

Committed to the

FUTURE



Abel Salgado's STORY

When I was a child, my beloved grandma had a stroke and lost the ability to speak. As a young boy, all I wanted to do was have her regain that ability. I administered mini therapy sessions to her to try to have her practice word pronunciation. I remember my dad giving me a book on neurological impairments, which increased my curiosity of the brain.



DREAM

Chapter 1

My dream to become a physician stems from my experience with my grandma and my fascination with how the brain has such phenomenal potential and mystery that has yet to be fully understood by neuroscientists. It is this fascination that has driven me to keep seeking answers.

My parents, as ministers, set the example to always serve the needs of others. They instilled in me a strong desire to reach out to the helpless in order to show them love when they are in unfortunate circumstances. My parents are immigrants from Mexico, and they worked extremely hard just to make ends meet growing up. Despite that, my mom was generous, even making Thanksgiving dinners for families in need. This set the tone of generosity in my life.

My early life experiences have shaped my life goal, which is to help others one day as a medical doctor in destitute foreign countries.



12-year-old Abel with his mother and father

INFLUENCE

Chapter 2

Point Loma Nazarene University has influenced the course of my life. As a high school student, I was in the AVID program at Point Loma High School. AVID helps prepare students for college – especially students who will be the first in their family to attend. It was Ms. Larson, the AVID coordinator at Point Loma High, who introduced me to PLNU's University NOW (UNOW) program.

As an eager high school student, I was willing to take every opportunity that was offered to me. The UNOW program works with the AVID program to send motivated students to the PLNU campus to experience a college-level, integrated biology and writing class. The program is a huge success in helping committed students to become first generation college students.

Through UNOW, I met amazing people who counseled and mentored me. PLNU professors, including Dr. Darrel Falk and Dr. Eric Dahms, were willing to sit down and guide my path to becoming a doctor. At such a critical time of transition from high school to college, Dr. Dahms helped me weigh the pros and cons of each of the colleges I was considering. When it came to PLNU, it became apparent that the pros were the spiritual aspect, small class sizes, and the outstanding science department. PLNU was also so generous as to offer me a head start on college by giving me a scholarship for summer courses prior to my first semester at PLNU.

The UNOW program is an opportunity that has been a stepping-stone to reach my dream. It is this type of opportunity that gives driven high school students a chance to excel in life and reach their life goals.



Dr. Eric Dahms



Dr. Darrel Falk



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OPPORTUNITY

At PLNU, I have been fortunate enough to be mentored and taught by the very best professors. Their passion has made a lasting impression on me. For example, Dr. Dahms allowed me to shadow him around the hospital while he instructed and guided his interns and residents. This experience gave me the chance to see the future setting where I will be working.

The biology department's summer research program has been another great opportunity. I conducted research under the direction of Dr. Robert Elson over the course of two summers. The research concerned the developmental neurobiology of insect species that serve as models for basic questions in neuroscience. Through this research, I have cultivated my interest in neurobiology.

These invaluable experiences have shaped my education.

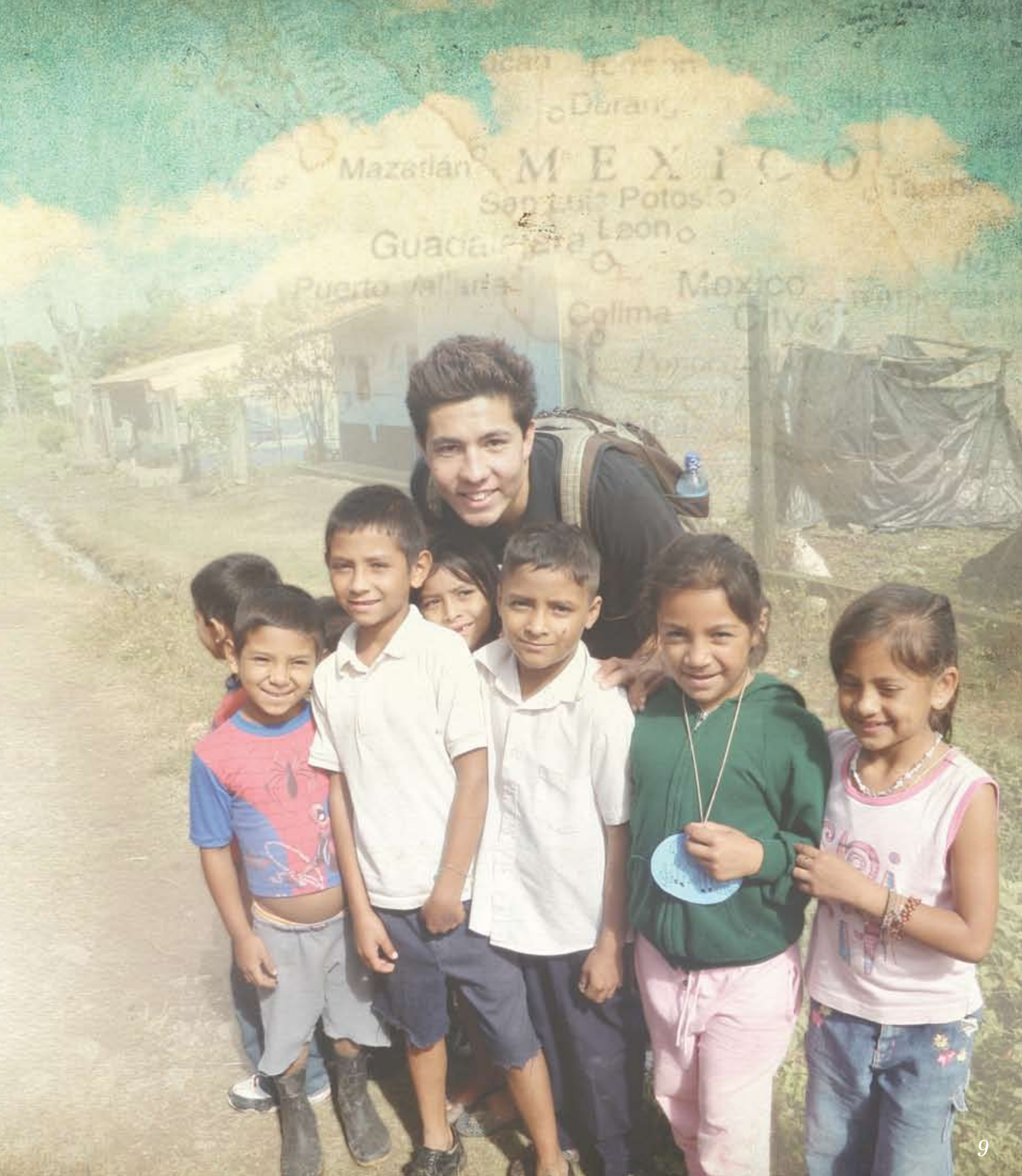


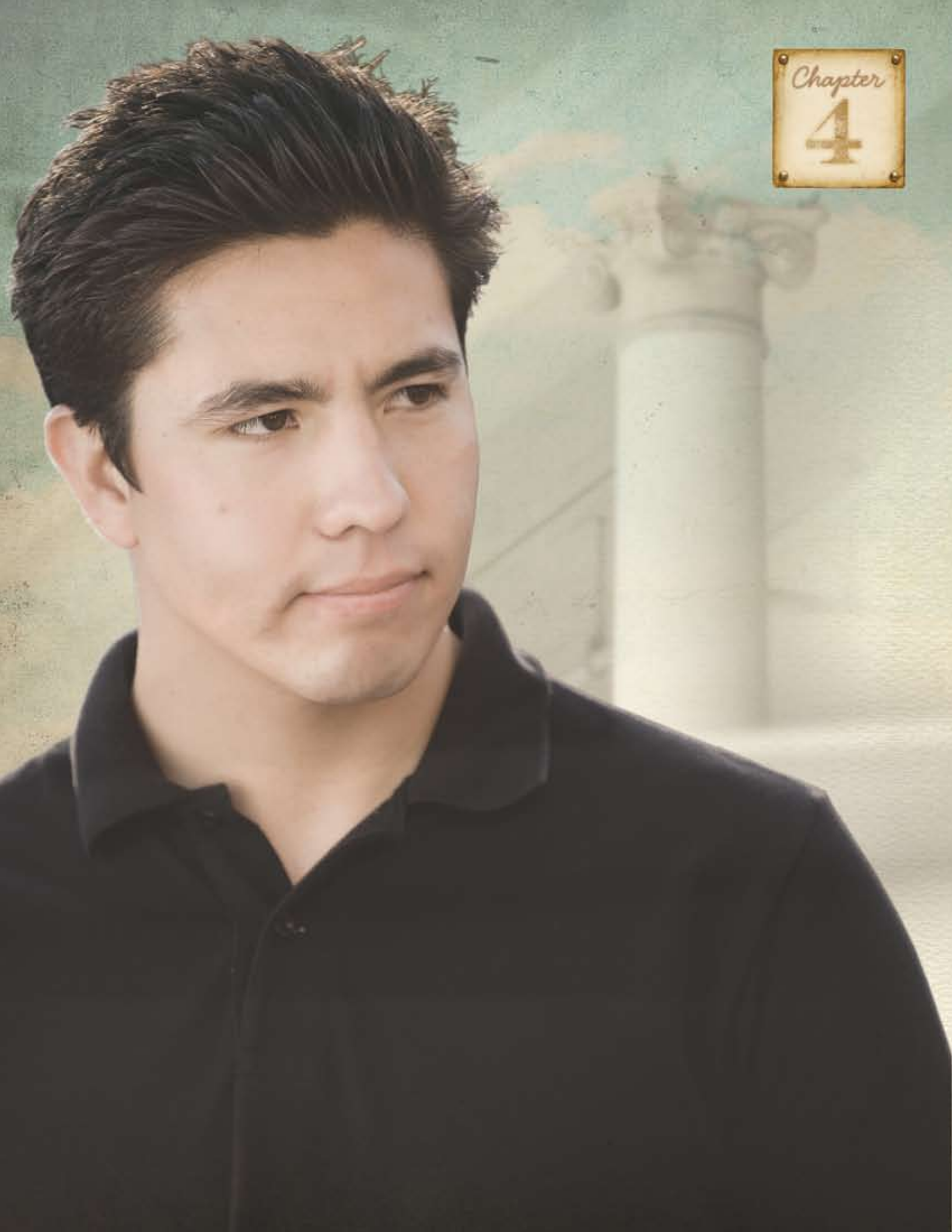
Over the course of my college experience, many guest speakers have made a tremendous impact on me. One such speaker was a medical missionary who described the reward of removing a cataract from a man who had not seen his wife or grandchildren in years. The direct impact his medical work made on that man's life reinforced my desire to serve others as an agent of grace and reconciliation in a broken world. It also inspired me to pursue my first medical mission trip to San Rafael, Nicaragua, with Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA).

San Rafael is beautiful, but the people who live there have very little. I have never been more appreciative of my knowledge of biology to be able to help the sick than while I was in Nicaragua. I was able to assist doctors and specialists with triage and dental work. I was also able to speak in a Nazarene church and pray with people in need.

In addition to my trip to San Rafael, I have also been able to serve in Mexico through PLNU. In 2007, I was part of PLNU's S.A.L.T. Mission Camps (called YouthWorks at the time). Along with other PLNU students, I worked with both American and Mexican high school students, served in a church, and ran a vacation Bible school program for local children. I have also been on several student ministry trips to orphanages in Mexico.

All of these experiences have continued to foster my desire to help people abroad.





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AHEAD

My four years at Point Loma Nazarene University are swiftly coming to an end in May. I am looking toward the future to make my mark as a medical doctor. My desire is to continue to serve medically underserved communities.

My dream also includes assisting other first generation college bound students in achieving their life dreams. By doing so, I believe the future generations can transcend barriers on all fronts.

On behalf of all students who receive scholarships to attend PLNU, my deepest appreciation goes out to the donors whose gifts make attending this university possible. You are making a difference in the lives of many students. By supporting our dreams, you are changing the world... one student at a time.



July 2008-June 2009

YEAR IN REVIEW

News + Event Highlights

On Sept. 14, 2008, PLNU sent teams of students, staff, faculty, and alumni to Tecate, Mexico, to help build and dedicate seven new Nazarene seminary buildings.

PLNU's Fermanian School of Business hosted its second annual "Dealmakers of the Year" awards on Sept. 19, 2008.

The installation of solar panels on four PLNU buildings was completed in October 2008.

Smee Hall, the new home of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry, Center for Pastoral Leadership, and Wesleyan Center, was dedicated in November 2008.

The 14th annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea, held Feb. 2-6, 2009, drew authors Christopher Buckley, Dr. Pauline Chen, Luis Alberto Urrea, Karl Giberson, and Brian McLaren; movie producer David Paterson; and lyricists Richie Furay and Greg Laswell.

Richard Louv, author of the bestselling book *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder* and recipient of the National Audubon Society medal, shared his vision for a grassroots No Child Left Inside initiative on Feb. 24, 2009.

In spring 2009, PLNU launched a new RN to MSN degree. This degree allows for associate degree and hospital diploma-prepared nurses to obtain an MSN in less than three years.

Awards + Accomplishments Highlights

For the third year in a row, Point Loma Nazarene University's study abroad program ranked among the top 15 master's degree-granting institutions in the nation for percentage of undergraduate participation in study abroad.

PLNU student Jackie Hayes won the highest-level encouragement award from the Metropolitan Opera National Council at the group's San Diego audition on Oct. 11, 2008.

Thanks to PLNU's 310-KW solar panel system, PLNU was honored with an Orchid Award for Sustainable Design on Nov. 14, 2008.

PLNU's speech and debate team won the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) yearlong national sweepstakes championship in 2008-09. This is the fourth time in the last seven years PLNU has won this honor.

Point Loma Nazarene University was presented with a San Diego Excellence In Energy (SANDEE) Award on March 26, 2009, for special achievement in energy by a nonprofit.

On April 23, 2009, PLNU was recognized by the City of San Diego's Department of Environmental Services as a "Recycler of the Year." This is the fifth time PLNU has received the award.

The PLNU baseball team competed in the NAIA World Series and finished their outstanding season in second place in the NAIA. Two players, Kurt Steinhauer (New York Mets) and Kaohi Downing (San Francisco Giants), were later drafted by Major League Baseball teams. A third, Andrew Bovich, signed a free agent contract with the San Diego Padres.

Senior Sam Cyr won the NAIA national golf championship for the second straight year.

Lael Corbin, M.F.A., adjunct professor of art and design, received a San Diego Art Prize emerging artist award for his installation exhibition entitled "Research."

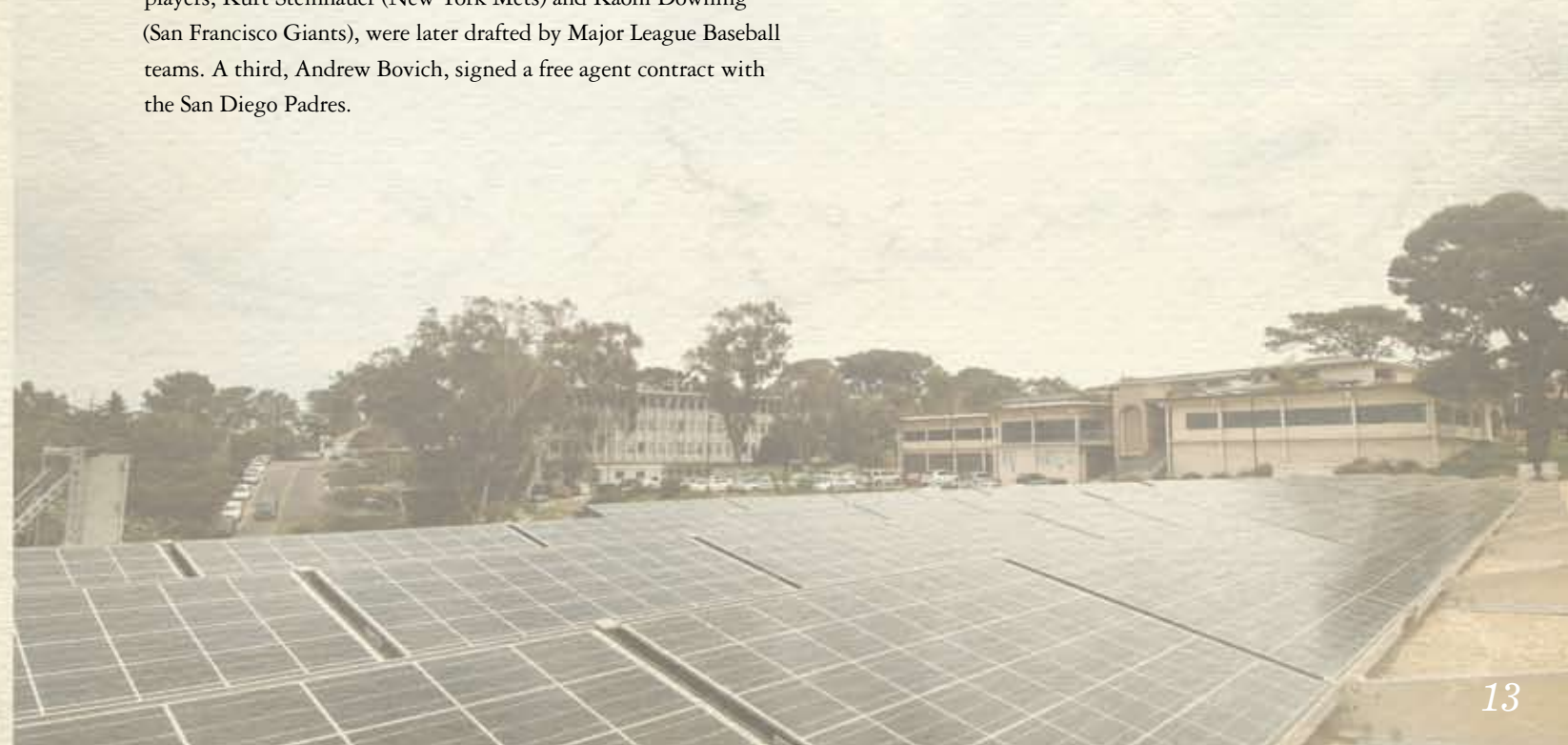
Dr. Dean Nelson, professor of journalism, received the top award in three magazine categories at the San Diego chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists' 2008 Excellence in Journalism Awards.

Dr. Kimberly Bogan, director of academic advising, was selected by the Delta Upsilon Chapter of the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., to be honored as a 2009 Outstanding Black Educator in San Diego County.

Music professor Dr. Dan Nelson was inducted into the Music Educators Hall of Fame by the California Music Educators Association.

Golf coach Ben Foster was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame.

Dr. Carroll Land, who retired as director of athletics in June after 49 years of service, received the Jerry Kendall Character in Coaches Award on Jan. 4, 2009.



FINANCIALS

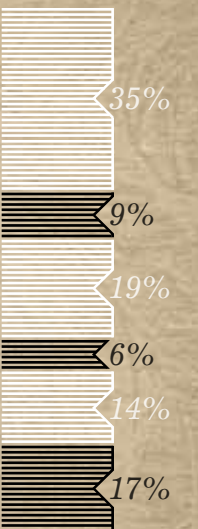
Total Gifts Received

Unrestricted/Church Gifts	2,677,248	49%
Designated Gifts	2,054,011	38%
Endowed Gifts	700,766	13%
\$5,432,025		



Operating Expenses

Instructional and Academic Support	29,947,179	35%
Student Services	8,118,884	9%
Institutional Support	16,002,299	19%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	5,039,907	6%
Scholarships	11,870,046	14%
Auxiliaries and Other	14,116,468	17%
\$85,094,783		



Operating Revenues

Tuition and Fees	66,100,483	78%
Auxiliaries and Other	16,327,274	19%
Unrestricted/Church Gifts	2,677,248	3%
\$85,105,005		



Mission

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

Vision Statement

Point Loma Nazarene University will be a nationally prominent Christian university and a leading Wesleyan voice in higher education and the church – known for excellence in academic preparation, wholeness in personal development, and faithfulness to mission.

Core Values

- Excellence in teaching and learning
- An intentionally Christian community
- Faithfulness to our Nazarene heritage and a Wesleyan theological tradition
- The development of each student as a whole person
- A global perspective and experience
- Ethnic and cultural diversity
- The stewardship of resources
- Service as an expression of faith

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