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Simpson University Welcomes Students for 2017-18 Year

The James M. Grant Student Life Center erupted in cheers and applause during the opening academic convocation ceremony to mark the start of the new school year. For the first time, the new students -- nearly 200 of them -- entered down the middle aisle between two rows of faculty members. "Today symbolizes a new tradition at Simpson University that reflects our commitment to our core value of community," Dr. Gayle Copeland, university provost, said.

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Meet Our New Professors

Twelve new full-time professors joined the university in 2017, hailing from a range of backgrounds and representing fields of biology, psychology, history, business, education, mathematics, physics, nursing, and more.



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Professor to Premiere Concerto

The North State Symphony will premiere an original concerto by Simpson University music professor Dan Pinkston during its Nov. 11 and 12 performances in Chico and Redding. This marks the third time a local symphony has premiered an original work by the award-winning Pinkston.



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Annual Business Leadership Luncheon Features 'Generation Z' Discussion

More than 400 North State business and community leaders attended Simpson's 16th annual Business Leadership Luncheon in late August. The guest speaker was author and consultant Tim Elmore, president of Growing Leaders, who shared statistics and details about Generation Z, those born since 2000. *Right: Reporters from KRCR-TV and ActionNewsNow interview Dr. Elmore.*



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Students Partner with Community in Day of Service

Simpson University students, staff and faculty fanned out across Shasta County on Sept. 23 for the university's 13th Day of Service. Volunteers partnered with several community organizations to help with yardwork, painting, cleaning, planting, and more; and two teams helped individuals with brush removal and moving furniture. Five years ago, the Day of Service grew into student-led **Strike Teams**, which have served more than 14,000 hours on more than 300 projects, meeting immediate needs in the community year-round.

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Simpson Named Five-Star Institution



Marking a university first, the Athletics Department earned gold-level Five-Star recognition as a Champions of Character Institution. Check out all Red Hawk fall sports action at simpsonredhawks.com.

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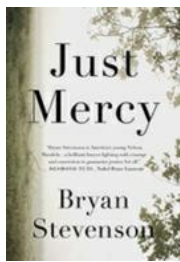
Vets Program Receives \$15K Grant



Simpson University has received a \$15,000 grant for its student veterans program from Pacific Coast Building Products, Inc. Charitable Foundation of the Sacramento Region Community Foundation.

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CAMPUS EVENTS



October 12 & 21: On the Same Page Forums

Simpson University invites the community to join students, faculty, staff in **On the Same Page**, a common reading program. This year's book is *Just Mercy* (Bryan Stevenson). Discussions will feature guest speakers on topics related to civil rights, justice, race, class, activism, and the legal system. Speakers include **Dr. Todd Allen**, founder of The Common Ground Project, and **Randy Grounds**, a commissioner with the California Parole Board.

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October 20-21 Homecoming Weekend

Are you a Simpson alum? Bring your family to campus for fun activities, Red Hawk sports events, and more.

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October 25-28 Reformation at 500: A Community Celebration

Join the university for services and concerts commemorating this pivotal historical event.

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October 27 Singing Our Faith: 500 Years of Song

The Simpson University Chorale and Trinity Repertory Singers will perform in this special choral concert.

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