

Hello Leos!

I hope you are enjoying these last days of summer. Whether spent enjoying the outdoors, tackling house projects, diving into a new hobby, or binge watching Netflix - Summer 2020 is one we'll certainly all remember.

The university is currently abuzz with preparations for the fall semester. In compliance with the most recent public health guidelines for the county and the state, we have made the decision to move to primarily remote learning for the fall semester. With the pandemic continuing to surge throughout California, we must prioritize the safety of our students, faculty, and staff.

Challenging times call for creative solutions. Keep reading to learn about several virtual events we are organizing to help our Leo family stay in touch. Nothing can stop us gathering online for camaraderie, support, and lifelong learning.



Kim Grant

Kim Grant, Assistant Vice President of Alumni Engagement

*Save
the date*

Game On!

Even though we won't have the traditional homecoming football game this fall, we still "got game!" This fall we'll bring you **Game On! Fall Weekend 2020**, an interesting menu of virtual activities to engage the bodies, minds, and spirits of our Leo Family. Save the date: *Game On! Fall Weekend 2020* is happening October 16-18.



A Quarantine Love Story

Joe Labarrere '67 and his lovely bride, Donna Marie Ashdown '81, were scheduled to get married in March, just as the state of California was issuing lockdown orders in response to the pandemic. The priest called and said, "I know you are scheduled for the end of the month, but the church is closing down due to COVID. I've scheduled you for TODAY

Our committees are hard at work planning fun activities such as: a virtual 5K run/walk, yoga and fitness classes, career development workshops, networking chats, reunion meet-ups, and of course, games! Trivia, bingo, raffles, and giveaways will be hosted all weekend long.

Stay tuned for details. We will announce plans after Labor Day.

(March 20) at 4 p.m. (less than three hours from the time of the phone call), so if you want to get married, you'd better get here quick." Joe and Donna quickly called a few family members and rushed to the church just in time to say "I do."

The happy couple asked us to share this beautiful story with their Leo family. "The honeymoon was great," Joe said. "Being quarantined was the best!" They are both retired and reside in Brea.

Virtual 2020 Scholarship Gala



The University of La Verne is delighted to invite all alumni and friends to our Virtual 2020 Scholarship Gala, taking place live from the Sheraton Fairplex on Saturday, September 12, at 5:00 p.m.

This festive annual event is always a great opportunity to hear inspiring remarks from university leadership, listen to music performed by our outstanding choir, and watch stories about our wonderful students. This year, you can do all this from the comfort and safety of your own home. The best part? Attendance is complementary! (But you'll have to supply your own dinner and cocktails...)

For more information, please visit our gala website at the link below.

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Social Recap

July 16, 2020

Happy #ThrowbackThursday, Leos! We dug deep in



the archives today to find this photo of Brandt Hall taken in 1967. Built in 1962, Brandt Hall long served as a university dormitory until our newest dormitory, Citrus Hall, opened its doors in 2018.

The second photo taken in 2019 shows the new Ludwick Center for Spirituality, Cultural Understanding, and Community Engagement. A portion of Brandt Hall was renovated and repurposed to create this beautiful center. You can still spot Brandt Hall's original brick work from Bonita Ave.

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Ask Me Anything Virtual Event Series

Join us for our new series of virtual lunch-and-learn events, offered in partnership with our ULV Career Support teams. With an overall theme of career development and planning for an uncertain future, each session will feature an accomplished University of La Verne alum with a particular area of expertise. After a brief presentation, you will be able to ask the speaker anything you please. It's a great and convenient way to expand your knowledge as well as your alumni network! Registration is required. To register, click on the event topic or speaker image below.



[How You'll Become a Millionaire: Personal Finance Strategy](#)

Wednesday, August 26 | 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Bill Stevenson, MBA '11

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