



- The University of La Verne has received high marks in both the U.S. News & World Report and Forbes' annual rankings. U.S. News & World Report listed La Verne 136th in its National Universities category, placing it 8th among private colleges and universities in California and 4th among those in Los Angeles County. Forbes also recognized La Verne as one of "America's Best Colleges" for this school year.
- A rising star on the La Verne campus has been the University's debate team. They were ranked 5th nationally and 29th in the world at the U.S. Universities Debating Championships. Additionally, they were awarded the opportunity to pursue debate in England – traveling to London, Cambridge and Oxford, where they gained numerous awards and placed 26th at the prestigious Oxford IV – and Gaborone, Botswana. Looking forward, the La Verne debate team is bidding to host the U.S. Universities Debating Championships in 2013 and will be holding an international debate training camp this July.
- The University of La Verne recently broke ground for a new residence hall on campus that will accommodate nearly 400 students and a corresponding parking lot with space for more than 300 vehicles. Residence hall construction is another step in the university's 10-year Master Plan for Campus Development; administrators anticipate the new facility will help attract additional prospective undergrad students who wish to thrive in an on-campus community.
- Springtime brought various events at the University of La Verne in honor of the grand opening of the Ann & Steve Morgan Auditorium. Dedication Week featured a multitude of speakers. Organizational consultant and author Warren Bennis lectured Monday on his newest book, "Still Surprised: A Memoir of a Life in Leadership." On Tuesday, members of the group of students known as the "Freedom Writers" joined author/teacher Erin Gruwell to discuss their high school class in Long Beach and its struggles with gang violence and poverty. Additionally, Robert Kennedy Jr., senior attorney for the National Resources Defense Council, spoke on "Our Environmental Destiny." Preceding the Dedication week events, best-selling author, radio host and educator Cornel West addressed a wide range of topics, including hope, race issues, and education.

As always, we welcome Brethren students with open arms and offer a 1/5 tuition scholarship for the first year.

Julia Wheeler
Church Relations
(909) 593-3511 x 4686