



**SUMMER 2020**

## APU INFORMATION



### President Ferguson Addressing Injustice Anywhere

Although the most recent tragedies unfolded in Minnesota and Georgia, that pain is demonstrably felt across this nation and throughout our University Community. As your President, and on behalf of the President's Cabinet and Board of Trustees, we simply are unable to let these incidents go by in silence. We are compelled as Christians and resolved as academic leaders to create a University, and contribute to a society, where all persons feel a sense of belonging and thrive.

Click [here](#) for President Ferguson's full message.



### Engaging with Love and in Faith

The past few weeks have been difficult. Alongside President Ferguson's message to the APU Community, we acknowledge the anger, frustration, hurt, sadness, fear, and confusion many of you may be experiencing during this challenging time. The tragic deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd should evoke emotions in us, and as believers, we need to stand against any injustice or form of racism. This world is broken and desperately needs change. All of us can play a part in that change.

Click [here](#) for full message from Dr. Shino Simons, Vice President, Student Affairs, and Dr. Keith Hall, Vice President, Diversity and Inclusion



### A Message from the President: Return to Campus Plans for Fall 2020

APU will meet the 2020-21 Academic Year with faith-filled confidence and readiness to meet the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead with the goal of providing our faculty, staff, and students with the unmatched transformational experience characteristic of an in-person APU education in our welcoming community.

Click [here](#) for complete letter from President Ferguson.

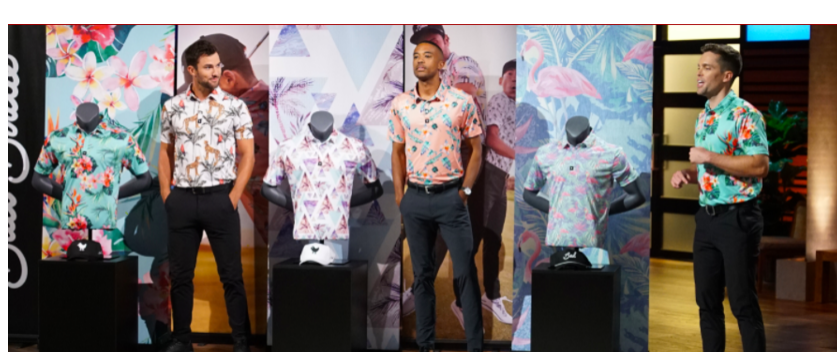
## APU STORIES



### APU Students Make an Impact, Developing COVID-19 Drugs

When David Dyer, Ph.D., became the executive director and professor of the newly designed M.S. in Biotechnology program at Azusa Pacific University, he may not have anticipated the significant work his students and graduates would be doing just three years later when COVID-19 struck.

Read [here](#) for full story.



### Jason Richardson '10 Lands Business Deal on TV Show, Shark Tank

Azusa Pacific University alumnus Jason Richardson '10 walked onto the set of ABC's *Shark Tank*, with his heart pounding and adrenaline coursing through his veins. "That was probably the most nerve wracking moment of my life, other than proposing to my wife," he said. Despite the high stakes and pressure, Richardson artfully delivered his business pitch to the celebrity judges and a television audience of millions, negotiating his way to a deal with a spectacular finish.

Click [here](#) for more of Jason Richardson's story.

### APU ALUMNI BENEFITS



#### Networking & Employment Support

Many APU students and alumni are affected by the COVID-19 situation and in need of employment. Please reach out to the APU Career Center if you or your organization has viable employment opportunities or if you are a job seeker.

**Career Center contact information:**

[career@apu.edu](mailto:career@apu.edu)

[Career Center website](#)

### APU Alumni assists to relieve stress



Justin Lee, APU alumnus with a bachelor's in Applied Exercise Science in 2016 and his Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2019, produced this video series to share with the our APU community. Justin currently works as a physical therapist in Oahu, Hawaii. He enjoys serving others through exercise and is committed to providing high-quality physical therapy care while encouraging others to maximize their physical potential.

Click [video to watch and follow along](#).

### ALUMNI SOCIAL MEDIA



Content is posted twice a week during April and May.

[Stay connected & follow us!](#)

### APU Alumni Assistance



#### Cougars Helping Cougars

1. Pray for the current APU students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni and the surrounding community.
2. Check on your APU friends and connect with them.
3. To care for international students and other students experiencing extraordinary circumstances, we have instituted a living-space exception for cases of hardship. If you would like to support the tangible needs of APU students through our student emergency fund, [please click here](#).
4. If you live in close proximity to the APU campus and want to donate canned goods/nonperishable items for our student food pantry program, please contact Brittany Billar ([bbillar@apu.edu](mailto:bbillar@apu.edu)) in Student Affairs. This is a meaningful way to address food insecurities on campus.

**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.

[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](#)  
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