

Family Legacy Helps Complete Hand Bells Set

The campaign to acquire a full five-octave set of hand bells and choirchimes, and a bass 6th octave of choirchimes, for PAA's Bell Canto ensemble was recently completed by a gift of \$22,000, thanks to a family legacy that began more than six decades ago.

The gift was initiated by alumni siblings Dan Nicholson '83, Cindy (Nicholson) Ulloa '88 and Mindy Nicholson '88, all children of the late Marilyn (Hegstad) Nicholson '61, who passed away in 2021.

The family's legacy at Portland Union Academy and Portland Adventist Academy spans four generations starting in the early 1960s when the siblings' grandparents on both sides of the family – the Hegstads and Nicholsons – were among the leaders who campaigned and sacrificed for the construction of a new school on the site of the present-day PAA. At the time Portland Union Academy, grades 1-12, was located on NE Couch Street.



Siblings Mindy Nicholson '88, Dan Nicholson '83 and Cindy Ulloa '88 display choirchimes that were among the hand bells and choirchimes given to PAA through a gift from their late mother's estate.

beams, eventually including the beams for the gym, which was built a year or two later.

Austin '20 and Quintin '22 Ulloa are the family's fourth generation connected to the monumental effort of building a new school that graduated its first class on the new campus 60 years ago in 1963.

Following the influence of their forebears, today's generations continue to support PAA through volun-

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Austin '20 and Quintin '22 Ulloa hold the silent bell commemorating their grandmother, Marilyn Hegstad Nicholson '61 and a gift from her estate for hand bells.

As members of the Tabernacle Church, Vern and Mildred Hegstad participated in planning meetings, fundraising and their own sacrificial giving to make the dream of a new school come true. Jack and Jean Nicholson, who owned Triple J Craning Services – Triple J for Jack, Jean and Jesus – donated equipment and labor services to set all the

PAA Campus Renewal Update

By Mechelle Peinado, Principal

The wheels are slowly turning in PAA's campus renewal process. As of early March, two of the three required hearings with the City of Portland have been completed: the conditional use and design review hearings. The land division hearing remains.

In the conditional use hearing, PAA proposed alterations to the original master plan for the parking lot and site boundaries. The City will permit adding bus parking, bringing the Tech Building into use (bringing it back into compliance), and separating the Mill Park rehab facility from the school site, pending the land division hearing and approval.

The design review hearing addressed several non-conforming items from the original master plan that PAA will have to complete. Those items include finishing the south parking lot, installing lighting, sidewalk, irrigation and landscaping, changing the gates and adding bicycle parking and bus parking.

For a more detailed description and background of PAA's campus renewal, you may read a detailed message on the PAA website here: bit.ly/facility1103

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teering and philanthropic giving.

A couple of interesting ties had an influence on Dan's, Cindy's and Mindy's decision to make a gift to help acquire the hand bells and chimes. Their mother, Marilyn, loved to collect bells of all kinds – metal, ceramic, or other kinds.

The second reason has to do with the chimes. For years Marilyn played the church organ at Tabernacle SDA Church. Cindy and Mindy recall when they were children she regularly played a song at the close of services that had a single chime written into the piece. However, Marilyn chose to play three chimes, instead. Years later the siblings learned she played one chime for each of her three children.



To celebrate Marilyn's gift, a commemorative "silent bell" – without the clapper – was inscribed with these words: "Bells gifted by Marilyn Hegstad Nicholson PUA Class of 1961"

The bell will be displayed during Bell Canto performances.

To honor the gift from Marilyn Hegstad Nicholson's estate, a Silent Bell was inscribed: "Bells gifted by Marilyn Hegstad Nicholson PUA Class of 1961"



Principal Mechelle Peinado

PAA Alumni Facebook Group
facebook.com/groups/PAA1910

View the video:
Strings & Stories
student aid fundraising
benefit , featuring guitar
performance by **Ivan
Danilich**, at the link on
the PAA website here:
bit.ly/22strings

Students in New Videos

In a new series of videos, PAA students reflect on PAA's five core values: Courage, Leadership, Integrity, Curiosity and Concern. The first video released in March focuses on "Courage."

In addition, we've recently released a video, "Encounters with God," in which several PAA students share how they their lives have been changed by seeing God through others at PAA.

You can view these videos on the PAA YouTube Channel at youtube.com/@paavideo1910 or visit the PAA website at paasda.org > About > News to find links to posts about these videos.

Alumni News Notes

Kathy Nixon (Appel) '67 writes from her new home in Shingletown, Calif., where she has relocated. She writes: "I have lived in memorable places in Washington and California, working as an RN. My husband, Harold, and I enjoyed local adventures in the Santa Cruz, Sierra, Olympic Peninsula and SE Washington regions, as well as travel in the west. Though we didn't have children, we've been blessed to live near family much of the time. Harold's prayers were answered a year ago when he passed away, following years of illness. Since then, I'm enjoying reconnecting with friends from my past. I'm eager for Jesus' return and His new earth!"

Congratulations to **Violet Larry (Hall) '80** who was one of three Linfield University nursing alumni named "Heroes in Action" by the March of Dimes last fall for the critical role they play in maternal and child care. She was named the winner in the Maternal Child Health Equity category. A clinical

nurse supervisor and program manager of Multnomah County's Health Birth Initiatives, a year earlier Violet was the first community health nurse to be named the March of Dimes Heroes in Action – Nurse of the Year for Excellence in Maternal Child Health (see Fall 2022 issue).



Manley

Todd Manley '91 recently became vice president for mergers and acquisition integration for Intel. He has been working in the M&A space for high tech companies for several years. He and his family continue to make their home in San Jose, Calif.

Congratulations to **Brent Plubell '98**, who was recently invited to join the North Pacific Union Conference as undertreasurer starting



Plubell

May 1. Since 2014, he has held various finance roles at the Oregon Conference, most re-

cently vice president for finance/treasurer since 2019, just in time to navigate the pandemic.



Adams

Tim Adams '99 sends an update that he was married on November 13 at Meadow Glade Church. He and his bride, Ana, make their home in Vancouver, Wash. Tim continues to grow his business as a digital video storyteller.

Craig Dinwiddie '07 writes that after graduating from PAA, he attended Walla Walla University, Southwestern Adventist University and Andrews University, where he met his wife, Beth, completing a bachelor of health science degree and a master's degree in business administration. They have recently relocated to the Austin, Texas, area where Craig is a global process analyst for Credit Management at Apple.

Nick Gosney '14 writes from

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Students, Parents Give PAA, Teachers High Grades

Two separate surveys of parents and students conducted in February and March resulted in overall high scores. The results averaged 8.4 points or higher on a 10-point scale on 16 to 18 statements in each survey.

Of the 16 statements in the survey to parents, the average score was 8.4. Of the 18 statements students answered, the average score was 8.7. Both results indicate a high satisfaction rate overall of PAA among parents and of classes and teachers among students. Students were asked to rate each teacher and each class they attend.

You may view the results of both surveys and a sample of comments in two web articles at paasda.org > About > News.



Alumni Weekend, May 5-7, 2023

Friday, May 5, 6 pm – Golden Agers Dinner, Library – For details, contact: Bob Winter '53 at (503) 784-2614 – Welcoming alumni from the '50s and '60s

Sabbath, May 6, 10:30 am, Worship Service, and Roll Call (come represent your Honor Class), PAA Gym – Guest Speaker: Pastor Jose Rojas

Class Photos – Following the Worship Service

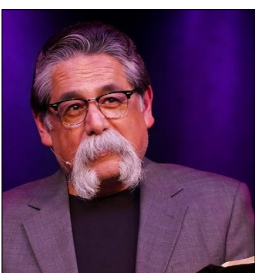
Sabbath Lunch – Following the Worship Service in the Cafe/Gym. Provided at no charge, and an opportunity to donate to offset expenses

Sabbath, May 6, 2 pm – Class Meetings on campus and as planned

Sabbath, May 6, 2:30 pm – PAA Update and Q&A with the Principal



Honoring the classes of:
'43, '48, '53, '63,
'73, '83, '93,
'98, '03, '13, '18



Our Sabbath worship service guest speaker, **Pastor Jose Rojas**, may be recognized as the 2020 Gladstone Camp Meeting speaker. Pastor Rojas readily attests to how Adventist education profoundly shaped his life. Growing up in the barrios of East LA, he eventually became an advisor to two Presidents. Today he leads Puente Ministries, which aims to improve organizations through the development of servant leaders.

Thank You for Supporting PAA Students

Thank you so much to the donors like you who have chosen to support PAA students. We are grateful for those who have given \$83,018 to date toward the \$200,000 financial aid goal. That means \$116,982 remains. We are also grateful for two donors who gave \$25,000 and \$20,000, respectively, to replace a boiler and provide for other maintenance needs.

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Damascus, Ore., that he's currently serving as interim pastor at Gladstone Park Church. In 2019, he graduated from Walla Walla University with a bachelor's degree in theology and Biblical languages and began work in the Oregon Conference. Subsequently, he attended the Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University and completed his master of divinity degree in December.

At Rest

Clarence Woodrow "Woody" Campbell '39, of Salem Ore., July 21, 2022, at age 101.



Campbell on his 100th birthday in 2021.

Martin Scott '67, of College Place, Wash., December 2, 2022, in an automobile collision.

Janine Lindstrom (Miracle) '72, of Portland, Ore., March 3, 2023.

Vista Verde: What's in a Name?

"Vista Verde" in Spanish means "green view," which is the view we see in evergreens on the hills around PAA. We chose a Spanish name as a companion to the yearbook name, "Revista," which is Spanish for "review."

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