



President Bob Brower

A Confident Future

The university's Centennial celebration three years ago marked a time of affirming the history and progress of the university while committing ourselves to a vibrant and dynamic future. The "Centennial decision" was to believe that the foundation of the past provided confidence for the future—and also that an effective future for PLNU could be achieved.

Since that historic moment, several significant steps have been taken to shape the future of the university. Among many, there have been three key accomplishments: the adoption of an empowering mission; the design and announcement of Vision 2015; and the completion of the most ambitious construction period in the history of the university.

Why all of the talk about the mission?

Quite simply, the mission forms the defining identity of our purpose and focuses the decisions and energies of the university. The affirmation that *teaching, shaping, and sending* are our core tasks brings together our commitments to excellence in academic preparation, the mentoring and modeling of values and character, and the engagement of faith through lives of service. Mission is more than words; it is the heart of the work accomplished in students through PLNU.

But mission alone is not enough. There must be a future.

Vision 2015 is the expression of a future that moves forward with confidence. Vision 2015 projects a continuing development of the undergraduate heart of the university that further builds the quality, effectiveness and service of our students in their work and future. But it also projects opportunities to develop the university's educational influence in graduate programs, innovative undergraduate programs, the church, and the various communities and national organizations in which PLNU operates. Vision 2015 projects an educational leadership role for Point Loma because the mission compels the university to also live out its *teaching, shaping, and sending* responsibilities as an organization. There is much to accomplish!

Accomplishing mission and vision also requires developing facilities, staffing and organizational structures necessary to achieve the future.

In addition to securing expanded facilities for PLNU Bakersfield (see facing story), building projects have included the expansion of Nease Residence Hall, which added housing for nearly 100 women. Draper Hall now provides a center for students as they meet with Admissions, Student Financial Services and the Business Office. Finally, a significant addition is the new Fermanian School of Business, which will provide state-of-the-art classrooms, technology, and experiential labs to enhance the learning experience. (See page 5.)

The future is not easily achieved, but the future is what this university has been about for more than 100 years. In its founding, Dr. Phineas Bresee envisioned much of what Point Loma Nazarene University has become. The responsibility of today is to pursue fulfillment of the mission and vision so that students for generations yet to come are served, changed and prepared to invest their lives in faith and service.

I want to thank you for your interest and investment in creating and achieving a future full of purpose and opportunity for students today and tomorrow!

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ARCADIA, BAKERSFIELD EXPERIENCE GROWTH

Spring courses began smoothly just weeks after PLNU Bakersfield quadrupled its capacity with a move to larger quarters in early December.

The new facility, at 5080 California Avenue, is at a prime spot that local real estate agents call the "Corner of Main and Main."

"The students really deserved a place like this that represents PLNU well," said Don Bumard, director, who said the 12,000-square-foot site is a three-minute drive from the old building and can house up to 425 students.

Another plus, says Bumard: "Starbucks and Krispy Kreme are within walking distance."

PLNU Arcadia, responding to California's growing need for public school administrators, launched a credential and graduate education studies program for residents of Corona and Chino in the Inland Empire region of Southern California.

Initiated by David Haney, director of site development, the six-week class began Feb. 16 in Corona, a growing city of approximately 140,000 about 45 miles southeast of Los Angeles in Riverside County. The same class, "Foundations of Leadership," began March 30 in Chino, a city of about 70,000, situated 12 miles northwest in San Bernardino County. Both classes are first steps toward the Preliminary Administrative Services credential.



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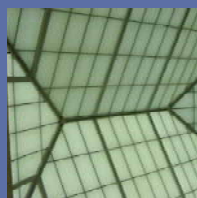
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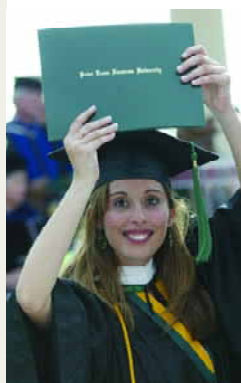
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COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2005

Commencement Weekend 2005 begins Thursday, May 12, with Senior Celebration and culminates on Saturday, May 14, with the Undergraduate Commencement Convocation at 3:00 p.m. in the Greek Amphitheatre.

Speaker for this year's undergraduate Commencement is Hadley Wood, vice provost for Faculty Development and dean of General Education. Tickets will be required.

The Graduate Commencement Convocation will be held in the Greek at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, May 14. Maggie Bailey, director of the Armenian Center for International Development and associate professor of business, is the speaker. Tickets are not required for Graduate Commencement.

Senior Celebration is Thursday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the First Church Family Life Center. The new Fermanian School of Business will be dedicated at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 13. The public is invited to the annual Spring Music Festival at 7:30 p.m. on Friday in Brown Chapel.

For more information, go to www.ptloma.edu/academicaffairs/Commencement/index.htm.