When all three of our children were enrolled in elementary school, it occurred to me and Gail that the school calendar measures time in unique and wonderful ways. The Christmas season brings a barrage of handmade gifts constructed of yarn, dried goods, and the ubiquitous white glue. Those wonders remain precious to us even now because on the back of each one, etched in child-like scroll, is one of our son’s or our daughter’s name and the year it was made.

What really touched us as parents, however, was the annual tradition of the classroom picture. The awkward pose, carefully chosen from several imperfect proofs, arrived courtesy of the U.S. Postal Service to every known relative. For years, they hung in chronological order along the hallway wall. All visitors to our home could, in a single glimpse, recognize the annual progression through primary and secondary grades. And, as if the gallery wasn’t enough to evoke memories of childhood, we took it one step further.

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First MFA Class Graduates

A dream 11 years in the making was realized on Friday, July 31, 2009, when the first graduating Master of Fine Arts in Visual Art class walked across the stage and received their diplomas. The class included nine students, two of whom came from an APU undergraduate program. The program, which began in 2006 after an eight-year planning process, emphasizes not only excellence in art, but also a strong foundation in writing and research. The curriculum is academically challenging, and before graduating, students must take a final theory and practice course, prepare a final exhibit, and complete a 50-page written thesis. “Our rigorous program challenges students to put a lot of effort into their work, writing, and research, and develops them into well-rounded artists. They work really hard,” said Bill Catling, MFA, chair of the Department of Art and director of the MFA Program. Though the class was small, it was comprised of students representing many different interests and thought processes. “The diversity of the class made dialogue robust and rich. Students had such different backgrounds and interests, and their final shows were phenomenal because of the creative space you provided,” said Dr. Christl, project manager. A Tribute to Gladys Wilson

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Completed in May 2009, the Segerstrom Science Center marks an important addition to university assets. The 72,000-square-foot building provides a host of new research resources, including 37 teaching and research laboratories, a nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) room, and an electron microscope room. These state-of-the-art facilities allow students and faculty to conduct detailed research in scientific fields such as biology, chemistry, and biochemistry, and will be a valuable tool for recruiting prospective students and teachers. The capabilities provided by these additions will also enhance APU’s already prestigious status in the academic community.

The center contains a 90-seat lecture hall, 23 discipline-specific classrooms, and 3 general-use classrooms. The center also houses the Departments of Biology and Chemistry and Mathematics and Physics, research and teaching components for the Department of Physical Therapy and the School of Nursing, and the Center for Research in Science (CRIS). The lecture hall provides space for lectures, workshops, and symposia. The inaugural three-part symposia launched in October with “Lifelines for Our Future,” focusing on the stewardship and sustainability of Earth and its resources. Part two takes place on January 14, 2010, featuring Nobel Prize recipient David Baltimore, Ph.D., on “Advances in Medicine.” The series wraps up on March 19 with an in-depth discussion of biotechnology.

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The amount of these generous contributions from HRSA has increased significantly over the last several years, which is indicative of the professional quality and academic strength of the nursing programs at APU. “APU nursing graduates exemplify excellence in the field, which is exactly what HRSA looks for when awarding these grants,” explained King.

APU Ranks High Among Nation’s Best Colleges

For the third consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report’s America’s Best Colleges included APU in the third tier of the National Category in the 2010 rankings, placing the university alongside Harvard, Yale, and UCLA, among other prestigious institutions. Placement in the National Category for America’s Best Colleges is based upon evaluation of the following areas: peer assessment, retention and graduation rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and graduation rate performance.
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As the owner of Dawson's Book Store in Pasadena, he has published and personally edited more than 370 books that bear his shop's imprint. He holds a specific interest in the publication of microforms. He promotes the preservation of rare books and documents his expertise as a bookseller at several universities and organizations nationwide, assisting APUs since the inception of the university's Special Collections. Most recently, he donated a 1523 Nuremberg New Testament and a 1644 Pilgrim Psalter to the university's holdings.

Glen Dawson has been instrumental in shaping the direction and content of our Special Collections endeavor, today valued at more than $5 million. We are grateful for his expertise and assistance,” said Wallace.

Glen Dawson Honored for Lifelong Achievements

On September 18, APU awarded Glen Dawson an honorary doctorate of humanities in a special Recognition held at the Unitarian Church in Pasadena. Glen Dawson is a world-renowned bibliophile and is widely recognized for his contributions to the field of rare book publishing. He is the founder and owner of Dawson’s Book Store in Pasadena, which has been in operation since 1970. The store is considered one of the most important bookstores in the world, with a collection that includes rare and unique books from various time periods and regions.

Dawson is also known for his dedication to the preservation of rare books and manuscripts, and he has played a significant role in the field of book conservation and scholarship. He has received numerous awards and honors for his contributions, including an honorary doctorate from Azusa Pacific University.

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The university has received grant funds from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to support research in aerospace engineering. The grant will fund research on the development of new technologies for use in aerospace applications, including propulsion systems and materials science.

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The university has established a shipyard on campus, which is designed to provide students with hands-on experience in the field of shipbuilding and marine engineering. The shipyard is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, and students will have the opportunity to work on real-world projects and gain valuable experience in the industry.

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Given the plethora of styles and theories, how does a Christian university traverse the art world? The best answer: nurture an art program that engages the contemporary field and contributes to the conversation. At APU, students and faculty do both while leading the university toward an exciting moment in its arts education history.

In the last several years, many have come to view the Azusa Pacific University Department of Art as a center for artistic expression in the area. Drawing similarities to medieval monasteries where educated monks, through scholarship, craft, and art production, explored important biblical and secular ideas, the department facilitates critical dialogue, drawing national attention for work from both students and faculty.

Rooted in biblical truth, APU professors, students, and their guests have begun an earnest exploration of art history, technique, culture, and social issues within a faith-based framework. As a center for artistic activity, the Department of Art hosts a number of events to engage the APU community and the outside world. Faculty and students facilitate more than 50 exhibitions a year. Student-inspired shows adorn four different on-campus galleries, while traveling exhibitions take shows on the road. The work of modern master Marc Chagall and work attributed to Jackson Pollock have graced the gallery walls this year, while the works of invited guests, artists, and historians addressed topics like aesthetics, the role of the city, metaphysics, and the place of spirituality and art. These culture-building events and gatherings invite faculty, students, and guests to discuss art and ideas intimately, creating opportunities for rich dialogue.

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Before Juana Valenciano '09 (pictured right) decided to attend APU, she, like most students, toured the campus to experience a college classroom, check out the residence halls, and eat a meal in the "Caf." Unlike most students, however, Valenciano was only nine years old.

Each year, 700 fourth-grade students from the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) participate in the College Headed and Mighty Proud (C.H.A.M.P.) Program, a service-learning experience for students in APU’s Liberal Arts Program as part of the Diversity in the Classroom course. The program launched in 1991 with a $900 pledge from APU Campus Ministries (now the Offices of Ministry and Service and the Campus Pastor) and AUSD. To that sum, the Azusa Rotary Club quickly added $700 and continues to support the program to this day. Since then, C.H.A.M.P. has provided thousands of Azusa children with their first exposure to college, sparking excitement about the opportunity college affords and creating enthusiasm for working toward college admission. Along with Valenciano, this past spring, two other C.H.A.M.P. alumni graduated from Azusa Pacific University: Chris Richards '09 and Roseann Wall '09. A fourth, Monica Arellano '09, graduates this December.

Alongside their Azusa elementary school complements, the APU student mentors gain much from the program as well. "We see a much higher competency rate for handling diversity issues after students participate in this program," said Paul Flores, Ph.D., associate professor of liberal studies. "C.H.A.M.P. helps our APU students and provides a great learning environment for them. But we really focus on the program’s service aspect, and how it provides many young students with their first exposure to college."

Valenciano says her memories of C.H.A.M.P. in 1997, while at Azusa’s Lee Elementary School, inspired her to attend APU. "It was great to see firsthand how college life works," she said. "My parents had always told me how important education was for my future, but after spending a day on campus as a fourth grader, I went home saying, ‘I want to go to college.’"

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As a liberal studies major and future teacher, Arellano embraced the role of C.H.A.M.P. mentor to a new generation of Azusa fourth graders. “I really enjoyed encouraging the kids and providing an example for them just as previous APU students had done for me,” said Arellano.

After graduating this December, Arellano plans to teach in the Azusa Unified School District, ideally at the elementary school she attended. “I have been given so much by this community, including the C.H.A.M.P. Program,” she said. “To give something back would be a dream come true.”

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Christina Richards, who participated in C.H.A.M.P. in 1996 while attending Valleydale Elementary School, credits the program with introducing him to a world he might not have explored otherwise. “Coming from a home that was outside the middle class, yet knowing at such a young age that college is not only accessible but achievable, was powerful for me,” he said. “Being encouraged to attend college by actual college students and believing I could do it changed my life.”

Roseann Wall caught a glimpse of APU’s campus for the first time with her fourth grade class at Murray Elementary, a school that already promoted college accessiblity within its curricula. “We took field trips to several local universities and wrote letters to the colleges,” said Wall. “Two friends who attended C.H.A.M.P. with me also recently graduated from other schools. But for me, it was always Azusa Pacific. I was so impressed by my high school teachers who had graduated from APU, and my brothers, who was a sophomore at APU at the time, also really encouraged me. I had seen the quality of their education and knew that was the kind of college experience I wanted for myself.”

For Monica Arellano, however, the idea of going to college was new when she participated in the program through Murray Elementary School. “Nobody in my family had attended college,” she said. “The C.H.A.M.P. Program was an eye opener not only for me, but also for my parents. I could see myself going to college, and we all began to recognize that college was in my future.”

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After graduating this December, Arellano plans to teach in the Azusa Unified School District, ideally at the elementary school she attended. “I have been given so much by this community, including the C.H.A.M.P. Program,” she said. “To give something back would be a dream come true.”

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Thousands of miles may separate Azusa Pacific University from Hong Kong, but the ties that bind them reach deeper and farther than mere geography through the legacy of the Leung family. Their story begins in early 20th century Hong Kong with a determined man who led three generations on a brave journey of faith.

As a boy, Leung Kam Dai loved to learn, but was only able to attend school for seven days. When his teacher died, he continued his education alone and, over his lifetime, taught himself to read newspapers and the Bible. He worked his whole life as a porter and fisherman, but most remember him as the old, white-bearded man standing on a wooden platform in front of the church giving his testimony. Of his nine children, only two survived to adulthood, and when he found Christ through the ministry of Peniel Church, he dedicated his life to serving God. When he married Hui Sui Lan, the two served the Peniel Church together, and Chan Kwong became the first Chinese pastor of that church. He also continued to travel with the Reitons throughout southern China preaching the Gospel and reaching out to the boat people.

Chan Kwong relied on prayer and resourcefulness to care for his young family, including a son and a daughter. Keeping them safe became his highest priority. “I was about three years old, sitting in a high chair on the balcony,” recalled her younger brother, Lap Poon (L.P.), “I remember seeing Japanese soldiers patrolling the streets below our third-story house. Grandma killed our last chicken for dinner before the bad guys could come and take it away. That was the beginning of the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong during World War II. Survival depended on our faith in God. My grandfather, dad, and mom did everything they could, risking their lives to keep the family fed.”

Amidst the air sirens and plane bombings, God protected the Leung family during nearly four years of occupation. When the war ended, the missionaries returned and the church flourished once again, with the Rev. Leung serving in every capacity: supervising church reconstruction, witnessing to the builders, planting additional churches, and compiling, translating, and editing the first Chinese hymnal. When his organist (who happened to be his daughter, Mei Lin) died in 1960, he realized this was the perfect place with the ideal people to bring his father’s testimony and music to the world. “I am thrilled,” he said, “to be able to carry on the family legacy.”

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Her younger brother, Lap Poon (L.P.), followed in his sister’s footsteps and made the journey to Azusa in 1958 on a work-study program. “President and Mrs. Haggard and my professors, Mr. Logsden and Dr. Robertson, knew me by name and always checked in on me. They gave me more than an academic education, they gave me confidence in myself and helped me to realize that I could compete and succeed. Their kindness left a big imprint on my life,” said L.P.

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Don’t mention “Spoons” to Steven Lenhart ’08. Though the friendly card game usually finds its niche among children and teenagers, Lenhart admits his obsession. In fact, the Spoons tournament is an annual tradition at the Azusa Pacific men’s soccer preseason retreat, complete with winner’s plaque and bragging rights. Defeat, however, hits hard, and after Lenhart’s elimination from the final round in 2006, he stormed out in a huff.

That was more than three years ago, before the 6’1” forward with the wild mop of curly blonde hair earned a spot as one of the Cougars’ all-time greats. As a junior, he led Azusa Pacific to its second-straight National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) title game, earning the national tournament outstanding offensive player award. For an encore, he carried the Cougars back to the title game where APU claimed its first-ever NAIA men’s soccer championship, and Lenhart repeated as the outstanding offensive player and was named the tournament’s most valuable player.

“Sometimes you recognize when a player can play at the next level,” said head coach David Blomquist. “One of his strong points was that he would out-work everybody on both teams. His work ethic was amazing.”

But there’s far more to Lenhart than a win-at-all-costs mentality. The NAIA first-team All-American feels that God has called him to soccer as a platform for ministry, a calling that was something of a surprise, considering as he almost let go of the game for good.

As a youth, he played because it allowed him to spend time with friends. “I wasn’t that good,” he said. “I don’t know why I kept playing.” He played on Esperanza High School’s 2004 CIF championship team, but started only a few games and was cut from his club team shortly thereafter. Lenhart started college at Point Loma Nazarene University, but as a freshman, he appeared in 12 games and scored just once.

“I didn’t care if soccer was included when he decided to attend Azusa Pacific. The Cougars’ rising program couldn’t guarantee him a spot on the roster, and he joined without a scholarship, but that didn’t matter—he felt comfortable at APU. His father, Gary ’81, played football for the Cougars from 1977-80, and older sister Jennifer ’06 was attending when he arrived.

After graduation, he planned to move to Africa to start up a nonprofit. But soccer called again when he became a surprise selection of the Columbus Crew in the 2008 Major League Soccer (MLS) draft, the highest level of professional soccer in the U.S. “I had no idea what was going on until a week before the draft,” said Lenhart. “Even then, I woke up that morning and didn’t know if it was really going to happen.”

A few months into his first professional campaign, he found himself in the starting lineup for the Crew’s U.S. Open Cup match against Real Salt Lake. He scored the game winner, lifting Columbus to a 2-0 victory, and finished his rookie year as one of his league’s most productive finishers, scoring four goals in 278 minutes of action. For good measure, he added a key goal in a post-season run that ended with Columbus claiming the franchise’s first-ever MLS Cup.

Lenhart’s second pro campaign nearly matched his first: he scored three times, earning eight starts in the 23 games he played.

But ask what soccer means to him, and you won’t get an earful about scoring goals or winning another MLS Cup. “The reasons I am who I am is because of my relationship with God,” said Lenhart, “and professional soccer provides opportunities to tell people about that.”

He has found this to be true both on his team and in the community. “I’ve always lived my faith and tried to be a witness, but now I have a bigger sphere of influence,” he explained. This hit home during a recent visit to the opening day of the Special Olympics. Lenhart struck up a friendship with one of the players, and when the player mentioned a game the next day, Lenhart dropped by to watch the game and practice with the team. “Before, I would have gone just some guy helping out, but now the kids know me, and it means a lot to them when I’m there.”

His hope is that these types of opportunities will continue to set him apart within the community and among his teammates, and will open the door for meaningful conversations. “I know I’m not just here for soccer,” said Lenhart. “My happiness and being able to share it doesn’t come from any goal I’ve scored; it’s waking up every morning knowing I’m living for something bigger.”

Bigger than goals, bigger than trophies—even bigger than Spoons. Lenhart’s take-it-or-leave-it approach to the game that wouldn’t take no for an answer renders him bigger than goals, bigger than trophies—even bigger than Spoons. Lenhart’s take-it-or-leave-it approach to the game that wouldn’t take no for an answer renders him humble, happy, and acutely aware of God’s purpose for his life.

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Investing in Our Mission

Total Giving
APU receives gifts from current students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, foundations, corporations, churches, and friends. We are deeply grateful for this support of our students and investment in our mission.

2007–08 $10,682,012
2008–09 $12,320,496

• 15% increase in total giving in fiscal year 2009
• 14% increase in number of donors to APU

Giving to the University Fund
The University Fund helps to support student scholarships, faculty positions, academic and student life programs, and technology improvements.

2007–08 $1,452,761
2008–09 $1,558,911

Gift and Estate Planning
The university provides professional services to help individuals make informed decisions about their current and future financial plans, while also facilitating investment in the mission of Azusa Pacific. In 2008–09, $1,788,124 in charitable gifts were received through gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, bequests, and others gift-planning vehicles.

Foundation and Corporate Grants

University Fund $375,650
Capital $5,092,000
Restricted $1,059,740
Total $6,527,390

Stewarding Our Resources
Selected Financial Numbers—Operating Fund for the year ended June 30, 2009 (unaudited)

Revenue Breakdown

Tuition and fees $158,477,625 80.1%
Auxiliary services $27,480,099 13.9%
Private gifts and grants $1,357,708 0.8%
Investment income and gains $1,379,468 0.8%
Other $6,749,928 4.8%
Total $197,844,828 100.0%

Expenditures Breakdown

Instruction and academic support $83,184,611 42.1%
Scholarships/Financial aid $29,973,352 15.2%
Student services $13,245,600 6.7%
Auxiliary services $14,888,534 7.5%
Institutional support $56,265,035 28.5%
Total $197,557,132 100.0%

Total debt $144,636,443
Total assets $364,840,942
Debt-to-asset ratio 39.6%
Institutional budget 2008–09 $190,799,652
Endowment balance $36,492,164
Five-year endowment growth $26,751m–$36,492m 36.4%

Mission Statement
Azusa Pacific University is an evangelical Christian community of disciples and scholars who seek to advance the work of God in the world through academic excellence in liberal arts and professional programs of higher education that encourage students to develop a Christian perspective of truth and life.

Four Cornerstones

Christ—Colossians 1:15–18
Belief in Christ is central to all that we think and do, and who we are. It is this understanding of God’s love that informs all our pursuit of academic, service, and community.

Scholarship—Proverbs 4:5–9
We are called to scholarship permeated by our Christian faith. We are committed to teaching excellence. The liberal arts is central in the curriculum, for we are dedicated to the education of the whole person. At the same time, we value the role of professional offerings that prepare students for specific careers.

Community—Romans 15:6–7
We believe in community. We are a richly diverse people who value the worth of each individual. Our mission is to encourage, equip, and enable each student to fulfill his or her great potential, and in turn, encourage, equip, and enable others.

Service—Romans 12:9–13
Service is at the heart of our local and international outreach, missions, and service-learning endeavors. Our students often find these experiences to be among the greatest of their lives.
Students stream into APU’s new Segerstrom Science Center, hurry by the ecology-themed fountain, and climb stairs adjacent to green-paneled windows etched with Genesis 1:1. One wears a stethoscope. Another carries a presentation board displaying DNA’s classic double helix. Typical sights in the innovative building that caters to the future great minds of science, medicine, and mathematics. A $51 million project, the science center provides a tangible example of the Fletcher Jones Foundation’s investment at work. APU’s affiliation with the Fletcher Jones Foundation spans almost 30 years and stands as a powerful testament to the critical role foundations play in the educational landscape.

Founder Fletcher Jones pioneered the computer science field and founded the Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC), one of the nation’s first software development firms. The foundation focuses its support on private educational institutions in California, and has awarded more than $165 million in grants since its inception in 1974. APU’s contact with the foundation began in 1981 with a $5,000 gift for student scholarships, and since then, the foundation has provided more than $2.6 million in support of university initiatives.

“The Fletcher Jones Foundation’s support of the Segerstrom Science Center is yet another demonstration of its continued leadership in the advancement of higher education,” said Louise Furrow, APU’s executive director of development. “Their $750,000 gift was instrumental in the completion of a building that will equip the next generation of teachers, scientists, and health care workers.”

Already, the university realizes intangible benefits from this gift and others like it. “Repeated funding by top-notch foundations like Fletcher Jones improves APU’s reputation and serves as a stamp of approval for other grantors and academic institutions,” Furrow said. “Not only does this open the door for work with other similar organizations, but it also has the potential to help with reputation-related college rankings, like those found in U.S. News & World Report.” Last year, the magazine, which ranks colleges and universities based on the opinions of peer institutions, acknowledged APU as an “up and coming university,” an honor that Furrow believes may be owed in part to votes of confidence from well-known organizations like the Fletcher Jones Foundation.

This most recent contribution represents just one more in a series of substantial gifts to APU. From labs and libraries to academic complexes, the Fletcher Jones Foundation has underwritten both technological initiatives and building projects that support student learning. “Our board is always interested in funding projects that will make a lasting impact,” said Christine Sisley, the foundation’s executive director and treasurer. “This and previous gifts show that the trustees are confident that APU is a high-quality institution.”

This economic climate affects donors and educational institutions across the board. When they have less money to work with, foundations don’t stop their philanthropy, they just focus on using their funds more strategically,” Furrow said. Receiving grants during challenging financial times speaks volumes. Among a multitude of worthy institutions, a nod from the Fletcher Jones Foundation affirms APU and its visionary programs as a standard for science education.
Mexico Outreach Celebrates 40 Years

Mexico Outreach celebrates 40 years of ministry in 2010. The ministry began in 1971 while guiding the Cougars to three NAIA Championship Tournaments and capping by his selection to the NAIA Senior Bowl.

A three-year Cougar, Ray was the Cougars’ top-seeded player every season, winning All-GSC honors each year. An outstanding two-sport athlete, Reid was the first female Cougar to earn Do-everything point guard, Walker was the first player ever to be twice first team honors in 1991 and 1992. He spearheaded a defense that allowed just 1.7 goals per game during his four-year career, which was capped by his selection to the NAIA Senior Bowl.

The program impacts its participants as profoundly as those they serve. The accident made God’s presence very evident to me, and I was really an experience I would like to repeat someday. I had a lot of support from friends and professors.

Contact: Melina Ricou, Program Director

We’d love to have your advice as someone in a situation like yours? If you have a life coach, contact them for scheduling, directing, and playing in musical direction at their five weekend services. NOLA SMITH, M.A. ’97

CLASS NOTES

MEXICO OUTREACH CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

MELANIE RIVERA, M.B.A. ’00 received her master’s degrees from APU, she in music therapy and APU in marriage and master’s degrees from APU, she in music therapy and APU in marriage. Melanie worked at Mariners Church in Irvine as worship and arts pastor, and then began serving as a music pastor at Hills Church in Corona. She resigned her job in August of 2009 to start a new church, Ten27, which opened in December 2008, only a few months after the couple had been cancer free.

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Alumni interview
Getting Real in L.A.

Los Angeles. The name evokes images of gridlocked freeways, frenzied shopping centers, and incessant activity. The endless bustle creates a hectic and hurried population with very little opportunity to build community. According to APU alumnus Gabe Veas ’02, Ed.D., at the heart of it all are people starved for true relationships. The founder of Authentic L.A., a nonprofit organization specializing in training mentors and planting mentoring programs in schools, churches, and community groups, Veas has made it his mission to encourage others to mentor and be mentored by those around them. He believes that real personal growth requires a willingness to move past the surface and invest in deep, transformational relationships.

The inspiration for Authentic L.A. came while Veas attended Fuller Theological Seminary studying to become a pastor. “I grew up in a tough East L.A. neighborhood, so I began working with inner-city church leaders, educating them about what these kids faced. After a year of meeting with them one-on-one, I realized that I knew each of them better than anyone knew me,” he said. “I started wondering why no one had ever sat down with me and asked the questions I was asking them. No one asked how God was working in my life or what was on my heart.” Veas realized that many of today’s churches lack this kind of interaction. “People shake your hand after service and ask how you are, but the Church does not provide an environment conducive to real listening.”

In addition, he observed that many ministries make the false assumption that people’s lives completely change at the moment of conversion. “Mentoring takes the perspective that God’s change is a process. New Christians need someone to acknowledge that it’s a rough walk and say, ‘I’m a seasoned Christian, I’ll walk you through some of these tough spots,’” he explained. “It’s not just our job to help them start well, but to help them walk well.”

Veas remains convinced that the church has a role in shaping schools and communities, and formal mentoring and discipleship are fundamental elements. The key, he says, lies in understanding what mentoring is and isn’t. “Most people think of the accountability aspect of mentoring, but that’s just one facet. It’s easy to find people to tell you what you’re doing wrong, but a true mentor goes beyond that to address the whole person.” This means that a mentor represents not only someone who will call out bad behaviors, but also someone who serves as a source of affirmation. “Our communities and cultures tend to affirm us for the wrong things. In contrast, a mentoring relationship provides an opportunity to be embraced for the positive.” And a mentor isn’t necessarily older. “I’ve mentored people who are 20 years my senior. A mentor has knowledge or experience to pass on and a willingness to invest in you. Age is not the primary issue. That’s the critical point—we all need someone to invest in us, and we all have the opportunity to mentor people in our sphere of influence.”

Practicing what he preaches, Veas has mentored more than 100 men since leaving APU. “The biggest payoff is being able to watch as God shows Himself to these guys,” he explained. “It is amazing to see God use the mentoring relationship to move people where He wants them to be. After a year of someone asking, ‘What is God doing in your life?’ every week, you become used to articulating your testimony. You come to understand that God didn’t just speak to you once when He first delivered you; He moves in your life on a daily basis.”

Veas believes that mentoring relationships constitute a natural response to the Great Commission. “As a Christian, I need to be there to listen and affirm, be accountable, call out behaviors, and give tough love. That doesn’t just happen; you need a strong relationship first. This is the tangible fulfillment of Jesus’ challenge in John 13:35, that His disciples should be known by their love.” Veas asserts that Christians have a calling and an opportunity to move past the superficial, peel away the surface, and engage in meaningful relationships that encourage authenticity with both God and each other.

To learn more about Authentic L.A., visit www.authenticla.org.

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DOROTHY ZIETZ ’05, a Coast Guard cadet, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape City, Maine. During her eight-week program involved a rigorous training curriculum, including academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, work ethic, teamwork, firefighting, and marksmanship. The recruit also received instruction on the Coast Guard’s core values—honor, respect, and devotion to duty—and how to apply them to military performance and personal conduct.

FIRST LIEUTENANT ELIZABETH HULTGREN ’06 serves with the U.S. Army, Nurse Corps as a critical care nurse. She is currently stationed in Southwest Asia. Follow her blog at www.nursebeth.blogspot.com.

ANGELIQUE (GOMEZ ’07) GORDON and her husband, Billy, purchased their first home in Chesapeake, Virginia. Angelique currently works as an admissions counselor at Regent University and is developing a student-based evening class with the campus pastor. She is also pursuing a Master of Arts in Student Affairs. She is active with Trinity Church of the Nazarene. Johnny are both involved in ministry through Trinity Church of the Nazarene. Johnny is a medical missionary in Ethiopia. Angelique and Johnny have two marathons and one half marathon participants with Team in Training to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is active with the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars. Angelique is a proud graduate of Azusa Pacific University.

KARI VIRDING ’05 and Philip Bradley of Dundalk, Ireland, were engaged on February 6, 2009, and were married on August 8, 2009. Four members of the wedding party were APU alumni: Tabitha Petrie ’07 to Joseph Carnes of Oregon State University and co-owner of HealthCare Partner Medical Group, to Andy by Peter Pan at Keyways Winery in Yorba Linda, California. Andy and Tabitha are both involved in ministry through Trinity Church of the Nazarene. Johnny is a medical missionary in Ethiopia. Angelique and Johnny have two marathons and one half marathon participants with Team in Training to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She is active with the Ladies Auxiliary Veterans of Foreign Wars. Angelique is a proud graduate of Azusa Pacific University.

JOHNNY CABRERA ’02, M.A. ’08 and Isla Lan Kristina, on August 9, 2009. Kristi teases part time and Jonathan works in the wellness industry.

DARIN KLEESPIE ’08 to Russell Koyyenge on June 28, 2009, in Walnut Grove, California, to the Grand Island Mansion. They currently live in Tennessee, where Russell is in the military and Darin is expanding her business in the health and wellness industry.


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FUTURE ALUMNI

To RYAN RIESTRA ’91 and his wife, Mary, on August 16, 2009, in Newport Beach, California. They currently reside in Yorba Linda, California. Mary joins big brother Jonathan, 7, and arrival of Sophia, 8, and big brother Alexander, 10, in Thousand Oaks, CA 91360.

TO JODIE (KENNING ’98) McCULLOM and her husband, Jeff, a son, Mason Charles, on March 11, 2009. Jodie and her husband, Jeff, a son, Mason Charles, on March 11, 2009.

AMY ESSTAPPA ’05 and her husband, JARAD ’98, an adopted 18-month-old daughter, Anna from Krasnoyarsk, Russia. Anna joins big brothers Bradley, 7, and Brooks, 4, at 131 Creekside Dr., Danville, KY 40422-1066. meemos4@yahoo.com

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TO KIRSTI (GERARDS ’97) LUKES and her husband, Jonathan, a daughter, Ila Lon Kristina, on August 9, 2009. Kirsti teaches part time and Jonathan works in finance. 821 NE 209th St., Shoreline, WA 98155-3229. kirsti@kernals.com

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*Every effort is made to publish all photos submitted to APU Life. We apologize if your photo was not published.
In a pink and purple bedroom, a mother rubs her daughter’s back and wipes another tear—why is it so difficult for her to make good friends? In a dimly lit living room, a husband and wife sit curled up on opposite corners of the couch, staring blankly at the evening news—how do I know if she’s really the one? In a crowded chapel, a college student spots his girlfriend worshiping four rows away—do we even know each other anymore? In a New York City apartment, an
couple is trying to watch one of the kids play a sport, “Bob’s right. Such ‘Burns-isms’ have been a constant whisper in our ear. It’s very difficult (and expensive) to find babysitters for six children, but because we need to make our marriage a priority, date nights, kissing (yes, in front of the kids), and being constantly aware of the potential for busy schedules is vital in keeping our marriage alive. I would much rather have my family sitting around the dinner table laughing, praying, and talking about our day, than sitting on a cold bench five nights a week eating snack bar hot dogs and trying to watch one of the kids play a sport.”

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There is a critical need today for culturally relevant material anchored in God’s timeless truth,” said Executive Vice President for University Relations David Peck ’91, MBA ’02, M.A., who provides leadership in the development of an online community and dynamic social media tools for the center. “Our goal is to provide vital information that pertains to marriage and parenting and raise Christ-following kids.

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In addition to encouraging individuals to be thoughtful and proactive in their marriage and parenting and delivering content in a relevant manner, the center also equips the next generation of leaders. “Welcoming Jim Burns into our APU family provides our students with an incredible opportunity to learn from a leading Christian expert on youth and family,” said Executive Vice President David Bixby, Ed.D., whose span of care includes the center. “Through classes, conferences, materials, and seminars, Jim’s passion for this crucial area of ministry will become part of the APU fabric, offering tremendous resources to our alumni and friends.” The Van Settens couldn’t agree more.

“The new center is a fantastic ‘marriage’ between APU and HomeWord. Jim and Cathy Burns are the real deal! The information and resources offered through this ministry will be authentic and biblically sound, providing the APU family with valuable and practical advice and materials to be better parents and have better marriages.”

Partnering with APU is a very personal experience for Burns. “So much of my spiritual formation, Christian community, and lifestyle decisions came from my life-changing experience as a student at APU. For my wife, Cathy, and me, APU was more than an educational experience—it was foundational for our life and ministry.” Now, he is thrilled to invest his time and talents back into APU by training future leaders to reach the changing face of the American family.

“Jim’s passion and ministry come at a very personal cost. He’s the first to admit it: ‘Every message is written and delivered with a personal component. If you’re going to be a part of my ministry, you’re going to get to know me. You’re going to know what I’m thinking, what I’m feeling, what I’m going through in my own marriage, my own kids, and my own life. We can’t separate our personal lives from the ministry that I’m involved in.’”

But there is a clear disconnect between this endless supply of self-help books and materials and the reality of marriage. Burns and his wife, Debby (Levens ’86), know the value of finding sources of biblical encouragement to foster a godly marriage and family. As the parents of six children, ages 9–18, these APU alumni have followed Burns and put his counsel into practice for years. “Burns masterfully captures simple, yet obvious truths, and puts them openly in your face,” said Bob. “Truths like, ‘If the Devil can’t make you bad, he’ll make you busy!’ ‘Make sure to get a babysitter and schedule a date night!’ ‘Pray together!’ And the real fun advice, ‘You need to kiss each other!’”

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January 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
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IN MEMORY

ALVIN R. CLIPPERTON ’85 passed away on July 27, 2009. He was born to Norval and Hazel Clipperton of Ontario, CA. He attended Ontario schools away on July 27, 2009. Dick had been a fighter pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps. Stanford is survived by his wife, Bev, and his children. A memorial service was held Sunday, September 13, at St. Martha’s Episcopal Church in West Covina, CA.

ERIN bigleman ’95, M.A. ’07, passed away unexpectedly on August 16, 2009, at her home in Yucaipa, California. She earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from APU, and a teaching credential from California State University, San Bernardino. Erin taught fourth grade at Upland Elementary School for four years prior to her death. In lieu of flowers, Erin’s mother, Barbara Johnson, requested that books be donated to the school in honor of her daughter’s love for reading. The family received more than 450 books. In the front of each donated book there is an inscription that reads, “In memory of Mrs. Bigleman, the teacher who shared her love of reading with us.” September 12, 2009, which was Erin’s birthday.

Dick StAnford, M.ed. ’95, passed away on July 27, 2009. Dick had been struggling with multiple medical issues and was a model of grace in confronting life’s hardships by leaning on God. He was a fighter pilot for the U.S. Marine Corps. Stanford is survived by his wife, Bev, and his children. A memorial service was held Sunday, September 13, at St. Martha’s Episcopal Church in West Covina, CA.

CHELSEA MocK ’06 passed away on October 20, 2009. She was a dear friend to many and will be deeply missed. She acted out Christ’s love daily—always donating food or clothing, and getting to know many of the homeless people in Azusa as she helped them. During the last two years, she worked at Trinity Broadcasting Network, where people could call in to receive prayer and spiritual encouragement.

RICHARD loRENZEN, M.M. ’07, passed away in October 2009. Richard was a high school band director for more than 25 years. He joined MiraCosta Valley High School in 2007 after working at Diamond Bar High School, Bonita Vista High School, Orange Glen High School in Escondido, and Carlsbad High School. He earned a master’s degree in instrumental conducting from Azusa Pacific University and served 15 years on the Board of Directors for the Southern California Band and Orchestra Association, including two terms as president.

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10 TOOD VANDEN BRANDE ’97 and his wife, Jade, a son, David Todd Jr., on August 10, 2009. He joined big sister Kayla, 3. Todd works for Venture Medical Systems in Tucson, Arizona, 91101 N. Copper Butte Dr., Oro Valley, AZ 85737-9274, Todvanderbrandy@yahoo.com

11 TO JEFF atherton ’98 and his wife, CYNTHIA (DYSTRA ’96), a daughter, Roxy Lea. She joined sisters Kylee, 7, and Rhyanne, 5. Jeff is a pastor at Taliesin Community Church and Cynthia is a homemaker. 4169 S. Church St., Visalia, CA 93277-9166.

12 TO PHYLIS (PETERSON ’70) and her husband, ALBERTA, CANADA

13 TO BRIAN McELREATH ’01 and his wife, KANDI (McELREATH ’01) DANG • CHENNAI, INDIA

14 TO喔URO BarrAlez JR. ’09 and his wife, Dalia, a son, Noah Azder, born September 26, 2009. He joins big sister Hannah, 2009 NE Lancaster St., Pomona, CA 91768-7012. a.g.connan@gmail.com

15 TO LINDSEY (CONANT ’01) and her husband, Todd, a daughter, Caydin Elisabeth, on March 17, 2009. She joins big sisters Evan, 5, Bryn, 4; Hadley, 2, and Kallen. 1. EA is a physician in Kansas City and Lindsay stays at home with the kids. 2420 W. 47th St., Kearney, NE 68844-1216. snblenny@hotmail.com

16 TO BOYD (MAYO ’88) and his wife, Jana, a son, David Todd Jr., on March 18, 2009. He joins big brother, Jameson, 3. Christina teaches from their home and cares for the boys. Jim works in sales.

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On March 6, 1941, citrus groves flourished on the land that would one day become Azusa Pacific University’s West Campus. U.S. Route 66 (bottom), Foothill Boulevard, and Citrus Avenue slice across the aerial photo. The Lindley-Scott House, the Mankowski Homes’ Manor House, and stately Palm Drive are also clearly visible. In 1992, the 21-acre Avery-Dennison plant was acquired, forming APU’s new West Campus. Development of West Campus has included the Darling Library (dedicated February 5, 1998), the Felix Event Center (dedicated February 13, 2001), and the Duke Academic Complex (dedicated May 20, 2003). Today, the newest addition to the landscape is the beautiful Segerstrom Science Center. The 72,000-square-foot, three-story facility houses the Department of Biology and Chemistry and the Department of Mathematics and Physics. Construction wrapped up in late April 2009, in time to house May-term classes, and the facility was dedicated on September 3, 2009. In the new science center, APU students study in state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, preparing to make an impact in Southern California and in the world of medicine, education, and science.

–Ken Otto, M.L.I.S., associate professor, special collections librarian
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FEBRUARY
4–13 Thu–Ga
Joe Turner’s Come and Gone | Main Stage Theater
| Mary Hill Center | West Campus
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TU
7:30 p.m. Artist Concert Series | Charles Stegeman, violin | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
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We
6:30 p.m. Artist Concert Series | Anna Yang, Ph.D. | “Gender and Echoes: Interdisciplinary Perspectives and Christian Practice” | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus
13
Sa
6 p.m. Swing, Valentine, Swing! with the APU Jazz Ensemble | UTCC | East Campus
16
TU
7:30 p.m. Piano Recital: Romantic Music | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
22
Mo
4:20 p.m. Music in the Time of War: Performance Forum | Nick Strimple (USC), lecturer | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
23
Tu
12 p.m. Music in the Time of War: A Tribute to Pianist Dame Myra Hess | Duane Funderburk, lecturer | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
24
We
7:30 p.m. Music in the Time of War: Degenerate Music Concert | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
25
Th
7:30 p.m. Music in the Time of War: Remembering the Holocaust Concert | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
MARCH
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We
6:30 p.m. Tim Morris, Ph.D. | Science and Grace: God’s Reign in the Natural Sciences | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus
11–20 Thu–Sa
One-Act Play Festival | Black Box Theater | Mary Hill Center | West Campus
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7:30 p.m. Music in the Time of War: Degenerate Music Concert | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
APRIL
7–10 Thu–Sa
APU Spring Band Festival | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus
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Tu
6:30 p.m. “The Character of Christian Ethics” | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus
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We
7:30 p.m. Women in the Arts: Game-Changing Innovators | Music Recital Hall | East Campus
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Sa
11 a.m. Common Day of Learning | Felix Event Center | West Campus
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4:30 p.m. “Science and Grace: God’s Reign in the Natural Sciences” | Perry Lecture Hall | Segerstrom Science Center | West Campus
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5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. CSU Fullerton | Felix Event Center | West Campus
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5 p.m. Baseball vs. Biola | Baseball Field | East Campus
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Tu
5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona | Felix Event Center | East Campus
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7:30 p.m. “Getting a Handle on Handel” with APU Opera | Wilden Hall Atrium | East Campus
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Tu
5:30 p.m. Women’s Swimming and Diving vs. California Baptist | La Mirada, California
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6:30 p.m. Women’s Basketball vs. Biola | Felix Event Center | West Campus
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Th
5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. American International | Felix Event Center | West Campus
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5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. Biola | Felix Event Center | West Campus
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7:30 p.m. Symphony Orchestra featuring Concerto Competition Winners | Munson Recital Hall | East Campus
JUNE
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7:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona | Felix Event Center | East Campus
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5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. UCSD | Felix Event Center | East Campus
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5:30 p.m. Men’s and Women’s Basketball vs. Cal Poly Pomona | Felix Event Center | East Campus
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