

University of La Verne

Hallelujah! Praise God that the world is opening up! The University has returned to campus in a hybrid model for the first semester. We are grateful for the continued love and support many of you have shown through the pandemic.

We've Hired a New Provost

I am very pleased to share that Kerop Janoyan, Ph.D., is our new provost and has begun his work on campus this spring. Recently, Dr. Janoyan was dean of the Graduate School at Clarkson University in New York. He also served as a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. In addition, he recently served as interim dean of the university's School of Health Sciences and director of distance learning. In his new role as provost and vice president of academic affairs, Dr. Janoyan will oversee key areas of the University of La Verne, including academic affairs, student affairs, regional campuses and online programs, campus health and safety, the library, athletics, housing, institutional research, and the office of the registrar. Dr. Janoyan has deep roots in Southern California. Born in Iraq, he attended school in the United Kingdom, Cyprus, and Italy before coming to the U.S. with his family and enrolling in the Glendale public schools for his secondary education. He completed his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. programs in civil engineering at UCLA. He speaks three languages.

Lewis Center for Wellbeing and Research

In addition to offering classes, workshops, topical lectures, and peer support groups revolving around physical fitness, nutrition, cooking, mental and emotional health, lung health, the Lewis Center's mission is to become a regional hub for contemporary research around well-being theories and practices. Toward that end, this year rang in seven inaugural Well-Being and Research Faculty Fellows. Seven faculty members from different disciplines across the university have come together as a cohort to engage in shared research, learn from one another, and advance their collective knowledge of well-being. A sampling of the projects:

This study will examine direct and indirect pathways between personal and economic circumstances and health and well-being for those roughly falling within the Millennial generation and the upper end of Generation Z.

This study seeks to develop an innovative way to deliver evidence-based mental health services through a virtual reality platform.

This project concerns the social determinants of health and will measure the impact of a health community on behaviors and attitudes related to improving public health.

For more details on the cohort, please visit laverne.edu/well-being/faculty-research-fellowship

The Center has also selected the recipients of its first Inclusive Well-Being Fellowships for students. Twelve student fellows received training in well-being, social justice, and interfaith practices, which they will then share with their peers through campus programs.

Now it's time for some fun! Try your hand at this trivia quiz and come to the ULV exhibit booth to claim your prize when you can answer at least 5 correctly!

1. What year was the University of La Verne founded?
2. The college was once named Palmera College. True or False?
3. Which one of the following is false?
 - a. The Academy was founded in a hotel building.
 - b. It was closed for a year in 1901- 1902
 - c. I.W. Lord was once president.
 - d. During one period of time, faculty members took a 10% salary cut and were debt collectors of students who owed money to the school.
4. In what decade did La Verne College change its name to the University of La Verne? The 60s, 70s, or 80s?
5. How many students did La Verne have in 1930? 59 or 172?
6. The first woman to serve on the Board of Trustees was elected in the 50s. True or False?
7. Which president helped devise a five-year financial plan for the Shah of Iran?
8. A male once ran for Homecoming Queen. True or False?
9. What is the inscription on the cornerstone of Founder's Hall?
10. Name the former side-arm Kansas City Royals pitcher who is a La Verne alumnus.
11. The first edition of the Campus Times was in which year? 1919 or 1931?
12. Who's dog is honored by a plaque in front of Woody Hall? What was the dog's name?
13. Which faculty member published, A Sex Manual for Puritans?

I need your help!

Our Brethren students enjoy a 20 percent discount off their first-year tuition plus an award of a Brethren scholarship in subsequent years. If you know of any interested Brethren students, please send them my way. Students have the opportunity to provide leadership in clubs, attend Brethren student dinners, and sometimes even preach in a local church! The University of La Verne's welcome is wide for our Brethren students.

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