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Simpson University Honors Veterans

A year ago, Simpson University opened a **Veterans Success Center** on campus, designed as a one-stop shop to help student veterans with educational and career-planning resources as they transition from military to civilian life in a college setting. **Joel Jensen**, a '17 alum now pursuing graduate studies in the School of Education, shared his story of moving from the Army to Simpson during a special Veterans Day chapel service. The service was one of several November events honoring veterans that Simpson hosted or participated in, including the 25th annual Shasta Lake Veterans Day Parade, pictured above.

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New Spanish for Educators Minor

As California's need for bilingual teachers grows with the recent passage of Proposition 58, Simpson University is offering a new Spanish for Educators minor for students working toward a teaching degree.



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Professor's Concerto Premieres

North State Symphony conductor Scott Seaton described Dr. Dan Pinkston's recently premiered "Concerto for Violin and Orchestra" as "a wonderfully dark piece that pulls you in to a world of orchestral color not experienced often."



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Scholarships Set Up to Honor Longtime Music and Science Professors

Two scholarships were recently established to honor longtime faculty members **Lois Nichols** and **Larry Siemens**. Both have been pillars in the Simpson University family. Known for her generous and nurturing spirit, Lois established the **Lois Nichols Music Scholarship** to help returning students majoring in piano. Dr. Larry Siemens has been referred to as "a real-life version of the most interesting man in the world." Others wrote that Professor Siemens' "influence did not end with retirement." He has established the **Larry Siemens Science Scholarship** to promote the success of first-generation college students majoring in science. If you're a friend or alum desiring to honor either of these professors by donating to one of their scholarships, please click on the donate link. *Photo by Ken White / From left, Virginia and Larry Siemens, Lois and Tim Nichols. (Click [here](#) to find out how the Nicholises helped break a world record a year ago.)*



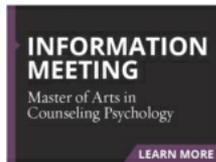
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Dec. 3: Festival of Christmas
3 p.m., James M. Grant Student Life Center

Simpson University will present its annual Christmas concert, "Festival of Christmas," performed by the Simpson University Chorale, Trinity Repertory Singers, Simpson University Percussion Ensemble and Shasta Symphony Orchestra. Featured this year is a new work by Simpson music professor and composer Dan Pinkston called "Benedictus"; the "Christmas Eve Suite" by Rimsky-Korsakov; and other favorite Christmas classics. For many, this concert serves as a kick-off to the Christmas season. It has been a popular community event for the past 15 years, last year hosting over 700 guests.

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