

A watercolor illustration of a campus scene. In the foreground, a wooden walkway with vertical posts leads towards a body of water. To the left, a brick building is partially visible. In the middle ground, there are several trees, including two green ones and a large pink one on the right. The background features a blue sky with soft pink clouds and falling cherry blossom petals.

# COLLEGIAN

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# 4 years of change

HEATHER PEARSON  
STAFF WRITER

As the semester comes to a close, students and faculty alike are reflecting on the passing of another year at Willamette and its most memorable moments. As seniors prepare for a wide variety of next steps, the question inevitably arises: when will we be here next? And with that, what will be different? Over the past four years, we have seen countless changes both celebrated and protested on our campus, and the class of 2018 carries a specific snapshot of what has occurred in this time. Among many other staffing and budgetary changes, the reshaping of physical spaces on campus has occurred dramatically since 2014.

When this year's seniors first came to campus four years ago, the Baxter complex was radically different than the current iteration. Northwood, Southwood and Baxter were separated by walls. This left no possibility for travel between these residence halls without walking outside. Students found this made meeting with friends especially difficult when key-card access to other halls was shut off in the early evening. Furthermore, none of these dorms had a direct doors to Montag, which also had to be reached by walking outside. Since Montag also housed the only laundry machines in the complex, trips carrying laundry outside in the rain were common.

Baxter also used to have a kitchen in its basement, while Northwood and Southwood each had one of their own located on the first floor. Additionally, there were no outside staircases to dorms on the Eastside, instead small overhangs shielded the first-floor doors, which students would occasionally sneak out of windows to sit upon. There was no elevator in the complex either, a situation causing difficult for those with disabilities and/or injuries.

Lausanne and Doney also look radically different now than for those of us who came to Willamette in 2014. Campus Safety was pre-

viously housed in between the two halls, which has been converted into apartments with kitchens. The Doney common room and kitchen have been given major updates as well.

Moreover, first-year students were housed in both East and West-side halls, as well as in Kaneko. This made it common for ASP students to room with CLA students, and for underclassmen to share living space with those farther along in their Willamette experience. Dusseldorf Apartments were also still habitable, providing an additional set of apartments located close to campus but away from academic buildings for students to live in through WU Room and Board, similar to the University Apartments.

Changes have also been made to non-housing buildings. Cat Cavern used to serve breakfast and lunch, providing a second, quieter space for students to eat in rather than Goudy. The food options in Cat differed from Goudy, with a variety of flavorful options that are dearly missed. Montag has also been renovated to incorporate new glass-front offices, and the designation of a permanent and central location for the Center for Equity and Empowerment finally occurred after much student agitation and several previous protested moves of the space, though the current space is also not without critique.

In this time of transition, graduating seniors inevitably wonder in what ways these spaces will again look different the next time they step foot at 900 State St. With losses in staff of those who care for the botanical gardens and changes in various student activities departments, it appears that the current 'normal' will soon be changed once more. And as the drive to increase student retention also influences how student spaces are shaped and how money dispersed, next year's incoming class will likely experience a Willamette in many ways different than the one we now know.

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# Farewell from ASWU leadership

## JACK WELLMAN — PRESIDENT

Thank you to all the incredible members of the Willamette community for making Willamette my home for the past four years. My time at Willamette has truly been transformational. Best of luck to all the graduating seniors, I look forward to seeing the amazing things you all do. To the first-years, sophomores and juniors, slow down and enjoy your time here, it goes by fast. Don't forget, "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." — Wayne Gretzky — Michael Scott — Jack Wellman.

## JOSEPH LANDONI — VICE PRESIDENT

"Fours years seemed to have whisked by in the blink of an eye. I remember stumbling onto this campus nearly four years ago, not knowing a soul. Fast forward to today, this tight-knit community continues to forge enduring friendships that last a lifetime, bringing diverse identities and passions together with the common goal of impacting the world around us. I truly could not have imagined a more formative undergraduate experience, whether it be academically, extracellularly or socially— the Willamette community has molded me into the person I am today. It has molded us all into the graduates we are today, whether we like it or not. I look back fondly at the past four years and thank all the faculty, acquaintances, friends and community members who impacted not only me but our community at large. I am ready to move onto the next chapter of life, confident and reassured that we will all be agents for positive change in this uncertain world."

## DANA MORITA — TREASURER

Throughout my time here, many have asked why I chose Willamette. Most times, I attribute my decision to the beautiful campus and the experience I had during my visit as a prospective student. But the truth is, I really had no idea what I was getting myself into back then. Every college has its pros and cons and every college experience has its ups and downs, but what's really important is how that experience shapes you and your life going forward. If it weren't for Willamette, I know in my heart that I wouldn't be where I am today and I'd like to thank all of the faculty, staff, and fellow students who helped me get here. And whether or not you have a plan for what's next, you do have a right to take pride in how far you've come and to have faith in how far you'll go. Best of luck to the class of 2018!

# CAMPUS SAFETY

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CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

April 22, 3:50 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety was contacted after someone had shattered the glass in one of the main entrance doors at Goudy. A report was filed and facilities was contacted to repair the glass.

April 24, 8:03 a.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student contacted Campus Safety to report that their car window had been smashed and items were missing. An officer responded and a report was filed.

April 26, 10:20 a.m. (Sparks Center): Campus Safety was contacted after an employee noticed that one of the vending machines had been broken into. An officer responded and a report was filed.

April 25, 6:38 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety was contacted after a student noticed their vehicle window had been smashed and items were missing. A report was filed.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

April 23, 2:27 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): A student called Campus Safety to report that a student was in pain. Officers responded and the student requested to be transported to Safeway to pick up medication.

April 23, 5:23 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety was contacted after a student had fallen down the stairs and requested assistance. An officer responded and was able to give the student an ice pack and transport them to their next destination.

April 26, 9:00 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety was contacted after a student noticed they were having an allergic reaction to some medication. An officer responded and checked on the student and advised to contact Campus Safety if they needed additional assistance.

April 28, 11:30 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety was requested to respond to an intoxicated individual who

had locked themselves in the restroom. An officer and WEMS responded. The paramedics were requested but no transport was needed.

April 29, 4:30 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety was contacted after a student had noticed an outbreak of hives and requested transport to Urgent Care. An officer responded and transported the students.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

April 23, 4:11 p.m. (University Apartments): Willamette Watch reported two individuals digging in the trash. An officer responded and advised the individuals to leave campus property.

April 23, 5:12 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): A student called Campus Safety reporting an individual going through the dumpsters. An officer responded, but the individual rode away when the officer arrived.

April 25 9:24 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): Campus Safety was

contacted after students encountered a suspicious individual that seemed to be under the influence of drugs. An officer and the Salem Police Department responded and the individual was taken to the hospital.

April 27, 10:21 p.m. (TIUA Lot): Campus Safety received a call reporting that there were individuals in a car smoking marijuana. An officer responded and met with the individuals in the car.

April 27, 11:24 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A student contacted Campus Safety after they noticed they were being followed by a suspicious individual from an event. The student reported that they were safe inside. An officer responded and searched the surrounding areas.

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April 27, 10:10 a.m. (Law School): A student reported to Campus Safety that they had left items in a room and returned to find them missing. An officer responded a report was filed.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

April 25, 11:22 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student contacted Campus Safety to report their vehicle was missing. An officer responded and a report was filed. The student was also advised to contact the Salem Police Department. The car was later recovered and the suspect was arrested.

April 27, 3:33 p.m. (14th Street): A student contacted Campus Safety to report their vehicle was missing. An officer responded and a report was filed. The student was also advised to contact the Salem Police Department.

April 27, 11:09 p.m. (Collins Science): Campus Safety was contacted after an employee noticed a golf cart missing. The golf cart was later recovered and brought back to its original location. A report was filed.

\*PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS.





# Senior Athlete Spotlight



CHRISTOPHER SABATO



CRISTINA SALAS



CHRISTOPHER SABATO



KENDRICK ARAKAKI



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JEWELL SPARKS  
TRACK AND FIELD

I will always remember the tremendous love and support that I received by not only my coaches and teammates, but also all of the athletic staff. Shout out to Coach Brett and Ken for making me smile when I've had a rough one. To all the first years/underclassmen either struggling or not having the seasons that they have been aiming for, trust the process both athletically and academically. There is no professor or coach that wants you to fail. Everyone at Willamette wants to see you succeed.

Immediately plan to make it to nationals and become an all-American 400m hurdler.



JACK KOBYLKA  
CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD

For me, I'd have to say that I will remember each and every single friendship I've made not only on my team but among every team. I've come to know so many people on the different organizations along my journey and will remember each and everyone one of them. For younger athletes I stand by the words of Joel Embiid, "Trust the Process." You can't get frustrated and give up because of one failure. Get back up and keep going and know that you have the support of everyone around you and you're going to be happy with the results, I promise. Post-graduation, I plan to head home to Napa and continue working in a shoe store as well as working as an assistant coach with my old high school for cross country and track and field while applying for grad schools.



SPENCER HONG  
GOLF

The opportunity to represent Willamette as an athlete on the course and in the classroom will be something I miss as well as the chance to train, practice, and play with my teammates. My athletic career can ultimately be defined by the supporting group of teammates that I have had the pleasure of playing alongside. I would tell younger athletes to not discouraged at the beginning and to keep your head down and constantly try to improve yourself as an athlete and student. The only person you should compare yourself to is yourself. Constantly improving your game will help out the team out as a whole.

As for myself, I am in the 3/2 BA/MBA program and will be back on campus for one more year. This summer I will be interning in Palo Alto for Cloudera as a data analyst. Afterward, I hope to earn a job as a data analytics consultant in the Bay Area.



MARGO COXON  
SWIMMING

My athletic career at Willamette was a big part of my college experience. One of the main memories that I will take away from my Willamette athletic experience is the bond I made with my teammates. They motivated me to push myself on and off the pool deck. My advice for the younger student-athletics is to engage in every community that you are a part of during college, including athletics, the Willamette community, and the greater Salem community. Support your teammates in all situations and push them to be the best they can be.

My post graduation plans are to participate in an abroad program in Iceland and travel around Europe. Then I will work in a lab at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle while applying to DVM/PhD programs.



EMMY MANSET  
SOCCER

My athletic experience at Willamette was by far one of the best experiences of my college career. I was able to grow not just as an athlete, but also as a student. I learned quickly how to not procrastinate and how to manage my time responsibly. My favorite part about joining Willamette Athletics was meeting some of my closest friends and being able to find support outside of a school setting. Time goes by so quickly. Sometimes I still feel like I just finished my first soccer season in 2014. I hope younger athletes remember to take in every moment and appreciate being a part of athletics and being able to play the sport that they love. As I always tell myself before each practice, I don't have to play, I get to play. After graduation, I will be moving to Portland where I will be a teacher's aide for Portland YouthBuilders (an alternative high school). I will also be playing for Capital FC Timbers in Salem, Oregon.



EMMA LIBAND  
VOLLEYBALL

I would like to say that I would remember it all, but I'm going to assume that's not realistic. So, I guess what I'll remember most of all is making memories. Whether it was team bonding dinners, driving to away games, or convincing coach to let us get ice cream after a big win, there was always a memory being made. And I know when I'm older, I'll reflect back on those times and smile maybe laugh or shake my head, but always smile. I would tell them to remember to have fun and be confident while playing. There will be points where you won't be able to put the ball away, but don't get down, just act surprised and persevere. Say to yourself "Huh, that's weird." and then for the next ball go up with the full intention of taking the floor or someone out with the play. The biggest compliment you will ever receive while playing volleyball is when people say they're scared of you because it means you're playing unafraid of the outcome and you've already won the mental battle with the other team. I will be taking a year off to go home and work at a veterinary clinic. Then, later this month I will start applying to vet school for the following year.



"Amarit, thank you for  
spending three months  
watching all the Marvel  
movies with me."  
— Gianni Marabella

"I loved hanging out  
with Niki Kates back-  
stage at Dance Company  
and Lu'au!"  
— Stephanie Aronson

"I love you, Sanjay, and  
am so proud of the preson  
that you are becoming.  
Keep grinding, and much  
love!"— Joseph Landoni

## Senior Buddies



"We may be lookig at  
the sun, but we're the  
brightest of the stars."  
— Caden Crowston



"The only thing larger than  
this zucchini is my love for  
Dawn-Hunter Strobel!"  
—Heather Pearson





## *Senior wills*

"I, Caden Crowston, leave Elizabeth Larson Nanner Squad, to carry on the legacy with Madelyn Jones."

"I, Joseph Landoni, leave Sanjay Kapila my heart."

"I, Julia DiSimone, leave 2015-2016 Women's Crew team all my love."

"I, Yun Kim, leave Amarit Ubhi a year's worth of uneaten Bistro cookies and a set of slightly (very) used LSAT prep books."

"I, Gianni Marabella, leave Madelyn Jones this newspaper. I don't want it anymore."





# Parting words from *The Collegian* staff



HOLLY WALSH  
CONTRIBUTOR

For the most part, working at *The Collegian* has been a great outlet to write and share what I believe is important. The articles about sexual assault I co-wrote with Heather my senior year shaped my college experience, because while I didn't find many allies in the administration, I found a few great allies at

*The Collegian* (s/o Madelyn and Gianni!)

I hope *The Collegian* and its student staff continue to give space to folx who have something important to say and aren't afraid to stand up the administration. One of my favorite professors on campus told me that it is the student newspaper's job to point out discrepancies that need to be fixed on campus, not to cater to whatever the administration wants, and so I urge the new editors taking over *The Collegian* to be okay with printing these types of critical pieces without making your writers feel like all their work was for nothing. Support your writers, not the administration. Especially writers with demonstrated histories of on-campus leadership who are well aware of what the administration is capable of.



JULIA DISIMONE  
STAFF WRITER

Working at *The Collegian* truly pushed me out of my comfort zone. I embarked on writing in a new style and in a new medium and I'm so grateful to have had the chance to write all semester about topics I otherwise would have been talking my friends' ears off about.



ERIC DEL PRADO  
SPORTS EDITOR

I loved working at *The Collegian*; it was a great experience that allowed me to meet many new people. Working at *The Collegian* has definitely enhanced my college experience, it has allowed me learn more about Willamette as a whole and meet many new people.



YUN KIM  
BUSINESS MANAGER

I started working with *The Collegian* during my second semester at Willamette. Initially, I was nervous about taking on a role at a school that I still hardly knew. Now, I can say with confidence that

my time with the Collegian has helped shape my Willamette experience in teaching me about myself and my work ethic and introducing me to a pretty great group of friends.



GIANNI MARABELLA  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

So much has changed at Willamette since I first arrived. My time here has outlasted most of the administrators who were here when I was a first year, and there are constantly new controversial things to report. I hope the

progress (and lack thereof) of the last four years isn't forgotten with this graduating class.



WILLIAM GUPTON  
OPINIONS EDITOR

Being the Opinions Editor has been a strange and interesting position, and I have greatly enjoyed getting to hear from a wide variety of voices and positions on topics. Many of the articles completely changed my thoughts on issues, or made me consider things in

brand new ways. My favorite memory working at *The Collegian* was working on the April Fool's issue, it was a truly bizarre and hilarious evening, and I look forward to seeing it in the future.



CAITLYN FORBES  
MANAGING EDITOR

Working at *The Collegian* the past two years has been a great experience. I have enjoyed working with such an amazing group of people who are driven and genuinely want to produce a great paper each week. During the time that I have worked here, I have

seen enormous growth in content and maturity and I look forward to seeing how *The Collegian* continues to grow next year!



# Words of Wisdom



MIKE NORD

Be true to yourself and trust your instincts, but not the point of being unable to challenge your own assumptions and perspectives so that you might evolve as a thinker and human being. Actions that serve others, starting with kindness, generosity and compassion, are the most noble of all.

SCOTT PIKE

Congratulations! Give yourself time and permission to celebrate your achievements. As you reflect on successfully completing your undergraduate careers at Willamette, I am willing to bet that most of you did not follow the exact plan you prescribed for yourself when you arrived on campus. You thought you were going to major in biology, but instead found yourself gravitating towards Anthropology, Environmental Science, Civic Communication and Media. You did not consider the visual arts that first year, yet here you are four years later with a BA in Studio Art. The soccer thing didn't work out, but ultimate became your sport. You should be proud of deviating from your plans. You have demonstrated one of the most important life skills. As you build your life, remember that the best-laid plans leave room for change; the best planners have the resilience to adapt when plans go awry. There is no right path you are required to follow. The tangents, obstacles, and detours may lead you to where you want to be. By all accounts, make plans, but be observant, flexible, and open to new opportunities—even if they initially disorient you by arriving unexpectedly.



JONNEKE KOOMEN

During difficult times I hold on to the words of abolitionist and political theorist Joel Olson (1967-2012): "What is the most damage I can do, given my biography, abilities, and commitments, to the racial order and rule of capital?" I hope these words are helpful to you too.





The Collegian  
wishes every  
member of this  
graduating class  
success and  
fulfillment in their  
futures.

# Phi Beta Kappa

Seniors

Margaret Alten-  
hof-Long  
Madelaine Au\*  
Abigail Bernhard  
Joshua Beymer  
Erin Bresnahan  
Emily Buchi  
Anya Clowers  
Bryn Culbert\*  
Alice Fontaine  
Tynan Gable  
Leo Goldstein  
Grace Graham\*  
Kira-Ann Hayashi

Sabrina Hockett  
Ari Hoffman  
Derek Kennedy  
Yun Kim  
Maximilian Kroner  
Dale  
Abigail Lahnert  
Lindsay Lutes  
Johanna Lyon  
Ivy Major-McDowall  
Kevin Martz  
Jaime McConachie  
Victoria Mohtes-Chan  
Katherine Moore  
Sam Mularz\*  
Alison Najmy

Mariana Navarro  
Anna Neshyba  
Lorenzo Olono  
Julia Oshiki  
Heather Pearson  
Bridgette Peirce  
Journey Penney  
Holly Peterson  
Mikaela Renshaw  
Kaitlyn Rickaby  
Shannon Ross  
Lara Shinsato  
Hannah Signor  
Donald Swen  
Ariel Todoki  
Jared Tupuola  
Kelsey Walker  
Adam Wright  
Natalie Zhang



\*elected as juniors in  
May 2017

Juniors

Kevin Alexander  
Carli Fawcett  
Olivia Orosco

Honors & *Awards* in Bearcat Excellence 2018 Recipients

SENIOR KEYS AND SENIOR CERTIFICATES

These awards honor members of the senior class who have contributed service to the Associated Students. Recipients are selected based on their time and effort spent in the name of Willamette University, the diversity of their activities, and their impact on other students.

Senior Keys

Robyn Burnside

Sarah King

Dana E. Morita

Jack Wellman

Lina Woodcock

Senior Certificates

Madelyne Aichele

Sarah Elise Freilicher

Olivia Orosco

Michael David Chen

Derek Kennedy

Kaitlyn Taylor Pierson

Kricia Ruano Espinoza

Yun W. Kim

Salome Ayuak Paul

Michelle Fensler

Joseph A. Landoni IV

Emma Robinson