



APU INFORMATION



Introducing Azusa Pacific University's 17th President

Azusa Pacific University's Board of Trustees announced Paul Ferguson, Ph.D., as the 17th President, and received unanimous support. A Southern California native, President Ferguson is the founding dean of the School of Science, Technology, and Health at Biola University. His leadership experience includes serving as president of Ball State University and the University of Maine. Ferguson is known for driving academic innovation, advancing effectiveness in administrative practices, and building strong bonds with students, faculty, staff, and alumni. He will play an instrumental role in guiding the university into a new era of success.

Click here for the full announcement >>

APU NOTES & NEWS

1960's and 1990's Graduates: Remember When...

Post your photo and/or memories about Concert Choir from the 1960's and The Rock from the 1990's on Facebook or Instagram with #APUAlumni. You will be entered to win a fun APU alumni prize!

To be eligible, post between May 7th and May 14th.



Jon Wallace Celebration

If you would like to view the video of President Jon Wallace's celebration, please click here.

APU OPPORTUNITIES



APUSA Spring Benefit

The Azusa Pacific University Scholarship Association (APUSA) invites you to celebrate Mother's Day weekend at our annual Spring Benefit. Bring your mother, daughter, grandmother, and friends to beautiful luncheon and fashion show. Come early for opportunity baskets, silent auction, and boutique.

Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:00 A.M. - Doors open for silent auction items, opportunity baskets, boutique and hors d'oeuvres 12:00 P.M. - Lunch and fashion show Tickets \$40 per person Proceeds benefit student scholarships at Azusa Pacific University

Register Now



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.

Please note: MLS changed the date from July 27th to July 26th!





APU Athletics

Click here for upcoming games and team updates.

ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA





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ALUMNI UPDATES

Chris McLaughlin (2003)

Nine-year old Alana Miller from Greenwood. Indiana needed a kidney transplant. Her pastor, APU alum Chris McLaughlin, heard her story and agreed to be tested for a possible match. Miraculously, his kidney was a perfect fit for Alana. Click here for the full story.

Tyler LeMasters (2013)

Tyler has been maried to APU alumna, Blakely LeMasters (2015) for a year. They live in China and work on a Society and Culture Podcast called "The Far East Podcast", and received recognition from the U.S. State Department for their work.



Stephanie Fitch (2016) Stephanie Fitch (2016) and Joseph Cothran (2010) were married in April 2019.

Joshua Bisquera (2016)

Joshua has been an Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapist for the past three years and loves it! He is considering obtaining a master's degree.

Kendra Schneider (2010)

Kendra obtained a Master's degree in Theatre Education from the University of Northern Colorado.



Courtney Fellows (2013) In October, Courtney (Webb) Fellows (2013) married Calvin Fellows in Greatham, United Kingdom.



Lisette Mendez (2012) Lisette was recently elected to the El Monte City School District School Board.

Stephanie Maertens (2008)

Stephanie (2008) and husband Mitch welcomed a daughter, Emily Gwen, on October 6, 2018. Emily joins her four-year-old brother, Shane.



APU STORIES



APU Alumnus Connects Community Through Art

E. Trent Thompson (2017, cinematic arts, minor in fine art) paints each stroke to tell a story and each painting connects his community in new and profound ways. Thompson runs a creative agency and sells art at a collaborative workspace in Livermore, California. He discovered inspiration for his art on his way to the office, where he often passed by a homeless woman named Sydney who sat outside the building. "I would say hi and move on about my day," he said. "Occasionally, I brought her lunch." Over time, Thompson built a friendship with Sydney, which sparked an idea.

Click here for the continued story by Nathan Foster >>

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pacific Islander Organization Highlights APU Alumni

March 30th was the 32nd annual Lū'au hosted by the APU student group, Pacific Islanders Organization (PIO). Honored guests were alumni and founders of the PIO organization, endearingly referred to as Uncle Kalani and Aunty Lei Badua. Kalani (Warren) Badua (1990) and Lei (Yvette) Badua (1996) founded PIO in 1987 to help build a community of students from Hawaii who felt far from home.



Alumni Volunteers - THANK YOU!

Many alumni volunteers helped with the 2019 Spring Baccalaureate Alumni Initiation and Commencement ceremonies. Thank you to all the alumni that helped make the events memorable and meaningful!

Missy Fackler (2015)

Missy published an article in the ALAN Review as first author. The article is titled "Still Looking for Alaska: Exploring Female Identity Development After Trauma."

Want to update your contact information? Click here!

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

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