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**This 150th Anniversary Issue of *Voces Novae: Chapman University Historical Review* is
dedicated to
The Entire Chapman University Community
for shaping this institution into a pillar of excellence in higher education**

This year the students of the Alpha Mu Gamma chapter of Phi Alpha Theta created a special issue of *Voces Novae: Chapman University Historical Review* to commemorate the University's 150th Anniversary. To celebrate this milestone we included a unique oral history component to complement the issue's many exceptional articles. This component, comprised of video interviews with some key people from Chapman's past, not only illustrates the value of capturing stories through oral histories, but also of utilizing technology in historical research. In doing so, the students of Alpha Mu Gamma have shown their commitment to innovation as well as quality.

In this issue, we have also continued the tradition of publishing outstanding accomplishments in undergraduate history research. The papers presented here attest to the professional and pedagogical merit of the Chapman University History Department faculty. Dr. Jennifer D. Keene, Dr. Leland Estes, Dr. Robert Slayton, Dr. Alexander Bay, Dr. William F. Cumiford, Dr. Carolyn Vieira-Martinez, Dr. Marilyn Harran, Professor Brenda Farrington, Dr. Elizabeth Eastman, Dr. Vanessa Gunther, Professor William Maher, and Dr. Tom Reins have all been invaluable mentors and have encouraged us to pursue our curiosities while maintaining high academic standards and integrity.

In closing, if there is one unifying theme of this issue, it is the projection of history's unheard voices. Whether it is by exploring a forgotten pandemic, acknowledging Thomas Davis for his role in constructing Irish Nationalism, or by recording the story of former Chapman Trustee J.E. Wilkinson, all of the contributors to this issue of *Voces Novae: Chapman University Historical Review* have succeeded in illuminating parts of the past that may have otherwise slipped away. However, we can only measure our success by how many people hear our message and go out to tell it to others.

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