“Let it be our hope and prayer that from this place shall radiate streams of influence which will be a great blessing not only to the multitudes around us, but also to the darkest places of the earth.”

Lyman Stewart
Biola University Co-founder
Have the COURAGE to have CONVICTIONS

Founded in 1908 as the Bible Institute of Los Angeles (BIOLA) in downtown L.A. (original building pictured here), Biola University is now a comprehensive institution of Christian higher education. With over 6,300 students, six schools and 140 academic programs, Biola is ranked by U.S. News as a top 10 “up and coming” national university. Biola is an institution with the courage to innovate but also to remain committed to unchanging convictions.

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A Soul of Conviction.
A Voice of Courage.


The five-lettered chant — with a force on the O — is a common student refrain in our Chase Gymnasium as they cheer on the Biola Eagles’ intercollegiate teams.

B-I-O-L-A.

BIOLA, recognized in 2014 by U.S. News & World Report as among America’s top 10 “up and coming” national universities. BIOLA, a recent recipient of more than $5 million from the John Templeton Foundation to establish the Biola University Center for Christian Thought, attracting some of the world’s foremost Christian minds to grapple with the pressing issues of our society. BIOLA, a nationally ranked university of over 6,300 students. BIOLA, a community whose esteemed faculty hold doctoral degrees and postdoc studies from among the world’s leading research universities. Cambridge. MIT. Cornell. Stanford. UC Berkeley. USC. UCLA. Notre Dame. Georgetown. Oxford. Boston University, Penn.

BIOLA, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles that began in 1908 at the intersection of Sixth and Hope streets in downtown L.A.

B-I-O-L-A.

A lot has changed in those five letters since the fledgling school began to take root more than 100 years ago. The L and the A for Los Angeles have changed. Though we’re still in Greater L.A., we moved in the 1950s to the suburbs to make room for our growth. The O for “of” isn’t accurate anymore. We are now near Los Angeles. The I has changed, too. We were once an institute, then a Bible college, then a college, and in the early 1980s a university. University reflects the breadth of programs from our bachelor’s degrees to our master’s degrees to our doctoral degrees.

We’ve changed the I, the O, the L and the A. But not the B.

That’s one letter in our name that hasn’t changed. The B remains at the heart of this major university, 107 years later and as strong as ever. But what does this mean to be a university that is biblically grounded?

Being a university serious about the timeless truths of God’s Word means we’re interested in creating conversations and reaching outward, engaging in the marketplace of ideas with a gentle and respectful

Barry H. Corey is the eighth president of Biola University. Visit his office online at biola.edu/president, on Facebook at facebook.com/presidentcorey and on Twitter at twitter.com/presidentcorey.
DAVID RILEY ASSOCIATES

In our core convictions and to extend our strength by God’s grace, $180 million to strengthen its final 18 months. We are striving to raise, by God’s grace, $180 million to strengthen our core convictions and to extend our reach. The simplest way I’ve been explaining the reason for this bold fundraising campaign is that we are committed to move Biola not from \( x \) to \( y \), but from \( x \) to \( x^2 \).

We are not trying to be something different from what we are. We are striving to be something stronger in who we are. We believe we can be among the world’s foremost Christ-centered universities, a community abiding in truth, abounding with grace and compelled by Christ’s love to be a relevant and redemptive voice in a changing world.

By the graciousness of God, at the time this magazine is going to press we’ve raised $152 million, realized one miracle at a time. We’ve experienced amazing stories of generosity. We’ve prayed and fasted over periods of time during this campaign, believing in faith that God’s need in God’s time will not lack God’s supply. We’ve seen the abundant kindness of God’s people, some from longstanding supporters and some from those who seemed to emerge out of the blue.

As we enter the final year and a half of the campaign, knowing we still have $28 million to raise to meet our goals, we are focusing in the homestretch on two areas.

First, we have made great progress on scholarships as part of our campaign. Biola should not be a university only for those who can afford to come, nor should we be a university that compromises our quality in order to be affordable. We must continue building our endowment, which was virtually nonexistent when Dr. Clyde Cook began as president in 1982, grew to over $43.5 million by the time he retired in 2007 and is over $113 million today. We continue to need investors who will support our scholarship programs to enable students to graduate with minimal debt and maximized impact.

Second, we will take Biola University to a new level in preparing students for the science professions — students who are extraordinarily capable, have a vision for the needs of the world, are deeply grounded in biblical thinking and ethics and who can become leaders in their fields. Unless followers of Christ are positioned to be credible voices in the sciences, the Christian intellectual and moral tradition will largely be absent from key decisions relative to science, technology and health care globally. We want to help fill this gap. As you’ll read in the story on page 26, we have seen wonderful progress toward our financial goal to begin construction on the Center for Science, Technology and Health. The incredible kindness of Mr. Alton Lim to contribute $12 million to this project was a boost to our faith in God’s provision. This new building will not merely be a solution to our older and smaller science building, but it will be a center for an expanding vision in the sciences.

On Dec. 31, 2016, our campaign is scheduled to be completed. When it’s all said and done, we don’t want to look back at the last five years and revel in our successes, in new buildings constructed or in programs launched. We want to look forward at what God is doing through a rising generation of students, students prepared in mind and character to influence their world for the cause of Christ.

The campaign, “A Soul of Conviction, A Voice of Courage,” is a commitment to hold us true to our deep-seated values and move us forward to our ambitious future.

We will be a university that holds high God’s Word in all that we do and all that we are.

We will be a university where we invite the Spirit of God to permeate our community in real and renewing ways.

We will be a university where students matter to us because we see in them the future, so investing in loving and challenging them will continue to be our hallmark.

We will be a university known far and wide as a leader in biblical integration and intellectual vigor, where mediocrity is unacceptable and we strive for the highest standards in everything we do.

We will be a university that lovingly serves the world in which we live, courageously taking on the major challenges of our day where we are most suited to do so.

We will be a university where students increasingly see in Biola the kind of higher education experience they need to be prepared for meaningful careers and exemplary service for the cause of Christ.

I BELIEVE OUR BEST DAYS ARE STILL TO COME.
INTRODUCING

The Campaign for Biola University
MAKING HISTORY BY SHAPING THE FUTURE

How a $180 million campaign will transform Biola University and its students

by Jason Newell

This is a historic moment for Biola University. It is, to hear university leaders tell it, a point in time that future generations of Biolans will look back on, amazed at what God accomplished.

In May 2015, the university took an ambitious step toward new heights as a global leader in Christian higher education by publicly launching a $180 million comprehensive campaign — the likes of which has never been seen in Biola’s 107-year history. Titled “A Soul of Conviction, A Voice of Courage: The Campaign for Biola University,” the unprecedented fundraising effort will seek to make Biola more affordable, more innovative and better equipped to impact the world for Christ for many years to come.

“We believe the time is right to step out in faith, trusting that the legacy and global impact of Biola’s first century is just the beginning of what God has planned,” said Biola President Barry H. Corey. “This campaign is an opportunity to be part of God’s sovereign work by equipping this and future generations of students to become the intellectual and spiritual leaders that our world so desperately needs.”

The campaign aims to set the stage for Biola’s future, further strengthening the only Christian university to be ranked as one of America’s top 10 “up and coming” national universities by U.S. News & World Report. Specifically, the campaign will make substantial financial investments into four main university priorities.

The highest of these is addressing the challenges of college affordability, with $85 million — or roughly 47 percent of the overall campaign goal — slated for student scholarships. In the face of a national college debt crisis, this scholarship funding will directly support Christian students who desire a biblically centered education but find the costs increasingly out of reach.

Another $74 million will go to provide facilities that inspire learning, the largest of which is a state-of-the-art new building that will equip students for careers in science, technology and health. As these fields experience significant growth in the years ahead, the campaign will allow Biola to more effectively prepare graduates to enter demanding careers where thoughtful, skilled Christians are more needed than ever.
The campaign’s goals also include $13 million to influence the world of ideas, largely through new academic centers, and $8 million to extend Biola’s global reach through international partnerships and the expansion of online programs.

All told, Corey said, the $180 million effort will move Biola closer to its vision of being one of the world’s foremost Christ-centered universities — a community abiding in truth, abounding with grace and compelled by Christ’s love to be a relevant and redemptive voice in a changing world.

**Why $180 Million and Why Now?**

The decision to take on such a monumental fundraising effort didn’t happen lightly, nor did it happen overnight.

The campaign is the direct result of several years of strategic planning, in which university leaders charted a vision for the university’s future, said Adam Morris, Biola’s vice president for advancement. The results of that planning, laid out in the 2012–22 University Plan, included seven key aspirations related to biblical fidelity, academic strength, spiritual growth, affordability, technology and other areas.

The dreams were big. But at the outset, university leaders knew the big dreams would also carry a big price tag — well over $100 million.

That kind of fundraising was unprecedented for Biola. Over the past 30 years, the university had conducted a series of individual building campaigns: $4 million to acquire a middle school campus; $20 million for a new library; $13 million for a new business building. But never before had Biola sought to raise more than $20 million in a single campaign, let alone $100 million or more.

Before moving any further, the university decided to conduct a feasibility study — an honest assessment of what Biola could aim for as a realistic goal. With help from fundraising consultant Marts & Lundy, the university surveyed 6,000 alumni, parents and friends, and conducted more than two dozen face-to-face interviews. The study sought answers: How enthusiastic were alumni about the university’s future? Would there be interest among donors?

“We wanted to listen to our constituents. We didn’t go into this campaign blind,” Morris said. “We were very intentional in testing our vision for the future to make sure that our audiences could get excited about where we are going. And we wanted to align the projects to that vision.”

The results of the feasibility study were encouraging. Based on the responses, the consultants determined that $150 million was an attainable goal, though that might be just within reach.

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**BY THE NUMBERS: THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIOLA UNIVERSITY**

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FOUR THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIOLA UNIVERSITY

1. With a goal of $180 million, this is the largest fund-raising effort in Biola University’s history — nearly 10 times larger than any previous campaign.

2. It is also Biola’s first-ever comprehensive campaign, meaning funds are being raised for several major initiatives at once.

3. During the campaign’s quiet phase, which began in January 2012, supporters gave more than $152 million to Biola.

4. The public phase launched on May 9, 2015, at the Ace Hotel in Los Angeles, just blocks from Biola’s birthplace and home to one of the university’s original “Jesus Saves” signs (see pictures and a recap of event on pages 14 to 19).

* AS OF MAY 2015
The Campaign in Context

The $180 million fundraising initiative is by far the largest in Biola’s history — nearly 10 times larger than the amount raised in any of the university’s previous individual campaigns.

1986–90
$4 million
McNally Miracle Campaign
Purchased the former McNally Junior High School — 22 acres of land with 55,000 square feet of classroom space.

1991–98
$20 million
Library Campaign
 Constructed a 98,000-square-foot facility filled with study spaces, computer labs and a vast collection of print and digital learning resources.

2000–04
$2.9 million
Rose Hall Renovation
Remodeled the vacated library in order to house Rosemead School of Psychology and other departments.

2001–06
$2.6 million
Chase Gymnasium Expansion
Added athletic offices and 450 stadium seats in Chase Gymnasium, increasing event capacity from 2,400 to 3,200.

2002–07
$13.3 million
Crowell School of Business Building
Constructed the first new instructional facility in 30 years — 31,770 square feet of classrooms and offices.

2012–16
$180 million
The Campaign for Biola University
Funding student scholarships, new facilities, athletics enhancements, academic centers and global initiatives.
People with no previous connection to the university were energized by Biola’s vision and gave generously. Longtime supporters gave at much higher amounts than Biola’s team would have imagined. And on several occasions, the Lord fully prepared supporters’ hearts before they had even heard the details of the campaign, moving them to make financial commitments very early into a fundraising presentation, Morris said.

The pace of giving has been unlike anything Morris has experienced at Biola, he said. For the sake of comparison, it took four full years to raise $18.2 million for the most recent classroom building, Talbot East. Meanwhile, $15 million was given in a mere six months during the first half of the 2014–15 fiscal year.

“There have been moments throughout the campaign when it’s been so clear that God is at work and his favor is on the university right now,” Morris said.

As they prayerfully considered the results, Biola’s leadership felt a conviction to step out even further in faith, Morris said.

“We knew that $150 million would be a miracle,” he said. “As we examined our needs, we landed on $180 million, knowing that it would be an even greater miracle, but was closer to our actual needs.”

On Jan. 21, 2012, Biola’s Board of Trustees cast a unanimous vote to move forward with the $180 million campaign. Together, they stood and prayed, committing the plans to the Lord.

‘We Have Felt Such Confirmation from God’

In an unprecedented campaign, the response has been equally unprecedented.

After launching in January 2012, the campaign entered a “quiet phase,” a three-year period in which university representatives met with potential supporters capable of giving large gifts. With help from an all-volunteer cabinet (profiled on page 24), Biola leaders presented the university’s vision to families and foundations across the country and around the world. The aim was to build momentum by raising at least 70 percent of the overall goal before going public with the campaign.

During that time, Morris said he and his team experienced countless “miracle moments” — story after story of God providing in unexpected and surprising ways (some of which are collected in the “Snapshots of Faithfulness” on pages 28 through 33).

By May 2015, more than $152 million had been raised — or roughly 84 percent of the total goal.

Now, during the long-anticipated public phase, a goal that once seemed to be a distant possibility is close to becoming a reality. Many miracle moments are adding up into one great miracle. History is being made.

“We’re at the point where it’s time to welcome in our alumni, parents, grandparents and friends of the university so that everybody can now participate,” Morris said.

“This isn’t just about big gifts. We recognize every donation, no matter the size, as a sacrifice and act of faithfulness to the Lord. Every gift moves us closer to the finish line — and closer to where we believe God is leading us as a biblically grounded, major national university that desires to make a global impact for Christ.”
WITH THE MESSAGE “JESUS SAVES” GLOWING BRIGHTLY in the skyline above, hundreds of Biola friends and supporters gathered on May 9 for one of the most significant — and generous — evenings in the university’s history.

The Conviction and Courage Gala, held at the Ace Hotel, just blocks from Biola’s birthplace in downtown Los Angeles, celebrated the public launch of The Campaign for Biola University with videos, prayer, worship and a stirring keynote address from bestselling author Eric Metaxas.

By the evening’s end, supporters had given nearly $4 million toward the campaign, led by a $1 million matching gift from Duane and Becky Andrews, co-chairs of the campaign cabinet. It was the largest amount ever raised at a single Biola event.

The historic nature of the evening was amplified by its meaningful setting. The Ace Hotel is the current home of one of the red neon “Jesus Saves” signs that once stood atop Biola’s original building at Sixth and Hope streets. In addition, a doorway at the adjacent Theatre at Ace Hotel, where a capacity crowd celebrated the campaign launch with a concert, is inscribed with Psalm 119:89, “Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven” — the same words that were once engraved above the entrance to the original Biola building.

The two historic ties represent Biola’s soul of conviction — that God’s Word is forever settled in heaven — and its voice of courage, to unashamedly proclaim the good news that Jesus saves, President Barry H. Corey told attendees.

During the gala, Corey emphasized that the campaign and the university are in God’s hands. He recounted a day when he was hoping to receive a campaign gift of $300,000 gift, and instead received $30,000 — one decimal off. But then, minutes later, he received word that another family, which he had asked to give $100,000, sent in a gift of $1 million. One decimal off.

“God was reminding me we need to keep telling our story and providing opportunities for people to invest, but he’s in charge of the decimals,” Corey said.

It was a line that became even more memorable by the time the evening was through.

“A few weeks before the gala I was praying that God would do something incredible that night — hoping for as much as $400,000, which we would have con-
considered a huge success, by far the most we had ever raised at a Biola fundraising event,” said Adam Morris, vice president for advancement. “When we found out that the total raised that night was nearly $4 million, the truth of President Corey’s words was powerfully demonstrated. God is indeed in charge of the decimals.”

A parking lot behind the Ace Hotel was transformed into a tented space for the May 9 Conviction and Courage Gala, where 520 Biola supporters were treated to dinner and a program.

A capacity crowd of about 1,600 Biola students, alumni, staff, faculty, parents and friends filled The Theatre at Ace Hotel for a concert to launch The Campaign for Biola University.

The original “Jesus Saves” sign from the north dormitory tower of Biola’s original building at Sixth and Hope streets still shines in downtown Los Angeles atop the Ace Hotel.

Biola took over the historic United Artists Theater (now The Theatre at Ace Hotel) for the evening of May 9. Built in the 1920s by Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford, the theater first opened as a United Artists movie palace in 1927.
The Lim family (clockwise from top left): Brittany Lim, Stan Huang, Janelle (Lim) Huang, Alton Lim, Dan Lim, Terri Lim. Alton Lim recently gave the largest cash gift in Biola’s history (see p. 26).

Bulus Galadima, dean of Cook School of Intercultural Studies, and his wife, Rose.

Dr. Robert Sears (’91), winner of this year’s Biola Alumni Cultural Impact Award, and his wife, Cheryl.

Douglas and Carole MacIntyre (’82), 2014 Ruby Award recipient.

Charles and Hannah Lee, a current Biola board member, and Irene Li (middle), a former board member.

Alumni Justin Wheeler (’07), vice president at Liberty in North Korea, and Kira Wheeler (’07).

Professors Erik and Donna Thoennes.

Left to right: Trudy Kim, Barry and Paula Corey, Ranny Lee and Mi Jung Kim of the Far East Broadcasting Company.

Barry and Paula Corey with Henry Riady (’10)

Television personality Marcy Guevara (’06) and fashion designer Michelle (Nguyen, ’05) Williams.

Associated Students leaders (from left) Matthew Porter, Becky Gallacher, Tyler Hormel, Ashley Panko, Anders Corey, Camryn Hudson and Graham Gantzer.

Behzad Varamini, assistant professor of biological sciences, and his wife, Hannah.

Left to right: Deanne and Bill Spuck, Suzanne Crowell, J.D. and Nancy Hornberger.

Andre Stephens (’91), associate vice president of university admissions.

President Corey greets Korean Consul General Hyun-myung Kim.

Chris and Alisa Grace, who lead Biola’s new Center for Marriage and Relationships, which the campaign will fund (see p. 68).

Mike Maples, a current Biola board member, and his wife, Jeanie.

Campaign cabinet members Jim and Sheri Eaton, with Kristen Hansen (right).

The Hanger family (from left): Garrick, Jeannine, Vicki and Dwight, a current Biola board member.
President Corey welcomes the crowd as the gala kicks off.

Biola board member Adam Edgerly ('86, M.A. ‘91) opens the evening in prayer.

Brady Lee, the 2015–16 Student Missionary Union president, collects a donor’s pledge card during the time of response.

Senator John Thune ('83), honorary campaign co-chair, sends a video greeting to the crowd from Washington, D.C.

Campaign co-chairs Duane ('85) and Becky ('84) Andrews are recognized by President Corey for offering a matching gift of $1 million for gifts made on May 9.

President Corey unveils the fundraising goal of the campaign: $180 million by December 2016.

More than 80 students filed into the gala space at the climax of the program, as part of a video presentation showing how Biola gives students courage.

Associated Students president Tyler Hormel ('15) and vice president Ashley Panko ('15) share with students that the biggest priority of the campaign ($85 million) is to improve student affordability (see p. 34).

Taylor Stribbling, 2015–16 Student Government Association president, plays host at the sold-out concert.

Rick Bee ('79, M.A. '90, Ph.D. '01), senior director of alumni relations, challenges alumni to give: “If every Biola alumnus gave $25 online right now, we could raise more than $1 million tonight.”

Alton Lim, 96, stands up to be recognized in the concert as President Corey announces his $12 million gift to the new Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health (see p. 26).

Nearly 800 Biola students enjoyed a student-only after party following the concert, featuring food, videos, a DJ and red carpet photo ops.

The Brilliance, led by singer David Gungor, performs with the backing of the Biola Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Marlin Owen.

Singer-songwriter Josh Garrels performs as the second act of the concert.

Guests from the gala dinner joined the concert inside The Theatre at Ace Hotel for the third act, Phil Wickham, who led the crowd in a time of worship to conclude the evening.
Reflections on the theme of Biola University’s largest ever fundraising campaign: “A Soul of Conviction, A Voice of Courage.”

by Brett McCracken
O ur world isn’t lacking in voices. Every day we are bombarded by a chorus of opinions, tweets, texts, ads, blogs and more. But where are the voices we can trust? Where are the voices of courage and inspiration, speaking the truth that will transform the world?

In 1908, amid a growing tide of intellectual and religious liberalism, in one of the noisiest cities of the world, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles spoke up. Now, more than a century later, Biola has emerged as one of the only nationally ranked universities that has maintained the rare combination of an unwavering commitment to the inerrant Word of God, academic freedom under the lordship of Christ and the priority of Scripture throughout the curriculum. We have remained steadfast in our historic commitment to evangelism, missions and global impact. Not only is Biola leading right now in key areas of academic discourse — we are strategically positioned to dramatically expand our leadership as a university into the future.
Increasingly, Biola University speaks with a voice of courage that stands out in higher education, even among other Christian institutions.

Though it may be difficult, Biola has the courage to be different. The courage to remain grounded in the Word of God, requiring every student to take 30 credits of biblical studies where most Christian schools require far less. The courage to proclaim Truth that is knowable in a world increasingly driven by "man is the measure of all things" arbitrariness. The courage to discover the nature of God through the arts. The courage to prepare our students well for careers and advanced study. The courage to claim that education is as much about nourishing the soul as it is about sharpening the mind. The courage to alleviate suffering in the name of Christ. The courage to believe that the greatest generations are still before us.

Biola stands out by being theologically conservative and Great Commission-driven, which positions us within an exciting movement of global Christianity. Where the church is growing in the world (the Global South), it is theologically conservative. Strategically positioned on the Pacific Rim, with ever more connections in Asia and throughout the non-Western world, Biola stands to be a flagship educational and resourcing center for the global evangelical movement.

In a world that seeks to relegate Christianity to a position of exile and fringe irrelevance, Biola University stands up to declare that the gospel is alive and well. It isn’t peripheral to the problems and purposes of the world. It is the solution; the most relevant thing of all. In equipping graduates to carry this message to the board rooms, the operating tables, the film sets and beyond, Biola University will never cease in its mission to make famous the name of Christ.

In recent history, the church at large has been reluctant to view advanced intellectual engagement as a valued spiritual calling — a significant contrast to the vigorous intellectual activity of Christians in the past. Ideas that run against strong scriptural teaching on the nature of God, humanity and the natural world must be challenged in every field of study with biblically centered, intelligent, robust and persuasive responses that are offered in the love and grace of our Lord and for the distinct purpose of advancing the gospel.

At Biola we are unafraid of engaging the world of ideas from a distinctly Christian point of view. Our desire in service to the body of Christ is that those on the outside will increasingly look to Biola for guidance on how to navigate the world’s increasingly thick forest of religious and moral ideas. We believe this university can be a go-to place for clear-headed, biblical thinking.
CONVICTION AND COURAGE SINCE 1908

From the very start, Biola has been defined by conviction and courage. The vision for the school began in turn-of-the-century Los Angeles, where Biola’s founders saw both a city on the verge of greatness and a church in danger of losing its grasp on the historic doctrines of the Christian faith. A tremendous opportunity and a need for bold action.

In 1908, a small group of people with the faith and finances to impact their city, and through their city the world, heeded the call to establish the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. Under the visionary leadership of oilman Lyman Stewart and pastoral team T.C. and Anna Horton, the Institute began educating men and women to take biblical truth — the gospel in its heady, life-transforming fullness — into neighborhoods, businesses, classrooms and churches across Southern California and beyond.

At the 1913 cornerstone-laying ceremony for the original downtown building — which, boldly, would become the tallest structure in Los Angeles — Stewart proclaimed an inspiring vision for the school’s future. The institute, he said, would be “intolerant of error, but have a love for the souls of men as wide as the world.” It would be open to “all people, without reference to race, color, class, creed, or previous condition.” Within a few short years, hundreds of young people were being sent out, firmly committed to the truth of God’s inerrant Word and emboldened for the loving, risky work of shaping the world with that truth.

In the decades since our founding, Biola has flourished far beyond what our founders could have imagined. Our extended community is growing in breadth and depth. Today, Biola has more than 6,300 students from every state and 123 countries, 60,000-plus alumni, faculty numbering in the hundreds, and thousands of friends and supporters.

Today, Biola is one of the world’s leading Christian universities, offering more than 140 undergraduate and graduate programs across six schools. In 2014, U.S. News & World Report named Biola one of America’s top 10 “up and coming” national universities — an honor given to some of the nation’s most promising and innovative schools.

Yet even as our stature has grown, our convictions and our courage remain. As we aspire to new heights, Biola is as committed as ever to our founding mission of biblically centered education.

GOING SOMEWHERE

In the years to come, Biola University aspires to make an impact that has the potential to eclipse anything seen in our first century of service. Propelled by our core convictions and building on the advances of our forebears, Biola University is swiftly becoming a global center of theologically conservative, academically rigorous Christian thought.

Biola is on the move. Though rooted in our heritage and long-held convictions, we are neither stuck in the past nor satisfied with the present. We are moving forward with courage, committed to an expanded impact for Christ and his kingdom.

We don’t want to choose between conviction or courage. We need both. For conviction without courage goes nowhere. And courage without conviction goes anywhere. But conviction with courage goes somewhere. For us, that “somewhere” is championing biblically centered education, scholarship and service, equipping students in mind and character to impact the world for Christ.
How does a university like Biola even begin to raise $180 million? In addition to plenty of prayer and planning, it takes a whole lot of help from our friends. That’s where the “campaign cabinet” comes in. This team of committed and well-connected volunteers — many of them alumni, parents and longtime supporters — has offered insight and direction on the campaign’s rollout, and has worked to share Biola’s vision with others who have the means and desire to support the university.

Here, the cabinet’s co-chairs — Duane and Becky Andrews and Promod and Dorcas Haque — explain why they’ve volunteered to provide leadership to the cabinet and what most excites them about the campaign.

Why do you support the mission of Biola University?

HAQUES: We like the fact that Biola University is built on the biblical foundation and has not deviated from this for over a century of its existence. Students graduating from Biola understand this biblical foundation and are thoroughly grounded in the accompanying truth.

ANDREWSES: There are many great universities, but in our opinion, Biola is the best at providing biblically centered education that is firmly rooted in God’s Word and prepares students to be competent leaders and professionals in each student’s respective field of study.

HAQUES: Biola has stayed true to the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith and has not strayed away, as have many other universities that started like Biola but have lost their way and become secular in their thinking.

Which campaign project particularly excites you?

HAQUES: We are particularly excited about the Center for Science, Technology and Health. We believe that a major focus in the technology area has to be the discipline of applied computer science. It is important for all Biola graduates to take applied computer courses and be computer literate, as this will differentiate them in the marketplace and equip them to get better jobs and excel at them.

ANDREWSES: We’re also excited about Biola’s vision for the sciences. Biola is well poised to lead the discussion that God and science do not contradict each other, but rather, as Eric Metaxas stated recently in the Wall Street Journal, science increasingly makes the case for God. We look forward to Biola wanting to equip students to be leaders in the sciences with a distinct Christian worldview. Becky, being an RN, is particularly excited about Biola’s vision for the science program’s development. Technology is also an important part of many future careers across many fields, so this is an important addition to Biola’s programs.

How has Biola personally equipped you to be a person of greater courage and conviction?

ANDREWSES: Biola has had a personal impact on us throughout the years as alumni, parents of alumni, and also as campaign cabinet members and as part of the Board of Trustees. Biola prepared us for our professions, gave us confidence, helped shape our character and mind, and had a significant impact in our spiritual development. It provided many opportunities for growth from classroom experiences, chapels and personal interactions with many professors and students. We would not be where we are today without Biola’s influence in our lives.

Leading the Way
Campaign cabinet helps to spearhead fundraising efforts

How has Biola personally equipped you to be a person of greater courage and conviction?
Meet the Campaign Cabinet

"As a Biola graduate, I know firsthand the strong foundation this university provides and the principles Biola’s faculty and staff share with their students. ... Our world needs schools like Biola University more today than ever — schools that promote Christian values and biblical teaching to produce graduates willing to stand with conviction and courage for values that matter."

Senator John Thune (‘83)

"We can say with confidence that the future of this university is in very good hands. ... We’ve been involved here since the late 1980s when I [Roberta] taught in the journalism program, and ever since then, I’ve come to know that Biola is a very special place because of its philosophy programs, its Torrey Honors Institute, and its fine departments in media, film and art, as well as its programs in science and other disciplines."

Roberta and Howard Ahmanson
FOR MUCH OF HIS ADULTHOOD, Alton Lim sensed that something — or someone — was guiding his life. As a Chinese immigrant who started with little, survived a brush with death in World War II and eventually found success in business, it always seemed to him that a divine presence was protecting him and shaping his destiny.

But it wasn’t until about halfway through his life, with guidance from a Los Angeles pastor who also happened to teach at Biola’s Talbot School of Theology, that he came to know and trust this God by name.

Now 96, Alton said he wants to use his remaining time and resources to glorify God by making an investment that will last for eternity.

“God has blessed him financially, and he wanted to find a tangible means to return back to God what is originally his,” said Daniel Lim, one of his four children.

In February 2015, Alton Lim made the largest cash donation in Biola University’s history: a $12 million gift toward one of the most significant buildings ever to be constructed on Biola’s campus. The Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health — the centerpiece facility of the university’s comprehensive campaign — will prepare generations of Biola students to make an impact for Christ in science-related careers.

The project combines two passions for Alton and his family: science and Scripture. Two of his sons are physicians and his son-in-law is a dentist. Each family member is also a committed Christian. For the Lim family, part of the appeal of Biola’s facility was the opportunity to prepare Christian students to enter medical fields while also supporting their biblical knowledge and spiritual growth.

“This is going to help generation after generation to study and try to help people,” said Alton, who insists that he wants all glory for the gift to go directly to God.

Alton’s own story began in a humble village in rural China, where he spent the first two decades of his life. After immigrating to the United States in 1939, he found himself on the way back to Asia just two years later to serve in World War II as a member of the U.S. Air Force. His service was cut short, however, when his plane was shot down by a Japanese aircraft near a base in Saipan. He survived, but the close call stuck with him.

He eventually married Lydia, his late wife and loyal partner of 55 years, and after running a couple of grocery stores, opened a small motel in Los Angeles. Each Sunday, he would bring his children to the First Chinese Baptist Church in Chinatown, where they could experience Chinese culture and be surrounded by positive role models — though he personally was often too sleep-deprived or busy to stay for services. Noticing this, pastor Timothy Lin took an interest in him and spoke with him about Christ. Over time, Alton came to recognize that the Lord had always had a purpose for his life. He made a commitment to follow Christ, and was soon followed by his wife and children, making the entire family Christ-centered, Daniel said.

As Alton reached his later years, having achieved financial success through wise investment decisions and real estate holdings, he began to consider where he could return his financial blessings back to God. Though no member of the Lim family ever attended Biola, they always felt a connection through First Chinese Baptist Church, Daniel said. Pastor Lin taught at Talbot and was a close friend of Biola’s president, Sam Sutherland. Church members Fook Kong and Irene Li, who made a particular impact on the family, were members of Biola’s Board of Trustees. (Biola’s Li Apartments are now named after them, and their daughter Hannah serves as a trustee.) In addition, several close family friends attended the university over the years.

After calling to inquire about the university’s needs in late 2014 and learning of the science building, the project seemed to be a clear fit. Particularly exciting was the news that Biola was looking to create medical training partnerships in several Asian countries, family members said.

“The dedication of this building is a fulfillment of [his] commitment to return to God the blessings that God has bestowed upon him throughout his life,” wrote son Timothy Lim, who noted that his father’s life has been a testament to the truth of Proverbs 16:3: “Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.”

“The completion of this building is the culmination of these plans,” he wrote. “In a similar way it is hoped that the students who will occupy the [center] can claim God’s promise that the knowledge and skills they plan to learn will produce dividends that will ensure success, not just at home but abroad, when committed toward the glorification of God.”
“This is going to help generation after generation to study and try to help people.”
Snapshots of Faithfulness

Support for Biola’s campaign has come in many forms: some steady, some simple and some surprising — but all significant.

A Warm Welcome
Loy Chiu

As a teenager in the late 1940s, Loy Chiu figured he didn’t have the grades or the money to attend college. But he applied to Biola anyway, just to see if the Lord might make a way, he said.

Sure enough, he got in, and with hard work managed to scrape together the grades needed to make it through a trial period. As for the money, the Lord indeed took care of it — in the form of an anonymous Christian couple who donated $15 a month to help cover his expenses.

“That was enough money, in addition to the money that I had saved up,” Chiu said. “I never knew who the Christian couple were, but I’ve always been thankful to Biola for giving me a chance to go through higher education.”

After graduating from Biola in 1952, Chiu went on to earn a master’s degree and become an elementary school teacher, and eventually transitioned into financial planning. Through the years, he never forgot Biola, and tried to make donations here and there toward scholarships, he said. When his sister passed away and left him a sizable inheritance, he sought to do something more. That’s when he got the idea to fund a large digital welcome sign at the entrance of campus, and approached the alumni office with a proposal.

“Oftentimes I would go to Biola, and I would always find it so difficult to locate,” Chiu said. “There were no big signs there as to where Biola is.”

The digital marquee made its debut on Biola Avenue in August 2011 and has since become an important landmark for students and visitors alike. The sign bears Biola’s logo and trademark red bricks at its base, and a screen features rotating slides with welcome messages and advertisements for upcoming events.

Chiu said his contribution — nearly 60 years after his own graduation — was in part the result of people who faithfully made a way for him.

“When you make an early impression on a person in their younger years, they remember that and it comes back in the way of help,” he said. “I was penniless when I started at Biola and now I am much better off financially, and that’s why I’m able to return what Biola has given me.”

— JASON NEWELL WITH KRISTINA NISHI
A Product of Faithfulness

Meleca Consultado (’09)

Even though she is still paying off her own student loans, resident director Meleca Consultado (’09) donates to the Biola scholarship fund. Why? Because she can relate to students who know the richness that a Biola education offers but struggle with the financial realities of affording it.

After graduating from Biola in 2009 and getting a master’s in higher education and student development from Taylor University, Consultado came back to Biola to be an R.D., where she has served for the last four years.

But Consultado’s Biola journey almost didn’t make it past her junior year. Issues with financial aid left her face to face with a dorm eviction notice — heartbreaking news for Consultado, then an R.A. in Hart Hall.

“I was very afraid and confused,” she said. “I felt like the Lord brought me here for a reason, and that maybe he was taking me away.”

Consultado sent an email to her floor explaining the situation, but what started as a “goodbye” letter quickly turned into fundraising efforts.

“My floor women rallied around me and said, ‘We feel like you need to be here,’” said Consultado, who was able to pay her remaining fees by the end of the week. It was this experience that inspires her now, as a staff member, to continually give back to Biola and its student body.

“I may not be able to give in a big way, but I can be faithful with the other staff and faculty who are here,” she said. “I’m a product of people being faithful and giving what they have.”

— STEPHANIE KIM

Recruiting Students and Giving Back

Miles Bocianski (’13) and Daniel Parham (’13)

Having both been Biola students and now admissions counselors, Miles Bocianski (’13) and Daniel Parham (’13) know well the challenges of affordability that many students face. But they also know how valuable and life-changing a Biola education can be. That’s why both donate a portion of their paychecks to Biola’s scholarship fund.

“The less students have to worry about finances, the more they get to experience their time as a student. If I can contribute in some way, I want to do that,” said Parham, who gives sacrificially because he personally was so prepared by Biola. “Why not help someone else have that experience? It think it’s such a tangible expression of love to say, ‘Though I lack, I give.’”

Bocianski also gives because he wants other students to have the life-changing experience he had. Even though a single donation might not make a huge impact, a culture of staff giving can make a huge impact for students, Bocianski believes.

“We’re all in this together,” he said. “To not donate to the school that you work at, to not support the students that you’re working for, doesn’t quite make sense to me, especially if you’re able to do it.”

— BRETT MCCracken with KrIStina nishi

Sacrificing for Students

Matthew Weathers (‘93)

Matthew Weathers (’93) wears many hats at Biola; he’s a donor, a popular professor, a staff member and an alum. Weathers has been tied to Biola ever since his freshman year in 1989, and has been a faithful donor since 2000.

“It was way different back then,” said Weathers, describing his experience financing his college years. “It cost $52,000 for my whole time at Biola. Room, board, tuition, books, everything.”

While attending Biola, Weathers paid for his tuition with a combination of loans, out-of-pocket payments and scholarships, he said.

“I feel that because scholarships were given to me so I could be here, it would be nice to give back,” said Weathers, who gives consistently to student scholarships and has also donated to support Biola’s new science building. His work as learning management coordinator and assistant professor of math and computer science keeps him in tune with the community.

“I would say I know the students well because I’ve been around a long time,” he said. “I know they are sacrificing quite a bit to come to Biola, so I don’t mind sacrificing a little bit for them.”

— STEPHANIE KIM
Parents and Apologists

John and Claudia Kalmikov

John and Claudia Kalmikov are a rarity for Biola parents: both are also Biola students.

The donors and current campaign cabinet members are parents of a senior business major, but as of last year they are also enrolled students in Biola’s M.A. in Christian apologetics program. After building a successful real estate investment business over the last 30 years, the couple says they’re now looking for significance rather than success.

“I chose to pursue [the M.A. in apologetics] because I wanted to be able to talk to skeptics confidently, knowing that what I was saying wasn’t just my opinion, but was backed up by Scripture and research,” said Claudia, a member of Biola’s Ruby Women giving society.

For the Kalmikovs, supporting Biola financially is a no-brainer. They see the school as a great investment, a ministry that trains up and sends out people to reach the world for Christ. They’ve seen Biola catalyze “phenomenal change” in the lives of their sons (one current student and one alumnus) and now they’re seeing growth in their own lives.

“We are learning and growing so much more than we ever dreamed of,” said John.

What the Kalmikovs are learning in the apologetics program, and what their sons have learned at Biola, is how to courageously stand by convictions even when the cultural sands shift.

“It’s having the courage through the cultural pressure to stand by biblical truth,” John said. “To me, the ‘voice of courage’ means the voice of the gospel and it’s sticking to the biblical truths.”

— BRETT MCCCRACKEN WITH CAMBRIA HAYASHINO

In Memory of Missy

Steve and Wanda Belton

Supporting the Biola Conservatory of Music strikes a very special chord with Steve and Wanda Belton. Their daughter Missy, an accomplished oboist, died in a tragic car accident during her freshman year at Biola in 1999.

Missy was an obo performance major, and after her death the Beltons set up an endowed scholarship fund in her name.

“It was pretty easy to combine the two desires of honoring Missy’s memory and supporting an institution that we had come to love and believe in,” said Steve. The Beltons also created a music scholarship at Missy’s high school in Sunnyvale, Calif., The King’s Academy.

The Beltons continue to give generously to Biola and others around them. About a year after Missy’s death, Steve and his youngest daughter traveled to Romania with their church. While there they met Anna, a young oboist who was just 13 years old at the time.

That trip marked the start of a long, enriching relationship between the Beltons and Anna, who has since gotten married and become a mother. The Beltons have even given her an “extended loan” of Missy’s professional-level oboe, which Anna uses to play professionally in Romania.

“The oboe was the bridge to bring us together, and it was just like God to do something like that,” said Wanda.

Because of the Beltons’ generosity, Missy’s legacy and musical dreams live on in the concert halls of Romania but also at Biola through the Missy Belton Memorial Scholarship Fund.

“We want to help, in a small way, continue the beauty of music at Biola,” said Wanda.

— STEPHANIE KIM

Biola Booster

Vincent Huang

As a business leader in the growing mobile technology industry, Vincent Huang is encouraged that Biola University is taking steps to bolster its programs for educating future leaders of science and technology.

“As a businessman who cares a lot about leadership, I am always looking for places that produce good leaders and have good leadership. I see Biola doing both of those,” said Huang, who has been in the mobile phone industry for nearly 20 years and whose company, VHA Corp., is a leading distributor of prepaid wireless in the U.S., working with companies like Boost Mobile for Sprint.

Huang, who was a student in Biola’s BOLD degree-completion program, supports Biola because of its biblical center and integration but also its “looking ahead” vision for things like online classes and robust programs in science, technology and health, he said. He believes it is important for Christian universities to prepare students to be effective in all sorts of professions, not just traditional church ministry.

“So many people are not going to come into the church, so if Biola grads are just working in the church, they will not be able to reach these people,” he said. “That is why we need Christian scientists and businessmen.”

— BRETT MCCCRACKEN WITH CAMBRIA HAYASHINO
Dave and Shirley Karnes have been investing in Biola students for nearly three decades. To date, 23 students (and counting) have received help from the couple for needs like tuition, housing, computers and new musical instruments.

But the Karneses are more than just financial benefactors for these students; they are surrogate parents, grandparents, friends and mentors. They become family to students, taking them out for meals, inviting them on road trips and vacations, walking with them during post-Biola life.

Violinist Simona Talberga (’09) is one example of a student whose life the Karneses have changed. After meeting her on a trip to Latvia in 2005, the Karneses became Simona’s “American parents,” helping her afford to attend Biola’s Conservatory of Music and then the Longy School of Music in Boston for a master’s degree. Simona spent summers with the couple in Lake Almanor in Northern California, and when she married, Dave walked her down the aisle. Earlier this year, the Karneses traveled to Florida to meet Simona and her husband’s recently born baby, Elliot.

The Karneses have given generously to many fundraising needs at Biola, but for them, the students — the Biola “product” — are always the top priority.

“These students are the future of our country, the future of the church, the future of everything,” Dave said. “The quality of Biola students and their desire to serve the Lord in everything they do ... that is what motivates us to give.”

The gap between a student’s desire for a biblically centered education and their ability to afford it is something Shirley experienced personally as a Biola student in 1957. Her family didn’t have the money to pay for more than one year of tuition at Biola, then located in downtown Los Angeles. But Shirley’s brief Biola experience impacted her greatly, and after reconnecting with the university in the 1980s and ’90s, she and Dave quickly became some of its most committed supporters.

Wherever they are in the world, the Karneses are on the lookout for the next student God brings their way to help.

At a gift shop in Lake Almanor, while chatting with a young clerk, Dave learned of a cellist at Biola named Sarah. She soon became “like a granddaughter” to the Karneses, who supported her as a student and have kept in touch with her even after she married and moved to Washington. Or there was the mom of a grade-school girl in Amsterdam whom the couple befriended. Years later, when the girl was looking for colleges in America, the Karneses spent the day showing her around Biola’s campus. Of the five Christian colleges she visited, the girl picked Biola and is now a sophomore. In March, the Karneses visited her on campus for — what else — Biola’s Grandparents Day.

As the number of Biola students who call the Karneses family keeps growing, Dave and Shirley insist that it’s the Lord, not them, who is making a difference.

“The Lord puts these students in our path,” said Shirley. “The Lord is who takes care of them.”

— BRETT MCCRACKEN
Because Gladys Gave

Marilyn Meyer

“GLADYS WAS THE KIND OF PERSON WHO DIDN’T EVEN NEED TO TALK. HER ACTIONS SPOKE SO LOUDLY. ... SHE TREATED US LIKE HER OWN CHILDREN. SHE WAS SO DEDICATED. I’VE NEVER MET ANYONE LIKE HER, AND I’VE MET A LOT OF PEOPLE.”

For Marilyn Meyer, Gladys MacKenzie ('45) was more than just a Sunday school teacher; she was the embodiment of the love of Jesus.

Marilyn only knew Gladys for a few years in the 1940s when their lives intersected at Hollywood’s Fountain Avenue Baptist Church. Marilyn was about 13 years old at the time and in a vulnerable place. Her parents had died a few years earlier and she’d been adopted by a California aunt who was more interested in cashing in on Marilyn’s inheritance than in raising her well. Gladys was a student at Biola’s downtown L.A. campus with a passion to serve; she hoped to one day minister to lepers overseas and her favorite Bible verse was Philippians 1:21: “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”

“Gladys was the kind of person who didn’t even need to talk. Her actions spoke so loudly,” said Marilyn, who remembers how Gladys took the Sunday school students to museums in Los Angeles on Saturday afternoons, and sometimes to the BIOLA building at Sixth and Hope streets.

“She treated us like her own children. She was so dedicated. I’ve never met anyone like her, and I’ve met a lot of people,” said Marilyn, now 83, who never saw Gladys again after those years of Sunday school as an adolescent.

Gladys so impacted Marilyn’s life in her childhood that nearly 60 years later, when Marilyn was making decisions about her estate plan, she called Biola. In her career in real estate she had amassed a significant array of properties, but worried about who she should leave them to. She got to thinking about Gladys and the worthiness of her mission: her passion to show the love of Christ to everyone from teenagers in Hollywood to lepers in the Philippines.

“I wondered, are there still people today who are doing the work that she did?” said Marilyn. “The idea to call Biola just came to me. It was a bit of a miracle.”

Though she had not had any other contact or relationship with Biola aside from knowing Gladys many decades ago, Marilyn decided to assign the proceeds of her trust to Biola’s campaign — specifically to establish a testamentary scholarship fund in honor of Gladys. She also allocated significant gifts of property to Biola in her estate plan.

All because of a humble servant of Jesus named Gladys MacKenzie.

Little is known of what happened to Gladys after she graduated from Biola and stopped teaching the Sunday school class at Fountain Avenue Baptist. Marilyn thinks she went into the mission field in the Philippines, or maybe somewhere in South America. She doesn’t know. Records show that Gladys was a faithful donor to Biola in the 1980s, giving monthly gifts of $5 or $20 to Biola’s annual fund and scholarships for at least six years, a fact that Marilyn was delighted to learn.

"Isn’t that beautiful? I’m sure she didn’t have much money; Gladys was not materialistic, let me tell you,” said Marilyn. “Her giving was certainly a sacrifice.”

– BRETT MCCRACKEN WITH KRISTINA NISHI

Student Helping Students

Evan Tan ('14, M.A. '16)

Evan Tan is a recent Biola graduate, current Talbot student and a member of the President’s Circle giving society. He knows very well the financial challenges of being a full-time student, and yet he’s prioritized giving back to the university as donor. Why?

“I’ve always been interested in helping students pay for their college tuition,” said Tan, who started donating when he was still an undergraduate at Biola, joining the President’s Circle his senior year. He was the Associated Students president at the time and wanted to set an example for his fellow students.

“Although it’s only a small part of my finances, it can help a lot when a lot of students are donating,” he said.

Tan believes it’s important to give back even if finances are tight.

“If you really think about it, you’ll never have a time in your life when financial constraints are completely out of view,” said Tan, who majored in business administration as an undergraduate and is pursuing an M.A. in theology at Talbot.

“If you wait until you don’t have any financial challenges, then you’ll end up not giving at all. I think it’s more meaningful to give in the midst of your lack, to learn to trust in God and say, ‘God, I don’t have that much, but I’m still going to give because I trust that you’ll provide for me.’”

– BRETT MCCRACKEN WITH KRISTINA NISHI

GLADYS MACKENZIE IN 1943

Marilyn Meyer
The Adventure of Giving
Virginia Moats

In 1973 Virginia Moats was advised to purchase 200 shares of stock in a new company with an unknown product called “WD-40.” Following the death in 2001 of her beloved husband, Wendell Moats, Virginia wanted to honor his memory in a meaningful way. After learning that Biola planned a new business building, Virginia felt she could best honor Wendell’s life and successful business career by helping this project. Wondering what she could give, Virginia remembered the WD-40 stock, forgotten in a safe deposit box for over 30 years. During that time, the stock had grown to 17,800 shares, worth a significant amount. She offered it for the School of Business campaign, and Moats Lecture Hall was born.

That significant gift is just one example of Virginia’s long and faithful relationship with Biola. Over the years, Virginia, now 102 years old, has given generously to support student scholarships. When she discovers valuable antiques or jewelry in her home that are collecting dust, she thinks in terms of how many scholarships they could fund. One time she found a solid gold bracelet she had forgotten about and decided that instead of staying in a desk drawer, it should go to Biola.

“I knew it would pay for a couple scholarships,” said Virginia, who was honored by Biola with the 2013 Anna Horton Ruby Award for Lifetime Commitment and Service. Virginia, who first learned about Biola in the 1970s from friends in a Bible class, cares deeply for Biola students and loves supporting them, meeting with them and — as often as she can — having them visit her home in La Jolla, Calif.

“There’s a light in every student that shines, and it’s been a great joy to support them,” said Virginia, who resonates deeply with Luke 6:38. “The more you give, the more you receive, in abundance. This has become so true to me over the years.”

At 102, Virginia is still going strong and supporting the work of Biola University, an institution that is only five years her senior. She attributes her longevity to the never-ending adventure of following the Lord and joining with him in service, supporting the worthy work of those on mission for him.

“If you’re happy in the Lord, you don’t feel old,” she said. “You’re excited because every day is wonderful. Adventures don’t stop.”

― BRETT MCCracken

“THERE’S A LIGHT IN EVERY STUDENT THAT SHINES, AND IT’S BEEN A GREAT JOY TO SUPPORT THEM.”

Success and Stewardship
Maurice “Al” Enderle

The world defines “success” in a lot of ways: fame, fortune, influence, power, to name a few. By every worldly standard imaginable, Maurice “Al” Enderle would be considered a success.

A legend in the Orange County business community, Enderle has spent his long, full life founding and managing companies, acquiring real estate and gaining local and national recognition. He’s owned beach homes, yachts, planes and sports cars, and he spent several years in the late ’60s and early ’70s as a globetrotting professional adventurer. He’s met five presidents and a king.

For Enderle, though, none of his many conquests, accolades or experiences gave him satisfaction that came close to the joy of knowing Jesus, whom he accepted in 1977 at a local church Christmas pageant. Worldly success does not compare, he says, to “the lasting happiness and peace I experience daily as a Christian — regardless of the ups and downs of wealth and health.”

Enderle knows something of the ups and downs of health and wealth. He’s seen his business empire and fortunes rise and fall over the years, and he has lost three wives to various tragic diseases. The temporality of earthly possessions and relationships has given him a profound perspective on stewardship, recognizing that nothing he has is really his.

Enderle cares most about things that have eternal implications. He’s come to love the Bible and spends much of his time these days sharing Jesus with as many people as possible. Since becoming acquainted with Biola through a mentor who supported the school, Enderle has faithfully supported the university, which he calls “the best Christian college in the nation.”

Enderle owns a large boutique shopping mall, the Enderle Center, in Tustin, Calif., and has made provisions in his trust to give his ownership in the mall to Biola, an institution that he sees as an important bastion of biblically centered education.

“It’s important to have Christians growing up in this world who know what their faith is,” said Enderle, who added that Biola is valuable because it produces students “who know why they believe in the Bible and know enough about it to share its truths with confidence.”

― BRETT MCCracken with KRISTINA NISHI
CAMPAIGN PRIORITY 1

Improve Student Affordability

The largest emphasis of The Campaign for Biola University, and the baseline goal upon which all other ambitions are built, is to make Biola affordable for all students. Students at Biola ought to experience their education fully, without having to work several jobs to cover tuition bills. Alumni ought to be able to hit the ground running in their careers when they graduate, unsaddled by debilitating sums of debt. Biola’s mission — equipping men and women in mind and character to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ — necessitates that we seriously address affordability, allowing our students and their families to focus on educational possibilities at Biola, rather than a daunting price tag.
WHAT THE $85 MILLION WILL FUND:

› $20 million: Biola Fund
Gifts to the Biola Fund reduce the cost of a Biola education for current students, 84 percent of whom receive some form of financial aid. Each dollar given to the Biola Fund can save a Biola student up to $2 in interest and principal over the typical life of a student loan, allowing them to pursue their vocations without the heavy burden of debt.

› $40 million: Restricted Scholarships
Restricted scholarships provide direct aid to students in need, including those whose government grant funding is nonexistent or unpredictable. The "International Missionary Dependent Scholarship," for example, is available to students from other countries who aren’t eligible for U.S. grant funding.

› $25 million: Legacy Scholarships
Legacy Scholarships are funded through a gift that is deferred through an estate plan and can fund future endowed scholarships. These endowed scholarships can be restricted to students within a given area of study or interest, or can be unrestricted for the benefit of all future Biola students.
JOSE ANAYA (‘14) was born in Colombia and grew up in the town of Barranquilla, where his father worked for the government as a veterinarian for large livestock. At age 9, Jose and his family were forced to leave Colombia as persecution from local insurgents escalated, and so the family moved to Downey, Calif. Since then, Jose’s parents have both had to take minimum wage jobs to help support the family, and money has always been tight.

Jose knew paying for college was going to be tough, but he desperately wanted to attend a Christian college. He fell in love with the Biola community after attending events on campus and meeting with admissions counselors, but his family was $9,000 short of being able to afford Biola, even after scholarships and loans. All Jose could do was pray.

Amazingly, the prayers were answered. Biola’s financial aid office was able to award him an additional $1,000 scholarship, and then he found out his church wanted to raise money for him. One Sunday the pastor called Jose up to the front and as he stood there, people came forward and donated money for Jose’s education. Seven thousand dollars worth. With Biola’s church-matching scholarship, Jose had everything he needed to pay for his freshman year.

The affordability struggle continued throughout his four years, but Jose made the most of his time at Biola as a business major. President Barry H. Corey, whom Jose had gotten to know, wrote a letter that helped him get accepted into a Nestle symposium for leadership development, and Harold Taber, a former president of the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Los Angeles, mentored him.

Now a Biola alumnus, Jose and his wife, Addie (Stephens, ‘14), live in the San Francisco Bay Area where he works as a market development manager for Coca-Cola. Because of the scholarships, donations and generosity of so many friends, family, and Biola supporters, Jose’s life was transformed at Biola.

“My story is mostly about hope,” Jose said. “Hope in what God did and what God is going to do. I have been often criticized for school and the cost, but I have been challenged to stand up and say, ‘This is where God placed me.’ To see him provide in the face of that has been exciting and humbling.”
Every year, hundreds of students like Jose dream of completing a degree at Biola. But for many of them, the financial struggle to pay tuition bills from semester to semester is a burden that makes the dream difficult, if not impossible. Each semester, some Biola students are forced to transfer or take time off because they can’t afford to stay. That’s a scenario Biola desires to eradicate over the next decade as taking on the challenge of affordability becomes priority No. 1.

**Tackling a Crisis**

Affordability is one of the most critical issues facing American higher education. Simply put, the average cost of a four-year education is getting so high, and subsequent loan debt so burdensome, that some families are questioning the value of the investment. Is a college degree worth $28,000 in debt? That’s currently the average amount of debt for bachelor’s degree recipients at private nonprofit institutions.

Debt has sadly become the “accepted norm” of higher education — 69 percent of students at private universities graduate with it — thanks in part to a steep ascent in higher education price tags.

**AS U.S. COLLEGE TUITION RATES HAVE RISEN ...**

Across the nation, university costs have skyrocketed over the past four decades. Between tuition, fees, room and board, students at private four-year schools are paying more than $42,000 today for what they paid just $17,000 (adjusted for inflation) in 1971.

**... SO HAS STUDENT DEBT**

Between 1993 and 2012, the average total debt in the U.S. for graduating seniors with student loans grew from $9,450 to $29,400.
in recent decades. Between 2000 and 2010 alone, prices at private four-year institutions rose 31 percent, after adjustment for inflation.

The ballooning of student loan debt is alarming. A report by the U.S. Education Department and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimated that total outstanding student loan debt surpassed $1 trillion in 2011. The growing need for student loans has also led many students to take out private loans, which often have higher interest rates than government loans and are harder to discharge in bankruptcy. In 2011, cumulative defaults on private student loans exceeded $8 billion.

Adding to the challenge for many college graduates is the stark reality that fewer jobs await them after graduation. With debt repayment looming large, many graduates take jobs in fast food or retail simply to get by.

Human biology graduate Evan Thibodeau ('11) received as much financial aid as was possible during his time at Biola, but it was still not enough to cover the cost of attendance.

“I have always had a job, but finding a job that pays enough to eliminate my debt is hard. I have to pay $600 each month for my loans,” said Thibodeau, who at one point had to work two jobs at Starbucks and Subway in order to pay his debt loans. “Still, I would not have done anything different. There are so many tangible ways God has used Biola to transform who I am.

WHAT BIOLA IS DOING TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE

Biola currently has numerous efforts and programs aimed at making the university more affordable for students.

More than $30 million is distributed each year to Biola students in the form of direct scholarship assistance.

About 84 percent of Biola students receive some form of student aid.

More than 140 endowed scholarship funds have been established to help students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

In each of the past few years, Biola’s annual tuition increases have been kept to historically low rates, including 3.6 percent last year.

Biola is educating students and families about stewardship and student debt, including a seminar for parents during opening weekend, classes on “Faith and Money” and mandatory loan counseling for students.

The percentage of total tuition revenue that is returned to needy students in the form of scholarships has increased each year, currently at 26.3 percent. In order to do this, the university has reduced expenses in other areas.

Biola recently instituted friendlier student payment plan options, reducing the amount required at the start of the semester from 60 percent to 50 percent. This helps students with low cash flow who may otherwise resort to high-interest credit cards for their down payments.
to change to world for Christ.”

In order for Biola University to live up to its calling to educate and send forth Christian workers for world impact, the “perfect storm” of rising education costs, inflation, debt and a stagnant economy must be addressed with a comprehensive plan.

In spite of Biola’s extensive efforts to help students financially (see the infographic below) the needs are still great. Available scholarship support is currently woefully inadequate to meet the increasing needs of Biola students. The university continues to lose quality students who deeply desire the kind of education provided at Biola — unique in its biblically centered focus on the liberal arts — but who cannot make it work financially to attend.

To combat this issue, Biola has dedicated nearly half — $85 million — of its comprehensive campaign to the area of scholarships.

“We’ve set this ambitious goal because we want Biola to be a place where students leave with knowledge and wisdom rather than crippling debt,” said Adam Morris, vice president for advancement. “We want Biola to be within the reach of any and all students seeking a biblically centered education, not just the ones from the highest family income brackets.”

WHAT BIOILA WILL DO TO BE MORE AFFORDABLE

To ensure affordability, the university has outlined several key initiatives for the next few years.

1. DISTRIBUTIVE LEARNING.
   New online, off-site and hybrid programs will not only expand Biola’s educational reach but will provide new revenue sources and potentially provide coursework at reduced rates, both of which will have a positive impact on affordability.

2. EFFICIENCIES IN COURSES/MAJORS.
   Biola will assess its academic and co-curricular programs to ensure that the university is running at optimal efficiency.

3. ACADEMIC CALENDAR.
   For those students who desire to speed up their degree progress, a number of ideas are being explored, including a greater use of the campus for classes in the summer and plans for three-year degree programs.

4. BIOLA LOAN PROGRAM.
   Biola will consider expanding its loan program in order to offset deteriorating loan options in the marketplace. Biola loans could possibly be offered at a rate that would be favorable for both students and the university.

5. JOB PLACEMENT/INTERNSHIPS.
   Affordability has a direct relationship to a student’s ability to get a job after graduation in their preferred field, at a salary that will allow for a reasonable payback of student loans. Biola will explore ways to bolster its job placement and internship programs to put our students in a better financial position upon graduation.
PROFILES
OF CONVICTION
AND COURAGE

Meet nine Biola students and recent alumni who demonstrate the wide impact scholarships can have for the cause of Christ
Lindsay Reed believes in the power of music to change lives. And through Biola’s Conservatory of Music, she has been able to witness firsthand the positive impact it can make in underserved communities.

“Music is healing; a universal language that breaks down barriers,” said Reed, a current music education student. “Everyone understands it, and it has a lot of power in ways that words can’t always express.”

At Biola, Reed has been breaking down barriers through a partnership that started when the Los Angeles Dream Center approached the conservatory in April 2014 with a desire to expose kids from inner city Los Angeles to music. The conservatory’s faculty, knowing Reed’s passion, asked her if she would like to develop the new program. What they didn’t know was that this was a direct answer to prayer; Reed had been praying for two years for an opportunity to help at-risk kids.

As a part of the program, the Dream Center buses children to Biola once a month for a full day of music, food and mentorship from a team of 40 Biola student volunteers, with Reed at the helm.

In the fall of 2014, however, the future of the program was in question before the first buses of kids ever arrived. Reed was several thousand dollars short of her tuition payment and wasn’t sure she would be able to return to Biola.

“I had barely enough in my savings account to make the down payment,” she said. “I was scared because we were going to launch the program and I didn’t want to break the promise to these kids. They were so excited and I didn’t want to let them down.”

However, Reed knew the Lord had provided for her first two years, and she trusted that he would continue to do so, she said. In the end, she received $1,000 from the Ken Bascom Memorial Scholarship that gave her just enough to continue. And in the spring, she received word that another Biola supporter had given a contribution to provide for the following semester.

Reed is deeply grateful for the way that God has provided for her Biola education, often through the generosity of scholarship donors.

“I don’t know how to say thank you without it sounding cliché, but I and other students dependent on scholarships genuinely mean that,” she said. “It would be impossible for some of us to be here without people generously giving of their money, willing to trust that God is going to do with the money what he planned.”

– CAMBRIA HAYASHINO
REACHING THE LEAST AND THE LOST

When Jonathan Chua ('10) transferred to Biola to receive a degree in intercultural studies, his desire was to bring the gospel to people who had little access or exposure to it. Today he is doing just that. As manager of international outreach at Joni and Friends, Chua is helping churches and parachurch organizations around the world better minister to people with disabilities, a group Christians often overlook.

“The church will never be complete until people with disabilities are fully included in the body of Christ,” said Chua, who finds that the mission of Joni and Friends — to minister to and advocate for people affected by disability — aligns perfectly with the training he received at Biola to reach “the least, lost and last.”

Chua is passionate about helping pastors and congregations better integrate the weakest members of the body into the life of the church.

“Could we have someone in a wheelchair come up and do Scripture reading, or do announcements, or sing on the worship team or maybe even preach to the congregation?” he asked.

Many churches aren’t thinking about these questions and are missing out on an opportunity to demonstrate how “God uses the weak to confound the wisdom of the world,” he said.

Chua’s current position finds him educating, advocating and building relationships both domestically and throughout the 27 countries where Joni and Friends has partnerships. It’s dynamic and rewarding work that Biola’s intercultural studies and mission training was instrumental in preparing him to do, said Chua.

“I see my work with Joni and Friends as a work of expanding the kingdom of God,” he said, “making sure the gospel does reach the least and the lost.”

— BRETT MCCracken with rachEl roHM
As a publicist in the film industry, Amy Ortega (‘12) is convinced that no one but God could have scripted her unlikely journey.

Ortega arrived at Biola not knowing what she should major in — and, in fact, not really even knowing what a major was. On the suggestion of her counselor, she dove into public relations and started writing for The Chimes. Then, during the summer of her sophomore year, she unexpectedly landed an internship at La Opinión, the nation’s largest Spanish-language newspaper, where she developed a love for covering the entertainment industry.

One internship soon led to another — each a little more challenging and seemingly out of reach than the next. By the time she graduated, she had experience across the media spectrum: newspapers, her favorite radio station, a major record label and a film studio.

Today, she’s a publicity coordinator at the first major Latino Hollywood studio, Pantelion Films, a joint venture of Lionsgate Films and Grupo Televisa that’s responsible for such films as 2014’s Cesar Chavez. In her role, she juggles a wide range of responsibilities, including reaching out to the media, handling press junkets, coordinating with talent and supporting movie premieres. It’s demanding work, but it’s fulfilling, she said.

“I really enjoy working on films that touch people’s hearts and are meaningful,” she said. “Great stories that will emotionally impact people in an inspirational way.”

Working in the cutthroat, highly secular industry gives her the opportunity to develop friendships with people who may not know other Christians.

“I didn’t want to work in a Christian bubble,” she said, “because who else is going to tell them but us? Who else but us is going to be the hem on the cloak that people can touch and [experience] a little bit of Jesus?”

Ortega credits her Biola education with giving her the foundation needed to remain firm in her faith. Many places can teach the academic and technical skills needed to succeed in the PR industry, and Biola certainly did, she said. But Biola also taught her how to discern right from wrong in the real world, and to have her mind saturated with Scripture, she said.

“People ask me if Biola was worth it,” Ortega said. “If I was given a full ride at [a more prestigious school], I don’t think I would have gone [there], because Biola gives you an education that’s priceless. I’ll probably be paying for it for a long time, but it doesn’t hurt me to pay for it. … I don’t think I would be as strong of a Christian in the film industry and be able to be as steadfast in my faith if it wasn’t for everything — every struggle, every high and every low — that I went through at Biola.”

– JASON NEWELL WITH DAVID BAXTER
During her time at Biola, Sarah (Sjoberg ’14) Evans balanced several jobs during the school year and graduated a semester early to save money. Affording Biola was a challenge — one she couldn’t have overcome without scholarship support and the generosity of donors. That’s why she feels passionate about “paying it forward” to help other girls have an opportunity for education.

“My education was so valuable to me and I wanted to provide that opportunity for someone else,” said Evans. Out of this desire, Infinite for India was born. Infinite for India is the online shop where Evans and a network of knitters across the country sell handmade infinity scarves. Evans, who majored in international business at Biola and currently serves as a marketing manager with Outreach, Inc., donates the majority of profits from the scarves to Harvest India Public School, a school for girls in the Guntur District of India.

The idea for Infinite for India first came to Evans when she was home for Christmas break during her freshman year. She recalls praying for a tangible way to love others when the idea of knitting and selling infinity scarves to support the school in India came to her.

In the first holiday season, Evans and her knitters raised about $1,500 for the school, an amount that goes a long way in India. She is still in awe of how God blessed the efforts to support Harvest India Public School.

“I never expected this to be bigger than the two scarves I sold online, but God has totally blessed it,” she said. “We sold 40 scarves in a week and a half during the Christmas season!”

Evans’ dream is that out of the opportunity she was afforded to learn about business and service at Biola, she can help many others find opportunities for themselves.

“Knowing the need spurs me on to give more of myself and my time. I wouldn’t have been at Biola without donors, and I want to empower other girls and give them the tools to go to school too,” she said. “I have dreams of helping people the rest of my life and my time at Biola totally shaped that.”

– BRETT MCCracken
WITH CAMBRIA HAYASHINO
Like many of his fellow servicemen, Matt Nethers came back from the Iraq War with physical scars. When an IED exploded next to his vehicle during a 2004 Army patrol outside Kirkuk, Nethers sustained injuries to his elbow and face and spent six days recovering in a hospital in Germany.

For many veterans, however, the emotional scars are what bring the most pain decades after the combat ends. This is one of the reasons why Nethers, 35, enrolled in the M.Div. program at Biola’s Talbot School of Theology in early 2015.

“When I came back from Iraq I realized that a lot of the guys, even many years later, are still struggling with nightmares and PTSD. Most of them are not being pastored, cared for or looked after,” said Nethers, who previously received a B.S. from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and an MBA from the University of California, Irvine.

Nethers hopes a Talbot degree might one day enable him to minister to the military and veteran community as a chaplain.

“Because I’ve walked a mile in their shoes, I’d love to help provide more spiritual and emotional care to that community, which is pretty underserved,” he said.

Nethers also hopes his Talbot education enhances his preaching and pastoring at Southlands Church in Brea, Calif., where he serves as an elder. The first class he took at Talbot was Hermeneutics, which he says has been “immediately applicable” to his ministry at Southlands.

Balancing being a full-time businessman (a strategy analyst for Boeing), a husband, a father of three and a part-time pastor is tough, but Nethers is making time for Talbot because he wants to be a better minister of the gospel.

“Talbot has exceeded my expectation in terms of balancing knowledge and application,” said Nethers, who is grateful to be receiving financial help from Biola’s church-matching and Ahmanson veterans scholarships. “I’m only at the beginning, but so far it’s been great. I’m excited to see how God uses this experience in my life.”

– BRETT MCCracken
Gabby Odudu ('13) has wanted to work in medicine since she was a little girl, when she underwent numerous major surgeries on her eyes.

"I basically grew up in hospitals, and I fell in love with the environment," she said. "I thought it was so fascinating, and I decided I wanted to be a pediatrician through that experience."

About 20 years and one biochemistry degree later, Odudu is still working toward becoming a pediatrician. In particular, she dreams of opening clinics in her home country of Nigeria to provide basic health care to children, where many die of such treatable ailments as the flu.

"This is a huge injustice in my eyes because we have easy access to one of the most feasible, cost-effective preventative measures here in the States, the flu vaccine," she said. "I want to extend our resources in attempts of reducing such tragedies abroad."

Although initially set on going to big-name research schools, Odudu decided to attend Biola after meeting the high-caliber professors and learning of the almost 90 percent acceptance rate to medical school, she said. A generous scholarship also provided a draw.

In the biochemistry program, she appreciated the rigor of classes and hands-on experience, such as working with a professor on a clean energy research project in conjunction with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After graduation, Odudu completed an accelerated master’s degree in global medicine at the University of Southern California to gain a solid foundation in international health care. There, she realized the depth and caliber of Biola’s science program on a whole new level, she said. After leading a few study sessions for a biochemistry review, she saw how Biola’s personalized education had given her a head start on her peers, many of whom had attended prestigious state and private schools.

"I realized that the quality of education I received was better than those around me," she said. "After each review, my peers were dumbfounded and asked, ‘How did you know that?’ or ‘I never learned that; explain it again!’"

As she continues through medical school, Odudu said she plans to complete a pediatric residency and is considering specializing in endocrinology to equip herself to address diabetes in children.

"Biola may be small, but it’s doing remarkable things to train graduates like me," she said. "I am most grateful for the great quality of education I have received here. It has helped me succeed excellently in graduate school, and has prepared me well for a career in medicine."

-CAMBRIA HAYASHINO
Si Nae Kim ('14) came to Biola against all financial odds. As an international student from China — where her parents serve as missionaries — Kim was ineligible for loans in the U.S. and had to rely on scholarships from the university and local churches.

“Every semester was a battle,” she said, referring to the struggles she faced trying to pay her tuition fees. “It’s like, ‘Am I going to be able to enroll this semester?’”

Kim — fluent in English, Korean and Mandarin Chinese — was born in South Korea and raised in China, where she attended an international school. While volunteering as a third grade teaching assistant, she realized God’s calling for her to pursue a career in teaching.

“When I went into the classroom, I felt that peace and joy to be able to be with students and help them out,” she said.

Following her passion, Kim chose to attend Biola and pursue a major in liberal studies with a concentration in elementary education. In order to meet the costs of attending Biola, she sought financial support from the university, local churches in Korea and the U.S., and even family members — efforts that often fell short of covering her tuition.

The stress Kim experienced trying to pay for school was burdensome. During one of her hardest seasons, she wrote a testimony letter to President Corey, professors and friends, asking for prayer about her financial situation. Because of this letter, she received help from professors, friends and even one anonymous donor, and was able to pay her tuition that semester.

Kim completed her undergraduate studies a semester early and was on the dean’s list every semester. She was also heavily involved in Biola’s campus life, particularly with organizations such as Heart for China and the symphony orchestra. She’s currently finishing a Master of Arts in Teaching degree at Biola’s School of Education.

“I was able to continue without giving up because I know God is faithful and he provides,” Kim said. “Once I’m ready, my vision is to go back to China and teach missionary kids because as a missionary kid myself, I understand their struggles.”

- STEPHANIE KIM
As Katie Watson ('11) reflects on her Biola experience she remembers a professor who said, "Do you want to be a Christian journalist? Then be the best journalist you can be and people will trust you and start to ask you questions."

Watson took that advice. And as an up-and-coming political reporter in Washington, D.C., people are trusting her and taking notice.

After graduating from Biola, Watson worked as reporter in Santa Barbara before moving to D.C. in 2012 to do investigative reporting for Watchdog.org. There, she covers Virginia and national politics, focusing on fiscal accountability and ensuring government programs are running smoothly and lawmakers are held accountable.

Watson, who was news editor and then editor-in-chief of The Chimes when she was a student, has always been drawn to journalism’s quest to find what’s wrong in the system and explore ways things can be improved.

Biola taught her what it meant to integrate journalism with her Christian faith, she said.

“In journalism the fundamental thing is truth, and that is who Christ said he was,” she said. "He said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.' So I figure that anything I write should either be to show the depravity of mankind and the need for a Savior, or to show that any piece of good is a reflection of God. It should all be pointing to the fact that we are fallen and we can’t fix ourselves. No human entity will ever have what we need. The solution is only found in Christ."

Watson is grateful for how much her Biola professors emphasized the integration of faith and work. Growing up she felt that the only way she could make an impact on the world for Christ would be to go into ministry of some sort, maybe becoming a teacher at a Christian school.

“At Biola I learned that so-called ‘secular’ work can be holy when we are doing it for God,” she said. “And that’s what the world needs. We need Christians who are journalists. We need Christians who are in politics. We need Christians who are in health care. ... I think a place like Biola is really important because there is such a disconnect between work and religion in our culture. You leave religion at the door when you go to the office. But Biola’s mission is to integrate those two things, whatever field you’re called to.”

— BRETT MCCCRACKEN WITH DAVID BAXTER
As he counted down the days to his graduation in May 2015, biochemistry major Marcus Olivares-Perez ('15) marveled at the many ways Biola had changed him.

For starters, Biola is where he met some of his closest friends and his wife. As co-president of the Health Careers Club (HCC) and treasurer for the American Chemical Society (ACS) club, he learned to lead. As part of B.E.A.T. (Biola's Ethnic Advancement Team) he learned to share his testimony with others and witnessed how “God makes beautiful things out of ashes.” Through living on campus, he learned what it meant to be part of a community. Through Old Testament, he learned about God’s faithfulness in the past, present and future. His science classes reminded him of the wonder of God’s creation.

One of the biggest things Biola taught him, he says, is boldness. “Biola has helped give me courage in my faith to share what I believe with my biological family,” Olivares-Perez said.

The complexity of “family” has been a big part of his journey. He grew up with a rough home life, living with his sister in Sacramento after his mom moved away. There was heavy drug use all around him and schoolwork often seemed less pressing than survival. Things changed in high school, however, when he befriended a Christian family that adopted him as their own son, brought him to church and introduced him to Jesus.

“I realized that it was God and his love for me through this family, and my life changed forever,” said Olivares-Perez, who first heard about Biola through his adopted father but initially thought it would be impossible to attend because of the cost. Through various financial aid awards and scholarships, the impossible became possible.

“Somehow it worked out and all of my costs were covered,” he said. “It has been really exciting to trust and know that he is God and that he is good.”

As Olivares-Perez moves on from Biola and looks to a future in medical school, and perhaps medical missions, he will look back on Biola as an invaluable and grace-filled experience of preparation.

“There will never be another time in my life where I am surrounded by so many people who are eager to learn, living in such close quarters, all here in some varying degree to know God well,” he said.

BRETT MCCracken
WITH CAMBRIA HAYASHINO
CAMPAIGN PRIORITY 2

Provide Facilities that *Inspire* Learning

As Biola’s student body has grown — more than doubling in size over the last two decades alone — so too have the physical needs of the burgeoning campus. In support of Biola’s ambitions to become an epicenter for Christian discourse and a thriving hub of the liberal arts, investments in new and improved facilities are essential. Central to this campaign will be the Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health, a 91,200-square-foot facility that will allow Biola to educate more students in the increasingly vital science professions — students who will bring a biblically centered voice to the national and global conversations around issues of science, technology, health, ethics and public policy.
GOAL

$74 MILLION

RAISED TO DATE

$58 MILLION

WHAT THE $74 MILLION WILL FUND:

- $63 million: Center for Science, Technology and Health
  The centerpiece facility of the comprehensive campaign is the Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health, which will provide 30 laboratories, three classrooms, research spaces, faculty offices, a rooftop observatory and all-new, cutting-edge technology.

- $6 million: Enhancing Athletics
  Over the past decade, Biola has embarked on a major effort to renovate its athletic facilities. The campaign will fund three remaining projects: completion of a new tennis complex with eight courts and a clubhouse, a new softball venue, and a new track and field to support Biola’s highly esteemed, nationally ranked athletic programs.

- $5 million: Campus Renovation and Renewal
  As part of the campaign, several campus projects have already been funded and completed, including Kavalich Park, Marshburn Hall’s expansion, and renovated cinema and media arts facilities.

OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, BIOLA AND ITS SUPPORTERS HAVE INVESTED TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO TRANSFORM OUR LA MIRADA CAMPUS – COMPLETING MORE THAN A DOZEN MAJOR BUILDING PROJECTS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE EDUCATION, RESEARCH, COMMUNITY LIFE AND THE OVERALL STUDENT EXPERIENCE. WITH NEW BUILDINGS, CLASSROOMS, OFFICES, ATHLETIC COMPLEXES, RESEARCH CENTERS AND COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACES, THE UNIVERSITY IS MORE EQUIPPED THAN EVER TO EDUCATE STUDENTS WHO WILL IMPACT THE WORLD FOR CHRIST.

AND WE'RE NOT FINISHED. THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIOLA UNIVERSITY WILL ALLOW THE UNIVERSITY TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES — MOST NOTABLY THE ALTON AND LYDIA LIM CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH.

HERE’S A VISUAL GUIDE TO WHAT’S BEEN DONE AND WHAT’S STILL ON THE WAY.
ATHLETICS ENHANCEMENTS
The southern edge of campus is getting into great shape for Biola’s athletes. Freedom Field, home of the softball team, received major upgrades in January 2013 with new dugouts, bullpens, a team room and a spectator area. And fundraising is currently underway for further upgrades to the field, as well as a new track and field, and completion of a tennis center with a clubhouse and sunken stadium court.

**EXPECTED COMPLETION:**
Pending funding

**FUNDING:**
The Campaign for Biola University

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ALTON AND LYDIA LIM CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH
The Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health — the centerpiece facility of the comprehensive campaign — will take Biola’s science programs to the next level and beyond. With 30 laboratories, three classrooms, research spaces, faculty offices, a rooftop observatory and all-new, cutting-edge technology, the facility will greatly enhance Biola’s ability to prepare the next generation of scientists, researchers, health professionals, engineers, mathematicians and technology developers.

**EXPECTED COMPLETION:**
Tentatively scheduled for a spring 2018 occupancy

**FUNDING:**
The Campaign for Biola University
Thousands of students take Bible classes every year inside the new home for Talbot School of Theology, which includes 34 offices, eight classrooms, two conference rooms, Haqq Plaza, the Fred and Ruth Waugh Prayer Chapel and the Andrews Banquet Room. Among the building’s most notable features are two large Scripture windows, the Riady Rooftop Garden and walls lined with “Jerusalem stone” quarried in Israel.

COMPLETED: October 2011
FUNDING: The Campaign for Biola University

TRUE VINE SCULPTURE
“True Vine,” a twisting, bright red sculpture made from bronze-cast apple tree limbs, is the work of artist Theodore Prescott. Located outside of Talbot East, the work of art is inspired by John 15 — a passage also found on the building’s Scripture windows — which speaks of Jesus as the true vine in whom we, the branches, are called to abide.

COMPLETED: February 2015
FUNDING: The Long Family Foundation

CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT FACILITY
The newly remodeled space in upper Rose Hall is designed with research and collaboration in mind. In addition to an ornate conference table where Center for Christian Thought research fellows and visiting scholars hold regular discussions, the space offers a comfortable lounge area, kitchen, offices and inspiring decorative touches.

COMPLETED: February 2012
FUNDING: University plant fund

MOSAIC CULTURAL CENTER
This elegant new space in Rose Hall offers students, faculty and friends a place to interact, learn about cross-cultural issues and to gain intercultural experience. Along with a conference room, kitchen and main community space for poetry nights, lectures and club meetings, it houses offices for off-campus programs, Multi-Ethnic Programs and Development, and the Center for Cross-Cultural Engagement.

COMPLETED: April 2013
FUNDING: University plant fund

SPIRIT OF CHRIST SCULPTURE
“The Spirit of Christ,” by artist Tom Tsuchiya, was inspired by the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. The fish-shaped sculpture is made up of 12 metal compartments — each etched with the name of one of Jesus’ disciples — that open up to house soup cans during food drives.

COMPLETED: September 2014
FUNDING: The Long Family Foundation

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COMPLETED: April 2015
FUNDING: Bon Appetit Management Co. and its parent company, Compass Group; The Campaign for Biola University

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MARSHBURN PORTICO
Marshburn Hall — home of Cook School of Intercultural Studies — received a major facelift with the development of the “Marshburn Portico” to accommodate the school’s growing needs. Among the additions were the Robert and Eleanor Bowman Missions Media Center and five new faculty offices, as well as other renovations.

**COMPLETED:**
August 2011

**FUNDING:**
The Campaign for Biola University; Far East Broadcasting Co.

BRADLEY ANNEX
The Bradley Annex, a 2,050-square-foot space connected to the existing science building, Bardwell Hall, received a significant makeover, resulting in five new offices, a classroom and a multipurpose lab. The much-needed remodel created more room for Biola’s growing science programs as they await construction of the Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health.

**COMPLETED:**
February 2013

**FUNDING:**
University plant fund
**CAFE EXPANSION**

The cafeteria — or Caf, as it’s better known — is more inviting than ever since the opening of the “Sky Deck,” an enclosed outdoor eating area with room for about 120 students. The newly expanded patio offers gentle breezes and nice shade from the sun, along with heaters that can be fired up on the rare cold day.

**COMPLETED:**
April 2013

**FUNDING:**
Auxiliary Services (income from conferences, housing and meal plans)

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**BIOLA STORE**

To meet the changing needs of today’s students, the Biola Bookstore got rid of interior walls, outdated decor and even part of its name — becoming, simply, the Biola Store. The spacious new store is filled with books, apparel, supplies and lots of Biola red, with walls lined with historical photos and quotes from Biola’s founders and past presidents.

**COMPLETED:**
November 2013

**FUNDING:**
Follett Corp.

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**EMERSON HALL RENOVATION**

Biola’s oldest dorm is getting a new lease on life. After more than 55 years, Emerson Hall was officially retired from its duties as a residence hall at the end of the spring 2015 semester in order to be renovated and transformed into much-needed office space. The newly remodeled Emerson Hall will provide 67 offices, primarily for humanities faculty and staff.

**EXPECTED COMPLETION:**
January 2016

**FUNDING:**
University plant fund
BLACKSTONE HALL
The new four-story residence hall adds 160 rooms of living space for Biola’s growing residential population, along with its very own café on the first floor. Situated at the northern end of campus, the environmentally friendly hall features several community lounges, an outdoor courtyard, a rooftop terrace and plenty of technology-friendly study spaces.

EXPECTED COMPLETION:
July 2015

FUNDING:
Bonds, to be paid off through business operation revenue from Biola’s Auxiliary Services

KAVALICH PARK
Tucked away on the eastern edge of campus, Kavalich Park gives students a place where they can get away from it all without ever setting foot off campus. Set on the last remains of publishing giant Andrew McNally’s sprawling olive orchard, the park features rustic walk paths, a walking bridge, benches, picnic tables and an irrigation system to keep the trees healthy.

COMPLETED:
February 2009

FUNDING:
The Campaign for Biola University

PARKING STRUCTURES
As Biola’s student body has grown to record sizes, so has the need for parking spaces — leading the university to build two five-story parking structures within the past several years. The first, next to the swimming pool, provided 780 spaces. The second, next to Alpha Hall, provided another 939. Finding a place to park has never been easier.

COMPLETED:
September 2011 and April 2014

FUNDING:
Bonds, to be paid off through business operation revenue from Biola’s Auxiliary Services
Why focusing on science, technology and health is a key priority of The Campaign for Biola University

by Brett McCracken
Christian intellectuals must do a better job of pushing against this trend and offering a counter-narrative in which science and faith are not only reconciled, but deeply and necessarily in conversation. Biola University will take up this challenge by providing a paradigm for a robust integration of faith and science. The university’s ambition is to help fill the void of Christian intellectual and moral leadership in the areas of science, technology and health care, for a future that will need it more than ever.

“Our aim is to equip a new generation of ethically thoughtful professionals in the sciences and health care, grounded in a Christian worldview, educated in an academically rigorous environment, ready to assume positions of leadership and able to provide the clear moral vision the world desperately needs,” said Biola President Barry H. Corey.

Biola plans to take its already reputable science programs to the next level, preparing students to become leaders in science professions who are grounded in biblical thinking and wisdom steeped in the Christian tradition.

“Ideas shape culture. How we think about science, technology and health care will shape our lives and the lives of our children,” said David P. Nystrom, Biola’s provost and senior vice president. “It is essential that leaders in these areas both possess great technical skill and have the capacity to make decisions from a Christian ethical framework. Biola aims to provide premier programs to prepare tomorrow’s thought leaders today.”

Plans for ushering in a new era of strength in the sciences at Biola include:

BUILDING ON STRENGTH. Biola’s global reputation as a leader in undergraduate science education in the philosophy of science and religion, applied ethics, global health care and Christian apologetics will provide a solid foundation as the university builds for the future.

STEWART HONORS. This new science honors program will make Biola an attractive option for top Christian high school students who excel in the sciences and desire to study at a leading Christian university.

TECHNOLOGY. A major emphasis going forward will be a robust program in applied computer science and the addition of computer science and technology competencies in the general education curriculum.

GLOBAL HEALTH. Building on the long heritage of Biola’s School of Missionary Medicine, which began in the 1940s, and leveraging growing institutional partnerships in Asia, Biola will prepare its biology, pre-med and nursing majors for meaningful careers in a rapidly changing world.

CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH. An essential dimension to Biola’s vision for the sciences, this new four-story, 91,200-square-foot building will offer state-of-the-art research and learning facilities commensurate with the quality of our exemplary students and leading faculty.
STANDING TALL ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF UNIVERSITY DRIVE, THE ALTON AND LYDIA LIM CENTER FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND HEALTH WILL PROVIDE FACULTY AND STUDENTS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO CONDUCT RESEARCH USING MORE ADVANCED AND HIGHER PRECISION EQUIPMENT THAN PREVIOUSLY POSSIBLE.

**COST**
$63 million

**RAISED SO FAR**
$26.2 million

**GROUNDBREAKING**
February 2016

**OPENING**
Spring 2018

**SIZE**
91,200 square feet — tripling the amount of space dedicated to the university’s science, technology and health programs.

**DEPARTMENTS HOUSED**
nursing, biological science, human biology, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering physics, physical science, biochemistry, math and computer science

**NOTABLE FEATURES**
30 new lab spaces, three new classrooms, 10 new lab preparation spaces, human anatomy suite, rooftop observatory, faculty offices
Interest in Biola’s sciences programs has risen dramatically over the past six years. Biola’s enrollment growth in these majors has increased 79.1 percent since fall 2007. The three fastest-growing science majors over this period were biological sciences (92.4 percent), computer science (225 percent) and engineering physics (446 percent). In fall 2013, the three most popular science majors for new incoming students were engineering physics, biological sciences and nursing.

In addition, job opportunities in the STEM fields are growing at a faster rate than non-STEM fields. Biola must be strong in this area in order to equip students for the workforce.
Biola’s ambition is to become a global center for Christian thought — an institution that cultivates and disseminates influential scholarship, speaking to critical world issues from a solidly biblical perspective. To that end, Biola has launched three academic centers to provide biblically centered wisdom to the world in the spheres of academia (the Center for Christian Thought), the arts and culture (the Center for Christianity, Culture and the Arts), and relationships (the Center for Marriage and Relationships). In addition to these centers, Biola will commit to supporting faculty by funding research through endowed chairs and lectureships. The overarching goal of these endeavors is to strengthen Biola’s voice as a school deeply committed to biblical truth and academic excellence.
WHAT THE $13 MILLION WILL FUND:

$8 million: Faculty Research and Scholarly Centers
Wisdom that transforms. Art that inspires. Relationships that thrive. These are the focal points of academic centers at Biola. Through these centers, and through more funding to facilitate faculty research, Biola will have an ever-greater capacity to equip the church and the world around us with biblically centered resources and practical wisdom.

$5 million: Endowed Chairs and Lectureships
Biola seeks to support its faculty and attract the brightest Christian scholars from around the world by funding endowed chairs and lectureships. In order to become a true global center for Christian thought, funds must be allocated to make Biola an attractive option for top Christian scholars in a variety of disciplines.

GOAL
$13 MILLION
RAISED TO DATE
$11 MILLION

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LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS CAMPAIGN PRIORITY
IDEAS ARE POWERFUL. Perhaps they’re the most powerful thing in the world.

But ideas also have a weakness: They need a voice. A voice to actualize their potential. Speaking ideas, practicing ideas and living ideas is the only way to unleash their power. We have a responsibility to give voice to the best ideas — the most true, most loving, most transformative ideas.

And while throughout history, many individuals have stood up and spoken for Christian ideas, we now face a serious predicament.

Today, Christian scholarship — a long-standing tradition of seeking knowledge of God and the world he created — is largely disconnected from two influential institutions: the academy and the church. It’s strange, but true. The two places where Christian scholarship most belongs and is most effective, it is marginalized and sidelined.

It was to address this problem that Biola University launched the Center for Christian Thought in early 2012. The idea was relatively simple. First, the center would bring leading Christian scholars from around the world together for extended periods of time to collaborate on important research themes. In an academic culture where Jesus and his teachings are often pitied, undermined, bullied or simply ignored, the center would offer Christian thinkers — research fellows and visiting scholars — the kind of support and resources needed to turn ideas into books, articles, presentations and other educational materials.

At the same time, the center would produce popular-level media related to our themes, translating and applying big ideas into relevant resources. We would seek to expose more believers to the big questions of human life and the Christian ideas that ultimately lead to real change and impact throughout the kingdom of
God. We would ask: What if the best of what goes on in psychology, philosophy, theology, sociology and other disciplines was more accessible and available to the local church? What if Christian scholars were enabled to develop insights and perspectives on significant issues in our world today in a manner that deeply impacted thought leaders and influencers in broader culture?

**Friends, Thinking Together**

How has this vision for restoring Christian scholarship to a place of influence in thought and culture played out at Biola? It has started with friendship.

One of the distinctive features of the Center for Christian Thought’s vision is our commitment to forming a context of community and growing friendship, within which scholars and influential thought leaders can live in scholarly community, conducting research and sharing ideas in a warm and welcoming environment.

This vision of scholarship in friendship is itself expressed among the center’s leadership. Our three directors, Gregg Ten Elshof, Steve Porter and Tom Crisp, all met while graduate students in Talbot School of Theology’s philosophy program. Their long-standing friendship led to joint leadership of CCT, and their friendship continues to set the tone for each new group of residential research fellows that visit for a semester’s worth of research.

Before we criticize, we listen. And we do criticize. But with the help of a weekend retreat prior to the start of the semester, we first make an effort to tell each other our stories — how we arrived where we are, with all the joy, pain, struggle and humor that entails. We do this so that when it comes time to subject research to the crucible of a weekly three-hour roundtable meeting, the heat never burns us down. It builds us up and purifies our ideas.

And that vision of seeking wisdom together, in communities of thoughtful friends, extends beyond the center into our growing audience of Christians committed to learning beyond their college years. Whether it’s online at *The Table* (our multimedia platform that includes a blog, special journal issues, videos and podcasts) or at live events, we hope the church will experience our resources in a context of friendship and community.

Disagreement is inevitable. Whether it’s during a roundtable seminar, at an annual live event like The Table Conference, or in our growing list of online resources, we’ve learned to expect disagreement. But we think of it as a tool for getting closer to the truth and closer to each other. In that sense, we strive for healthy and fruitful disagreements, something to seek out for the sake of making our lives better: more wise, more loving, more humble, more open-minded and more courageously committed to our convictions.

“Disagreement is an inescapable fact of life. We can’t outrun, outsmart, or out-love it. It’s here to stay,” says CCT Director Gregg Ten Elshof. “If we learn how to interact with it well, it can be a powerful resource for learning, for love and even for growth into deep and abiding unity.”

“CCT is the fantasy place that we academics seek, allowing us to write, share good ideas, meet like-minded people and take intellectual risks to a surprising degree in our economy-driven worlds.”

**Kaye Cook**

Professor of Psychology, Gordon College

CCT Research Fellow, Fall 2013
“When I thought about explaining my experience at CCT, the image of Rivendell came to mind. This is the home in The Lord of the Rings of the elf King Elrond. That house was, as Bilbo reported, ‘a perfect house, whether you like food or sleep, or story-telling or singing, or just sitting and thinking best, or a pleasant mixture of them all. Merely to be there was a cure for weariness, fear and sadness.’ The CCT is the kind of place where one can read or write or talk with colleagues, listen to great ideas and find support from others in the frustrations we meet in our study. You have created a good and welcoming place to work and for that I am grateful.”

JAMES WILHOIT
Scripture Press Chair of Christian Formation and Ministry, Wheaton College
CCT Research Fellow, Spring 2014

Looking Back with Gratitude, Looking Forward with Faith

During the past three years, we’ve been grateful to contribute to the renaissance of the evangelical mind. We’ve played host to some of the most impactful Christian scholars of our day. Philosophers including Alvin Plantinga, Nicholas Wolterstorff, William Hasker, Robert Audi and Richard Swinburne have brought nuanced and clear thinking around the philosophical problems of distinctly Christian scholarship, justice, the science and religion debate, the existence of the soul, and the 

**telos**, or purpose, of human life.

Theologians like Ellen Charry, James Houston, Frederica Mathewes-Green and James K.A. Smith have inspired us with the depth of God. Those representing the neurosciences, such as Jeffrey Schwartz, Warren Brown and William Struthers, have opened the mysteries of the brain and invited us to consider its relevance to Christian spirituality.

Scholars from the world of psychology like Robert Emmons, Everett Worthington Jr., Marie Hoffman and Justin Barrett have revealed the beautiful complexity of human nature and behavior. And public theologians, ethicists and cultural commentators including Richard Mowm, Robert George, Cornel West and John M. Perkins have offered us a vision of intellectual virtue and the hope of more civil and kind public discourse.

As we approach the end of our three-year grant supported by the generosity of the John Templeton Foundation, we’re in a season of gratitude. We’re also in an exciting season of thinking ahead, looking forward with faith in the potential to deepen and broaden our work. We’re currently preparing for theme years dedicated to The Meaning of Love (2015–16), Humility (2016–17) and Suffering and the Good Life (2017–18).

During these years, we’ll continue to reach out to like-minded Christian scholars in need of the resources to represent the gospel and wisdom of Jesus in their own sphere of influence; and we’ll continue to be present to the church with the call to learn the wisdom of Jesus here and now, for such a time as this. 📚

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Evan Rosa is the communications coordinator for Biola’s Center for Christian Thought, where he also serves as editor of The Table.
“My time at CCT was one of the most stimulating and refreshing experiences of my professional career. In our competitive academic culture that breeds all manner of unhealthy practices and attitudes, it is brilliant to see a countercultural example emerge. Here the scholarly community and conferences are arranged in such a way that wonderfully fosters mutual respect, collaborative work, and genuine concern for goals larger than those of an individual scholar. CCT is quickly proving itself a vital community that can help us wrestle through the important questions and concerns of our time.”

KELLY M. KAPIC
Professor of Theological Studies, Covenant College
CCT Research Fellow, Spring 2014

“I had a splendid time as a Fellow at Biola’s Center for Christian Thought. It was perhaps the best experience of a community of scholars I have ever had. The facilities at the CCT are beautiful, but the people involved are even better. Anyone privileged to participate in one of their programs will be blessed.”

GEORGE HUNSINGER
Hazel Thompson McCord Professor of Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
CCT Research Fellow, Spring 2012
As part of the university’s goal to attract and develop outstanding Christian scholars and to have a more pronounced impact in the broader world of ideas, Biola has launched three academic centers since 2012. These centers are designed to put into action the aspiration for Biola to become a global center for Christian thought. Though they are housed at Biola and offer many enrichment opportunities for current students, faculty and staff, these centers are focused less on the internal community than on the world outside Biola. How can Biola take the spiritual, intellectual and material resources God has given us and present them to those around the world who could most benefit? How can Biola become a trusted resource for Christian wisdom on everything from philosophy to film, marriage and the meaning of love? These centers were developed to answer these questions.
An opportunity for scholars from a variety of Christian perspectives to come to Biola for a semester to work collaboratively on a selected research theme. Together, these research fellows and visiting scholars develop their ideas, refine their thinking and examine important cultural issues in a way that is informed by Scripture. Their work results in scholarly and popular-level materials, providing the broader culture with thoughtful Christian perspectives on current events, ethical concerns and social trends.

Academics, pastors, church leaders and everyday Christians who recognize the need for Christian wisdom in the life of the church and society

2012

- Scholarly lectures and panel discussions
- Articles, videos, podcasts, e-newsletters
- The Table blog and journal
- Annual “Table” conference
- Annual academic conference
- Published books

2013

- Online articles
- Arts events calendar
- "Cultural Conversation" videos
- Advent and Lent Projects: Online multimedia devotionals
- Concerts, lectures and other arts-related events
- Annual Arts & Faith symposium

2014

- Relationship seminars
- Weekend marriage retreats
- Online articles and videos
- Relationships class for Biola students
- Lectures and panel discussions

A multidisciplinary resource that aims to create opportunities for thoughtful reflection on the interplay of Christian faith, the larger culture and the world of the arts. The CCCA is an integrative endeavor, hosting and promoting the work of poets, novelists, visual artists, photographers, filmmakers, theologians, musicians, actors, philosophers and more. The center’s goal is to foster appreciation for, conversation about and expression of art that speaks truth about ourselves and God’s world.

Artists, academics, theologians, students and anyone interested in probing the relationship between art, culture and faith

A relationships resource that combines the timeless, cross-cultural wisdom of Scripture with relevant and timely perspectives from scholarly research. The CMR exists to build and sustain healthy relationships and marriages in the church and broader culture, providing a safe place for individuals, couples and families to share their stories and be heard. The CMR desires to restore and inspire a vision of marriage that reflects the beautiful model of Christ’s redeeming love for the church.

Engaged and married couples, college students, alumni, scholars and pastors looking for resources in the areas of healthy relationships
CAMPAIGN PRIORITY 4

Extend Biola’s Global Reach

Never before have more opportunities been available for Biola to realize its vision of being a university of global impact. Technological advances have enabled Biola to make its resources available around the world, providing biblically centered teaching and scholarship to virtually anyone with access to a computer or a mobile device. New international programs and partnerships have opened doors for the university to better serve the global church. In the next decade, expanded online and hybrid degree programs will allow Biola’s student body to nearly double in size and become a truly global community. With resources like Open Biola, faculty blogs, live-streamed events and more, Biola will offer biblically centered educational content to millions of people throughout the world.
GOAL
$8 MILLION
RAISED TO DATE
$468,000

WHAT THE $8 MILLION WILL FUND:

$2 million: International Programs and Partnerships
As the global church continues to grow, so too have the needs for biblically centered education in the non-Western world. Biola will partner with existing institutions and networks in places like Indonesia, India, China and South Korea to provide contextualized Christian education to these areas of market growth. These initiatives will also create more cross-cultural learning opportunities for current students, preparing them for professional and ministry opportunities in a rapidly globalizing world.

$6 million: Enhanced Technology
Biola seeks to allow anyone in the world to become a full-time student — with an ambitious goal of having 5,200 students enrolled in fully online or hybrid programs by 2022. First, the university must address significant needs in the areas of technology, software and equipment upgrades, faculty training and “innovation labs” for online course development. Key business processes and systems will also need an overhaul — such as registration, financial aid and admissions — if non-residential students are to become a larger portion of the enrolled student audience. These will be crucial if Biola is to lead, rather than play catch-up, in the new frontiers of 21st century education.
BIOLA FOR THE WORLD

Taking Biola’s biblically centered resources to the ends of the earth

by Brett McCracken
FOR AS LONG AS BIOLA HAS EXISTED, it has been an institution with an outward focus, looking for ways to bless people around the world with biblically centered scholarship and service.

In its early years this took the form of free publications like The Fundamentals or The King’s Business, or radio broadcasts like “The Biola Hour.” It included global outreach with Biola’s first satellite location, the Hunan Bible Institute in China, founded in 1916, as well as partnerships with Bible institutes in Korea. Later it included satellite programs in places like New York City, Kiev, Ukraine, and Chiang Mai, Thailand. With a history of strength in missions — Biola’s Student Missionary Union is the largest student-led missions organization in the United States — Biola has always had a passion for equipping the saints and spreading the gospel “to the ends of the earth.” As new technologies arise and Biola’s international reputation grows, opportunities for impact in this area have only increased.

As part of The Campaign for Biola University, funds are needed to take Biola’s global outreach efforts to the next level. On these pages, explore some of the current progress and plans in Biola’s aspiration to extend its educational reach throughout the world.

Open Biola
One of the most significant recent methods for extending Biola’s global reach has been Open Biola, an online repository of free educational content curated and created by Biola University.

Launched in August 2012, Open Biola (open.biola.edu) has resourced more than 230,000 individuals in 205 countries with biblically centered content during its first three years. Featuring more than 180 “collections” of materials — everything from class lectures to chapel talks and conference sessions — and more than 1,600 hours of video content, Open Biola has been a groundbreaking example of an institution of higher education making significant academic resources freely and easily accessible to anyone in the world with Internet access.

In coming years, plans for Open Biola “2.0” include revamping portions of the site to work in tandem with distance learning certificate and degree programs, organizing and packaging the wealth of resources on the site for more formal educational programs.

TOP 10 MOST VIEWED RESOURCES ON OPEN.BIOLA.edu:

1. “Is Faith in God Reasonable?” (2013 debate between William Lane Craig and Alex Rosenberg)
2. Spiritual Formation Lecture Series (featuring professor John Coe)
3. “Gratitude” (2013 chapel series)
4. Apologetics to Islam (lecture series featuring Nabeel Qureshi)
5. “With” (2013 Torrey Memorial Bible Conference sessions)
6. Leadership Lecture Series (collection of lectures about business and faith)
7. “Why Are Christians so Divided About Darren Aronofsky’s ‘Noah’?” (CCCA discussion video between Brett McCracken and Stan Williams)
9. BBST 251: Theology I (2010 class by Erik Thoennes)
10. Ethics at the Edge of Life (lectures by Scott Rae and Scott Klusendorf on Christian approaches to bioethical issues)
**Online Devotional Projects**

For the past two years during the Christian seasons of Advent and Lent, the Biola University Center for Christianity, Culture and the Arts has produced online, multimedia devotional experiences for anyone in the world to enjoy. Featuring reflections written by Biola faculty and staff, as well as paintings, music, videos, poetry and prayer, these projects have had a huge reach, providing people across the world with free daily resources that showcase beauty and point them to Christ.

**ADVENT PROJECT 2014-15**

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By 2022, Biola hopes to grow to 10,000 students, represented by 4,800 “traditional residential” students and 5,200 nontraditional online or hybrid students, mostly in graduate programs. This ambitious goal will only be achieved through major advancements in the university’s technological infrastructure as well as improvements in instructional design and training for how to use emerging technologies and conduct online classes.

Global Partnerships
Part of the aspiration to extend Biola’s reach includes innovation in the area of global partnerships and international initiatives. Beyond providing free content through Open Biola and other online avenues, Biola wants to create educational experiences for people throughout the world who don’t have access to biblically centered teaching and training.

Rather than setting up satellite locations around the world, Biola’s approach is to develop relationships with indigenous organizations that are already servicing a given region. Initiatives in this area recently have included School of Education outreach in Burundi, Cambodia and Lebanon; apologetics conferences in partnership with Christian organizations in places like London and Vancouver; and journalism department trips to teach visual journalism in Haiti.

Another developing partnership is between Biola and Pelita Harapan University (UPH) in Indonesia. This summer, 12 students from Biola will travel to Indonesia to work in clinical and laboratory environments in partnership with UPH and Siloam Hospital. Later in 2015, Biola and UPH will co-sponsor “The Christian Response to Global Health Issues,” a conference in Jakarta, being planned in part by Doug Pennoyer, Biola’s special assistant to the provost for international partnerships. In addition to these developing educational partnerships, Biola has also begun an Asia recruitment initiative, hiring four Biola alumni who live in Hong Kong, Korea and Indonesia to serve as local liaisons for international recruitment.

Online Courses and Programs
Biola has made significant progress in online education and distance learning in recent years. Over 200 courses at Biola are now offered fully online, and many more have been developed in a “hybrid” format blending online and traditional formats. The School of Education has been a leader in this area, offering 12 certificate, credential or master’s programs that can be completed either partially or completely online.

Within Talbot School of Theology, the Institute for Spiritual Formation has undergone an extensive process of preparing its courses to be accessible to students far beyond Biola’s campus borders. Talbot has also launched a series of hybrid courses in partnership with local churches in places like Thousand Oaks and Irvine.

Other online and hybrid programs include the M.A. in TESOL within Cook School of Intercultural Studies, the applied psychology degree completion program within Rosemead School of Psychology, and the popular M.A. in Christian apologetics program, which has seen dramatic enrollment growth since 2010 and features online classes plus two-week summer residencies on Biola’s campus.

10,000 Students by 2022?

By 2022, Biola hopes to grow to 10,000 students, represented by 4,800 “traditional residential” students and 5,200 nontraditional online or hybrid students, mostly in graduate programs. This ambitious goal will only be achieved through major advancements in the university’s technological infrastructure as well as improvements in instructional design and training for how to use emerging technologies and conduct online classes.

The university’s ambitious goal for growth in the distance learning area is missionally motivated but also practical. Demographic trends show that the “traditional” Biola student (18- to 22-year-old suburban evangelicals) is a shrinking market. Meanwhile, growth markets (global students and 35-and-up adult learners) are those that are looking for the flexibility and convenience of no- or low-residency degree programs.

“[Biola] is landlocked and can’t keep packing students in on campus,” said Aaron Kleist, associate provost for academic innovation. “Our future depends on diversifying both our products and our market.”

If Biola is to thrive in the changing landscape of Christian higher education, it must focus on doing online education well without sacrificing its core convictions and mission of preparing students in mind and character to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.
What’s Next?

As The Campaign for Biola University gains momentum, people around the world are joining Biola — offering support, stewardship and stories of impact. Together, we can make history.
HOW TO HELP

SIX WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN FOR BIOLA UNIVERSITY

Biola University was built on the prayers, generosity and support of people like you, who saw the vision of a school endeavoring to carry out a biblically centered calling in higher education. This calling remains strong today only because of the continued partnership of Biola alumni, parents and friends. As we launch The Campaign for Biola University, here are some practical ways you can help.

1. **PRAY.** Time and time again, Biola University has witnessed God’s faithfulness in responding to prayer — often in unlikely and unexpected ways. Join us in praying that God will provide for the needs of the campaign through the generosity of his people and that he will continue to use Biola to impact the world for Christ.

2. **GIVE.** Your gift of any size will help to accomplish the vision of the campaign. Make a tax-deductible donation today using the enclosed envelope or by visiting giving.biola.edu. To learn about other tax-saving giving options, such as a will, living trust, gift annuity or charitable remainder trust, visit giving.biola.edu or call (800) 682-4652.

3. **SHARE.** Spread the word about the campaign. Pass this magazine on to a friend or colleague. Share campaign-related articles from magazine.biola.edu using the hashtag #JoinBiola. Share on social media about why you’ve chosen to support Biola.

4. **FOLLOW.** Follow Biola University on Facebook (facebook.com/biola) and Twitter (twitter.com/biolau) for resources, stories and news, including campaign updates. Keep tabs on specific campaign initiatives, such as the academic centers (page 68) and Open Biola (page 73), by following their respective social media feeds.

5. **TELL.** Tell the story of how Biola gave you courage. Join our #HaveTheCourage social media campaign by finishing this sentence and sharing it on your favorite social media channel: “Because of Biola, I #HaveTheCourage to ______.” The best posts that include the hashtag will be featured on the campaign website at giving.biola.edu/havethecourage.

6. **ATTEND.** Make a plan to attend one of the many upcoming campaign-on-the-road events across the country, where you can connect with other Biolans and hear firsthand about exciting campaign developments. Learn more about the first series of events on page 85 and look for updates about future events in your mailbox or at giving.biola.edu/nationaltour.
Called to Stewardship
The biblical principles guiding Biola’s campaign

GOD, GIVING AND ASKING at Biola University. That’s the title of a booklet we’ve been sharing with alumni, parents and friends who are considering a gift to support the work of Biola. Its contents are quite simple, yet its message is profound in articulating five biblical truths that guide our fundraising efforts as a Christ-centered university. As you read this issue of Biola Magazine and consider the part you might play in helping Biola achieve its ambitious vision, it’s important to us that you understand our heart as we invite your generous financial support.

First, Scripture is abundantly clear that God owns it all. In David’s prayer of praise at the dedication of the temple in 1 Chronicles 29:14 he says, “Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us.” At Biola, we remind our many supporters that giving is actually returning to God what he has already entrusted to us.

Second, we are instructed by God to be managers of his resources. Since God owns everything, we are to “manage” or “steward” all that God has given us. Two parables in Luke 16 make it abundantly clear that God pays attention to how we manage our possessions. As Biola reaches out to its thousands of friends and supporters in this campaign, we do so recognizing that we all have a stewardship responsibility before God.

Third, we believe that your giving is to God. Giving is a worshipful, obedient act of returning to God from what he has provided. The Philippians understood this principle as they faithfully shared their resources in support of Paul’s ministry (Phil. 4:17). As The Campaign for Biola University unfolds, we pray that your financial support is an intentional and genuine act of worship to God.

Fourth, our giving is a reflection of where we place our treasure. Luke 12:34 says, “Where your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.” At Biola, we encourage you to invest in “treasure-worthy” endeavors — places that make an eternal difference. We hope Biola is on the short list of places you deem worthy of your faithful support.

And finally, God desires that we give cheerfully. While faithful stewardship is our responsibility, God desires that our giving comes from a heart motivated by joy. Biola’s desire is to encourage alumni, parents and friends in their journey of generosity — that all might embrace the true joy of giving. In Paul’s second letter to the Corinthian church, he says that the one who gives cheerfully out of sincere gratitude for what God has done is the type of giver God cherishes. To those, Paul says, God multiplies their gifts beyond measure!

In the coming 18 months you will be asked multiple times in multiple ways to prayerfully consider investing in The Campaign for Biola University. You will likely receive letters in the mail, get an occasional phone call from a student (hopefully not during the dinner hour!), and be invited to regional campaign events across the world. Please know that our approach to raising funds clearly recognizes that your stewardship of God’s resources is a spiritual matter between you and God. We would never presume to know how the Spirit of God is guiding your stewardship, or to whom he’s directing you to give.

We do, however, want to make known to you the incredible impact Biola University is having and give you every opportunity to join us in support of Biola’s compelling vision for the future. Gifts of any amount will make a measurable difference and we pray that you will take seriously our invitation to participate. These are such exciting days in the life of this institution and I can only imagine what the future might hold if God stirred tens of thousands of people to give to The Campaign for Biola University. The ripple effect for God’s kingdom would be transformational.

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An investment in Biola can make a lifelong impact — just ask these students, alumni and supporters

LEE STROBEL
Author of The Case for Christ and The Case for Faith

"Biola University truly is unique. There is no other school that offers what it offers in the area of philosophy, apologetics, so many other disciplines, in a tremendous facility with a great faculty, with great values, with a Christ-centered vision. This, to me, is the place for education in America."

NICHOLAS WOLTERSTORFF
Noah Porter Professor Emeritus of Philosophical Theology, Yale University

"I applaud Biola’s decision to promote first-rate Christian scholarship by establishing the Center for Christian Thought, for which I had the honor of teaching a two-week seminar in its opening year."

BETSY STILL ('11)
Registered Nurse, PIH Health

"The compassion, kindness and competence that the nursing faculty exhibit modeled what it looks like to be Jesus in the medical field. I am convinced that this continual emphasis helped me gain an awareness of the needs of the whole person, rather than just focusing on the physical."

JAN LYNN ('80)
Communications Director, Eastside Christian Church

"Biola gave me both the academic and spiritual preparation for a successful career as a communications director at a local church."

BILLY KIM
Chairman, Far East Broadcasting Co.

"Many graduates of Biola University and Talbot School of Theology continue to influence communities in Korea and all parts of the world. We see Korean graduates making an impact in almost every sector — as Christian leaders in business, missionaries spreading the gospel and church leaders guiding millions to live godly lives."

SEAN MCDOWELL ('98, M.A. '03)
Author, Professor and Apologist

"Every student who goes to Biola is going to be trained to think Christianly and apply that discipline to culture for the sake of building the kingdom of God."

BIOLA CHANGES LIVES

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Chief Operating Officer, Genomic Health

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LAWRENCE TONG (’89) 
International Director of 
Operation Mobilisation

“I see more and more now the need for the fundamental truth of God to be taught in a solid way, and I think Biola provides that.”

ANDREA SHORT (’11) 
Senior Auditor, Miller Giangrande LLP

“What Biola prepared and equipped me for was to function in a secular environment with Christ-like character.”

KEVIN VANDEKAMP  
Current Undergraduate Student, 
Business Administration

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“[Biola] is not an institution that is apologizing for its stance. This is an institution that understands that you’ve got to be courageous. You’ve got to be loving. You’ve got to be bold. You can’t be timid. We need to know that what we believe actually is true.”

Eric Metaxas
Best-selling author of Bonhoeffer and Miracles, delivering the keynote address at Biola’s May 9 Conviction and Courage Gala.
ARE YOU AS EXCITED AS I AM? I look through the amazing stories in this issue of Biola Magazine and I am overwhelmed by God’s provision and blessing on Biola University. Having spent the majority of my adult years here at Biola, under the leadership of three different presidents, I can say that I have never observed such an outpouring of God’s provision in such a spectacular way, or held the level of excitement and pride that I have in Biola and the call for “A Soul of Conviction, a Voice of Courage!”

The feeling I have about the launch of The Campaign for Biola University must be a little like what R.A. Torrey and T.C. Horton felt at the groundbreaking in Los Angeles for the Bible Institute on June 12, 1912. Or even perhaps the feeling, a year later, on May 31, 1913, when the cornerstone was placed for the original Institute building. Growth was happening and a grand vision for what Biola could be, and would be, was becoming reality. That’s how I feel today!

I have hanging prominently in my office three shovels. I know they are probably not the first — or even second — choice of professional interior decorators, but I wouldn’t trade any of them for the most expensive piece of art. You see, each of these shovels represents the groundbreaking for three distinct buildings on this campus for which I partnered in the work, which are now helping to prepare the next generation of Christian men and women to impact the world for Christ in their chosen field of study. These shovels represent the partnership of like-minded Christian men and women who understood how their giving, and the completion of those buildings, would encourage and build others who would come after them to take up the work of Christ literally around the world.

The same challenge is repeated for us today with the centerpiece building of the campaign, the Alton and Lydia Lim Center for Science, Technology and Health. Are we demonstrating a soul of conviction and a voice of courage? Are we willing to step up and prepare the way for the students who will come, like many of us have for more than 107 years, to be trained not only to succeed in their professions, but to be proficient and successful in their spiritual journeys?

Why are these new facilities so important? Well, we all know that Biola is more than any building. It is really the team of men and women who take seriously the preparation of students with excellence. What these buildings do, however, is provide the facilities and resources necessary for our faculty and staff to teach with excellence. And as we look to the future, there are few fields of study that have as much promise and as much need for well-equipped Christians as the areas of science, health and technology.

I hope you will consider how you can partner with this generation of Biola alumni, parents and friends to impact the next generation of alumni, parents and friends — the next generation of world changers. For together, we are alumni for life!

Rick Bee (’79, M.A. ’90, Ph.D. ’01) is senior director of alumni. Contact him at rick.bee@biola.edu
As alumni, parents and friends of Biola University, you play a critical role in God’s unfolding story by bringing conviction and courage to a world in need.

Starting this fall, President Barry H. Corey will be visiting cities around the country and across the world to encourage you with boldness for your ministry in the home, workplace, church and city.

Be reenergized for your own work and ministry and learn how you can continue to be involved in the mission of Biola as we launch A Soul of Conviction, A Voice of Courage: The Campaign for Biola University.

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*Locations subject to change. For the most up-to-date event information, visit giving.biola.edu/nationaltour.
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In 1923, Lyman Stewart, the founder of Union Oil Company of California and co-founder of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, left a significant portion of his estate to the school he had worked so hard to establish.

His gift was the first of many. Since its founding, Biola University has been deeply indebted to the generosity of Christian men and women who choose to leave a portion of their estate to support the important work of this institution. In recent years, more than $50 million in estate gifts have been allocated to the university, accounting for approximately one-third of what has been raised so far in The Campaign for Biola University.

Will you consider making this kind of long-term impact to ensure that Biola University continues to equip students in mind and character to impact the world for Christ?

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT THE OFFICE OF PLANNED GIVING AT 800.445.4749 OR EMAIL PLANNED.GIVING@BIOLA.EDU.
Dear Donor,

Thank you so much for your generosity. Because of your support, I was able to graduate with a Business degree in 2.5 years! I love Biola so much, thank you for making it happen!

- Kelby Clary 06 2014

Dear Donor,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your generosity. Your donation allowed me to study at Biola University and be equipped to impact the world for Christ. Your faith and donations have greatly impacted the kingdom and now I can go and do likewise.

So grateful.
Rachel [signature]
April 9, 2019

Dear Donor,

Thank you so much for your generosity and giving spirit. Biola has been a wonderful place to grow not only academically but spiritually and that is in large part due to your continued contributions and prayers. May God continue to bless you!

Ron
Class of 2014 (soc.)

Dear Biola Donor,

My name is Madison and this is my second year at Biola. I’d like to personally thank you for your donation that allows me to have scholarships and grants. It is because of this that I am able to be here at Biola and continue to receive an education that is going to impact the rest of my life and on to eternity. Your generosity is appreciated more than words can express.

-Madison

Dear Biola Donor,

Thank you for your support and kindness. Biola would not have been on option if you have not helped me come to Biola and experience this amazing school and people.

-Natalie

Dear Donor,

Thank you so much for your generosity and ministry to us as students who allow us to be here at Biola in such an amazing environment of faith and such a holy community. My time at Biola has gained me so much that I may go on and impact this world for Christ! None of this would be possible without you! Thank you again and may you continue to live for Christ with every thought, action, and word!

God Bless!

-Joshua Weaver
“Conviction without courage does nothing. Courage without conviction does anything. Conviction with courage changes the world.”

Barry H. Corey
Biola University President

Because of Biola, thousands of students have become voices of courage in a variety of professions, impacting the world for Christ in laboratories, hospital rooms, boardrooms, film sets, courtrooms and classrooms.

But these students need us to be courageous in supporting them. Their future impact begins with our sacrifice. That is why the largest fundraising priority in The Campaign for Biola University is to improve student affordability.

Make a gift today to help Biola University continue to produce students who have the courage to impact the world for Christ.

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