



APU INFORMATION



APU Expands Physical Therapy Program, Opens New Facility

As spring semester at Azusa Pacific University came to a close and most students and faculty headed home for the summer, the Department of Physical Therapy geared up to move into their new 26,000-square-foot facility. Located in the back of Duke Hall, the space is more than four times the size of the former location in Mary Hill. "It was a busy time. Our summer classes started just a couple days after we moved in," said Derrick Sueki, DPT, Ph.D., Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program director.

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APU OPPORTUNITIES



APU Alumni at LAFC

The Office of Alumni Engagement invites you to watch the Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) face off against MLS Champions, Atlanta United on Friday, July 26th at 7:00pm. Tickets are on-sale until July 10- don't miss out!

[Score Yourself Discounted LAFC Tickets Here](#)



Save the Date...

Homecoming Weekend 2019 is October 24-26!
More details coming soon.

APU STORIES



APU's Lieutenant Torres Among Officers Awarded Medal of Valor

Lieutenant Xavier Torres of Azusa Pacific University's Department of Campus Safety, was awarded the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, along with six members of the Azusa Police Department (APD) at a May 22, 2019, ceremony at the White House. President Donald Trump recognized the officers for their heroic efforts during an active shooter incident that took place on Election Day, November 8, 2016.

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APU Alumnus Jorge Alvarez Named Bezos Scholar

Azusa Pacific University alumnus Jorge Alvarez '03, M.A.Ed. '08, M.A. '12, was recently named a Bezos Scholar. Alvarez, an assistant principal at Colton High School (CHS) in Colton, Calif., was honored alongside CHS junior Ernest Cisneros for their work with the school's TED Ed. club, including arranging the school's first TEDx Conference on the topic of mental health earlier this year. As part of the Bezos scholar program, the pair will travel to Colorado later this month to attend the Aspen Ideas Festival, where they will learn more about how they can create change in their community.

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Thank You for Joining Us!

The Murrieta Regional Campus and the Office of Alumni Engagement thanks those in attendance for the 15th Annual Day at the Diamond event, joining over two hundred alumni, students, family and friends. We hope to see you again next year!



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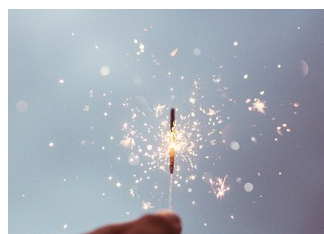
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ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA



COUGAR CLASS NOTES

ALUMNI UPDATES

Maria Soria (2013)

Maria recently graduated with a PhD in Medical Biophysics from USC. Her dissertation topic was: "Regulating Functional Amyloid Formation: The Promiscuous Behavior of the Orb2A N-Terminal Amphipathic Region." Maria will be an assistant professor in biology at Fresno Pacific University in the fall.



Aldene Zeno (2008)

Aldene is a physician in obstetrics and gynecology, graduating her fellowship in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery (FPMRS) from Harbor-UCLA Medical Center June 2019. She will be Associate Professor in the Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of FPMRS at LA County-USC Keck Hospital beginning Fall 2019.

Kate Lucas (2018)

Kate is finishing her first year teaching 4th grade at Alta Murrieta Elementary School.

Catherine McPhee (1996)

Catherine retired from her full-time position as faculty and Director of Clinical Partnerships and Placement team in the APU School of Nursing. She remains an adjunct faculty member. Catherine cherishes her 21+ years at APU SON and the relationships she has built with colleagues and students.

Carin Wasson (1992)

The Wasson family moved to Nashville, TN in January 2019. With a new job for her husband, her oldest daughter a Senior at Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) studying Marine Biology, and her youngest a Sophomore at Belmont University in Nashville studying Nursing, the Wassons are loving their new adventure.

Alex Evangelista (2015)

Alex graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a M.Div., and three seminary fellowships/awards. He is moving to Media, PA, for his new position as a Minister of Christian Education and Formation at Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, in Swarthmore, PA.



Moya Carter (1999)

Moya graduated with her Ph.D. in Education with an emphasis in Higher Education from Claremont Graduate University on May 18, 2019.

Wendy Watt (2018)

Wendy completed her first year as Principal at Sandia Academy.

Lauren Meyer (2014)

Lauren Meyer is performing as "Amber" in the musical *Hairspray* at Bay Area Musicals in San Francisco. In addition to performing, Lauren works as a director and choreographer teaching artist. Bay Area Musicals' production of *Hairspray* runs from July 6 - August 11.

Be highlighted in the next alumni newsletter.

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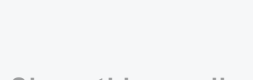
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