



PEPPERDINE LEGACY PARTNERS



Reflections On A New Name

By Tiffany Ferguson

After 60 years as the Associated Women for Pepperdine (AWP), last spring the Executive Board voted to adopt a new name for the organization, one that we hope will inspire us for the next 60 years and beyond. By unanimous vote, the name was officially changed to Pepperdine Legacy Partners. The Board also previously voted to update the name of the scholarship recipients to the **Helen Young Scholars** to honor the memory of its beloved founder. At the new student welcome reception during New Student Orientation in August, the PLP Board excitedly unveiled its new logo design for parents and students in attendance. A formal announcement regarding these changes was sent to all PLP members by President Lydia Folkerts earlier this fall. As a board member and member of the original sub-committee to explore a name change, I am so excited to see this final result. On behalf of the Executive Board, we invite you, your family and your church to partner with us to carry on Helen Young's mission of helping Church of Christ students attend Pepperdine.

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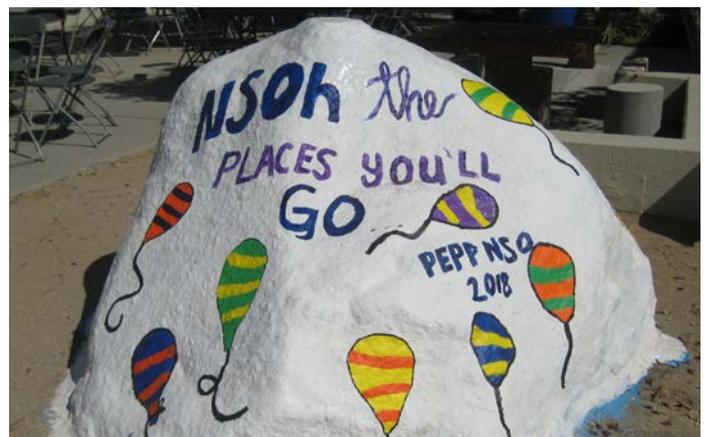
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CLASS OF 2022

HELEN YOUNG SCHOLARS



Isabella Armstrong
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Fall Fundraising and Events

By Tami Williamson

In June 2018 we welcomed new members to the PLP national board and said goodbye to some others who had served in 2017-2018. Claudia Sangster stepped down as President, as she was getting ready to make a move to Arizona. She was gracious to donate much of her household items to PLP to raise money for scholarships. Because of her generosity, we were able to raise \$5,500 in a one-day sale.

Provost and Mrs. Marrs opened their home once again for Waves Weekend and hosted our Church of Christ students, parents, and guests for a finger food reception complete with entertainment from Won by One. Students love this event as they always get to walk away with boxes of food to take back to their rooms as an added bonus.

PLP held our annual Fall Festival on November 2nd. This is always a happy day with many of our faculty, staff, and students coming to shop for treasures and support our mission. We added \$2,780 to our scholarship fund through that sale. Along with items to purchase, we also launched the opportunity to contribute to the Andy and Debby Benton Endowed Scholarship. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 to honor the Bentons for their service to Pepperdine.

Sangster Estate Sale



Waves Weekend Church of Christ Student Reception



Annual Fall Festival Sale & Benton Scholarship Kick-off





ANDY AND DEBBY BENTON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

[IMPACT.PEPPERDINE.EDU/BENTONS](https://impact.pepperdine.edu/bentons)



Dear PLP members,

The Fall Festival marked the kick-off to our fundraising campaign for our new endowed scholarship. As you may already know, Andy will be stepping down from the presidency next summer. Since he and his wife, Debby, have honored us for so long with their advocacy and support, we want to take this opportunity to honor them with the "Andy and Debby Benton Endowed Scholarship." We hope that, in addition to your annual PLP membership dues, you will be willing to make an extra gift toward our goal of \$100,000 to fully endow this fund. As of December 1st, we have raised \$28,941.

Please partner with PLP in supporting this new scholarship. You can make your gift online at impact.pepperdine.edu/bentons. No matter the size of your gift, thank you for helping us create a proper tribute for a couple who has made an historically positive impact on our University - one that will echo for generations of students to come.

Sincerely,
Sara Young Jackson
Senior Vice Chancellor & Benton Campaign Chair
Pepperdine University

Scholar Sightings

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS AS THEY MAKE WAVES

Pepperdine Legacy Partners has awarded 47 students each a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Here are some of the highlights from our students this semester.

Thank you for supporting our scholars through your annual membership.

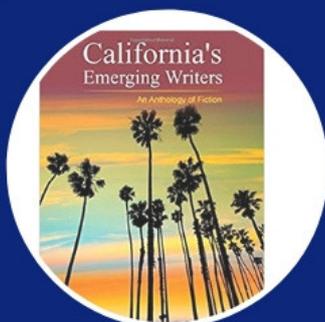
Student Achievement

CONGRATULATIONS

**NATHAN
HEARD**

CLASS OF 2020 HELEN YOUNG SCHOLAR

Recently published
in California's Emerging
Writers: An Anthology of
Fiction



Sophomores Abroad

JOEL COX

CLASS OF 2021

Heidelberg, Germany



"One of my favorite abroad experiences was the Halloween party [at] the Moore Haus breakfast room. Most everyone dressed up and we all ate and laughed and danced in a space that was way too small for our group. It was one of the first times during the semester that I felt incredibly connected with everyone in our group. I have seen God this semester through how our group has responded to the tragedies back on campus. With the shooting and the fires, our group banded together to support and love each other through everything that was going on back in Malibu. We became so close as a community and God showed himself through how he brought us together when we needed it."

GABRIELLE ANTONIO

CLASS OF 2021
Florence, Italy



"Being a part of the Pepperdine Florence program has been such an amazing blessing this semester. A couple of my favorite experiences have been our educational field trip to Sicily in Italy and another trip I took to Morocco, Africa. My Pepperdine abroad experience has allowed me to embrace change and immerse myself in different cultures. Whether that be from spending time with local Italian students, exploring Italy, traveling to European countries, or going to Africa, I am so thankful for all that I have experienced, and cannot wait for what is to come next semester."

JULIA CLARK

CLASS OF 2021
Shanghai, China



"When visiting one of the Buddhist temples in Lhasa, we walked through a room filled with Tibetans singing one of their hymns and despite the language barrier, I couldn't help but be reminded of my own home church as they sang. Our instinct is often to look at people who's lives are so different from our own and think that we have nothing in common, but standing in the temple with them reminded me of our shared humanity and the unbreakable connection between all of God's people."

ANNIE LITTLE

CLASS OF 2021

Buenos Aires, Argentina



"I have known since applying to Pepperdine that abroad would be one of the highlights of my college experience. I have not been disappointed! I have grown so much in my own personal life, discovering more about who I am and who God tells me I am. I have seen God working this November in our community and in the Malibu community, even from this far away. As someone who knew several people in the Borderline shooting and whose family had to be evacuated 3 times because of the Woolsey fire, the amount of encouraging messages I have received was astounding. I felt very loved and supported, especially feeling so helpless being so far away."

BRADEN RITCHEY

CLASS OF 2021

Lausanne, Switzerland



"My favorite memory while abroad has probably been paragliding in Mürren, Switzerland. My experience in Lausanne has exposed me to so many different cultures I NEVER would've been about to experience without coming. Being abroad has changed my life and this semester hasn't even ended yet.

[Assistant Director] Mark Barneche and I have been memorizing Bible verses together in our meetings since I'm the RA here in Lausanne and he's been my mentor while I've been organizing convocation here. He's helped me with my questions regarding theology and he's helped me with my personal life.

[What I miss about Malibu is] the beach, the food, a few professors, dogs, and friends who didn't travel abroad."

KAYLA WASHINGTON

CLASS OF 2021

Buenos Aires, Argentina



"Hola from Buenos Aires! My favorite memories from this semester were when we were on our Educational Field Trip. There were just so many moments where we would all be together and you would look around and everyone would have the biggest smile on their face. I have seen God this semester in how willing people in this program (and back home) are to sincerely loving other people. I have seen so many selfless actions done to making sure that others feel loved and are taken care of that have made my heart feel so full. My favorite bible verse is "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things" (1 Cor. 13:7). I feel as if this semester has been a reflection of that verse. All of the love shown has just been a reminder of how good and merciful God is and always will be.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Lydia Folkerts, PLP President

While the excitement of Christmas is definitely in the air in my home, tonight my children are giddy with what seems like that first-day-of-school anticipation. Time was spent today laying out clothes for the morning, making sure that backpacks are ready to go and making lunches for the school day to come. The middle schooler and high schooler are going back to school after a four-week school closure, an unanticipated disruption to their schooling. The Woolsey Fire left their middle school and high school with minimal damage, but the surrounding homes and neighborhoods near the school have been devastated. There are too many families to count in their circle of friends who have lost homes and have been displaced due to the fire that raged in Malibu on November 9, 2018.

Having been a part of the Pepperdine community since 2002, our family has been through Malibu fires before. The 2007 fire found us leaving our condo on campus and sheltering in place in the cafeteria among students, faculty, and staff. Fast forward eleven years and our family found itself again sheltering in place in the cafeteria with our three children, again among students, faculty, and staff.

Our experience this time around with the Woolsey Fire would find us looking for ways to serve the students during the day. This included helping with mealtime prep and service and later spending the night in our workplace. Later that night, help was on the way and the sound and sight of the helicopters dropping water on our beloved campus will stay with me. Our family is grateful to the first responders and to Andy Benton and Pepperdine's steadfast leadership during the fire.

For our family, the days that followed the fire blended one into another. With Pepperdine Malibu classes canceled until after Thanksgiving, the majority of the students were staying with friends and family off campus.



We were able to sleep in our home (and how thankful we were for that) but chose to spend the days on the main campus, where meals were provided and the internet was working. My children were able to spend time with their neighbor friends and our time was spent in community catching up with students who were still on campus, neighbors, church members, fellow Pepperdine Legacy Partners Board members and helping where needed. You would be SO proud of our Helen Young Scholar students who were on campus for the fire and the week after the fire. With the many first responders, using the Villa (campus hotel) to rest, practical things like laundry needed to be done. Our students enthusiastically jumped in, along with others, to use the dorm washing facilities. They washed, folded and returned the sheets to the Villa. What a gift to those that needed a place to lie their head after a long day of service. Thank you, students! Your selflessness and service are an example of Jesus to me.

Our Pepperdine community has known its share of sorrow and utter heartbreak this past month. The Borderline mass shooting in Thousand Oaks, CA on November 7th where twelve people were killed, one of those being Alaina Housley, a first-year Seaver student, happened just a day before the Woolsey Fire began. Our community had been rocked by the shooting and, on its heels, the fire. A memorial service to honor Alaina's life was held just two days after students resumed classes on November 26, 2018. Through singing, prayer, and hearing from Alaina's parents, Arik and Hannah Housley, Firestone Fieldhouse was a place of mourning and hope. Alaina loved to sing and sang with fellow PLP students in Pepperdine's concert choir. This same choir sang at her memorial service. Our community continues to sit in the grief of these November tragedies, but while we sit with the grief, we also grieve with hope. We can cry out to God, one who hears us and hears our prayers and we can call upon the Holy Spirit who comforts us.

Already, green shoots are emerging from the charred hillsides around campus and signs of life cannot be missed. We have recently been given some remarkably beautiful sunsets to marvel at and remind us that God continues to be at work each day and that we can choose to be grateful. As we look to 2019, may we be present and notice the things in our lives in which we are grateful. Thank you for partnering with us and for your prayers for Pepperdine, our students and our work on this campus. May we continue to walk by faith into 2019. I am grateful for YOU.

-Lydia Folkerts



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