A Message from President Lieberman

There is an energy on our campus that can only be felt at the beginning of each new semester. During the first week, I carve out time to walk through our campus; nothing makes me prouder than seeing our new and returning students interacting with our dedicated faculty and staff. And this year promises to be nothing short of extraordinary, thanks to the hard work and effort of faculty, staff and administrators who make up our campus community throughout all 11 campuses.

That being said, I understand the stress that can come during the beginning weeks of a new semester. For example, classrooms can feel too full as students work out their schedules and everyone is eager to get into the routine stage of things or parking can be challenging during peak hours. I realize all of this, but despite such inconveniences, please join me in embracing this time, this “new experience” that also brings with it optimism and joy. Here are a few highlights that are new to this semester:

• More than 175 parking spaces have been added to help ease parking congestion
• This year, we are adding two new classrooms for faculty and student use
• Two shuttles are bringing students to and from our university shuttle lot – within a 5-minute turnaround – providing a stress-free way to get to campus
• We have launched our 20/20 Strategic Vision, offering our campus a road map of where we want to be by the year 2020 and how we will achieve our goals
• Donors provided funds to purchase a University of La Verne University House, dedicated to serving as a place to host meetings, student activities, special events, and cultivate university friends and donors - all aimed toward building an even greater sense of community
• We are investing in Career Services to help our students secure employment post graduation, ensuring they have the skills and tools to succeed in today’s workforce

Indeed, the year ahead of us has already begun with tremendous enthusiasm and success, this is just the tip of the iceberg. Welcome to the 2013-14 academic year.

Sincerely,

Devorah Lieberman, Ph.D.
University Welcomes Record Number of Students to Campus

New and returning students arrived for move-in day at the University of La Verne on Wednesday, August 21, a day that kicked off the start of a five-day action-packed student orientation schedule for more than 600 freshman.

This year a total of 854 students will live on campus.

"This has been a record-setting year for housing students on campus," said Juan Regalado, Associate Dean of Students. "For having the largest number of students coming in, overall, we feel it was a smooth and successful day of transition for our students."

While the numbers speak for themselves, it is the university's commitment to providing personalized assistance combined with a friendly, welcoming environment that made the biggest impression.

"I'm excited about being at a small school. You can’t get lost in it and it’s easy to get involved," said Tanner Long from Murrieta. "Everyone is really friendly. You get to know a lot of people really quickly." Read More.

Alpha Chi Honors Dr. Al Clark with Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Al Clark, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs is one of seven university campus sponsors to receive the Distinguished Service Award from Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. The award is a peer recognition that honors influential service.

Clark has helmed the chapter at the university for 20 years, as well as participated in regional and national organization leadership for another 12 years.

Under Clark’s direction the chapter has received multiple Star Chapter Awards, indicating a commitment to fostering undergraduate research and academic dialogue on campus, nurturing academic professionalism among the students, and maintaining healthy and active chapter life.

University of La Verne faculty joined President Devorah Lieberman and husband Roger Auerbach at the new University of La Verne University House on August 20 for an inaugural reception to kick-off the start of the 2013-14 school year. The University House will serve many purposes for the university, particularly when it comes to fostering partnerships with key stakeholders and cultivating new university donor relationships.

The University House will also serve as a comfortable setting for signature campus meetings and special events - all geared around the intent of supporting the goals of the university for years to come.

New University House Hosts Faculty Reception

Celebrating the start of the University of La Verne’s 122 academic year, the campus community came together for its annual University Convocation ceremony on August 29.

Out of approximately 600 newly enrolled freshman, more than 380 made their home on campus beginning Wednesday, August 21. A total of 854 students will live on campus during the fall semester.

University Convocation

Knowledge • Service • Vision
Grace Zhao’s fingers glide gracefully across the keys of her piano and, with every precise stroke, she moves her audience to feel the passion. The music transcends time and place as she masterfully interprets the works of Frederic Chopin, George Gershwin and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, strong notes piercing her listeners, soft passages caressing them. In the perfection of each note, Zhao’s talent, passion and love for music can be felt throughout the auditorium.

As Director of Piano Studies at the University of La Verne, and the university’s Artist In Residence, Grace Zhao finds fulfillment in her music, and the perfect order of the movement of the keys beneath her fingers casts a spell of musical enchantment. Read More.

Community Engagement Day volunteer projects included everything from conservation work in the foothills to beach clean-up to building and repairing homes, helping out with children’s activities, sorting and bagging food for food banks, or working in a community garden to support fresh and healthy food.

Approximately 600 entering freshman became acquainted with each other, their university and neighboring communities on Saturday, August 24 at the First Year La Verne Experience (FLEX) Community Engagement Day.

Students joined faculty and staff to provide much-needed service to sixteen organizations and agencies throughout Southern California, including the City of Pomona, Sowing Seeds for Life, Union Rescue Mission and the San Gabriel Mountain Regional Conservancy. From planting gardens to feeding the homeless to caring for the elderly, students experienced first-hand the importance of community and civic engagement, one of La Verne’s four core values that will be threaded throughout their La Verne Experience.

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La Verne to Host 10th Annual Inland Empire Walk to Defeat ALS

The ALS Association Golden West Chapter’s tenth annual Inland Empire Walk to Defeat ALS will take place on Sunday, October 6 at the University of La Verne. The two-mile walk begins at downtown La Verne and continues through the beautiful University of La Verne campus. The walk is open to the public and all funds raised support the mission-critical priorities of the ALS Association Golden West Chapter in care services, public policy, and research. This year’s goal is to raise $100,000 for the Inland Empire Walk to continue supporting local victims living with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. Last year, La Verne’s Phi Delta Theta Chapter joined forces with the ALS Association to raise more than $80,000.

To register for the walk, become a sponsor or to learn more about ALS and how you can help, click here.