



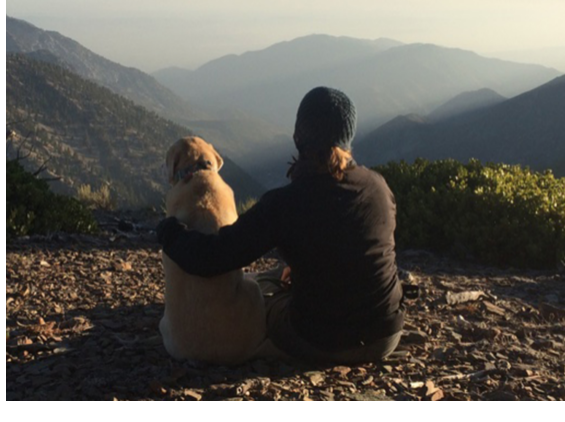
## APU OPPORTUNITIES



### Homecoming Weekend 2019 October 25-26

Join us for a weekend of fun and exciting APU homecoming events! You will have a chance to meet President Ferguson, participate in a service project, attend class reunions, and connect with other alumni during affinity group gatherings. We want the weekend to be of time of remembering past traditions and creating new memories. The schedule of events will be listed on the [alumni website](#) by the end of August.

## APU STORIES



### Sonya Wilson '97 Continues to Inspire

While Sonya Wilson's climbing of Mount Kilimanjaro is considered a once in a lifetime accomplishment, even this feat pales in comparison to the numerous mountains she has conquered in her lifetime. As the first deaf-born graduate of APU, Sonya continues to give back to the deaf community and works as an ASL translator. Sonya quotes, "To honor who I am as a Deaf woman was important in my journey. Being Deaf enhances and enriches my life. This is how I was made and this is what God gave me. Being Deaf is beautiful."

[Click here to read the full story >>](#)

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



### APU Alumni had a fantastic time at the LAFC game!

On July 26th, The Office of Alumni Engagement hosted an event for over 160 alumni, friends, and family at the LAFC Alumni Soccer Game at Banc of California Stadium. The flag for the national anthem was carried by all APU representatives. Click below for event photos.

[Event Photos](#)



### Social Work Alumni Network Meeting

The Department of Social Work's alumni committee met August 3rd, beginning its seventh year of planning professional development, service and networking events. The group meets monthly, and highlights of their planning include a Women's Leadership Luncheon, a Men's Networking Dinner and March Social Work Month Event.

The Social Alumni Committee's mission states:  
"We strive to create and promote opportunities for professional growth and support that reconnect social work alumni by establishing pathways for engagement such as networking and participation in charitable events."

If you want to learn more academic and co-curricular activities at APU, please review the following newsletters shared with the APU community.

[Social Work](#)  
[Diversity at APU](#)  
[Office of Research and Grants](#)  
[College of the Arts](#)  
[College of Liberal Arts and Sciences](#)  
[School of Business and Management](#)  
[School of Education](#)

### APU NOTES & NEWS

#### ALUMNI BENEFITS

#### Join the APU Cougar Network!

The Office of Alumni Engagement wants to support and promote businesses owned by APU alumni. We are creating a directory to list business information of alumni-owned organizations, which allows other alumni to access Cougar professionals that have expertise in numerous industries. Please fill out [this form](#) if you want to include your self-owned business on our APU alumni website (launched by September 1st).

#### ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA



#### COUGAR CLASS NOTES

#### ALUMNI UPDATES



**Emmaleigh Carlson (2016)**

Emmaleigh published an [article](#) for Training Industry. This is Emmaleigh's first publication.



**Caitlyn Lutz (2010)**

Since 2017, Caitlyn has served as a full-time intercessory missionary at The Prayer Room in Arlington TX. She is a senior leader, oversees internships and training programs, and leads worship. Caitlyn blogs about the prayer movement at [fragrancearise.com](#).



**Thomas Higgins & Samantha Douglas (2015)**

Thomas and Samantha got married in Cabo San Lucas on June 28, 2019. Wedding party and guests included Joshua Ginting (2015) and Justin Sheppard (2015).



**Anna Colby (2013)**

Anna recently graduated with a Juris Doctorate this year from Regent University School of Law. She plans to work in the field of Human Rights law!

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