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COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATIONS

University celebrates first round of commencements

By Larry Kidder

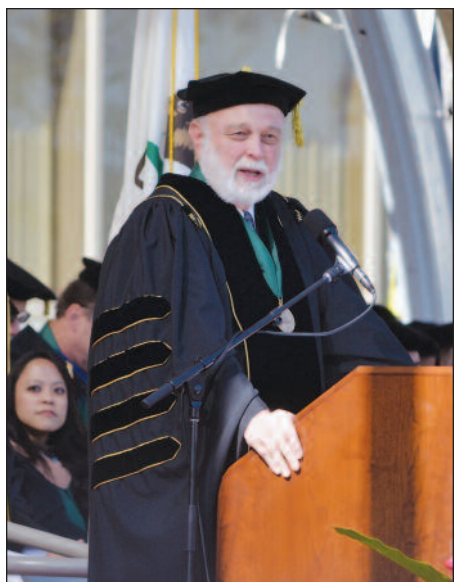
Graduates from three professional schools at Loma Linda University celebrated their achievements on Sunday, May 27, 2012. Joining them in the celebration were family, friends, faculty, and administrators.

Three commencement programs took place on the south campus mall, with the School of Dentistry's Prince Hall to the east, the School of Medicine's Coleman Pavilion to the south, the LLU Church to the west, and the Good Samaritan sculpture to the north.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m., the School of Medicine awarded 166 students with the MD degree. Three of the graduates also received master's degrees, and eight graduates also received their PhD degrees.

The School of Pharmacy commencement ceremony followed at 1:30 p.m., with 73 graduates receiving their PharmD degrees.

School of Dentistry graduates received their diplomas during a 5:00 p.m. commencement ceremony, with 42 individuals awarded their bachelor's degree in dental hygiene, 93 with the doctor of dental surgery (DDS), 24 with their DDS degrees through the school's international dentistry program, and 51 with their post-doctoral degrees and certificates in a wide range of dental specialties.



Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC), spoke on "Mission-focused Living" during his commencement address to School of Pharmacy graduates.

Baccalaureate services for the three schools were held the day before, on Saturday, May 26, at the LLU Church.

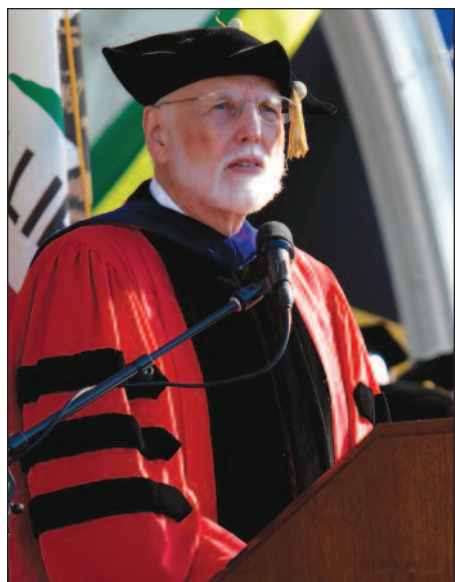
Upcoming commencement ceremonies will take place Sunday, June 10, at LLU Drayson Center. The School of Science and Technology—newly renamed the School of Behavioral Health—will join the School of Religion for commencement at 8:00 a.m.

Following at 10:30 a.m. will be the School of Nursing ceremony. The School of Allied Health Professions department of physical therapy will hold its commencement ceremony at 1:00 p.m.. The School of Allied Health Professions will honor the rest of its graduates beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The final commencement ceremony for 2012 will take place at 6:00 p.m. and will feature graduates of the School of Public Health.

Baccalaureate services for these remaining schools will be held on Saturday, June 9, during the 9:00 a.m. (allied health and public health) and 11:45 a.m. (nursing, religion, and behavioral health) services at LLU Church.

When the 2012 commencement season is over, 1,402 students will have become alumni of LLU, graduating with 1,435 degrees, including: 486 with doctoral degrees, 508 with master's degrees, 283 with bachelor's degrees, 83 with



Gerald R. Winslow, PhD, vice president for spiritual life and wholeness, LLUAHSC, talked with graduates on the topic "When You Are Called" during the School of Dentistry commencement ceremony.



Television personality, journalist, and best-selling author Joan Lunden delivered the commencement address, "Creating a Legacy of Purpose," during the School of Medicine graduation ceremony.

associate's degrees, 43 with certificates, and 32 with first professional certificates.

The university continues its international tradition, with 79 countries represented among the graduates. Those graduates from the U.S. come from 45 states, as well as Puerto Rico.

The first speaker of the day was Joan Lunden, television personality, journalist, and best-selling author, who spoke on "Creating a Legacy of Purpose" during the School of Medicine ceremony. Ms. Lunden also received an honorary doctorate on Sunday.

Richard H. Hart, MD, DrPH, president of Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (LLUAHSC), talked with School of Pharmacy graduates about "Mission-focused Living" during his address.

For School of Dentistry graduates, Gerald R. Winslow, PhD, vice president for spiritual life and wholeness, LLUAHSC, and vice president for mission and culture, LLU Medical Center, titled his address "When You Are Called."

Speaking for the commencement ceremonies of Sunday, June 10, will be Clinton A. Valley, EdD, MBA, who will address the School of Behavioral Health and School of Religion graduates; Gina S. Brown, PhD, MSA, who will speak to School of Nursing graduates; Brad Budde, former NFL player, who is speaker for both School of Allied Health Professions ceremonies; and Martin A. Philbert, PhD, who will provide the commencement address for the School of Public Health.

Receiving university honors are the following: Richard A. James, JD, Lifetime Service Award;

Clifton D. Reeves, MD, Lifetime Service Award; C. Joan Coggin, MD, MPH, Global Service Award; Ellsworth E. Wareham, MD, Global Service Award; Loree K. Sutton, MD, University Alumna of the Year; Robert Orr, MD, University Distinguished Service Award; and Murray E. Brandstater, MBBS, University Distinguished Service Award.

The Distinguished Humanitarian Award was given to Nobel Biocare in recognition for its leadership, generosity, and commitment toward the establishment of the LLU School of Dentistry's Nobel Biocare Advanced Technology Laboratory.

School honorees include: Francis Y. K. Lau, MD, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Medicine; Paul M. Norris, PharmD, School Distinguished Award, School of Pharmacy; Wu Zhang, MD, School Distinguished Research Award, School of Dentistry; Joseph M. Caruso, DDS, MS, MPH, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Dentistry; Clint Carter, PhD, School Alumnus of the Year, School of Behavioral Health; Louis E. Jenkins, PhD, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Behavioral Health; Bertrum C. Connell, PhD, Faculty of the Year, School of Allied Health Professions; Sonia D. Lopez, School Alumna of the Year, School of Allied Health Professions; Noha S. Daher, DrPH, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Allied Health Professions; Paul Damazo, MS, Trailblazer Award, School of Allied Health Professions; Neema T. Mgana, MPH, School Alumna of the Year, School of Public Health; David L. Holt, MBA, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Public Health; and Semran Mann, MPH, School Distinguished Service Award, School of Public Health.

MILESTONES

School of Religion marks five-year anniversary

By Heather Reifsnnyder

The year 2012 makes five years since the School of Religion was founded, and that was cause for celebration at a banquet held April 15 at Edwards Mansion in Redlands. That evening, the school also awarded the third annual Gayle Saxby Endowed Scholarship.

The purpose of the school's founding was to provide a spiritual footing for students of the university's seven other schools to stand upon. No matter their future profession, all students are taught principles of spiritual formation that can both enrich their own lives and help them better care for patients.

"Because Loma Linda University is unique in the way it integrates faith with the health sciences, it has developed a School of Religion that is equally unique," says Jon Paulien, PhD, dean. "We do religion differently than anywhere else in the context of health care and a teaching hospital."

In addition to augmenting coursework for students in the university's seven professional schools, the School of Religion also offers its own degrees. Four master's programs are offered: an MS in chaplaincy, an MA in clinical ministry, an MA in bioethics, and an MA in religion and the sciences. Dual degrees with other schools on campus are also available.

"As a result of our unique position and this developed capacity, we are now beginning to develop and offer other programs that are equally unique," says Dr. Paulien.

The School of Religion is currently cultivating its first professional doctorate, which will focus on religion and health. There are also plans for a degree focusing on religion and society, which would emphasize the interface between Seventh-day Adventist faith and the wider culture.

"So at the five-year point of our existence as a school, we have come a long way to places we did not envision five years ago. And we anticipate that five years from now, we may be at a place we do not now expect," says Dr. Paulien. "We have the opportunity to be the world leader in chaplaincy education and mission leadership for faith-based health care institutions. So we look to the future with excitement and great anticipation."

The School of Religion currently houses 17 full-time faculty and about 30 adjunct teachers. Though the school was formalized in 2007, Loma Linda University has taught religion courses throughout its history, most recently through the Faculty of Religion.

One of those who taught religion throughout years past was Gayle Saxby, MDiv. After her 1995 death in an automobile accident, LLU formed the Gayle Saxby Endowed Scholarship.

The scholarship is for women who have dedicated their lives to ministry, as did Ms. Saxby. In the four years she was at Loma Linda, she earned a reputation for making Jesus real to students. Those who knew her remember her as an excellent teacher who loved preaching and the Gospels.



Student Maria Magdalena Cantu accepted the \$3,500 scholarship from presenter Gerald Winslow, PhD, vice president for mission and culture at LLU Medical Center. As a former dean of the religion programs, he helped found the Gayle Saxby Endowed Scholarship.

During the anniversary banquet in April, Maria Magdalena Cantu accepted the \$3,500 scholarship from presenter Gerald Winslow, PhD, vice president for mission and culture at LLU Medical Center. As a former dean of the religion programs, he helped found this scholarship, which is the school's first endowed scholarship.

As Ms. Cantu prepares to begin her own ministry, she will graduate June 10 with dual master's degrees in clinical ministry and marital and family therapy. She also holds a master's degree in theology from Loyola Marymount University. She has previously taught ethics and served as associate director of campus ministries at Aquinas High School in San Bernardino.

Currently, Ms. Cantu is a marriage and family

therapy therapist trainee for Catholic Charities of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. She is working toward completing the 3,000 clinical hours she needs before she can take boards.

She hopes to someday become a chaplain. Because of her training in marriage and family therapy, she would like to work with the whole family rather than just the patient.

"Working in ministry has been the best job," says Ms. Cantu. "To be permitted to work with and for the people of God gives me a sense of gratitude and honor."

She adds, "I also feel a sense of anticipation since I may make all the plans I want, but ultimately it is God who decides exactly what direction I will take."

PEOPLE

The Mekelburgs join advancement team to help with capital campaign

By Heather Reifsnnyder

Loma Linda University has recruited two new individuals to bolster the advancement team as it begins the Vision 2020 philanthropic campaign, which is expected to profoundly transform the institution. Spouses Janya and Todd Mekelburg come to Loma Linda from their previous jobs at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mrs. Mekelburg serves as stewardship and alumni relations officer, while Mr. Mekelburg leads the planned giving program.

"Todd's experience in philanthropic campaigns will be invaluable as we embark on Vision 2020," says Rachelle Bussell, CFRE, senior vice president for advancement. "Janya will play a major role in the establishment of our new institution-wide stewardship and alumni relations office."



Janya and Todd Mekelburg

The Mekelburgs did not expect to end up in Loma Linda. "We love Union College and would have been perfectly happy to stay there," Janya says.

They weren't sure they wanted to leave their beloved Lincoln, where their young adult children both live. They chose to consider the new

opportunity at Loma Linda, but they expected that doors would close and they would feel led to stay at Union.

"But instead doors kept opening," says Janya. "We spent a lot of time praying about this decision and weighing all the options. Could we live

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PEACE CORPS

LLU graduate begins Peace Corps service in Uganda

By Flint Johnston

Kadijat Olayemi Oladiran, MPH, graduate of the Loma Linda University School of Public Health, has begun her 27-month service as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Ms. Oladiran departed for Uganda April 24 to begin pre-service training as a community health Peace Corps volunteer. When Ms. Oladiran graduates from volunteer training, she will assist local health organizations as they develop and implement public health programs.

Ms. Oladiran graduated from Loma Linda University with a master's degree in public health in 2011.

According to a Peace Corps press release, when asked what motivated her to join the Peace

Corps, Ms. Oladiran said she was attracted to the aspect of service, the opportunity to learn more about her profession, and the opportunity to experience another culture.

During her first three months of service, Ms. Oladiran will live with a host family in Uganda to become fully immersed in the country's language and culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills necessary to assist her community, Ms. Oladiran will be sworn into service and be assigned to a community in Uganda, where she will live and work for two years with the local people.

Upon completion of her Peace Corps service, Ms. Oladiran hopes to pursue a doctorate in public health and health systems and work for the World Health Organization or another

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RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY

How religious diversity affects student spirituality at Loma Linda University

By James Ponder

From its beginnings, Loma Linda University has made global outreach a major priority and focus. Today, the extent of that commitment is strongly felt on every continent as LLU-trained health professionals take the university's healing ministry to every corner of the globe.

The emphasis on outreach has produced a corollary development on campus. As the student body has become increasingly cosmopolitan, spiritual and religious plurality has become part of the fabric of everyday life at the university.

vice president for human resources and chief talent and diversity officer for the university, a report compiled in the fall of 2011 posits the numbers and statistics of campus spirituality as follows:

- 43.45 percent of LLU students are Seventh-day Adventists;
- 42.03 percent belong to other Christian groups or denominations;
- 7.74 percent belong to non-western or non-Christian religions; and
- 6.77 percent are agnostics, atheists, independents, or avow no faith.

According to Cari Dominguez, PhD, senior

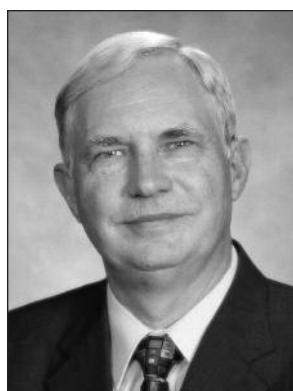
In framing the issues, Dr. Dominguez raises



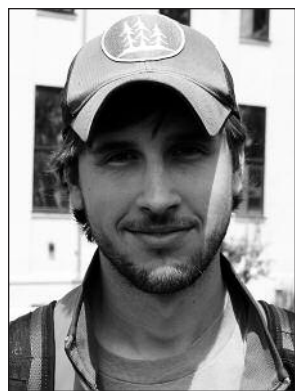
Gbemi Daniyan



Jason Penner



Jon Paulien, PhD



Justin Jones



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Praktan Kokila

questions about how students perceive the issues of diversity and tolerance on campus.

"How," she asks, "do Adventist students see the religious diversity that exists on our campus: does it strengthen, challenge, or affirm their beliefs? Do they see it as an opportunity to discuss their faith with others? How does having so many different types of believers on campus influence them? Is it a learning opportunity to better appreciate differences, yet affirm beliefs?"

She then turned to students from other backgrounds. "Do we practice tolerance, dignity, and respect toward others," she wonders, "just as we would like to be treated on other campuses where we might be the minority?"

With those questions in mind, a variety of students—four Adventists, a Christian from another denomination, a Muslim, an individual who claims no religious affiliation, and a Mormon—weighed in on religious diversity.

They were asked whether exposure to other values and beliefs enhances their ability to empathize with people whose beliefs and practices differ significantly from their own, and whether diversity is a help or hindrance to the expression and practice of their own faith. Conversely, individuals whose beliefs place them outside the Loma Linda mainstream commented on whether they find a climate of inclusion and mutual respect at LLU, or experience discrimination because of their convictions.

Justin Jones, a first-year student at the School of Medicine, calls the climate of spiritual diversity on campus "a huge asset." The first of four Seventh-day Adventist students interviewed for this article, Mr. Jones says "the ability to talk to different people with different ideologies, cultures, and belief systems is something I highly value about this place. I have a lot to learn from people who believe differently than I do. It's very beneficial in my own spiritual journey."



Cari Dominguez, PhD

Jason Penner, a first-year student in the undergraduate geology major offered by the department of earth and biological sciences, is also a Seventh-day Adventist. He says the diverse environment of LLU is a positive factor.

"It's nice to get to know people from different cultures and religions," he says.

When asked whether interacting with students whose values and convictions are different from his own is an asset or hindrance to his own spirituality, Mr. Penner says there is no effect whatsoever.

"I'm not sure it affects it at all," he said initially. Then, after thinking about the question for a moment, he added, "It just doesn't; not at all!"

Gbemi Daniyan, an Adventist first-year student in the LLU School of Medicine, says she doesn't have a lot of contact with people of other backgrounds in her academic program. "Maybe other Christians," she offers.

Ms. Daniyan—who has family members who belong to other faiths, including several Muslims—says she can "learn from everybody in their walk with God, or whatever they call Him."

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Continued from previous page here, could we work here, could we identify with and support the mission of Loma Linda University? The answer to each question was yes."

The Mekelburgs began their jobs at Loma Linda in April, bringing decades of combined experience with them.

Todd Mekelburg spent the last 15 years at Union College directing the planned giving program, and also had a significant role in profitably leading the college's two largest capital campaigns. He was previously director of trust services and corporate secretary for the Rocky Mountain Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, following his beginnings as a staff auditor for the Adventist Church.

Janya Mekelburg brings 10 years of experience as alumni activities director at Union College. Prior to that, she worked for Porter-Care Foundation (now Rocky Mountain Adventist Healthcare Foundation), and she also has experience in writing and editing.

"While we still miss seeing our kids every day—we realize what a gift this was—we have felt very welcomed to the Loma Linda family," Janya says. "We are enjoying the perks—the farmers markets and all the yummy fresh fruits and vegetables. We are excited to be here."

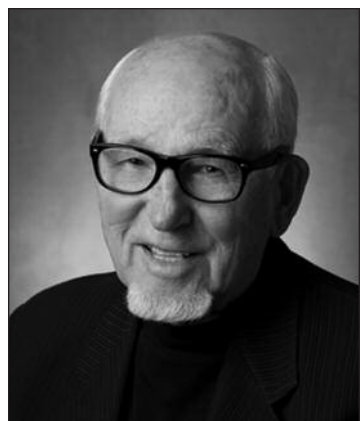
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Graduate begins Peace Corps service in Uganda ...

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More than 1,170 Peace Corps volunteers have served in Uganda since the program was established in 1964. Currently, 179 volunteers are working in that country.

According to Katelyn Lowery, Peace Corps coordinator, the School of Public Health now has had 20 graduates go on to serve in the Peace Corps, and three students are currently serving in the Peace Corps as part of the school's master's international program, which includes their service as field practicum for their degrees.

Innerweave:
The Wholeness
Story

By Wil Alexander

A large emphasis is being made in religious literature these days about prayer. Always mysterious, the topic merits every new nuance toward meaningful practice. P.T. Forsyth offers a fascinating thought:

"In true prayer we do two things. We go out of ourselves, being lost in wonder, love, and praise; but also, and in the same act, we go in upon ourselves. We stir all that is within us to bless and hallow God's name. We examine ourselves in that patient light, and we find ourselves even when our sins find us out. Our nothingness is not burned and branded into us as if we had above us only the starry irony of heaven. Our heart comes again. Our will is braced and purified. We not only recall our needs, but we discover new ones, of a more intimate and spiritual kind We never realize ourselves as we do when we forget ourselves after this godly sort of prayer."

So, the more we pray the more we learn about praying, and the greater the communion with our God.

Scenes from commencement: Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry



Faculty, school administrators, and awardees await the conclusion of the processional during the School of Medicine commencement ceremony.



Charles Goodacre, DDS, MSD (second from left), dean, School of Dentistry, looks on as Richard Hart, MD, DrPH (left), LLUAHSC president, presents Nobel Biocare representatives Thomas G. Reddy, DDS (second from right), vice president for professional relations for North America, and Thomas M. Olsen (right) with the Distinguished Humanitarian Award.



Beatrice Criveanu, DDS, MSD, post-doctoral graduate in periodontics, shows off her diploma.



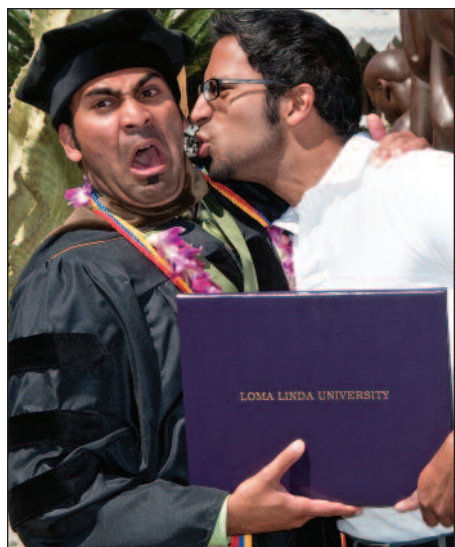
Danielle Davis receives her diploma and congratulations from School of Pharmacy dean W. William Hughes, PhD (right), while Dr. Hart (left) looks on.



School of Pharmacy graduate Bill Capeling celebrates with a guest.



Michael Flewelling, president, dentistry class of 2012, addresses his classmates.



School of Pharmacy graduate Philip Hivale apparently does not appreciate his brother's congratulations.



School of Medicine graduates applaud commencement speaker Joan Lunden following her address.



School of Dentistry graduates applaud as they are told they should prepare to receive their diplomas and become LLU's newest alumni.



School of Pharmacy graduates (from left) Marissa Schroer, Erin Carpenter, Connie Elejalde, and David Weldon gather for a group photo following the ceremony.

ALLIED HEALTH HOMECOMING

Homecoming concert raises thousands for Haitian orphans

By Heather Reifsnnyder

The alumni and community members who attended a concert April 21, 2012, as part of Homecoming Weekend for the School of Allied Health Professions heard more than music.

In between performances by gospel singer Larnelle Harris and the group Heritage Singers, the audience learned about a Haitian orphanage the school is sponsoring. That evening helped raise \$15,202 to give the orphans a better home.

The concert, held at Campus Hill Church, filled the sanctuary to capacity with an audience of about 1,000 people.

Performer Larnelle Harris, who opened the

concert, is known for using his tenor voice in a career that has spanned three decades. He was recently inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame, and he has won five Grammy Awards and eleven Dove Awards among other accolades.

The Heritage Singers are celebrating 40 years of existence, during which they've performed across the country and around the world. Over the years, some 250 singers have rotated through the group, whose musical style ranges from traditional to contemporary Christian.

Admission to the concert was free, but attendees were invited to bring glass, plastic, and aluminum recyclables. The money from recycling these items brought in \$148 dollars for the orphanage. This was in addition to \$2,765 that the school raised throughout 2011-12 school



A packed audience listens to the Heritage Singers perform.

year with recycling bins around the hallways and classrooms.

During concert intermission, Craig Jackson, JD, MSW, dean, appealed for an offering to further help the orphans. The audience was generous, bringing the total raised for the school year to more than \$15,000. Five thousand of that was pledged by one individual who was unable to even attend the concert.

"The music at the concert was beautiful. But even more moving was the generosity of our alumni and community members that evening," says Everett Lohman III, professor of physical therapy and an alumnus of the School of Allied Health Professions.

During the intermission, Dr. Lohman spoke about the orphanage that will benefit from these funds. Home to about 60 kids, it is called Venez Enfants et Vivez Mieux (Come Children and Live Better).

He first visited the orphanage during a May 2011 trip to help rehabilitate earthquake victims at Hopital Adventiste d'Haiti, located outside Port-Au-Prince.

What he observed was that the children only ate two meals per day, going hungry at lunch. Sleeping arrangements for the children were on the ground or crowded several to a bunk. The schoolroom had a tarp roof and dirt floor. Before the earthquake, there were three teachers for all the children. This number had since been whittled down to one.

Fifteen thousand dollars can mean vast

improvements in these children's lives. Additionally, this sum may be enough for the School of Allied Health Professions to help other orphanages as well.

Allied health students and faculty, including Dr. Lohman, will visit Haiti for a mission trip in June—the first annual interdisciplinary mission trip for the School of Allied Health Professions in cooperation with Students for International Mission Service.

Faculty and the students—who are studying radiation technology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy—will commit their skills to both clinical outreach in a medical setting as well as seeing that this money goes to help orphans in the ways they need it most.

One reason the school has been able to raise a lot of funds through recycling is its partnership with the nonprofit organization Recycling Hope, run by local businessman Jay Anthony. The school raises money not only through the redemption value of glass, plastic, and aluminum, but also through the recycling bins themselves, which double as three-dimensional billboards for local businesses.

Recycling Hope coordinates the advertising, picks up the recyclables, and returns proceeds to the School of Allied Health Professions.

Religious diversity ...

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Praktan Kokila, a third-year Adventist student in the MBA degree program at the School of Public Health, commented on the relationship between beliefs and personal values.

"Values have cultural determinants," Mr. Kokila observes, "and are influenced by religious beliefs and backgrounds. They are equally important for every student, as is being taught to stand on one's own feet."

He believes the religious plurality at LLU is a help to his spiritual life.

"Spreading this knowledge, even within your own household, will help others accept religious diversity," he states.

From their responses, it appears that the four Adventist students surveyed consider spiritual diversity a positive force in their education. But for an organization so openly dedicated to Seventh-day Adventist principles as Loma

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GLOBAL OUTREACH

LLU sponsors cricket team in Afghanistan

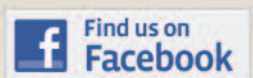


Employees and friends of Wazir Akbar Khan Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan, have formed a cricket team and are now sharing Loma Linda University's motto "to make man whole" with other teams throughout Afghanistan. LLU's Global Health Institute recently helped to purchase uniforms and equipment for the team and assisted in the repair of the team's cricket field. The season lasts from March to October with the team traveling to several provinces, including Laghman, Paktia, and the city of Jalalabad. Many Wazir Akbar Khan employees feel a special connection to Loma Linda University because of the long relationship between the two institutions, and they are proud to wear the LLU logo during matches, according to Jerry Daly, MSLS, assistant vice president for global outreach, LLU.



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Loma Linda University, the question of how individuals of other faiths and beliefs are treated is an important barometer of how well the university exemplifies the values of inclusion and compassion.

According to Shanon Dekalb—a first-year student who identifies herself as a Christian, but not an Adventist, in the nurse anesthetist program at the School of Nursing—LLU is doing very well in terms of how it treats students from other backgrounds.

“I find it refreshing!” Ms. Dekalb says of the multi-faceted spirituality on campus. “In spite of the diversity, everyone’s so friendly and open. Like chapel: everyone attends whether they have to or not. I love it here; I think it’s great!”

When asked whether the diversity is a help or hindrance to her own spiritual life, Ms. Dekalb says, “It’s definitely a help!”

“I’ve always been curious about other religions,” she offers. “I’ve been to synagogues and Mormon temples just out of my own curiosity, so just being here is great.”

Sheikh Zulfiqar, MBA, BDS, a practicing Muslim who has been both a student and employee at LLU, says he is treated without discrimination of any kind.

“On campus, I was never treated differently than anyone, including Adventists,” says Mr. Zulfiqar, who got his MBA in health administration from LLU last June. He works as a web editor at the university.

“My supervisor always understands the importance of Friday prayer,” Mr. Zulfiqar concludes, “and takes care of my duties while I attend the prayer.”

Some students, like Salomeh Wagaw, an MPH candidate in the School of Public Health, do not belong to any religion.

“My mom is Muslim and my dad is Christian,” she explains. “I was exposed to both religions, but they were never pushed on me.” Ms. Wagaw, who integrates teachings and values from both religions without joining either, says she hasn’t experienced discrimination at LLU.

“I thought it might be different,” she reports,

“but here in the School of Public Health there’s a lot of diversity. Even among our professors, they don’t try to push their beliefs. I never experience any discrimination or prejudice. Everyone’s been pretty welcoming, open, and understanding.”

Ms. Wagaw finds parallels between Islamic and Adventist lifestyles.

“Muslims say, ‘Don’t eat this, don’t gamble, don’t drink,’” she notes. “So do Adventists. I was raised that way. Islam and Christianity have many things in common. Jesus exists in the Muslim world, too.”

The LLU emphasis on global mission and service to others strikes a resonant chord with Ms. Wagaw’s plans for the future.

“I’ll be going to medical school next fall,” she shares. “The goal of getting my MD degree is to do reconstructive surgery. Not plastic surgery—I don’t want to move to Beverly Hills and open an office—I want to travel overseas to do skin grafts and correct birth defects pro bono.”

Kiersten Swindle, a second-year student in the physician’s assistant program at the School of Allied Health Professions, is impressed with “how Christ-centered the program” is at LLU.

As a Latter-day Saint, Ms. Swindle says that while she’s generally very pleased with the inclusive atmosphere of LLU, the environment is not entirely free of discrimination or bias.

“At times I do feel out of the loop because of the closeness of the Seventh-day Adventists,” Ms. Swindle observes. “Some of my Adventist classmates form their own little study groups and don’t include people who aren’t Adventists. Not always, though. Some of my good friends in class don’t treat me that way. There are classmates who are Seventh-day Adventists who go

out of their way to call other people in the class. They sound genuinely interested in what I and others believe, and they don’t judge.”

Ms. Swindle says she feels strong support from the faculty.

“They’re definitely open to my belief, and they’re very aware and very supportive,” she says. “Just recently the director and I had a conversation where she was sharing her beliefs and I shared mine. I felt like we had a really good conversation and it was a safe place and I never felt judged or discriminated.”

Like Ms. Dekalb, Ms. Swindle enjoys chapel services on campus. “It’s actually opened my eyes and given me new insight into other religions, other ways to worship. Through chapel, I’ve learned about Adventists. I’ve enjoyed it.”

Ms. Dominguez says the impetus for respecting the values and beliefs of others stems from the universal experience of prejudice and discrimination.

“All of us, at times, feel isolated whenever we are the one that is different from the rest,” she observes. “That’s why our values of inclusion and compassion are so important, and why we are sensitive to promoting an environment where everyone feels part of the whole regardless of their religious beliefs.”

Jon Paulien, PhD, dean of the School of Religion, links the value of religious diversity to the motto of Loma Linda University “to make man whole.”

“One of Loma Linda’s greatest strengths is proving to be the religious diversity of its students,” Dr. Paulien notes. “Today’s health care workers must learn how to interact with people of all different faiths and also of no faith.”

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In January of this year, dispatch services was given the quarterly A team award by colleagues in the clinical laboratory. The award was established by medical center administration to honor departments that consistently exemplify the values and mission of the organization. Dispatch services has subsequently bestowed the award on the transplant services team.

In commenting on the department’s success, Mr. Judge says it results from having the systems and, more particularly, the people in place to handle a very large volume of requests.

“Dispatch averages 20,000 calls per pay period,” he reports. “That’s almost 1,550 calls per day. We are a 24/7 operation.”

Mr. Judge explains how the call system works.

“A nurse logs on to the web-based patient tracking system and puts in her request,” he hypothesizes. The request may be for dispatch services to transfer a patient to another unit or take her to the front door of the Medical Center for discharge. Either way, the dispatcher swings into action.

Mr. Judge feels it’s vitally important to create an environment where his employees feel at home.

“It’s a family atmosphere here,” Mr. Judge

insists. “We have good working conditions. Some of our employees have been here more than 25 years.”

Mr. Judge calls one of his employees, Paul Bork, “a true gentleman,” and cites him as an example of the loyal, hardworking team members the department depends on to meet the needs of patients and staff members.

“There really is a family atmosphere here,” Mr. Bork says. “Everybody gets along in an attitude of goodwill and good cooperation.”

He says today’s electronic operations were nowhere in sight when he first joined the dispatch team in 1978.

“When I first started in dispatch,” Paul Bork offers, “there was no such thing as computerized tracking. There were two guys manning the phone and they would write everything on call slips and we would work from those. Everything was done on paper or time and attendance sheets. Back then the mailroom was one small room. Bill Cook, who was the supervisor, would stand at the window with the mail slots behind him. We only had a few stops on our runs. Now we can’t even guess how many there are.”

After he’d been working here a very short time, Mr. Bork took a year off to work in Washington, D.C. as an assistant to former U.S.

Senator Alan Cranston (D-California).

On his return to California, Mr. Bork immediately went back to work in dispatch services at the medical center. He describes his daily routine as follows:

“I arrive,” he begins, “at 7 o’clock in the morning. I sign in and get my beeper. After that, I go to the phone and get logged in. Then the tracking system gives me a job, and I go to it and get the job. Then I report it and repeat the process. Besides transporting patients, we deliver everything from charts and paper work to blood, x-rays, and central service supplies. If a unit requests a code cart, we get it from central service and take it to the unit. Then we get the signature of someone on the unit, and take the old code cart to respiratory care along with the paperwork.”

Mr. Bork says things have changed in other ways, too.

“When I first started,” he remembers, “one of our jobs at night was to stack the linens and supply them to each of the departments. We also took the used respiratory garments to the decontamination area in a house on Barton Road. We called that the respiratory run. We used to have to deal with ‘The Monster.’ That’s what we called the laundry chute. Every night, we had to go down there and pull

the laundry out of the chute. It was gravity fed and it got packed in.”

For his part, Mr. Judge makes sure his employees stay focused on the crucial importance of their role as ambassadors of Loma Linda University Medical Center.

“I know my team believes in the mission ‘to make man whole,’” he says. “We endeavor to provide excellent care to our patients. When a patient goes home, chances are the last person they’ll see is dispatch. That experience stays with the patient for a long time.”

Steven Mohr, CPA, senior vice president for finance, says he is grateful for the flexibility and professionalism of the dispatch services crew.

“Over the years, the dispatch services team has been asked to do numerous different tasks,” Mr. Mohr observes. “As health care has evolved, the team has basically been asked to do more and more with less and less.”

“Without exception,” he continues, “each time leadership has asked them to shift their responsibilities to achieve greater efficiencies or provide services to offsite locations as the campus of LLU Medical Center has expanded, they have done everything we’ve asked cheerfully and effectively. I’d like to congratulate Babu Judge and all the members of his team for the ‘A Team award.’ It’s great to see them honored by their colleagues for the excellent work they are doing.”

ALUMNUS MAPMAKER

Graduate makes maps to help disaster victims recover

By Heather Reifsnnyder

Passing are the days of looking at a wall map to guide disaster recovery. Now, geographic information systems experts like School of Public Health alumnus Cory MacVie are creating multi-layered digital maps to guide responders before disaster ever strikes. It is this kind of work that Mr. MacVie performs in his job as GIS unit manager for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's region seven.

FEMA called Mr. MacVie to Kansas City, Missouri, at the beginning of summer 2011 to help the agency prepare for months of expected flooding in the Midwest region, as well as aid in the recovery of Joplin to the south, much of which had been flattened by a powerful May 22 tornado.

As snowmelt-filled dams to the north of Missouri were reaching bursting point, Mr. MacVie built a map product utilizing Google Earth that showed how the region would be impacted on ground level by various levees overflowing.

"The levees just kept breaking," Mr. MacVie remembers. "We wanted to know beforehand what was going to be damaged. The system I built would show up-to-the minute ground-level, aerial, and satellite images of what was happening."

Such maps, called situational viewers, update everyone aiding in disaster recovery and provide what is known as a common operating picture. The situational viewer Mr. MacVie built showed before-and-after photos of damage taken by the Civil Air Patrol and Army Corps of Engineers. It also displayed the location of infrastructure that would be impacted, such as hospitals, cellular towers, fire departments, and government buildings.

Mr. MacVie doesn't do this job because he's dazzled by technology.

"When there's a disaster, you want someone there for you," says Mr. MacVie. "As I work with GIS to meet needs, I ultimately think about supporting people. We work to help individuals in a town like Joplin."

Mr. MacVie always wanted to be in a career of helping others. At first he thought this would be as a pastor; he majored in theology at California Baptist University, but later realized he wanted to help people improve their health. He came to Loma Linda University and earned his master's degree in global health, graduating in 2009.

"It was a pleasure to work with Cory as a student," says Sharon Rushing, MPH, assistant professor of global health. "He has a refreshing outlook on life and an ability to really engage in what he's doing."

While at Loma Linda, Mr. MacVie earned a certificate in humanitarian assistance, through which he became familiar with the incident command system used universally in disasters. Though he didn't plan on ending up in a technological job, he believes his work at FEMA harmonizes with Loma Linda's mission "to make man whole."

"Making man whole has stayed with me," he says. "I have thought about it over the years. Ultimately, that's what FEMA is trying to do. We can't rebuild everything, but we are trying to bring disaster survivors back to a point where they feel whole and able to reestablish."

Mr. MacVie remains in Missouri and is now building out tools to prepare for future disasters in flooding, earthquakes, and particularly tornadoes. His wife, 4-year-old daughter, and newborn son still currently live in California but will soon join him. "Cory is working in an innovative place within public health and GIS," says his former teacher, Ms. Rushing. "His skills and experience are incredibly valuable and current."

In the future, Mr. MacVie would like to do work that more directly impacts individual



Cory MacVie, MPH

health. "I study a lot of nutrition in my personal time," he says, "so if I could create or find something that incorporates my skills in technology and nutrition, I would be in heaven."

Mr. MacVie believes that you find what you search for—something he advises current students to be aware of.

"Every job I've ever taken resulted from a door that opened only when I went searching for it," he says. "I didn't learn this until after graduation. You have to ask. Life is here and now, and you have to take advantage of opportunities."

For those interested in jobs such as Mr. MacVie's, LLU School of Public Health offers a certificate in health geoinformatics and a master's degree in geographic information systems for environmental health.

How religious diversity affects student spirituality at Loma Linda University ...

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The best way to prepare for such diversity in the health care environment is to experience it as part of the learning environment.

"It is also my experience that the best way to

enhance the understanding of your own faith is express it in the context of competing opinions," he concludes. "The faith that results is never casual; it is chosen and cherished and I see this kind of transformation happening on the Loma Linda campus all the time."

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"While he was a patient here," Dr. Martell continues, "he was routinely working out on the treadmill and some other equipment over at the Drayson Center. One day, someone tapped him on the shoulder and said it was their turn to use the treadmill. The same thing happened several other days, so Chuck donated a couple of tread-

mills and designated them for proton patients only. Since then, he's given many other gifts to the proton program."

Chuck's generosity started on a small scale but soon grew to larger proportions.

"Chuck and his wife, Mary, have also been very

supportive of the Slater center," Dr. Martell acknowledges.

One of the Kubickis' gifts to Loma Linda University Medical Center was a sizable donation to establish the B.O.B. Fund.

"They wanted to do something to honor Bob Marckini," Dr. Martell remembers, "so they made a very generous donation to establish the B.O.B. Fund. Right now, the fund is up to \$700,000 and we just received another \$340,000 from the Estate of Judge William Auslen. We're going to use it for a one-to-one matching fund to raise the \$1.5 million that it takes to endow an active academic chair in proton research by December 31 of this year."

Dr. Martell says the gift in honor of Bob Marckini is only one example of the Kubickis' generosity towards the proton program.

Another way Chuck and Mary expressed their gratitude for his new lease on life was to invite B.O.B. members from the Cincinnati area to his home last month for a meeting with his friend Bob Marckini and Richard H. Hart, MD, president of Loma Linda University. The meeting coincided with the 10th anniversary of Chuck's proton therapy at Loma Linda.

"Chuck and Mary opened their large beautiful home—all 22,000 square feet of it—to former patients, and 45 people showed up," Dr. Martell reports. "This incredibly well-designed, palatial home must be seen to be believed."

The timing of the event was fortuitous. Dr. Hart and his wife, Judy, were already in Ohio because Dr. Hart had been asked to deliver the commencement address for Kettering College of Medical Arts.

"We met with more than 60 LLU alumni and friends in Kettering for a brunch in the morning," Dr. Martell notes, "and then went to the Kubickis' in Cincinnati that evening."

For Chuck, it's simply a matter of giving back for the gift he has received.

"After my incredible experience of proton treatment at Loma Linda, I couldn't wait to tell my family and friends about this amazing technology," Chuck insists. "I was deeply impressed by the Loma Linda culture and the attitude of all the employees at every level. My experience at Loma Linda changed my life."

President Richard H. Hart shared his appreciation for the Kubickis' hospitality after his return from Ohio.

"Chuck and Mary Kubicki hosted a wonderful group of proton treatment patients at their lovely home outside Cincinnati," Dr. Hart observes. "The enthusiasm of this group for Loma Linda and the acceptance and care they received on our campus permeated every conversation." He adds, "As Chuck himself repeated many times, 'this was the most significant event of my life and I am indebted to Loma Linda for not just treating my cancer, but giving me a new perspective on how to live.'"

Reportable Crimes

The Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990 requires Loma Linda University to publish interim reports on campus crime activities. Listed below are the crimes reported for the months of February to April, 2012.

Type of Crime	Number of Crimes	Location of Crime
Assaults	3	BMC; Medical Center (2)
Vehicle Burglary	15	Daniells Hall; Caroline St (2); Lot O; Lot J; Lot DP; Dental Fac Offices; LL Inn; Lot Q; Lot DC (3); Lot AA; Lot L; East Campus; Lot GE; Lot X; Median Complex
Grand Theft Auto	4	Lot A; MC; Lot J; Lot A
Threats	2	MC; Professional Plaza
Alcohol Arrest	1	LLU Church
Trespassing	1	MC
Armed Robbery	2	Lot C; Anderson/Prospect Street
Narcotics Possession	2	MC (2)

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GRATEFUL PATIENT

Cincinnati man demonstrates his gratitude for proton therapy

By James Ponder

The story of a Cincinnati, Ohio, real estate developer's commitment to the proton treatment and research at Loma Linda University Medical Center is a tale of one man's quest to share a lifesaving yet little-known secret with as many people as possible.

According to J. Lynn Martell, DMin, director of special services for the department of radiation medicine, Charles J. Kubicki—who prefers to be called Chuck—learned about proton therapy for prostate cancer a decade ago from one of his neighbors.

"Chuck is a well-established property developer who builds stores, banks, schools, and businesses as well as some residential projects," Dr. Martell explains. "He also has a winter home in Longboat Key, Florida. One of his neighbors, we'll call him John, was diagnosed with prostate cancer and became very zealous about traveling all over the country to find the best treatment option. Shortly afterwards, Chuck was similarly diagnosed during a routine physical exam to make sure he was in good enough shape for a kickboxing tournament."

Knowing John had thoroughly analyzed all possible treatment options, Chuck called him to find out where he had gone for help.

"Where are you?" Chuck asked.

"You need to do your own due diligence to research treatment options like I did," his analytical friend asserted.

"I'm not going to spend 15 minutes on it," Chuck replied. "You've done the research for several months. I'm going to go where you are. Where are you?"

John realized resistance was pointless, so he told Chuck that his search for the finest treatment for prostate cancer led him to the James M. Slater, M.D., Proton Treatment and Research Center at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

"Be sure to get involved with the Wednesday night support group and join the B.O.B.," John added.

The Brotherhood of the Balloon, known to its members from 32 countries and all 50 states as



Chuck and Mary Kubicki (center) recently hosted a special celebration at their home in Cincinnati, Ohio, in honor of the 10th anniversary of Mr. Kubicki's successful treatment for prostate cancer at the James M. Slater, MD, Proton Treatment and Research Center at Loma Linda University Medical Center. Mr. Kubicki is a prominent real estate developer; he and his wife have made a number of generous contributions to the Slater center. In addition to 45 former patients of the Slater center, LLU President Richard H. Hart, MD, and his wife, Judy, also attended the event along with Bob Marckini (second from right), and J. Lynn Martell, DMin (right). Dr. Hart, the president of Loma Linda University, was in Ohio to deliver the commencement address for Kettering College of Medical Arts. Mr. Marckini is founder of the Brotherhood of the Balloon, a 6,000-member organization of individuals who have received proton therapy at LLU Medical Center. Dr. Martell is director of special services for the department of radiation medicine.

the B.O.B., is a hale and hearty organization of more than 6,000 current and former prostate cancer patients who found a new lease on life thanks to proton therapy at the Slater center. The acronym is a double entendre shout-out to the group's indefatigable founder and incessant promoter, Bob Marckini. Mr. Marckini is the author of the bestseller *You Can Beat Prostate Cancer*, and publisher of the popular <www.protonbob.com> website.

When Chuck talks about what happened next, it quickly becomes apparent his experience at the medical center made an enormous impression on him.

"Discovering proton treatment and Loma Linda

was one of the best things that ever happened to me," Chuck insists. "When I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, I was scared. I thought my life was over, and I didn't want my family, friends or business associates to know about my diagnosis."

Dr. Martell explains that Chuck's initial reaction is not uncommon for people when they first receive a cancer diagnosis, but insists that what happened next isn't that rare, either.

"Chuck came out here, went through the treatment, and said it was one of the greatest experiences he's had in his life," Dr. Martell shares. "He's been very generous as a result."

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EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE

Recognition highlights longstanding tradition of excellence at dispatch services

By James Ponder

The men and women of the department charged with transporting patients and supplies through the labyrinthine mazes of several Loma Linda University Medical Center campuses strive to fulfill their duties and responsibilities with a unique combination of timeliness and mathematical precision.

"Dispatch services has been here since the beginning," notes Parmjit Judge, manager of the department. "Presently, the department is doing transportation of patients and patient-related items to all LLUMC entities including East Campus, Behavioral Medicine Center,

Heart & Surgical Hospital, and all the clinics, including the Caroline Street clinics. We move specimens for the clinical lab and transport blood from the blood bank."

Known simply as "Babu" to friends and colleagues, Mr. Judge's official title falls short of describing the full extent of his responsibilities or the range of his influence on employees past and present. According to an unnamed source who asks to remain anonymous, the values and ethics Mr. Judge exemplifies and preaches to his employees have resulted in the fact that several of them have gone on to high-level careers in health care administration.

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Members of the dispatch services team pose with the quarterly "A Team" award they received from colleagues in the clinical laboratory. The award was established by medical center administration to honor departments that consistently exemplify the values and mission of the organization. Pictured are (front row, from left): manager Parmjit "Babu" Judge, Paul Bork, Prakash Shakya, Gregorio Mamani, Jerry Nelson, Nirendra Shrestha, and Mary Burger. (Back row, left to right): Regina Chavis, Donny Pesulima, Arian Ibarra, and Prajwol Shakya.



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