## WELCOME

## Welcome to Point Loma Nazarene University.

It's crucial to comprehend Point Loma Nazarene University's unique mission to truly grasp its essence. Our university is dedicated to a holistic education that unites our Christian faith with our learning—a fusion of heart and mind. We aim for more than just preparing you for the world of work; we aspire for you to become individuals who think and live intentionally as Christians in all aspects of your life.

Jesus presents this challenge of the fullness of life in His greatest commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). This is reflected in our chapel theme for this year– "With Everything...With Everyone".

A natural outcome of joining faith and learning is the desire to serve others and to make a difference wherever you are. That's why our mission statement indicates that PLNU is a university where "minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith."

As a vital Christian learning community, we continually aim towards this purpose—a community that worships, studies, plays, questions, challenges, and encourages one another. This is the essence of PLNU. It's the reason I have spent my whole professional life working here! It is my great honor to welcome you to PLNU, and I wish you the very best for this academic year.

With Gratitude,

Kerry Fulcher, Ph.D. President

## **Mission Statement**

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.