

Heritage Society Honors Those Who Remember PLNU in Their Estate Planning

Over 240 guests gathered at PLNU on February 19 for the 2003 Heritage Society Endowed Scholarship Luncheon. The annual event provides opportunities for students who have received endowed scholarships to express gratitude to the families or individuals who have made the scholarships possible. The luncheon also gives the university a chance to acknowledge the generosity of members of the Heritage Society, those who have included PLNU in their estate planning.

Point Loma's Heritage Society was formally established in 1991. Today, almost 700 families or individuals have notified PLNU that they have included the university in their estate planning, although research indicates that only 25% of those who make charitable estate provisions notify the receiving institution. That means there are hundreds who have not made the university aware that they have included PLNU in their estate plans.

"Please let us know so we can say thank you and appreciate you for what you have done to advance the cause of Christ and Christian higher education," said Steve Seelig, PLNU's director of Planned Giving. "Estate gifts through wills, annuities, trusts, scholarships and other beneficiary arrangements have been of particular importance to the university. Invaluable support for university programs and improvements has come from this source. Help us to serve you better by letting us know that you are remembering PLNU in your estate plans," said Seelig.

Leading the way in this membership drive are PLNU Foundation Board members, trustees, faculty, administration and staff who believe in the mission of PLNU. Alumni, parents and friends are invited to contact Dr. Seelig, at 619.849.2302 to make him aware of your interest in advancing the mission of PLNU. ■



Retired Educator Finds Double Benefits of Gift Annuities

Dr. Chester O. Mulder is a retired educator and minister still on staff at Temecula (Calif.) Gateway Church of the Nazarene. Four years ago, he discovered how beneficial it is to establish a gift annuity.

"Taking out gift annuities at Point Loma has provided a double blessing in my life," said Mulder. "Not only have they provided secure income in this volatile market, I have the greater blessing of supporting a solid Wesleyan theological grounding for students."

Mulder learned that, based on his age and that of his wife (who has since passed away), a gift annuity would provide them with a fixed rate of 8.4 percent for the remainder of their lives. They would also receive a tax deduction and part of the income from the annuity would be tax-free. Rev. Mulder not only took out the original annuity, he later set up two additional ones.

Would you be interested in increasing your income through a gift annuity? Let us know by completing the accompanying form and mailing it to the Planned Giving office, or call 619.849.2516 for more information.

SAMPLE GIFT ANNUITIES RATES

Age	Payout rate
55	5.8%
65	6.3%
70	6.7%
80	8.3%
90	11.5%

I believe in creating the future now...

- I have included PLNU in my:
- will or living trust
 - retirement plan
 - gift annuity
 - life insurance policy
 - charitable remainder trust

- Please send me information about PLNU's Heritage Society.

Name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Spouse: _____ Date of birth: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

Send to: Office of Planned Giving • Point Loma Nazarene University
3900 Lomaland Drive • San Diego, CA 92106



For Parents of Students

POINT LOMA NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

Parents' Connection

As the parent of a son or daughter who is a student at PLNU, how connected do you feel to your student and to the university? Point Loma has

created *Parents' Connection*, a program to help you stay in touch with your student and to provide a place to go when you have questions or concerns.

The *Parents' Connection* council is a selected leadership group made up of volunteer moms and dads who understand your questions and work to get you connected to answers. The council also acts as a prayer network. Praying for students and supporting parents are key components of *Parents' Connection*, formerly known as the Parents League.

"If you are not receiving the quarterly *e-Connect* parent newsletter, please let us know," said Joy Chesbrough-Berry, coordinator of the program. "We want to keep you updated about university events and issues important to parents."

"We are currently planning our annual Parents' Weekend," said Chesbrough-Berry. "This fall occasion is filled with events and informative breakout sessions that will give parents a better understanding of the PLNU community." Parents' Weekend is scheduled for October 10 and 11, 2003.

If you have any questions about PLNU, *Parents' Connection*, the e-newsletter or Parents' Weekend, call Joy at 619.849.2512 or send email to joychesbrough-berry@ptloma.edu. ■



TeleRaising 2003 Raises Over \$78,000 for Scholarships

The TeleRaising 2003 Campaign brought in over \$78,000 in pledges for the University Fund for student scholarships. During the annual campaign, students contacted alumni and friends of the university and gave them the opportunity to invest in the lives of students. Over 1100 donors responded with pledges.

Dollars raised through the University Fund are not only instrumental in providing scholarship assistance, but they play a vital role in maintaining the high standard of academics and teaching facilities at PLNU.

When approaching foundations and corporations for contributions, one question consistently asked of the university is—what is the percentage of alumni and other constituents who contribute to PLNU? By participating at any level, donors help bolster these figures, making it more likely that large contributions will provide grants for building and other projects.

If a teleraiser was unable to reach you, you may still contribute by sending your gift to PLNU, Office of University Advancement, 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego, CA 92106. ■

Nazarene Credit Union Supports Business Building Capital Campaign

Recognizing a long-standing relationship with PLNU, the board of directors of Nazarene Credit Union contributed \$10,000 in March toward a new building for the department of Accountancy, Business and Economics.

The university has launched a \$4.3 million capital campaign for the state-of-the-art business building that will include classrooms, meeting rooms and faculty offices.

"Nazarene Credit Union is pleased to continue to partner with the university and the church to support higher education at Point Loma," said Mendell Thompson, president and C.E.O. of the Credit Union.

Nazarene Credit Union has had a relationship with the university for more than 40 years. With more than \$140,000,000 in assets, NCU provides a wide array of services to the university community, including student loans. ■



(Above) Mendell Thompson (left) with PLNU Director of Development Joe Watkins.