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I HAVE SAID THIS OFTEN OF THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT IT CONTINUES TO BE TRUE: GOD CONTINUES TO DO IMMEASURABLE MORE THAN I COULD ASK OR IMAGINE, BY HIS POWER, FOR HIS GLORY (EPH 3:20).

It is amazing to witness first-hand the outpouring of generosity by so many in our community that care deeply about Christian higher education and raising up the next generation of Christ-centered leaders. President Beals continues to reinforce our UNWAVERING commitment to our mission to pursue knowledge, cultivate character, and deepen faith to equip students for a Spirit-empowered life of Christ-centered leadership and service.

The articles in this report tell a beautiful story of the impact of VU students on the local community, the impact of faculty on culture, the impact a coach on his athletes, and the impact of supporters on our campus and classrooms. As a supporter of Vanguard University, I hope you see your fingerprints all over these stories, and I hope

you know how deeply thankful the faculty, staff, and more than 2,200 students are for your support.

If you have not been to campus recently, I invite you to contact me; I would love to give you a tour and show all that has happened throughout the last 10 years and learn more about what God has been up to in *your* life. I would also like to invite you to pray for us. Pray for our campus leadership and our students. Pray that our students' lives will continue to be transformed as they have been for decades.

It is with confidence in the Lord that I say, "The best is yet to come!" Thank you for investing in Vanguard. Thank you for investing in our faculty, staff, and most importantly, our students.



To God be the glory!

JUSTIN MCINTEE
VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT



FREED CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE GROUNDBREAKING

"THE FREED CENTER WILL BE A REFUGE FOR STUDENTS; A SPACE AT THE HEART OF THE CAMPUS WHERE THEY CAN GATHER, LEARN AND COMPETE."
—EVELYN FREED

Vanguard University officially broke ground on the new Freed Center for Leadership and Service on October 25, 2023. In addition to messages from university officials and City of Costa Mesa mayor, the audience—including Vanguard administration, faculty, staff, students and student athletes—were led in worship by the Vanguard Worship Collective.

With construction expected to be complete in 2024, the three-story, 60,000-square-foot Freed Center will provide a premier athletic and learning hub in the heart of campus. As the third executed project of VU's 30-year Master Plan, the Freed Center garnered the university's largest donor contribution in its 102-year-old history. The Freed Center will be home to VU Athletics' 19 sports teams and house the Kinesiology academic program—VU's fastest growing academic program—featuring classrooms, interactive labs, and study spaces.

In honor of the \$10 million gift, the new facility is named after the Freeds, a local philanthropic Christian family who believes in the mission of Vanguard. Before the ceremony, hundreds of VU students gathered in the Waugh Student Center to greet Mrs. Evelyn Freed. The crowd cheered and thanked her for investing in the future impact on generations of Vanguard students.

"As a Christian family who believes in the mission of Vanguard University, we were proud to be able to gift the funds needed to help build this state-of-the-art facility," said Evelyn Freed. "The Freed Center will be a refuge for students; a space at the heart of the campus where they can gather, learn and compete. It's just one of many ways the century-old learning institution is growing to meet changing times, while also still fostering intellectual development, moral maturity and spiritual vitality of its students for the public good."

The Freed Center signifies the milestone two of *Imagine: The Campaign for Vanguard University*. It was selected as the next project of the campus master plan because it will complete the vision for a dynamic student life core of the campus, as it crowns the University's decade-long investment in renovated residence halls, outdoor athletics fields, and the Waugh Student Center, which features a dining hall, recreation sports gym, fitness center, and space for all students to gather.

"Vanguard University is deeply grateful to the Freed family. As a result of their gracious gift, we will now have a home for our burgeoning kinesiology program and a space where student athletes can learn and refine resilience in body and spirit," said Vanguard President Michael J. Beals, Ph.D. "We see a bright future where we can better serve generations of students and coaches, providing student-athletes a space for the highest levels of athletic competition; where they can grow individually and as a team."



INTRODUCING THE PATTY ARVILIO SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

On April 19, 2023, nearly 800 cheering students, faculty, staff, and supporters surprised an unsuspecting Patty Arvielo with a “take your breath away” moment. Patty’s husband, Rick, unveiled the name of the VU’s soon to be launched Patty Arvielo School of Business and Management. The Arvuelos have partnered with Vanguard’s vision in sponsoring the largest academic donation in the university’s 103-year history.

“I’ve never been so surprised in my life,” said Patty Arvielo, teary-eyed after the reveal. “For someone who didn’t think she was smart—or fit the profile of what smart means in America—my story is important and I share it to empower you. Because that’s what this country offers and that is why our grandparents and parents came to this great country, to offer us the opportunities to succeed! I’m so blessed to be here with my husband, my kids, my friends and coworkers. I love this with all my heart. And now, I have more familia—so thank you.”

“At this moment of growth for Vanguard University, we are grateful for the support and partnership of the Arvuelos,” said VU President Michael J. Beals, Ph.D. “We are honored to align our business programs under Patty Arvielo’s name because of who she is—a phenomenal business leader and role model for Hispanic, female and all students whose life story and work demonstrate what is possible. We recognize the impact that Patty Arvielo’s namesake and support will have on generations of students as Vanguard prepares them for a life of Christ-centered leadership and service.”

Third-year VU business student Kaitlyn Velazquez also shared what the Arvielo’s recognition personally means to her. “As a Latina pursuing a career in business, it is

so inspiring to be able to feel represented by someone who has made a name for herself in the pathway [of business that] I have always dreamed of. Knowing how much my parents sacrificed in order to best set me up for success, and seeing everything that Mrs. Arvielo has accomplished, gives me even more hope for my future in this field.”

The Patty Arvielo School of Business will officially launch in the 2024-2025 academic year and will serve undergraduate and graduate residential, distance and non-traditional students in business, communication, organizational psychology and people operations.



The transformational gift from the Arvelos will build upon VU's legacy throughout the past five decades of preparing students to become leaders in business by combining Christian faith, in-depth knowledge and character development with a strong liberal arts foundation. The gift will allow VU to build upon its success to establish a missionally-aligned, market-focused, compelling, innovative and impactful school in the heart of Orange County that will develop tens of thousands of competent, character-rich business leaders prepared to make a positive impact in a complex and rapidly changing world.

The establishment of the Patty Arvielo School of Business and Management marks a significant milestone for Hispanic women nationally, as it is the first school

of business in the United States to be named after a Latina. As the daughter of a proud Mexican immigrant mother, Patty Arvielo is a self-made, award-winning entrepreneur.

She began her career at age 16, learning the mortgage industry from the ground up before co-founding New American Funding in Tustin, California in 2003 and growing it into one of the largest independent mortgage lenders in the country and the largest Latina-owned private mortgage company in the nation, with a servicing portfolio of over 241,000 loans for \$63.9 billion. The company's Latino Focus and New American Dream initiatives were launched by Patty Arvielo with the goal being to enhance the quality of the lending experience for Latino and Black homebuyers.

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- KAITLYN VELAZQUEZ, VU BUSINESS STUDENT



A MORE BEAUTIFUL AND SECURE CAMPUS

Vanguard University and City of Costa Mesa leaders celebrated the completion of the Landmark Campaign, which included the monument sign on the corner of Newport Boulevard and Fair Drive. The April 8, 2022 celebration featured a ribbon cutting, dedication, time of worship, and an opportunity to thank the Lord for his continued blessing upon Vanguard.

“This is a project we’ve been looking forward to implementing,” said Vanguard President Michael Beals Ph.D., “as a way for Vanguard’s physical presence in the community to truly mirror that of the impactful work we are doing to equip and prepare our students to make a difference in society.”

The funding for the project was raised throughout a month-long campaign. Alumni, friends, faculty, and staff contributed more than \$535,000 toward the project. At over 20 feet tall, the Vanguard University monument

sign is now visible from the 55 freeway, Fair Drive, and Newport Boulevard. New fencing and landscaping, including 21 accent trees flank the monument sign, beautifying and securing the campus perimeter.



CALIFORNIA FOR ALL

Vanguard University is entering its second year as an Orange County College Corps Consortium member, and its impact has already been exponential for students and the Orange County community. In 2021, the university partnered with Concordia University Irvine and Irvine Valley College to mobilize 200 students to serve in the local neighborhoods. In return, these students receive up to \$10,000 to help cover the cost of living and educational expenses, as well as professional development that they can put on their résumé upon graduation.

The goal of this state-funded program is to create debt-free pathways to college while engaging students in their local community. By serving in areas that address

K-12 education, food insecurity, and climate action; the students are simultaneously exposed to opportunities that help them grow professionally and expand their horizons.

For Keila Gonzalez Reyes '23, the College Corps grant allowed her to complete her practicum for her Early Childhood Education program while benefiting from real-world experience that she was deprived of during her early college career. "During the pandemic, I didn't really have any opportunities to gain experience," she explained. "I was almost a senior [when I applied to College Corps]—I had no experience and no internships yet."

But her acceptance as a College Corps fellow was more than a

means to reach graduation. It was also a way to serve in community programs that had supported her family throughout her life. "I was excited to start being a part of the community and gaining experience for my own growth, but also to be able to make an impact on others, because I received so much help from my community members," Gonzalez Reyes expressed. "Now it's my turn to give back."

Gonzalez Reyes is just one of many students who is actively serving in areas that have been a personal resource. Shelley Youd, Director of College Corps at Vanguard University, has been witness to numerous students who are giving back to the very programs that have supported them and their families. Second Harvest, for example, is an Orange County College Corps partner and an organization that gathers food from local farms and redistributes it to food pantries in the area. "Our students here are some of the recipients [of that food], so when we talk to students who are surviving off of and getting additional nourishment for their family through Living Well on our campus, they're getting that because our students at Second Harvest are doing that work," Youd said.





As of March 2023, Vanguard fellows had clocked roughly 17,000 hours of volunteer work in the community, making a difference in the lives of their neighbors and being the hands and feet of Jesus. With service at the core of Vanguard’s mission, the university’s involvement in College Corps has come to be a reflection of its heartbeat for the community. In fact, Youd shared that there have been many students who continue to serve in some capacity after they have completed their required hours for the program.

“I had one student ask me if, when she’s done with her hours, does she have to stop [serving]?” Youd said. This student had been serving at Meals on Wheels five days a week and was coming up on her second year as a College Corps Fellow. She shared with Youd the joy of bringing fellowship to people who so desperately needed connection and the value she received in return by learning from an older generation. “She’s bringing them dignity, and then she’s receiving a relationship that she appreciates enough that she wants to go back and work there three days a week when she doesn’t have to,” Youd said.

The Orange County College Corps Consortium is a two-year program and will be up for renewal in 2024. Having witnessed the tangible impact that it has had on the community both on and off campus, Youd hopes that the grant will be renewed as a continual opportunity to make a lasting impact in Orange County.



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SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK;
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A LEGACY OF CARE



COACH RUSS DAVIS JOINED VANGUARD AS AN ASSISTANT COACH IN 1996 AFTER BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S TOP HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL COACHES. IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE A HEAD COACH POSITION OPENED UP, AND HE BEGAN HIS TENURE AS THE HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH AT VU.

Twenty-seven years later, he is a nationally recognized coach with countless accolades, including seven Coach of the Year awards from the NAIA and WBCA (Women's Basketball Coaches Association) collectively.

Davis' teams have made it to the NAIA National Championship 24 times and appeared in 207 straight national polls. They have been ranked No. 1 in the nation 44 times. This is just the tip of the iceberg of Davis' numerous successes, all of which he attributes to his teams.

"Those awards are nice because I consider them team awards," Davis said, "but basketball is fifth on our list of priorities in our program." Davis does not hide that character is the most essential aspect of being on the Vanguard women's basketball team. "You're only going to be a basketball player for four years, but you're going to be out in society for the next 60 or 70 years; what's really important?" he explained. "You need to be on time, look people in the eye, and have an incredible work ethic and respect for others."

It is one thing to have high expectations for your team; it is another altogether to lead by example and live that out every day. Melissa Akullu '24, a senior women's basketball player,

spoke about Davis' humility and excellence in his coaching. "One thing that I noticed from him that I haven't noticed from many other coaches is that he'll come back and say, 'that's my fault,'" Akullu said. "For a head coach to be able to do that and have that humility—that's something that touched my heart."

Off the court, Davis exemplifies genuine care, a core element of the Vanguard spirit. Akullu reflected on several memories in which he offered to bring breakfast for players, asked the team to pray for someone, encouraged them to support other sports teams at VU, or invited others not on the team to join them for a meal. "He is always encouraging us to be present for the community through prayer," said Akullu.

For Davis, caring for people this way seems like the best way to give back to a community that has supported him through life's most significant hardships. In 2019, Davis was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. "The support I got from the student body—I tear up just talking about it," he said.

In hindsight, Davis believes that he made it through the rigorous cancer treatments to share the hope of the Gospel. "God gave me a pedestal and a platform to share His goodness and how I



persevered through this because it was in His will," Davis said. In spite of ongoing treatments and countless surgeries, Davis is steadfast in his commitment to Vanguard, and it shows in the dedication of the women on his team.

"He was down for a long period of time," said Akullu, "but his ability to come back and still want to do so much for the game...it's something that everyone can look at and say 'I want to be like that guy.'"

In honor of Davis, Vanguard is accepting gifts to name a portion of the Freed Center for Leadership and Service. Donations will provide a dynamic athletics and learning center for students that equips them for success and commemorates the integrity of Coach Russ Davis.



LEARN MORE ABOUT HONORING
COACH RUSS DAVIS:
vanguard.edu/coachdavis

LOVE AND WISDOM

The education system was one of the most significantly affected sectors during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we've seen many strides forward after students and educators returned to traditional learning environments, the pandemic brought to light some significant challenges that the education system was already facing. Anxiety, depression, and other mental health concerns caused tension among students and educators, making learning a hurdle to overcome instead of an experience to inspire and motivate.

Jeff Hittenberger, Ph.D., Dean of the School of Education at Vanguard University, has been at the forefront of an effort to integrate love and wisdom into the education system in Orange County. Having previously served as the Chief Academic Officer for the Orange County Department of Education, he had a front-row seat to the disruption affecting people's lives and their experience within the education system. He also currently hosts Education for Love and Wisdom, a podcast out of Vanguard that discusses themes of love

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– JEFF HITTENBERGER, PH.D.



and wisdom and what it looks like to integrate them into the education process.

“Feelings of isolation can lead to fear and anger, and then what you get is people at odds with each other because they’re carrying around a lot of anger that gets expressed in how they engage with the school or community,” explained Hittenberger. “We really needed a whole bunch of love and wisdom to come flowing into situations where people were distressed.”

When Hittenberger stepped into the role of Dean for Vanguard University’s newly established School of Education, he made it a priority to build upon the values that Vanguard already had in place and intentionally integrate these themes into the way that students and faculty interact with each other and their communities.

“Education for love and wisdom is not an invention,” Hittenberger said. “But it’s capturing something Vanguard has always been about and applying it specifically to the PreK-12 schooling environment.”

Vanguard School of Education students are learning first to be sources of love and wisdom from their professors. As they experience what it looks like in action, they are becoming equipped to carry those practices into their classrooms as student teachers and in the future. “We have a strong emphasis on spiritual formation, even in our classes,” Hittenberger said. “We open class by creating a forum in which people can share, and then if there’s something they want people to pray with them about, other students can be involved in praying with them.”

This is just one example of how students are learning to create a “community of care” inside the classroom, encouraging supportive relationships that help students thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Not only does this encourage students to empathize with each other, but it also allows teachers to identify students who may need access to more expert care.

“What we want to do is equip our teacher candidates to be the kind of teachers who can bring love and wisdom to their classrooms and schools and communities. And by doing that, make a profoundly

positive difference in the lives of students and families,” Hittenberger said.

Vanguard’s School of Education also partners with several school districts in Orange County to equip educators with tools to bring love and wisdom into their classrooms. Three times a year, they invite 40 educators from local districts onto campus for a Teacher Education Advisory Council meeting that features the theme of education for love and wisdom. This gives the School of Education an opportunity to hear the thoughts of key partners, have a conversation about educational strategies, and show genuine appreciation for the work of these educational partners who daily bless the lives of the students they serve.

While love and wisdom have always been core values of Vanguard, Hittenberger notes that giving specificity to the vision and common language of the School of Education has helped them think about how they represent Christ daily. “It acts as an accountability measure: am I living in love and wisdom right now? I’m feeling my stresses and my anxieties, but can I come back and reset, give those to God, and embrace and reaffirm love and wisdom in the center of my life in Christ?” he expressed.

The School of Education’s intentional pursuit of love and wisdom is a reminder of God’s hand in Vanguard’s continued growth and vision. Born out of a desire to bring God’s love to the community amid the distress of Jim Crow segregation, the university still strives to be a light in times of disruption.

“Whether we’re going into business, education, psychology, or theater...in every one of those domains, there is disruption and distress,” Hittenberger said, “and to come with the love of Christ and bring God’s wisdom into those situations, that brings about positive change in the lives of the people we interact with.”



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DONOVAN '99 AND CHRISTINA '98 MCREYNOLDS
DARLENE MELENDRES
DAVID AND DARRELLYN MELILLI
CECIL '84 AND LIESEL '84 MILLER
RAMON '91 AND DEBRA '93 MIRAMONTES
KAREN AND JOE MODEROW
LEONARD '67 AND NEVELYN '65 MORRIS
ALVIN '83 AND DEBORA MOSER
JEREMY '97 AND DONNA '96 MOSER
JEFF '88 AND KENDRA MOTSKIE
MICHELLE MURPHY
TYRONE MYLES '86
MARY NABER
ROBERT AND BERNARDA NEAL
ROSS '08 AND LAURA '08 NELSON
MICHAEL '68 AND MARY ELLEN NEWCOMB
RONALD '69 AND THERESA '70 NIPPER
DAVID '07 AND ADELE ODDO
RICHARD OLMSTEAD '74
DALE AND JONI OQUIST
JASON OWYANG
MONA AND JASON PAPPAFAVA-RAY
SCOT PATTERSON
ERIK '01 AND JENNY PAULSON
LORI PECK
KAREN PECOTA '78
RON AND CATHY PEGG
MICHAEL '85 AND MICHELLE '85 PETERSON
JAMES PEUGH '02
PHILIP '57 AND REOYNE PIROLO
WILLIAM AND PATRICIA PODUCH
LIUDMILA PRASLOVA
PETER '96 AND WHITNEY PRETTYMAN
JOSHUA PRINCE
KEVIN AND JOY '99 QUALLS

RYAN QUIMBY
EVAN '03 AND SHANNON '03 REGENSTREIF
ISAAC AND JANELLE REGENSTREIF
JUDAH '00 AND EVIE '00 REGENSTREIF
RON AND ROXANN REGENSTREIF
CARL AND CHRISTINE '15 RENOLD
SHIRLEY REYNOLDS
SHANE RIDDLE
JAMES AND LENE RIGHEIMER
CECIL AND PATSY ROBECK
PHILLIP '64 AND SHAROLYN '65 ROBINETTE
SCOTT '90 AND PAULETTE ROBINETTE
GLENN AND JILL '84 ROBINSON
GLENN '75 AND BARBI '74 ROUSE
KRISTINA SACHS
ALISSA SAGUD
BILL AND LISA SCHERER
MICHAEL SCIOSCIA
LEVI '06 AND RACHAEL '16 SEEKINS
RYAN '95 AND LORI '97 SEIDEL
TOM SHIREY '83
WILLIAM AND APRIL SILVESTER
MEL SIMS
PHILLIP '67 AND DEBORAH '67 SLOAN
JENNIFER "JJ" SMITH
CRAIG '74 AND JOY SNIDER
RUSSELL SNIDER
RHETT AND KIMBERLY SOLIDAY
BRETT '87 AND NANCY SOUZA
HELEN SOWELL
BRENDA SPRINGER '99
BONNI AND DAVE STACHOWIAK
JAMES AND HELEN STEINKAMP
PHILIP AND YOLANDA '69 STRUYK
MICHAEL AND NICOLE '95 SUYDAM
MELINDA SWEANY '93
STEPHAN '82 AND DIANA '83 SYKES
THOMAS AND KAREN TAILLON

RICHARD '72 AND GLORIA '78 TIZZANO
MARILYN TRADEWELL
MICK AND LOUISE UKLEJA
RAY '74 AND CAROL UMBAGH
SHYIMA URQUIDEZ
ROGER URRABAZO
JAMES AND KEARIN VAN LARE
LAURA VANCE
RICHARD '66 AND JOY '67 VARNELL
STEVEN '85 AND RENEE '88 VINSON
JON VISEL
JEFF VON WALDBURG
JAY WADE
JANICE WARNER
FRED '80 AND RUTH WAUGH
HOWARD '87 AND KATHY WELLEMA
APRIL WESTBROOK '98

ED AND CINDY WESTBROOK
PHILLIP AND PAM WHEELER
PAUL AND MARILYN WHISENAND
O. JAMES '60 AND PATRICIA WHITE
JACK AND JERRE WHITE
WILLIAM AND ALMA '83 WILLIAMS
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS
JOAN WILLIAMS
CONSTANCE WILLIS
SANDY WILSON '99
LEWIS WILSON
JOHN WILSON
KEVIN '04 AND HEATHER '97 WITHERS
KIMBERLY YIM
KEVIN AND GEANENE YRIARTE
LINDA ZEPEDA



"GOD USED VANGUARD UNIVERSITY TO BRING ME COUNTLESS BLESSINGS IN MY LIFE, NONE GREATER THAN THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MY WIFE, SIDNEY. IT IS OUR GREATEST JOY TO PASS THOSE BLESSINGS ALONG, SO THAT GOD MAY CONTINUE TO USE VANGUARD TO TRANSFORM LIVES, JUST LIKE HE DID OURS."

SHANE ELIAS-CALLES '17, MA '19



MISSION

THE MISSION OF VANGUARD UNIVERSITY IS TO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE, CULTIVATE CHARACTER, DEEPEN FAITH AND EQUIP EACH STUDENT FOR A SPIRIT-EMPOWERED LIFE OF CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE.

VISION

VANGUARD UNIVERSITY WILL BE THE PREMIER SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA.

A DECADE OF IMPACT: 2013-2023



THE VU COMMUNITY OF SUPPORTERS HAS GENEROUSLY DONATED \$XXX MILLION THROUGHOUT THE LAST DECADE. BELOW IS A TIMELINE OF NOTABLE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS SINCE 2013.



RENOVATION AND EXPANSION
OF SCOTT ACADEMIC CENTER
\$7,048,000

2017



LYCEUM THEATER RENOVATION
\$750,000

2017-20



STEM OUTDOOR LEARNING LAB
\$350,000

2019

2013-16

DEAN HARVEY BASEBALL FIELD
\$850,000

2017

WAUGH STUDENT CENTER
\$13,057,000

2017

NEW SCIENCE LABS
\$2,765,000





FREED CENTER FOR
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
AND ENDOWMENT: IMAGINE
CAMPAIGN, MILESTONE II
\$18,800,000



HEATH ACADEMIC CENTER
EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS
\$200,000



SEYMOUR & LAYNE BUILDING
RENOVATIONS
\$1,626,000



PATTY ARVIELO SCHOOL OF
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

2013-20

2021

2022

2019

2021

2021-24

2023

TOWERS RESIDENCE
HALLS AND VANGUARD
CENTER RENOVATIONS
\$5,000,000

CORNER MONUMENT SIGN AND
PERIMETER BEAUTIFICATION
\$540,000

ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH & EMPLOYEE
RESOURCE CENTER REMODEL
\$250,000





GIVING DAY GENEROSITY FUELS SOCCER TEAM DEVELOPMENT

Vanguard Giving Day 2022 saw an incredible outpouring of generosity. The \$425,000 raised throughout the online giving campaign supported 40 initiatives from across campus, from scholarships to university endowment to research equipment. The women's soccer team raised more than \$27,000 in the annual fundraiser thanks to 144 gifts from former athletes, families, and other donors.

Lauren Mascaro '07, former head women's soccer coach, sees Giving Day as a tradition that commemorates community support and care for students. During Giving Day 2022, the team reached out via social media, email, and phone calls. Funds from the 24-hour fundraising campaign will be used in part to purchase Bible study curriculum and support team community outreach opportunities.

The soccer team's values are centered around discipline, respect, servant leadership, and grace. Mascaro believes in developing habits that keep her scholar-athletes rooted in Christ. Off the field, players set apart time to share devotionals, testimonies, and prayers with each other. They value the support of mentors, and the community and keep accountability for each other.

"Every woman who comes through this program will be a leader in their life...as a mom, in their community, in the church, and at work," Mascaro said. "We aim to help students discover their faith and make it their own because we realize that their walk with the Lord is a lifelong journey."

Freshman forward Francesca Lindstrom leans on her faith for guidance as she balances collegiate sports and education. "Our team prays before every practice, we share prayer requests or anything that is going on in our lives," says Lindstrom. "This is a great way for our team to stay connected to God and be mindful of what everyone is going through."

During last year's campaign, the team focused on connecting with as many families, alumni, friends, and donors as possible. Through this strategy of focusing on relationships, the athletes engaged with donors, often hearing their memories of Vanguard and sharing their personal stories.

"Donors are a huge part of us being able to execute our team and spiritual initiatives and have the kind of impact we strive for to be a nationally-recognized program for impacting the kingdom of God through soccer," said Mascaro. "We are thankful knowing that we have so many people willing to sacrifice to support us."

Since 2020, Vanguard Giving Day has resulted in 4,500 gifts totaling more than \$1.1 million toward academic, athletic, and student life initiatives. Make an impact during our next Vanguard Giving Day on November 9, 2023.

givingday.vanguard.edu



GIVING DAY TOTALS

2020	\$328,234
2021	\$354,438
2022	\$425,303



"WE HAVE GREATLY ENJOYED OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH VANGUARD UNIVERSITY, AS THEIR VALUES OF TRUTH, VIRTUE, AND SERVICE ARE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK."

- DANIEL K. WALKER,
F&M BANK CHAIRMAN AND CEO

A LEGACY PARTNERSHIP

In 2008, amid the Great Recession, Vanguard University was seeking an opportunity for greater stability and financial fortitude. As they navigated a season that was economically devastating for most, it was essential to find a banking partner that was not only reliable but also understood the vision of the university and the heart of its leadership. It was six years before they found that trusted partnership in Farmers & Merchants Bank (F&M Bank).

"They were the bank that embraced the relationship with us," expressed Justin McIntee, Vice President for University Advancement. "We were able to refinance with them, which allowed us to start aggressively paying down our debt...and all that has helped us build out our campus."

While the partnership between Vanguard and F&M Bank may have started as strictly business, it has become a deep relationship built on collective values. Both institutions have been around for more than 100 years and were founded on cornerstones that reflect biblical principles.

"We have greatly enjoyed our partnership with Vanguard University, as their values of truth, virtue, and service are consistent with those of Farmers & Merchants Bank," said Daniel K. Walker, F&M Bank Chairman and CEO. "C.J. Walker founded Farmers & Merchants Bank of Long Beach in 1907 based on the

principles of honesty, integrity, the home, the church, and service above self."

Today, F&M Bank's corporate sponsorship has led to its being named the official bank of Vanguard University. In addition to assisting with financing for several critical projects on campus, including the Scott Academic Center, Waugh Student Center, College Dorm project, and the Freed Center for Leadership and Service, they repeatedly donate their service and time to support the growth of the university and the success of its students.

F&M Bank has contributed to the Imagine Campaign for the new student center and regularly participates in career development opportunities for students. But beyond all of this, they constantly strive to create meaningful relationships with their clients.

McIntee explained how the bank invites clients annually to attend the Farmers & Merchants Bank Silver Cup. The seasonal event includes personal tours of the property, complimentary food, and more. This is just one example of F&M Bank going above and beyond to personally connect with their clients.

As Vanguard continues to grow year over year, we anticipate many more opportunities to build our partnership with F&M Bank and look forward to its advancements.

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2,200
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EDUCATED



VU IN THE 2023 US NEWS &
WORLD REPORT RANKINGS:

#35 REGIONAL
UNIVERSITIES, WEST

#13 TOP PERFORMERS
ON SOCIAL MOBILITY

#28 BEST VALUES SCHOOL

#20 BEST COLLEGES FOR VETERANS



95

FULL-TIME
FACULTY

650
TOTAL FRESHMAN
AND TRANSFERS

THE LARGEST INCOMING
COMBINED FRESHMAN
AND TRANSFER CLASS
IN VU HISTORY

TOTAL NUMBER OF MUSIC PERFORMANCES
AND THEATRE SHOWS

42 + 25 = 67



554
GRADUATES

1,238

TOTAL COURSES OFFERED
(IN-PERSON, ONLINE, EXTENSION SITE)
THROUGH ALL PROGRAMS
(TUG, PS, GRAD)



280

TOTAL CHAPELS
OFFERED



39,150
COMMUNITY
SERVICE HOURS



THREE

NAIA NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS



11

MISSION
AND GLOBAL
EDUCATION TRIPS



\$30
MILLION

STUDENTS
SCHOLARSHIP
DOLLARS
AS OF JAN. 2023

111



ATHLETIC SCHOLAR-ATHLETES
MINIMUM GPA OF 3.5

220 VANGUARD STUDENTS ACTIVE IN STUDENT-LEADERSHIP





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