

California Lutheran

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With joy I share with you about the work of California Lutheran University who as member of the Network of Colleges and Universities of the ELCA equips graduates who are called and empowered to serve the neighbor so that all may flourish.

You may be surprised to learn that our total enrollment is 4,236 students who learn at 5 different centers in California. We offer 36 undergraduate majors and 12 graduate programs of study. 49% of our undergraduate students are from underrepresented populations and one third are the first in their family to attend college. Our students come from 38 states, 45 countries, and 30 denominations and faiths. There are 27,000 alumni who from our founding in 1959 until now have discovered their purpose and are transforming their community and the world.

The **William Rolland Art Center** opened this fall providing modern facilities for the Art and Multimedia departments. The venue contains spaces for visual arts such as painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, and sculpture as well as video, virtual reality, and audio editing and production.

History was made when the last of the converted chicken coops that served as the university's original classrooms and buildings were demolished in January making way for a **new Science Center**. To be completed in 2020, the new three-story, 47,000-square-foot facility will more than double the amount of space dedicated to science featuring 12 labs for teaching biomechanics, organic synthesis, physiology and neuroscience, marine biology, cell and developmental genetics, exercise physiology ergometry, and nuclear magnetic resonance and 8 labs designated for faculty and student research.

More history was made when the Kingsmen Baseball team captured its first **NCAA Division III National Championship** in program history after rallying for two winds over Washington & Jefferson.

Cal Lu professor Dr. Schannae Lucas is teaching the first college class inside a Ventura County jail for both incarcerated and traditional students in the **Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program**. "Examining Social, Crime and Justice Issues" is the only program, which provides incarcerated students with college credit.

Seven centers serve our community and enhance the quality of life for the region: Center for Nonprofit Leadership, Autism and Communications Center, Heath Center for Equality and Justice, Community Counseling Center, Center for Entrepreneurship, Center for Economic Research & Forecasting, and the Center for the Study of Economics of Social Issues.

A new personal and professional education event for youth and family ministers is offered August 2-4 this summer. **Essential Skills for Youth Workers** includes TED-style talks on youth ministry, round table discussions with speakers, small group reflection to translate context from speakers to one's own, and workshops and space to draft and/or collect resources to use.

The university has expanded the "[Executive Skills for Church Leaders: Learning from the world of the MBA](#)" so that church leaders from outdoor ministry, social ministry, congregations, and clergy can apply concepts from management to the complex arena of ministry today. Levels 1, 2, and 3 are offered July 16-20 this summer. Scholarships are available.

Cal Lutheran will be the summer 2020 site of the [Western States Youth Gathering](#), welcoming high school students and adults from Regions One, Two, Three, and Four. A one-day leadership event for youth from racially diverse congregations will be held one day in advance. Plan now to bring students from your congregations. www.wsyg.com

You can learn about all these things and more by visiting us online at www.callutheran.edu. We are your Lutheran university in the west serving the church and world.