

UNIVERSITY OF LA VERNE 2015/2016

Ethical Reasoning + Diversity & Inclusivity + Lifelong Learning + Community & Civic Engagement

DONOR REPORT



OUR MISSION

The University of La Verne offers a distinctive and relevant educational experience to a diverse population of traditional-age, adult, and graduate learners preparing them for successful careers and a commitment to life-long learning across the liberal arts and professional programs.



“As the University of La Verne celebrates its 125th anniversary, it is more important than ever to recognize the contributions of countless individuals who have shaped this great institution over time. With your support, we have grown from a small institution founded by members of the Church of the Brethren in 1891 to today’s 10 campuses and four colleges. Your generosity allows us to remain flexible in an ever-changing educational environment while remaining true to our core values. Thank you so much for your commitment and support.”

Devorah Lieberman
PRESIDENT



“The 2015-16 fiscal year was the University of La Verne’s most successful fundraising year ever. The dedication and financial support from our alumni and friends allow the University to continue along a progressive path of excellence that will impact future generations. La Verne owes its success to our loyal donors.”

Myra Garcia
VICE PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT



3,786 TOTAL NUMBER OF DONORS

WE GRATEFULLY APPLAUD LAST YEAR’S DONORS



TOTAL DONOR GIFTS

2015/2016
Thank you for your support

\$23,906,909

47% Endowment
\$11,183,422

34% Deferred Commitments
\$8,142,735

16% Scholarships, Programs, Other
\$3,945,088

3% Estate
\$635,664

% OF TOTAL

Your gifts make a difference

Your contributions helped The University of La Verne continue a tradition of educational excellence. Over the past year, donations have supported programs and initiatives such as:

PROGRAMS The Lewis Family Engaged Departments have created synergistic opportunities between the University and local retirement and healthcare organizations, science academies, and the town of Jurupa Valley with the goal of enhancing community health and strengthening the healthcare services in the region.

ENDOWED CHAIRS & PROFESSORSHIPS Professor of Biology Stacey Darling-Novak advanced molecular-based plant research related to crop productivity as she supervised seven senior research theses, created a student research assistantship, and served on a USDA grant review panel.

SCHOLARSHIPS Since its inception, the Venna & John W. Landis Leadership Scholarship has provided financial assistance to more than 400 student leaders.

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES Students like Rosendo Ramos (see page 9) have gained practical experience amid intellectual debate through internship assignments.



ALUMNI AND CORPORATE & FOUNDATION GIVING SNAPSHOT

\$3,384,912

Total Contributions from Alumni

2,298

Alumni Donors

501

First-time Alumni Donors

\$175

Average Alumni Gift

\$1.6M

Corporate & Foundation Gifts



A proposal spearheaded by Dr. Christine Broussard, professor of biology, received \$300,000 from the W.M. Keck Foundation to support apprentice-style research experiences in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. Funding includes equipment purchases that will allow:

- Biology students to use virtual 3-D platforms to examine body structures;
- Kinesiology students to utilize a spectrophotometer that can determine food components and will aid in providing personalized nutrition advice for patients.



DONOR FEATURE

University Receives Largest Gift Ever

\$10 Million
Largest Gift in
University History

LaFetra College of Education
First Named College in
University History



“The University of La Verne has produced teachers that had a profound impact on my life. Outside of the influence a parent has on children, nothing is more important than education as a child and all through life. I’m absolutely convinced that the positive future with people in this world depends on education. The University not only educates its students, but through the La Verne Experience they are preparing students to be good citizens.”

ANTHONY W. LAFETRA

MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF RAIN BIRD

DID YOU KNOW?

THE 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR HIGHLIGHTS



Program, Faculty, and Staff Standouts

+ PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY DR. FELICIA BEARDSLEY was part of the team that added the Micronesian ruins of Nan Madol to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization’s (UNESCO) World Heritage List.

+ DR. CHRISTINE MA-KELLAMS, assistant professor of psychology, partnered with Harvard University professor Jennifer Lerner to publish “Trust Your Gut or Think Carefully?” The study, which revealed that gut instinct might not help us understand others, has been featured in New York Magazine, Forbes, and on BBC’s Radio London.

+ EXCELENCIA IN EDUCATION, a Washington, D.C.-based research group, released a report highlighting successful methods used by the University of La Verne to enroll, retain, and graduate Latino Students.

+ THE FIRST GROUP OF 20 STUDENTS in the Master of Science Physician Assistant Practice degree program is expected to start in June 2017, pending provisional accreditation by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education.

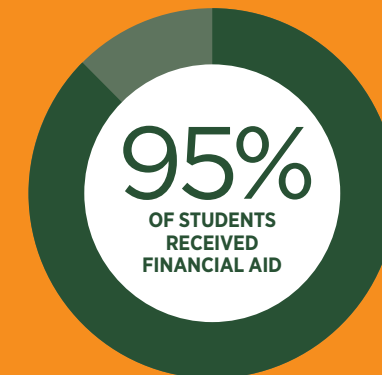
+ THE COLLEGE OF LAW received full accreditation from the American Bar Association, an accomplishment gained through the implementation of innovative programs that have increased accessibility, enrollment, and success for its students.

Student Successes

34 **Students** studied abroad in Australia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Ecuador, England, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, and the Semester at Sea program.



The debate team was named the overall winner of the inaugural Politicon event in October 2015 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Competitors included Pepperdine University, the University of Southern California, and the University of California Los Angeles.



95%
OF STUDENTS
RECEIVED
FINANCIAL AID

10 CAMPUSES **4** COLLEGES
1 UNIVERSITY

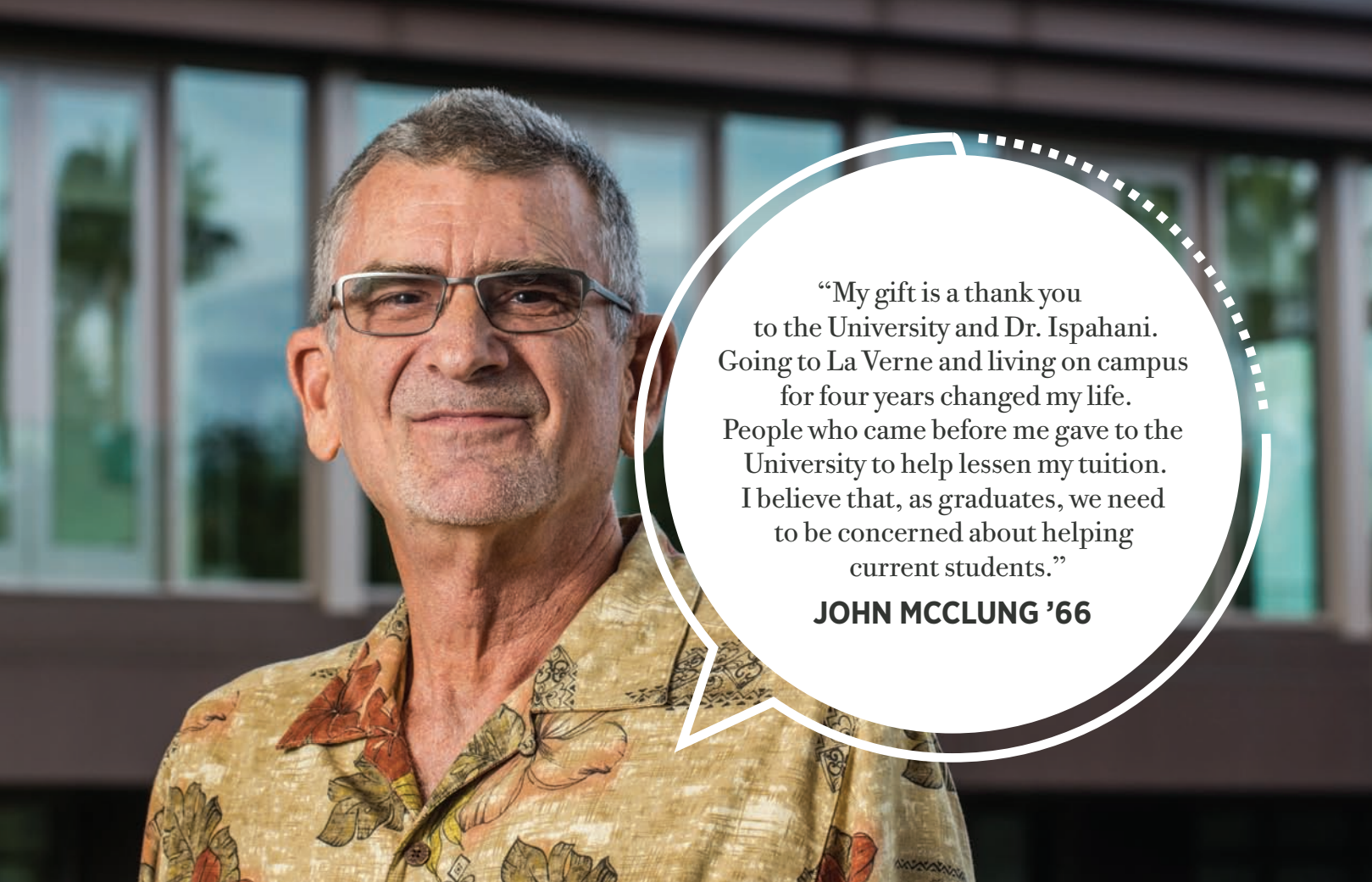
8,334

TOTAL students enrolled at the University of La Verne last year. 615 international students were a part of the campus community.



“Scholarships have helped make financing my tuition easier so that I may reach my ultimate goal of becoming a business owner and consultant.”

Rudy Murillo '18, Business Administration



“My gift is a thank you to the University and Dr. Ispahani. Going to La Verne and living on campus for four years changed my life. People who came before me gave to the University to help lessen my tuition. I believe that, as graduates, we need to be concerned about helping current students.”

JOHN MCCLUNG '66



74,000

Alumni worldwide call the University of La Verne their alma mater

THANK YOU TO OUR GIVING SOCIETY MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR LOYAL SUPPORT

+ ORGANIZATION

+ TOTAL MEMBERS (TOTAL AMOUNT GIFTED)

1891 Society

Donors who have given \$1,200 or more

366 (\$2,308,584)

Veritas Society

Individuals who have given an annuity, trust, bequest, life insurance policy, or endowment

221 (\$56M CUMULATIVE)

Green & Orange Society

Loyal supporters who have made a gift for three or more consecutive years

1,229 92 LIFETIME MEMBERS have made a gift for at least 25 consecutive years

La Verne Athletic Associates (LVAA)

Athletic boosters who have given \$100 or more

586 (\$69,362)

Volunteers

Contributed to La Verne's success by donating their talent & time

222



“My son, Josh Hardy, is working toward a business degree and is also a football player. When I stepped foot on campus, I was so impressed with President Lieberman and the effort to make La Verne an inclusive and diverse campus that I was inspired to get involved. I am now a leader in the Parent's Leadership Council and football's Fifth Quarter Club.”

VALERIE HARDY
PARENT

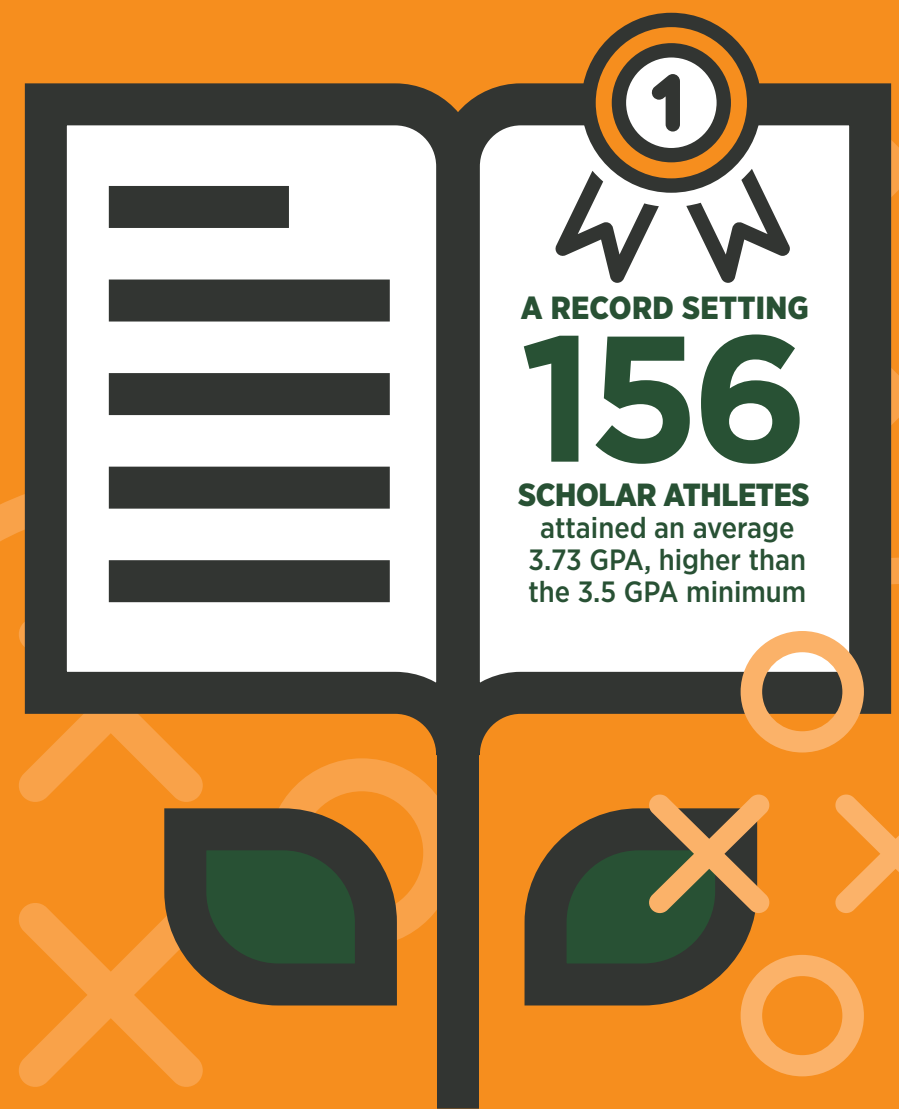


“La Verne has allowed me to combine my educational aspirations with my professional goals. It is a short-term investment that has provided long-term returns. The University of La Verne has proven, over its long history, that we need to encourage and mentor students who desire educational excellence, regardless of their ethnic backgrounds and financial status.”

RAYMOND MEDINA MBA '14

FOR THE RECORD

LA VERNE CONTINUED ITS TRADITION OF ATTRACTING AND EDUCATING COMPETITIVE STUDENT ATHLETES DURING 2015-16, CLAIMING:



Football's first SCIAC championship since 1995
Softball's first SCIAC championship since 2004



More Than Classroom Lectures

Your support allows La Verne professors to develop curricula and graduation requirements that encourage intellectual growth and practical experience.

Aspiring law enforcement agent Rosendo Ramos III accepted an additional intellectual challenge this year: an internship with The Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations. A La Verne Presidential Ambassador, Ramos was one of only 40 students across the nation selected for this competitive internship program.

ONE OF 40

“It is a unique and fulfilling experience every time I work alongside Special Agents - especially knowing that I was selected because of my skills and potential to learn. I have improved my leadership and team skills at La Verne through participation in meetings, leading discussions, and assisting in official case work.”

Rosendo Ramos III '17, Criminology



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