procedures,” Trembley said.

Although it was difficult to spend the summer far away from home, Trembley, who will soon apply to medical schools, said the sacrifices were worth it. “I had the opportunity to work in the world’s number one cancer research hospital, and I was able to contribute—even a small part—to the eradication of this devastating disease. Working with these professionals was an amazing experience that I would not trade for anything.”

“Music is what gets me up every morning.” *-Wayne Huber*

Wayne Huber

Called to Music and Beyond

By Michelle Murphy

From a young age, Wayne Huber developed a passion for music. As a boy growing up in Fresno, Huber’s mother played hymns for him, and he was soon drawn to the beauty of musical instruments. At seven years old, Huber took his first piano class. In fifth grade he picked up the trumpet, and he’s never really put it down.

Music has shown Huber a wonderful life, beginning with his family. In the McDowell Club, a piano club for young musicians, Wayne Huber met his future wife, Laurell, and together they learned to play the piano and accompanied each other in performances. Their friendship turned into a love that has grown for 43 years, and Laurell became a piano, organ and harpsichord teacher who spent about 28 years as an FPU instructor.

From playing to teaching to travelling, music has been the constant in Huber’s life. “Music is what gets me up each morning,” he says.

A calling to teach

Huber came to FPU with a wide range of orchestral, big band and jazz experience. He spent 15 years with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and Fresno Opera Orchestra, and ventured outside the Valley to record in Los Angeles. There was never a dull moment in his years with the Ringling Brothers Circus, Ice Capades and Walt Disney on Parade.

At a show in Reno, Huber got the phone call that changed everything. The offer from FPU (then Pacific College) allowed him to focus on teaching, always his main interest. “When you teach you do it as a calling,” he says. In 1971, Huber joined the music department.

Fostering student success

From his first day, Huber has begun class with prayer. “It just starts the day off on the right foot to get everyone’s mind focused,” he says.

Huber has taught nearly every music class and led ensembles ranging from orchestra to pep band, both of which he founded. In each class, each year, Huber has one focus—to feature the musicians. “My success is seeing my students succeed,” he says.

Many of Huber’s students have gone on to succeed, and he has left an imprint on many lives—none more so than Ricardo Guevara (BA ‘08). Guevara was born in Mexico, and moved to America while in high school. Guevara enrolled at FPU to study mathematics, but Huber changed his fate. Guevara played guitar in his free time, and one day Huber stopped to listen to him playing by a fountain on campus. Huber encouraged Guevara to audition for music, and from that day on, Guevara discovered his own passion and future.

“Little did he realize, when I said I knew little about music, I literally knew nothing. I didn’t know how to read music,” Guevara says. Huber offered individual instruction, starting with a recorder, to get Guevara up to speed. Guevara is now pursuing a master’s in music at California State University, Fresno.

Above and beyond

Again and again, Huber has demonstrated his dedication. One day when Guevara was too sick to attend class he got a call. “I picked it up and it was Mr. Huber,” Guevara says. Upon hearing that Guevara was ill, Huber offered to lend some help to make sure he didn’t fall behind



and some soup to make sure he got better. “I will never forget that day. That was when I knew he was someone very special,” Guevara said.

This dedication is not lost on those whom Huber has influenced. Jimmy Loomis (BA '04, MA '10), band teacher at Silas Bartsch Elementary School, first met Huber while Loomis was in high school. “Mr. Huber always knew how to challenge me to improve,” he says. “His consistently high expectations helped me to work to my potential and based on his recommendation, I was able to teach private trumpet lessons through People’s Church School of Creative Arts throughout college.”

Making students successful meant challenging them to improve, not only in their music, but in their faith. Loomis, along with two other FPU students, was part of the 2004 Christian Instrumentalists and Directors Association National Honor Band based upon Huber’s recommendation. “His faith is evident in his daily decision-making and how he approaches his work as an educator. As a junior, my brother was battling reoccurring cancer and I know that there were lessons where we talked more about what was important in my life than we did about music,” Loomis says.

Through his life as well as his words, Huber has encouraged students to help others as he helped them. “It is a rare and precious thing when exceptional talent and deep humility are found in the same person,” says Steve Klassen (BA '90), leader of the Mark Centre, a Christian-retreat facility in Abbotsford, British Columbia. “Wayne Huber is one of those men where the two have landed. Somehow Wayne has been gifted to call students to achieve at high levels, yet treat them with grace and respect.”

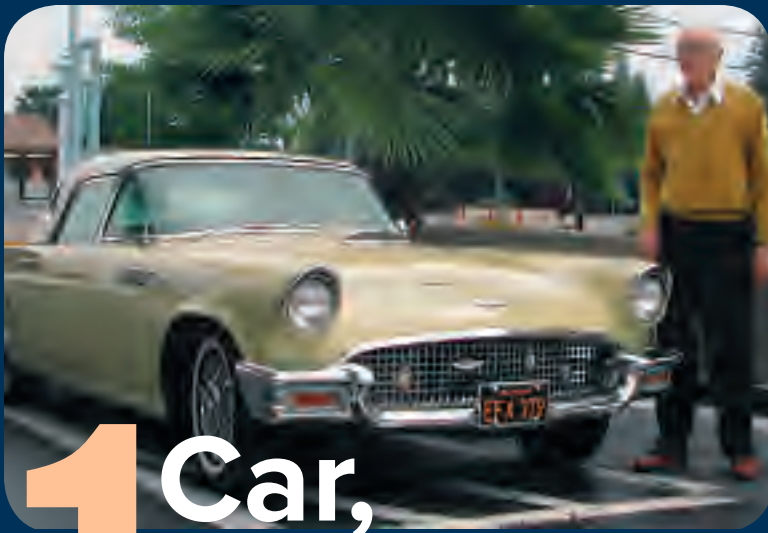
It’s never felt like work

While Huber was the teacher, his students often taught him. “I have learned something every day. They may learn from us, but we learn from them,” Huber says. In 43 years, teaching has never felt like work. “It’s exciting!” he says.

The most exciting time comes at the end of each semester, when Huber’s students perform and he gets to sit back and listen. “There is a sense of elation,” he says. “That’s what it’s about—seeing the hard work come together perfectly.”

In retirement, Huber will keep his passion alive through trips to Europe and other activities. “You have to choose to do that renewal in yourself,” he says.

Huber will continue this passion with each new song he hears, trumpet he plays and person he helps.



1 Car, Boy, Gift

Vince Isnardi and friend

What has a 1957 Ford Thunderbird to do with health care education? Fresno Pacific University!

FPU's B.A. in Health Care Administration is being launched with a \$100,000 Isnardi Foundation grant from the estate of Fresno pharmacist Vince Isnardi. What does the Isnardi gift mean to the BAHCA program? "It means the degree begins with a wonderful legacy!" said Cindy Carter, Ph.D., dean of degree completion.

And the T-bird? Back when Andy Bedoian was seven years old he had a daily date with his first love. At 10:00 a.m. Isnardi's pristine gold 'bird drove by the John Muir Elementary School playground, and Bedoian was there to watch. The love-struck lad didn't know Isnardi, but he knew someday the car would be his.

Fast-forward to Bedoian's college days at Fresno State, when he lived near Roosevelt High School. There, parked across from Veteran's Hospital, he saw the T-bird again—beautiful as ever, right down to the wheel spinners.

This time Bedoian acted. He slipped a note under the windshield asking to meet the owner. Despite a 30-year age difference, the two became friends through their mutual interest in cars and Bedoian extracted a promise that Isnardi would someday sell him the Thunderbird.

Fast-forward again and Bedoian is a retired Southern California Gas Company executive living in Auburn, CA, with a collection of Corvettes, Mustangs—and the T-bird. Isnardi died at age 93, but Bedoian still honors their friendship by caring for the car and serving as secretary of the Isnardi Foundation.

FPU Dean of Degree Completion Cindy Carter, Ph.D., went to Bullard High School with Bedoian. When the two reconnected at a reunion, he was interested in how FPU and the Isnardi Foundation might work together. "Education and health mattered to Vince Isnardi. The connection was natural," Carter said.

Like the love of a boy for a car.

"It's a dynamic and exciting field with great potential for personal satisfaction."

—Cindy Carter, Ph.D.

Health Care Beyond *Grey's Anatomy*

Health care is more than as seen on TV. Even casual viewers know the script: There's been a terrible car accident/fire/shooting/terrorist bombing. The ambulances arrive at the hospital, lights flashing, sirens screaming. Gurneys are wheeled into the emergency room—who is there to help them? Heroic doctors and nurses starting IVs “stat” and prepping defibrillators while calling for more plasma.

This picture is dramatic, but incomplete.

Behind the scenes are other health care professionals: those who serve as leaders in hospitals, clinics, retirement centers, public health departments, medical practices and a lot more. The work of these highly educated professionals is vital to the wellbeing of millions, and they don't get the summer off for reruns.

FPU's new Bachelor of Arts in Health Care Administration (BAHCA) is for people who aspire to be among these very real heroes. The first group of students will begin at the university's North Fresno Regional Center in the fall of 2014, and classes may be added at other regional centers. The program will prepare individuals to develop, plan, lead and manage health care operations and services. Instruction will cover planning, business and financial management, public relations, human resources management, systems operation, policy making and law, all as they apply to health care.

BAHCA graduates will develop cross-cultural competencies, investigative and problem-solving skills and enhance their personal effectiveness. “Graduates will be literate in running a medical institution,” said Cindy Carter, Ph.D., FPU dean of degree completion.

As a bachelor's degree completion program, BAHCA classes will be taught as cohorts, with groups of students starting at the same time and staying together until

graduation. Most courses will meet the same one night a week throughout the three semesters (summer included) required. Online instruction will complement what happens in class. Students will need about 60 lower division college or university units to qualify.

Leading the program are Lynne Ashbeck, regional vice president of the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California and a registered dietician, and registered nurse Brenda Laing. Deeply involved in her community as well as her profession, Ashbeck is also mayor of Clovis and a member of the FPU Board of Trustees. Laing has a master's degree from the University of California, San Francisco, and teaches in the FPU Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program.

Other faculty will come from the FPU schools of natural sciences and humanities, religion and social sciences. Many will be working professionals. “Every single course will be taught by someone with expertise in health care delivery,” said Carter, herself a registered nurse.

The BAHCA fulfills a great demand for independent mid-level managers within the health care industry. Nationally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported health services one of the two fastest-growing areas of employment in 2014, and there is already a shortage of qualified administrators in the Central Valley. “Over the next 10 years the need will grow,” Carter said. “It's a dynamic and exciting field with great potential for personal satisfaction.”

Real-life satisfaction.

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NEW School ALUMNI PROFILE NEW Leader

MIKE NIEHOFF
TC '92

Pop quiz!

A high school student stops the principal in the hallway and says, "I need a transcript of my grades for a college application—today. The staff person who handles these requests is out sick." How does the principal respond:

- A. "Why did you wait until the last day? You need to improve your time management if you want to succeed in college. I hope you learn that lesson for the next school you apply to."
- B. "I really wish I could help, but I don't know where those files are kept. Could the college give you an extension?"
- C. "OK, let me go get that for you."

If you didn't choose C, you don't know Mike Niehoff (TC '92), principal at Minarets High School.

A different kind of principal

Niehoff strives to be a different kind of principal. For one thing, his office is not the student interrogation room. "Ninety eight percent of the time students are in my office, they are not in trouble," he says.

Getting to know students, virtually and in person, is Niehoff's goal. Like all Minarets teachers and administrators, he shares his cell phone number with the school's 530 students. Being out and about in the hallways, speaking to classes, learning students' names

and finding out about them and their families all help to stop trouble before it starts and build a more informal atmosphere. "We dispense with some of that bureaucracy and hierarchy," he says.

Smart phones, computers and social media are not only allowed during school time, they are encouraged. "For a lot of administrators that would be not only frightening, but incomprehensible," Niehoff says. But social media is not going away, "we need to teach people how to use it," he adds. "Since we've started, many schools around the world have started doing things we're doing."

There's even a place set aside for using the tablets all students get as freshmen and the laptop computers they get as juniors. What most schools call a library is the Media Lounge at MHS. The change is more than a new sign on the door as students can truly lounge: talking and bringing in drinks. "We didn't do the hush-hush library. We want you to hang out here," Niehoff says.

A different kind of school

Nestled in the foothills near Coarsegold, Minarets, like its principal, is different, starting even before students get to class. School starts at 8:45 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m., and finishes at 3:45 p.m. "We don't want kids at a bus stop at 6:15 a.m.," Niehoff says. Since MHS is a charter school, two thirds of the students transfer from other school districts. That and the rural area where the school is located mean longer student commute times.

On campus, walls are decorated with student-produced art in the style of Jackson Pollack and Vincent Van Gogh. There's a green alien painted around a doorway in Academic Building 300, and an outside rock climbing wall.

An eight-period day allows for electives ranging from yoga and horticulture to arts and music to sports media. In addition to the traditional instrumental and choral ensembles, MHS has a rock band. The music production class produces rock concerts every semester and publishes original music to the Internet.

To keep track of how things are going, every teacher surveys all their students each quarter. "We've tried to



build a school around the students,” Niehoff says. “The board and community decided they wanted this to be different.”

MHS is the first high school in the Chawanakee Unified School District and Niehoff is the school’s first principal. The school opened in 2008 with 27 freshmen and moved to the current campus the next year, adding sophomores and growing to 135. In the planning stages community members and a consultant decided Minarets would focus on agriculture and natural resources as well as the arts, media and entertainment.

Founders also sought a hands-on curriculum that was very relational. Classes are project-based, depending less on lectures and tests and more on the kinds of presentations and group assignments that students will find in the professional world. “This was going to be something more relevant to a job,” Niehoff says.

Change of plan

Just as Minarets was looking for a principal who values innovation, real-world relevance and the personal touch, Niehoff was looking for an education centered on those same values when he chose to become an educator—or perhaps, was chosen.

After earning a B.A. from California State University, Fresno, in journalism and public relations, Niehoff spent several years doing ski reports, media releases and media events for the concession vendor at Yosemite National Park. He later worked for *Pollstar* magazine, which covers the concert industry worldwide, wrote freelance and did some copy editing for *The Fresno Bee*.

While Niehoff thought he was happy, someone else had plans for him. For several years a former high school teacher tried to recruit him into teaching. These flattering attentions gradually made the young journalist wonder whether there wasn’t something to the idea. “He gradually wore me down,” Niehoff says.

Niehoff’s teacher/mentor recommended him for his first job, teaching journalism at Bullard High School, Fresno. While high school journalism is sometimes a throwaway course, Niehoff loved it from the first, especially the students. “They were creative, I was young and creative,” he recalls, “I had such great kids from day one.”

The move to the principal’s office was gradual. First Niehoff became an activities director in 1998 while teaching at Buchanan High School. The school asked him to join the administration, but Niehoff resisted, wanting to stay close to the kids, until he won a Chancellor’s Fellowship to CSUF. As with the urging from his high school teacher, it was a matter of people having faith in him. “After a while I thought, if this many people think I should try this, maybe I should,” he says.

The FPU difference

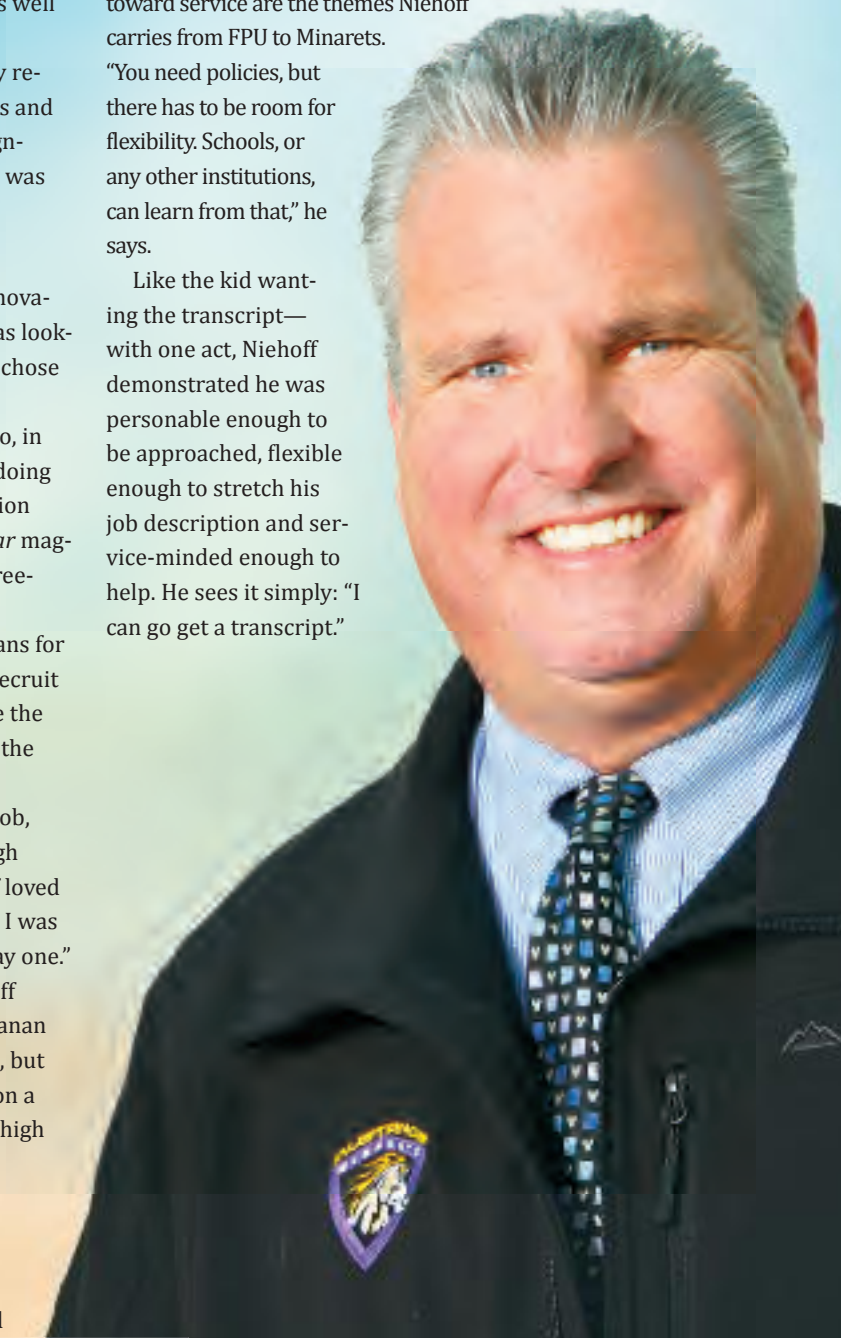
The teaching intern program, where candidates could lead

classes during the day while taking them at night, attracted Niehoff to FPU. High-quality instruction and the personal attention made him a lifelong fan. “Even though I was young I was a working professional and Fresno Pacific was sensitive to that,” he says. “Fresno Pacific convinced me I could do this. I felt they were building a program around me.”

Accessibility, flexibility, innovation, personalization and an orientation toward service are the themes Niehoff carries from FPU to Minarets.

“You need policies, but there has to be room for flexibility. Schools, or any other institutions, can learn from that,” he says.

Like the kid wanting the transcript—with one act, Niehoff demonstrated he was personable enough to be approached, flexible enough to stretch his job description and service-minded enough to help. He sees it simply: “I can go get a transcript.”



“We’ve tried to build a school around the students.” —Mike Niehoff

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sheryl Busby (SM '13) presented "The Relational Isolation of Pastors" at Flourishing in Pastoral Ministry: An Interdisciplinary Conference to Explore Theories and Best Practices for Clergy Wellness on October 11, 2013. The conference was sponsored by the Indiana Wesleyan University Graduate School, School of Theology and Ministry and Division of Graduate Counseling; Wesley Seminary at IWU; and the Wesleyan Church Education & Clergy Development Division.

Amy Ordway (BA '13) is attending Union University in Hendersonville, TN, for her bachelor's of science in nursing. The accelerated program is 15 months and is for individuals who already hold a bachelor's degree in another field.

Gregory Der Monssesian (MA '12) is working on his Ph.D. at UFR Médecine la Timone in Marseille, France, in human pathology.

Gonzo Villegas (BA' 12) is among 18 participants in the 2013-2014 class of the Jesse Marvin Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program (California State Assembly Fellowship Program), one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious legislative fellowships. The 11-month course gives participants first-hand experience in public policy development. By fellowship's end in September 2014, Villegas will serve as a staff member on the Higher Education and Accountability & Review Committees.

Larona Cosby (BA '11) received her Master of Arts in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in legal studies from Grand Canyon University.

Doug Kulungu (BA '10) continues work on his not-for-profit, Kulungu for Congo. The mission is "to improve lives of young Congolese and alleviate poverty in one person, one family and one region at a time," according to the website (kulunguforcongo.com). In 2005, Doug borrowed \$70 from a friend to feed 30 orphan and street kids in the Congo during Christmastime. The next year he began gathering supporters and, starting in 2011, a group met at FPU to pray and raise donations. Today KFC supports two orphanages and is moving into education.

Melissa Bergen (BA '04) was guest speaker at the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church Missions Dinner November 24, 2013. Melissa is a pastor of Iglesia Compañerismo Cristiano in Shafter, CA. Shafter MB and Iglesia Compañerismo Cristiano, both Mennonite Brethren

churches, are sister congregations, sharing resources and time to bring together different cultures, races and economic backgrounds in Shafter as part of the family of God. Melissa has been at her present position for more than two years. Melissa works bivocationally, giving sermons regularly, managing a church garden, networking in the community and working with youth of all ages at the church. She is also a substitute teacher, using that job to help connect students, families, teachers and administrators. Most of the students she works with struggle academically and deal with issues associated with poverty.

WEDDINGS

1 Jonn Engelman (BS '13) married **Alex Rios (BA'13)** on November 3, 2013, in Fresno.

Emily Carroll (BA '12) married **Ryan Froese (TC '12)** on July 1, 2013, at Chico Hot Springs in Pray, MT. Both are teachers in the Fresno Unified School District, where Emily teaches English and Ryan teaches chemistry and physics. The couple honeymooned in Alaska and lives in Fresno.

Anthony Graham (BA'12) married **Roxie Sanchez** on October 26, 2013. They have three boys ages 3, 5 and 7.

2 David Fujihara (BS '12) married **Rachel Madison** on June 30, 2013, in Sanger, CA. The couple resides in Fresno.

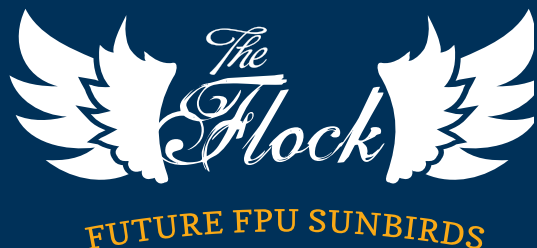
3 Karl Strube (BA '06) married **Heidi Wiser** on December 12, 2013, in Fresno.

BIRTHS

4 Cassie Dorn (MA '11) and husband **Jeff** announce the birth of son **Landon** on August 3, 2013. He was 7 lbs. and 5 oz.

James Garcia (BA '11) and wife **Kristi Garcia** from the Traditional Undergraduate Admissions Office announce the birth of son **Charlie James** on November 28, 2013. He was 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 21.5 inches long. He joins sisters **Natalie** and **Rachel**.





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Patricia Soto (BA '11) and husband Juan announce the birth of daughter Giada Ines on September 1, 2013. She was 8 lbs. and 6 oz. She joins brother John.

Chad (BA '00) and **Michelle (Ediger BA '02)** Boling announce the birth of daughter Hannah Rae on December 22, 2013. She was 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 21.5 inches long.

Jim Ave, Ph.D., program director for the Master of Arts in kinesiology and wife **Ashley (MA '08)** announce the birth of daughters Kathryn Elise and Giana Noelle on December 11, 2013. Kathryn was born at 12:18 p.m. and was 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 18.125 inches long. Giana was born at 12:19 p.m. and was 6 lbs. .8 oz. and 18.75 inches long.

Chris (BA '05) and wife **Heather (Browning BA '04, TC '05) Wood** announce the birth of son Jeffrey Allen on March 22, 2013. He was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and 19 inches long. He joins brother Aaron.

John (BA '03) and **Katie (Fast BA '04, TC '05) Wiebe** announce the birth of son Luke Arthur on October 19, 2013. He joins big brothers Henry, 4; and Charlie, 2.

Ryan (BA '00) and **Heidi (Halverson BA '01) Leach** announce the birth of daughter Lydia on November 8, 2012. She joins brother Levi, 5; and sister Leah, 3.

Hrvoje (BA '00) and **Lisa (Villalobos BA '99) Maglic** celebrated the first birthday of their twin boys Luke and Niko on December 26, 2013.

FACULTY/STAFF

Sean Bradbury of the Campus Safety and Security Office and wife Sarah announce the birth of son Christopher Scott on November 19, 2013.

DEATHS

Patrick Matthew Steele (BA '13), 32, died suddenly on November 20, 2013.

Jeffrey Alan Mast (BA '81), 63, died September 8, 2013. He was an ordained minister with the Evangelical Christian Alliance.

Bill Henry (MA '80), 71, died October 31, 2013. He lived with his wife, Paddy, in Lemoore. Bill served on the West Hills Community College District board for 26 years, beginning in November 1987. He also served on the West Hills Community College Foundation. Bill was previously named Lemoore Citizen of the Year and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lemoore and the Tulare Kings All-Star Football Game committee. He also attended Fresno City College and California State University, Fresno.



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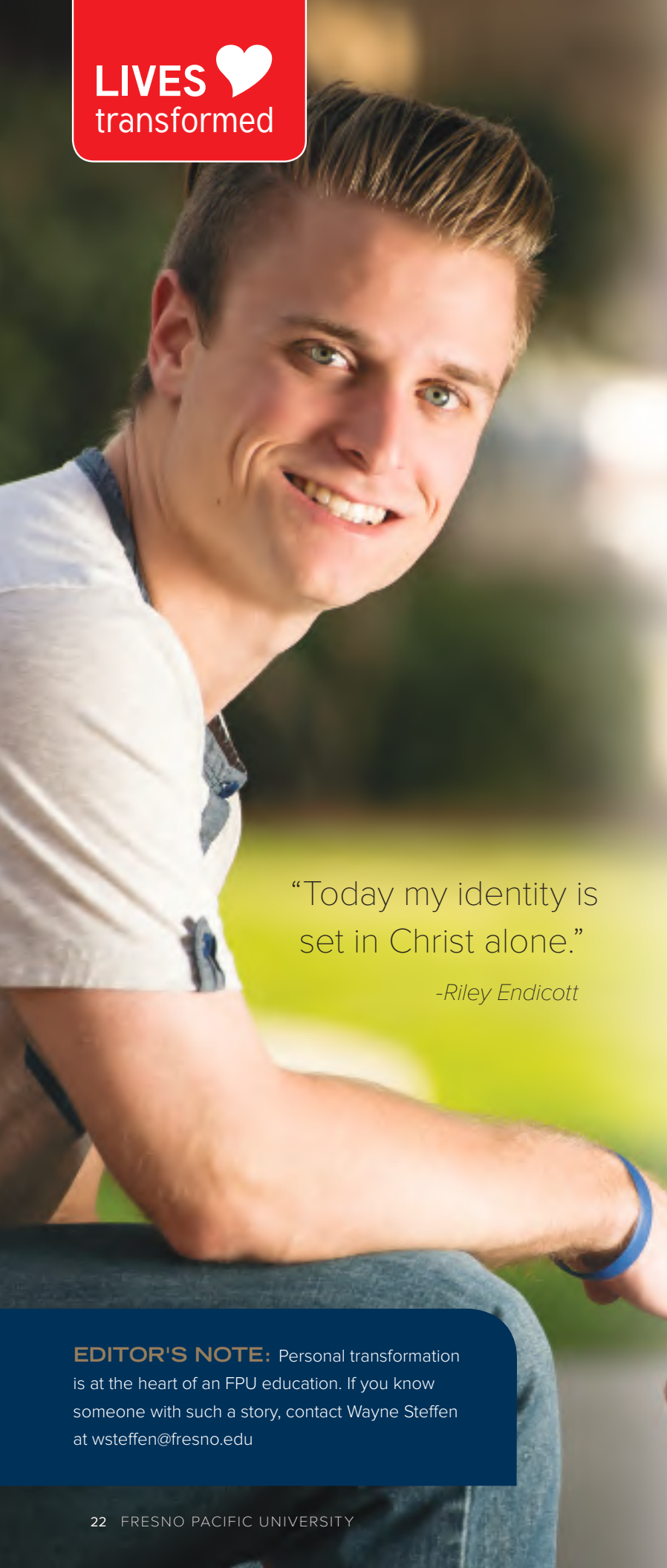


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WHAT'S GOING ON?

It's so easy to let your classmates and friends know what's happening in your life. Send your news—job, marriage, children, new address, awards—to alumni updates.

Email: alumni@fresno.edu | Please include your graduation year(s) with your update. Photos must be high resolution jpeg files.



SEEING OURSELVES AS GOD SEES US

Riley Endicott came to FPU to compete, but the Fresno senior found a new definition of winning. As a member of the baseball and football teams at Fresno Christian High School and a catcher for the Sunbirds, Riley saw himself as an athlete, and assumed God saw him that way, too, especially after the miracle God provided after Riley shattered his collarbone playing football for the FCHS Eagles. Doctors said he'd need four months to recover, but after friends prayed he was healed. "One moment I couldn't touch my nose and the next I could raise my elbow over my head without pain," Riley says.

The stress fracture that cost Riley his sophomore year as a Sunbird was more worrisome. "I had to wrestle with why this happened to me," he said. But injuries are part of sports, and God again sustained him. Then, a couple of weeks into his junior year as a Sunbird, a torn bicep tendon in his throwing arm—another surgery—ended Riley's playing days. "That was another devastating, painful loss."

It wasn't as though Riley, a biblical studies major/communication minor, had drifted from his faith. He felt mentored by coach Oscar Hirschhorn and his assistants. Still, the God who had felt so present in high school seemed somewhere else now.

Again faculty, friends and family blessed Riley, particularly Mike McGowan, then a residence director; Tim Haydock, advisor to *The Syrnix* student newspaper and communication/biblical studies instructor; and classes with Ryan Schellenberg, Ph.D., assistant professor of biblical and religious studies. "They challenged me to see the world in different ways," Riley says.

That different way became a passion for telling stories with a camera. Riley served as media editor for *The Syrnix*, overseeing all web content and social media including video news and documentaries and doing video projects for the Office of Continuing Education. "Storytelling is a form of truth-telling," he says.

Seeing the world in a new way led Riley to take a new look at himself. "Through that process of not playing, I realized God was calling me to more than sports," he says. "Today my identity is set in Christ alone. No matter what the challenge he will be there for me."

"Today my identity is
set in Christ alone."

-Riley Endicott

EDITOR'S NOTE: Personal transformation is at the heart of an FPU education. If you know someone with such a story, contact Wayne Steffen at wsteffen@fresno.edu



GETTING TO KNOW

LESLIE SCHUEMANN

First Woman AD for FPU, PacWest Conference

When Leslie Schuemann became director of athletics January 13, after 18 months as senior associate athletics director, she brought a wealth of professional experience, a passion for student-athlete success, a commitment to winning and a faith that resonates with the Fresno Pacific mission.

How did you start working in athletics?

I began working as the academic advisor at Texas A&M-Kingsville and found my passion for working with student-athletes and college athletics. When you have individuals who believe student-athletes can succeed in all areas and encourage the student-athletes to be great academically as well as athletically you can make a huge difference.

What is your vision for Sunbird athletics?

I want us to be a leader in NCAA Division II in all areas. I want our staff and student-athletes to bring their "A" game every day. We will continually work to get better so that we leave a legacy of excellence. I want us to never forget that we serve a greater power and that we are working every day to truly glorify God through our gifts.

What is the future of FPU athletics and how will you continue our history of excellence?

When you have a team like ours who is trusting God, working hard and spending each day focused on student-athlete success, I think that history of excellence will only grow. We will continue to focus on being fully integrated into the university, supporting the mission of FPU and providing opportunities for student-athlete success.

How will you help student-athletes grow and achieve their goals?

I want FPU to continue to be a place where character, godliness and discipline are indispensable elements—where students are challenged to pursue winning in all areas of their lives. And I also want our student-athletes to be given the encouragement, resources and care they need so they always know they are a valued part of our community. I want to truly honor the commitment our student-athletes make when they choose FPU.

You spent five years working for the NCAA. What do you bring to FPU from that experience?

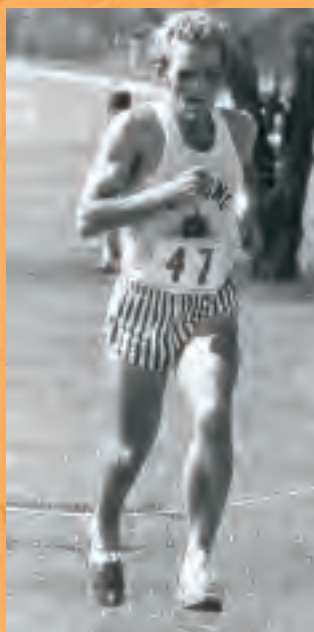
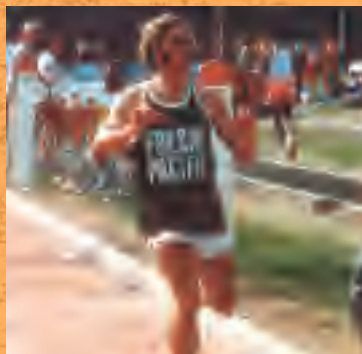
I think my time at the NCAA shaped my vision for the role athletics can play to enhance the student experience and how a fully integrated department of athletics supports the mission and values of the university. I always knew that my heart for serving student-athletes and watching them grow and succeed would lead me back to a campus position. I saw FPU as the perfect opportunity to develop a new Division II program, and as well a place where my faith would play an important role in my career.

What do you do when you're not working?

I enjoy bike riding, motorcycle riding, a little golf, travel, reading, the beach and spending time with my husband, Rick, and my family. I have two children, Christopher and Jessica, who both live in Texas and I cherish time with them.

Read all about Schuemann's appointment at FPUathletics.com/news/2014/1/13/BB_0113142526.aspx
Read/Watch more at FPUathletics.com/AD
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ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME



Jim Hartig



From left: Pakisa Tshimika, Karl Dewazien, Jim Hartig and Diane Wiese

HALL OF FAME HONORS ATHLETES, INTRODUCES LEGACY AWARD

The 2014 Athletics Hall of Fame class has excelled in athletics and beyond.

Karl Dewazien

(Men's Soccer, Student-Athlete: 1966-1969, Coach 1969-1973)

Karl Dewazien built soccer at FPU and beyond. As a player his 21 career goals made him all-time leading scorer, and his leadership led to a spot as head coach while a student. Since FPU, Dewazien has been coaching director of the California Youth Soccer Association and initiated the West Coast youth soccer camp movement. His books have become standards in the U.S., Canada and China.

Jim Hartig

(Men's Cross Country & Track and Field, 1972-1976)

Jim Hartig set school records that stand to this day. As 1975 cross country MVP, Hartig earned NAIA all-region honors and qualified for nationals. In track and field, he won the region championship in the 10K and national All-American honors. Hartig went on to teach in Clovis, CA.

Pakisa Tshimika

(Men's Soccer, 1974-1978)

After a paralyzing car accident ended his dreams of soccer stardom, Pakisa Tshimika learned to walk with a cane and turned his life to service. In his native Democratic Republic of Congo, Tshimika headed a public health agency. In Fresno, he founded Mama Makeka House of Hope, promoting health, education and empowerment.

Diane Wiese

(Women's Basketball: Coach 1995-2005)

As coach, Diane (Weststeyn) Wiese collected a 180-138 record, a national tournament appearance, conference championships, conference runner-up finishes and seven straight winning GSAC seasons. After FPU, Wiese joined the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and now teaches in Ripon, CA.

MEN'S SOCCER

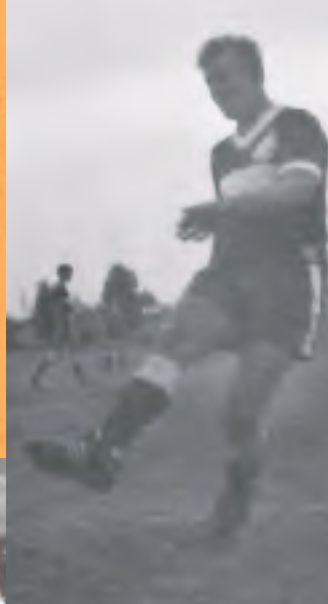
TAKING CHARGE IN PACWEST CONFERENCE

The men's soccer team is already establishing itself as a power at the NCAA Division II level, capturing the school's first Pacific West Conference title in just its second season as a member of the conference. The Sunbirds posted a record of 13-4-1 during the regular season, amassing a 10-2 conference record and a perfect 10-0 home record at Ramirez Field.

As a team, FPU scored 62 regular-season goals, nearly 30 more than any other team in the PacWest. The Sunbirds closed the season on a five-game winning streak that included one of the most incredible comebacks in program history, a 3-2 win over Azusa Pacific in which the Sunbirds scored twice in the final 10 minutes while playing a man down. The team then defeated Azusa Pacific again in the NCCAA West Region title match to advance to the national tournament in Florida, where they placed third.

Head coach Jaime Ramirez was named PacWest Coach of the Year as the Sunbirds garnered numerous postseason awards. Senior Ivan Mirkovic was named PacWest Defensive Player of the Year and earned All-American honors. Senior midfielder Gustavo Silva earned first team All-PacWest honors as well and joined Mirkovic on the All-American team.

Forward Jorge Chedraui was named the PacWest's Freshman of the Year while sophomore forward Alvaro Nogales, junior midfielder Renato Bustamante, senior goalkeeper Fabian Rangel and sophomore midfielder Eric Velarde also earned All-PacWest honors.

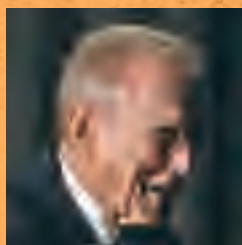


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The Briscoe Family Scholarship

The Briscoe Family Scholarship Fund was established to enable traditional undergraduate students requiring financial need to attend FPU.

Eugene and Phyllis Enns Endowed Scholarship

The Enns family has a long and productive history with Fresno Pacific University, the FPU Biblical Seminary and Immanuel Schools. Eugene has served on the FPU Board of Trustees and he and Phyllis are faithful contributors to the seminary, and members of the FPU President's Circle since its inception. This scholarship serves as a bridge for students from Immanuel High School to attend Fresno Pacific University. Preference given to direct descendants of Eugene and Phyllis Enns, or students who have attended Immanuel High School, Reedley, CA.

Making Pastors into Shepherds

Honoring one shepherd and encouraging others is the goal of a new scholarship at Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary.

The Dr. Roland and Lois Reimer Endowed Scholarship was created in 2013 by the couple's children, David Reimer and Karen (Reimer) Fleming. "It's a way not only to honor my parents but to acknowledge something that's very important to them: that we provide good servant-leaders to all the flocks in the Southern District," said David Reimer.

Roland and Lois (mostly) retired in 2004 after 44 years of ministry and live in Wichita, KS. A 1995 graduate of the seminary and president and CEO of Palm Village Retirement Community, David and wife Sandra live in Reedley, CA, while Karen lives in Wichita with husband Jim. Roland and Lois have five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. One grandson, David Jr. (D.J.), is a student at FPU.

Preference for the scholarship will be students:

- with a history and/or a future in the Southern District Conference of MB Churches
- from an MB or other evangelical/Anabaptist background

- in their final year of studies
- with successful ministry experience

Both Roland and Lois were born on farms, he in Southern Nebraska and she in North Dakota, and met at Tabor College. Roland did alternative military service and a stint in agricultural work before being called to ministry. He graduated from Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary (now Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary) in 1964.

With Lois an integral part of his work, Roland pastored churches in Topeka, KS, and Denver, CO, returning to California to earn his D.Min. from Fuller Theological Seminary. Roland then taught at Friends University, Wichita, before assuming the pulpit of First Mennonite Brethren in Wichita. In the larger church, Roland served as Southern District minister, in numerous national conference positions and was a frequent member of the boards of faith and life for the bi-national and district conferences. He also served on the boards of Mennonite Health Services, Prairie View mental health facility and Tabor College.

Most of Roland's church assignments involved heavy preaching responsibilities. "Two sermons a Sunday—he

somehow managed to get it all done," David said. Much of that success was due to Mom, Karen added: "She was involved with his ministry all the way through. She was an encourager."

Congregations grew under Roland's care, thanks in large part to his strengths of empathy and listening. "Even in tough situations there was a warmth, you had the feeling he really liked you," David said.

In addition, pastors were nurtured. "Roland was very attentive to pastors under his care," said Mark Isaac, FPU associate vice president for advancement, who pastored churches in Tulsa, OK, and Newton, KS. "He was a real shepherd."

Her parents are "committed, consistent and unflappable," Karen said. "The lifestyle of ministry is who they are."

The seminary was where Roland learned to convert his natural talents into abilities that built people, congregations and the church. "He has a deep and abiding respect for professors D. Edmund Hiebert, Waldo Hiebert and J.B. Toews," David said.

Roland Reimer shepherded others as he was shepherded. With this scholarship, future pastors will enjoy the same benefit.

Lynn and Donna Jost Mennonite Brethren Pastoral Endowed Seminary Scholarship

This gift to Fresno Pacific University Biblical Seminary carries with it the vision and dreams of the Jost family to benefit men and women who are called by God into the study and teaching of his word.

Peter and Nancy Klassen Annual Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Peter, former professor of history at FPU and California State University, Fresno, and Nancy Klassen to benefit those who will apply the highest standards of learning in the area of history with a Christian commitment and attitude.

Gregory A. Sommers Annual Scholarship for Accounting Students

Gregory Sommers received his Bachelor of Arts in Accounting in 1989 from FPU and is currently directs the master's in accounting program at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. Susan Sommers was a staff member at FPU. They have chosen to invest in the lives of students attending FPU by giving back from the

proceeds of an accounting-based valuation textbook written by Gregory Sommers.

Richard S. Unruh Annual Political Science Scholarship

This scholarship was established to reward the pursuit of excellence on the part of students majoring in political science, pre-law and social science secondary teaching. Richard Unruh received his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Pacific College (now FPU) in 1967. He subsequently taught political science at Fresno Pacific for 44 years, retiring in 2012. His commitment to Christian higher education is why he spent his academic career at Fresno Pacific—a career characterized by a commitment to academic excellence and encouraging students to think critically, expand their horizons and achieve their best.



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