

EDITOR'S NOTE

You have probably noticed the unique experiences many twenty-somethings are having these days – marrying later, traveling more, changing not just jobs but career fields more rapidly and more often than ever before. And to go along with these sorts of whole age group lifestyle changes, there is an attitude among many young people that taking on long-term adult responsibilities is something that ought to be done, but not necessarily right away.

At its heart, Point Loma Nazarene University is all about college students – teaching them, shaping them to live lives pleasing to God, and sending them into the future and the world prepared. Because students are what our mission is all about, we want to

know all we can about them – how they learn, what they care about, why they act and react to the things they do, and what they will face once they leave here. If you are a parent, grandparent, employer, teacher, pastor, coach, or friend of a student or recent graduate, you, too, may be seeking to better understand the young people in your life.



That's why we chose to focus this issue of the *Viewpoint* on the Millennial generation.

While we were talking to experts on campus for this issue, PLNU's director of international ministries, Jeff Bolster, pointed out that many trends and attitudes of Millennials are representative of not only generational behavior but also developmental behavior. And so, in our three feature stories we explore the Millennials as a generation, parents' spiritual influence as a research question, and emerging adulthood as a developmental phenomenon.

We hope you enjoy this issue and learn a little about yourself and the Millennials you know. And if you want to make me a really happy editor, send me an e-mail to let me know your thoughts and comments.

Sincerely,

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