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John and Florence Spann support CLU’s mission and the tradition of Lutheran education. John and Florence Spann have many connections to California Lutheran University, and their ties will grow even stronger as their grandson becomes a member of the freshman class this fall. One way they have shown their support over the years is by completing several Charitable Gift Annuities with the University. They like the high return rates and the security that this type of gift provides them as they support the mission of CLU.

Florence and John designated their most recent Charitable Gift Annuity to honor Coach Bob and Helen Shoup. The proceeds from this annuity will benefit the new William Spann Charitable Gift Annuity to honor Coach Bob and Helen Shoup. This gift exemplifies the appreciation for Coach Shoup’s dedicated coaching career and the great athletic program that the University offers while providing us with additional income. "Not only does this Charitable Gift Annuity exemplify the excellent, strong Christian higher education at California Lutheran University but also allows us to show our satisfaction of making a charitable gift to the University and becoming a member of the Orville Dahl Society. We see this as a way to share that vision.

The Orville Dahl Society was established to honor those who provide for the University in their estate. It was named in recognition of CLU's founding president, Orville Dahl, who gave life to CLU (then CLC). As envisioned by Dahl, a key element to the continued growth of the University's endowment fulfillment of our mission is the continued growth of the University’s endowment.

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Tending the Earth and the Campus

CLU celebrated Earth Week in April to encourage everyone to adopt a green, sustainable lifestyle. Founded on campus in 1970 by Dave Randle ’71, Earth Day quickly grew to become a weeklong celebration. This year’s Earth Week, directed by Sustainability Team Coordinator Kayla Kilpatrick, a senior majoring in geology, was followed by Yam Yad on April 30, and the University’s green efforts didn’t stop there. Vegetables from the CLU Garden were ready to be harvested the following week.

On the Air with Room to Spare

The newly constructed KCLU Broadcast Center located on North Campus Drive was dedicated on a sunny afternoon in May.

Students add new plants to the landscaping near Samuelson Chapel. This was just one of several beautification projects taking place around campus during Yam Yad.

Edible pod peas, beets, onions, lettuce, radishes, turnips and bok choy were picked by Peter Gonia and junior Matthew Eaton. Edible pod peas from the garden, which is planted and cared for by students and faculty, Rahm, who graduated in May, is volunteering on an organic farm in France this summer.

Samples of the first vegetable harvest from the CLU Garden are displayed by geology professor Linda Ritterbush, center, and students, from left, senior Bradley Minnich, freshman Marilyn Rondeau, senior Jenna Tovar, senior Jennifer Arceo, freshman Mary Olson, general manager of KCLU; Board of Regents member Rod Gilbert, chair of the Construction Oversight Committee; and CLU President Chris Kimball welcomed guests to the joyful occasion.

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The station has won numerous awards for excellence, and its audience and broadcast area have expanded.

The Los Angeles Press Club honored KCLU’s Jim Rondeau as Best Radio Anchor at its 53rd Annual Southern California Journalism Awards Gala on June 26.

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**Baseball**

An 11-game mid-season win streak highlighted a 25-15 season as Cal Lutheran finished third in the final SCIAC standings. It marked the 19th time in 20 seasons the Kingsmen have placed in the top three in the conference.

Sophomore Nick Boggan became the first CLU player in six years to earn American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-America status, earning third team honors in 2011. He was one of five Kingsmen to earn All-West Region recognition and one of five to receive an All-SCIAC selection.

**Men’s Golf**

The golf team’s fourth-place conference finish equaled the highest placing for the Kingsmen squad since the 2007 campaign. CLU finished fourth or higher in each of the six SCIAC competitions including a runner-up finish at the fourth regular-season round hosted by Occidental. In that round, sophomore Chad Kimmeihue tied for the individual crown by shooting a 74 (+2) at Brookside Country Club in Pasadena. Host Cal Lutheran won the team title by seven strokes at the Kingsmen Invitational at La Purisima Golf Course in late March. The team finished the regular season ranked No. 20 in the nation.

**Men’s Tennis**

Cal Lutheran finished the season ranked No. 19 in the country and in the top 30 for the fourth straight season. The Kingsmen were invited to play at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) National Indoor Team Championships as one of the top programs in the nation.

Three players were named to the All-SCIAC team including first-team pick Andrew Guffrida, who became the first CLU player this millennium to earn three first-team selections.

Guffrida was named CLU Senior Co-Athlete of the Year and ITA Arthur Ashe West Region Award winner. He was invited to play at the National Singles Championships in Claremont, Calif., where he advanced to the second round to secure his third straight All-America selection.

**Men’s Track and Field**

Senior Eric Flores was named the Division III United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches of America (USTFCCCA) Male Field Athlete of the Year after winning the national title in both hammer throw and shot put.

Sophomore Eric Rogers also qualified for the NCAA Outdoor National Championships, and his third-place finish in the triple jump earned him All-America status along with Flores. Their combined score of 26 points put CLU in third place in the final standings.

Cal Lutheran took fourth place at the conference championships meet with Flores earning SCIAC Track & Field Athlete of the Year honors. He won the hammer throw and shot put while teammate junior Adam Hayes was victorious in the discus. Both secured individual conference titles.

**Softball**

Seven seniors finished their collegiate careers in 2011 with a doubleheader sweep of Whitworth on April 16 on Hatton Field. Those victories were two of the team’s 11 home wins, including a four-game win streak.

Danika Green hit .358 in conference play as a freshman and earned All-SCIAC Second Team honors. Senior pitcher Alyson Salas finished her CLU career with 169 strikeouts, ranking seventh all-time in program history despite playing only two years with the Regents.

**Women’s Tennis**

Former head coach Mike Benson returned for the 2011 season on short notice and led Cal Lutheran to a fourth-place finish in the conference. The Regents debuted ranked 11th in the nation.

Senior Bobby Sanders and junior Christina Messer were named to the All-SCIAC Second Team. Sanders finished her career ranked in the program’s top 10 in all four major field player categories and holds the single season record for steals with 93 set in 2009.

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**Women’s Water Polo**

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(Second Team)
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Cody Butcher, Men’s Track and Field
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(Third Team)
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Academic All-District VIII
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Eric Flores, Men’s Track and Field

This marks the second ITA award Giuffrida has received in the past four seasons.
It’s been more than 40 years, but Michael Arndt is still haunted by memories of his deployment during the Vietnam War. So much so that the CLU theatre arts professor is taking steps to alleviate the painful remembrances, including a journey into the past and a stage play that probes the emotions of combat veterans of six wars.

March 7, 1970
Approximately two kilometers from the Cambodian border. The battle. The bloodshed. The screams of agony.

Michael Arndt and 19 of his comrades from Echo Company, 1st Cavalry Air Mobile Division, were sent on a reconnaissance mission in the heat of the jungles of Vietnam. Almost immediately they came under enemy fire as the North Vietnamese troops opened up with 30-caliber machine guns.

“I remember the rattle of the shrapnel hitting the trees,” Arndt recalled. “It was sheer terror.”

Michael Arndt pictured near the site of the battle where he and 19 of his comrades fought on March 7, 1970. He returned to Vietnam for the first time in 2010, almost 40 years to the day of the battle.

Inset: Arndt in 1970 at the same site with two Kit Carson Scouts.
Michael Arndt in 2010, from top at the memorial museum at the former Khe Sanh Airbase; having lunch in a Khe Sanh restaurant; in the Cu Chi tunnels, one of many battlegrounds in Vietnam that have been converted to tourist attractions.

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In November 1970, Arndt received notice that he was being reassigned to Germany, where he served until he received an honorable discharge the following March. The young veteran enrolled in graduate courses at the University of Minnesota, from there, he began working at the Guthrie Theatre in Minnesota before joining the Theatre Arts Department at Pacific Lutheran University in Washington. In 1982, he received an offer to teach drama at CLU.

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In June, with more than 15 video interviews completed, Arndt was ready to bring Under Fire: Stories of Combat Veterans Across Generations to the stage. Combining video with actors portraying local veterans and original musical compositions by Christopher Hoag, the true stories of war came alive in front of a live audience at CLU in a format Arndt hopes to eventually share with universities throughout the country.

Arndt intends to stage his play for veterans groups and hospitals with hopes of starting a dialogue with the viewers.

“I would simply like to see others have the chance to share their stories. To experience that healing process,” he said.

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(I didn’t want to come to Southern California,” Arndt said. “When I decided to come, I thought I’d only stay for a couple years.” It’s now been nearly 30.

Performing the first staged reading of Under Fire: Stories of Combat Veterans Across Generations on June 18 in Preus-Brandt Forum are, from left, Aaron Anthony Bonilla, Alex Colello ’11, senior Brent Ramirez, Kenny Toll, Andy Babinsky and Jannette Jauregui is a columnist for the Ventura County Star and has been writing profiles of military veterans (for more than 10 years). Her book, Ventura County Veterans: World War II to Vietnam, was published this summer. She also serves as an adjunct lecturer in the Communication Department at CLU.

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From Arndt’s script, which was revised throughout rehearsals, the young actors gained a perspective on war and warriors that stands apart from politics.

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Drama Students Learn Life Lessons from Warriors

By Kevin Matthews

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Schools Mark 25th Anniversary with New Names, Programs

From a Quonset hut to a modern fitness center, from an overcrowded house to a state-of-the-art technology center, from chicken coops to spacious classrooms—much has changed at California Lutheran University during the last 25 years. One of the most significant turning points was not a new facility, but the renaming of then California Lutheran College to California Lutheran University. The name change reflected not only the school’s expanding curriculum and offerings but also the growth of its graduate programs in education and business. The utilization of the education and business departments into schools resulted in their having an even greater impact on the region by building the expertise and capacity of local business and education leaders.

This fall marks the silver anniversary of the reorganization. In recognition of the 25 years of accomplishments and the breadth and growth of its graduate programs, CLU has renamed the schools of education and business to the Graduate School of Education and the School of Management, respectively, to more accurately represent the far-ranging programs offered by each.

With the changing of the names comes an even stronger commitment to serve the educational, professional, social and emotional needs of the region. The anniversary motto “A History of Innovation, Excellence and Service” is reflective of the schools’ amazing reach and the progress they have achieved.

Preparing Future Educational Leaders
The Graduate School of Education (GSOE) at CLU has become a leader in preparing students for professional careers in education.

Offering only one Master of Education degree in 1977, today the GSOE confers five master’s and two doctoral degrees. Its graduates, who number almost 8,000, work in local, national and international settings, making a difference wherever they are. These reflective, principled educators are well prepared and deeply committed to being the best at what they do.

Accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), CLU has prepared thousands of teachers, counselors, principals and superintendents as well as professors and higher education administrators. Among those alumni are numerous bilingual classroom teachers who obtained their first master’s degree through the innovative Title VII federal grant program funded from 1983 to 1995. The carefully selected students received full tuition, books, mileage reimbursement and, with their CLU training, went on to make a significant impact on Ventura County bilingual education.

In addition to enhancing bilingual education, the University has provided professional development in literacy to nearly 5,400 teachers through its California Reading and Literacy Project (CRLP). Started in 2000, CLU’s CRLP is the only such program housed at a private university. The program’s grant funding was recently renewed for another year enabling the University to continue serving Kern, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

CLU is recognized for its work with the K-12 school community and for providing high quality fieldwork through its professional development schools partnerships that help to bridge theory to practice and develop excellent mentors. CLU has formal relationships with Foxy Academy of Science and Technology in the Moorpark Unified School District and Los Carretos Middle School in the Conejo Valley Unified School District, one of the few middle school partnerships in the nation.

Strengthening Professionalism
CLU’s School of Management (SCM) has helped to shape the region by providing consultants to local businesses and by strengthening professionals in business through education. The SCM has broadened its influence beyond the local area through economic outlook conferences and online degree programs. The success of these programs in educating leaders was recognized by inclusion in the 2010-2011 Global 200 Top Business Schools report, which is based on a survey of international employers. Faculty and graduates of the SCM contribute to the vitality of business, nonprofit and civic life. In the last 25 years, CLU has awarded nearly 3,000 graduate business degrees; 80 percent of these alumni live and work locally. In the past decade, tremendous growth has taken place in the number, quality and variety of graduate programs offered, and the number of students in the part-time MBA program has doubled. New master’s degree programs include an international MBA program that has 100 full-time students from China, Taiwan, India, Saudi Arabia and many European countries; and an online MBA program that has been honored by the United States Distance Learning Association. In addition to a greater variety of degree programs, the SCM has established research centers to provide valuable information on economic trends and forecasts.

The silver anniversary of the GSOE and SCM will be celebrated throughout the academic year with a series of signature events, including distinguished speakers and celebrations. Sponsorships are available for the events, and limited supplies of commemorative pins are available for alumni who wish to promote the anniversary. For information, contact Director of Development Kristine Calara, kcalara@callutheran.edu or (805) 493-3877.

Silver Anniversary Signature Events 2011-2012
Join us in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the School of Management and the Graduate School of Education.

Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m. 5901 De Soto Ave. Kickoff Celebration and Grand Opening of the new Woodland Hills Center

Sept. 15, 5-7 p.m. The Falls 2201 Outlet Center Drive, Suite 600 Kickoff Celebration at the Oxnard Center

Oct. 13, 6 p.m. Lundy Avenue Center Distinguished Speaker Series “Preparing 21st Century Learners through the California P-20 Pipeline” Jack Scott, Chancellor, Community College System Former California State Senator

Nov. 16, 6 p.m. Lundy Avenue Center Distinguished Speaker Series “Talents: Competing for the Future” Markus Tommaschitz, Managing Director, Magna Education & Research, Magna International

Spring 2012 CLU Educator Appreciation Day Celebration April 26, 2012 Culminating Celebration

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Preschoolers Discover Love of Learning in Nooks and Crannies of New Facility

By Marsha Anderson

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Former House on the Hill students Diana Fielding and Garrett Meadows relive their jungle gym days with current preschoolers Santino Romero (l), Atom Wroblewski and Lorenzo Romero in February before the move to the new center. Meadows, now a CLU junior, loved the big wooden jungle gym and the dancing and songs around the circle. “Notorious” for wandering off to explore the hills, he especially loved those “really big” hikes up to the cross.

Fielding, a sophomore, remembers being so disruptive during nap time that she had to be put in a room by herself to play while the other kids took naps.

many parents asked to be put on the waiting list before their babies were born.

“In fact, one woman who was considering conceiving contacted me to see what the chances of her child being accepted to the center would be,” she noted.

The wait list for the school continues today, with new parents lining up for a spot for their infants.

Brooks helped the school achieve accreditation in 1994 and developed and implemented the curriculum that helps each child flourish socially, emotionally, physically, intellectually and spiritually. The current curriculum at the preschool was derived from her master’s thesis titled “Nurturing God’s Child,” which was later published by Augsburg Fortress Press.

For Brooks, the House on the Hill became a family affair. Her son and six of her grandchildren have attended the preschool, and her parents supported the preschool financially.

A New Home: Elaine Davis

After 20 years with the preschool, Brooks retired in 2000, and Elaine Davis, M.A., ’82, was named interim director, becoming its director in 2001. Once again, the transition was a smooth one – Davis had been teaching at the center for 14 years.

“I inherited a program that was well run and well respected,” Davis said. “It was very easy to step in because it was already an established program, well thought of in the community.”

New curricular materials have been added through the years, but the basic focus is still on meeting the developmental needs of each child, Davis noted. The new outdoor environment at the new facility, with the emphasis on reconnecting children to nature is one example of making a change based on new research in the early childhood field, she added.

For Davis, like her predecessor, working at the preschool has involved the whole family. Davis’ daughter went to the preschool, and now her grandson attends.

For the Children

Davis is the first director to serve in the new Fredrickson Family Early Childhood Center, which she lovingly helped plan, watch grow and considers a dream come true.

The center, which provides double the space of the previous house, boasts a child-sized island in the kitchen, child-sized bathroom fixtures and even a special children’s door for entering the building. The outdoor area has a three-tiered climbing structure, a slide built into the hillside, a tire swing, garden bed and a meandering creek.

The well-loved Katie’s House, built by the Conejo Valley Rotary Club in memory of preschool student Katie Joy Motley on the old site, is being duplicated in a new playhouse at the new site, also to be named Katie’s House.

Lisa’s Corner, another innovation featuring special literacy initiatives, including window seats and reading lofts for different age groups and a book rack with materials just for parents, was made possible through a gift from CLU regent Joan Young, her husband, Richard, and their family in memory of their daughter Lisa.

Even the infant room, which has space for six children aged 3 to 18 months, has a “hideaway cube” the children can crawl into with their stories.

“I just love what I do,” Davis reflects. “I love the challenges, the new families coming in, new children. This is part of our stewardship, the way we serve for God. It’s part of our ministry to serve the children and families.”
Ecology Action

Teaching farmers worldwide how to sow and reap an eco-friendly harvest

By Kristina (Johnson ’91) Haar

It’s not hard to have a green thumb in California. Just think of all the avocados, citrus fruit, grapes, nuts, olives and strawberries that thrive from border to border. Not to mention the home gardens that produce swaths of herbs and vegetables practically year-round. And one doesn’t have to go far to find a farmer’s market or roadside produce stand bursting with seasonal offerings.

Still, some of the most basic agricultural techniques, which emphasize soil preservation, are similar to those experienced by farmers in much of the world: growing and seed preservation. Soil and climate conditions in Willits are nearly identical to those in much of Central America, where the organization’s Growing Biointensive method has caught on globally, and it provides training for practitioners and projects throughout the United States, India, Kenya, Mexico, the Philippines and Russia, as well as more than 100 other countries. Workshops and how-to publications are made available to farmers and farm advisers, representatives of farm organizations, officials from state and national departments of agriculture, and the public.

“[The method] particularly suited to small landholders who want to improve their nutrition, food security, income and environment,” said Blehm, who has served as assistant executive director for just more than a year.

Green Revolution technology that began in the 1950s temporarily increased crop yields, but at a tremendous cost in the degradation of soil, water and biodiversity resources, he pointed out.

“By some estimates, we may have only 35 to 50 years of farmland soil left in the world. Unless we do something about it very soon, demand for food and other natural resources will become even more challenging,” he noted.

Blehm has been getting his hands dirty since he was a kid. He was raised in rural Ojai, Calif., where his dad consulted with citrus and walnut farmers, and he helped start a business in agricultural pest management in the 1960s. His family hosted international business colleagues at their home, piquing his curiosity about other countries and cultures.

Blehm attended the College of Agricultural Sciences at Colorado State University (Fort Collins) and took a summer internship with one of his father’s business connections in El Salvador in 1978.

“That experience had a huge impact on me,” he said. “At 20 years old, I was living and working in an extremely poor, developing country just months before a civil war began.”

After that first international experience, Blehm was hooked on travel and becoming a global citizen.

“I knew [my life] would have to include finding out more about the world and those who lived in faraway corners of the planet,” he added.

After college Blehm returned to Ventura to work in the family business. He began traveling more frequently, and his international work prompted his decision to acquire more professional tools. He earned a certificate in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management in 1988 and his MBA in organizational development from CLU six years later.

In 2001, Blehm became a fellow in the California Agricultural Leadership Program, a premier leadership development course of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation. The 18-month program culminated in a job offer to work part time as the program coordinator. After three years, he moved to Sonoma County to take a full-time position as director of programs for the foundation, which included three-week educational travel assignments in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.

“This position really opened a new world to me, and the classes I took at CLU as an exploration of various electives really changed the direction of my career,” Blehm said.

A stint as director of operations at the Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania — one of the most respected organic agriculture research firms in the world — took Blehm east, but he was soon ready to return to California. In 2010 he interviewed with John Jeavons, director of Ecology Action since 1972.

Being of Service

Blehm conducted his first international training with Ecology Action last May in Mexico and was amazed to see more than 200 people from 22 countries come together to learn the Grow Biointensive method.

“Even those who were learning about the program for the first time had their own unique experiences to contribute,” he said. “It’s much easier to feel optimistic about the future when you see the excitement and willingness to learn coming from such a wide variety of people and places.”

Teaching trips and conferences help spread the word, as does the training of six-month interns from around the globe who often direct significant Grow Biointensive projects in other countries. The Peace Corps and UNICEF are just two major organizations that follow Ecology Action’s advice.

Blehm has been to nearly 60 countries, including Bulgaria, Bangladesh and Vietnam where he has done volunteer service-learning work, and the adventure in sustainable agriculture continues. He recently returned from Malawi and South Africa, where Ecology Action is looking to establish new projects that will help Africans become more self-sufficient in nutrition and food security. This would also improve their income and provide ecosystem services in the form of soil formation, water-holding capacity, biodiversity and carbon sequestration, which helps mitigate atmospheric CO2 and moderate climate change, he explained.

Even as Blehm looks ahead to helping expand Ecology Action’s African program — as well as seeing the Grow Biointensive method take root in countries such as Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq and other areas that desperately need to improve their nutrition and food security — he recognizes the value of reaping what he sows.

“There are many ways to make a living and be of service to the world. I’m so grateful that I’ve found a career that allows me to do both,”

Blehm’s career also comes with an unusual perk.

“I live in the beautiful Mayacamas Mountains of Sonoma County, and one of my favorite things to do is sit outside at sunset and watch the Douglas fir and redwood trees sequester carbon,” he said. “A glass of local biodynamic wine is a nice addition.”

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Jake Blehm visits a cheetah reserve in the small farming town of Alma, South Africa. The reserve rescued injured or displaced cheetahs.

Jake Blehm confers with Sam and Ephraim Chirwa, who help run a Grow Biointensive demonstration farm for a widow’s organization in the village of Mbowe, located near the city of Mazab in northern Malawi.

Planting a Global Garden

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“I knew [my life] would have to include finding out more about the world and those who lived in faraway corners of the planet,” he added.

After college Blehm returned to Ventura to work in the family business. He began traveling more frequently, and his international work prompted his decision to acquire more professional tools. He earned a certificate in international management from Thunderbird School of Global Management in 1988 and his MBA in organizational development from CLU six years later.

In 2001, Blehm became a fellow in the California Agricultural Leadership Program, a premier leadership development course of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation. The 18-month program culminated in a job offer to work part time as the program coordinator. After three years, he moved to Sonoma County to take a full-time position as director of programs for the foundation, which included three-week educational travel assignments in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe and Africa.

“This position really opened a new world to me, and the classes I took at CLU as an exploration of various electives really changed the direction of my career,” Blehm said.

A stint as director of operations at the Rodale Institute in Pennsylvania — one of the most respected organic agriculture research firms in the world — took Blehm east, but he was soon ready to return to California. In 2010 he interviewed with John Jeavons, director of Ecology Action since 1972.

Being of Service

Blehm conducted his first international training with Ecology Action last May in Mexico and was amazed to see more than 200 people from 22 countries come together to learn the Grow Biointensive method.

“Even those who were learning about the program for the first time had their own unique experiences to contribute,” he said. “It’s much easier to feel optimistic about the future when you see the excitement and willingness to learn coming from such a wide variety of people and places.”

Teaching trips and conferences help spread the word, as does the training of six-month interns from around the globe who often direct significant Grow Biointensive projects in other countries. The Peace Corps and UNICEF are just two major organizations that follow Ecology Action’s advice.

Blehm has been to nearly 60 countries, including Bulgaria, Bangladesh and Vietnam where he has done volunteer service-learning work, and the adventure in sustainable agriculture continues. He recently returned from Malawi and South Africa, where Ecology Action is looking to establish new projects that will help Africans become more self-sufficient in nutrition and food security. This would also improve their income and provide ecosystem services in the form of soil formation, water-holding capacity, biodiversity and carbon sequestration, which helps mitigate atmospheric CO2 and moderate climate change, he explained.

Even as Blehm looks ahead to helping expand Ecology Action’s African program — as well as seeing the Grow Biointensive method take root in countries such as Afghanistan, Haiti, Iraq and other areas that desperately need to improve their nutrition and food security — he recognizes the value of reaping what he sows.

“There are many ways to make a living and be of service to the world. I’m so grateful that I’ve found a career that allows me to do both,”

Blehm’s career also comes with an unusual perk.

“I live in the beautiful Mayacamas Mountains of Sonoma County, and one of my favorite things to do is sit outside at sunset and watch the Douglas fir and redwood trees sequester carbon,” he said. “A glass of local biodynamic wine is a nice addition.”

Kristina Johnson Haar is a freelance writer and former Assistant Managing Editor of Muscle & Fitness and Muscle & Fitness Hers magazines.
Greetings from the CLU Alumni Association!

For over 50 years, CLU has educated global citizens by encouraging innovative thinking, community compassion, and entrepreneurial action. You, our more than 23,000 alumni, are part of the proud history of this institution. You benefited from a holistic educational experience, and you have emerged as leaders who passionately serve your community and your world. As CLU looks toward the future with a determined vision for what we could be, we invite all of our alumni to be part of this excitement.

The CLU Alumni Association is committed to ensuring that the blessing of your degree carries on far beyond graduation. We have enhanced this commitment by focusing on three areas:

- Celebrating alumni: Each year the alumni board recognizes outstanding alumni through various awards as well as the Athletic Hall of Fame. As I looked out among our graduate and undergraduate degree recipients this year and heard some of their amazing stories, I had no doubt that we will have much to celebrate for many years to come. Our students are emerging from graduation ready to make an impact as global citizens.

- Lifelong relationship building: The relationships formed in college will stay with you through the ages. The Alumni Association encourages these relationships through means such as social media – Facebook (CLU Alumni Association) and Twitter, the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities (Oct. 28-30), CLU on the Road events, the GOLD and LUXE programs, and the annual Homecoming and Family Weekend festivities. Check the Alumni website for a calendar of events and networking opportunities.

- Uplifting and rallying around the university mission: A drive through campus will reveal that CLU is moving forward. To name just a few examples: The beautiful William Rolland stadium is scheduled for completion this fall. KCLU has a new state-of-the-art facility, and the Fredrickson Family Early Childhood Center has a phenomenal new site on campus. The dreaming and planning continues, while the essence of what makes CLU special is retained. A big part of what makes CLU such a remarkable place is in fact the alumni who have passed through the ranks. We are thrilled to also have the essence of what makes CLU such a remarkable place is in fact the alumni who have passed through the ranks. We are thrilled to also have.

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Lowell Brandt, Minn.: Minn., spends time watercolor painting since his retirement six years ago. Last summer he completed a 45-foot mural for a Lutheran church in Cuenca, Ecuador.

Mary Ann (Stowell) Lockyear: Portland, Ore.: One, is spending more time with family and friends since her retirement in 2009, and doing as much as she can to “make this a greener planet.” She has two children and one grandchild. Age 3.

Marilyn (Whitney) Meadors: Clovis, Calif., volunteers at church activities, babysits grandkids, travels and attends baseball games with her husband of nearly 45 years. She would love to reconnect with “old” roommates and classmates on Facebook.

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Carl Andersen, Perham, Minn., a pastor at Voring Lutheran Parish. He and his wife, Penny (Berkeley), will celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary this month.

Jodee (Simonson) Bischof: Survivor, Ore., and her husband, Bruce, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last July with a family trip to Hawaii. She also went to Israel on a Bible study tour. Jodee is a board member of Sunriver Music Festival and chair of the Young Artist Scholarship program, which gives up to $30,000 annually to classical music students in Central Oregon.

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Janis (Lamb) Wray: La Porte, Texas, retired last year after she and her husband, Lee, sold the software business they owned for 25 years. They have a new home in upper Galveston Bay and are enjoying the beautiful water views, wildlife and sailing. Janis volunteers a couple of days a week and is painting again.

To upload photos of your wedding, vacations and adventures, visit www.callutheran.edu/alumni/share_photo.php. We’ll run them in CLU Magazine or post them on the alumni website. And don’t forget to Follow the Flag! Request your CLU ALUMNI flag by email at alumni@callutheran.edu.
An invitation to join the First-Year Experience

Enrique’s Journey
Sonia Nazario
Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:30 pm
Soliland Recreation Center

Every year, CLU seeks a book for all incoming first-year students to read over the summer. The book then becomes the basis for lectures and projects during the fall semester. Join us in reading this year’s book and participating in on-campus discussions.

Paul Siegel, Katy, Texas, has been promoted to president of Chevron’s Energy Technology Co. He previously served as vice president of strategic planning.

Dennis Bryant
Director of Events
California Lutheran University

When Dennis Bryant started his first stint at CLU in 1974, the campus’s indoor venues consisted of the Old Gym, the Nygren I. T. Pool, and the Little Theatres. And the total number of campus events hovered around 200. Today, the number of indoor venues has grown exponentially and the number of annual events and services is around 1,600.

Bryant credits with attracting the CLU presidents and has employed somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000 students throughout his career. He is the man behind the curtain, here long before anyone arrives and after the last patron has departed.

He has worked with nearly all of the university’s volunteer programs and has been a strong supporter of the campus’s educational initiatives. He has also been part of the team that has helped to develop the university’s strategic planning.

Bryant connects us to our founders and the qualities that make CLU a special place. He reminds us of the many people who came to CLU again and again despite the fact that there were better facilities elsewhere. He reminds us of the extraordinary people who have come to CLU again and again, and the fact that there were fewer facilities elsewhere.

And through his thoughtful care and sincere service to the people of this campus, these places remind us of the importance of what we do and why we do it.

Tell us about the extraordinary alumni you know!
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Rebekah Leigh Vorhees on April 11, 2011, to Sarah (Humphrey ’03, T.C. ’07) and Aaron ’03, MBA ’07, Vorhees.

DEATHS

Herbert Badolfe Jr., MBA ’74, passed away on May 17, 2011.


Susan (Greiner ’66) Price passed away on March 19, 2011.


Carolyn (Kumpf ’64) Sauer passed away on April 2, 2011.

Ann Smisek, M.S. ’78, passed away on Nov. 16, 2010.

Beth (Nochta ’77) White passed away on Feb. 25, 2011.

Karen Guidi (MBA) passed away in February 2011.

Erik Lundring, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a financial adviser with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He was honored in April as one of the Top Ten in Thrivent, earning No. 1 in both Life and in Life Volume. After the conference in Dallas, Erik and wife Lori (Yost ’96) went to Puerto Vallarta with their family to enjoy the rest of spring break.

Ken Papota, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is varsity linebacker football coach for Westlake High School. He also teaches English and financial investments at Calabasas High School.

Outstanding Alumna

Mary Neal ’86 Vieten

After graduating from CLU in 1986, Mary Neal Vieten received her master’s in counseling from Boston University and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. As a board certified clinical psychologist, Vieten focuses most of her time on post-deployment veterans issues.

She served 10 years on active duty as a clinical psychologist for the Navy. After transferring to Navy Reserve in 2008, she opened a private practice in Loscotford, Md., and co-founded the nonprofit organization MISSION: PTSD to help meet the needs of veterans.

The vast majority of Vieten’s career focuses on the care of veterans. Her private practice provides pro-bono or low-cost treatment in an effort to bridge the gap for veterans who are suffering from hard core PTSD and have not been helped by other programs, are not well enough to navigate the complexity of veterans services, or have no health insurance or means to pay.

She is outspoken concerning the state of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and serves as a consultant to the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland on veterans issues. She has a strong connection to the Department of Veterans Affairs’ “Maryland Commitment to Veterans” program and frequently speaks at annual conventions in California, Pennsylvania, and other states.

Jim Costello (MBA) is owner and runs the Great Harvest Bread Co. on Newbury Road. The bakery, which is the only Great Harvest Bread Co. in all of Southern Illinois, has also been awarded the company’s Phenomenal Bread Award at the national convention in Las Vegas this spring.

Last year, they were one of six founding families of a new Christian Elementary School in Northern California called Journey, which can be found on iTunes. Shelly has 12 inspirational piano songs for her CD “The Journey,” which can be found on iTunes. Shelly is a cantor and psalmist for her church and has earned her fourth degree Black Belt in tae kwon do. She has three children, ages 15, 12 and 10.

Kristine Maudal, Kolosse, Norway, had a solo art exhibition in BOA Gallery in Los Angeles in May. Her project “Found Rhythm” interpreted and presented rhythms and movement in a visual way on canvas or paper. In addition to two previous exhibitions in California, Kristine has exhibited her art in Norway, Spain, France, and Monaco.

Mark Melchiori, Santa Barbara, Calif., is president of Melchiori Construction Co.

Erik Powell (M.A., M.S. ’99, T.C. ’03) Westlake Village, Calif., is a promotion and marketing director at Powell Financial Group, and is a member of the Board of Trustees for Berkeley Hall School. She and her husband, David, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two sons and two daughters, ages 14-18.

Matthew Burgess, Nashville, Tenn., plays percussion with bluecountry/rock singer Drake White. They recently completed a Kid Rock Cruise and are touring with Willie Nelson on his Country Thrown Down Tour. This summer, CheckCountryroadrdown.com to see if they are coming near you.

Matthew Burgess

Leslie (Snyder ’91) and Ken ’90 Brooks, one of the first couples to be married in the new Samuelson Chapel, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in July. Leslie and Ken live in Moorpark with their three dogs, all of whom attended the CLU preschool.

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Angeles stations (ultimately landing at KROQ)

Darrell worked at four Los Angeles stations (ultimately landing at KROQ) during his 35 years in radio, working at the former big-city radio guy known to Southern California audiences as “The Insane Darrell Wayne,” now owns and operates KTHO, which he calls a “big-city radio station that serves the Southern California community.”

Heather (Embry ’97, B.B.A. ’01) and Dan (B.S. ’00) Roskile, Spring Valley, Calif., joined in 2008, after they both earned degrees in accounting at California State University, San Diego. They live in Thousand Oaks with Danielle’s two sons.

Danielle’s versatility is evident in her other roles as a doula training at University of California, San Diego and as an instructor at the La Leche League of North County. She is also the author of two books: “Eddie and Bingo: A Friendship Tale” and “The Adventures of Thaddeus Dr. Pepper.”

Brad Bulke, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is senior counsel with Jackson DeMarco Tidus, where he focuses on business and real estate law.

Frode Davanger, Pretoria, Waterkloof, South Africa, is a senior operations officer with the World Bank.

Karen (McCob) and Brian Padelford, Rockwell, Texas, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last August. Brian is the owner of E2E Handyman and director of Children’s Ministry at Cornerstone Rockwall Church.

Tracy (Allison ’00) and Donny ’98 Churchman, Van Nuys, Calif., are a senior accountant with U.S. Prepaid Health Plan.


Amy Owns, Royal Oak, Mich., is a senior analyst at Forrester Research in Detroit.

Christian Montgomery, West Sacramento, Calif., opened a law practice, Montgomery & Wetenkamp, in May with his colleague, John Wetenkamp. Find them online at www.mwtenenkamps.com.

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Mike Brickey, Ventura, Calif., is a retired geologist for the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Sally Sagen (M.S. ’05), Lorentson, Ed.D., Fairfax, Va., was selected as a member of the Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice (JSARP) Editorial Board for the 2011-2014 term. Sally became director of orientation and family programs and services at George Mason University in June after serving as assistant director of student life at CLU for seven years.

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Mike Calnan, Costa Mesa, Calif., is a software engineer at UCLA and an independent software developer.

Ryan Link, Newbury Park, Calif., is a governor for the Los Angeles County Bar Association and a member of the City of Los Angeles School Board.

Amy Owens, Royal Oak, Mich., is a senior analyst at Forrester Research in Detroit.

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William Berger (M.B.A.), Ventura, Calif., is a field applications/sales engineer. He also is president of the District 63 Umbrella Association.

Carrie Davis-Pantoja, Moorpark, Calif., is principal of Moorpark High School.

Richard Hockett (M.B.A.). Ventura, Calif., is owner of SunRidge Photo studio. He was the author of the “Photographer of Record for the 2011 MS Walk in Santa Barbara on April 9 and the Conejo Valley MS Walk on April 16.

Ryan Huggins, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a field sales representative for Laboratory Automation Systems.

Ray Calman, Granada Hills, Calif., is a real estate agent and is pursuing a Ph.D.

Marcus Green, Seattle, Wash., has written a book titled “A Year Without April,” which will be released nationwide in August from West Hill Publishing.

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Amir Marandy, Woodland Hills, Calif., a tennis standout at CLU, now coaches Marcos Giron, the Thousand Oaks teenager who won the men’s competition at the Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament this spring and extended his win streak to 23 matches. Due to a wager he made with the young player, Amir has to let his hair grow for a year.

Julia Scott, Dallas, Texas, is an addiction therapist at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center. She received a master’s degree in criminal justice from Indiana University Bloomington, in 2008 and is now a PhD candidate in criminal justice at the university.

Nicole Cunningham, M.S., ‘09, Weave, Oxnard, Calif., is a youth specialist at Path Point in Simi Valley.

Nik Edmondson, (M.A.), Westlake Village, is an attorney with Morrow & Morrow LLP in

Brian Coltin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is an on-air talent for ESPN/X Games.

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Sara Goldberg, Apple Valley, Calif., started her residency in prosthetics at Reynolds Prosthetics and Orthotics in Maryville, Tenn., after completing a certificate in prosthetics at California State University, Dominguez Hills in December.

Brandon Graham, Los Angeles, Calif., is host/hostess at ESPNX Games.

Jon-Erik Livingston, Sylmar, Calif., was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Military Intelligence branch of the U.S. Army in November. He is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., with the 30th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Jonathan Wheeler, Atlanta, Ga., is a paramedic with Grady EMS-911 metro Atlanta.

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Aaron Hill, Yakima, Wash., is a General Assignment reporter for KNDU-TV.

Shannon ‘Sattowerwaite’ Paul is an operations supervisor with Wells Fargo Bank.

Roope Ramajev, Ed.D., Bridgewater, Mass., is director of international student services at Bridgewater State University. While earning her doctorate at CLU, she served as a student services professional and instructor of English as a Second Language at California State University Northridge, where she earned her Master of Education in curriculum and instruction and a California Teaching Credential.

Melissa Webster, Calabasas, Calif., is a teacher and certified hearing-impaired specialist at the Children’s Academy for Listening, Language and Learning at Marshall School in Chevy Chase.

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Brad Boolean, Class of 2012.

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China's today's risks arise from geopolitical sources and we are over $4.5 trillion in trade, our economy is not immune from imported distress. Today, the risk that some overseas event will seriously damage our economy is as high as it has been in decades. This is not because of the large volume in trade, which is generally good. Instead, today's risks arise from geopolitical sources and we are still weak from our recession. Before discussing those risks, though, we should dismiss risks that tend to be exaggerated. China's newfound economic strength leads this category, with talk-show hosts lambasting the forecast that China's economy will exceed that of the United States in relatively short order. We hope China's economy exceeds that of the United States, and the sooner the better. China's per capita output is currently at most $7,180, depending on the conversion method. This is dismal compared to the United States' per capita output of $48,190. If China's economy were the same size as that of the United States, its per capita income would still be only $11,181. Their economy will exceed ours only because of their population. It is no indication of American weakness that China's 1 billion citizens are enjoying the benefits of the industrial revolution. The economic impacts of Japan's recent disaster are also overhyped. While this is indeed a terrible tragedy on a human scale. Its economic impacts will be so small as to be unidentifiable in U.S. economic data. The economic impacts are measured in billions. The U.S. economy is measured in trillions. The sheer size of the American economy and world trade just swamp the size of the disaster. By contrast, the risks in Europe are underappreciated. Europe's banking system is under extreme stress, a result of the financial crisis that initiated our most recent recession and continuing sovereign debt issues. Giving the weakness of our own economy and financial sector, we are poorly prepared to suffer another financial shock. Unfortunately, European risks are not limited to its banking sector. The Eurozone is too big for a common currency. A functional currency zone requires both capital and labor mobility. So, a large place like the United States can prosper under a single currency because labor and capital are very mobile here. Europe has too many language and cultural differences to be an effective currency zone because those differences limit labor mobility. We see the impacts of a too-large currency zone in huge variances in unemployment rates. Germany's is less than 10 percent, while Spain's exceeds 20 percent. Worse, Spain has no monetary and few fiscal policy options. It gave those up when it joined the European Union. Those differences in unemployment are unsustainable, and lead to social unrest. We've seen this in Greece, Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Eventually, some countries must leave the EU. How and when that's done could have serious economic impact here. If countries plan wisely enough and deal with the economic impact to other economies such as ours will be minimized. However, we would still likely see somewhat higher risk premiums tightening credit markets. What happens, then, if countries postpone the inevitable and wait for a crisis before exiting the EU? We would expect a worldwide financial crisis on the order of what we saw in September 2008. The dramatic changes sweeping the Middle East pose the most immediate threat to our economy. Uncertainty necessarily accompanies wholesale change, but except for the possibility of oil supply interruptions, most of the uncertainty has the potential for only small impacts to our economy. Who governs and how may have huge impacts on the local economy and its people, but if the oil flows, we will be mostly insulated. Of course, the risk of oil supply interruptions is high, and supply interruptions would generate sharp price increases, which would have very serious impacts. Oil price changes have been a recurring source of American economic distress. There is even good evidence that oil prices contributed far more to the recent recession than is generally recognized. A sudden spike in oil prices would surely initiate a sharp new recession. Unfortunately, European and Middle East risks come at a very bad time. Our financial institutions are still weak. Our real estate markets appear to still be in decline. Millions of Americans are unemployed or underemployed. Worse, we can only minimally influence the policies that may have such impact on us. In large part, we're reduced to hope. 

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