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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Last fall, I had the honor of teaching the Entrepreneurship and Innovation class at Providence. It was an amazing experience, one that influenced my thinking about how Providence should be teaching business. In the class, I assigned Robert Sirico's book Defending the Free Market. In making the moral case for the free market. Sirico contends that the best way to help the poor is not through the transfer of wealth, but by offering jobs that provide dignity, worth, and income. For many of my students, this economic concept was like an intellectual epiphany that completely shook-up their previous worldview.

Through this teaching experience, I realized not only the value of entrepreneurship training for students at Providence, but also how well this class dovetails with the liberal arts. Having seen how liberal arts and entrepreneurship support one another, I, along with my executive team, have begun to envision how innovation can become more central to the life and learning at Providence. We have begun introducing innovation thinking into some of our decision making; we have started thinking about how we can be more purposeful in teaching entrepreneurship throughout our business concentration and to all

students at the college; and we are laying the groundwork for an entrepreneurship and innovation club for students.

This is only one of the many ways in which Providence continues to lay the foundation for the growth of the college. Other examples include the addition of our Health Science Concentration, our full membership in the NAIA and the hiring of a new athletic director, and our continued push in the academic rigor of the liberal arts degree with which each student is trained to be a critical thinker, effective communicator, and lifelong learner.

As you read through this issue of Providence magazine, you will see the incredible impact of a Providence education on current students and alumni and the foundational growth that the college is continuing to experience. We heartily ask for your support in prayers and giving and in sharing the word about what Providence is doing in Pasadena, Los Angeles, and the world.

Blessings,

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Dr. Jim Belcher, President

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The mission of Providence Christian College as a Reformed Christian institution is to equip students to be firmly grounded in biblical truth, thoroughly educated in the liberal arts, and fully engaged in their church, their community, and the world for the glory of God and for service to humanity.

## **2016** DEAN'S LIST

Students named to the Providence Christian College dean's list must be enrolled full time and maintain a GPA of 3.50 or higher for the semester. The fall 2016 dean's list:

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## NEWS & EVENTS



#### HEALTH SCIENCE CONCENTRATION ANNOUNCED

Providence Christian College will be adding the Marilyn DeGroot Health Science Concentration beginning Fall 2017. This concentration provides a foundation for students interested in health sciences careers and for students needing to fulfill most of the prerequisites for nursing, health care education, health care management, and for preparation for entrylevel master's in nursing programs. In addition to providing a broad liberal studies degree, it also offers a number of courses that may be required for pre-medical and graduate work in physical therapy. Turn to pages 12-13 for detailed information or visit www.providencecc.edu/academics.



#### FILM FESTIVAL

The Providence Film Production Club competed in the 2017 Prairie Grass Film Challenge, a contest that required film students to make a short movie in a mere 48 hours. Students collaborated on their next cinematic masterpiece titled, "The Wreckoning," a comedy about a group of stranded plane passengers who must try to survive together in a forest.



#### ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

Renowned author, scholar, and systematic theologian Dr. Richard C. Gamble served as keynote speaker for this year's Academic Conference. Gamble's lecture, "Reformation and Revolution: John Calvin and Geneva," offered students unique insights into John Calvin's early life and ministry, as well as how the Protestant Reformation transformed Genevan society.

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF



#### NAIA FULL MEMBERSHIP

In April, Providence Christian College was approved as a full member in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), which allows the athletic programs to participate in postseason play. Full membership is given to schools who are able to show financial stability, accreditation, growing enrollment, retention, and a commitment to character-driven athletics.

## **FACULTY UPDATES**

**BERNARD CHADWICK,** adjunct instructor of art, presented his third solo exhibition, *I Dream of You*, at Klowden Mann Gallery from December 2016-January 2017. The exhibition received reviews in *Artscene and Autre* and was a highlighted Los Angeles



exhibition in the San Francisco Art Quarterly (SFAQ).

**DR. WHITNEY GAMBLE,** assistant professor of Biblical and Theological studies, co-hosted three White Horse Inn radio broadcasts in December 2016. In January 2017, she published the article "Why Doctrine Matters Now More than Ever" in *Modern Reformation*. In February 2017, at the



Women in Theology Lecture Series at Westminster Seminary, Escondido, CA, she presented "The Westminster Assembly and the Challenges of Antinomianism."

**DR. LAUREN J. KIM,** interim assistant professor of history, published two academic articles on theological education in the fall of 2016: "Student Preformation: Thoughts and Issues in a Global Divinity Program" in the *Journal of Christian Education & Information Technology* and



"Sexual Violence: Ecclesiastical Awareness, Thoughts, and Discussion" in the *Torch Trinity Journal*. She also published "Counseling into the Evangelical Mainstream" during the winter of 2016. This past spring, she participated in three White Horse Inn radio broadcasts, which aired in May 2017.

**DR. LARRY MUMFORD,** adjunct professor of music, had a performance of his choral work *Quietem* presented by the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers (CFAMC) in their monthly series. In addition, two of his published works for woodwind quintet were included in



Convocation exercises last August, and a choral piece that premiered in New York City "On Ships That Sail" was included in a Chamber Singers concert in Glendale this past spring.

## **NEW FACULTY AND STAFF**

## **2017-2018** BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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#### DR. LAUREN KIM INTERIM ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

Dr. Lauren Kim joins the Providence community after most recently serving as the Assistant Professor of Church History at Torch Trinity Graduate University in Seoul, Korea. She has 15 years of global teaching



experience in North America, Europe, and Asia. Dr. Kim earned her doctoral and master's degrees in history from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland at the Reformation Studies Institute. Despite her travels, Dr. Kim is a Californian at heart. A native of Diamond Bar, California, she earned her bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of Southern California and a master's degree in historical theology from Westminster Seminary California. She loves global Christianity and cherishes fellow believers around the world. In her free time, Dr. Kim enjoys traveling, visiting museums, and watching musicals. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church of America.

#### **BRENT PAFFORD**

#### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES COORDINATOR

Brent Pafford joins the Providence staff following a year in instrument sales and completing his graduate studies. Pafford received both his bachelor's degree in music



performance and an M.B.A. from Stetson University. He is excited to utilize his gifts and work experience to promote Providence's mission of equipping students with a firmly grounded understanding in the Word of God with an excellent liberal arts education. Having received a liberal arts education, Pafford recognizes the wonderful value of a Reformed education and is thankful for the opportunity to glorify God in his position at the college. "I enjoy working as a support staff member and have found the most satisfaction in serving the college and my employers 'as unto the Lord."

BRIAN DEHAAN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

See biography on page 20.







At Providence Christian College, academic excellence is characterized by effective teaching provided by skilled and educated faculty. That teaching is directed toward all three domains of learning: the head, the heart, and the hands.

Twenty years ago, academic rigor was synonymous with difficult, challenging, and inscrutable learning. Our faculty strive to base their method and practice of teaching on how student success/learning actually happens, focusing less on difficulty for difficulty sake and, instead, focusing on:

- Presenting learning with clarity in a classroom atmosphere of mutual respect
- Challenging students with complex, real-life scenarios
- Encouraging students to think and feel deeply
- Ensuring that students, as lifelong learners, understand that what they learn will be lived out beyond the classroom and graduation
- Providing interactive learning in which the student is involved in the research process

Since its founding, Providence has intentionally invested in its mission to provide students with deeper learning for greater wisdom. We continue to initiate new programs to ensure that mission will continue. To cultivate academic excellence, we have implemented the following:

 Developing an honor standard for our students that promotes academic integrity by teaching what honor and integrity look like

- Empowering professors to teach in all three domains of learning: Cognitive, Affective, and Psychomotor
- Providing ongoing faculty professional development in teaching methods and in standards of practice on a monthly and per semester basis
- Staffing an Academic Resource Center that aids students with scheduling and organizing, academic tutoring, and writing assistance
- 5) Hiring a student support coordinator who provides students with academic and career support. In addition, for Fall 2017, we have received budget approval for a Writing Center and Writing Coordinator
- 6) Developing (in process) a Career and Calling center to assist students to understand and steward their God-given talents, time, and resources
- 7) Strengthening our core requirements, expanding the concentrations offered, and assessing student outcomes

Providence continues in its commitment to support its student body both academically and spiritually. We do this through offering an expanding chapel program, instilling a love for learning, and teaching critical thinking skills. By possessing a knowledge of God's Word and how it impacts all areas of life, students are then better equipped to engage in the community. I needed fellow believers who made the Lord and the gospel their priority

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**Left to right:** Crace Smith '20 Charlotte "Char" Zuidhof '20 Madison "Maddie" De Jager '20

## FRIENDSHIPS BUILT ON FAITH

by Mark Pomerville

**Before Grace Smith '20 attended Providence Christian College,** she had very few friends who shared her hunger and thirst for learning more about God's Word. Even though Smith had been a Christian all her life, grew up in a strong Christian family, and attended a Biblebelieving church, scripture and theology were rarely discussed among the high school students at her youth group.

"It was discouraging," says Smith. "I had so many young people around me who professed to be Christians, but they didn't think deeply about why they believed the gospel. Even worse, they would pick and choose parts of the Bible that made them feel comfortable, but ignored the passages about repentance, confession, and the self-denial involved in truly following Christ."

Having peers who were not like-minded in wanting to study scripture only fueled Smith's desire to further pursue truth in relation to God's Word. But she knew that if she was to continue to grow spiritually, she would need a strong biblical education, as well as friends whose lives were defined by their Christian walk and who shared her same values.

"Before I came to Providence, I prayed that I would find sisters in Christ on campus who truly valued the Lord and their faith in Him," says Smith. "I needed fellow believers who made the Lord and the gospel their priority."

In Fall 2016, Smith's prayers were answered. While moving into her Providence campus dorm, she met her new freshmen roommates—Madison "Maddie" De Jager '20 from Salem, Oregon and Charlotte "Char" Zuidhof '20 from Alberta, Canada. Smith, a native of Southern California, found that she and her roommates had shared interests and similar personalities even though they were from different parts of the world.

Smith and her newfound friends became inseparable, taking spontaneous road trips to California beaches, eating at the local Denny's and In-N-Out, and spending late-hour study sessions in their dorms.

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"We became best friends from the moment we met," says Zuidhof. "We haven't gone on adventures without each other. Now we eat together, work out together, and wait for each other after class. It has become a noman-left-behind type of friendship."

While the friends initially connected on a social level, they discovered that the most important similarity they shared was their unwavering zeal for God's Word.

"When I met Charlotte and Madison, I couldn't believe how much they and the rest of the Providence community held the gospel in such high esteem," recalls Smith. "Many of the students have been raised in Reformed churches, and their theology and understanding of scripture was far greater than mine, so I felt like I had a lot to learn from them."

Over the past two semesters, De Jager and Zuidhof, who had both attended United Reformed Churches (URC) since childhood, have been sharing their love and knowledge of scripture with Smith. The three friends began attending a local Reformed church together and have edified and encouraged one another in their knowledge of God's Word. "Grace was very open to talking and learning more about the Reformed Christian perspective," says De Jager. "It was exciting because Char and I were able to share with Grace everything we had learned, from the Catechisms to the Confessions, and put those lessons into practice in ways that we couldn't have imagined."

Over the past nine months, the young women have laughed together, cried together, and spent their first year at Providence experiencing the joy of having friendships in which the gospel is foundational.

"What I love about Providence is that the students and teachers don't limit their discussions about scripture to just a church service or a Bible study. They talk about the Bible outside of the classroom," says Smith. "There are times when Madison, Charlotte, and I will debate theology until two o'clock in the morning, and it's absolutely wonderful! We teach each other about the Bible and learn from each other. Christ and the gospel are the center of our friendship and our lives, and that's what Christian friendships should look like."

In less than four years, Smith, De Jager, and Zuidhof will conclude their studies, clean out their dorm rooms, and pursue their individual careers, as well as further their spiritual sanctification. While distance may separate them, the three young women are confident they will continue to nurture and strengthen their relationship with each other long after they depart from Providence.

"Wherever life takes us, we will still be friends," says De Jager. Zuidhof adds, "It's a deep friendship that is built to last because Christ is at the center." "As sisters in Christ, we are members of one body," says Smith. "While I'm close with Maddie and Char here on earth, I'm excited to know that no matter where life takes us, we will ultimately worship our Savior together in heaven. Because of the friendship we have formed here at Providence, we have spiritually built a bond that will last, not just for a lifetime, but for all of eternity."





#### **Health Science Concentration**

Made possible by a grant from the Marilyn De Groot Charitable Trust

The Health Science Concentration provides a foundation for those students interested in exploring a career in the health sciences and those with an interest in fulfilling most of the prerequisites for nursing, health care education, healthcare management, and preparation for graduate work in entry-level Master's in Nursing programs. This concentration provides a broad liberal studies degree, yet also provides some of the courses that may be required for pre-medical and graduate work in physical therapy. The healthcare and social assistance sector is expected to become the largest employing sector between 2014 and 2024, with an estimated 3.8 million jobs added. Healthcare support occupations and healthcare practitioners and technical occupations are projected to be the two fastest growing occupational groups, representing 1 out of 4 new jobs over the next decade.

#### **Benefits**

This concentration provides students with a foundational platform and valuable skills translatable to any career or calling within the healthcare arena. Students will develop broad preliminary information in order to pursue the advanced degrees required for careers in health science. This degree, with emphases in health care leadership and management, psychology, and organizational dynamics, helps graduates develop the competencies to advance their personal careers and overall practices of the medical industry by understanding and applying current policies and regulations, patient care initiatives, risk management, and the like.

#### **Mission Statement**

The Health Science concentration exists to empower students to provide ethical and compassionate service to the local and global community by providing healthcare coursework to support health education, healthcare management and pre-medical preparation in the context of a liberal studies degree.

#### **Careers in Health Sciences**

The list of occupations within the health sciences is practically endless, including jobs in five major career paths: diagnostic services, therapeutic services, support services, health information, and biotechnology research and development. Health science professionals work in hospitals, dental offices and laboratories, government and private research centers, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, community and public agencies, and large health care organizations. The day-to-day tasks and responsibilities of a person in a health science occupation vary significantly, but always require excellent communication skills and attention to detail. Examples of healthcare occupations include: Healthcare facilities manager, healthcare educator, medical laboratory technician, medical records administrator, health science writer, and community health organizer. With additional graduate studies, this concentration could be a platform for a basic nursing degree and a nurse practitioner degree in the state of California.



Providence made me think about some big life questions. As a doctor, I'm already using the critical thinking that I learned at Providence to aid me in my profession.

Providence also helped me understand who I am in Christ—that I have an obligation not only to serve my Savior, but to also serve those in my community. My plan is to be open to what God is calling me to do. Sometimes he calls us to do uncomfortable things, but I'm just focused on hearing God's call. By listening to the Lord, I've found that sometimes people need more than just medicine; they need the gospel.

~ Dr. Caryn Vanden Berg, Class of 2009

#### **Program Highlights**

#### Successful students in the Health Science concentration will:

- 1. Understand the healthcare policies and delivery systems in the U.S. and global environments.
- 2. Apply an understanding of medical terminology, scientific inquiry, and research to communicate healthcare principles both orally and in writing.
- 3. Develop legal and ethical decision-making within the healthcare industry based on a Reformed Christian worldview.
- 4. Provide caring and compassionate healthcare service and leadership to a culturally-diverse population in our local and global communities.
- 5. Demonstrate proficiency in the scientific foundations requisite for admission into graduate health care programs of professional study.

#### Health Science Concentration Offerings for Particular Areas of Study

#### Nursing

Are you facing delays in getting into a nursing program? Are you on a two-year waiting list? There are two options for you to pursue a nursing degree through the health science concentration at Providence:

#### 1. Pre-Nursing

- a. Spend two years at Providence gaining your general education and science prerequisites to transfer to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) program to complete your clinical nursing coursework for Registered Nursing (RN) eligibility for the NCLEX exam.
- b. You can take many of the prerequisites for transfer to a bachelor's degree in nursing program. During your two years of prerequisites you will be applying to other nursing programs, whose current wait lists are 2-3 years.
- 2. Obtain a liberal studies degree with a health science concentration and then apply to an entry level program in the state of California for your Master of Science in Nursing
  - a. The Entry Level MSN program is designed for candidates who hold a non-nursing baccalaureate degree and seek to transition professionally into the field of nursing. Those who have completed all prerequisite courses may apply directly to the EL MSN program. EL MSN students complete Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) approved pre-licensure nursing courses designed to prepare the students to take the National Council Licensure Examination, NCLEX-RN. Once licensed as a Registered Nurse, the student completes post-licensure coursework to earn a Master of Science in Nursing.
  - Recommended colleges for this program are California Baptist University (CBU) and Azusa Pacific University (APU)
    - www.calbaptist.edu/programs/entry-level-master-ofscience-nursing/
    - ii. www.apu.edu/nursing/programs/masters-in-nursing/

#### **Pre-Kinesiology**

Spend two years at Providence then transfer to Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology. You will take 21 units of general electives plus basic Anatomy and Physiology, Physical Conditioning, Health and Wellness, Statistics, and college-level English courses.

#### **Pre-Professional Programs**

- Pre-Medical
- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Optometry
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physican's Assistant
- Pre-Physical Therapy

Spend two years at Providence and then transfer to a Bachelor of Science in your chosen pre-professional field. You will take 21 units of general electives plus the required units for your program of study in general education and basic sciences.



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#### **ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

JOSE "JOEY" VENEGAS CLASS OF **'14** 

## WHEN FAITH COMES FULL CIRCL

by Mark Pomerville Photo by Samantha Manness

**As a child, Joey Venegas's life was in a shambles.** Born in Pomona, California, Venegas grew up in an impoverished home filled with substance abuse, physical violence, and emotional torment. Nearly every week he would watch in horror as his dad and brothers emotionally abused his mother, smoked meth, and sold the few possessions their family had in order to fuel their destructive habits.

Even though he eventually fled his home to live with his grandmother, it wasn't long before he followed in the footsteps of his family. "I started doing drugs when I was 11 years old," says Venegas. "I would constantly smoke weed and drink alcohol to numb the emotional pain that I was experiencing as a kid." By the time he was 19 years old, he had turned to harder drugs, as well as excessive partying and sex. Nothing seemed to fill the empty void in his life.

"One night, I was outside sitting on the sidewalk and drinking alone. I was completely wasted and didn't know what I was doing with my life," says Venegas. "I woke up the next morning and thought, 'I need to change my life. I'm going nowhere."

In an effort to regain his sobriety and remove the scars from his past, Venegas began attending a local church. The first night he sat in a pew, his life was changed. "I started crying during the service because when I heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, I knew that I was never going to be 'good enough' on my own,"



says Venegas. "I knew I needed to repent, take up my cross, and make Christ Lord of my life if I was ever going to truly change."

Shortly after being saved, Venegas started reading his Bible and regularly attending church. Before long, he felt called to pursue a lifelong career in ministry and actively participated in his local church community. Wanting to further his biblical education and understanding of God's Word, Venegas followed up on the suggestion of a fellow Bible study member to check out Providence Christian College.

In Spring 2010, he attended a campus visit day at Providence and was immediately impressed with the level of education that the students were receiving. "I remember sitting in one of Dr. Swanson's Old Testament classes, and his teaching blew my mind," recalls Venegas. "Providence was exactly what I was looking for. I knew that if I attended Providence, my faith would grow, my understanding of God's Word would increase, and my love for Christ would deepen. Ultimately, my life would change for the better."

In Fall 2011, Venegas enrolled at Providence with an emphasis in biblical and theological studies. "Providence was theologically sound and offered me a place that was Christ-like in every way. No matter what subject I was taking, whether it was history, math, or English, I learned wisdom, discernment, and how to view my world through the lens of the gospel. Providence prepared me to be salt and light to the world."

After graduating from Providence, Venegas continued to pursue a career in church ministry. Today, he is married with two children and serves as the Director of Ministry Oversight at Oasis Community Church in Hesperia, California. The church offers countless ministries, including a thriving youth group and a drug addiction restoration program. While at Oasis, Venegas has witnessed to countless young people who are enduring struggles similar to those he experienced as a child.

"I've seen the worst in humanity," says Venegas, "but God used the pain from my past, as well as the tools I gained at Providence, to minister to the lost. I am able to empathize with the men and women who come through our doors, and I have watched God take lives like mine, filled with sin and despair, and restore them into something amazing."



This spring semester, a group of 17 Providence students visited Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles to learn more about the prison system and the challenges of reentry into society for former offenders.

According to the organization's website, "Homeboy provides job training positions and free social services for formerly gang involved and previously incarcerated men and women." Each month, up to 1,000 people walk through the doors of Homeboy Industries to receive tattoo removals, counseling, classes, and job training. Homeboy has an outstanding success rate of attendees graduating, receiving their GED, and finding jobs, and is recognized as a leader in gang intervention.

To support the costs and to provide job opportunities, the organization offers social enterprises, including the famous Homeboy Bakery and Homegirl Cafe, both of which sell products at 24 farmer's markets in Southern California.





"I was really intrigued with the whole process of Homeboy Industries," says Alexis Vasquez '19, who participated in the Avodah. "I didn't know they offered jobs and classes to ex-convicts, and during the trip, I witnessed how God can work in someone's life to get them on the right path and care for themselves and their relationship with their families."

During this visit, students heard from Bobby, who spent the better part of 26 years in prison for "everything in the book but murder." Over the past eight months, he has connected with Homeboy Industries, has found faith in Jesus, and is on track with social services to spend more time with his wife and kids. He has been consistently attending the free classes provided by the organization and hopes to graduate in the future and find a job to support his family.

Prior to visiting Homeboy Industries, the students met and discussed the increase in incarceration rates and specifically their connection with American history and race. Students also watched a portion of Ava Duvernay's documentary *13th*, which chronicles the connection of African Americans in prison after the 13th amendment.



# GRADIATION 2017

**ON MAY 6, 2017**, Kyle Kortenhoeven of Denver, Colorado, and 20 of his classmates walked across the stage to receive their diplomas from Providence Christian College. Graduating from Providence was especially meaningful for Kortenhoeven and his family, as his dad, Dr. Steve Kortenhoeven, was the first Dean of Students for the college when it started in 2006. Making this event even more special for the family, Dr. Kortenhoeven delivered the commencement address "Whatever you do, work".

However, it wasn't always the new alumnus's dream to attend or graduate from Providence. Living in California from an early age, Kortenhoeven attended Calvin Christian in Escondido. In 2006, when his father took the position at Providence, the family moved to Ontario, California, where Kortenhoeven attended Ontario Christian High School. In 2012, they moved to Denver, and his father became the principal at Denver Christian High School. Although Providence was on his college list when he graduated from high school, Kortenhoeven chose to attend a different Christian college, one in the Midwest.

Kyle Kortenhoeven, shown at left with

his family

After his first year, Kortenhoeven felt as though the location didn't offer him the opportunities he was seeking, and a lack of healthy friendships made him realize that the school wasn't the right fit. He transferred to Providence and immediately fell in love with it. Over the past three years, he has grown dramatically in his faith, his friendships, and his leadership capacities.

"Sophomore year was a significant year in terms of growing up and maturing and desiring to learn," says Kortenhoeven. "I came to a place where learning for the sake of learning was encouraged and the people I was around were stronger and more impactful than my freshman year."



Kortenhoeven also was encouraged to invest in the school and develop his leadership skills by taking on roles on campus. He served as a class representative his sophomore and junior years, which prepared him for serving as president his senior year. In this role, he has guided the structure of student leadership as the college grows, helping lay the foundation for how Student Senate will work in the future. "I've been passionate about creating a diverse and intellectual space and seeing that grow at Providence."

Under Kortenhoeven's leadership, Student Senate has revamped policies and procedures and worked with different committees under the administration and faculty for student representation.

This year, Student Senate also started the President's Council, through which leaders from

different administrative departments serve as liaisons between students and administration and communicate student concerns or issues with the goal of building a stronger community.

"It's been a challenge as a student leader because you're put in a position to defend all sides, both students and administration. Emotions can be high, and things can get tense, but overall, I'm very optimistic as the school continues to grow and become more and more established."

Graduating with Social Science and History concentrations, Kortenhoeven has developed into a leader who thinks critically, has helped build community, and is passionate about continued growth. He plans to enter a master's program in Cognitive or Neuro Psychology in Denver, where his family resides.

## BRIAN DEHAAN TO LEAD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

BRIAN DEHAAN has been hired as the new Athletic Director at Providence Christian College. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the College after building up the athletic department at Maranatha High School. Over the past 10 years at Maranatha, DeHaan has led the school to 83 league and six CIF championships and has helped hundreds of student-athletes continue to play at the college level. DeHaan also coached the girl's softball and boy's baseball teams, leading the baseball team to a CIF-SS championship in 2009. With nearly 20 years of coaching experience, as well as collegiate-level playing experience and directing high school athletics programs, DeHaan brings an in-depth understanding of what it takes to build a department of both athletic and academic excellence in an environment where God is central.

"I'm honored and excited for the opportunity at Providence Christian College. The vehicle of athletics can break barriers and change lives," says DeHaan. "Much like I did 10 years ago, I enter this new role believing that we can build an incredible athletic program that will honor the Lord. The coaches at Providence are committed to excellence, and I'm looking forward to developing a unified culture."

DeHaan holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Azusa Pacific University, where he also competed in baseball, as well as a master's degree in divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his wife Libby reside in La Verne, California with their three sons: Casey (8), Reece (6), and Lincoln (1).



### 2017 GOLF FUNDRAISER



April 13, 2017 marked the ninth annual Sea Beggar Scramble for Providence Christian College. This year, approximately 82 golfers gathered at Brookside Golf Course in Pasadena to support and raise money for the athletic department. This year's tournament welcomed a large number of new golfers, including groups made up of student athletes from various sports teams. The "Dream Center" foursome (pictured) won the scramble. The evening banquet included a silent auction and raffle prizes, as well as speeches from Head Baseball Coach Trevor Davidson and soccer student athlete Alex Cabral '18. Cabral spoke of his experience transferring into Providence to finish his degree and playing for the men's soccer program. He said these experiences have helped him grow in his faith, in service of others, and in leadership roles.



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EMILY (VAN DYKE) BELZ '13 and JUSTIN BOND '13 began her husband, Max, welcomed their third child, Davy Jean Belz, on April 22, 2017. Davy was born weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz.



his career as a full-time content manager in the fitness industry, producing photography and online videos for one of the nation's leading bodybuilders and fitness trainers.



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UPDATES

**RUBY JEFFERY '15** graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Westminster Seminary California on May 26, 2017.



**IOHNATHAN KRUIS '15** and **EVELYN (VANE) KRUIS '13** welcomed their first child. Palisade "Sadie" Jeanene Kruis, on May 1, 2017. Sadie was born weighing 7 lbs., 11 oz.



STEPHEN LEWIS '16 and **SARAH (GRIMES) LEWIS '15** moved to Tucson, Arizona earlier this year and are raising their rescue dog, Walter. Sarah is teaching 3rd grade at Veritas Academy of Tucson, a classical Christian school. Stephen is working as a personal assistant and is coaching his first season of middle school soccer.



**SEAN RHOADES '14** graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Westminster Seminary California on May 26, 2017. He is currently pursuing a teaching career in biblical studies and introductory Greek and Hebrew.



**TIMOTHY "TIM" SCHEUERS** '10 graduated with a Master of Divinity from Mid-America Reformed Seminary and is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Fuller Theological Seminary where he is writing his dissertation on "Oaths, Vows, and the Binding of the Conscience in the Reformation."



**CODY WALTER '16** became engaged to Carissa Berger earlier this year. They will be married on July 29, 2017 at Imperial Beach in San Diego, California.

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