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Inside: Art meets social justice; we celebrate some of Willamette's remarkable women; and a celestial phenomenon wows the campus.



Allie Kerkhoff '19
installs an art
project she
created using
mathematical
theories.

Jade Aguilar, Willamette's first vice president for equity, diversity and inclusion, outlines why the university must do better for all students.



In her wide-ranging role, Jade Aguilar helps Willamette make progress on its commitments to being a more equitable and inclusive community.

Nine years ago I came to Willamette as an associate professor of sociology. Since then, I've realized what I love most about this university: Our community includes so many good, well-intentioned people who really care about each other.

Indeed, our students, faculty and staff who don't harbor any ill will to any group of people would be horrified to think they're racist. But, despite their good intentions, Willamette community members are part of an often unrecognized form of racism that happens beyond the individual.

Structural racism affect institutions and whole social systems — often without intended malice and despite people's best efforts to improve the situation. In the past, schools, government or the economic system were simply set up in ways that disadvantaged certain groups of people.

Like all other institutions of higher education, Willamette is affected by structural racism. Higher education in America was established to cater predominantly to white, middle class students with good academic grades who don't need a full-time job while at college. It's traditionally been a one-size-fits-all approach.

But what about students who, because of where they grew up, didn't enjoy the advantages of a good public education? Should we expand our idea of what makes a good student beyond academic grades?

What about students with jobs or families? Or students who can only take one or two classes at a time because of different learning abilities? Or people with disabilities or mental health issues?

Over the years, Willamette has made sincere efforts to attract and retain more diverse students, staff and faculty. Yet much work remains to be done to make us the "great equalizer" that we imagine college to be.

That's the reason why I was hired this summer as Willamette's first vice president of equity, diversity and inclusion. As a first-generation student and a person of color, I know first-hand that different students have different needs.

Plus, as a critical scholar on race and feminist theory, I'm trained to question existing social structures — what works, what's missing, and new ways of organizing institutions. I've been thinking and talking about these issues for 15 years, and my new position allows me to think about them in an applied way rather than theoretical.

Basically, my job is to bring a more strategic focus to all the different efforts happening across campus to make a more diverse population feel welcome here. I'm helping change WU for the better — and for the good of all.

Rather than just bringing diverse students here and helping them get through college, it's time to turn the lens around. We need to think about what we can do differently to meet the needs of those students.

Prioritizing equity, diversity and inclusion isn't an option — it's necessary for our survival. We must prepare students to recognize and overcome cultural biases, to understand and appreciate the diversity of our local and global communities, to be engaged and active citizens.

It's what we must do in order to really live up to the promise inherent in our motto.

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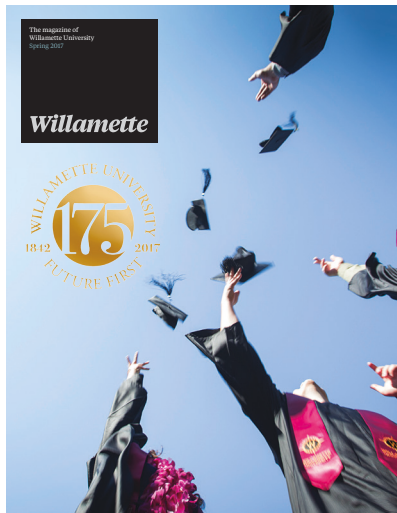
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>In Box



As a long-ago graduate of the College of Music with a major in organ and (I think) one of only two or three College of Music alums to be honored with the Distinguished Alumni Citation, I was very pleased to see the article on Zach Duell and the Cone Chapel organ in the spring 2017 issue of Willamette magazine.

I also enjoyed the short video of him describing and playing the organ. He plays very well, and I hope many of your readers have watched the video. (willamette.edu/go/organ_music)

Josef Schnelker (1911-85), Willamette's organ/music theory/music history professor from 1946 to 1976, would have loved that instrument, but there was nothing like it on campus during his tenure. The chapel organ was old and inoperative, and there was only a tiny practice organ in the basement of the Music Building, a Wurlitzer in the Fine Arts Auditorium (with which he would have nothing to do) and the old organ from the First Methodist Church lying around in pieces in the attic of the Music Building.

Organ majors had lessons on the practice organ until they were sufficiently advanced to move to the then-new Aeolian-Skinner organ at First Methodist, where they would present their junior and senior recitals.

I'm sorry to think that Willamette now has only a single student studying organ (according to the magazine) but very glad that the facilities have improved for new generations of students. I send my congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Duell and want to assure him that there are some organ alumni out there who wish him every success!

— Thomas J. Mathiesen '68

Kudos for such a great timeline of events at Willamette ("A Bold Vision," Willamette magazine, spring 2017, p. 8). We read it from start to finish, proud of all of the accolades received and events that have occurred since we graduated in 1962.

But what was especially noteworthy was that Tufton Beamish graduated a year before us — another stellar member of the class of 1961, which always finished ahead of us in Glee. We swam three times, and that blasted Tufton was always the leader at rubbing it in. Oh well

— Marian '62 and Phil Thom '62

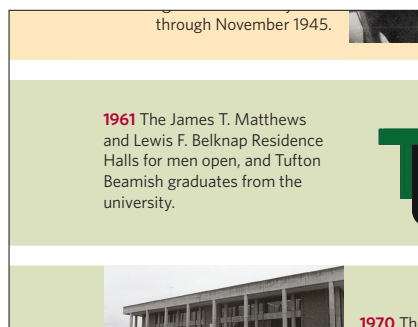
Thanks to Willamette for a grand Alumni Eclipse Weekend in August. Among the many news organizations reporting on the August 21 total eclipse from the Willamette campus, Japan's public television, NHK, was also there.

— Barry Duell '74

Editor's Note: Turn to our feature on page 26 for more coverage of the university's eclipse experience.

Where's Tufton?

We couldn't celebrate the key moments in Willamette history without including Tufton Beamish. Louise Rinehart Brantley '72 was the first of several readers to spot Tufton on p. 11 of the spring issue, under the timeline entry for 1961.



Where's Tufton hiding in this issue? Send your sightings to magazine@willamette.edu.

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Emilio Solano '09, executive director of Willamette Academy, explains how the program helps teenagers — and society — reach their potential.

> What is Willamette Academy?

It's Willamette University's college access program for local schoolchildren from populations that are historically underrepresented in higher education — low income, people of color, recent immigrants or first-generation college students. Set up in 2002, the academy helps 8th-12th graders gain the skills and confidence to further themselves and their families through higher education. Currently we're helping 177 students from the Salem-Keizer School District build bridges to places they never dreamed of before, places that seemed outside the realm of possibility.

> When did you join the academy?

I became executive director in September 2016, although I worked as an academy tutor when I was a student at Willamette, and my younger brother was a part of the first graduating class. After graduation, I did Teach for America and earned a master's degree in urban education policy and administration. I also taught and was a school administrator in Los Angeles for six years. When I was offered this job, it felt like a personal higher calling to come back and support this program that means so much to our community.

> What does it do?

We offer weekly academic support, mentoring, and access to technology, as well as monthly Saturday sessions and summer camps that focus on academic and college access programming, leadership skills development and college entrance exam preparation.

> How is the university community involved?

Willamette faculty teach some of our classes, and university students, many who share similar backgrounds as our students, work as wonderful mentors and program assistants. The academy helps students see there's a community that cares about and supports them — that they're not alone.

> Why is the academy needed?

Apart from issues of equity and social justice, there are practical reasons to help these students go to and succeed in higher ed. As a society, we're missing out on potential talent. And as our country continues to become more diverse, we need to particularly pay attention to the needs of students from underrepresented communities so that they can play a pivotal role in our future.

> What are some of your challenges?

Despite substantial university support, the academy has to raise much of its own funds. And while we do great work as a college access program, that's no longer enough. The number of low-income students who attend college has risen to 62 percent, compared to 89 percent of high-income students. But while 77 percent of their high-income peers graduate, only 9 percent of low-income students do. It's not because they lack intelligence, but because of barriers for first-generation students — loneliness and lack of understanding or awareness of how the university processes work.

> How does the academy fit in with Willamette's mission?

Willamette Academy is one of the most outward-facing and visible things that the university does in the Salem-Keizer community on a daily basis. We're in every single corner of the school district, supporting historically underrepresented students and their families. We truly live out the university motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born." ☐



Learn more:
willamette.edu/go/academy



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As Jonathan Cole stands on stage in Willamette’s Smith Auditorium, a student lunges at him. The student wants to kill him — and Cole is going to show him how.

Cole, an associate professor of theatre, is one of only 162 fight directors nationwide certified to teach stage combat. From Shakespeare’s bloody battles to modern-day cultural conflicts, violence in theatre can take center stage. Whenever a performance requires actor-to-actor contact — hitting, sword-fighting, even intimacy — directors call Cole.

“This work combines everything we do as theatre artists,” he says. “It’s acting, storytelling, an understanding of space and lighting.”

In slow, graceful, dance-like movements, Cole (center) and the student rehearse how to battle and kill an opponent. For one 40-second sequence, the actor memorized dozens of intricately choreographed moves. After numerous practices in slow-motion, he’ll later perform the moves faster, in costume and without do-overs.

Cole draws on historical research and sleight-of-hand tricks to teach actors how to do everything from throw knives to gouge eyes in a safe, visually effective way. Early in rehearsal, actors will sometimes fence with pool noodles to generate choreography.

Safety for actors and the audience is Cole’s primary concern, and he analyzes every weapon used onstage. For new firearms, he must know in what direction blanks will fire, how much hot gas shoots out and where shells scatter. He says, “The gun is a character in and of itself, and it needs its own space.”

Cole remembers an incident in an Austrian theatre where a professional actor in a suicide scene unwittingly slit his own throat with a knife blade that hadn’t been blunted. Fortunately the actor survived. Accidents like that, Cole says, are “why careers like mine exist.”

Here are some of the tools that Cole uses to make fights a dramatic experience.

1. Script

Cole’s script analysis guides more than fight choreography. For his dark vision of Willamette Theatre’s recent production of Macbeth, Cole wanted actors to appear formidable, with days-old grit on their faces and loose clothing to accommodate fight moves. In his production notes, he said the set should feel damp and cold, “like the Oregon coastal woods.”

2. Body

An actor’s body influences fighting styles. As student actors in Macbeth weren’t burly like the mature fighters they portrayed, Cole used martial arts principles to develop the scenes. Students Will Bremer ‘18 (left) and William Forkin ‘19, learned Japanese broadsword techniques that best fit their body type and provided the speed Cole sought.

Fights also reflect a director’s perspective on a character’s emotions, motive and personal history. The student playing Macbeth, whom Cole viewed as a superior swordsman and tactician, fought with more finesse than his emotionally raw opponent, Lord Macduff, who was avenging the death of his family. Practice makes perfect, too — the cast devoted 40–50 hours, or one-third of total rehearsal time, to fight sequences.

3. Weapon

Stage weapons are modified or designed for safety. Cole’s training covers techniques for use of firearms, the broadsword, rapier and dagger, single sword, broadsword and shield, smallsword, knife and quarterstaff, as well as unarmed combat.

4. Shield

Safety and artistry aren’t the only elements a fight director considers for a scene. Shields of armor can double as drums. When a character parries, Cole notes the rhythm and syncopation of the weapons.

I LOVE WU

**I LOVE
WU TOO!**



Students know their lives will change when they come to Willamette. But sometimes the unexpected happens — they fall in love.

From orientation to class to first dances, Bearcats have no shortage of stories that start with a flirtatious glance and end with “I do.” In 1884, two students — among Willamette’s earliest graduates — were so impatient to wed, they exchanged vows at the commencement ceremony. For another couple, sparks didn’t fly until a semester studying abroad in Japan. And yes, some people fulfill the campus legend that says couples who kiss beneath the Star Trees will get married.

Here, some alumni share how love blossomed on Willamette’s campus.

Kelly Rose (Oster) Lavery ’15 ¹

“I met my husband, Alex Lavery ’14, in German class four years ago. We’ve been inseparable ever since! (Who knew German was a Romance language?) We were married this fall, and Karen Wood, Willamette’s chaplain, officiated.”

Daniel Meyers ’07 ²

“Janna Chaney Meyers ’07 and I met during freshman year on the fourth floor of Baxter Hall. We first said we loved each other in the Baxter basement. Baxter love from top to bottom!”

Carolyn Harcourt ³

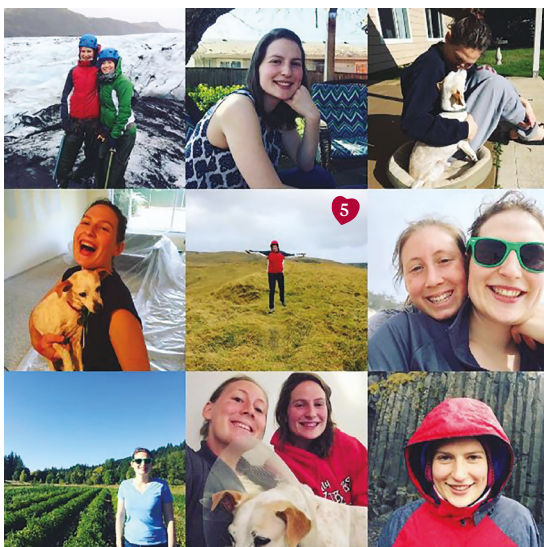
“As the winds of World War II gathered velocity around the world, Sam Speerstra JD’39, son of a Dutch immigrant, was graduating from the College of Law. In late 1939, he was introduced by a fellow law student to Willamette freshman Pauline Mestrezat, a dazzling, dark-haired beauty from Alaska. Within months, they married in April 1940. They eloped to Vancouver, Washington, where no waiting time for a license was required to tie the knot! Their love story endured until my mother passed away only a few days before their 50th wedding anniversary.”

Mike Bennett ’70 ⁴

“For a couple of years at WU, Darilyn Raschio ’71 and I were always in the same house dance photos, but with other dates. I was a Beta and Darilyn was a Delta Gamma. In 1969-70, we attended a house dance as singles. We started dating and have been ‘going steady’ since. We’re now in our 46th year of marriage, and both of us very much appreciate where it all started.”

Beth Freese ’11 ⁵

“Nina Freeland ’14 and I met on the women’s rugby team during my final semester at Willamette. We couldn’t seem to shake each other, even after I graduated and moved home to Washington. So, about a year after first meeting on the Quad for rugby, we started dating. We got married this past October and still play rugby together in Salem.”



Mary Louise VanNatta '86 ⁶

"My grandparents, Irene Breithaupt and George G. VanNatta LLB'29, met at Willamette University in the '20s. My parents, Fred '60 and Mariel VanNatta '60, met as freshmen, got engaged at Willson Park by the Oregon Capitol and have been married since 1959. Harvey Gail MBA'88 and I met at the Bistro in 1986 after I graduated and he was doing his MBA. We've been married since 1990."

Richard Litchfield '63 ⁷

"On the first day of music class in September 1962, I saw Jacquie Graber '64 sitting in the front row. I knew she was a 4.0 student and

thought I'd probably get some good grades by being near her, so I sat down and said hi. Immediately, I accidentally kicked her in the shin. She said, 'If you're going to sit here, we're going to have to coordinate our leg crossings.' I took that as an invitation I could sit with her next time. It took four months before I finally asked her on a date, and we've been married 52 years now."

Jeremy Mitchell '04 ⁸

"Although Willamette is a smaller school, Jennifer Bunch '05 and I didn't meet until I was a senior and she was a junior — studying abroad in Japan, of all places. We were instant friends. I recall thinking of her as one of those rare people you occasionally meet — the one who gets all of your jokes

and cracks you up with theirs; someone who immediately makes you feel comfortable just being you. Looking back, I should have known that those rare people are usually soulmates. Things got in the way after graduation, so we didn't get back in touch again until after we each taught English abroad and returned to Portland. We started dating within days, and the rest is history."

Kitty Glantz Tinsley ⁹

"My great-grandparents, Marcus Marcellus Waltz, class of 1884, and Mary Caroline Starr, class of 1882, met at Willamette and got married during the graduation ceremony. According to Salem's newspaper, a train waited for them after their nuptials. They traveled to Washington state, where my



great-grandfather became a Methodist minister. Eventually, they relocated back to Salem and lived across the street from campus, where the hospital is now.”

Elliott P. Dale MBA '05 ¹⁰

“Jennifer Hamilton MBA'06 and I had lockers next to each other in the AGSM lobby. The Thursday Night Out date was inevitable. Thanks, WU!”

Nicole Kent '00 ¹¹


“Jim Davidson '03 and I met in Chamber Choir in 1999, but didn't exactly hit it off. We found ourselves singing together again in 2005, but it took three more years to go on a real date! We were finally married in 2010. Much of our wedding music was performed

by an entire choir of Willamette friends conducted by Professor Wallace Long. There are many reasons I love Willamette, but this one is the best!”

Mitzi (Chalmers) Barker '75 ¹²

“Randy Barker '75 and I met in a political theory class at Gatke Hall, and we married about a month after graduation. Randy had just pinned on his bars as an Air Force second lieutenant as part of the last AFROTC detachment at Willamette. From Salem, the Air Force took us to Mississippi and Alaska, fulfilling lifelong dreams for both of us. Life with two political science majors in the house always means spirited discussions of current affairs.”

Connie (Finley) Gregor '97, MAT'98 ¹³

“Joel Gregor '98 and I met in York House and became close friends. We began dating in 1997, married in 2000 and have two children, Ben and Rebecca. We plan on coming back to campus next year with Rebecca for the college tour!” 



“It’s a hard time to be in government, but that’s what makes it more important.”

— Carolyn Yocom MBA '88,
director of health care at the
U.S. Government Accountability Office,
who visited the Atkinson Graduate School of
Management in September as part of its
Executive in Residence program.

Bird by Bird

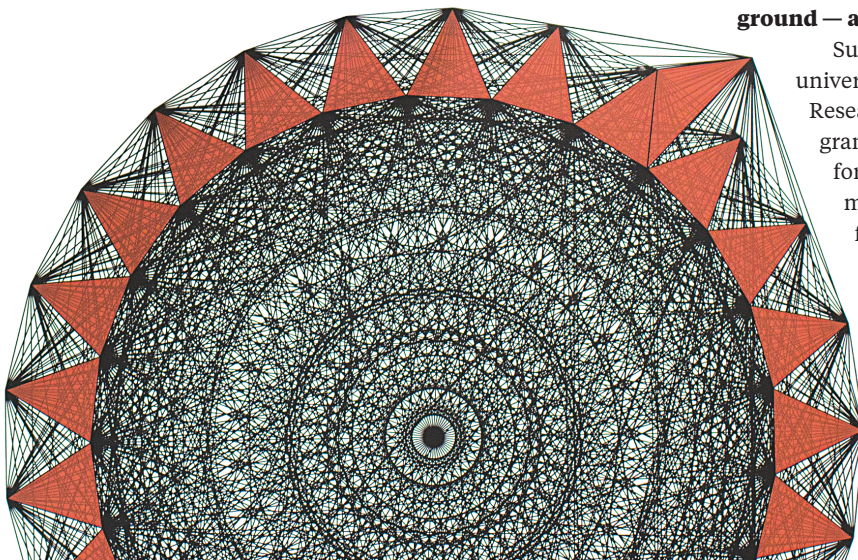


In honor of Willamette’s anniversary, Professor of Biology David Craig will complete 175 walks around campus to count birds by the end of this year.

Often accompanied by students, faculty members and members of the Bird Nerds student club, he tracks and records what he sees in the eBird app, a global database of bird records. Every new entry helps birders better predict the location of species, including the 92 located here on campus. During one morning walk, Craig identified 22 species ranging from a red-breasted nuthatch to a Cooper’s hawk.

Though Willamette is a small campus with a modest bird habitat, the high-frequency of observations by the community has made it a hotspot on the app. Craig says it’s now “a location that many birders can use.”

Project Mixes Art and Algorithms



In an interdisciplinary project this summer, Willamette art and math students found common ground — and inspiration.

Supported by the university’s Liberal Arts Research Collaborative grant, they joined forces to produce math-based art for an exhibit called “Creating Problems.”

One studio art major drew an array of pentagons across 16 sheets of paper and created an algorithm to determine the color scheme. A math student used graph theory to devise an elaborate and visually stunning Ferris wheel-like shape of circles and points connected by hundreds of lines.

Initially wary of the other discipline, the students found surprising similarities. Both fields provide rules or theories to help develop ideas for projects or proofs. Mathematicians and artists also take risks during their respective processes and accept failure as integral to the effort.



Several Bearcats turned up for the annual Portland Marathon in October, including President Steve Thorsett, swimming Head Coach Leslie Shevlin and women's basketball Assistant Coach Katie Gruys.

The trio — all with marathon experience —

ran the event together and completed the race in 04:44:03.

“Leslie and Katie were incredible race-day coaches,” Thorsett says. “They could have been way ahead of me — but it was a wonderful experience to cross the finish line together.”

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The ranking Atkinson Graduate School of Management received for student return on investment in Forbes magazine’s biannual “Best Business Schools” list in September.



A Forest Festival

More than 200 students, alumni and other guests explored the university’s Zena Forest one afternoon in October.

The annual ZenaFest offered a look at how the 305-acre forest northwest of campus supports the university’s academic and

sustainability initiatives. Faculty members who teach or conduct research at Zena led tours of the ecologically diverse property, while student members of the Farm Club offered samples of fresh-pressed cider and locally sourced food.

University Will Light Star Trees Again



As the dramatic finale to the yearlong commemoration of its 175th anniversary, Willamette will revive one of its most beloved traditions — lighting the Star Trees.

For three years, the university held off on the lights installation to give the

stressed but healthy sequoias a break. But on Dec. 2, the trees will sparkle again.

The lighting ceremony follows a special dinner at Goudy Commons for the Willamette and Salem communities. Festivities end with a holiday concert and sing-along at Smith Auditorium.

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The number of College of Law students matched with attorneys this year through the Attorney-Mentor Program, which provides students with critical resources for professional networking, exam prep and job searches.

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HER STORY

As part of the university's 175th anniversary commemorations, we take a look at the presence and impact of women throughout Willamette's history.

By Kristin Ohlson



In the early 1920s, students pose on the front steps of Lausanne Hall, which housed Willamette's Women's College.

During her internship with University Archives, Sidney Gallardo '17 (below) became familiar with the accomplishments of pioneering female Oregon politician Norma Paulus JD'62, seen at a Willamette University College of Law commencement in 2006.

Norma Paulus' biography, "The Only Woman in the Room: The Norma Paulus Story," published earlier this year, offers a lively account of her time in politics.



“We make a big mistake when we write history and leave the women out.”

— Sidney Gallardo '17

When Sidney Gallardo '17 took a tour of the Willamette University Archives in 2015, she didn't suspect that she would end up immersing herself in the life of one of Willamette's most accomplished women.

But archivist Mary McRobinson had told the visiting group of students that she needed help with several projects, and the story of Norma Paulus piqued Gallardo's interest.

Willamette admitted Paulus into its law school in 1956, when she was a legal secretary for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Earl C. Latourette. She had no prior college experience, but excellent test scores. After graduating with her law degree in 1962, Paulus went on to a stellar career in Oregon politics. Elected as Oregon's first female Secretary of State in 1976, she became the Republican candidate for governor in 1986 and Oregon Superintendent of Education in 1990.

Gallardo discovered these and many other impressive details about Paulus' life as the history department archival intern in 2016. For an entire semester, she spent several hours a week hunkered among hundreds of Paulus' photos, wearing white gloves to avoid fingerprinting the images and struggling to decipher the handwriting scrawled on their backs. Norma during her second term as Secretary of State, flinging her arms in the air as she celebrated her 15 years in state government. Norma at a quilting circle in 1986 during her run for governor. Norma on a fishing boat during that same campaign, smiling into the drizzle.

Although Gallardo had never heard of Paulus before the archives tour — and even though they've never met in person — she now calls her "Norma" with the pride and familiarity of a close friend. And she's shocked at the extent to which Paulus' story is missing from most accounts of Oregon's history.

"I had a two-foot-high pile of books, and there was hardly any mention of Norma or any other women," says Gallardo, who wrote a thesis called "'She Flies on Her Own Wings': Women as Key Political Actors in the Oregon Story." "I was so frustrated because I was fascinated by Norma and knew she wasn't being credited for her accomplishments. We make a big mistake when we write history and leave the women out."

Here from the beginning

Unlike many historic colleges and universities that were founded as men's institutions and only later admitted women, Willamette opened its doors to both male and female students from the beginning.

Willamette's first graduate, in 1859, was a woman named Emily York. One 1905 history of the university even claims that York was the first college graduate on the West Coast. York herself once quipped, "As I was the only graduate, I was the valedictorian."

In 1863, the university graduated six men and six women. One year later, four women and three men made up the class of 1864 — the first of many such instances throughout Willamette's history when female graduates outnumbered males. Somewhat downplaying this enlightened leap in women's education, Willamette professor and historian Robert M. Gatke explained in his 1943 "Chronicles of Willamette: The Pioneer University of the West" that the school was only coed because of practical necessity rather than choice: The resources were too limited to build separate facilities.

"Boys and girls were in different study rooms, used different entrances to chapel, and were kept as much apart as circumstances permitted," Gatke wrote. "The small staff and the necessity of using one building compelled the school to have the two sexes together for classes."

Indeed, for more than a century after the university's founding, administrators devoted much energy to parsing out and regulating how men and women could interact.

One of the rules from the 1870s stipulated that women and men had to maintain a one-block distance between them while walking to class. In 1919, a new and more stringent set of guidelines continued to police the boundaries between the sexes: Women were forbidden to linger with their escorts after an event or to ride in cars with men at night, and all coed social functions required a chaperone. The rules also sought to manage the female students' time: They were required to reserve their Monday through Thursday evenings for study and could not go to the theater or movies on Sundays.

Some of the rules relaxed over the decades, but new ones took their place. In 1953, a set of restrictions forbade women from sitting on blankets in public places with their gentlemen friends. They were also not allowed to wear jeans except on Saturday mornings or when on bicycles or at the beach.

The rules regulating male and female contact finally began to relax in 1961, but it wasn't until 1967 that all students actually shared dining facilities.

Regardless of the background noise about contact between the sexes, women plunged into Willamette's academic expectations with gusto. According to a master's thesis by Helen Martha Neiger '40 titled "A History of the Curriculum and Academic Requirements of Willamette University 1853-1940," the school demanded its students embark upon a rigorous course of study consisting mainly of languages, mathematics and philosophy. In the school's early days, many female students began the coursework but had to drop out because they were needed at home or had to work.

Many of the female graduates in Willamette's first 20 years went on to become teachers — including that "first valedictorian," Emily York. According to another thesis, "The Contributions of Early Willamette Graduates to the Developing Northwest" by Loraine Alice Vick '41, "Willamette was one of the few sources from which educated people were available as teachers. These early graduates did much to spread learning and culture among the young people of the growing state."

However, York's second job teaching, at a Portland school, prompted her to bristle at the inequality between the sexes. As she later recounted, "I taught three years during the Civil War. My work became more and more heavy. I had charge of 63 girls and heavy work in my classes. Professor Crawford was being paid a salary of \$1,000 a year, while I only received \$600 a year. I asked for a raise of salary but was told that women could not expect to receive as large salaries as men. If I did as much or more work than a man, I couldn't see why I shouldn't be paid what the work was worth so I resigned in 1864."

York's further experiences in the workplace only intensified her outrage. She got a job setting type at a Methodist-affiliated press in Portland called the Pacific Christian Advocate. "I was an ardent believer in women's rights," she recalled. "One day I found on the copy book a communication from a very illiterate man against women's rights. His grammar and spelling were original and peculiar. He argued that women didn't know enough to vote, and

that men, having more education and experience than women, should receive higher wages. I set it up with all its weird and wonderful phraseology. I coaxed Mr. Northrup, the foreman, to let it go in just as I had set it, for the letter was its own refutation.” Alas, the editor noticed and cleaned up the text.

Although women weren’t allowed to vote in most of the United States — that wouldn’t come until 1920, with the passing of the 19th Amendment — the movement for women’s suffrage had already been underway since the 1850s. In 1873, the Oregon State Woman Suffrage Association was formed, and Willamette alum Josie Devore Johnson, class of 1868, became its second president.

News of the movement began to spill into the Collegian by at least 1912, with one article reporting that a traveling speaker claimed that if

women could get the vote, “the increase in the electorate will be an intelligent one, as more girls than boys graduate from high school, and it will be a moral one, as there are far fewer women in the penal institutions.”

Throughout this early period, Willamette women continued to move into educational niches formerly reserved for men. They were admitted to the law school as early as 1892, with Olive England getting her degree in 1898 and Anne Carson in 1899.

Women vaulted into other niches, too. In 1867, Frances Case Moreland Harvey and Mary Robinson Gilkey from the class of 1866 became the first women to climb Mount Hood. They decided to do it after they saw a newspaper article about a certain Colonel Williamson who had surveyed Hood to determine its height. “He announced that it was so steep no woman could climb it,” Gilkey said. “Fanny Case and I decided to show him he didn’t know what he was talking about.”

In 1880, Willamette founded a separate Women’s College, noting that this step was “a modification, but in no sense a surrender of co-education.” The new college was set up in the former home of Chloe Clarke Willson —the first teacher at the Oregon Institute, the precursor of Willamette University — and housed out-of-town students. Members of the Women’s College could take regular classes, but the institution stressed the arts and was “earnestly purposed to direct the attention of the young women, through special lectures and other means, to the higher meaning of woman’s life today, to interpret to them the motives and moral drift of social observances, to call out their enthusiasm in view of the enlarging responsibilities of educated womanhood at the present time.”

While the Women’s College was merely a dormitory by 1896, Willamette kept separate deans for men and women until 1971, when Karen Anderson Kohne, the former dean of women, became associate dean of students.

In addition to opening academic doors for women, Willamette took steps to offer them practical skills for the workplace. In the 1870s, the university offered a two-year college preparatory course that included a “commercial department.” Vick notes in her thesis that it was considered the forerunner of a business school and taught commercial arithmetic, penmanship, government, commercial law and bookkeeping.

“Women were encouraged to attend the commercial department,” Vick writes, “as it was the opinion of the college authorities that, in



“Young women were often told by their mothers that they shouldn’t try to compete with or beat a guy, but I never was!”

— Professor Emerita Frances Chapple

case of bereavement, women should be able to carry on the husband’s business until it was disposed of, be able to settle an estate, earn a living as a bookkeeper or, ‘when not engaged in more befitting pursuits, may properly keep the books of the husband, the father, or the brother, while he is occupied in more active and laborious employment.’”

The modern era

As the women’s rights movement of the 1960s swept across the country, the last of the restrictive rules for women at Willamette fell away. The Collegian reports “Women’s Consciousness” groups meeting weekly by 1972.

Still, a 1974 editorial in the Collegian sounded an ominous note. The university’s total enrollment a few years earlier was 1,597 students, with 35 percent female and 65 percent male. Called “Why Do Women Leave Willamette?” the editorial pointed out that 56 percent of the women entering the class of 1974 had dropped out before graduation, versus 32 percent of the men. It noted that Associate Dean of Students Jo Siebert suggested the problem might be a lack of female role models.

“Although there are some excellent female professors at Willamette, the ratio of women to men is still unsatisfactory,” the editorial went on to say. “The problem is that Willamette is a

male-oriented university. The great majority of the faculty and administrators are male. Positions of student leadership, such as ASWU offices and Collegian editorships are held by males, with the exception of one female on each staff. Although the curriculum is the traditionally male-oriented pre-law, pre-med, pre-engineering, and business, any female students who decide on

Willamette already know that. Is the problem the attitudes on campus that the women who want to enter those fields have to fight?”

Perhaps few people experienced this lopsided gender imbalance more directly than chemistry professor emerita Frances Chapple, who arrived at Willamette in 1966 after the academic year began, replacing another teacher who was ill. Word immediately spread that the chemistry department had a female professor, but not quickly enough to prevent a male professor from coming up to her at an evening event and saying, “I hear your husband is new in chemistry.” Chapple recalls, “I told him, ‘No, I’m the one who’s new in chemistry.’ Of course, he heard there was a Dr. Chapple and assumed it was a man. I found it amusing. I still chuckle about it.”

Chapple had few female colleagues among the faculty — there were only 16 within a faculty of 80, and no other women among the chemistry faculty — but the wives of male faculty members were welcoming and invited her to their events. No one warned her about the dress code for campus women, however. She recalls that one evening, she walked into the library and received incredulous stares from students. One young woman gasped, “Oh, Professor Chapple, we’re not allowed to wear trousers here!”

Chapple, a native of Britain, had attended all-girls’ schools before college, and her parents firmly believed that women should be able to do anything they worked toward, so she was unruffled by her own path-breaking. She taught her classes with vigor and in 1990 became Willamette’s first faculty member selected for an Oregon Professor of the Year award.

Ups and Downs of Female Enrollment

While the university has not always kept records of enrollment broken down by gender, here are some examples from the past 175 years.

1864
38%

1890
54%

1918
53%

1945
68%

(College of Liberal Arts only)

1976
41%

2017
56%



Pi Beta Phi sisters in 1972

Sorority Sisters

For almost a century, sororities have made important contributions to the lives of Willamette women.

The first sorority, Beta Chi, was organized on March 29, 1919 — although, as Robert M. Gatke notes in “Chronicles of Willamette,” it was unofficial because “fraternities and sororities slipped into Willamette life without benefit of fanfare, for the students were afraid that the trustees might not sanction the new development.” Often based in rented houses, these unofficial sororities were called “boarding clubs.”

In 1944, President G. Herbert Smith invited national fraternities and sororities to affiliate with the local

Greek organizations at Willamette. Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Chi Omega were installed at the university in 1944, and Delta Gamma followed the next year.

The number of sororities has changed over the years, typically averaging three or four. Today, Willamette has four sororities — Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi — and about 20-25 percent of undergraduate women choose to join one.

Like the generations of women before them, they do so to enjoy benefits such as social activities, leadership opportunities, philanthropic events — and, above all, enduring friendships.



Left: Three students prepare for a debate in 1908. Below: Members of the women's archery team in the 1950s.



She also played tennis against men, hiked and climbed mountains, and ran in intramural cross-country races. “I was surprised when an alum came up to me and told me I had been a role model and inspiration for the female students,” Chapple says. “Young women were often told by their mothers that they shouldn’t try to compete with or beat a guy, but I never was!”

Chapple was dismayed, however, to find out that she and other female professors were being paid less than their male colleagues — a norm then at many colleges and other institutions across the country. She credits Willamette President Bob Lisensky (1974-80) for putting muscle into the process of shifting women’s salaries upward. The goal of parity didn’t reach fruition in the College of Liberal Arts until the 1990s, when Willamette instituted a step-system pay scale that determines salaries of both men and women professors.

In addition to moving toward an equitable pay system, Willamette’s administration also made it a priority to bring in more female faculty and provide them with a supportive environment. Professor Emerita Suresht Bald joined the politics faculty in 1982 and became the first female faculty member of color in the university. She credits deans William Berberet and Larry Cress for their efforts to change the faculty’s gender balance.

Still, change came slowly. “I was on a search committee during the ’80s for another department, and there was a very competent woman among the candidates,” recalls Bald, who was recognized as Oregon Professor of the Year in 2003. “She was excellent, from a good school, with a good record, and she was my choice. But the men on the committee — and they even had wives who worked —

said no, that she would get married and have children and not be as productive as a man.”

Sally Markowitz joined the philosophy faculty in 1983, and Frann Michel joined the English faculty in 1990. Together with Bald, they formed the Women’s and Gender Studies Program (originally Women’s Studies Program) in 1992. The founding echoed efforts around the country to create university cultures that value women and tell their stories. Yet many of these stories are still missing in the public record, as Gallardo found when she paged through books about Oregon history, looking for information about Paulus and other female leaders.

WGS works to eliminate this gap by exploring the contributions and perspective of women. Areas of study include feminist theory, gender and society, and the history of women’s rights in the U.S. In the beginning, Bald, Markowitz and Michel taught all the core classes required for the program. Now, more than 20 professors from a wide range of departments design and teach classes for the program, and they can apply a feminist lens to their own discipline. WGS also explores the perspectives of all genders, such as non-binary or agender, and critically examines the ways in which gender shapes individual and institutional experiences.

“Traditionally in politics, for instance, we looked at the subject from the perspective of male power and how it’s used, not from the perspective of the people on whom that power was used,” explains Bald. “If you do not look at legislation and policy from the viewpoint of the downtrodden — and women are often the deprived group — you lose a great deal.”

The 1990s also saw a significant investment in science education for women. In 1995, lifetime trustee William B. Webber endowed a scholarship fund for outstanding women studying biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics at Willamette. Each year, the eight women receiving the scholarships develop lesson plans and, through the Willamette Science Outreach Program, bring science to fifth-grade classes throughout the Salem area. The Webber scholarships not only help the Willamette students learn to communicate science but also put a female face on science for a young audience.

“For many of these students, their idea of a scientist is someone who looks like Albert Einstein,” says Dolores Mlynarczyk, the Willamette Science Outreach coordinator for 20 years. Mlynarczyk is also the university’s representative and Salem branch membership chair for the American Association of University Women, which has focused much attention on the dearth of women in the sciences.

The 1990s also offered a shining moment for Willamette women, albeit far from the classroom. In 1997, Liz Heaston ’99 joined the Willamette football team as a backup placekicker — and on Oct. 18, she became the first woman to play and score points in a college football game. The national press, including the New York Times and the L.A. Times, reported Heaston’s triumph, and she was named one of the 30 Most Influential Women in College Sports. Her jersey hangs at the College Football Hall of Fame.

Heaston explains that, like every other step forward for women, this one was decades in the making. In 1972, Congress passed Title IX of the Education Amendments, which stipulated that educational programs and activities that receive federal aid can’t discriminate by sex. One of the results was that schools all over the country had to support athletic activities and events for women, as well as for men.

“Twenty years later, that allowed me to walk on a football field and kick,” says Heaston, who was also a highly competitive soccer player at Willamette and is now a Washington state optometrist. “I also had a coach, Dan Hawkins, who was thinking outside the box and a team that was respectful.”

The push for equality continues

In a 1994 issue of the Willamette Scene, Mary Eyre, class of 1918, said that when she was a student, “There was some feeling that there were certain things that women didn’t do, but that feeling is encountered less at Willamette than in the general public.”

And that may still be the case. Betty Hart was one of a handful of women in the first graduating class of the Atkinson Graduate School of Management in 1976. She went on to work for local government, Northwest Human Services and then as controller of United Way of Mid-Willamette Valley until her retirement in 2010.

Hart entered Willamette when Helen Reddy’s “I Am Woman” was the anthem for many women eager to breach old boundaries. Hart excelled in her AGSM courses, and she carved an outstanding career — although in the early days she often noticed a shadow side to her rise. She wasn’t promoted as quickly as the men around her, even as she was given more and more responsibilities. Plus, men were sometimes credited with work that she had actually done.

“There are lots of ways women continue to be discriminated against in the workplace, sometimes so subtly that they don’t recognize it or know what to do about it,” Hart says. “That glass ceiling is hard to break. Still.”

Nonetheless, Willamette women continue to stride forward. In 2017, Sidney Gallardo was one of 368 women — compared to 307 men — to receive degrees from Willamette’s three colleges. She and her cohort have been lifted up by the university’s resources, as well as by the stories and examples of the women who came before.

Norma Paulus’ story inspired Gallardo — not only to believe in her abilities but to employ them to help others. She aspires to a career in politics or social justice. “Oregon would have been a really different state without Norma,” she says. “I like to think I carry a little bit of her spirit with me.” ☒

Kristin Ohlson is an award-winning author and freelance writer in Portland.

Other notable Willamette women

Julie Ann Carson, first female dean of the College of Liberal Arts, 1988-94.

Paula Casey ’69 JD’72, the only female graduate in her law class.

Maribeth Collins, a former university trustee and generous donor who supported many university projects. The lobby of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art is named in her honor.

Hallie Ford, a former university trustee and a generous philanthropist in whose honor the Hallie Ford Museum of Art and Ford Hall are named.

Liz Geiger ’80, elected first female ASWU president in 1979.

Grace Goudy ’22, ’85H, a former university trustee in whose honor the Grace Goudy Distinguished Artist Series was created. Goudy Commons also commemorates Grace and her husband, Elmer.

Karen McFarlane Holman ’90, Oregon Professor of the Year 2010, current chemistry professor.

Debra Ringold, Atkinson Graduate School of Management’s first female dean, 2008-current.

Martha Springer, beloved biology professor in whose honor the Martha Springer Botanical Garden was created.

Jean Williams ’42, former multi-sport coach and director of women’s physical education and women’s intramurals, credited as the pioneer of women’s athletics at Willamette.

Karen Wood, the university’s first female chaplain, 2012-current.

Mary Ann Youngren, Oregon Professor of the Year 1991.

Sarah Zerzan ’08, Willamette’s first and only winner of the NCAA Elite 8 award — the most prestigious award in college athletics.

An article covering 175 years of history inevitably leaves out some details — and people.

We’d love to hear about remarkable Willamette women who deserve to be acknowledged.

Email magazine@willamette.edu or write to Willamette magazine, 900 State Street, Salem OR 97301.



ART MEETS SOCIAL JUSTICE

Above: A Willamette student appreciates artworks in the "Border Crossings" exhibition.
Right: Artist Betty LaDuke



A migrant farmworker stoops to pluck radishes from an Oregon field, his posture cramped and awkward. Under a blazing sun in Mozambique, women scratch a living from the depleted soil. An Eritrean family in a refugee camp dreams of a beloved homeland.

For decades, internationally renowned Oregon artist Betty LaDuke has captured the lives and struggles of such people through art that addresses social justice, sustainability and shared humanity.

Through a grant from the Willamette Sustainability Institute's Green Fund and with support from the Mark O. Hatfield Library, University Archives and the Hallie Ford Museum of Art brought a number of her artworks to campus this semester for an exhibition. LaDuke also visited campus to meet students in classes, as well as to take part in a public panel discussion about art and activism.

"Betty LaDuke has a long history of using the visual arts as a vehicle for the kind of social change that's integral to Willamette's mission and core values," says university archivist Mary McRobinson. "As she says, her images 'bridge people as well as continents. We are one.'"



“Vanishing Rainforests”

THE ARTISTIC PROCESS

Simple sketches:

LaDuke’s compelling artworks generally start as simple drawings in her sketchbooks. Over the years, she’s taken the sketchbooks on her travels to dozens of countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Personal relationships:

LaDuke immerses herself in the lives and culture of the people who inspire her art. She often collects their oral histories as another way to share their stories — as in her latest book, “Bountiful Harvest: From Land to Table.”

Developing the work:

Using her sketches as a reference, LaDuke creates paintings on canvas or murals on plywood panels, using acrylics and occasionally other materials such as sand and thread.

Style: LaDuke’s style has been described as reminiscent of American Regionalism with its use of exaggerated forms to portray working-class people. LaDuke also incorporates elements of folk and indigenous art, such as bold colors, stylized motifs and repeated patterns.

Effecting change:

“I’m a social activist in that my work is for educational purposes — it’s displayed in museums and nonprofits and universities,” says LaDuke. “Art is meant to be enjoyed aesthetically, but it should also bring forth questions. I hope my art makes people more alert to what’s happening in the world.”

ON DISPLAY

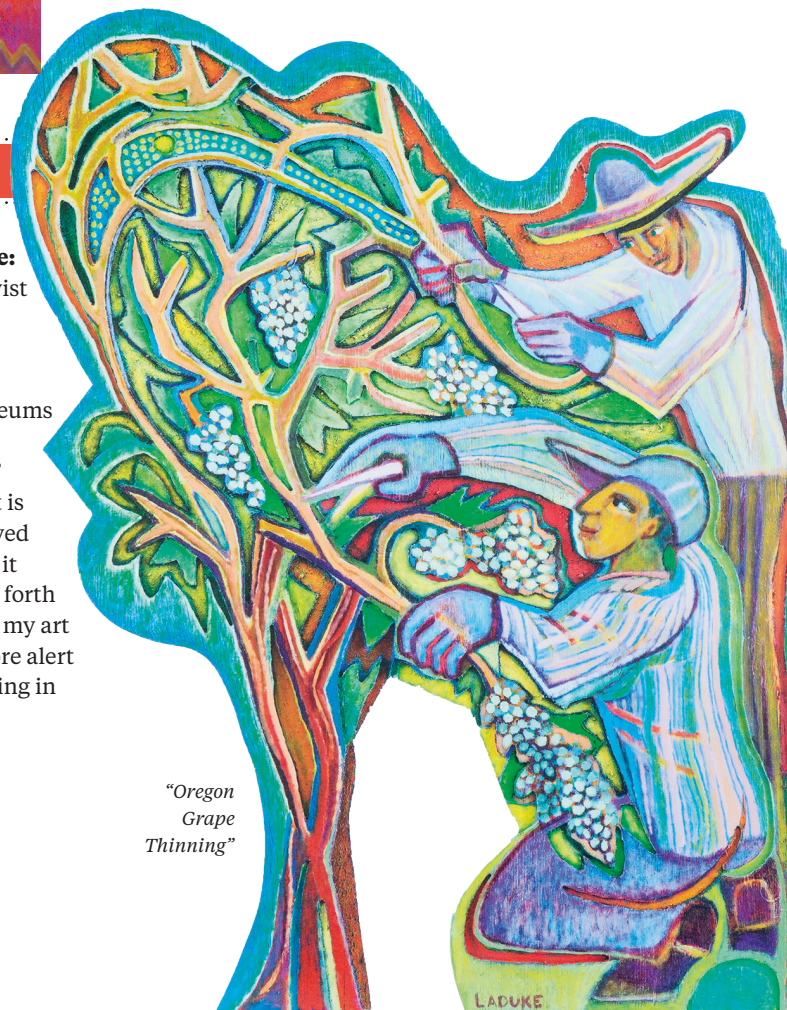
“Betty LaDuke: Social Justice Revisited” encompasses three exhibitions on campus through Dec. 16:

“Bountiful Harvest” at Goudy Commons celebrates the farmers and farmworkers of Oregon’s fertile Rogue Valley as they plant, tend and harvest flowers, fruit and vegetables.

“Border Crossings” in the Rogers Gallery at the Rogers Music Center captures the fear, anxiety and hope of people who have left their homes for another country.

“Survival” on the first floor of the Hatfield Library addresses forced migration, war and environmental degradation.

Hallie Ford Museum of Art’s permanent collection also contains some of LaDuke’s works, with several on display in the Putnam University Center. LaDuke’s personal papers, photographs and sketchbooks are housed in the Pacific Northwest Artists Archives at Willamette.



“Oregon Grape Thinning”

Learn more at bettyladuke.com

This new series highlights interesting and thought-provoking classes taught at Willamette.

COURSE **LAW 263: ANIMAL LAW**



ENROLLMENT

The class enrolls 10-20 students, typically in the second or third year of law school. The small class size encourages dynamic discussion.

INSTRUCTOR

Adjunct professor Scott Beckstead has taught this course and others on wildlife law and the Endangered Species Act at Willamette's College of Law since 2010. Born and raised on a ranch in southern Idaho, Beckstead hunted, showed rabbits, goats and cattle at 4H, and was a member of Future Farmers of America. He practiced law in Oregon for 17 years. A passionate advocate for animals, he co-authored the first textbook on animal law in 2000 and is currently rural affairs director and Oregon senior state director for the Humane Society of the United States.

HIGHLIGHTS

In the first session of the course, Beckstead shows students two photographs: one of a Labrador retriever trapped by the leg in a steel trap, and the other of a coyote caught in a similar device. "The level of pain and suffering felt by both animals is probably the same," he says, "so why does the law decide one act is objectionable and the other is to be encouraged?"

Over the next 14 weeks, students will explore similar inconsistencies in how pets, wildlife and farm animals are regarded and treated under the law. They learn about landmark legislation such as the Endangered Species Act, as well as the Lacey Act of 1900, the first federal statute that said wildlife couldn't be privatized or commercialised because it belongs to everyone. Instead, like natural resources, wildlife was held in public trust, to be managed by the state for the public interest.

SYLLABUS

The class offers an exploration and discussion of the treatment of animals under state, federal, and constitutional law.

Session topics includes the various legal classifications of animals, the obligations and state regulation of ownership, veterinary malpractice, animals in agriculture, wildlife issues and criminal law in cases of animal abuse and neglect. As part of their assignments, students write an animal adoption contract and a 20-page summary judgment memorandum that discusses relevant legal statutes and cases for an animal law tort case.



**WHAT
STUDENTS
SAY**

● **“I think animal law is the new frontier of recognized rights. It’s been interesting to learn that there are a lot of special interests at play when it comes to protecting animals from cruelty. It’s not just activists railing against animal abusers — there are a lot of nuanced policies and rationales motivating the legislation and agency rulemaking going on behind the scenes.”**

Emily Lohman JD’19

Students soon discover that animal law — and the underlying issues — are nuanced and complex. As part of his “real-world” emphasis, their professor invites guest speakers from both sides of the animal rights discussion. One week a local attorney explains how he obtained a record-level jury settlement in the case of two livestock dogs that were shot by hunters. In another session, a cattle rancher offers his perspective on how the animal protection movement affects people who make their living with animals.

Unlike animal law courses taught in other universities, this one isn’t dedicated to the philosophical bases for advancing the legal cause of animal protection. Beckstead’s top priority is simply to help students become good lawyers armed with critical thinking skills.

“We spend some time talking about the concept of ‘animal rights’ and the ethical justifications for granting animals legal protection. I make it clear that I have a certain perspective, but my job is not to get them to think like me,” says Beckstead. “I want them to think like a good lawyer would. This is a *law* class, so most of our time is spent talking about real cases, real fact patterns and the real legal work a lawyer would undertake in practicing animal law.”

He notes that animal law is fast-growing, not only for tort law but also in policy development, advocacy and academia. “It’s an incredibly dynamic and fruitful area for practicing lawyers,” he says. “The prospects for law students who are interested in animal law are getting better and better.”

Beckstead ascribes the growth in animal law to increased societal awareness of and concern for animals and their welfare, explaining, “Ideally, the law codifies where society at large stands on an issue of concern, and that is the direction that the field of animal law is headed.”

● **“Animal law junctures with so many other areas of law, such as land use, criminal, civil, product liability, business, property, family, trusts and estates. To understand animal law is to better understand the other areas.”**

Brittany January JD’19

PARTICULAR CHALLENGES

To help them become good lawyers, Beckstead tasks students with defending a position they don’t support personally. A committed vegan might have to advocate for a butcher facing a lawsuit. A student who supports hunting or factory farming might have to argue the case for improving animal welfare legislation. ▣



IN THE PATH OF TOTALITY



*The heavens aligned to give
Willamette a prime view of a
rare phenomenon.* BY TINA OWEN



ON THE MORNING OF AUG. 21, 2017, about 2,000 people gathered to sit or stand on the north lawn outside Waller Hall, their faces turned up to the sky. At 10:17, a hush fell over the crowd. Then the screams began.

Even in today’s modern world, the spectacle of the moon consuming the sun, bite by bite until a black hole gapes in the sky, inspires shrieks of excitement and shivers of awe. And The Great American Eclipse of 2017 more than lived up to the months of national hype, publicity and preparations. The 3,000-mile-long, 70-mile-wide, 2,100-mph phenomenon started on the Oregon coast and swept across the country in 90 minutes to end at Charleston, South Carolina.

Ancient cultures believed that eclipses were caused by demons, dragons or other creatures trying to devour the sun. While modern logic says that the startling event — where the moon passes between the sun and Earth and casts a shadow on the land — is a celestial curiosity easily explained by facts and figures, even scientists succumb to a visceral thrill.

“There is some primal effect on people of the sun vanishing in the middle of the day,” says Jay Pasachoff, one of the world’s leading eclipse astronomers and a professor of astronomy at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. “It’s such a spectacular thing to see.”

Even after studying 65 solar eclipses in locations around the world, Pasachoff was eager to travel to Salem this past August to claim his 66th sighting. He says, “When I discovered that Willamette University is near the center of totality in the most favorable weather region, and that it was not only glad to provide hospitality on campus but also has an astronomer as its president, I knew that we had found a scientific home-away-from-home.”

The Great American Eclipse also promised to be remarkable. It was the first total solar eclipse to touch the continental United States since 1979 and also the first in a century to cross the nation coast-to-coast. An estimated 215 million people watched some part of the eclipse, either physically or via electronic devices.

Top left: The eclipse created mini-eclipse effects in the shadows of leaves from the trees outside Waller Hall. Top right: Professor Rick Watkins discussed the mysteries of the cosmos in a public talk. Above: Some Willamette student-athletes, including these members of the soccer team, were on campus to enjoy the eclipse. Left: University chaplain Karen Wood admires Blitz’s glow-in-the-dark commemorative T-shirt.



*“Watching the eclipse
was absolutely
magical and
mesmerizing. I will
never forget it.”*

CRYSTAL LLANOS
Willamette Academy student



WHAT A SPECTACLE!

Almost 50,000 people have viewed the university's Facebook video showing the crowd reaction at the moment of totality. See all the excitement at willamette.edu/go/totality.



THE PHENOMENON ON THE LAWN

To celebrate the eclipse, which coincided perfectly with its 175th anniversary year, the university arranged a number of special events. Pasachoff shared his expert perspective at a panel discussion on natural phenomena, Willamette professor of physics Rick Watkins presented a public talk on the cosmos, and award-winning astronomer and author Ray Jayawardhana spoke on the “science and adventure” of chasing solar eclipses.

The university also hosted a free public viewing event on the north lawn on the morning of the eclipse, and produced commemorative glow-in-the-dark T-shirts and posters advertising “The Phenomenon on the Lawn — Battle for Dominance in the Oregon Sky.”

The viewing party included members of the Willamette and local communities, as well as others who traveled from as far away as Ireland and Japan to witness the rare event. Twenty-five alumni made their way back to campus to attend a Solar Eclipse Weekend organized by the alumni association.

Journalists and film and radio crews also arrived from all over the country. A camera installed on a campus lamppost beamed live panoramic images of the crowds and the eclipse onto the front page of the online New York Times. Willamette professors, students and the campus also appeared in The Los Angeles Times and on CNN, CNN Español, NPR, PBS’s “NOVA” and The Weather Channel.

During his first total solar eclipse, President Steve Thorsett gave live interviews for Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) and NPR. “(One of) the really interesting things about an eclipse is that we get to experience this rare event in almost the same way that people did in the 5th century,” he told OPB. “It’s an awe-inspiring event across all centuries. It’s thrilling.”

Indeed it was. In the two hours leading up to the eclipse, the crowds cheered a series of remarkable sights. At “first contact,” a sliver of darkness appeared on the edge of the sun and gradually grew larger. Just before totality, when the moon completely blocked the sun, a summer morning transformed into an eerie twilight. Birds fell silent and the temperature dropped a few degrees.

Dazzling diamond rings of light — the Baily’s Beads effect — sparkled around the moon’s silhouette. Then, to the watchers’ ecstatic delight, the corona — the sun’s usually unseen outer atmosphere — blazed in the dark sky.



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JAY PASACHOFF
Eclipse astronomer and professor of astronomy, Williams College



Top: The hundreds of experts who came to Willamette were estimated to be the world's largest gathering of solar scientists. Above: World-renowned eclipse astronomer Jay Pasachoff (right) brought two tons of equipment from Massachusetts to study the solar eclipse.



Students from Willamette Academy — the university's college access program — put on displays of solar science and experiments.

SHINING A LIGHT ON THE SUN'S MYSTERIES

Pasachoff and a few dozen colleagues and students had arrived on campus a few days beforehand to set up more than two tons of equipment transported from Massachusetts. On the day of the eclipse, they and hundreds of other researchers conducted experiments and observations. More than 100 scientists from the American Astronomical Society's Solar Physics Division also mixed with the crowds to answer questions and lead science demonstrations.

Solar eclipses provide unique opportunities for scientists to test theories, make observations and gather data. An 1868 eclipse led to the discovery of helium, while one in 1919 helped prove Einstein's theory of general relativity.

Pasachoff's team mainly focused on studying magnetic loops in the solar corona. "Only on the days of total solar eclipses can we get a complete picture of the sun," says Pasachoff. "And what we learn for the sun also applies to millions and billions of other similar stars."

Research efforts weren't limited to professionals. Willamette hosted a citizen scientist, Mike Conley from West Salem, working on the National Solar Observatory's Citizen CATE (Continental-America Telescopic Eclipse) Experiment. The National Science Foundation-funded project used a national network of some 60 telescopes operated by citizen scientists, astronomy clubs, high school groups and universities to capture rare images of the inner solar corona.

Conley, a retired stock trader, keen amateur astronomer and experienced

photographer, headed the 10-strong Oregon contingent of volunteers who used the specialized telescopes, filters and software to take images during totality. During those two minutes, Conley collected about 400 images that the software then turned into a high dynamic range composite image.

The thousands of images from across the national network went to Matt Penn, an astronomer at the National Solar Observatory, who is compiling them to create a unique 90-minute video with invaluable data about the corona. Ideally, the data will help answer questions that currently defy scientific explanation, such as why the temperature in the sun's outer atmosphere is more than one million degrees hotter than on the surface.

Like other eclipse-watchers, Conley scrutinized the weather forecast in the days leading up to the event. Although the previous two months had been unfailingly hot and sunny in Salem, forecasters warned that clouds might obscure the eclipse — just as cloudy skies in 1979 marred much of the last total eclipse to pass over Oregon.

To everyone's relief, a bright blue and cloudless sky this time provided perfect conditions. Conley was so intent on operating the telescope that he only managed to take a few peeks — and a few shots on his own camera — during totality. But he was still thrilled at the opportunity to attend his third eclipse.

"It really was citizen science in action," he says. "I usually just take photos of the sun for my own interest. But maybe a discovery will come out of this project that will make the world better — and I'll have been part of it."

THE MARVELS OF THE UNIVERSE

At its most basic, yet also spectacular level, an eclipse provides a rare glimpse into the workings of a vast and mysterious universe. Crystal Llanos, a Salem 12th-grader, helped run a series of experiments and demonstrations on campus to highlight the science of the eclipse and our solar system.

She and a dozen other members of Willamette Academy — the university's college access program for underrepresented populations — spent a day working with National Solar Observatory scientists to learn basic but impressive facts about the eclipse.

Llanos then used scaled-down models to demonstrate the size and distance of the sun and the moon. Her station on the north lawn displayed a model of the sun — a 55-inch orange circle with 109 blue dots, each representing the size of the Earth, stretched across its diameter. About 500 feet away, a large orange arrow pointed at a model of the moon that was the size of a thumb tack.

During totality, Llanos and other academy students conducted live radio interviews with OPB and CNN Español — but even that thrill couldn't compete with the marvel of the eclipse.

"Watching the eclipse was absolutely magical and mesmerizing. I will never forget it," says Llanos. "My heart was racing, and I teared up at the beauty and the experience of seeing such a marvelous example of our amazing universe." ☐



ON LOCATION

Nerf's up! So was the Poi Club, a hip-hop dance group and dozens of other student clubs and organizations.

At Willamette's Activities and Resources Expo in September, representatives from many of the groups hosted tables in Jackson Plaza and along the sidewalk by the Mill Stream.

As they explored the options available, students discovered numerous ways to make friends and channel their creative, political, religious, recreational or social energies.





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Women's lacrosse checks in at Willamette



Sarah Lautenbach

2012-2017 — assistant coach, later first assistant coach, and also defensive coordinator at Fresno State University, California, competing in Division I. Lautenbach helped Fresno State earn its first winning record this spring.

2012 — volunteer assistant coach at Drexel University, Pennsylvania, competing in Division I.

2010-2012 — head coach at Holy Family University in Pennsylvania, competing in Division II. In her first season, Lautenbach improved the team from 0-12 to a 10-7 record.

A game that traces its roots to a 12th century Native American spiritual ritual is getting its start as a varsity sport at Willamette.

Sarah Lautenbach joined Willamette as a head coach this summer to help establish women's lacrosse, initially as a club sport and then as a varsity team. Varsity competition is expected to begin in spring 2019, when Willamette will join six other NCAA Division III teams: George Fox University, Linfield College, Pacific University, University of Puget Sound, Whitman College and Whitworth University.

"It's so exciting and challenging to start a program and its traditions from scratch," says Lautenbach. "I feel proud and grateful to be here, and I can't wait to get the program established and the team up and running."

Although men's and women's lacrosse used to exist as a club sport at Willamette on-and-off since 1978, many people on

campus are probably unfamiliar with the game.

A fast-growing sport

Lacrosse began with the Iroquois in the northeastern U.S. and Canada, moving to America's East Coast by the 1900s. The women's sport began in Scotland in 1890 after a school headmistress saw the game played in Quebec. By the 1920s, the women's game returned to the eastern U.S. and then gradually caught on across the nation. Now lacrosse is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country.

The name is derived from a French word, "la crosse" or "the stick," which refers to the main piece of equipment — a stick (formerly wooden, now made from a lightweight composite material) with a leather and nylon string pocket at the end. Players use the stick's pocket to pick up and run with a solid rubber ball about the size of a tennis ball.

The game is played by two teams of 12 athletes — four attackers, three midfielders, four defenders and one goalie. A point is scored when a player manages to throw the ball into a 6 foot by 6 foot nylon mesh goal guarded by the goalie.

Players run up the field towards the opposing goal, constantly twisting their stick to keep the ball safely in the pocket. Players can “check” or make a short, choppy hit on another player’s stick to knock the ball out of the pocket.

They’re not allowed to check in the “sphere” or safe zone around a player’s head. Unlike in the full-contact men’s sport, the only protective gear that female players — apart from the goalie — wear are goggles and a mouthguard.

A fast-paced game

At first glance, the sport appears to be similar to field hockey, but Lautenbach says lacrosse has more in common with soccer and basketball. Playing on a regular-sized soccer field, players run a lot, as in soccer. As in basketball, attackers and defenders make lateral movements to try to regain possession of the ball.

Lacrosse has been called “the fastest game on two feet,” and Lautenbach agrees that it’s “a physical, high-speed, high-skill game.” Currently, she’s helping set up the student-run club, leading drills and practices and teaching the game to newcomers. She primarily looks for students who are fit rather than experienced in lacrosse. As she says, “I can take a good athlete from any sports background and turn her into an accomplished lacrosse player.”

In fact, Lautenbach played ice hockey before starting lacrosse as a walk-on at Old Dominion University in Virginia, where she completed her undergraduate degree. She played as a starting midfielder on the Division I team.

A caring coach

For Willamette’s varsity team, Lautenbach will recruit students who can embody the culture she’s trying to establish. “I want a supportive, respectful environment,” she says. “My goal is for players not just to be competitive athletes but also to embrace the opportunity to be challenged in new ways, to build confidence and strength.”

Apart from her passion for lacrosse, Lautenbach is motivated by the desire to make a difference in students’ lives. “As a coach, I enjoy being able to add value to players’ lives, whether through on-field instruction that makes them a better athlete or by supporting them in other parts of their lives,” she says. “I’m here for them as a resource, advocate and mentor.” ☐

NEWS & NOTES



▣ Passage Promoted to Director

The university named Rob Passage as the new director of intercollegiate athletics this spring.

Passage served as the department’s interim director since December 2016. He joined Willamette in 2012 as director of athletic facilities and operations and was promoted to assistant athletics director in 2013 and to associate athletics director in 2016.

Previously, he worked as assistant coach and then head coach for the men’s basketball team at Kalamazoo College in Michigan — his alma mater, where he also played basketball as an undergraduate. As head coach, he led Kalamazoo to an 18-7 record during the 2002-03 season.

Passage also worked at the University of Chicago as an assistant men’s basketball coach and event manager. He holds a bachelor’s degree in economics from Kalamazoo College and a master’s degree in athletic administration from Western Michigan University.

“Willamette Athletics has a very storied history,” says Passage, “and I am committed to us writing some exciting new chapters in the years to come.”

From Bearcats to MBAs

Sixteen current or former student-athletes are taking part in Willamette’s dual-degree program that helps them earn a bachelor’s degree and an MBA in less time.

Seven Bearcats are participating in their first year at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and their fourth year in the

College of Liberal Arts. Another nine former student-athletes who completed their undergraduate work this past spring are in their final year of the 3/2 program.

“It is definitely very busy to balance and keep track of everything going on, but it’s doable,” says Maddi Barnett ’18. “Time management has been a big factor in being able to balance MBA and athletics.”

Two assistant coaches, Whitney Pitalo from women’s soccer and Jorge Brambila from men’s soccer, are also in their second year of studies as Willamette MBA students.



▣ Tennis Welcomes New Head Coach

Bryce Parmelly was hired as the head coach of women’s tennis this August, following the retirement of Becky Roberts after 17 seasons.

Parmelly, who has coached at the NCAA Division III level since 2005, was chosen as the divisional 2016-17 National Assistant Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

Before joining Willamette, he was assistant men’s tennis coach at Middlebury College in Vermont, and assistant coach and later head coach for the men’s tennis team at the University of California, Santa Cruz. At Middlebury, Parmelly helped the team achieve a combined record of 39-6, including two trips to the New England Small College Athletic Conference Tournament — where they won the championship once — and two NCAA Tournament berths.

Parmelly played tennis at UC Santa Cruz, including on the NCAA Division III national championship team in 2004-05. He was ranked as high as No.2 in the nation in doubles.





Well Read

This semester, first-year students pursued their intellectual passions through the College Colloquium courses. Here are some of the books they read.

Good Omens: The Nice and Accurate Prophecies of Agnes Nutter, Witch

By Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman

How is the world going to end? Divine wrath, epidemic disease, floods, an asteroid collision, war or monsters created by nuclear waste?

Famed fantasy authors Terry Pratchett (the *Discworld* series) and Neil Gaiman (*The Sandman* comic book series) share their version of the final battle in a tale described as morbidly funny, irreverent and wacky.

A fussy angel and fast-living demon aim to stop the apocalypse. As the San Francisco Chronicle noted, it “reads like the Book of Revelation, rewritten by Monty Python.”

Recommended by Monique Bourque, director of student academic grants and awards, for her course “Views of the Apocalypse, Natural Disaster and the End of the World in (mostly) Western Culture.”



Resilience: Why Things Bounce Back

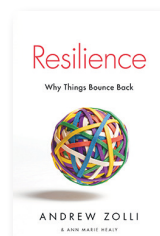
By Andrew Zolli and Ann Marie Healy

“Resilience” is a buzzword in several industries. But how do some groups or organizations bounce back when others do not? And what can we learn from their example?

Authors Andrew Zolli and Ann Marie Healy describe resilience as a mindset that can help organizations better absorb disruption and be flexible. As they say, “If we cannot control the volatile tides of change, we can learn to build better boats.”

One reviewer says the book “teaches us that being strong is not about doing one thing very well (It’s about) the importance of planning for the future, even when it means giving up some short-term goals.”

Recommended by Carol Long, senior vice president for academic and student affairs, and Edward Whipple, president for student affairs, for their course “Bouncing Back: How Resilience Works.”



Journey to the West

By Wu Cheng'en

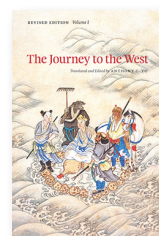
Adventure, new cultures and the unexpected await travelers to any foreign land. But for some, the journey is as much spiritual as physical.

“Journey to the West” combines both ideas. Considered a masterpiece of Chinese literature, the novel follows a famous monk and his supernatural disciples as they face foes and demons in their search for Buddhist scriptures.

Based on the journey of a real Chinese monk, the novel weaves in elements of folk religion, Taoism, Buddhism and Confucian social values.

The Los Angeles Review of Books commends its “thought-provoking meditations on existential conundrums: the tragedy of morality, the obstacles to self-perfection, the violence and chaos of the human and animal worlds.”

Recommended by Xijuan Zhou, associate professor of religious studies, for her course “Journey to the West.”



Life Laid Bare: The Survivors in Rwanda Speak

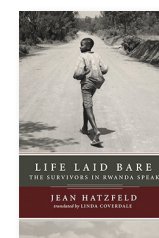
By Jean Hatzfeld

Survivors of genocide bear incomprehensible trauma in ways that show their indomitable spirit.

Examples of such courage fill “Life Laid Bare,” a French journalist’s account of one of the worst areas devastated by the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Survivors describe the slaughter by machete and spear of 10,000 Tutsis, when neighbors from the Hutu ethnic group became executioners.

“The suffering is palpable throughout these interviews,” says one reviewer, “and this is a must-read work for anyone interested in human rights, genocide, war, peace studies, history or life in general.”

Recommended by Mark Stewart, professor of psychology, for his course “Genocide Survived.”



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Outstanding Bearcats

Seven accomplished and dedicated graduates received Alumni Awards this year.

At the Alumni Reunion Weekend in September, the alumni association held a special dinner to present its highest awards to graduates who have made the university community proud through their exemplary careers, volunteer work and commitment to the Willamette motto, “Not unto ourselves alone are we born.”

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



Jan M. Bennetts

Jan M. Bennetts JD’92 is a tireless advocate for the people of Ada County, Idaho, and for crime victims.

In 2014, after 20 years’ service as a deputy prosecuting attorney, Bennetts became the first woman to hold the post of prosecuting attorney in the 150 years since Ada County’s establishment.

After handling homicide, sexual assault and domestic violence cases throughout her career, Bennetts developed a passion for victim services. She was an instrumental leader in creating Ada County’s FACES of Hope Victim Center, the Domestic Violence Unit in the Prosecutor’s Office and the Ada County Domestic Violence Court. She has been recognized for her service by organizations such as the National District Attorneys Association, the Idaho Victim Witness Association and the Idaho Business Review.

Jay P. Desai MBA’89 returned home to India after completing his Willamette degree and began working with Arthur Andersen & Co (Andersen Consulting) in Mumbai. In 1994, as India’s economy started liberalising, Desai



Jay P. Desai

founded Universal Consulting, where he is currently managing director, with capital of only \$1,500. Twenty-three years later, UC is a well-established Indian strategy consulting firm, having completed 900-plus projects for 350 clients.

Triggered by the terror attacks in Mumbai in 2008, Desai wrote a book titled “Accountability: Angst, Awareness, Action” on India’s complex governance systems. As a result, Harvard University’s South Asia Initiative organized a “Best of Harvard in India” roundtable series on “Accountability and Governance.” Desai also recently spoke about accountability at a TEDx conference in Mumbai.

Desai has completed the Advanced Management Program (AMP) from Harvard Business School, a Master of Science in biology from Purdue University and a Bachelor of Science in life sciences from the University of Mumbai.

Trina M. Roy ’88 is a senior software engineer at Pixar Animation Studios in Seattle. Throughout her career, she has helped bring to life characters and special effects in major



Trina M. Roy

films such as “Shrek,” the “Harry Potter” series, “The Dark Knight” and “Inception.”

After graduating from Willamette, Roy studied virtual reality and scientific visualization at the University of Illinois in Chicago, where she earned a Master of Science in electronic visualization.

Roy has made exemplary contributions to the film industry, particularly as a woman in a historically male-dominated industry. She was one of only a few women serving on the committee for the 2016 Scientific and Technical Awards at the Oscars. She mentors students through Skype in the Classroom and, at the GeekGirlCon conference in Seattle in 2016, Roy served on a five-member panel called “The Women of Pixar” to encourage young women to pursue careers in gaming, game design, engineering and animation.

Robert “Rob” Sassor ’02 is passionate about the environment, social justice and creative expression, and where those fields interconnect.

After earning his English degree at Willamette, Rob



Rob Sassor

moved to Washington, D.C., where he conducted research and was a ghostwriter for social and environmental causes, contributing to more than 150 published works and two books.

Sassor went on to assess the efficacy of positive versus negative messages in communicating and fundraising for nature conservation, which culminated in a master's in conservation leadership at the University of Cambridge.

Sassor also worked with the Jane Goodall Institute in western Tanzania, where he led a team of eight to develop and later implement parts of the conservation plan for the greater Gombe ecosystem and its famous chimpanzees.

Now a senior director in the Washington, D.C., office of Metropolitan Group — the Portland-based strategic and creative social change agency — Sassor helps clients such as NASA Earth Science Division, the American Public Health Association and the national Creating Connection initiative deepen their impact through direct support and capacity-building efforts.

SPARKS MEDALLION



Mark Hoyt

Mark Hoyt JD'92 combines service to the legal profession with a commitment to the community of Salem and Willamette University.

A partner in the Salem law firm of Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP., he represents businesses and individuals in all aspects of complex civil litigation, land development and construction. Beyond his law office, Hoyt is an active volunteer including as a member of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce's Executive Leadership Council, as past-president of the Marion County Bar Association, the Abiqua School Foundation and Illahe Hills Country Club, and as chair-elect of the Mid-Willamette Valley Strategic Economic Development Corporation.

Hoyt has served on the Willamette University Law Board of Visitors since 2003, is a member of the college's Leadership Cabinet, and serves as the national chair for the College of Law Annual Fund. An engaged student while at Willamette Law — he served on Law Review, participated in Moot Court and graduated cum laude — Hoyt continues to be an active and dedicated alumnus. He participates in



Colonel John S. Rogers

campus events, frequently speaks with students about career opportunities and served as an adjunct professor for the Business Law Clinic.

Colonel John S. Rogers '63 is president of the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, established by his mother in 1985. Under his leadership, the foundation has made many impactful gifts to Willamette, most notably the endowment of the Science Collaborative Research Program (now called the Mary Stuart Rogers Fellow Program), major support for the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center and the creation of the Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship program.

During his 26-year career as a U.S. Air Force pilot, Colonel Rogers received several honors, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal. Retired from the military since 1989, Colonel Rogers now owns and is an active pilot with Sky Trek Aviation, which facilitates corporate aircraft management, charter flights and aircraft sales.

In 1998 Willamette honored Colonel Rogers with an Alumni Citation for his philanthropic and community work.

YOUNG ALUMNI



Reyna Lopez

Reyna Lopez '09 works to advance and empower the Latino community in Oregon's political process.

Currently federal campaigns director at Family Forward Oregon, this politics graduate focuses on federal budget threats to safety net programs such as Medicaid, CHIP and SNAP. Previously, she was interim director of Fair Shot for All Oregon, a coalition of groups tackling economic, racial and gender injustice through political action, and civic engagement director for the Causa Oregon immigrant rights organization.

At Causa Oregon, she helped secure victories in the legislature with measures ensuring tuition equity and access to driver's cards for undocumented workers. For this latter project, she was director of the field effort for Oregon's first bilingual and bicultural ballot measure.

Lopez has studied at the Université Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, France, and in 2016 she received the Immigrant Advocacy Award from the American Association of Immigration Lawyers.

**Nominations are welcome for future Alumni Awards.
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Class Notes

Remember to submit Class Notes at willamette.edu/magazine, or directly to Class Notes editor Daniel Johnson at johnsond@willamette.edu. Your note may be edited for style and for space constraints.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Couples are listed under the graduation year of the person who submitted the class note, unless they specify otherwise.

1941

Vernon Casterline, the first practicing doctor in Keizer, Oregon, turned 100 on April 13, 2017.

1943

Andy Rogers, the last living member of the Bearcats' 1941 Pearl Harbor football team, was recognized in a speech by Oregon Rep. Kurt Schrader on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives in June. Now 96 years old, Andy was with the team when Willamette played the University of Hawaii on Dec. 6, 1941. The next morning, when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese, Andy joined his fellow WU players and coaches in helping the military recover, serving as guards of a makeshift military depot for 10 days. When he returned to Oregon, Andy enlisted in the U.S. Marines and served as an infantry platoon leader in the recapturing of Guam and in the Battle of Iwo Jima.

1950

On March 28 **Bob Bennett** celebrated his 90th birthday with family and WU classmates **Joe Brazie** and **Doris (Gragg) Sherry**.

1952

Dolores Christensen writes: "My husband passed away seven years ago, but lived to be 90, and I'm trying to catch up to him. Twelve of our 15 grandchildren have also graduated from college (debt-free) and four of those are in grad school, so education has always been a big thing in our household. All the kids are working hard and slowly getting established in their chosen professions. At 87, I still live alone and need to keep kicking in order to see what these wonderful kids do with their futures."

1953

Donna (Sebern) Talus is active in her church, in the community and with the American Association of University Women. She also continues to play piano.

1954

Howard Wilson lives in Corvallis Caring Place, an assisted living facility in Corvallis, Oregon.

1956

Donna (Knox) Hobson writes: "I am still enjoying retirement in a lovely historic community just one hour north of Washington, D.C. I feel so blessed to have traveled the world and still be with my children and grandchildren today, while living a very active and fulfilling life. I serve as secretary on the board of directors of the retirement community I now live in. I also participate in the many activities here. Once a year, a classmate from my Willamette years comes to visit her son and family, and this gives old friends the opportunity to catch up and remember great times shared in our past."

1957

John Chi returned to Salem with his wife in April to live with their daughter. Looking to stay busy in retirement, he is attempting to organize poker and bridge games and start playing pickleball.

Beth (Church) Furrer hosted a mini-reunion of Willamette Alpha Chi Omegas in April at her home in Tucson, Arizona. **Loma (Lawrence) Dies**, **Janis (Hershe) Hoekstra** and **Noreen (Nelson) Swanson** toured interesting sites in Tucson and southern Arizona and enjoyed a performance of Beth's senior women's tap group, the Tucson Prime Time Dancers.

Doug Houser, an attorney with Bullivant Houser Bailey in Portland, Oregon, received the Federation of Defense & Corporate Counsel's first Lifetime Achievement Award in March.

1959

Gregory Nokes' new book, "The Troubled Life of Peter Burnett:



Brian Booth '93 (left) and Jim Booth '64



Barbara (Woodworth) Saigo '64 and her husband, Roy



Ed Cole '65

Oregon Pioneer and Governor of California," will be published in spring 2018 by Oregon State University Press.

1960

Dale Denham and his high school sweetheart, **Connie Egger**, were married July 2 at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance were Dale's four children, Connie's two children and four of Dale's Willamette Beta brothers.

1961

Peter Manning is a professor of criminal justice and criminology at Northeastern University in Boston. He holds an honorary professorship at the Education University of Hong Kong and is a fellow at Hong Kong University. Peter is also finishing a book on policing in Ireland. He says, "I expect to be teaching until I am 80. Willamette gave me the foundation for my life's work."

Eldon Olson and Marcia (Humphrey) Olson traveled to Windhoek, Namibia, in May to attend the 12th Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation. Afterward, they traveled through the Namib Desert for two weeks.

William Richter has received Rotary International's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award, given annually to a select few rotarians worldwide who demonstrate their commitment to helping others by volunteering.

1962

Karen (Smith) Crooch is enjoying retirement in Salem, with frequent travel outside the United States.

1963

Dave Robertson was recently commissioned to arrange the new anthem for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, "Into the Oceans and the Air," for Adam Flatt and the Newport Symphony Orchestra. Dave has also

recently performed arrangements and compositions by Big Horn Brass and the Northwest Horn Orchestra. He continues to be bass trombonist for the Lincoln Pops Orchestra, a big band that performs in Gleneden Beach, Lincoln City and Newport, Oregon.

1964

Jim Booth celebrated his 75th birthday by golfing with son **Brian Booth '93** at Chambers Bay in University Place, Washington.

Barbara (Woodworth) Saigo and her husband, Roy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24. The couple retired to Ashland, Oregon, after Roy served a two-year appointment as president at Southern Oregon University. Barbara adds, "My heart sings to be back in my home state after most of a lifetime away from it. It has been wonderful revisiting familiar places, discovering new places, enjoying the beauty and diversity of the Northwest, and reconnecting with old friends. I am grateful for my experiences at WU, the wonderful professors, engagement in journalism, theater, Delta Gamma, fun and friendship of fellow students, and the thought-provoking — often wrenching — social and political environment we shared in the 1960s. My warmest best wishes to all of you."

1965

Ed Cole has been appointed to the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability by Gov. Bill Haslam. Ed also serves as the governor's appointee for Nashville on the Regional Transportation Authority. Making retirement even busier, Ed is the Nashville representative and the chairperson for the Cheatham County Rail Authority. He attributes his public service to meaningful Willamette classes and seminars led by political science professor Ed Stillings and his colleagues. Ed adds, "Public service was a core element of the Willamette experience!"

1966

Bill Blair JD'69 is now semi-retired ("pro bono active" status) from practicing law. He was appointed high commissioner of the Clan Blair Society, International, in May,



Susan Gilpin '69 and friends from the class of 1969 including Keith Bauer JD'73, Linda Kelly, Roger Paulsen, Madge Bauer, Peggy Ellis '72, Al Ellis, John Hudkins, Teresa Hudkins, John Hoover JD'72, Glenda Blanchard, Carolyn (Smith) Evans, Pat Hogan, Bud Donald, Marty Brown and Liz Callahan.

and is serving a one-year term as state chair of the Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board.

1967

C. Dell Lindstrom lives in Minden, Nevada, where he plays in the pit orchestra for the Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company. He is also a docent at the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, Nevada.

Carol (Curtis) Stilz has written two children's books that are set to be published this year. "Sacagawea's Winter Story" is illustrated by noted artist Mary Ann Cherry, and "Grandma Buffalo" will be available with an activity book.

1968 50TH REUNION

Christine Greve writes: "This California native got tired of taxes and too many people at the beach, so moved to Mountain City, Texas, a couple of years ago. I enjoy the Master Gardener Association and the Wimberley Lions Club. I am retired from teaching special education since 2013, and now sub and work here and there for 'fun money.' I hope all is well with old friends and good old WU."

Jim Hicks is a research professor of molecular biology at the Bridge Institute for Convergent Science at the University of Southern California, where his research is dedicated to developing real-time cancer diagnostics through simple blood samples.

1969

Larry Gale has retired from the world of corporate finance and accounting and is enjoying trips to Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, as well as a return trip to Vietnam after 45 years.

Susan Gilpin hosted friends from the class of 1969 at her home for a summer barbecue to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Along with Susan, those who enjoyed the day were **Keith Bauer JD'73, Linda Kelly, Roger Paulsen, Madge Bauer, Peggy Ellis '72, Al Ellis, John Hudkins, Teresa Hudkins, John Hoover JD'72, Glenda Blanchard, Carolyn (Smith) Evans, Pat Hogan, Bud Donald, Marty Brown and Liz Callahan.**

Roland "Gib" Stewart puts investor groups together and buys or starts companies. This year, it is an entertainment and educational paper for Clark County, Washington,

which he expects to expand up and down much of the I-5 corridor. Last year, it was an HVAC company that services the greater Portland area.

Ron Sticka retired from the practice of law on Jan. 1. Three days later, he and his wife, Sue, lost their only daughter, Kim, to an unspecified flu virus. At the time of her death, Ron and Kim were working on the establishment of a foundation to aid in the research and treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, particularly for young people, through combined arts therapy. The foundation was established in March as the Kim Sticka PTSD Music and Arts Foundation (ptsdmusicarts.org), with Ron serving as executive director. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Ron is also president of the Emerald Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, with a focus on promotion of legislation to help service members, veterans and their families, including initiatives to enhance treatment and support for PTSD victims.

Class Notes



Joann Young '74



Sally Purbrick-Illek '76

1972

Gail (Kaufmann) Riley and her husband, Thom, have retired and moved to Forest Grove, Oregon, to be close to their sons.

1973 45TH REUNION

David Brenner has retired from his business consulting firm and moved to Crossville, Tennessee. David and his wife, **Beverly Iverson-Brenner '74**, are enjoying retirement.

Sheldon Delph is retired and volunteers as a community grants coordinator for the City of Weston, Oregon, helping raise money for traffic safety projects and a replacement bridge.

Joann Young joined WU Alumni Association Southern California Chapter leader **Allison Tenold '07** and several other alumni at Rosenthal Estates in Malibu, California, for a day of conversation and wine tasting.



Mark Foster '83



Donald L. Krahrmer Jr. '81, JD/MBA'87

1975

Ken Morris and his company, KnectIQ, partnered with the University of Illinois to use the company's novel secure authentication and data protection technology.

Terri (Vestal) Nelson retired in June after 40 years as an elementary teacher — nine in Alaska and 31 in Lemon Grove, California.



Chris Blattner '78 and his wife, Cindy



Stephen Pedroncini '82



Chris Erickson '80

1976

Sally Purbrick-Illek will be a team leader at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games in Australia in April. She also served as a community ambassador for the 2017 Sudirman Cup to promote the sport of badminton and competed in the Gold Coast Marathon in July, placing 20th in her age group.

1978 40TH REUNION

Chris Blattner and his wife, Cindy, recently took a trip to Epidaurus, Greece.

Daniel Wilson-Fey is conference treasurer and benefits officer for the annual Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. Previously, he served 24 years in pastoral ministry



Martin Taylor '91

with the church and four years as a missionary in Honduras.

1980

Lin Sue Cooney was one of four women honored by Valle del Sol Community Health as a 2017 Mom of the Year. After working as a television news anchor for more than three decades, Lin Sue is director of community engagement of Hospice of the Valley in Arizona.

Chris Erickson is interim department head of economics, applied statistics and international business at New Mexico State University, where he recently celebrated 30 years as a professor of economics.

Toru Tanabe, Susan (Marsh) Tanabe '79, MAT'90 and Rie Tanabe '17 enjoyed a great evening with some of their past Tomodachi students and alumni at the 2017 WU/TIU Reunion in Tokyo this summer. Also this summer, family and friends, including **Matthew Shoki '07, MAT'13, Joanie Anderson '09, MAT'13, Mike Marsh MAD'79, Char (Whalin) Marsh '72, Ernie Bootsma JD'90 and Barb (Marsh) Bootsma '86** welcomed Rie to the Bearcat alumni family.

1981

Keith Cressman celebrated his 30th year working at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. He operates FAO's desert locust early warning system to provide forecasts and alerts to countries in Africa and Asia in order to reduce destructive locust plagues and protect food.

Donald L. Krahmer Jr. JD/ MBA'87 received the Portland Business Alliance's President's Award for outstanding business and community leadership for the benefit of the greater Portland region and the Portland Business Alliance.

1982

Stephen Pedroncini works in development for CyberCity Systems, Inc. out of Palo Alto, California. He still lives in Los Angeles and continues to work in film and television production on shows such as "Feud: Bette and Joan" and

"Veep," and the Adam Sandler film "Sandy Wexler."

1983 35TH REUNION

Mark Foster is a network architect at Stanford University, working under contract to the Department of Energy's SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory to support data networking requirements for the LCLS-II, a high-speed powerful X-ray source for the study of matter.

1985

Kathy (Cook) Wraith MBA'86 and other Alpha Chi Omega alumni from the 1980s gathered in West Linn, Oregon, in May to celebrate Hera Day and three decades of sisterhood and friendship.

1987

Ron Hittner MBA'89 coached the Blanchet Catholic High School girls basketball team to the Oregon Class 3A state championship title this spring, marking the first such title in the school's history. Ron was named the 3A Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Ron also owns Hittner & Associates management consulting firm in Keizer, Oregon.

1988 30TH REUNION

1989

Meagan Flynn was appointed a justice on the Oregon Supreme Court by Gov. Kate Brown in March.

Kim Parker-Llerenas is executive director of Incite, Inc., a Salem nonprofit that serves as the Local Workforce Development Board of Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

1990

Rhea Ledda completed her master of teaching degree from Concordia University in Portland and is now teaching marketing and business at Oregon City High School.

1991

Martin Taylor is CEO of the Oregon Nurses Association, which represents over 13,000 nurses. In August 2016, Martin and his wife, Erin, had their third child, Wesley



Kathy (Cook) Wraith '85, MBA'86 and other Alpha Chi Omega alumni from the 1980s



Keith Cressman '81



Stacie Yu Meisner '94, JD'97

Alexandra Fair Taylor, who joined Wyatt Robert Fair Taylor (age 3) and Addison Catherine Taylor (age 13).

1993 25TH REUNION

Alyson (Benford) Blum, a museum educator at the San Diego Museum of Art, created an interactive art installation for the New Children's Museum in San Diego, California. The installation included ribbon-wrapped lanterns, fiber-wrapped branches and a tied fabric curtain, creating a soft, warm and welcoming space for people of all ages.

1994

Greg Koger was recently promoted to professor of political science at the University of Miami, where he has worked since 2007. Greg's second book, "Strategic Party Government," coauthored with Matthew Lebo and published in 2017, explains the electoral incentives behind partisan competition in Congress.

Stacie Yu Meisner JD'97 joined Samuels Yoelin Kantor law firm in Portland, Oregon, as of counsel.

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Alumnus exposes devastating slaughter of elephants



Poachers have long killed elephants for their ivory, but no one knew the staggering toll on one of Africa's largest elephant sanctuaries until **John Poulsen '94** investigated.

Poulsen is a Duke University professor who specializes in tropical forest research. He and his wife, **Connie Clark '94**, also a Duke researcher, have a soft spot for Africa, as they both served in the Peace Corps there and later made the continent their off-and-on residence.

Elephants were not the original focus of Poulsen's research, but as the poaching crisis grew, so did his interest in their conservation. In 2011, he began to hear worrying reports about poaching in Minkèbè National Park in northeast Gabon, home to nearly half of Central Africa's 100,000 forest elephants. Though smaller and darker than their famous counterpart, the bush elephant, these animals are no less prized for their ivory.

When he and other Duke researchers took a census, mainly by tracking elephant dung, they discovered that over a decade, the park had lost about 25,000 elephants.

Many poachers slipped over the border from neighboring Cameroon, where the city of Douala is a major hub of the international ivory trade.

"Elephant numbers in the south of the park, which is 58 kilometers from the nearest major Gabonese road, have been somewhat reduced," Poulsen says. "By comparison, the central and northern parts of the park — which, at one point, are just 6.1 kilometers from Cameroon's national

road — have been emptied."

For the very poor people involved in the illegal ivory trade, Poulsen explains, tusks can mean "thousands, even hundreds of thousands of dollars."

With corrupt officials sometimes involved in the lucrative business, governments often find it difficult to prevent poaching. Plus, today's poachers are often ruthless and equipped with sophisticated, military-grade weapons and other technology.

After Poulsen's research was published in scientific magazines and national news media earlier this year, the Gabonese government and the country's park agency sent a military brigade into Minkèbè to force out poachers. The park agency placed satellite collars on more than four dozen elephants to gain a sense of the animals' range, movement and the best ways to protect them from poachers. Poulsen and other Duke researchers are also experimenting with drones to collect even more accurate data.

In a separate but also promising development, the Chinese government announced it will halt domestic trade of ivory by the end of this year. With China representing the world's largest market for ivory, the move offers some good news for elephant conservationists.

Still, as Poulsen says, "The dramatic decline in the elephant population of a remote national park that once held the highest density of forest elephants in the world demonstrates that no place is safe from poachers."

1995

Kirk Ohly, **Rose Barker '05**, **Kelly Vanderwal** and **Dillon Daniel-Hoffman '10**, MAT'11 participated in "Link-In Live Networking: Real People, Real Conversations," a student career fair at the University of Portland Chiles Center in March.

1998 20TH REUNION

Brandy O'Bannon MBA'00 received the 2017 Gerald E. Bruce Community Service Award from The Ford Family Foundation in July. Brandy is a Ford Scholar from the class of 1994. The award includes a \$5,000 grant prize to a nonprofit of the recipient's choice. Brandy chose to honor the Salem-based Lord and Schryver Conservancy, which preserves and interprets historic gardens. Brandy is a former board member and a current committee member and volunteer with the conservancy.

Julie Briggs is vice president and associate actuary at Standard Insurance Company.

Liani Reeves JD'01 is a shareholder with Bullard Law in Portland, Oregon.

2000

Yoichiro Aoki, as part of the team Stereo D, won a Lumiere Award at the Advanced Imaging Society and The VR Society's award show in February. The award was for Best Use of 2D to 3D Conversion on "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story."

Sarah Goff and **George Dybas** were married July 8 in San Clemente, California. In attendance were Alpha Chi Omega sorority sisters **Jami Madson**, **Shannon (Spani) Standfield**, **Jamie (Davis) Liggins** and **Kristin Thompson**. The couple has a 2-year-old daughter named Georgia Mae.

To **Gerrit Wood** and **Jenna Zak**, a son, **Charles Zak Wood**, born Aug. 24, 2016. Gerrit says, "Charles is already looking forward to suit up and play offensive line for the WU Bearcats like his old man."

2001

Suzanne (Lyons) Colvin is leadership director at Presentation High School in San Jose, California,

overseeing student leaders and their activities and events. She has been teaching biology at the school for 16 years.

2003 15TH REUNION

Janelle Danskey MAT'04 earned her doctorate in education from the University of Portland in May and is assistant principal at Clayton High School in Clayton, Missouri.

To **Joan (Sackett) Fleming** and her husband, Kevin, a son, Kallen Michael Fleming, born June 24. His proud grandma is **Margaret (Jensen) Sackett** '70 and happy aunt is **Katherine (Jensen) Marambe** '71. Joan is a veterinarian in Ellensburg, Washington.

To **Tyler Kelly** and **Aubrey (Merryman) Kelly**, a daughter, Harper Kelly, born March 2. Harper's proud grandparents are **Linda (Walker) Kelly** '69, Leonard Kelly, **Lloyd Merryman** '72 and Bernice Merryman.

BJ Wright writes, "I traveled from London to Snowbird, Utah, to facilitate the Sigma Chi Huntsman Leadership Summit (Horizons) as an alumni guide. I met the new president (consul) of Willamette's Sigma Chi Chapter, **John Gray** '19. I am hopeful for the future of the Greek system at Willamette as it has provided so much to so many of us."

2004

To **Jeremy Mitchell** and **Jennifer (Bunch) Mitchell** '05, a son, Clark, born March 20, 2017.

To **Ann (Helmer) Hill** and **Nick Hill** '01, MBA'03, a daughter, Jovie Marie Hill, born June 19, 2017.

Carol-Ann Nelson is founder of the adventure-based rehabilitation organization Destination Rehab, which received a \$4,800 grant from nonprofit Move Together to create more leadership and other opportunities for its participants.

2005

To **Kate McClendon Boufidis** and her husband, Dimitri, a daughter, Constantina "Dina" Kate Boufidis, born March 22, 2017.

To **April Greer** and Eric Michael, a daughter, Charlotte Rose Michael-



Sarah Goff '00 and George Dybas



Dillon Daniel-Hoffman '10, MAT'11, Rose Barker '05, Kelly Vanderwal '95 and Kirk Ohly '95



BJ Wright '03 and John Gray '19



Aubrey (Merryman) Kelly '03 and Tyler Kelly '03 and daughter Harper



Gerrit Wood '00 and son Charles Zak



Charlotte, daughter of April Greel '05 and Eric Michael



Jovie, daughter of Ann (Helmer) Hill '04 and Nick Hill '01, MBA'03

Class Notes



Lopaka Purdy '05 and Jocelyn Fontaine with their sons



Amanda Strauss '08 and her son Salvador Antonio



Brent and Tracie (Nygaard) Brockey '08 with daughter Baylor



Ian Scarfe '05



Jana, daughter of Kendra (Bates) Schaefer '08



Alma, daughter of Dan Yaeger '07 and Hannah (Hoeflich) Yaeger '08



Michaela Struck '08 and Geoff Wright



Cora, daughter of Stacy West '06, MBA'12, and Erik Schmidt '05



Ammon, son of Jordan Hanslovan '11 and Andrea (Shaw) Hanslovan '12



Jason and Lynsey (Harrison) Bock '10 and their son Zachariah

Greer, born July 10 in Fort Collins, Colorado.

To **Lopaka Purdy** and Jocelyn Fontaine, a son, Kalani Lord Purdy, born March 29. Lopaka and his growing family recently relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ian Scarfe spent a busy summer playing piano concerts in Switzerland, France and along the U.S. West Coast. He was a guest artist and faculty member at the Fairbanks Summer Arts Festival in Alaska while his own organization, the Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival, celebrated its seventh season bringing free classical music to communities across Northern California and Oregon. The Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival, created by Scarfe with fellow alumni **Ellen McGehee '04** and **Justin Brown '04**, has presented over 200 public concerts, school outreach shows and educational events.

To **Erik Schmidt** and **Stacy West '06**, MBA'12, a daughter, Cora Camille, born March 21. Cora joins brother Oliver.

To **Marie (Metke) Westom** and Michael Westom, a son, Andrew Michael Westom, born Feb. 23. He joins brother Matthew.

2006

James Timbrell MBA'08 is a supreme court attorney at the Supreme Court of California.

2007

Paul Friedman founded a technology startup, Zebra Analytics, that focuses on creative data solutions for complex industry problems.

Marcella Kriebel published her second cookbook, "Comida Cubana: A Cuban Culinary Journey," after traveling extensively in Cuba to meet locals and cook with many chefs and home cooks. She lives in Washington, D.C., where she maintains a studio and works as an independent artist specializing in watercolor and illustration. Read more about the project at marcellakriebel.com.

Kyle McBroom and Garrett Lage were married May 20, with **Ben Crop '08**, MBA'09 serving as Kyle's best man.

To **Douglas McKenzie** and **Elizabeth (Jaspers) McKenzie** '08, a daughter, Juliana Grace McKenzie, was born. Juliana's proud grandparents are **Kent McKenzie** '75 and **Kathryn (Frey) McKenzie** '76.

To **Dan Yaeger** and **Hannah (Hoeflich) Yaeger** '08, a daughter, Alma Adelle Yaeger, born Feb. 25.

2008 10TH REUNION

To **Tracie (Nygaard) Brockey** and her husband, Brent, a daughter, Baylor Elise Brockey, born June 3.

Kendra (Rosenberg) Comeau joined the law firm Kenyon Disend in Issaquah, Washington, focusing on counseling and defending municipalities.

To **Richard Curry** and **Mari (Miyazaki) Curry**, a daughter, Adelina Rose Curry, born Nov. 18, 2016.

Shanel Parette and her husband, **Rich Schmidt** '03, each recently took new jobs in the Salem area. Shanel is executive director of the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem (the result of a merger between the Marion County Historical Society and Mission Mill Museum). Rich is director of archives and resource sharing at Linfield College, where he is also in charge of the Oregon Wine History Archive.

To **Kendra (Bates) Schaefer** and Matthew Schaefer, a daughter, Jana Hope Schaefer, born Dec. 20, 2016. She joins brothers Isaiah and Elijah.

To **Amanda Strauss** and Pablo Morales Henry, a son, Salvador Antonio, born Dec. 26, 2016. His godparents are **Sara Heil Swanborn** '91 and **Jeroen Swanborn** '89.

Michaela Struck and Geoff Wright were married July 7 in Anchorage, Alaska. Willamette grads in attendance included **Tracie Brockey**, **Brittney (Tachara) John**, **Jessica Flint** '07, **Kelley Lindstrom** '09 and **Maria Burri** '09.

2009

Janelle (Duyck) Bovell and Dino Bovell were married May 6 at Sandals Royal Bahamian resort in Nassau, the Bahamas.

2010

Andrew Benware graduated from UC Davis with a master of science degree in agricultural and resource economics and is continuing his research into the potential impacts of recent groundwater management regulations on agricultural production in California.

Lynsey (Harrison) Bock and her husband, Jason, adopted Zachariah Archer Bock who was born Nov. 23, 2016.

Paul Eldred graduated from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago with a master of divinity degree, with an emphasis in biblical studies and a concentration in liturgy. He and his husband, **Ryan Moothart**, moved back to Seattle, where Paul will seek ordination as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the largest Lutheran denomination in the country. Paul says, "While I found my calling to ministry after my time at Willamette, my love of the liberal arts, religious studies minor, connections with the chaplains and commitment to the ideals of 'Non nobis solum nati sumus' certainly influenced my decision to go to seminary."

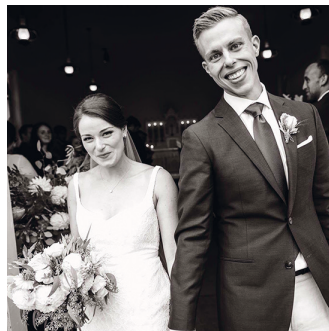
Stephen Scott JD'13 and **Christine Scott** '11 were married last year in Roche Harbor, Washington. Stephen is an associate at Fisher & Phillips law firm in Portland, Oregon.

2011

Tiara Good completed her doctorate in rhetoric from Pennsylvania State University and is a tenure-track assistant professor of communication arts at Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho.

Alexandria Lopez and Alexander Kaufmann were married July 1 in Davis, California. The wedding party included **Jessica Piiohia**, **Jessa Fowler** and **Natalie Hughes** '12. Jessa and Natalie are Alpha Chi Omega sisters with Alexandria. The bride dedicates this note to Dean Bob Hawkinson for bringing such amazing people and loving friendships into her, and now her new husband's, life.

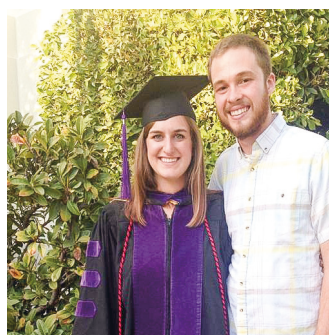
Rebecca Morgan, an attorney at Legal Aid Services of Oregon, married Dan Rufener on Sept. 2, on



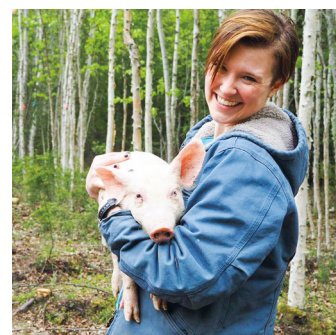
Stephen Scott '10, JD'13 and Christine Scott '11



Paul Eldred '10 and Ryan Moothart '10



Rebecca Morgan '11 and Dan Rufener



Savanna (Chesworth) Olnes '11



Emily (Knell) Spaeth '11 and Shaffer Spaeth '11

Sauvie Island in Portland, Oregon. **Jamaica Sweet** was a member of the wedding party. The couple lives in Portland.

To **Matthew Newberry**, a daughter, Ainsley June Newberry, born June 20.

Savanna (Chesworth) Olnes is a student in the collaborative University of Alaska Fairbanks and Colorado State University Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

Emily (Knell) Spaeth and **Shaffer Spaeth** were married Aug. 13, 2016. Exercise science professor Stasinos Stavrianeas served as the officiant, and the wedding party included **Ashely Almqvist-Ingersoll**, **Katie Kantrowitz** '10, **MAT**'11, **Patrick Brennan**, **Joe Provencher**, **Steven Morrison** and **Dave Reid**. Emily



Ainsley, daughter of Matthew Newberry '11

Alumna uncovers rich history in Scotland

Surrounded by treasures on Scotland's coast, **Michelle Atherton '15** is documenting history — and making it in the process.

She's part of a team sprawled throughout the country with one goal: To photograph and catalog at least 100,000 valuables stashed in castles, palaces and homes. Atherton, who's developing her career as a curator, says, "It's unlikely that I'll ever see a project of its size and scope again."

For the first time, the country's biggest conservation charity — the National Trust for Scotland — is creating a comprehensive inventory of the historic artifacts in its collection, valued at over \$500 million. Eventually, the charity wants to enter the full collection into an online database accessible to researchers and the public worldwide.

Atherton is one of 26 members chosen for the 18-month Project Reveal. Her team is cataloging works situated in "ballrooms and basements" at 11 properties near Edinburgh. Collections span paintings, furniture, textiles and even taxidermy.

Atherton gained valuable experience in such work while an art history major at Willamette. She spent one summer in Italy completing osteology field work for an archaeology project, and she interned and worked at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, where she learned how to move artwork, catalog new accessions and use a collections database — "the exact skills I'm using in my new job," she says.

After graduating from Willamette, Atherton moved to Edinburgh to pursue her art history master's degree. While earning her degree, she cataloged "bizarre, fascinating and graphic" medical instruments for one of the oldest museums in the country and curated a display for a major art gallery. Her work afforded a strong network of professional connections that led to the National Trust for Scotland opportunity.

On her first day on Project Reveal, her team visited the Georgian House, an 18th-century home filled with pianos, dining room sets and a cellar holding at least 300 wine bottles. Next stop was Newhailes, a large country estate on the coast, where every inch of the Rococo-style interior — from the door frames to the furniture — is covered in shell motifs and a polar bear skin rug sprawls across a library floor. Hidden within the library, a smaller room containing hundreds of pieces of fragile china presented a big challenge for Atherton's team to document.



One morning, she wandered the woods near the 17th-century estate and discovered an aging shell grotto formerly surrounded by water gardens.

"That's the nature of the project — stumbling across something amazing that you didn't know was there," she says. "I'm most excited about the unknown!"

Atherton notes the project will "have outcomes that enhance Scottish heritage for years to come." After the National Trust for Scotland creates the database, the charity can move forward with conservation and new exhibitions that share its treasure trove with the public.

The sheer scope of Project Reveal and the vast reach of the conservation charity — from castles to the Scottish countryside — is the very reason Atherton wanted to work for it in the first place.

She says, "I'm grateful for the feeling that I'm part of something much larger than myself."

is working as a yoga teacher and massage therapist while she finishes up her doctor of physical therapy degree. Shaffer works as public accountant for Ernst & Young.

2012

To **Andrea (Shaw) Hanslovan '12** and **Jordan Hanslovan JD'11**, a son, Ammon Ward Hanslovan, born Jan. 25, 2017.

Christin Licata received her master of arts degree in individualized study from the Gallatin School of New York University. Her work focused on the intersection of gender studies and physiology.

2013 5TH REUNION

Rachel Dierken received her master of education degree in international educational leadership from the University of Montana in July.

Rachel Musgrove is a Peace Corps volunteer teaching academic and technical English at the Instituto Tecnológico Superior de Atlixco in Puebla, Mexico.

Andrea Saunders completed her master of science in computer science from the University of Illinois, Springfield. She works as a software engineer at BioFire Diagnostics.

Aimee Smith is an autism resource specialist with the state special education agency in Alaska, traveling throughout remote areas of the state to support special education teachers, school staff and families. Away from work, Aimee is a composer, and her music was recently selected by internationally renowned Australian percussionist Brent Miller for his TIMP.100 project in Brisbane, Australia. This marked her second international premiere since 2014.

2014

James DeLappe earned his master's in public health, health systems and policy concentration from the University of Washington.

Theo Kataras finished two years of service with the Peace Corps in Mongolia and moved to Riverside, California, to begin his PhD program in genetics, genomics and bioinformatics at the University of California, Riverside.

Benny Kuo earned his MBA in innovation management from Oregon State University and is now product marketing manager for CRU, Inc. in Vancouver, Washington. His MBA team won two of three categories and second place overall in the university's MBA Business Plan Competition.

Joslin Schultz graduated from the Dickinson School of Law at Pennsylvania State University.

Peyton Tracy graduated from the Cooperstown Graduate Program of SUNY Oneonta with her master of arts in museum studies and is collections registrar at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum.

2015

Philip Mehler is a field energy consultant at SolarCity, which merged with Tesla in November 2016.

Cody Smith MBA'17 and **Kara Merrill** '16, MBA'17 were married in August on Cody's family farm in their hometown of Prineville, Oregon. The wedding party included **Kathleen Hendersen, Katie Vincent, Carmen Farhat, Brandon Meyers** '17, **Jorden Noyes** and **Karina Salzberg** '18, MBA'19. Cody and Kara live in Bend, Oregon.

Jill Summers graduated from Portland State University with a master's degree in social work. She is a care manager at Salem Health and a family case manager at Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network.

2016

Jianing Chen attended the U.S. Foreign Policy Colloquium, an exclusive four-day program designed to provide 75 of the best and brightest Chinese graduate students from across the United States a deeper and more nuanced understanding of U.S. foreign policy as it relates to China.

Joseph Good received his master's of law degree from Peking University in Beijing, China, and is working toward a master's degree in international affairs at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Scott Herman joined Teach For America and is teaching fifth grade at Mark Twain Elementary in Federal Way, Washington.

2017

Nikolia Turnbull joined Teach For America and is working in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

ATKINSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Mike Marsh MBA'79 retired as an executive professor after teaching part-time at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management for 20 years. He started by teaching one class in the MBA program and added classes in the MBA for Professionals and Certificate of Public Management programs after he retired from state government. He also retired from the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Devin Rottiers MBA'12 relocated to Chicago to manage Midwest area public sector sales for Intel Corporation.

Peter Vidito MBA'12 published his first novel, "Pacific," in February with Works of Merit.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

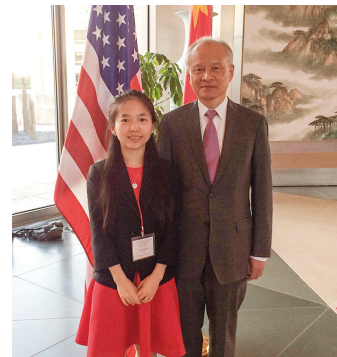
Joanne Viale MAT'93 is working as a part-time support teacher for the Avondale-Goodyear Elementary School District in Arizona. She says, "I am excited about this opportunity to give back to other teachers what I have learned in my past 45 years of working with children."

Christopher Sahlstrom MAT'96 has been practicing medicine in Alaska for eight years. He founded Heritage Family Medicine and will be opening a new medical clinic in Wasilla. He is married with four children.

CORRECTIONS: Due to an administrative error, the class note about **Brooks Houser** '85, MBA'87, JD'90 in the fall 2016 issue contained inaccuracies. We incorrectly spelled the name of **Andrew Monbouquette** '10 in the spring 2017 issue. We sincerely apologize for any distress these errors caused.



Rachel Musgrove '13



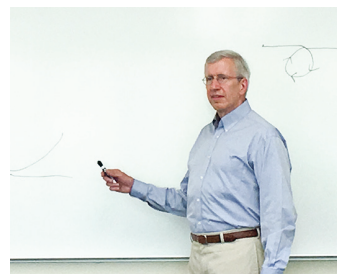
Jianing Chen '16



Cody Smith '15, MBA'17 and Kara Merrill '16, MBA'17



Philip Mehler '15



Mike Marsh MBA'79



Peter Vidito MBA'12

ALUMNI NEWS

A Weekend to Celebrate

Nearly 600 alumni from a range of class years and special interest groups returned to campus for Alumni Reunion Weekend, Sept. 15-17.

As part of a packed schedule of events, they attended classes, cheered on the Bearcat football team and enjoyed a casino night and dance in a tent set up on the Quad. Over at Waller Hall, they commemorated the building's 150th anniversary with cake and a special historic display in the president's office.

In another historic celebration, chemistry alumni joined current and emeriti professors to recognize the department's century-plus history.

Check out more photos online:
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SAVE THE DATE for next year's Alumni Reunion Weekend: June 8-10, 2018. Learn more by visiting alumni.willamette.edu/arw



In Memoriam

Dr. Herbert V. Davis '40 **Sept. 7, 1917 – April 10, 2017**

Herbert VanDyke Davis was born in Ashland, Oregon. He earned his bachelor's in biology at Willamette and graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School before joining the U.S. Navy during World War II, eventually achieving the rank of lieutenant commander. For 56 years, Herb was a well-respected pediatrician in Kansas City. In his later years, he completed more than 20 medical missions to Haiti with his wife, Nettie, and spearheaded the building of a school there. Survivors include his children, Cheryl, Paul, Nancy and Martha.

Jane (MacLachlan) Armpriest '43 **Aug. 1, 1922 – Dec. 26, 2016**

Jane Armpriest was born in Duluth, Minnesota. After starting college at the University of California, Berkeley, she attended Willamette. She later served as an air tower operator in Norman, Oklahoma, during World War II before completing her bachelor's degree at Oregon State University. Active in public service, she co-founded the Assistance League of Salem and served on several boards and committees for nonprofits and community organizations. In 1968, Jane was recognized with a distinguished service award by the City of Salem. Survivors include her children, Diane, David and Lynne.

Hall M. Simons '43 **Oct. 25, 1921 – Feb. 11, 2017**

Hall Mayfield Simons was born in Nampa, Idaho. After attending Willamette, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a flight cadet. In 1946, he earned a bachelor's in marketing and international trade from the University of Oregon. In 1953, Hall founded a manufacturer's representative company in Portland. He also worked in the toy and sporting goods business, both at the domestic and international levels. Survivors include his children, Sherry and Glen.

Margaret (Gabriel) Doerfler '45 **May 3, 1922 – March 28, 2017**

Margaret Louise "Peggy" Doerfler was born in Madras, Oregon. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Willamette before going on to work for the State Library of Oregon. After marrying Joseph Doerfler in 1952, she started a family, becoming

a loving mother to four children. Survivors include her children, Linda, Pat, Rick and Barbara.

Marcella (Mingle) Brosig '48 **Sept. 21, 1921 – Dec. 19, 2016**

Marcella Brosig was born in Kalispell, Montana. In 1942, she moved to San Diego to work in aircraft manufacturing as part of the war effort before completing her undergraduate degree in home economics at Willamette. In 1959, Marcella and her husband, Roy, settled in Ukiah, California, to raise their family. Marcella worked as a social worker for Mendocino County for 20 years. Survivors include her daughters, Cindy and Valerie.

Wilma (Gorton) Hanks '48 **Jan. 29, 1927 – March 18, 2017**

Wilma Margaret Hanks was born in Salem. As a teenager during World War II, she volunteered at a local hospital, and later took classes from the American Red Cross. Wilma's interest in nursing led her to Willamette, where she majored in biology and met her future husband, **Blaine Hanks '49**. After raising her five children, she served as an administrator for the East Central Oregon Association of Counties until her retirement in 1992. Wilma was preceded in death by her husband, Blaine, and son David. Survivors include her daughters, Nancy, Mary and Carol, and son, Stephen.

Troy E. McGowan '48 **April 12, 1926 – Feb. 12, 2017**

Troy Elmore McGowan was born in Texline, Texas. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he returned home to marry his grade-school sweetheart, Deanie, and to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from Willamette. Troy went on to serve in the Army during the Korean War, returning home as a first lieutenant. Survivors include his children, Troy, Kathie and Janet, and his longtime companion, Shirley.

Marjorie (Smith) Werner '48 **Dec. 6, 1927 – April 5, 2017**

Marjorie Werner was born in Falls City, Oregon. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in art. After raising her five children, she returned to school in 1967, earning a master's in education from the University of Oregon. Marjorie taught in the Bethel (Oregon) School District until her retirement. Survivors

Alumna Leaves Legacy at Willamette and in Mercer Island

Muriel (Oliver) Winterscheid '48 **Aug. 4, 1926 – Feb. 15, 2017**



Muriel Elaine Winterscheid was born in Salem and raised in Yakima, Washington. As a young woman, she discovered talents as both an athlete and a scholar — talents she brought to Willamette, where she majored in biology and met her future husband, Loren Winterscheid '48, in a chemistry class.

After graduation, the couple moved to Philadelphia to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania. Undeterred by the fact that she was the only woman in the school's zoology program, Muriel went on to complete her master's degree in genetics in 1951 while caring for her young family.

In 1954, Muriel and Loren moved to Mercer Island, Washington, where they lived for more than six decades. During that time, Muriel was active in her community both at the local and state levels. With keen personal interests in history and genealogy, she became involved with groups and organizations such as the Fiske Library, the Pioneer Association of Washington and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

One of Muriel's greatest civic achievements came in 1993, when she helped correct a longtime historical oversight by leading a successful statewide campaign to rename Mercer Island's second I-90 floating bridge after Homer Hadley, the civil engineer who conceived and designed the first I-90 floating bridge. The Homer M. Hadley Memorial Bridge, as it's now known, is the fifth-longest floating bridge in the world.

As a proud alumna of Willamette and a member of one of its most influential legacy families, Muriel remained heavily involved with her alma mater throughout her life. Along with being a generous donor, she helped maintain and represent several endowed scholarships to recognize students who, like her, had the drive to give back to their communities. She also volunteered as a regional leader and event host for the Seattle chapter of the Willamette University Alumni Association, as a Class of 1948 committee member for her 50th reunion and as an admissions counselor for the College of Liberal Arts. In 1998, Muriel received the Lestle J. Sparks Medallion for her contributions to the university.

Among her many passions, Muriel was an avid tennis player, skier and music lover who enjoyed sharing her talents with family, friends and members of the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church.

Muriel was predeceased by her daughter, Ann (Winterscheid) Wright, and her sister, **Marian Joanne (Oliver) Block '52**. Survivors include her husband of 68 years, Loren; children **John Winterscheid '72**, **Gail Winterscheid '76**, **Laurel (Winterscheid) Robinson '78**, **Genevieve (Winterscheid) Matteson '79** and **George Winterscheid**; and grandchildren **Albert Wright '10** and **Matthew Winterscheid '11**.

A special thanks goes to Muriel's daughter Gail for contributing to this piece.

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include her daughters, Cherie and Janet, and son, Harold.

Bradley W. Young '48 **March 28, 1926 – May 12, 2017**

Bradley Woodruff Young Jr. was born in Seattle. In 1944, he joined the Navy's V-12 program for officers training at Willamette and completed his Naval Reserve training at the University of Washington, reaching the rank of lieutenant commander. At UW, he also earned degrees in journalism and law. Apart from providing for a family of five children, Brad was a professional pianist, performing regularly into his eighties. Survivors include his daughters, Jaime and Florence, and sons, Bradley III and Martin.

Richard B. Cravens '49 **Jan. 11, 1928 – Jan. 1, 2017**

Richard Baldwin Cravens was born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri. After receiving his undergraduate degree in psychology from Willamette, he earned his master's and doctorate degrees from Ohio State University. Richard went on to work as a clinical psychologist, spending most of his career developing and supervising mental health care programs for the federal government. While working for the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Richard was involved in developing the first publicly funded community mental health center in the country in Columbia, Missouri. Survivors include his wife, Judy, and sons, Sherman and Todd.

William H. Harris '49 **May 24, 1926 – Jan. 20, 2017**

William Harris was born in Spokane, Washington. A Navy veteran of World War II, he earned undergraduate degrees from Willamette and Eastern Oregon College, a master's in education from EOC and a doctorate in education from the University of Oregon. He taught elementary and junior high school, served as an elementary school principal and worked for the Oregon Department of Education. He became director of teacher education at UO in 1975 and was named a professor emeritus in 1989. He was predeceased by his brother, **James Harris '41**, and his sister, **Frances (Harris) Parke '42**. Survivors include three daughters, Leslie, Liz and **Lynne (Harris) Hunter '76**.

Eugene L. Lowe '49 **May 14, 1927 – May 24, 2017**

Eugene "Jeep" Lowe was born in Salem. After earning his bachelor's in economics at Willamette, he worked as a financial planner, an insurance broker and a condominium developer. Outside of work, Jeep served as chair of the first Title IX committee for Salem Public Schools and remained connected to Willamette as an alumni board member and scholarship chair. In 1972, Willamette University honored him with a Distinguished Alumni Citation. Survivors include his wife, **Ellen (Christiansen) Lowe '52**, and children, Kathe Walker and **Roger Lowe '80**.

Thomas L. Warren '49 **July 8, 1924 – April 14, 2017**

Thomas Lynn Warren was born in Wessington, South Dakota. He attended Augustana College before serving in the Air Force as a gunner during World War II. In 1946, Tom attended Willamette, where he played basketball, baseball and tennis. He taught math at Leslie Junior High in Salem until his appointment as assistant principal at Walker Junior High in West Salem in 1963. He retired from the Salem School District in 1982. In 1996, he was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, Clarice, and children, Barbara, Bill and Gerry.

Bernice Isham '50 **March 30, 1929 – Feb. 4, 2017**

Bernice Isham was born in Salem. At Willamette, she studied music, sang in the university choir and starred in a number of Willamette's theater productions. After graduation, Bernice taught at Taft High School in Lincoln City, Oregon, where she directed operettas and musicals. She completed a master's degree and a doctorate in music at the University of Oregon. Bernice later taught music at Beaverton High School and West Hills College in Coalinga, California. Survivors include a niece and three nephews.

William F. Moynihan '50 **June 11, 1921 – March 7, 2017**

William "Bud" Francis Moynihan was born in Manchester, Connecticut. During World War II, Bud served as a pilot in the South Pacific. Upon returning to Oregon, he attended Willamette and received his bachelor's degree in U.S. history

and government. He taught history at Lebanon (Oregon) High School and served as its athletic director for nearly 30 years, retiring in 1979. Survivors include his daughter, **Betty Lou (Moynihan) Rockwell '65**, and sons, Gary, William and Walter.

Agnar A. Straumfjord '50 **Dec. 1, 1928 – May 7, 2017**

Agnar "Al" Allen Straumfjord was raised in Astoria, Oregon. After graduating from Willamette, he attended the University of Oregon Medical School (now OHSU), where he earned his medical degree and completed his residency in internal medicine and psychiatry. He had a special interest in providing student health care, both at Oregon State University and at OHSU, where he was a professor in the department of psychiatry. Later, he practiced psychiatry in Corvallis, Oregon, for many years. Al was predeceased by his brothers, **Jon Straumfjord '48** and **Robert Straumfjord '55**. Survivors include his son, **Peter Straumfjord '93, JD'10**.

Maxine (Muckle) Stephenson '50 **Feb. 17, 1928 – Jan. 2, 2017**

Maxine Margaret Stephenson was born in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from Willamette with a degree in political science and moved to Ogden, Utah, after marrying Alvin Pietschman. Following Al's death in 1965, Maxine began her career as an English and social science teacher, first at Central Junior High School and then at Ogden High School. Survivors include her children, Art, Ricca and Paul, and stepchildren, Ellen, Jim, Kay and Jan.

Dale P. Parnell '51 **July 16, 1928 – April 20, 2017**

Dale Paul Parnell was born in Monmouth, Oregon. A graduate of Willamette and the University of Oregon, Dale served as the principal of Springfield (Oregon) High School before becoming the superintendent for the Lane County (Oregon) School District and then founding president of Lane Community College in 1964. Oregon Gov. Tom McCall appointed Dale as State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1968. Later, he worked in Washington, D.C., as the president of the American Association of Community Colleges, serving under five United States presidents, including George H. W. Bush, whom he advised on education issues. Survivors include his children,

Susan, Teresa, Paul, Steven and Timothy, and his granddaughter, **Kelly Staten MBA'02**.

Norvada Smedley '51 **Feb. 3, 1930 – April 25, 2017**

Norvada LouAnne Smedley was born in Cherokee, Kansas. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in music education, taught for a year in Oregon and then attended the University of Southern California for her master's degree in music. She taught for the San Diego Unified School District from 1956 to 1986. She also performed opera and oratorios. Survivors include her cousin, **Wendy Goddard-Gregory '88**, and sorority sister, **Marjorie (Aldinger) Akers '52**.

Allan P. Bellinger '52 **Dec. 8, 1927 – May 15, 2017**

Allan Parker Bellinger Jr. was raised in Salem. After serving in the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan, Allan attended Willamette with his brother, **Hugh Bellinger '52**. Allan studied business administration and met his future wife, **Lucy (Collins) Bellinger '52**. Allan and Hugh went into the service station business together in 1957, running Bellinger Bros. until retiring in 1990. Lucy passed away in 2011. Survivors include three children, **Jennifer (Bellinger) Todd JD'83**, Jeff and Jane.

Hugh E. Bellinger '52 **Jan. 24, 1930 – Jan. 17, 2017**

Hugh Bellinger studied business administration at Willamette alongside his brother, **Allan Bellinger '52**, and played basketball for the 1951-52 Bearcats team that won the Northwest Conference championship. After college, Hugh and Allan went into the service station business together. Hugh was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 as part of the 1952 men's basketball team.

Margaret (Sargent) Kane '52 **July 12, 1928 – Jan. 28, 2017**

Margaret Louise Kane was born in Portland, Oregon. After attending Willamette, she transferred to the University of Washington, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in English. Margaret worked at the Bellevue (Washington) School District for 20 years. She was predeceased by her first husband, **Jack Eby '50**, and her second husband, Harry Kane. Survivors include her children, Diane, Sandra,

Sherry, Greg and Jennifer, and stepchildren, Harry, Kevin, Jennifer, Marjorie and Kathleen.

Clifton A. Nyleen '52
March 30, 1923 – Feb. 11, 2017

Clifton Nyleen was born in Minnesota. After the bombing at Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in France, Belgium and Germany during World War II. After the war, he returned home and married Hazel Haugan and started a family. He graduated from Concordia College and Willamette with a degree in business, before embarking on a 32-year career in the banking industry. Survivors include his children, Marsha, Jeff, Brad, Kim and Shelly.

Dr. Edward V. Yung '52
March 12, 1928 – Jan. 29, 2017

Edward "Vance" Yung was born in Salem. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Vance earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Willamette and then his doctorate from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1956. He worked in private practice for five years in Oregon and as an assistant professor of public health at UO Medical School before receiving his master's in public health from the University of California in 1966. In 1969, Vance joined the Department of Public Health in Olympia, Washington, where he served in several roles. Survivors include several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Joe S. Bonawitz '53
Dec. 17, 1931 – April 25, 2017

Joe Bonawitz Jr. was born in Seattle. At Willamette, he played on the Bearcats football team before joining the U.S. Air Force and serving in the Korean War from 1951 to 1954. He continued his studies at Lewis & Clark College, graduating with a degree in business administration. Joe worked in sales with the Esco Corporation in Honolulu, Hawaii, for 14 years and later became a partner with Allied Machinery Corporation. Survivors include his brother, Steven, and children, Kristin, Trey and Dirk.

Douglas E. Coe '53
Oct. 20, 1928 – Feb. 21, 2017

Doug Coe was born in Medford, Oregon. At Willamette, he studied math and physics while undergoing a spiritual awakening that led him to become an evangelical preacher. Doug joined a religious group called the Fellowship Foundation and took

over leadership of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C., an annual event attended by every sitting U.S. president since Dwight Eisenhower. In Washington, he was known as an influential spiritual leader and mentor who organized prayer groups for politicians from both major political parties. Survivors include his wife, Janice, and children, Timothy, David, Debbie, Paul and Becky.

Leddy J. Bergmann '54, JD'56
March 4, 1933 – June 17, 2017

Leddy James "Jim" Bergmann was born in Portland, Oregon. After earning his undergraduate and law degrees from Willamette, he served as a naval officer in Japan before beginning a long career in law. Jim started a private practice in Portland and then worked as a corporate counsel for Union Pacific Railroad, a position that eventually took him to Omaha, Nebraska, before he retired in 1990. Survivors include his wife, Joanne, and children, Jeffrey, Michael, Doug and Linda Jo.

Dr. Donald E. Chittick '54
May 3, 1932 – Dec. 4, 2016

Donald Ernest Chittick was raised on a farm just outside of Salem. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in chemistry, he received his PhD from Oregon State University in 1960. Don taught chemistry at the University of Puget Sound and George Fox University before retiring in 1980. Survivors include his wife, Donna, and daughter, Annie.

Donald E. Gardner '54
March 18, 1932 – Dec. 30, 2016

Donald Edward Gardner was born in Bend, Oregon. He earned an economics degree at Willamette, with a gap while he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Don worked for Mortgage Bancorp for 24 years, and then for the State of Oregon in the departments of veterans affairs and housing. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Jean, and children, Mark and Karen.

Richard E. Satter '54
Sept. 6, 1923 – Dec. 13, 2016

Richard Edward Satter was born in Canby, Oregon. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and graduated from Willamette with a degree in economics before eventually becoming assistant vice president for AT&T in New York. Survivors include his wife, Ethel, and

children, Susan, Lisa, Keith, Michele, Michael and Clark.

William L. Lasswell '55
Oct. 8, 1934 – June 16, 2017

William Ladd Lasswell was from Yoncalla, Oregon. At Willamette, he played on the golf team and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics before earning a juris doctor degree from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1962. Bill joined a private practice in Roseburg, Oregon, and later was elected as a district attorney. He served as a circuit court judge in Douglas County for 21 years until retiring in 2009. Survivors include his wife, Mary, sister, **Anne (Lasswell) Nagel '59**, and children, **Alice (Lasswell) Michael '84** and Cameron.

Richard A. Lewis '55
Died July 2016

Richard Alden Lewis attended Willamette for two years before earning his undergraduate degree in journalism from the University of Oregon in 1955. He served as president of Conceptual Communications Group, Inc. in New York City. Survivors include his wife, **Elizabeth (Winship) Lewis '55**.

Judith (Grant) Allen-Redpath '56
Dec. 15, 1934 – Dec. 1, 2016

Judith (Grant) Allen-Redpath was born in Boston. She graduated from Willamette with a degree in psychology and later earned her master's in education from the University of Nevada. Judy lived in California's Squaw Valley for more than 30 years while teaching at Truckee and North Tahoe high schools, where she was also assistant coach of the ski team. A competitive skier, Judy finished third in her class at the USSA Senior Skiers Combined Championship at age 49. Judy served on Willamette's Alumni Board of Directors from 1999 to 2002. Survivors include her husband, Ray, son, Michael, sister, **Ginny (Grant) Schuyler '60**, and niece **Kathy (Cook) Wraith '85, MBA'86**.

Lloyd V. Blankenship '56
Dec. 15, 1934 – May 30, 2017

Lloyd Vaughn Blankenship attended Willamette before earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Riverside, and a PhD from the Graduate School of Business and Public Administration at Cornell University. His long

career in education included faculty appointments at Cornell and the State University of New York at Buffalo. In 1976, he was appointed as a charter member of the U.S. Senior Executive Service by President Jimmy Carter. After a 12-year stint in Washington, D.C., Vaughn joined the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago, retiring in 2004 as professor emeritus of public administration. Survivors include his wife, Irene, and children, Kim, Eric, Curt and Carla.

Thomas L. Murdock '57
May 2, 1934 – May 17, 2017

Thomas Lee Murdock was born in San Mateo, California. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in political science, he served as a research assistant to U.S. Sen. Richard L. Neuberger. In 1959, Thomas married **Esther (Gwilliam) Murdock '59** and moved to Berkeley, California, to attend the Episcopal Church Divinity School of the Pacific. He was ordained as a deacon and priest in 1962 and went on to lead the Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Coos Bay, Oregon, as well as philanthropic efforts as the president of Episcopal Charities. Esther predeceased him in 2012. Survivors include his children, Jeffrey and Heather.

Robert W. Stevens '58
March 23, 1936 – June 21, 2017
Robert William Stevens was born in Coquille, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette with a degree in economics. After a brief stint with the Boeing Company, he spent his career as treasurer for the Pacific Northwest United Methodist Church Conference. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Marilyn (Ludlow) Stevens '56**. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, sister, **Geranna (Stevens) Fleming '61**, and children, Paul and Ruth.

Thomas S. Moore '59, JD'62
Nov. 17, 1937 – March 13, 2017
Thomas Scott Moore attended Lincoln High School in Portland, Oregon, where he was a standout baseball player. He brought those talents to Willamette, where he played shortstop, met his first wife, **Sandra (Wagner) Cecchini '59**, and earned both his undergraduate and law degrees. He went on to practice corporate law for Morrison, Dunn, Cohen & Miller in Portland before eventually opening his own successful practice. Survivors include

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his brothers, Wally and **Doug Moore '64**, and children, Cindy, Kristin, Tom, Vikki, Wendy, Chris and Lissy.

Bruce L. Philippi '59 **Sept. 1, 1937 - May 30, 2017**

Bruce LeRoy Philippi was born in Salem. After attending Willamette, he graduated from the University of Oregon and embarked on a career as an entrepreneur. Bruce owned and operated several businesses, but perhaps was best known for Philippi Ford in Stayton, Oregon. He also owned flower shops, a pizza parlor and the Boulders Mobile Home Park in Stayton. Survivors include his wife, Sandie, and daughters, Missy and Kristan.

Robert P. Lantz '60 **Jan. 31, 1932 - Dec. 30, 2016**

Robert Paul Lantz was born in Sturgis, Michigan. He graduated from Goshen College and Willamette with a music degree. Robert worked as a brick mason, specializing in brick restoration. He also taught voice in Oregon schools and in the Mennonite Church. Survivors include his wife, Gloria, and children, Judy, Annette and Jon.

Carl B. Mankinen '60 **Nov. 23, 1938 - March 15, 2017**

Carl Bell Mankinen was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He graduated from Willamette and served in the U.S. Air Force before completing his PhD in genetics at the University of California, Davis. His professional career included stints as an assistant professor of biology at Southern Oregon College and as a genetics lab administrator in Texas and Florida. Carl authored or coauthored more than a dozen papers in the field of plant and medical genetics and was a founding fellow of the American College of Medical Genetics. Survivors include his brother, Richard, and sons, Carl and Hans.

Audrey (Ball) Nokes '60 **April 9, 1938 - March 5, 2017**

Audrey Ball Nokes was born in San Mateo, California. At Willamette, she met her future husband, **R. Gregory Nokes '59**, whom she later divorced. Audrey relished the life of a world traveler, living in Puerto Rico, Argentina, Boston and New York. In 1992, she moved to Kauai, Hawaii, where she lived for more than 20 years, managing a bed and breakfast and selling handcrafted souvenirs.

Survivors include her sons, **Deston Nokes '81** and Jeffrey, and brother, **Dee Ball '60**.

Catherine (Lund) Taylor '60 **May 26, 1938 - Dec. 28, 2016**

Catherine Anne Taylor was born in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. While attending Willamette for two years, she met her husband, **Ronald Taylor '58**. After finishing her degree at Whitworth University, Cathy spent four years teaching at Thurston High School in Springfield, Oregon, before completing her master's degree in English at the University of Oregon. Cathy returned to work in 1971 as an English teacher at North Eugene (Oregon) High School, where she stayed until retiring in 1992. Survivors include her husband, Ronald, and daughters, Anne and **Megan (Taylor) Capper '88**.

Judith (Taylor) Lasswell '61 **Jan. 25, 1940 - June 14, 2017**

Judith Lasswell was born in Chicago and raised in Portland, Oregon. After attending Willamette, she received her teaching degree from the University of Oregon. Later in life, she earned a master's degree in counseling from Oregon State University. She married **William Lasswell '55** and settled in Roseburg, Oregon, where she was active in the Methodist church and in the community. She was predeceased by her sister, **Kathleen Taylor '65**. Survivors include her daughter, **Alice (Lasswell) Michael '84**, and son, Cameron.

Laszlo P. Dezsofi '61 **Sept. 16, 1935 - May 24, 2016**

Laszlo Peter Dezsofi immigrated to the United States from Hungary during that country's revolution in the mid-1950s. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in sociology, Laszlo worked for several agencies as a social worker and later as a director. He also earned a master's degree from Portland State University in 1969. Survivors include six children.

James R. Robinson '61 **Sept. 11, 1939 - Feb. 2, 2017**

James Ray Robinson was raised in the Salem area. He graduated from Willamette with honors and was an All-American on the Bearcats football squad. After college, Jim began a long career as a teacher, coach and counselor, much of it served at Roseburg Senior High

School in Roseburg, Oregon. He was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Citation from Willamette in 1990 and was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016. Survivors include his wife, Heidi, and sons, Michael and Thomas.

Michael W. Foster '62 **June 29, 1940 - Dec. 20, 2016**

Michael William Foster was born in Astoria, Oregon. After graduating from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in history, he received his master's in history from the University of Oregon in 1965. During the late 1960s, Michael taught at the American International School in Kabul, Afghanistan, and in his hometown of Astoria. He also served as the librarian at Astoria High School, owned an antiques shop, held prominent positions in several businesses and served as the executive director for the Clatsop Community College Foundation for many years. Survivors include his sister, **Susan (Foster) Mariani '65**.

Gary T. Mansavage '63 **Feb. 15, 1941 - Nov. 19, 2016**

Gary Theodore Mansavage was born in Coos Bay, Oregon. After receiving his degree in political science at Willamette, he earned his master's in government from George Washington University. Gary worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), directing programs to provide aid and economic development strategies throughout the world. He also served as a senior advisor to the U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership, as director of the USAID Office of Afghanistan Affairs, and represented USAID in several other countries. Survivors include his children, Daniella and Garth.

Judith (Butts) Anderson '68 **Dec. 3, 1945 - July 8, 2017**

Judith Kay Anderson received her bachelor of arts degree from Willamette and her master's degree from Purdue University. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, **Russell Anderson '68**, her mother, Helen, and her brother, **Greg Butts '72**.

Barry A. Smedstad '68 **Aug. 3, 1946 - March 19, 2017**

Barry Alton Smedstad was born in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in economics and served in the U.S.

Navy during the Vietnam War. Barry spent most of his professional career as a human resources executive in the paper industry, eventually retiring from Carastar Industries, Inc. as its vice president and chief human resources officer. Survivors include his wife, Anna, and children, Austin and Stefanie.

G. E. Graves '69 **July 16, 1947 - April 1, 2017**

G. Elton Graves was born in Salt Lake City. Elton received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Willamette before earning a master's degree from the University of Minnesota and a doctorate from Idaho State University. He taught at Mindanao State University for three years before becoming a professor of mathematics at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, a role he served in from 1981 to 2017. He received numerous awards and honors, including the Dean's Outstanding Teacher Award (2009) and inclusion on Princeton Review's Best 300 Professors in America list in 2012. In 2015, Willamette awarded him a Distinguished Alumni Citation. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca, and sons, Evan and Eric.

James H. Nicholson '69 **Jan. 11, 1947 - Aug. 17, 2017**

Jim "Tiger" Nicholson was born and raised in Salem, Oregon. As a Willamette sophomore and junior, Tiger led the Northwest Conference in rushing. During his junior year, he set a school single season record of 1,138 yards during the Bearcats' run to the NAIA National Championship game, and was named the Northwest Conference's Player of the Year and a First-Team NAIA All-American. He was inducted into the Willamette University Hall of Fame in 1993. After college he was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, and then played a year as running back for the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League. Jim returned to Salem in the early 1970s and became an outstanding teacher at Judson Middle School and Sprague High School. Jim was predeceased by his wife, Susan, in 2015. He is survived by his daughter Erin Anthony, granddaughter Jaaden, grandson Justice, and sister, Liz Brooke.

William D. Brewer '71**June 28, 1947 – March 28, 2017**

William David Brewer graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in political science. In 1985, he earned a law degree from Lewis & Clark College, and later that year, started practicing with Hershner & Hunter in Eugene, Oregon. An active leader in the Oregon State Bar and a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Bill retired from the firm in 2016. Survivors include his wife, DeeAnn, and children, Zachary and Victoria.

Carolyn (Mathis) Chapin '71**April 4, 1949 – April 26, 2017**

Carolyn Chapin was born in Corpus Christi, Texas. She attended Trinity University in San Antonio and then transferred to Willamette, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. Carolyn went on to teach Spanish and English at Amity (Oregon) High School for 15 years and at Perrydale (Oregon) High School for four years. Survivors include her parents, Arthur and Mary Mathis, her husband, **Roy Chapin '61**, and children, Karen, Mark and **Kathy (Chapin) Slack '97**.

Thomas J. True '71**June 3, 1949 – March 21, 2017**

Thomas Jesse True was born in Portland, Oregon. He attended Willamette as a National Merit Scholar and graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology before earning his master's degree from Idaho State University in 1974. Tom worked as an inspector for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for more than 30 years. He retired from Customs and Border Protection in 2008. Survivors include his wife, Shelley, and sons, Nick and Micah.

Carol Forrest '76**May 7, 1954 – March 8, 2017**

Carol Elizabeth Forrest was born in Eugene, Oregon. After attending Willamette, she earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Portland State University and worked in sales for Pacific Control Supply Inc. in Portland, Oregon.

Doran D. Woelke '76**Dec. 24, 1953 – Dec. 17, 2016**

Doran Drew Woelke was born in Salem and raised in Woodburn, Oregon. He earned a degree in economics at Willamette before working for the State of Oregon, First

Pacific Corporation and American Financial Services. He also used his programming expertise to support a variety of businesses along the West Coast as an independent consultant. Survivors include his parents, Dennis and Lila, fiancée, Julie, and daughter, Cassandra.

Tamara (Wiley) Shidler '81**Aug. 7, 1959 – June 1, 2017**

Tamara Lynn Shidler was born in Salem. She started at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California, before transferring to Willamette, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics.

After college, Tammy went to work for Copeland Lumber Company. She transitioned to M Financial Insurance Company and later became the business manager for an insurance consulting firm. Survivors include her parents, Don and Elaine, husband, Kyle, and children, Stacie and Samuel.

David H. Browitt '86**Oct. 31, 1963 – March 29, 2017**

David Harold Andrew Browitt was born in Renton, Washington. After earning a bachelor's degree in history from Willamette, he received his juris doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law in 1989. David practiced law for 28 years, mostly in his hometown of Roslyn, Washington. Survivors include his mother, Jean, and wife, Christy.

Kay Hulit '93, MBA'96**July 31, 1948 – Dec. 26, 2016**

Kay Elaine Hulit was born and raised in Enterprise, Oregon. In 1996, she earned a master's degree in business administration from Willamette. Survivors include her children, Nicolle and Brett.

Teresa Panepinto '97**July 15, 1975 – April 3, 2017**

Teresa Catherine Panepinto grew up in Altamont, California. After earning her bachelor's degree from Willamette, she received her law degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 2007. From 2000, she lived and worked in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she was a fierce advocate for human rights, military law and legal services for homeless veterans. Survivors include her parents, Bill and Tomassina, and her brothers, Bill and Vince.

Christina (Cole) Eddy '04, MAT'06**Feb. 24, 1961 – Jan. 1, 2017**

Christina Louise Eddy was born in New Jersey and moved to Salem after her marriage. Chris graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's in English and a master's in education. She went on to teach English for 10 years at West Salem High School. Survivors include her mother, Katharine; husband, Les; brother, Scott; and children, Jason, Jeremy, Stephanie, Kevin and Daniel.

Atkinson Graduate School of Management**Edgar L. Johnsen MBA'79****April 1, 1932 – Dec. 23, 2016**

Edgar Llewellyn Johnsen was raised in Hood River, Oregon. He attended the Colorado School of Mines before earning his bachelor's degree from Oregon State University and his master's in business administration from Willamette. He started his career as a geologist for the Oregon State Highway Department and eventually made his way to the top of the division, supervising road construction. Survivors include his children, Tina, Dan and Mikkel.

Gregory S. Jeffrey MAD'80**Jan. 25, 1951 – Nov. 30, 2016**

Gregory Scott Jeffrey was born in Redford Township, Michigan. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he attended the University of Oregon and Oregon State University before earning his master's degree in business management from Willamette. He worked for the Department of Energy from 1981 to 1990, and later moved to the Department of Administrative Services to manage the Certificate of Participation program. Greg received numerous awards for his excellence in management. Survivors include his husband, Wally, and siblings, Ron, Diane and Tom.

Graduate School of Education**Jerol K. Selby MAT'94****June 27, 1961 – April 30, 2017**

Jerol Keith Selby was born in Lebanon, Oregon. He joined the U.S. Army in 1984 and served until 1988, spending part of that time in Germany and working as a combat medical specialist. Jerol received his undergraduate degree from Portland State University in 1993 before

earning his master's in education from Willamette. Jerol spent most of his career as a math teacher at Lebanon High School, where he worked until his passing. Survivors include his daughter, Keeanna, mother, Nina, and sister, Linda.

Trustees**Eric Hoffman****April 29, 1923 – Dec. 27, 2016**

Eric Hoffman was born in Portland, Oregon. He studied at Stanford University before serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. Severely wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in 1945, he was awarded a Purple Heart. After recovering, he returned to Stanford to finish his engineering degree in 1948. Shortly after graduation, he began an almost-seven-decade career as president and chairman of his father's company, Hoffman Construction, which played a major role in developing the modern-day Portland skyline. Aside from his indelible contributions to the city of Portland, Eric was a generous philanthropist, serving on many boards, including at Oregon Health & Science University and Willamette. Survivors include his children, Joan, Susan, Sally and Eric.

Faculty**Fran Howard****June 6, 1931 – March 29, 2017**

Fran Howard was born in McMinnville, Oregon. She graduated from Creighton University and the Multnomah School of the Bible before going on to teach at Bend (Oregon) High School, the College of St. Scholastica, George Fox University and Willamette. During her 16 years at Willamette, she coached field hockey, basketball, soccer, volleyball, track and field and softball. She also served as women's athletic director for eight years. Fran was inducted into the NAIA Coaches Hall of Fame in 1986 and the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. Survivors include her siblings, Virginia and Martin.

This new series shares the stories of interesting artifacts at Willamette.

Several years ago, environmental and earth sciences professor Joe Bowersox received a phone call from the president's office.

A class of 1889 photo on the wall was inscribed with the name "A.O. Bowersox." Any relation?

Bowersox knew his great-grandfather's name was Arthur Orwig Bowersox, but he didn't think he attended college — let alone Willamette University. In fact, Bowersox knew nothing about the man except his grisly death in 1900 following an accident at the family farm near Philomath, Oregon.

Just the week before, Bowersox had serendipitously stumbled on his great-grandfather's portrait in a stack of old family photos. So when he went over to the president's office, he recognized the familiar face in the group of pharmacy graduates.

"Shocked doesn't cover what I felt — I remember being really overwhelmed," he says. "Literally, the only scrap of information we had of him was the studio photo that was clearly taken at the same time as the class photo. Otherwise, I wouldn't have recognized him at all."

Further evidence of the Bowersox family's ties to Willamette emerged a year later, when a medical bag owned by Arthur Bowersox's younger brother, Willamette medical student Frederick Bowersox, class of 1899, was located in the university's archives. His children had presented it as a gift to the university in 1969.

These discoveries meant a lot to Bowersox's family, but especially to his father, who learned of his grandfather's background before he died last year. Later, Bowersox found out even more relatives had connections to Willamette. He says, "I didn't realize this was a bit of a family tradition."



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26
participants

6
student leaders

5,486
pounds of food packed at
Marion Polk Food Share

545
total hours served

OHANA

Multicultural students joined Ohana to learn more about Salem, Willamette, cultural resources and academic life, as well as important practical matters like housing, financial aid and health care.

33
participants

7
student leaders

80%
first-generation students

STEPPIN' OUT

From day-hikes to whitewater rafting, students explored the coast, mountains and rivers in their new Oregon home.

81
participants

17
student leaders

85.2
miles hiked

8
miles whitewater rafting
on the White Salmon River