Ms. Foudy played for the USWNT from 1987 to 2004. During that time, she helped lead the U.S. to two FIFA World Cup titles (1991, 1999), two Olympic Gold Medals (1996, 2004), and one Olympic Silver Medal (2000) among other feats. Ms. Foudy has always been a leader. She served as the USWNT co-captain from 1991-2000 before accepting the role as sole captain from 2000-2004. Ms. Foudy was inducted into the National Soccer Hall of Fame in 2007. Since retiring from competition, she has served as the President of the Women’s Sports Foundation. She runs the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy for girls age 12-18. The soccer and lacrosse summer camp teaches young women the values of leadership through sports. Ms. Foudy is currently a reporter/analyst at ESPN.
Academic Processional
(Audience is requested to be seated for the processional)

Processional of Joy, Lawrence J. Meyer (1928-96), Former Professor of Music, PLU
Members of the University Symphony Orchestra
Dr. Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, Professor of Music, Director of Orchestral Activities, Conductor

UNIVERSITY MARSHAL
Dr. Michael Halvorson ’85, Professor of History

FACULTY MARSHALS
Dr. Samuel Torvend, Professor of Religion
Dr. Jan Weiss, Associate Dean of Education

Invocation
The Rev. Jen Rude, University Pastor

Greetings
Dr. Joanna Gregson, Provost, Professor of Sociology
Mr. Allan Belton, President

Faculty Retirements
The Provost
Dr. Kenneth Blaha, Professor of Computer Science
Dr. Craig Fryhle, Professor of Chemistry
Dr. Anna Leon-Guerrero, Professor of Sociology
Dr. Jan Lewis, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs, Professor of Education
Mr. Henry Loughman, Resident Instructor of Theatre
Dr. Mary Moller, Professor of Nursing
Dr. Richard Nance, Professor of Music, Director of Choral Studies
Dr. Mark Reiman, Associate Professor of Economics
Mr. Steven Sobeck, Resident Instructor of Art & Design
Mr. Michael Stasinos, Associate Professor of Art & Design
Dr. Samuel Torvend, Professor of Religion

Reflection
Mr. Hezekiah Ezra Goodwin ’22
Candidate for Bachelor of Arts Degree in Kinesiology
Commencement Address
Ms. Julie Foudy
ESPN’s Lead Women’s Soccer Analyst
Olympic Medalist

Conferral of Degrees

The President
Dr. Ann Auman, Dean, Division of Natural Sciences
Dr. Michelle Ceynar, Dean, Division of Social Sciences
Dr. Geoffrey E. Foy, Associate Provost for Graduate Programs and Continuing Education
Dr. Bridget Yaden, Chair of the Faculty, Professor of Hispanic Studies
Dr. Neal Yakelis, Vice Chair of the Faculty, Professor of Chemistry

*Master’s Degree Candidates Hooded by*
Dr. Suzanne Crawford-O’Brien, Interim Dean, Interdisciplinary Studies
Daniel Lee, Vice President for Advancement
Dr. Karen McConnell, Dean, School of Education and Kinesiology
Dr. Mark Mulder, Dean, School of Business
Dr. Kevin O’Brien, Dean, Division of Humanities
Dr. Joanna Royce-Davis, Vice President for Student Life

*Doctoral Candidates Hooded by*
Dr. Barbara Habermann, Dean, School of Nursing
Dr. Kathy Richardson, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, School of Nursing

Closing Comments
The President

Prayer and Benediction
Pastor Rude

Recessional
*(Audience is requested to be seated for the recessional.)*

*Processional of Joy*
Dr. Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, Conductor
Pacific Lutheran University offers approximately 3,100 students a blend of academically rigorous liberal arts and professional programs. Founded in 1890 by Norwegian immigrants, PLU is a private university affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The university offers three pathways to academic distinction: global education and service to the world, robust student-faculty collaborative research and creative projects, and helping students discern meaning and purpose in their lives.

A central tenet of Lutheran higher education – and core to PLU’s mission – is the emphasis on education for lives of service and finding one’s calling or vocation. To support students and faculty as they explore life’s big questions and engage in fulfilling and meaningful work, the university established the Wild Hope Center for Vocation, originally through a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment. A distinctively hopeful exploration, the search for vocation that faculty and students undertake together endures even in the face of the untamed and unpredictable nature of the world in which we live.

PLU is a member of The New American Colleges and Universities, a national consortium of 22 selective, medium-sized (2,000-7,500 students) independent colleges and universities dedicated to the purposeful integration of the liberal arts, professional studies and civic engagement. PLU combines a strong commitment to teaching in a highly personalized liberal arts residential environment with a diverse array of professional and graduate programs. Faculty and staff at PLU share a vision that links scholarship, teaching and service in fulfilling its mission. We seek to blend the classroom and community, coordinating theoretical and experiential learning through undergraduate and graduate research, professional practice and internships, and community economic and social development projects in the region and around the world.

The first American university to have study away classes on all seven continents simultaneously, PLU is also the first private university on the West Coast to receive the prestigious Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization. An honoree on President Obama’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, PLU hosts an Emmy Award-winning MediaLab; a MacArthur Award-winning detachment of Army ROTC; and more than 100 clubs and activities, including 19 varsity athletic teams in the Northwest Conference of NCAA Division III.

University Mace

For centuries in academic and ecclesiastical processions, a mace has been carried by the marshal to symbolize the official opening and closing of a formal event.

The head of the mace has a descending dove, representative of the harmonious presence of the Holy Spirit within the learning community. At the base of the walnut staff is a silver pine cone made from a casting of a cone from the PLU campus.

The cradle bears a plaque with the following inscription from Proverbs 4:7: “Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore, get wisdom; Yea, with all thy getting get understanding.”

Designed and created by Tom Torrens, former PLU Artist in Residence, the mace was a gift of former President and Mrs. William O. Rieke and family, presented at Commencement 1976.
Symbol & Ritual

The Commencement ceremony is a celebration of the Pacific Lutheran University community and all it represents. It opens with the setting of the stage, including banners and symbols representing aspects of the University.

When the Academic Procession begins, the University Marshal carries the PLU Mace, representing the academic authority and independence of the University. The University Marshal is followed by the Ceremonial Banners.

The whole PLU community, in its rich diversity, participates in this celebration. As different groups of the PLU community process into the arena, the Ceremonial Banners are also posted, completing the stage.

Academic Dress

Academic dress has its origins in clerical dress of the medieval church. PLU adheres to the national standards of academic dress established in 1895 and maintained by the American Council on Education.

The significance of the apparel is indicated especially by the sleeves and hoods. The bachelor’s gown has pointed sleeves; the master’s gown has long, closed sleeves; and the doctor’s gown has bell-shaped sleeves and velvet trimmings.

Hoods are lined with the colors of the institution from which the individual received their degree. The colored velvet border of the hood indicates the faculty or field to which the degree pertains.

The lining of the Pacific Lutheran University hood carries the black and gold institutional colors.

All cultural heritage adornments and objects of cultural significance are also welcome as approved regalia for ceremonies.

The Centennial Bell

The Centennial Bell is located at the heart of the Pacific Lutheran University campus, across from the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on the red-brick quadrangle known colloquially as Red Square and officially as Centennial Plaza.

Each year, on the first day of classes, the bell is rung to announce the arrival on campus of the new class and the beginning of the Convocation ceremony opening the new academic year. The ceremonial ringing of a replica of the Centennial Bell is repeated at the time of Commencement to announce the graduation of the class.

The Centennial Bell was dedicated on May 27, 1990, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Pacific Lutheran University. It was a gift from the 11th President, Dr. William O. Rieke, and his wife, Joanne Rieke. The Centennial Bell and its replica were created by sculptor Tom Torrens, former PLU Artist in Residence.
Ceremonial Banners

The Luther Rose
Also known as the Luther Seal, this is the most recognized symbol of Lutheranism around the world. Martin Luther personally designed this coat of arms and used it from 1520 until his death in 1546. The banner precedes the University Pastor and symbolizes the University’s Lutheran affiliation.

PLU’s First Seal
This seal, with an image of Mount Rainier and the motto “Build for Character,” was Pacific Lutheran College’s first official seal. The 1942 catalog read: “The motto expresses succinctly the aim of the school.” The banner precedes the Chair and other leaders of the PLU Faculty.

PLU’s Second Seal
This seal was adopted when the institution resumed the name and status of a university in 1960; it appears on official university documents from 1960 to 2012. The design incorporates elements that symbolize the University’s heritage and mission, including a “Chi Rho,” an abbreviation of the first two letters of “Christ” in Greek; the book of knowledge; the lamp of learning; and an evergreen tree symbolizing the Pacific Northwest. The banner precedes the President’s Council, made up of the Provost and the Vice Presidents of the University.

The Crowned Lion of Norway
The rampant crowned lion bearing a golden axe with a silver blade on a red background is the central element of the coat of arms of Norway. Dating from the 13th century, it is among the oldest state coats of arms remaining in contemporary use. The banner precedes the Chair and members of the Board of Regents and symbolizes the University’s Norwegian heritage.

The Rose Window Seal
This is the official seal of Pacific Lutheran University. It represents PLU’s historic Rose Window, located in the Ness Family Chapel at the top of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts. The distinctive Rose Window represents the history and tradition of the institution, speaks to its Lutheran heritage and connects students of today with generations of alumni. The PLU Board of Regents officially adopted this seal on Oct. 14, 2012, replacing one that had been used since 1960. The banner precedes the President and symbolizes the authority of the University.
University Seal

The Pacific Lutheran University Rose Window Seal was officially adopted by the Board of Regents on Oct. 14, 2012, replacing the seal that had been in use since September 1960. The PLU seal appears on all official documents, including the diploma. The Rose Window design is the iconic symbol of the university, and was designed by former Director of Communications Paul Porter in 1975. Porter drew his inspiration for the seal from the 8-foot-diameter stained-glass Rose Window located above the entrance to the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts that acts as a backdrop for the altar in the Ness Family Chapel. The distinctive Rose Window represents the history and tradition of the institution and speaks to its Lutheran heritage, and is seen as a recognizable symbol that connects the students of today with generations of alumni.

Graduation Honors

Candidates receiving graduation honors at Commencement wear the PLU Graduation Honors Cord (a single black, gold and white cord). To earn graduation honors, a student must have a minimum of 32 hours at PLU and a cumulative PLU grade point average of 3.50 for \textit{cum laude}, 3.75 for \textit{magna cum laude} and 3.90 for \textit{summa cum laude}.

Graduation honors, as listed in the Commencement bulletin, have been calculated on the basis of courses completed through January Term 2022. Final graduation honors, listed on a student’s official transcript and diploma, will be recalculated following the completion of the student’s final term.

Participation in a Commencement ceremony and/or inclusion of a student’s name in the Commencement bulletin does not indicate that a degree will be awarded. All degree requirements must be successfully completed by the term deadline for a degree to be awarded.

Post-Commencement Gathering

Banners will designate divisions and schools. You may greet graduation candidates and their faculty near the appropriate banners.

- **Division of Humanities**
  Department of English, Languages and Literatures, Philosophy, Religion

- **Division of Natural Sciences**
  Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science and Computer Engineering, Geosciences, Mathematics, Physics

- **Division of Social Sciences**
  Departments of Anthropology, Economics, History, Marriage and Family Therapy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work

- **School of Arts & Communication**
  Departments of Art and Design, Communication and Theatre, Music

- **School of Business**

- **School of Education & Kinesiology**

- **School of Nursing**
Bachelor’s Degrees

SCHOOL OF ARTS & COMMUNICATION

Bachelor of Music Education

Anika Kiera Hille
cum laude

Benjamin Clifford Martin
cum laude

Emily Christine Miller
magna cum laude

Rhyonna Demille Rosales
cum laude

Bachelor of Music

William James Bentley
cum laude

Olivia Rose Crocker
magna cum laude

Hugh de Carteret Davis
magna cum laude

Ella Kee Ekstedt
cum laude

Joshua David Hansel
magna cum laude

Mackenzie Diana Taylor
summa cum laude

Thomas Michael Wheeler Jr.
magna cum laude

Bachelor of Musical Arts

Carson Fujisaki
cum laude

Michael Anthony Greer Jr.
summa cum laude

Bachelor of Arts in Communication

Dana Nicole Baughman
summa cum laude

Brianna Marie Bryant

Natalie Jean Coria
magna cum laude

Keithline Loredo Corporal

Olivia Rose Crocker
magna cum laude

Scott Kendall Freese

Derek Sean Gibson

Nicolas Alexander Graham

Lahna Joelle Harai
summa cum laude

Sarah Elizabeth Hull

Gurjot Kaur Kang

Brennan James LaBrie
summa cum laude

Charley Marlene Irene Lindenmuth
cum laude

Marcus Joseph Martin

Hannah Marie Oliver Montgomery
magna cum laude

Seley An Di Nemish
summa cum laude

Wesley Fredrick Nixon

Chrystal Marie Patterson
magna cum laude

Lila Christine Ridge

Vivian Grace Shinall
summa cum laude

Allison Lauryn Struble

Andrew Clayton Sullivan
summa cum laude

Jared Kastien Toschi
cum laude

Jalyn Rain Turner
summa cum laude

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Mathaeus Mathias Andersen
Theatre
magna cum laude

Jazper-Tristan Acacio Arnett
Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Lydia Anne Boorsma
Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Nykolaj Tina Nicole Violet
Freshwater
Theatre

Megan Elizabeth Goninan
Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Dominique Eliese Hart
Studio Arts

Teagan Aubrey Janes
Studio Arts
summa cum laude

Lisa Jo Ann Kelley
Theatre
cum laude

Megan Moriah Le Duc
Studio Arts

Rheanna Shae Meehan
Studio Arts
cum laude

Inocencio Orta
Studio Arts

Victoria Page Patterson
Theatre

Sarah B. Potwin
Studio Arts
magna cum laude

Benjamin Thomas Rampley
Theatre
cum laude

Melanie Marie Young
Theatre
magna cum laude

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Business Administration

Yuridia Elisa Albarran
magna cum laude

Hawra MohammadAlsaidhassan
magna cum laude

Nathaniel Dylan Anderson
cum laude

Caden Lee Arnold

Luke Alexander Bakken

Oksana V. Bondarenko
magna cum laude

Samuel David Booth

Joseph C. Brezinski
Seth William Bridge
Karla Cardenas
Kaleb Anthony Cenci
Alexandra Cecilia Chacon
Colin Nathaniel Ka-Wai Chun
Sherie Nicole Daley
Jared Nilsen Davies
Surafel Amare Debebe
Thomas G. Deng
Cameron Ray Klundt
Nicholas James Knutson
Michael Mikhaylovich
Korotkikh
Andrew Woojin Kwon Jr.
My Tran Lam
Adam Christopher Lamecker
John Simon Lee
Elizabeth Ann Lindsay
Mickey Lizarraga
Ethan Vincent Lujan
Mariken Stephan Lund
Ryan D. Lusk
Dylan Andrew McConnell
Mylie Ann McDonald
Erin Elaine McGrath
Bryce Austin Missey
Kristin Taylor Moniz
Ashlee Marie Naong
Rebecca Eve Nelson
Thai Cong Nguyen
Truong N. Nguyen
Gunner Jace Nielsen
Ryan Glenwood Pearson
Hampus Erik Pers Eliasson
Tyler Marie Ragas
Peter Jared Sablan
Silje Sandsbakk
Rainier Lovins Schlekewey
Andrew Joseph Schmitz
Jared Kainoa Simarago
Hannah Elyse Smith
Michael Jared Smith
Thomas Heath Snyder
Taylor Nicole Stokes
Jonathan Reed Strehler
Emily Masako Sugimoto
Aimee Suh
Jordan Tyler Terzakos
Austin Thongvah
Channon Marie Thorpe
Marah Lynn Thronson
Jennifer Celestra
Tuyen Thanh Vuong
Nicole Anne Waldron
Korey John Wasser
Traynor Brown Willey
Garrett Lee Wong
Luke Henry Worley
Ryan John Hamilton Yorke IV
SCHOOL OF NURSING
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Lorraine Perez Abando
cum laude
Heather Nicole Anderson
cum laude
Kayla Yong Araki
Lina Attia
Linda Asiedua Awuah
Shelby Elane Barber
Hannah Marie Beach
Erin Nichole Bennett
magna cum laude
Holly Lynn Bergford
Amanda Nicole Bergsma
Rion James Bird
summa cum laude
Mea Sharmaine Delmo Biscocho
cum laude
Ashley Marie Bivins
cum laude
Ha’ane Rae Blas
Christina Lynn Bligh
magna cum laude
Anthony Brooks
Brittany Marie Calvillo
cum laude
Marcia Marie Tedtaotao Castro
Vanessa Roldan
cum laude
Emma J. Cole
Marshall David King Cook
magna cum laude
Kyara Lillian Crosson
summa cum laude

Victoria Lauren Dalin
Madilynn Jo Dever
cum laude
Francheska Naranjo-Cortes Dimayuga
cum laude
Megan Leatrice Drake
cum laude
Madeleine Rose Elias
summa cum laude
Margaret Natalie Enloe
cum laude
Allyson Elaine Ericksen
magna cum laude
Amanda Taylor Finney
magna cum laude
Michelle Chen Flood
cum laude
Josephine Mary Elizabeth Folino
cum laude
Barbara M. Fortunia
summa cum laude
Justyn Mitchell Freeman
magna cum laude
Justine S. Gambill-Peres
cum laude
Allysen Gacutan Garcia
cum laude
Brooke Kaylee Geiselman
summa cum laude
Maranda Michelle George
magna cum laude
Joseph Bengston Grabowski
cum laude
Elizabeth G. Gutierrez
summa cum laude
Justine Carol Guy
cum laude
Bailey Faith Hamilton
magna cum laude

Katelyn Marie Harris
cum laude
Jordan Taylor Haworth
cum laude
Maggie Marie Herron
cum laude
Erin Nicole Een Porter
cum laude
Autumn Michelle Holt
cum laude
Alayna Joyce Hooper
magna cum laude
Saudia Hoosein
cum laude
Elizabeth Horner
cum laude
Rosa Fernanda Hurtado Ardila
cum laude
Ashlyn Brooke Johnson
cum laude
Emily Kayla Johnson
cum laude
Nicholas Allen Kasnick
cum laude
Fafali Jessica Kennedy
Jo A. Kramer
Alicia Ruth Krivanek
cum laude
Samuel Y. Kwon
cum laude
Rayna Hope LaFave-Clark
Nicole Alea Leaphart
cum laude
Ricky Leung
magna cum laude
Natalie Lural-Christine Lile
Julius Ryan Long
Samantha Anne Lucier
Karely Martinez  
magna cum laude

Kimberlynn Nicole Jones  
cum laude

Alondra Mendoza  
cum laude

Kelly Lynn Merriam  
magna cum laude

Erica Jordan Mitchell  
cum laude

Mirna Elizabeth Morris  
magna cum laude

Kaitlyn Helene Neumeier  
cum laude

Tessa Clair Nicholson  
magna cum laude

Kiyomi C. Okamoto  
magna cum laude

Benjamin Scott Okazaki

Katie Ann Owen

Joan S. Park

Mi-Young Park

Kawehi K. T. Rabellizsa  
cum laude

Parker L. Rojas

Courtaney’ Qua’Nekia  
Joy Shawn Roman  
magna cum laude

Olivia Rose Ross

Christopher Patrick Schiller  
magna cum laude

Sarah Ann Schmidt  
cum laude

Rebecca Rose Shahon  
summa cum laude

Jimin Juliana Song  
magna cum laude

Taryn Lynn Staiger  
magna cum laude

Jolene Michelle Stegmiller  
magna cum laude

Stephanie Stivers  
cum laude

Francisco Alexander Stuart

Taylor Paige Sullivan

Ashley V. Ta

Kevin Nguyen Trac

Halli R. Trafton  
magna cum laude

Lauryn Marie Megumi Tsukimura

Jessica Aleksandrovna Tupikova  
summa cum laude

Jarrett Christopher Vandi  
cum laude

Amanda Wamsley

Natalie Lynn Watts  
cum laude

Nou Vang Xiong  
magna cum laude

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION & KINESIOLOGY**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN KINESIOLOGY**

Hope Dorothy Baldyga  
cum laude

Andrew Michael Barclay

Kathleen Rae Basilio  
cum laude

Princess Christine R. Bautista

Rachelle Carolyn Betow  
magna cum laude

Garrett Todd Borah

William Karl Bulley

Michael John Campbell

Emily Christine Capps

Anita Chung  
cum laude

Cheyenne Riley De Monnin

Eduardo Daniel Estrada

Ariana Giselle Soriano Fabico

Cyril Jacob Fernandez  
cum laude

Alex Emery Gregory

Maritess Jose

Ryan Stephen Klee

Joseph Leroy John Knox

Noelle Nohealan Kock Wah Ng

Julia Lou Lemas

Samuel Carter Livingston

Daniel Wayne McClough

Bailey May Morrish

Jonah Thomas Pellett

Gabriel Eugene Petersen  
cum laude

Alyssa Simon Pociernicki  
cum laude

Casey Lynn Rebelez

Carolyn M. Roberts  
cum laude

Jackson McCartney Robinette

Jessica Grace Saathoff

Rikiho Shawn Funaki

Crystal Alisha Sanderson  
magna cum laude

Justin Ben Santos

Torin Trey Savella

Taylor Akiye Shigeta
Jordan Kiichi Smith
Kimber Alyssa Thomas
*magna cum laude*

**Bachelor of Arts in Education**

Sophia Kasandra Malang Barro
*cum laude*

Dana Nicole Baughman
*summa cum laude*

Christina M. Bosch

John Raabe Caillier

Avery Happy Easter
*summa cum laude*

Kristen Silva
*magna cum laude*

Kameelah Anne Jackson
*cum laude*

MacKenzie Marie Polly Kennedy

Adria Lorraine Klotz
*summa cum laude*

Autumn Nicole McCoy
*summa cum laude*

Hannah Rose Zhen McGinnes

Abigail Margaret Miller
*cum laude*

Madison Marie Mosier
*cum laude*

Eva Kikue Nakama

Emily Wong Nass
*cum laude*

Anna Kathleen Norman-Wikner
*magna cum laude*

Tori Chiemi Keanuenuelani Oshiro
*cum laude*

Kaitlyn Rachael Rease

Carlyann Marie Reinhuth
*magna cum laude*

Kelly Jade Robbins
*magna cum laude*

Grace A. Steele
*summa cum laude*

Elizabeth Rose Tyson
*magna cum laude*

Julia Anne Vasilyev
*summa cum laude*

Gabriela Jeanne Velazquez
*cum laude*

**Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology**

Adesalewa Saheed Adeniji
*cum laude*

Brad Philip Anderson III

Jonathan Martin Arnold

Samantha Claypool

Adrianna Anette Davis

Maddelyn Nicole Elliott

Timothy Michael Gonzalez

Hezekiah Ezra Goodwin

Maxwell Wallace Larson

Jerad Alexander Lewis
*magna cum laude*

Christel Aurelia Pie
*magna cum laude*

Suneela Marie Schneider

Wyatt Sean Winkle

**College of Arts & Sciences**

Mohammad Abdullah Almutawa
Computer Science

Rahel Desalegn Ambachew
Biology

Javad M. Ayat
Biology
*cum laude*

Jefrelyn Angel Bolcio Bangcado
Biology

Yailine Stephanie Barajas Lopez
Biology
*magna cum laude*

Jakob Dylan Bell
Biology

Jillian Elaine Berkenkotter
Biology

Joshua William Berkenpas
Computer Science
*summa cum laude*

Ariel L. Brice
Computer Science

Alyssa Lucille Bright
Chemistry
*magna cum laude*

Owen Patrick Brummel
Biology

Riley Anne Buckmaster
Mathematics
*cum laude*

Nicolas Bautista Celebrado
Chemistry
*magna cum laude*

Anna Magdalena Chacon
Biology

Benjamin H. Chance
Biology
*summa cum laude*

Christiaan James Chandler
Applied Physics
*cum laude*

Aaron J. Crook
Computer Science
*cum laude*

Hayden Akasha Cross-Schroeder
Chemistry
*summa cum laude*

Carl J. Dailey
Psychology

Janelle Tran Dao
Biology

Marin Janelle Deifel
Psychology
Amanda Kimberly Dodson
Chemistry
magna cum laude

Tori Brandon Doten
Biology

Dale Ayako Emoto
Biology
summa cum laude

Jacob Zachariah Espinosa
Mathematics

Brooke Lauren Faubion
Biology

Maria Francisca Flynn
Psychology
magna cum laude

Baylee Christine Fontana
Geosciences
cum laude

Leah Foster-Koth
Mathematics
cum laude

Andrew Michael Freeman
Biology

Duncan Xavier Haddock
Chemistry, Physics

Ricky Haneda
Psychology
summa cum laude

Nicholas Stephen Hillard
Biology
magna cum laude

Jo Sean Hernandez Ignaco
Chemistry
cum laude

Kinnera Elisabeth Blair Inman
Biology
magna cum laude

Brandon Yuki Ishise
Psychology

Alyssa Avery Jordan
Biology

Kieran John Kim-Murphy
Computer Science

Seth Eric Koivisto
Chemistry
summa cum laude

Mikhail Mike Korovnik
Computer Science
summa cum laude

Victoria Lenore Krastev
Mathematics
cum laude

Noelani Ann Elina Lambert
Biology

Hallelu Lee
Chemistry

Connor Michael Lemma
Mathematics
magna cum laude

Charles Hanson LeWarne
Computer Science
cum laude

Cade R. Lilley
Computer Science
cum laude

Shekinah S. Lopez
Chemistry

Wesley James Louthen
Computer Science

Kathrine Ivanovna Lychik
Chemistry

Charisma Joy Buendia Manalo
Biologycum laude

Chance Jacob Marsh
Biology
summa cum laude

Ethan P. Marshman
Chemistry

McKenzie Kay Meyer
Biology
cum laude

Sarah Alexandra Molyneux
Biology
cum laude

Brandon T. Nguyen
Biology
magna cum laude

McKenzie G. Pfeiffer
Psychology

Kelly Alexandra Pham
Applied Physics
summa cum laude

Nolan Robert Premo
Computer Science
magna cum laude

Daniel Joseph Purcell
Geosciences

Yaquelin Ramirez
Chemistry
cum laude

Juliana K. Rendler
Biology
cum laude

Chase Ho’okela Yasuji Rhinelander
Psychology

Alex Solarz Richter
Computer Science
cum laude

Robert Blaize Rodriguez Gotay
Mathematics

Adrian Jemelle Ronquillo
Computer Science
cum laude

Calie E. Rose
Geosciences

Selena Marie Sandoval
Psychology

Cherish Elizabeth Scheidhauer
Biology

Suzanne R. Harmon
Applied Physics
cum laude

Noel Sigafoos
Computer Science

Hannah Mae Slitia
Computer Science
cum laude
Jacqueline A. Soto-Oseguera
Psychology
cum laude

Kaitlyn Marie Stabell
Biology
cum laude

Taylor Nicole Stokes
Biology

Joseph Donovan Sweitzer
Applied Physics

Katrina Ann Sybouts
Biology
cum laude

Hannah Ellerie Boyce-Tate
Mathematics, Physics
cum laude

Devianne Teresa Taylor
Psychology
cum laude

Abigail Grace Trenary
Physics
cum laude

Cody Uehara
Computer Science
cum laude

Emily Marie Vignolo
Geosciences
cum laude

Allisa Washington
Psychology

Kiersten Elizabeth Wilbur
Geosciences
cum laude

Brett J. Williams
Biology

David Ju Yun
Chemistry
summa cum laude

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Amanda Jeanne Ades
Music

Mackenzie Elizabeth Anderson
Geosciences

Maria Louise Anderson
Psychology
cum laude

Ellie Alexander Aosved
Biology
magna cum laude

Saige Danielle Ballard
Psychology
magna cum laude

Tyler Ashmore
Psychology

Marissa Anna Aulgar
Economics, French, Global Studies
summa cum laude

Emily Elizabeth Ballew
Psychology

Iliana Itzel Benítez
Hispanic Studies, Psychology

Cady Bigelow
English/Literature

Katherine Elizabeth Blackwell
Global Studies
summa cum laude

Anders David Bowe
History

Joseph C. Brezinski
Geosciences

Sadie Isabella Brownlee
Economics, Global Studies
magna cum laude

Jacob Michael Burress
Economics

Mary Alexa Campbell
History
magna cum laude

Daylyn Rose Carrigan
English/Writing
cum laude

Brian Joseph Castleton
Psychology

Christina Sierra Cervantez
Psychology
cum laude

Christiaan James Chandler
Computer Science
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Isaiah Dean Shim

Master of Business Administration

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Bernard George William Bergan
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Rachel Anne Sandell
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School of Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice

Pramoj Adhikari

Jennifer Bracken
The Effects of Listening to an Audio Relaxation Tape on Postpartum Anxiety and Breastfeeding Outcomes.

Lindsey S. Brightman

Cheryl Kathryn Burris
Mental Health First Aid.

Emily Charmaine Cartwright
Post Heart Failure Admission: A Dietary Educational Intervention.

Laura Fay Croker-Weeks
Telehealth Basics: What Every Frontline Nurse Needs to Know.

Xue Geng
Implementing a One-Minute Mindfulness Mediation “MindFull Minute” to Reduce Work-Related Burnout Among Acute Care Nurses.

Leanne T. Golembiowski
Virtual Vignettes: Telehealth Education for Physical Assessment and Treatment.

Megan Nicole Hamilton

Peter C. Hausman
The Effects of Motivational Interviewing on Retention in Opioid Use Disorder Treatment.

Angela Marie Kennedy
Promoting Adolescent Mental Health: Community Collaboration in a School Setting.

Prakash Kharel
Motivational Interviewing to Improve Telehealth Counseling Use Among College Students with Anxiety.

Nghi Que Ngo
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Lauren Elizabeth Phillips
Healthcare Worker Attitudes and Practices about Major Depressive Disorder in Rural Primary Care: A Mixed Methods Quality Improvement Case Study.

Rebecca Joy Satter
Metabolic Syndrome; Implementing the National Standards of Care Within a Large Community Health Center.

Pratima Shrestha
Bi-weekly Diabetes Educational Phone or Video Call in Managing Type Two Diabetes.

Amber J. Spencer
Homeless Youth Mental Health Service Utilization: A Pilot Project Using Motivational Interviewing.

Linda Jean Trader
Implementation of a Transgender Toolkit to Enhance Rehabilitation Within Washington State Department of Corrections.

Alicia Marie Valentino
Speaker Biographies

Allan Belton, President
Mr. Allan Belton was selected by the Pacific Lutheran University Board of Regents to serve as PLU’s 14th President after previously serving for two years as PLU’s interim president. Allan joined PLU in 2015 as the Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. During his seven years of PLU leadership, Allan has developed a strong vision for PLU’s future. He is deeply committed to the mission to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care—for other people, for their communities and for the Earth. He is focused on the success of PLU students and providing them with the academic programs and support services they need to pursue their education and meet the needs of a dynamic world. Allan is committed to the belief that PLU will be defined by its uniqueness as a university guided by the values of Lutheran education and will be transformed into a model for other universities, rooted in its calling and highly-engaged in the community. He holds a B.A. in Business Administration and an M.B.A. from Washington State University.

Joanna Gregson, Provost
Dr. Joanna Gregson joined the Department of Sociology at PLU in 1998. She earned her bachelor’s degree in sociology from Western Washington University, and her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She leads the academic division and collaborates with, supports, and advises the President’s Council on strategic planning for the academic division, including advising on new academic initiatives, faculty affairs, and advancing the academic mission and intellectual positioning of PLU. Joanna Gregson was honored with the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2005, the Faculty Award for Excellence in Mentoring in 2011, and the PLU Mortar Board Society “Top Prof” award in 2017.

Jen L. Rude, University Pastor
Pastor Jen Rude (she/her) has been serving as University Pastor at Pacific Lutheran University since 2016. Her previous work includes serving as the program director for Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (a national support and advocacy organization for LGBTQ+ pastors and seminarians), working as an Outreach Minister with The Night Ministry in Chicago (working with young adults experiencing houselessness), and serving as associate pastor of Resurrection Lutheran in Chicago, IL. Jen received her Masters of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA and her B.A. in Religion with Gender Studies and Psychology minors from ELCA-affiliated Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Hezekiah Ezra Goodwin ’22, Student Speaker
Mr. Goodwin is a candidate for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Kinesiology. Throughout his time at PLU, Hezekiah has been actively engaged by serving as the 2021-2022 President of the Residence Hall Association, serving as the Track & Field Captain from 2020-2022, and being an active member of the PLU Black Student Union. Hezekiah also plays an active role in the sports community and was a Diversity Forum Advocate from 2020-2022 in which he led and facilitated discussions related to race, diversity, and inclusion for student athletes. After graduation, Hezekiah has a goal of pursuing a graduate degree in Sports Management in order to become an Athletic Director.
Professor Kenneth Blaha is retiring after 33 years of service to Pacific Lutheran University. He joined the Department of Computer Science in 1989 after earning his Ph.D. in Mathematics from the University of Oregon. He has left an indelible mark of masterful teaching and dedicated service, sharing his passion for computer science with multiple generations of students in an ever-widening circle of influence. Kenneth is the driving force behind the PLU high-school programming contest, which he founded in 2011. Since then, he has organized 10 annual contests which have been attended by students and teachers from over 30 area high schools. He has reached out to local high schools, growing the contest to nearly 100 participants. He spends untold hours carefully planning and executing all of the contest logistics, which include developing problems sets, setting up contest software, organizing registration, recruiting volunteers, purchasing refreshments, maintaining the contest website, procuring t-shirts and donations from alumni and industry sponsors such as Microsoft and Hewlett Packard, and so much more. Kenneth’s leadership in the department is substantial and much appreciated by his colleagues. He chaired the department for two terms between 2001 and 2007. He has a habit of seeking out and valuing input from everyone, and has a distinct generosity when mentoring junior colleagues. He is a wonderful friend and colleague who will be missed.

Craig started at PLU in 1986, and since then has been a leader in the chemistry department and chemistry community in the Pacific Northwest. His enthusiasm for organic chemistry, his interest in incorporating technology into his teaching, and his focus on providing PLU students with access to state-of-the-art instrumentation have been signatures of the program and the result of his influence. He was an early adopter of clickers and online homework and even created a journal club in the 90s where students posted to email threads long before Sakai forums were available. His dedication was formally recognized in 2006, when he was awarded the Faculty Excellence Award in Teaching. Craig is a co-author of one of the most widely used undergraduate organic chemistry textbooks in the world. The collaboration began when he co-authored the seventh Edition of “Organic Chemistry” with T. W. Graham Solomons. The book was published in 1999. Scott A. Snyder joined the co-author team in 2013. Their textbook is now in its 13th edition. For more than 25 years, Craig has been a member of the American Chemical Society. He was chair of the Puget Sound Section of the ACS in 1999 and currently serves on the group’s executive committee and as a member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Respect Committee. Craig’s excellent teaching, his dedication to science, and his service to the broader chemistry community were recognized in 2019 when he was named a Fellow of the American Chemical Society.

As Craig begins phased retirement, we will miss him and the ways he contributes to the department.

Anna Leon-Guerrero joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology at Pacific Lutheran University in 1993. Anna is a dedicated teacher and scholar and was the recipient of the PLU Faculty Excellence Award in 2000, the K.T. Tang Excellence in Research Award in 2010, and the PLU Faculty Excellence Award for Service in 2015. From 2010-2012, Anna served as the Chair of the Faculty. Anna also served as the Chair of Sociology and the Dean of the Division of Social Sciences. Between 2014 and 2015, Anna served as Intern Vice President of Finance and Administration. Anna additionally serves on the Washington State Institutional Review Board to protect human subjects in research conducted.
by the Department of Social and Health Services, the Department of Health, and the Department of Labor Industries.

Beyond being an active member of the Teaching and Learning Section of the American Sociological Association, Anna worked with Sage Publications to develop and support young scholars entering a career in teaching sociology. She published three influential textbooks with continuing publication runs. Her sole-author text Social Problems: Community, Policy and Social Action is in its 6th edition. She co-authored “Social Statistics for a Diverse Society” and “Essentials of Social Statistics for a Diverse Society,” respectively in their 9th and 4th editions.

Anna is particularly skilled in giving students plenty of time to pause, search, and grow. Her mastery in the classroom is simultaneously answering and pulling out questions from students. Anna inspires everyone around her to be and do better. She models lifelong learning and curiosity. Anna truly lives a life filled with care and compassion for those around her.

Dr. Jan Lewis

Jan Lewis joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Education in 1989, a formative step in a vocational journey that has always been about education—from her B.A. in Elementary Education at Oregon State University and her Master of Arts in Teaching in Elementary Education from Lewis and Clark College, to her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Oregon, and her decade teaching elementary school.

At PLU, Jan taught undergraduate certification, graduate certification, and master’s level classes on topics related to language acquisition, literacy, and children’s and adolescent literature. In 2004, she began serving as part of a “Dean Team” in the School of Education, a role that would morph into Co-Acting Dean a few years later.

Jan also served the larger university community in her faculty role, most notably on the Instructional Resources and Long Range Planning Committees and as Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning. In 2008, Jan began serving as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs. Jan brought to her administrative role the same perceptiveness, skill at tracking development in people and projects, and gifts for composing and holding a hospitable space for learning and growth that made her such an outstanding teacher of literacy. Jan brought to the associate provost role unparalleled patience and calm, qualities that were key to navigating significant change at the university. Jan’s legacy as a colleague, mentor, teacher and friend—and the innumerable and invaluable contributions she made to the university—will be felt for many years to come.

Henry Loughman

Henry is retiring after 16 years at PLU, and it seems impossible to imagine our department and this university without him. During his time as a Resident Instructor and Technical Director for Theatre & Dance, Henry has contributed to the scenic design, painting and construction of over 50 productions while mentoring student designers on over 30 more.

He has trained generations of scenic painters, designers and construction students. Few people have worked as many late nights, early mornings and weekends; but Henry has always done so willingly for “the good of the show.”

As a teacher, Henry will be remembered for his rigor, his humor, and his firm belief that everyone can accomplish anything as long as they don’t give up.

Henry is the kind of person who is a bit subversive; who provides input with a touch of sarcasm; who covers his genuine and very gentle soul under a blanket of good-humored curmudgeonlyness. And despite all that… he will be greatly missed.
Dr. Mary Moller

Mary joined the PLU School of Nursing in 2014 as an Associate Professor and Track Coordinator in the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program. Mary was the driving force for the development of this new program including curriculum development, clinical placements, and student outcomes. Since the program’s inception, graduates have obtained a 100% pass rate on the first attempt at their certification exams. In addition to her academic appointments, Mary has maintained a clinical practice as a Psychiatric Mental Health APRN for multiple decades. In the APRN capacity, she has owned a private practice, served as the CEO of a 501c3 educational center, and served as Director of an educational and consulting firm since the early 80s.

Mary is also an accomplished author, with more than 60 journal articles, three textbooks and more than 30 textbook chapters. Most recently her new edition of the textbook Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing: From Suffering to Hope received the 2020 American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award for Psychiatric Nursing.

She has been celebrated and acknowledged numerous times through regional, national and international awards. Including, being inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in 2008. This is one of the highest recognitions in the nursing discipline with less than 3,000 nurses internationally having achieved this honor. We thank Mary for her commitment and her many contributions to psychiatric nursing.

Dr. Richard Nance

Richard has been a faculty member since 1992 and, upon retirement, completes his 16th year as Director of Choral Activities and conductor of the Choir of the West. During his tenure at PLU, he has conducted all of the major choral ensembles, including Chorale, University Singers, Knights Chorus and Choral Union. He has also taught classes in conducting and choral music education.

Choirs under Richard’s direction regularly appeared in invitational performances for the American Choral Directors Association, National Association for Music Education, and the National Collegiate Choral Organization. Choir of the West and Choral Union have also toured internationally, winning top honors in international competitions, including two gold awards at the 2011 Harmonie Festival in Lindenhofzhausen, Germany, and the 2015 Anton Bruckner Prize in Linz, Austria.

Richard has been recognized for his work as a conductor and scholar, having received the 2011 and 2013 “American Prize” for Choral Conducting, the “Outstanding Conductor” award at the 2014 Florence International Choir Festival, and the 2014 K.T. Tang Faculty Excellence Award for Research from PLU. He has twice been granted Regency Advancement Awards. Richard also served as president of the Washington state and Northwestern Region of ACDA, and received leadership and service awards from both organizations.

Richard is also an accomplished composer. He was the 2002 Raymond W. Brock commissioned composer for ACDA –one of the highest honors to be awarded to a composer of choral music– and has published many choral works with Walton Music, Hinshaw Music, and Colla Voce Music. He also serves as editor of the Richard Nance Choral Series for Walton Music.

Richard will be deeply missed.
Dr. Mark Reiman

Mark graduated from PLU with majors in economics and religion in 1979 and returned to join the Economics department in 1988 after receiving his Ph.D. in Economics. He served as chair of the department from 1997 to 2006. He also contributed to the economics teaching in the environmental studies program and both the MBA and Masters in Finance on campus.

One of Mark’s most innovative teaching contributions came through his work on study away opportunities. In particular, he enhanced the department’s study away course in Italy. The course focused on environmental and institutional change from antiquity to the present, where students could immerse themselves in scholarly research on trade during the Roman Empire to environmental degradation in the present-day Venice Lagoon. Many generations of students count this among one of their most precious PLU experiences.

Mark also served on the Educational Policies Committee, Faculty Committee on International Education (now termed Global Education Committee), Scandinavian Studies Committee, and Long Range Planning Committee, among others.

Mark has been a leader among economists in developing software tools for his courses and in the use of technology. He developed tutorial software for various principles textbooks, a graphing tool for another textbook, and created an innovative introductory microeconomics course based on in-class experiments. For his natural resource economics course, Mark created a tool that allows students to change various parameters to simulate natural resource extraction and its impacts on the environment and energy markets. He published this in the top economics education journal, “An Interactive Website for Teaching the Economics of Easter Island.” He will be greatly missed as a colleague, advisor, and teacher.

Steven Sobeck

Steve Sobeck is a master potter who has brought the transformative power of clay into the PLU classroom for more than twenty years. Before joining the Art Department, Steve built a varied professional and artistic practice, pursuing glass blowing in graduate school, working in bronze casting and metalwork with PLU sculptor Tom Torrens, and teaching Ceramics at Tacoma Community College. In 1999, Steve was invited to return to PLU by his former professor David Keyes, and he’s been teaching pottery ever since.

Steve recognizes the innate potential in every student, and supports them as they identify that talent in themselves. One of his students recently reflected that Steve “was truly one of the best educators I have ever encountered. He challenged each and every student by convincing them they each have hidden talents they must draw out and channel through their ceramic work.”

Steve is deeply connected to the Puget Sound region he calls home. A wonderful example of this commitment, and one that has shaped life at PLU for a decade, is his annual organization of the Empty Bowls Project. Every year, Steve has mustered his ceramics students in support of this event. In the weeks up to Thanksgiving, he and his students make hundreds of bowls which are then donated for a communal dinner. Participants give a modest donation and receive a unique, usable work of art and share a meal. All proceeds are given to local organizations working to end hunger.

For his remarkable service, we offer Steve our deepest gratitude and best wishes on his retirement.
Michael Stasinos

When Michael arrived at PLU in 2003, he brought the experience of teaching in a studio arts environment to the Department, and in his nearly 20 years at PLU, he has cultivated the same technically rigorous approach in his Drawing and Painting classes.

As a drawing instructor, Michael interacts with students from across the University, and he shapes their perception of art and of themselves. While helping them build skills, he also makes his students feel welcome in the studio space. As a recent student put it, Michael “recognizes that his students come into the class with a wide variety of experience and skills, yet he treats us all the same.”

His painting classes have built up a legacy of PLU painters, and his own practice as a professional artist serves as an important example to these students. Michael has established himself as a prominent artist locally and nationally, and his regular calendar of exhibitions, both group and solo, demonstrate to his students what an artistic career can mean.

Michael is a strikingly talented realist painter. His images of the city—whether Seattle, New York, or Paris—demonstrate artistic skill as well as patience, perseverance, and an eye to detail. These are crucial habits to model for students seeking to pursue a career in art. But while his artwork and training lie in a precise, photorealist style, Michael inspires his students to identify their own talent and develop their own artistic language.

We offer Michael gratitude and best wishes in his retirement from PLU.

Dr. Samuel Torvend

Dr. Samuel Torvend, Professor of Religion, has a long legacy of service and dedication to PLU. He first came to PLU as a student, graduating with a B.A. in History in 1973. After going on to earn two master’s and a doctorate. Samuel joined the PLU Religion Department in 1998. Over the course of his career, he has had a deep and profound influence on PLU, introducing nearly 2,000 students to the study of church history.

Throughout the years, he has served as Religion Department Chair, as a member of the Educational Policies, Faculty Affairs, Governance, and Long-Range Planning committees, and as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Regents. He has played instrumental roles in shaping the Wild Hope Center for Vocation and serving as the inaugural holder of the University Chair in Lutheran Studies. Samuel organized seven Lutheran Studies Conferences and three national conferences on Lutheran and liberal arts education, which drew faculty to the campus from 25 ELCA sister schools. He edited PLU’s Core Elements in Lutheran Higher Education and is the author of People of Wondrous Ability: The Origins and Gifts of Lutheran Education. In 2019, he received the PLU alumni award for distinguished service to the University’s Mission, and in 2021 he was given the K. T. Tang Award for Excellence in Research.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations on a well-earned and well-deserved retirement!

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GREETINGS FROM PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Congratulations to the graduates of 2022 and welcome to your family and friends. We thank the graduates for learning with us, for challenging us to think in new and different ways, and for their commitment to making the world a better place for all of us and for those who come after us. The founders of PLU envisioned a University of the First Rank, and they would be very proud of the students we celebrate with today.

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Gratulerer til de ferdigutdannede studentene av 2022 og hjertelig velkommen til deres familier og venner. Vi vil takke de ferdigutdannede studentene for at de har lært sammen med oss, utfordret oss til å tenke i nye og ulike retninger, og har forpliktet seg til å skape en bedre verden. Grunnleggerne av PLU så for seg et universitet av første rang, og de hadde vært veldig stolte av studentene vi feirer sammen med i dag.

Translation courtesy of Vince Adams ’19.

因为我们的路德会遗产…
我们询问。
带着一种目的感，
扎根于传统。
我们批判性地质疑，
反思并改革。

因为我是PLU…
我们带领。
带着洞察力和
共情。
领导要倾听。
引领在大与小事上，
每一天。

因为我是太平洋路德会大学…
我们关心。
积极且故意。
我们带来我们全部的自我。

因为我们的遗产是
我们欢迎所有人
并且工作以促进
equity
和包容。

我们的遗产是
我们为
一条终生的旅程
有条理的探索，
服务，领导
和关怀。

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Because of our Lutheran heritage…
We inquire.
With a sense of purpose,
rooted in tradition.
We critically question,
reflect and reform.

Because we’re PLU…
We lead.
With discernment and
empathy.
Leadership that listens.
Leading in large and small
ways, every day.

Because we’re Pacific
Lutheran University…
We care.
Actively and intentionally.
We bring our whole selves.

We welcome all
and work towards equity
and inclusion.

Our heritage is the
foundation
for a lifelong journey of
thoughtful inquiry,
service, leadership
and care.