



## Health Promotions Center Receives Grant from White House Office

**P** LNU has received a \$39,691 grant from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives for its student-run health education work with the under-served in the City Heights section of San Diego.

The funds will provide operational support for the university's free student-staffed Health Promotion Center, established in 2000 by former PLNU nursing department chair, Margaret Stevenson. The money comes out of a \$673,000 grant administered by a well-known San Diego homeless assistance center, St. Vincent de Paul Village.

The Health Promotions Center, housed at the Church of the Nazarene in Mid-City, was established to give PLNU nursing students front-line opportunities for service, while providing free health education and referrals to the uninsured.

Now the Center is set to expand. The nursing department recently initiated a local partnership of programs concerned with affordable healthcare. The San Diego

*(Above) Representatives from PLNU celebrate with staff from Father Joe's Village and the Church of the Nazarene in Mid-City.*

Health-Faith Alliance brings together PLNU and representatives from St. Vincent de Paul, the University of California San Diego (UCSD), University of San Diego (USD) and VITAS, an educational organization for pastoral counseling. The alliance voted to fund up to \$15,000 for capital improvements to the Center.

"We will be utilizing [medical and pharmaceutical] residents from UCSD, nursing students from PLNU, marriage and family counselor students from USD and clinical pastoral education students from VITAS to provide care to under-served members of the San Diego community," said Dottie Crummy, chair of PLNU's nursing department.

The nursing department itself also will be growing. In response to a national shortage of nurses, PLNU will admit 50 nursing candidates this fall rather than the usual 40 to 45.

### Briefly...

**Susan Ganz**, associate professor of kinesiology, successfully defended her dissertation in early July, completing her Ph.D. in exercise science and curriculum and instruction at the University of New Mexico. Her dissertation was titled "The Effects of a Six Week Dynamic Balance Training Program on Proprioception in Healthy NAIA Collegiate Athletes." Proprioception involves the neurological portion of balance.

The San Diego Science Educators Association honored PLNU's Perspectives on Science

(POS) program in June for its contribution to the K-12 science education community. POS helps science teachers stay current with new research by arranging lectures by imminent scientists at free monthly dinners on the main campus.

**Sam Powell**, professor of Philosophy and Religion, has authored a new book, *Participating in God: Creation and Trinity*, which was published by Fortress Press in May.

Professor emeritus **Arthur Seamans** has authored a collection of literary essays entitled *The Dead Ones Touch Me from the Past: A Walk with Writers through the Centuries*. The volume is being published by Breakwater Books.

PLNU's student newspaper, the *Point Weekly*, was honored by the San Diego chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. Student journalists Rachel Kondo and Simone Finney won first place in their categories for writing and Kelly Loock was recognized for headline composition. The paper received a honorable mention for design of the Nov. 11, 2002, issue.

**Charlie Howard**, director of Career Services, was acknowledged in June by the Western Association of Colleges and Employers. Howard was given the Outstanding Service Award for service to the field of career planning, placement and recruitment. ♦

## Joint Course with Maritime Museum of San Diego Offers Unique Experience Aboard Historic Tall Ship

On Aug. 14, 1834, a young Harvard student from an influential Boston family named Richard Henry Dana went to sea. His book, *Two Years Before the Mast*, now a classic, recounts his time as a sailor along California's coast.

On Aug. 14, 2003, PLNU history professor Rick Kennedy will set sail on board a historic tall ship to lead a 10-day class up the coast of California focused on *Two Years Before the Mast*.

The hands-on history course is being offered by PLNU and the Maritime Museum of San Diego. It is focusing focuses on the literature, multi-cultural history, technology, geography and oceanography of the period. The ship, a replica of an 1847 Revenue Cutter, is the official tall ship of the state of California. It is owned by the museum, which provided the captain and crew. Students could also opt to be trained to sail.

"We'll have to fight the elements—just like Dana did," said Kennedy. ♦

## Schooling Honored for Teaching Excellence

Associate Professor of Business Bruce Schooling was honored nationally in June for his excellence in teaching. The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs, PLNU's accrediting association, named Schooling its 2003 International Winner for Teaching Excellence.

Schooling first won the regional teaching award and then went on to compete nationally.

"This means he competed against all the other regional winners and won the whole thing. I am so pleased," said Becky Havens, associate provost for faculty development and dean of social science and professional studies. ♦



*The Californian, the official tall ship of California.*



*Schooling, (center) accepting his award. Left is Becky Havens and right, Jim McEliece, professor of Economics.*

## PLNU Grieves Death of Allison Dahm

The PLNU community was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Allison Dahm, 19, a junior graphic communications major from Holland, Mich. Allison was killed in an automobile crash on July 18, 2003.

"Allison had so many qualities I hope for in my students," said Paul Kinsman, assistant professor of art and design. "She was intelligent, creative, curious and insightful. She was a great designer, too. She always came up with fantastically creative solutions."



*Allison Dahm*

"But I think what I'll miss most is Allison's absolute sense of Christ-filled joy," Kinsman continued. "No matter what was happening in her life—school, family, friends, jobs, homework—I never saw her without a smile on her face. I know it's a cliché but it's true: we are better because Allison was part of our lives. It's hard to imagine what life in the department will be like without her," said Kinsman.

Allison was on her way to pick up a friend at the airport and lost control of her car, striking a tree, according to the Holland (Mich.) *Sentinel*. She suffered massive head injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her father, Joe Dahm, told the *Sentinel* that "the most important thing about Allison is she loved the Lord Jesus Christ and she lived her life in total love and joy."

She is survived by her parents, Joe and Linda Dahm of Holland. She also is survived by brothers Joseph Dahm of Los Angeles and Austin Dahm of Malibu, Calif.; a sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Chris Mackay of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and grandparents Bernard and Anna Laarman of Holland, Mich. ♦



## ***PLNU Offers String Project for Local Young Musicians***

**T**his fall, PLNU will launch a new program that brings together elementary school children from San Diego county who want to learn to play a string instrument and PLNU undergraduate string majors who want hands-on teaching experience.

The Point Loma String Project is the result of a year of effort by Philip Tyler, professor of music. The program, funded with a \$10,000 grant from the Clarence E. Heller Charitable Foundation with a matching grant from PLNU, is one of 36 sites in the National String Project Consortium, supported by the American String Teachers Association.

The lab school brings approximately 60 third- and fourth-graders to PLNU for music lessons from string students under the direction of Tyler and a String Project master teacher, William Pordon. The low cost of \$80 a year (not including instrument fees)

*(Above) William Pordon, master teacher for the Point Loma String Project, shows Danielle León how to hold a violin bow.*

makes the project appealing to families who otherwise might not be able to afford music lessons. The children will be able to continue each year through high school.

For more information, check PLNU's web site at [www.ptloma.edu/stringproject](http://www.ptloma.edu/stringproject).

### **Department of Music Accepted for Membership in Prestigious Organization**

PLNU's department of music has been accepted for membership in the prestigious National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

"Membership [in NASM] has been one of my goals for several years," said David Strawn, associate provost of arts and sciences. "NASM membership holds us to a higher standard than we have ever had."

To qualify, the department has made major changes in its program offerings.

"We now have music degrees for the generalist, the music educator and performers. They all do not have to go through the same curriculum," said Strawn. "It represents an affirmation of the liberal arts concept and balances valid departmental and institutional degrees providing specialization."

### **PLNU's Conference Services Hosts Thousands Over Summer**

The summer break between academic years is anything but quiet on Point Loma's main San Diego campus, as Vic Conner knows full well.

Conner, director of auxiliary

services who oversees the office of Conference Services, says the season started May 24 with Southwest Extreme and ended July 20.

Nearly 70 churches and nonprofit organizations held meetings or conferences during the two-month period. Many families took advantage of the Vacation by the Sea program which provides affordable vacation opportunities for alumni, parents of current PLNU students and members of the Church of the Nazarene.

That translated to 18,844 breakfasts, 12,965 lunches and 16,022 dinners.

"This year, we increased our focus on working with Christian ministries," said Conner. "We hosted Campus Crusade's Athletes in Action training camp, Association of Christians in Math Science and mission groups traveling from as far away as Montreal."

Camps ranged in size from 23 youths from an Hawaii Nazarene Youth International group to the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention summer camp which brought 1,114 junior high and high school students.

Inviting guests to share in PLNU's beautiful ocean-front setting isn't the only objective of Conference Services' endeavors, said Conner.

"Over a hundred initial decisions for Christ were made by participants at Southwest Extreme and the Southern Baptist camp and over 200 made rededications and commitments to ministry," Conner said. ♦

# COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND 2003



This year's Commencement activities, May 15-18, were marked by thousands of enthusiastic and proud family members and friends, celebrating the accomplishments of their graduates.

Over 600 students received diplomas on Sunday, May 18. PLNU awarded 590 undergraduate and 94 graduate degrees. The majors with the most graduates were business administration (66), liberal studies (64), psychology (51) and nursing (43).

This was the third year that the Graduate Convocation, in the Greek Amphitheatre on Saturday, was separated from the under-

graduate event to accommodate growing crowds.

Two years after it was launched, Point Loma's unique master of business administration program conferred its first 15 degrees.

More than 40 graduate students received their master of arts in education and 35 received a post-graduate educational credential. Of the remaining graduate students, one earned the master of ministry degree and two the master of arts in religion.

Speaker for the undergraduate Commencement Convocation, in PLNU's historic outdoor Greek Amphitheatre, was Patrick Allen, Ph.D., university provost and chief academic officer.

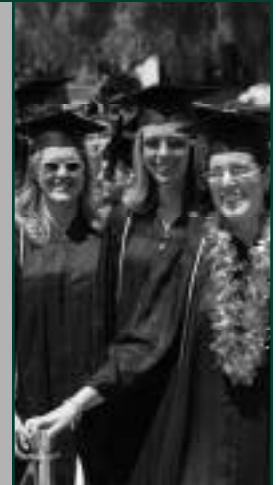
Darrel R. Falk, associate provost for research and dean of graduate and continuing education, address the Graduate Commencement Convocation on Saturday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, Arizona District Superintendent, Dan Copp, who chairs Point Loma's board of trustees, spoke at the Baccalaureate service.

Additional highlights included the annual Senior Celebration, hosted by the Alumni Association on Thursday. The annual Spring Music Festival was on Friday, May 16. ♦



*At 2003 Commencement ceremonies, PLNU awarded almost 600 undergraduate degrees and 94 graduate degrees. This was the first year that the new master of business administration degree was conferred.*



## An Important Note about Next Year's Commencement Schedule

Family and friends planning to attend PLNU's 2004 Undergraduate Commencement Convocation will need a ticket, according to Dr. Keith Bell, associate provost and coordinator of planning for the event.

"In the last three years PLNU has seen phenomenal growth, both in the numbers of candidates for graduation and family and friends who want to celebrate with them," said Bell. "By issuing tickets for admission to the 4,000-seat Greek Amphitheatre, we are attempting to provide the safest possible environment for large crowds, while instituting a fair system so that the most people may attend."

Each undergraduate candidate for graduation will receive eight tickets, said Bell.

Next year, Commencement will be on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at 3:30 p.m. The Graduate Commencement Convocation will not require a ticket for admission. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. ♦

*(Right) Patrick Allen, provost and chief academic officer, was speaker at this year's Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 18.*

