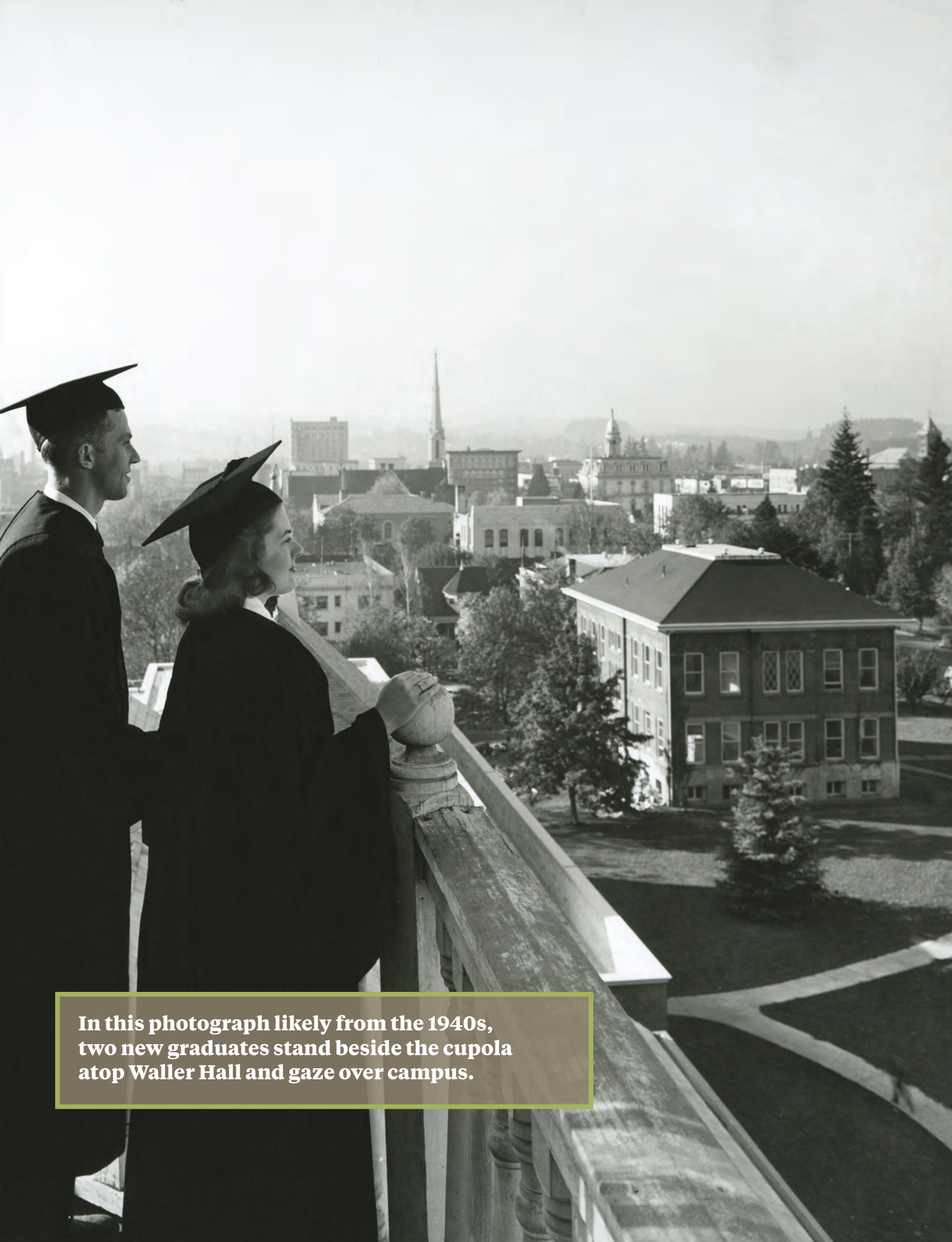


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In this photograph likely from the 1940s, two new graduates stand beside the cupola atop Waller Hall and gaze over campus.

Longtime Willamette faculty member and administrator Carol Long reflects on how the university's motto can inspire much-needed empathy and appreciation for differences.



For nearly 38 years, Carol Long has contributed to Willamette in roles including English professor, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, and now senior vice president for academic and student affairs.

Last August, my first day back at Willamette after a seven-year absence presented me with a vivid reminder of the meaning of our motto, Not unto ourselves alone are we born.

As a warm day gave way to evening, I stood on the bank of the Mill Stream with alumni and other community members, lighting candles eagerly held out by matriculating students. Together we watched these lights, passed from one generation to another, float downstream into the future.

The university's 175th anniversary this year has prompted me to think not only of the past, but of the future that we'll all play a part in shaping.

At Willamette and in the world around us, it's an extremely important time to understand and live our motto. For me, this means I need to empathize with, understand and rise to the needs of others, not simply pursuing my own goals and imperatives. Such awareness is one learning outcome of a fine education.

As an English major with a strong generalist streak, I've learned to see from multiple perspectives. Whether I listen to Wallace Stevens describe "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," follow Italo Calvino through the corridors of "Invisible Cities" or seek to understand war or poverty through fiction, social science analysis, scientific data or experience, the ability to move outside my own preoccupations and see more clearly the person next to me or across the world makes possible civil discourse and democratic engagement.

Our motto means not only to strive for empathy and understanding, but also to leave space for others. I have long pondered a passage from the conclusion of Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species":

"It is interesting to contemplate a tangled bank, clothed with many plants of many kinds, with birds singing on the bushes, with various insects flitting about, and with worms crawling through the damp earth, and to reflect [on] these elaborately constructed forms, so different from each other, and dependent upon each other in so complex a manner"

This image of the tangled bank suggests an appreciation for order not always defined from our own point of view. I believe the determination of reality from one viewpoint — whether expressed through the idea of manifest destiny or the practice of mono-crop agriculture — weakens and lessens our world.

Learning to enjoy the tangle, to appreciate the interdependence, and to allow room and provide support for difference is one way to embody Willamette's ideal of servant leadership.

I'm so grateful for the university's many thinkers and the presence on campus of religious, ethnic, cultural and intellectual difference. Like many other staff, faculty, students, alumni and friends, I'm eager to help sustain an institution whose mission is to nurture and strengthen this tangled bank.

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>In Box

For the university's 175th anniversary year, we look back on a few reader letters from past issues of the alumni magazine, *The Scene*.



Winter 1990

I can add something to the story of the 1935 State Capitol fire. On April 25, we had a biology senior oral, and afterward I rode

my bike ... to my home a mile north. I had hardly gotten into the house when the young neighbor girl came running and said: "Mr. Monk, the Capitol is on fire!"

I realized that ... Eaton Hall was in danger. I hurried back to campus and to my office on the third floor of Eaton. I found President Baxter and Spec Keene trying to find a way into the attic. I had a key to the staircase door. The three of us went up to the attic and dragged the fire hose up to the roof, but there was no water pressure. So I went back to the lab and filled buckets with water as long as the pressure lasted. Then I went to the first floor to fill more buckets.

... (Students) supported themselves on the roof by fastening the now-useless fire hose to the chimney and letting themselves down to spot fires and put them out with wet burlap sacks. ... Eaton suffered little damage thanks to the student volunteers, but the Chemistry Building (now the Art Building) did lose some patches of roofing.

— Cecil R. Monk
Professor emeritus of biology



Spring 1995

I was interested to learn from the Willamette Scene ... that George Cannady was the first African-American to

graduate from Willamette. He was in the same class as my brother, David Moser, and they became good friends. Although I was a graduating senior when they were freshmen, Willamette was a much smaller school then and we all knew almost everyone else on campus. Even though George's skin was a different color, we never thought of him as being any different than the rest of us — he was just George. In their senior year, he and my brother were co-senior scholar assistants to Dr. Gatke, professor of political science.

— Marjorie (Moser) Durham '32



Spring 2011

I was a basketball player back in the early 1950s at Willamette. Each year it fell upon the coaches to submit the

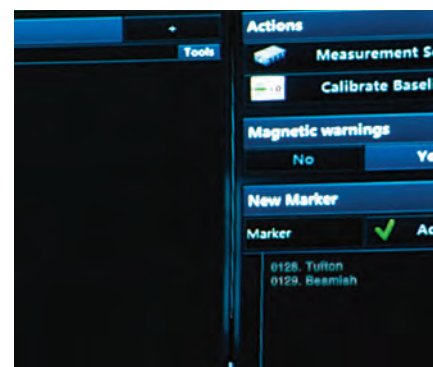
names of players they felt deserved to be on the all-star team of the Northwest Conference. Our coach, John Lewis, put in the name of "Oonie Gagen." Oonie was an entirely fictitious player. However, he made the honorable mention list of the Northwest Conference that year.

John was a great coach, and he enjoyed good humor.

— Jack Hande '53

Where's Tufton?

Tufton Beamish hides in the most unusual places. Mike Durrell '64 found Tufton's name on p. 7 of the fall issue, listed on a display of an exercise science Myometrics motion capture system.



Can you find Tufton in this issue? Send your sightings to magazine@willamette.edu.

Love WU

Willamette students fall in love with the campus, the academic challenge and sometimes each other. How did you "WU" your partner? We want to hear your stories.

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An internship at University Archives gave Grace Pochis '17 a fresh perspective on Willamette's complex history.

> What did you discover about the university's early history?

After reading different portrayals of missionary and Willamette founder Jason Lee dating back to 1842, I realized that he'd been lionized to the point that he's practically a fictional character.

He was presented as a devout Christian and a vigorous and charismatic leader who wrestled a bear and rolled boulders up hills.

He was mythologized in ways that were important to people creating the histories of the mission at Salem, but these versions of the past omit different perspectives and ideas that would present a more complete picture of his character and epoch.

These Jason Lee mythologies can be categorized as Whig histories, one of the most common ways of telling the story of the past. We see it on the History Channel and learn it in high school.

> What are characteristics of Whig history?

Whig history — a term coined in the 1930s — takes a linear, cause-and-effect approach that values the present over the past and sees human history as an inevitable progression. It tends to focus on major events and figures, so Lee fits the Whig concept of great men propelling history.

Whig history is very appealing to us because humans like explanations for why things happen. But it has been strongly critiqued because it omits many events, people and perspectives.

> What do other approaches offer?

History is an interpretation of facts. Often, it's more about the present than the past, more about the author than the subject. And there are many more people in history than are covered by the Whig approach.

With the 1960s social movements, people of a variety of identities, including African-Americans, women and LGBTQ folk, successfully mobilized to protest their absence from interpretations of history. They brought about reconsideration of how histories of marginalized people have been written, or not written.

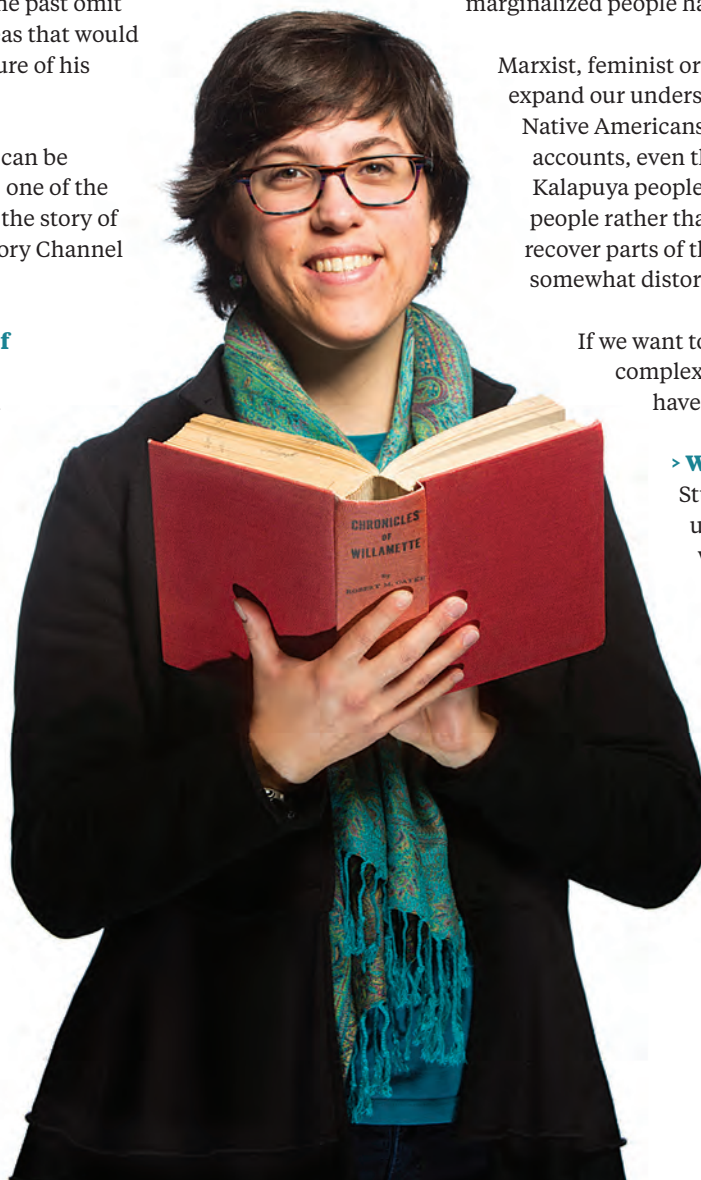
Marxist, feminist or other approaches help balance and expand our understanding of the past. In Willamette's case, Native Americans are missing from the Whig history accounts, even though Lee was a missionary to the Kalapuya people. Social history — the stories of ordinary people rather than the elite and powerful — could help recover parts of the picture that Whig history has somewhat distorted.

If we want to capture the breadth of human complexity, we should appreciate all the ways we have to recover our histories.

> Why is history important?

Studying history gives us an anchor, an understanding of how and why we got where we are. For a long time, Willamette wasn't comfortable talking about its history with the mission school and Native Americans. Now, as the university commemorates its 175th anniversary, it's important to consider carefully how we talk about our history. Understanding our past affects our present — and our future. ▣

Learn more about Grace Pochis' research on Willamette University's history at willamette.edu/go/pochis



When music student Zachary Duell '18 sits down to practice, he's not restricted to one instrument. He can play practically all of them. At once.

Duell describes playing the Bishop Family Organ in Cone Chapel as like "having an orchestra at your fingertips."

Heralded by Mozart as the "king of instruments," organs can replicate the sounds of a variety of instruments through their intricate pipes and stops. Duell, who previously played piano and has only been studying the organ since transferring to Willamette in 2015, loves its unparalleled versatility.

The only Willamette student studying the organ this semester, Duell practices on the Bishop organ and two others on campus. According to organ professor Paul Klemme, fewer colleges and universities support organ programs, so Willamette's resources for a degree with an emphasis in organ performance rank it within the top 10 to 20 percent of schools nationwide.

Every organ is uniquely constructed according to space and purpose. The Bishop Family Organ was built to harmonize with the style and design of Waller Hall and to play a wide range of music, from Renaissance to contemporary.

"Perhaps more than any other instrument," Duell says, "the organ allows me to create exactly what I hear in my mind, whether that's an aural conception of a composer's work or something improvisatory."

Many people find the complex instrument daunting, but Duell says it just takes some practice. Above all, an organist has to

learn its quirks. "You kind of humble yourself before the instrument," he says, "and hope it accepts you."

1. The organ

The Bishop Family Organ was a gift of the family of C.M. Bishop Jr., longtime university supporters, in memory of Clarence Morton Bishop and Harriet Broughton Bishop. The 14-foot masterpiece of metal piping, hand-carved woodwork and intricate mechanics has been the grand centerpiece of Cone Chapel since 1991. Its overall shape is modeled after the work of Thomas Appleton, a prominent early 19th century American organ builder.

A Portland-based specialist company took 5,000 hours to build and install the instrument in the chapel. It's a tracker action organ, which means the pedal board and keyboards are directly linked mechanically to its 1,542 pipes.

2. Stops

The Bishop organ has 24 stops that correspond to various instruments, from the trumpet to the less common Nazard flute. If he wants to play a combination of instruments, Duell can preset them on the organ. Stops represent four tone "families" — principal (basic organ sound), string, reed and flute — but each organ's sound is unique. Duell says, "The tiniest tweaks in how you build the pipe can change the timbre of sound."

Stops also produce different qualities of sound for each note, such as pitch and volume, and control airflow to the pipes. Selecting a stop sends an electric signal to a processor inside the organ that opens one or multiple sets of pipes, called ranks.

3. Pedalboard

In addition to a keyboard, the organ has a pedalboard with 32 keys, six stop options and two pedals to add volume and stops.

4. Shoes

Organists wear tightly fitted, suede-soled shoes, as street shoes are too wide for the intricate footwork, and rubber soles stick to the pedal.

To see and hear Duell play the Bishop Family Organ, visit willamette.edu/go/organ_music.





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1834



On October 6, Jason Lee and his party of Methodist missionaries pitch camp in the homeland of the Kalapuya Indians, a few miles north of the present site of Salem. Soon afterward, Lee opens a mission school, the Indian Mission Manual Labor School, for Native children.

A BOLD VISION

By Tina Owen

The state of Oregon didn't exist yet. Portland was a small village of 700 people. Some 13,000 white settlers occupied a vast territory ranging from present-day Oregon up to Washington and across to the Rocky Mountains.

Yet, in this setting, a group of missionaries decided to establish a university in Salem. Against the odds, their bold vision became reality. From modest beginnings, Willamette University grew in size, influence and reputation to become a leading Pacific Northwest institution. As the university celebrates its 175th anniversary this year, here are some key moments from along the way.



1880 A reference to the College of Liberal Arts appears for the first time in university publications.

1875 Willamette's campus newspaper, The Collegian, begins monthly publication.

1872 The university includes an elementary school, a Commercial Department open to male and female students, a Music Department and a Medical Department (which moves to Portland in 1880 and in 1913 merges with the University of Oregon College of Medicine).

1870 The university catalog of 1870-71 first uses the name Willamette University.



1883 The College of Law is established.

1891 University Hall is damaged by fire.

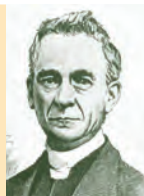
1892 The school colors of cardinal and gold are chosen.

1894 Willamette plays its first football game against another institution, beating Polytechnic Institute 20-2.



1916 The Oregon Institute closes following the development of public high schools.

1915 Carl Gregg Doney becomes Willamette's president, serving until 1934. Doney declares the official school mascot to be a "Bearcat."



1912 University Hall is renamed Waller Hall in honor of the Rev. Alvan Waller, a founding trustee who served the university until his death in 1872.

1909 Freshman Glee begins, Eaton Hall is completed and the Kimball School of Theology (which closes in 1930) is established.

1919 Willamette's first sorority, Beta Chi, and fraternity, Sigma Tau, are organized.

1920 Waller Hall is repaired following a fire the previous December. A new women's dormitory, Lausanne Hall, replaces a previous one with the same name that was demolished.

1923 A large brick gymnasium, which later becomes the theatre building, replaces the older frame structure that burned down two years previously.

1927 Willamette earns accreditation from the Association of American Universities.



1840 The mission's "Great Reinforcement" of 53 people arrives from New York on the ship Lausanne.

1842 Lee and other missionaries decide to found a school, the Oregon Institute — the precursor of Willamette University — to educate settlers' children. An article of its constitution says: "The primary object of this institution is to educate the children of white men; but no person shall be excluded on account of color." Lee and his followers determine to use Feb. 1, 1842 as the founding date of Willamette University.

1850 The Rev. Francis S. Hoyt becomes the first president of the Oregon Institute and later the university.

1844 On August 13, the first class of the Oregon Institute is held, with teacher Chloe Clarke Willson and five students.

1844 The Indian Manual Labor School, which in 1841 had been moved to the present Willamette campus, is closed. Its three-story frame building, the most imposing structure of its kind on the Pacific Coast, is purchased by the Oregon Institute (and later burns down in 1872).

1853 The Oregon Territorial Legislature grants a charter to "Wallamet University." This spelling is thought to derive from a Clackamas Chinook word.



1859 Miss Emily J. York, the first graduate of the university, receives the degree of Mistress of English Literature.



1864 University Hall (now Waller) is built using bricks made of clay from what is now the Quad.

1861 The iconic Mill Stream is dug through campus to serve the nearby woolen mill.

1896 The College of Pharmacy, opened in 1889, closes.

1903 The first Wallulah yearbook is published. The editors write, "Willamette's spirit is a difficult thing to portray and her student life is so full of happiness and joy that it is indescribable."

A few student and faculty travelers on an 1894 expedition to Mt. Hood taking a break along a river's edge.



1937 The university purchases the old Salem Post Office to house the law school. The 2,000-ton building (now Gatke Hall) is moved inch by inch up State Street to its new location.

1938 A new library building is completed, and University House — a former private residence — moves to campus, where it serves as the president's home and later as offices. In 1995, to make way for the Olin Science Building, it moves off-campus again to become part of a City of Salem redevelopment project.



1950 McCulloch Stadium is built.



1948 The new Bruce R. Baxter Residence Hall opens for Willamette men.

1946 The College of Law is admitted as a member of the Association of American Law Schools.
A 10-acre tract of land on Bush's Pasture is acquired for a new athletic field.

1955 New buildings on campus include the Charles P. and Fannie Kay Bishop Memorial Health Center, the G. Herbert Smith Auditorium and the Doney Residence Hall for women.

1959 The College of Law's Moot Court team wins the national championship.

1960 The Lucy Anna Lee and Emily J. York Residence Halls for women open.
Student-athlete Ken Ashley '63 wins the NAIA outdoor track and field championship in the high jump.



1980 Jerry E. Hudson is named as Willamette's president and serves until 1997.

1974 The Lestle J. Sparks Athletic Center is completed. Sparks '19 was a long time Willamette faculty member and athletics coach.

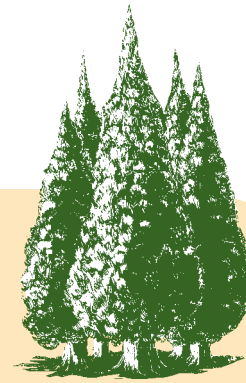
1974 The George H. Atkinson Graduate School of Administration is established (changed to School of Management in 1980).



1980 Student-athlete Steve Kogo '82 wins the NAIA swimming championship in the 100-yard freestyle, and Dawn Lien '82 claims the AIAW title in the 200-yard butterfly.



Former dean of students, Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield '43 speaks at the 1960 Republican convention.



1941 Members of Willamette's football team, in Hawaii during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, help on a ship bringing the wounded back to the mainland.

1941 The Everell Stanton Collins Science Hall is added to the campus, while the former science building is remodeled to house the College of Music.

1943 A College Navy Training Program (V-12) is established on campus, with Lausanne Hall serving as the "ship" for those being trained from July 1943 through November 1945.



1942 As part of its centennial celebrations, Willamette plants five giant sequoia trees — the Star Trees. G. Herbert Smith becomes president of the university and serves until 1969.

1961 The James T. Matthews and Lewis F. Belknap Residence Halls for men open, and Tufton Beamish graduates from the university.



1965 Willamette enters into a sister-college relationship with the International College of Commerce and Economics in Japan (now known as Tokyo International University).

1967 The Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center and William S. Walton Hall are added to the campus.

1968 The football team, coached by Ted Ogdahl and led by All-American Calvin Lee, is ranked third in the nation by NAIA after an undefeated regular season.



1970 The George Putnam University Center is dedicated.



1983 The Grace Goudy Distinguished Artists Series, which brings world-renowned musicians to campus for performances and residencies, begins.

1986 The Mark O. Hatfield Library, which is dedicated to the alumnus and former Oregon governor and U.S. senator, opens, along with the Bistro. The Atkinson Lecture Series, kicks off with a presentation by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ellen Goodman.



1987 The Martha Springer Botanical Garden, named after a beloved former botany professor, is dedicated.



1989 Tokyo International University of America is completed. Waller Hall is renovated and rededicated. The Hatfield Fountain is dedicated and soon becomes a popular campus landmark.



1988 William B. Smullin Hall, named after donor, former Collegian staff member, and broadcaster William B. Smullin '29, is dedicated.

A Master of Arts in Teaching pilot program begins with three students.



1990 Chemistry professor Frances Chapple is selected as Oregon Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Higher Education. Ten other faculty members go on to receive this award.

1991 The Athletic Hall of Fame is founded. Oregon Professor of the Year: Mary Ann Youngren (Psychology)

1992 Willamette celebrates its sesquicentennial. Goudy Commons, named after benefactors and university trustees Grace '22 and Elmer Goudy, is dedicated.



1993 The men's basketball team wins the NAIA Division II national championship, and coach Gordie James is named NAIA Division II Coach of the Year.
Oregon Professor of the Year: Roger Hull (art history)

1994 Oregon Professor of the Year: Arthur Payton (chemistry)

1995 A Graduate School of Education (which closes in 2014) is established to offer MEd and MAT degrees.
The University Apartments open.
Oregon Professor of the Year: Daniel Montague (physics)

2003 Oregon Professor of the Year: Suresht Bald (politics)

2003 Student-athlete (and later Olympian) Nick Symmonds '06 wins his first outdoor track and field championships in the 800 and 1,500 meters. Before he graduates, he claims five more national titles in the 800 and 1,500 meters.



2003 Willamette Academy, originally a supplemental academic summer and weekend program for Salem-Keizer middle-school children, launches.

2000 Willamette is named a 2000 Truman Foundation Honor Institution for its exemplary participation in the Truman Scholarship program.

2005 Building begins on Kaneko Commons, which goes on to earn Willamette's first gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating. Ford Hall (2009) and the Lestle J. Sparks Fitness Center (2016) later achieve the same certification.



2005 Willamette reflects on its Indian mission school origins and its interconnected relationship with contemporary Oregon tribes at a Ceremony of Renewal.



2008 Japanese-American students, whose studies were interrupted when they were interned in federal camps during World War II, are invited to Willamette for events during the anniversary of Executive Order 9066.
Oregon Professor of the Year: Richard Ellis (politics)



2006 The Atkinson Graduate School of Management opens its Portland campus and offers the MBA for Professionals.
Student-athlete Sarah Zerzan '08 wins the national cross country championship for the first of two consecutive years.

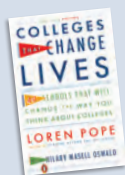
2008 Willamette is named the top university in the nation in sustainability in higher education by the National Wildlife Federation.



2009 Ford Hall, named in honor of Willamette trustee and philanthropist Hallie Ford, opens. Willamette is one of only six colleges and universities nationwide to receive the Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll Presidential Award.

2010 Theatre's renovated playhouse (later rededicated as the M. Lee Pelton Theatre) debuts in the fall after undergoing a \$5.6 million overhaul.

2013 Construction begins on a \$6.5 million enhancement of the Sparks Athletic Center. With 1,060 players, the Willamette community breaks the world record for the game of Red Light/Green Light.



2012 Willamette is recognized in the Colleges That Change Lives guidebook as a "rising star." More than 200 Willamette University students, faculty and staff join flood-abatement efforts throughout Salem in January.



2013 Oregon Professor of the Year: Sammy Basu (politics)

2014 The Carson Undergraduate Research Grant program, which funds undergraduates' scholarly, creative and professional projects, celebrates its 25th anniversary.



2015 With 1,203 players, Willamette reclaims its Red Light/Green Light world record.

2016 Willamette decides to adopt a standardized test-optional admission process beginning in fall 2017.



1996 The \$7.1 million F.W. Olin Science Center is dedicated. Students work side-by-side with staff to minimize the damage when flood waters rise in February. Classes are cancelled for two days.

1997 Elizabeth Heaston '99, a kicker, becomes the first female to play in a collegiate football game. In December, the lighting of the Star Trees starts a new campus tradition.

1998 M. Lee Pelton takes office as Willamette's president, serving until 2011. Willamette joins the NCAA Division III athletics conference.



1999 Student-athlete Beth Fitzgerald '99 wins the national outdoor track and field championship in the 800 meters. Fellow Bearcat Jimmy Watts '00 claims the decathlon title, and does so again the next year. The Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center is dedicated.

1998 Oregon Professor of the Year: Bill Duvall (history)

1998 The Hallie Ford Museum of Art opens. Its permanent galleries feature works by Pacific Northwest and Native American artists, as well as ancient, European, American and Asian art.



2005 Students make Willamette the only university on the West Coast to land a Fulbright Grant, a Truman Grant, a Udall Scholarship, a Watson Fellowship and a Kemper Scholarship.

2005 Oregon Professor of the Year: Jerry Gray (economics)

2010 Dale T. Mortensen '61 earns the Nobel Prize in Economics. Oregon Professor of the Year: Karen McFarlane Holman '90 (chemistry)



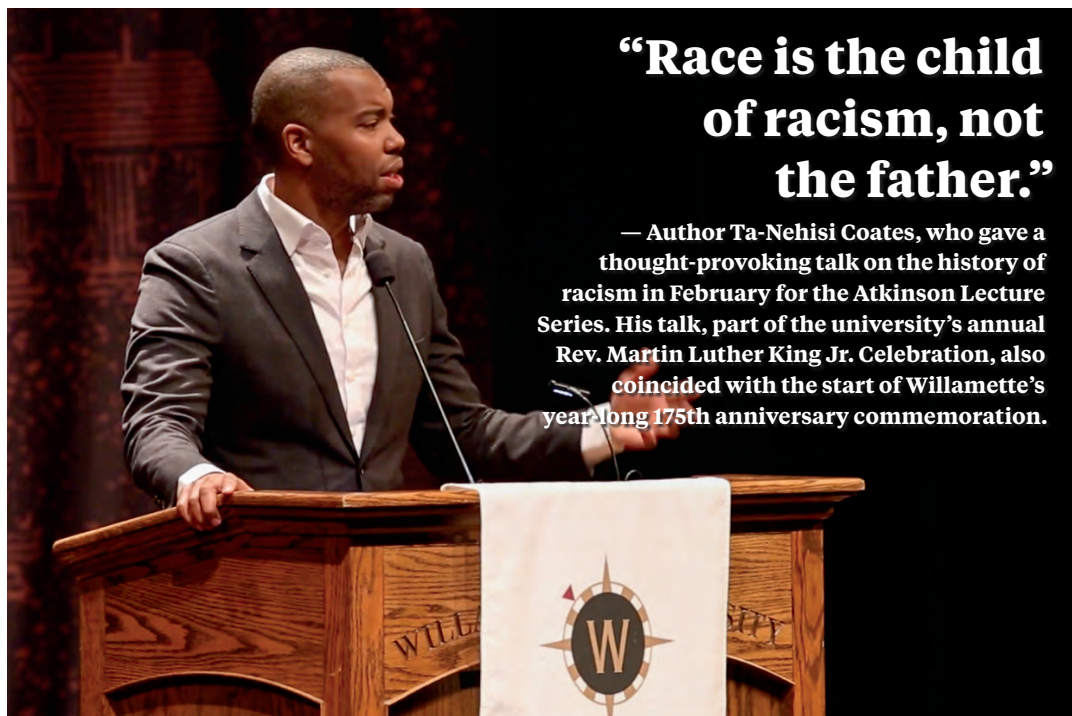
2011 Stephen E. Thorsett becomes Willamette's 25th president.

Through its 50-year partnership with Tokyo International University, Willamette has welcomed many students from the Japanese institution.



2017 Willamette University celebrates its 175th anniversary.

Special thanks to the staff of University Archives for their assistance with this and other historical articles in this issue.



Oregon Supreme Court Visits Willamette

Willamette law students didn’t have to cross State Street to see the Oregon Supreme Court in action in March — the court came to them.

Each legislative session, the court hears cases at three Oregon law schools to give students and the public a chance to connect with the judicial system. Willamette students listened to justices and attorneys discuss two real-life cases related to Medicaid fraud and to the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals.

The event provided students a valuable opportunity to learn courtroom protocol and judicial processes, as well as to ask the justices questions.



Griffith Receives Large Grant to Research Estrogen

Assistant Professor of Chemistry David Griffith received a \$325,157 National Science Foundation grant to research the formation and environmental impacts of a new form of estrogen.

Griffith will investigate the chemical factors that

control halogenated estrogens, which are created during the disinfection stage of sewage treatment, and what happens when they are released into aquatic environments. High concentrations of halogenated estrogens are found in wastewater, yet the fate of this



Encouraging Female Scientists

William Webber, a former Willamette trustee, once said women were an “untapped resource” in science and engineering.

So, he helped start the Willamette Science Outreach Program (WSOP), which provides a number of female science majors with a paid scholarship to teach at local elementary schools and mentor other scholars. Recently, WSOP turned 20.

Webber scholars, as they are known, have helped more than 800 Salem students discover the thrill of biology, chemistry, environmental science and physics.

A Day for Willamette

Gov. Kate Brown officially proclaimed Feb. 1 as “Willamette Day” to honor the university’s long history of educating the state’s past, current and future residents.

“For 175 years, Willamette University has prepared generations of Oregonians for lives of achievement, contribution and meaning,” the proclamation states. “The anniversary is a significant time to reflect upon the past, present and future contributions of the university and its community to the enrichment of lives around Oregon and the world.”

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The milestone number recently reached by AGSM Professor of Management Practice Larry Ettner in terms of the Practical Application for Careers and Enterprises (PACE) projects he’s guided over the past decade. Through PACE, first-year AGSM students create business proposals for companies and nonprofits.



class of endocrine-disrupting chemicals is not well understood.

The three-year grant covers undergraduate research, a postdoctoral scholar and broader educational outreach. Griffith will also produce some podcasts focused on wastewater treatment and the fate of contaminants in the environment.



A Must-See Video

As part of the 175th anniversary celebration, the university produced a short video. President Steve Thorsett, Associated Students of Willamette University President Liz Gill '17 and others reflect on the university’s past, present and future.

View the video at willamette.edu/175.



Even More Social

The university added Snapchat, a photo-messaging app, to its social media in February. Follow us at [willamette_u](https://www.willamette_u).



Woven Threads of History

Reaching back to the early days of the West, the story of Willamette University is inextricably entwined with that of Native Americans.

By Kristin Ohlson

Two years ago, Alexis Uentillie '19 responded to a prompt by television's Judge Judy and submitted a short essay about her high school to a nationwide competition.

"Shiprock High School is located in Shiprock, New Mexico, on the Navajo Reservation," Uentillie wrote. "It's the largest township on any reservation in the U.S. Plenty of actors have visited our town, but none have been here to offer us words of wisdom. You may have seen our landmark in movies such as: 'The Host,' 'The Lone Ranger,' 'Ghost Rider,' 'Transformers,' 'Natural Born Killers' and numerous others."

She concluded, "Come to the land of the 'Code Talkers.'"

Uentillie's essay won, and Judge Judy came to deliver the commencement address at her school. Many people congratulated Uentillie on the essay, including two admission staff from Willamette University. The school caught her interest, and Uentillie decided to leave the landmark *Tsé Bit'a'i* — the giant "winged rock" formation marking the legend of the great bird that brought the Navajo to New Mexico — for the Pacific Northwest.

At Willamette, her experience of Native community expanded as she met students and people from other tribes. She attended the annual Willamette pow wow, helped organize activities around the university's Indian Country Conversations lecture series and volunteered to mentor students at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem.

But it wasn't until midway through her freshman year that she learned Willamette grew from an Indian Manual Labor School founded in 1834 by a group of Methodist missionaries led by Jason Lee. "It was sort of surprising," Uentillie says. "I didn't know anything about it."

She's not alone. Many people are unaware that Willamette has a long and complicated history with Native Americans, a history that has been a source of pride, shame or indifference.

A challenging past

Almost every institution with historical roots as deep as Willamette's is uncomfortably yoked to old injustices; Harvard and

Dartmouth also undertook early experiments in Indian education that gave way to the education of whites.

From their perspective, Lee and his peers came to Oregon to help — or save — the indigenous people by introducing them to the Christian faith and elements of "civilized life," including education and agriculture. Yet, despite such motivations, the missionaries were involved in some of the darkest and most painful episodes in American history: the process of settler colonialism and the systematic displacement and mistreatment of Natives.

These early histories bequeath Willamette the challenge of acknowledging a difficult past — but also the opportunity to act on the altruism of the founders and the faith put in them by Native people.

"The tribes are here, they're alive, they're not just history," says Liz Bahe, director of Native American Programs at Willamette. "Continuing our relationship with them is part of the university's mission statement and strategic plan."

Lee was far from the first white man encountered by tribes in the Pacific Northwest. In 1792, a trading ship called the *Columbia Rediviva* crossed the mouth of the Columbia River and dropped anchor near Chinook, Washington. The area was densely populated by tribes speaking a number of languages and living out the traditions of cultures that had been rooted there for thousands of years.

According to historian Gray Whaley, the area was "a dynamic and diverse place, featuring trade and kin networks that reached east of the Rocky Mountains and hundreds of miles to the north, south and interior of the vast 'Oregon Country.'" Over the years, fur traders and others interacted with the tribes and often wound up marrying tribal women and having children.

However, the traders unwittingly brought more than their mercantile intentions. They carried diseases that had long flourished in crowded European urban areas, driven in part by the intense inter-species contact from animal husbandry, which the Natives did not practice. The Europeans had built up some resistance to these diseases, but the Native Americans had none.



Historic illustration of the Indian Manual Labor School formerly located on the Willamette University campus.

Left: Corn Husk Bag (Plateau style), detail, c. 1900, from the Bill Rhoades Collection, Hallie Ford Museum of Art, a gift in memory of Vay and Murna Rhoades.





When her Willamette peers ... asked what country she came from, [she] replied, “I am one of the first Americans.”

— Evelyn Welsh '37, also known as Waste Agidiwihn, granddaughter of Sitting Bull

Malaria, tuberculosis and other diseases began decimating the Native communities, a process that accelerated when white settlers started to arrive in Oregon in the 1840s with that most virulent of disease vectors: children.

But even by the time the missionaries arrived in the 1830s, Native communities were already ravaged by disease and the accompanying social disruptions. In her book “Living in the Great Circle: The Grand Ronde Indian Reservation 1855-1905,” tribal historian June Olson quotes an 1838 report by an observer: “I satisfied myself that the accounts given of the depopulation of this country are not exaggerated; for places were pointed out where dewilt [dwelt] whole tribes, that had been entirely swept off; and during the time of the greatest mortality, the shores were strewed with dead and dying.”

An early welcome

The missionaries arrived in the midst of this terrible crisis, emissaries of an evangelical enterprise that was global in scope. Some were classic do-gooders who made tremendous sacrifices to “civilize” the Indians. “Put ‘civilize’ in scare quotes,” says Seth Cotlar, Willamette professor of history. “They were trying to serve the Christian god by going out to save the ‘heathen.’ It’s hard to see this looking back from the 21st century, but if you were interested in helping others and you really believe people are going to hell if they don’t convert, then you’re doing them a service.”

At least some of the Native Americans appeared to have regarded the missionaries with interest. Lee and his party seem to have encountered only kindness when they finally reached Vancouver, Washington, after a five-month cross-country journey in 1834. They met a Cayuse man named Wailaptulikt, who was returning from a trip to bison country with a group of Cayuse and Walla Walla hunters. Through a mixed-blood Iroquois translator, writes Whaley in “Oregon and the Collapse of Illahee,” the missionaries explained why they had come, and the Indians were welcoming.

They gifted Lee and company with four horses over the next few days. For Lee, “this action seemed to indicate ‘the hand of Providence’ and augured well for our ultimate success among these generous red men.”

“We’ve always been that way,” says Robert “Bob” Tom, a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde who attended Willamette University in the mid-1950s and is now the master of ceremonies at its annual pow wow. “We’ve always fed other people, welcomed other people and shared who we are.”

The youngest of 16 children, Lee had applied to be a missionary to the Indians of Canada and then was tapped to found the mission in Oregon because of his youthful vigor and idealism. William Gatke, a Willamette professor of history who wrote “The Chronicles of Willamette: The Pioneer University of the West” in 1943, quotes a description by one of Lee’s friends: “His piety was deep and uniform, and his life, in a very uncommon degree, pure and exemplary.”

“The Chronicles of Willamette” offers many such descriptions that appear embarrassingly hagiographical to modern readers. Gatke was hardly an unbiased observer, and his book often presents a romanticized, larger-than-life account of the missionaries and their endeavors. It gushes over Lee’s personality and efforts, while glossing over the more problematic aspects of the missionaries’ influence on Native lives.

“Gatke was writing in the 1930s and ’40s with the clear intent of telling a ‘happy’ story about the founding of the university at which he taught his entire working life,” says Cotlar. “In contrast, Whaley is a contemporary historian with no investment in protecting the reputations of Lee and the missionaries.”

While some aspects of his story may be overstated in historical accounts, Lee did speak about the Natives with much greater generosity and respect than Gustavus Hines, the first superintendent of the mission school, who used derogatory racist terms to describe the indigenous people and their culture.

In addition, both Gatke and Whaley argue that Lee understood a tidal wave of white settlement would soon pound Oregon and its Native communities, which were already struggling to survive the European diseases. Among the evidence: Lee wrote to a member of Congress, asking the United States government to extend its authority to Oregon to protect settlers from Indians — and to protect the Indians from the settlers’ aggression.

A rocky start

Lee’s first Oregon mission was founded in 1834, 10 miles north of today’s Salem. At what is now Willamette Mission State Park, a metal “ghost structure” marks the site. Lee delivered his first sermon to an odd assortment of locals. Including the other missionaries, Whaley says, there were “English, French, Scotch, Irish, Indians, half breeds, Japanese [who had blown in from across the Pacific], etc., some of whom did not understand five words of English.”

From the earliest days, the mission was a rocky affair. The missionaries quarreled about whether they should focus on converting the Natives or teaching them to farm. They were also shorthanded and not well-suited to farming or other practical activities. One layperson quipped that “useful people,” not missionaries, should be sent to reinforce the effort.

Even if they had been better organized and prepared to launch the mission, they could not have staunched the tide of Indian death. In 1842, before Lee moved the Indian school to what is now the heart of the Willamette campus, there were fewer children in the school than in the graveyard. The mission’s crowning conversion achievement came in 1837, when six children converted during a revival meeting.

“Over 100 missionaries came during the mission’s eight years, and they converted a sum total of six,” Cotlar says. “Most of those died or left.”



For years, many different members of the Willamette community have worked to celebrate and strengthen the university's long and ongoing relationship with Native Americans. Above: Willamette's Director of Native American Programs Liz Bahe (second from left) and student Alexis Uentillie (far right) at the Standing Rock oil pipeline protests in North Dakota. Below: Bob Tom, master of ceremonies for Willamette's annual Social Pow wow; anthropology professor Rebecca Dobkins, who helped bring about the university's Ceremony of Renewal with local tribes in 2005.





Willamette's annual Social Pow wow is a popular event that attracts Natives and non-Natives alike.



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— Liz Bahe, director of
Native American Programs

Fearing the continuing onslaught of disease, children either ran away or were removed by their families. The missionaries’ failure to understand and appreciate the Native cultures also contributed to the exodus. Theology and cultural blindness aside, the missionaries were determined to turn a migratory people into stolid farmers, and it didn’t take.

“The people who founded this university had benevolent impulses, but enacted them in ways that are problematic — and we can learn from that,” says Cotlar. “We can learn the necessity of being critical of our own limitations and the need to open ourselves to other ways of understanding and being in the world.”

Natives also abandoned the school and mission because they ultimately found them irrelevant. “Without fully comprehending what the Methodists espoused,” Whaley writes, “Indian people sought new knowledge and power as additions, not replacements, to their beliefs. Conversely, when they did not see any useful benefit forthcoming or the situation seemed too precarious, Native people withdrew. As in the case of the mission school, parents simply took their children away.”

The trickle of white people into the Willamette Valley turned into a gusher in 1843, as 900 settlers arrived that year and another 1,200 the next. As Indian children continued to sicken or flee and the number of white children needing an education increased, the Methodists fired Lee, closed the Indian school, and sold the site to the Oregon Institute (the precursor of Willamette University). The institute went on to educate the children of the settlers and groom the leaders of what would become the state of Oregon.

Natives at Willamette

Even though the Indian Manual Labor School closed, Willamette — whose original charter made the school open to all races — continued to have a relationship with Native students, albeit a quiet one. In 1905, the superintendent of the nearby Chemawa Indian School — founded by the federal government as an Indian boarding school in 1880, with 453 students engaged in vocational training by 1900 — wrote a letter to Willamette’s registrar.

“In the past we have had quite a number of Indian pupils who have graduated at our school and desiring a higher education have enrolled at Willamette University,” the superintendent wrote. “This was made possible owing to the kindness of the University, who allowed our pupils to register with free tuition.”

Over the years, Native students continued to attend Willamette. In some cases, entire families are well-represented — like the family of Roberta “Bobbie” Conner MBA’84, director of the Umatilla Tribe’s Tamástslikt Cultural Institute in Pendleton, Oregon. According to family stories, Conner’s great-great-grandfather brought children to Jason Lee’s original Indian Manual Labor School. Her family’s recorded ties to the university began after her grandfather returned from fighting in France during World War I and decided he wanted to study drafting at Chemawa.

The school and the Indian agency superintendents decided that he should be a farmer instead. His hopes dashed, he was determined that his children should receive a higher education. Three of his children — Cecil Conner ’51, a football player who became a member of Willamette’s Athletic Hall of Fame, Antoinette Conner ’48 and Leah Conner ’73 — and two of his grandchildren went on to attend the university.

Sometimes Native students at Willamette were uncomfortable talking about their heritage because of the racism they faced. “In a lot of places, it was unpopular or unsafe to be an Indian,” says Tom, who came to the university on a sports scholarship and discovered that the “jock” fraternity didn’t accept minorities. “The dominant society tried to get rid of us, and when they couldn’t, they tried to assimilate us and take the Indian out of the Indian by making us cut our hair and speak the English language. There were people who didn’t want to be known as Indians.”

One student reluctant to divulge her heritage was unmasked during the 1930s by an article in the *Collegian*. She arrived at the university bearing the name Evelyn Welsh, but by the time she was a senior, the story got out that her real name was Waste Agidiwihn and that she was the granddaughter of Sitting Bull.

“I rather hate to have the story of my lineage come out,” the young sociology major told the reporter. “I have wished in my four years here to be known and liked because I am Evelyn Welsh, not because of what my grandfather was.”

Nonetheless, Welsh was proud of her Native heritage, describing the Sioux tribe as the “most progressive in the nation,” with many students in college. When her Willamette peers commented on her skin coloring and asked what country she came from, Welsh replied, “I am one of the first Americans.”

A changing relationship

The university’s quiet relationship with Native communities began to change in 1996, when Rebecca Dobkins was hired as an anthropology professor. Part of her job was to help prepare the opening of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art and to inventory and curate the university’s collections of Native art, which were stored in two campus buildings. She immediately began reaching out to local tribes and native artists.

As she explains, “My training as an anthropologist and my personal philosophy has always been to collaborate with tribal people, to co-curate and have Native voices in the museum.”

This process of reknitting the ties between the university and local tribes accelerated in 2005, when the museum was asked to host a spectacular exhibit of traditional and contemporary Maori weaving from New Zealand. Museums around the world were interested in the exhibit, but the Maori artists had a special relationship with Native artists in the Pacific Northwest, who knew firsthand that Willamette would treat the exhibit with reverence.

Dobkins understood that, according to indigenous protocol, the Maori artists should be welcomed not just by the university but by area tribes, who themselves had not yet been adequately acknowledged by Willamette as the first people of the land. So, she contacted the Grand Ronde and Siletz tribes.

Along with the efforts of a spirited group of Native students — who in 2001 launched the Native American Enlightenment Association, now called the Native and Indigenous Student Union — Dobkins’ outreach led to a Ceremony of Renewal at Willamette’s 163rd Founders Day celebration. On Feb. 1, 2005, members of the university community and local tribes officially opened a new chapter in their relationship.

At the Ceremony of Renewal, Willamette University president M. Lee Pelton noted that the event was long overdue and said, “It’s important to acknowledge the history of our founders, even when it makes us uncomfortable.”

Pelton also announced to the standing-room-only crowd that the university would create a fund to bring regional and national Native American artists and speakers to the campus every year. Since then, the Indian Country Conversation lecture series has hosted over 60 speakers, including tribal leaders, historians, artists, lawyers, filmmakers, educators and, this year, Oregon Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody.

Administrators from the Chemawa Indian School also attended the Ceremony of Renewal and invited Willamette to help them transition to a college preparatory curriculum. As a result, the university formalized its relationship with the school. The Chemawa-Willamette Partnership enables Willamette students to take an interdisciplinary course about the history of Indian education and tutor Chemawa students in college-prep classes one night each week.

Both Native and non-Native students are drawn to the university's partnership with Chemawa — a relationship that goes beyond academics. Willamette undergrads attend the school's basketball games and pow wows, and the Chemawa students come onto the university campus to record their traditional songs.

Building a community

In 2014, the university bolstered these efforts by creating the Native American Programs Office and its director position. As director, Bahe teaches the course on Indian education, manages the tutoring program, Indian Country Conversations and other activities, and supports Native students as they become part of a community that is largely non-Native.

"My position is not grant-funded, meaning it's sustainable — that's a best practice," Bahe says. "We have a program that provides direct support to an Indian boarding school, and that's a best practice. The university also supported my taking three students to the Standing Rock protests recently. Colleagues at other universities asked how I got the funding to do that, and I tell them, 'I just asked.'"

Nothing can undo the past, of course, but all of these various efforts have weight. As Cotlar says, "In the spirit of the founders



"It's important to acknowledge the history of our founders, even when it makes us uncomfortable."

— M. Lee Pelton
former Willamette University president

who meant to do well but really didn't, we're trying to do better."

That spirit is particularly evident one weekend every March, when hundreds of people gather for the annual Willamette University Social Pow wow, which Tom describes as one of the best in the valley. Now in its 15th year, the pow wow celebrates and shares Native community and culture.

"Willamette students greet dancers, drummers and vendors and help them unload their cars," says Bahe. "Our visitors feel welcome, strengthening Willamette's connection with the Native American community."

Drawn from across Oregon and Washington, Native people — many proudly wearing beautiful traditional regalia — dance, drum and sing. It's a family event, with grandmothers and toddlers taking a turn on the floor. For certain dances, non-Natives are invited to join in.

Perhaps the missionaries of old were invited to such tribal gatherings. But today's pow wow is a declaration that Native culture is not only alive at Willamette — it's also honored. ☐

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During the opening of the exhibit *Toi Maori: The Eternal Thread* at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in fall 2005, a member of a local Oregon tribe shares a traditional Maori greeting with a New Zealand Native. Local tribes played a large part in the events surrounding the exhibit, including holding a feast and ceremonial opening.

Artists Across Time

The maker is not known, because such things were not usually recorded in the early 1800s. But the importance of the gift — a basket made of sweetgrass sedge, cattail, cedar bark, sea grass, dune grass leaf and beargrass, woven in the Clatsop tradition and given to missionary Josiah Parrish, a founding university trustee — is clear.

"I think it had to be a significant gift because it is particularly fine work," says anthropology professor Rebecca Dobkins, "and it speaks to the complexity of the relationship between the missionaries and the Natives. Someone's hands made that basket, someone's hands gave it to Parrish. It's a reminder that these weren't faceless historical

actors, but people who were encountering each other as human beings."

The basket is a bedrock piece in the permanent exhibit of Native American art at the Hallie Ford Museum, on display in the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Gallery.

By 1997, the university found itself in possession of some 300 baskets and other objects — ceremonial rattles, carved horn pieces, jewelry, beaded bags and many more — all donated by various collectors or their heirs.

Many came from a Salem businessman named Edwin Cross, an avid fisherman and hunter who bought baskets from regional weavers in the 1890s and early

1900s and displayed them in his Victorian-era home. Building such collections or even owning a few Native objects was popular in those days, Dobkins explains, as these activities helped create an American identity.

"People displayed these objects as an affirmation of their Americanness," she says. "This was what we had that Europe did not. Collecting was especially strong around the turn of the 19th century because there was a fear among some that Native Americans were disappearing. That, of course, has not happened, and contemporary Native art belies that prediction."

These objects were painstakingly researched before the museum's opening and are now on display

along with the work of contemporary Native artists like Rick Bartow (Wiyot), Alfred "Bud" Lane III (Siletz), Lillian Pitt (Warm Springs/Wasco/Yakama), Natalie Kirk Moody (Warm Springs) and Joe Feddersen (Colville).

The museum will continue to collect and display contemporary work that speaks to the existing collection. The result is a visual dialogue across time, as the newer work responds to and elaborates on the ideas and artistry of the earlier work.

"This shows the interrelationship between past and present," Dobkins says. "The past is not frozen in time, and the contemporary work is both fully contemporary and in relationship with the past."



A LAUDED LANDSCAPE

The Oregonian called it “one of the state’s most pleasant urban walks.” Students regularly cite it as one of the main reasons they chose to attend Willamette. But the university’s physical landscape is more than a stunning backdrop — it also shows Willamette’s commitment to sustainability starts at ground level.

In 2007, the university became the first Oregon institution to adopt organic landscape management for its entire contiguous campus — all 40 acres. An organic landscape is healthier for people, wildlife and the environment, as well as being cheaper and more efficient to maintain. Plus, instead of simply walking through the spectacular scenery, Willamette community members can actively use and enjoy it.

Students read under the tall trees and play frisbee on the lawns. Staff and faculty eat their lunch in the peaceful surroundings of the Martha Springer Botanical Garden or stop and take a blissful breath in the Rose Garden.

As Jim Andersen, grounds manager, says, “We’ve made this a special place.”



Above: Grounds manager Jim Andersen with his dog, Pete; above right: groundskeeper Alfonso Guzman working in the Sesquicentennial Rose Garden.



HOW DO YOU MAKE A CAMPUS ORGANIC?



STEP 1: GO COLD TURKEY

Overnight, the grounds crew stopped using the 58 synthetic chemical pesticides and additional synthetic fertilizers they'd applied to the landscape. "There wasn't a playbook like there is for traditional landscaping," says Andersen. "We figured it out as we went along."



STEP 3: GET ACCREDITED

In 2010, Willamette became the first college campus to receive accreditation as an organic land care practitioner from Oregon Tilth. In fact, a photograph of campus graced the cover of an Oregon Tilth Organic Land Care Field Guide.



STEP 2: GET TOUGH OR DIE

Andersen uses this philosophy for selecting plants that will thrive without the effort and expense of being pampered. As a result, many of the plants on campus are drought-tolerant species native to Oregon. "You can't fight nature — it's futile," he says. "You have to change your mindset about what a landscape should be and let nature tell you what to do."



STEP 4: CHANGE YOUR FOCUS

The groundskeepers manually remove, trim, mow or use a mulch of bark chips to smother weeds. Although Andersen still receives the occasional complaint about errant dandelions, unusual plants and well-maintained landscaping with four-season interest generally divert visitors' focus to more attractive features.

CAMPUS CRITTERS

Despite its urban location, Willamette has seen an increase in wildlife on campus since it went organic. The natural plantings provide food and shelter for birds, insects and animals.

Raccoons, mink, beaver, deer, possums and skunk have joined the squirrels on campus, while salmon have shown up in the Mill Stream.

Dozens of species of resident or migratory birds include barred and screech owls, Rufous and Anna's hummingbirds, hawks, kestrels, kingfishers, wrens, green and blue herons, crows and cedar waxwings.

Beneficial insect visitors include mason bees and bumblebees, hoverflies, praying mantis and West Coast Lady, Monarch and Western Swallowtail butterflies.

GUERRILLA GARDENS

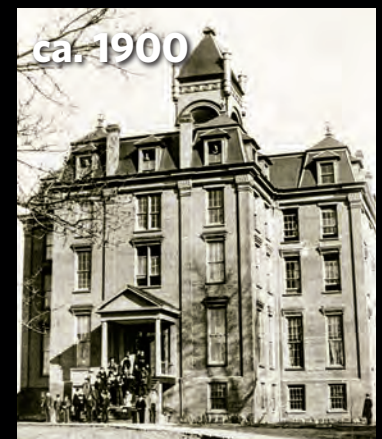
Delicious surprises lie hidden in flower beds across campus. As a result of "guerrilla gardening" by the grounds crew, juicy tomatoes grow in the flower bed outside Eaton Hall, rows of hot peppers line up outside the College of Law, and blueberries, strawberries and herbs flourish in the Botanical Garden. Fig trees and 16 varieties of apple trees also offer their harvest to campus residents and visitors.

This year, Waller Hall celebrates its 150th anniversary. Since 1867, the building has stood tall and stately at the heart of campus.

Originally named University Hall, in 1912 it was dedicated to the Rev. Alvan Waller, a Methodist missionary and one of Willamette University's first trustees. As the oldest building on campus, over the years it's housed classrooms, dormitories, and numerous offices and departments — including the Bearcat Cavern, which opened on the ground floor in 1942 to provide snacks and drinks. Waller remains home to the original chapel.

Despite major fires in 1891 and 1919, the beloved "Historic Temple" rose from the ashes.

Today, just as the Salem Daily Record noted in 1867, Waller Hall remains "an elegant building, ... a fitting representative of the growth and prosperity of the state, and the position sustained in it by the Willamette University."



Top: Waller Hall circa 1870, shortly after its construction, with the Oregon Institute in the background.

Left: A curious crowd gathers to witness the fire that destroyed the building's roof. In the background can be seen part of the original Lausanne Hall, a wood structure with striped roof shingles. Above: After the 1891 fire, Waller Hall got a new mansard roof and tower.

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Waller Hall has inspired a number of artistic and creative works.

Right: This painting, commissioned by June Woldt Cone '42 as a gift for her husband, Ed '41, was selected by the United States Postal Service Historic Preservation Series as a postcard cover celebrating Willamette University's sesquicentennial.



Below, left to right: This replica cake, served at the university's 150th Founders Day event in 1992, weighed 400 pounds; for the winter 2013 cover of The Scene magazine, chemistry professor Chuck Williamson and his son, Owen, reimagined Waller in LEGO®.



Dear Barney,

Willamette Magazine recently obtained these letters and photographs from Barney and Blitz, whose correspondence shows how the passing years changed the life of a beloved campus mascot.

BY ERIK SCHMIDT '05

► DEC. 2, 2016

Hey, Barney,
How's it going? I figured it might be time to reconnect — it's been awhile since I saw you on campus, and I'm always curious about what you're up to. People ask me about you more and more now. They wonder what it was like for you as the mascot back then.

My life at Willamette keeps getting busier and more interesting, but I'll save that for a little later (remind me to talk about world records). For now, have a good holiday season!

Best,
Blitz

► JAN. 4, 2017

Dear Blitz:

Sorry for my tardiness; retirement doesn't provide as much free time as you'd think, especially this time of year.

You asked about my days as a mascot, so here goes. Those were interesting times. When I arrived, World War II had ended seven years previously. Dear old Willamette had more curfews and rules than you'd imagine. But it was a special place. A formative place.

A kind woman named Nancy Stuart '47, who worked as the university's publicity director, introduced me to WU in 1952. I took the reins from "Mr. Bearcat," a mascot who came and went over the years. He was apparently satisfied with a modest following. Back then, mascots weren't the well-muscled heroes of today. Maybe you already know that the word "mascot" has a French derivation: "Mascotte" refers to a lucky charm. Originally, we campus charms didn't require such prowess. My prowess was always around my midsection.

Willamette's perennial "lucky charm," the noble bearcat, was introduced in 1915, when President Carl Doney declared that the university mascot should embody the tenacity of the bear and the cunning of the cat. I've always found it interesting that so many people in the beginning had never heard of an actual bearcat, which the biology majors among us know as a binturong. To some people, a bearcat is a mishmash of two animals with desirable qualities; to others, it is a feisty (if homely) denizen of Asian forests. With Willamette's current foothold in the Pacific Rim, it seems to me that the binturong might have been a more prescient choice than anyone knew.

But I digress. I've only been gone from the university for 20 years or so, but already my memories are fogging up. I'm eager for your story. What does a mascot do at WU these days?

Sincerely,
Barney



Dear Blitz

► JAN. 13, 2017

Hi, Barney,

Thanks for your note! I was excited to get a paper letter in the mail — and from a typewriter. There's a hipster in downtown Salem who sits on the sidewalk with a typewriter making impromptu poems for pedestrians. That's as close as I've ever gotten to one. His poems don't make me want to get any closer.

Anyway.

Being a mascot today is a lot like it was 20 years ago, although my role has grown. I don't think it's like this everywhere, but my appearances at Bearcat athletic events were so popular that I now represent the entire university, not just the athletic department. My aim is to show up, support or volunteer at most anything that happens on campus, so I go to Bearcat preview days, commencement and everything in-between. I love giving hugs and high fives, and generally making people feel positive and happy.

“My aim is to show up, support or volunteer at most anything that happens on campus.”

I'll also go to the Hatfield Library to study sometimes, just to be around the students. People look at me a little funny, but I blend in okay. I wear my studious glasses.

Plus, I frequently travel beyond campus to represent Willamette at Portland Trailblazer games, the University of Oregon and Oregon State athletics events, and many other community activities.

Most mascots nowadays have an entourage of assistants. My WU crew of students help me stick to my busy schedule. They're rock stars! It's hard to remember where to be, what to wear and the people I'm meeting.

Overall, I love this job. I really mean it when I say I'm Willamette University's

biggest fan (and not just because I'm 6'4" and weigh 300 pounds). I never get tired of the teams, students, staff and faculty, or the Salem neighbors who show up to the stadium.

I'm still trying to get onto ESPN sometime. Bryan Schmidt, director of Campus Recreation, and I have some plans that may or may not involve more world-record attempts. Did you see the video of us last year reclaiming the world record for largest game of Red Light/Green Light? It seemed like the entire campus showed up to play on the Quad!

Please tell me more about what the university was like during your time, and what you've been up to since then. We always think of the Willamette of old as a pretty tame, strait-laced place. But wasn't there some "controversy" later in your career? Sorry if this is a sensitive topic, but I figured you might share with your former understudy....

Best,
Blitz

P.S. I know you're still figuring out social media, but Facebook is a great way for us to keep in touch. Check out my page at [WUBlitztheBearcat](#).





This was when I auditioned for a monster role in Hollywood, believe it or not. I never got the part — they thought I was too cuddly.
— Barney

► JAN. 22, 2017

Dear Blitz:

I suppose Willamette was strait-laced by your standards, but we found ways to have fun and push the limits. One example, which predated me by four years, was in 1948, when some students “borrowed” a bear cub from the Oregon Zoo and brought it to Salem for a football game. There it was, tethered and sitting patiently on the grass of the Quad (which we called Sweetland Field back then). All was well until it mysteriously disappeared, lost on campus. After some tense hours the bear showed up again and was returned to the zoo in a car. Of course, that was a long time ago, and certainly not something we’d want to do today.

“I’ve never really left Willamette. I think that would be impossible.”

Barney

Maybe it was why one of the conditions on my arrival was that I would adhere to certain protocols and avoid perilous liability issues! You’re right about the last phase of my career. I always felt great affection on campus — though there was that time in 1988 when a student who was running for ASWU said I should be replaced. A few years later, when the university was looking forward to its 150th anniversary, there was some debate that a more modern-looking mascot was needed. One student wrote an article in the Collegian saying that I was too “cute and cuddly” and that I needed to toughen up.

I wrote to the Collegian, which published my polite rebuttal the next week. I explained that I didn’t want to look so scary that little kids would be afraid to hug me. “People don’t realize what a big step it is for little boys and girls to approach me,” I said. “I like to think I help give them courage to succeed and develop as a good human.”

And then I ended with some advice that applies to people of all ages: “Too many people judge each other by what they look like on the outside. It’s not what’s on the outside that counts; it’s what’s in your heart!”

I think a lot of alumni were against the idea of seeing me go, so nothing came of the call to change the mascot. It wasn’t really a controversy, but it did make me realize I’d been in the job for many years, and times were changing. After I traveled with the men’s football team to the national NAIA championship in 1997, I made like John Elway and retired while I was on top.

Fortunately, I had a good understudy waiting in the wings. I remember your first day on the job, Blitz: Oct. 9, 1999 at the Parent and Family Weekend football game. I’m sure you were nervous (you had big pawprints to fill, if I say so myself), but you did a great job.

I was happy when you mentioned in your letter that your role is for all of campus. That was my experience exactly. Some of Willamette’s greatest moments have come on the playing field, but I always found the students to be so multifaceted.

You asked about my life after WU. After I left in 1999, I did a stint as an Elvis impersonator understudy in Graceland. (I’m not making that up.) There are folks on campus who would remember the time I was spotted rehearsing “Hound Dog.” The Collegian ran an article about my retirement, saying “Beloved mascot finds calling as Elvis impersonator!”

That was the end of my 47-year run at WU. And now that I read what I just wrote, it’s not exactly right. I’ve never really left Willamette. I think that would be impossible. Even though I’ve kept a low profile in retirement, I’ve followed the university from afar — and thought about it every day.

As for my gig after Willamette, it turned out that there are more qualified Elvis impersonators out there than the market can bear.

Sincerely,
Barney



■ FEB. 1, 2017

Hi, Barney:

Ok, this is getting crazy. How did I not know that you were an Elvis impersonator? Next you're going to tell me you worked in Hollywood.

Anyway, you probably remember Founders Day — it's today, Feb. 1. Your letters make me think about how much history there is to remember here. I was going through an old yearbook and I caught sight of the Honey Bears. I never knew you had your own dance squad!

You'll be happy to know that Founders Day, now known as Willamette Day, has become a pretty big deal here. A lot of students remember it for the free cupcakes, but more and more we're learning about the long and complex history of Willamette and all the people involved with the university over the years. I guess when you've been around since before the state of Oregon, there's a lot of history to tell.

Today's students would likely be shocked by your zoo bear story. Fortunately for all involved (especially the bear), I can't even imagine how that would work today!

I forgot to mention earlier that one of the cool parts of this job is that I get to work with other university mascots. There's a lot more of that nowadays — much greater visibility for us and our schools. I've become close with the University of Oregon's mascot, Puddles, OSU's Benny the Beaver and lots of others who've started inviting me to their events. They're great hosts. Though Puddles' ability to do pushups has been exaggerated.

Best,
Blitz

■ FEB. 18, 2017

Dear Blitz:

Good for you — keep showing those Division I mascots how it's done. I was doing (modified) push-ups before Puddles was a duckling.

The Honey Bears were great fun. They weren't my dance team, actually — they were more of a campus-wide pep squad. They performed at Homecoming, convocation, parents' weekend and other events. If I remember right, there was some real social cachet in being a Honey Bear.

I'll leave you with a quote that's always stuck with me. It's from the 1965 Homecoming booklet, if my memory serves me:

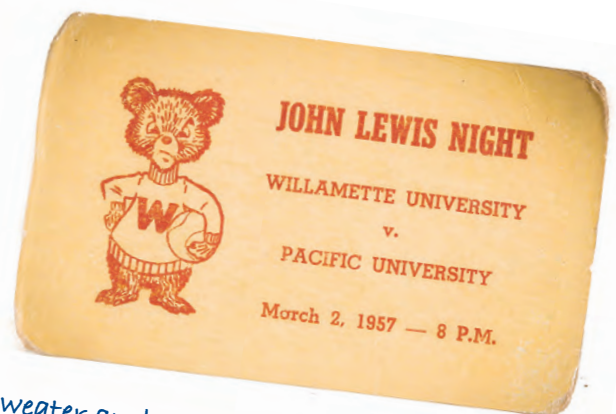
"As far as WU is concerned, bearcats live as long as centaurs, unicorns, and whangdoodles!"

So carry on, Blitz. Good luck this spring, and keep writing if you can. I can see that the Willamette spirit is in good hands, and I'll be watching for you on ESPN.

And tell me if you ever figure out what a whangdoodle is.

Sincerely,
Barney

I always admired your feisty side. Or, as The Scene put it once, the classic look you had in "sweater and scowl." Remember this?
— Blitz



ON LOCATION



Willamette-themed waffles, a photo shoot with an aerial drone and lots of balloons!

They were some of the ways members of the campus community celebrated Willamette University's 175th anniversary on Feb. 1.

Despite the blustery, chilly weather, about 100 students, staff and faculty members, including President Steve Thorsett and Blitz the Bearcat, gathered at Sparks Field for the photo shoot. Cheers filled the air as the drone soared high to capture the Bearcats lined up forming the numerals 175.

That evening, a special sold-out Atkinson Lecture featured acclaimed author Ta-Nehisi Coates.

It was an unforgettable day to kick off a memorable year of celebrations for Willamette's past, present and future.

Want to congratulate the university on its historic anniversary? We'd love to hear from you at: willamette.edu/175/leave-a-message





Cardinal

**Women's basketball
ranks third in
nation in 3-point
percentage**

**Swimming sets
six school records**

**See fall 2017 schedules at
wubearcats.com**

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**Alex Wert '17 (left)
and Ashley Evans '18
work hard during
practice**

Competing Across the Years



“The pluckiest girls that ever bloomed forth in bloomers.”

– 1905 Wallulah

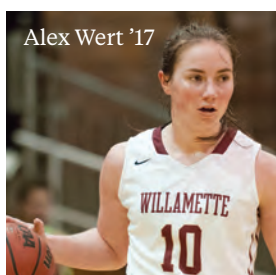
The first time Willamette basketball player Alex Wert '17 saw women play sports, she was 4 years old.

It was 1999, and she watched on television as the U.S. women's soccer team beat China for the FIFA World Cup. As midfielder and defender Brandi Chastain scored the game-winning shootout goal, her teammates sprinted toward her, wildly exhilarated.

The famous image of Chastain after the goal — fallen to her knees, jersey ripped off like a male athlete, fists clenched in glory — serves as an iconic representation of a female athlete celebrating a victory.

When Wert witnessed the unreserved passion in Chastain's teammates — a stark contrast to how she was raised to behave at school, church and piano recitals — she felt a new world of possibility open up.

“The idea of an arena in which women



Alex Wert '17

“An arena in which women could be so openly passionate and bold really resonated with me.”

– Alex Wert '17

could be so openly passionate and bold really resonated with me,” she says. “I realized I wanted to be part of a team.”

Building confidence and character

Camaraderie and the thrill of competition are undoubted benefits of playing sports. But according to the organizers of National Girls and Women in Sports Day (NGWSD), girls who participate in such activities also enjoy better health, higher self-esteem,

stronger leadership skills, and greater academic achievement and economic opportunity.

In February, Willamette Athletics celebrated NGWSD by serving cake at Sparks Athletic Center and inviting girls 12 and younger to attend the women's basketball game against Pacific Lutheran for free.

NGWSD recognizes how the 1972 federal law Title IX increased female participation in sports by requiring gender equity in

federally funded educational programs. Despite the legislation's impact, NGWSD organizers note, only 40 percent of high school girls play sports. Bearcat female athletes help remedy that situation by coaching elementary-age girls at annual summer camps. Wert hopes the girls will be inspired by sports at a young age, just as she was. "It's a great opportunity for me to reconnect with younger people," she says, "and to see how far women have come."

At Willamette, women began participating in sports in 1895 with the formation of the Young Women's Athletic Association. Activities included tennis, basketball and drive ball, which the Collegian described as "a very suitable game for ladies, as there is no occasion for rough playing."

By 1902, the university's women's basketball team was playing intercollegiate games. The 1905 Wallulah yearbook noted, "The Girls' Basketball team of Willamette was composed of five of the pluckiest girls that ever bloomed forth in bloomers."

Two years later, though, faculty questioned the propriety of such a team and recommended that women shouldn't play except in non-collegiate games in front of an all-female audience.

Historic changes

Today, Willamette fields nine women's varsity sports, with athletes competing in basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Lacrosse is being added to the roster this year, with conference play slated to start in spring 2019.



Leslie Shevlin

In the most basic sense, sports empower women. Take head swimming coach Leslie Shevlin. Last year, she completed her first 140.6-

mile Ironman competition, a physically grueling nonstop triathlon comprising a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a 26.22-mile run. Shevlin ranked in the top 7 percent worldwide for the 35-39 age group for women, and plans to do another full Ironman in summer 2018. Previously, she completed three 70.3-mile Ironman competitions.

Shevlin undertakes such mentally and physically challenging events not only to satisfy her own competitive spirit but to set a positive example for her students and to awaken them to their own potential.

"It's about being active," she says. "It's about being part of something greater than yourself; it's about doing the best you can, regardless of anything else." ▣

NEWS & NOTES



Matt McGuirk



Olivia Mancl '17

▣ Cross Country Claims Conference Titles

The 2016 season ended with a slew of titles for the cross country teams.

The men's team claimed its 24th overall and fifth consecutive Northwest Conference championship; head coach **Matt McGuirk** was named NWC Men's Cross Country Coach of the Year for the fifth season in a row; and **Olivia Mancl '17** won the women's individual conference title for the second straight year.

The men's team won the championship with a score of 36 points, while its top five runners earned All-NWC honors. **Patrick Loftus '18**, who led the Bearcats with a second place finish in 25:30.3, was a First Team All-NWC selection along with **Michael Montague '20**, who placed fifth in 25:56.8.

The women's team took second place. Mancl's winning time of 20:53.8 earned her First Team All-NWC honors for the fourth consecutive season. **Hannah Swanson '18**, who placed third in 22:11.4, and **Ami Boucher '17**, who finished seventh, also received First Team All-NWC recognition.

Later, the Bearcats hosted the NCAA West Regional at Bush's Pasture Park, where Mancl placed second and Swanson 18th in the women's race, and Loftus took eighth place in the men's race.

Mancl and Loftus received bids to compete at the NCAA National Championships in Louisville, Kentucky. There, Mancl earned All-American honors for the second year in a row by placing 13th, and Loftus finished 111th out of 278 runners.

Nominations Open for Hall of Fame

Former Bearcats and members of the Willamette community are encouraged to submit nominations for the Willamette Athletics Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame recognizes players, coaches, teams and others who have provided meritorious service to the Bearcats.

To suggest honorees, go to wubearcats.com/hof/nomination.



Women's Lacrosse Added as Varsity Sport

Willamette is adding women's lacrosse as an NCAA Division III intercollegiate sport, with the goal of competing in the Northwest Conference in spring 2019.

A head coach will be hired this summer and, depending on the level of interest on campus, will lead a club team during the 2017-18 academic year. The varsity team will begin a non-traditional season of practice in fall 2018 before starting its first season in 2019.

Willamette will join five other NWC schools — George Fox University, Linfield College, Pacific University, University of Puget Sound and Whitman College — that compete in women's lacrosse.



Well Read

These books and authors have been featured in recent campus book groups or at university events.

Lives in Limbo: Undocumented and Coming of Age in America

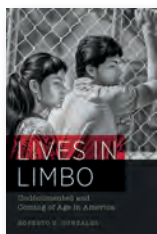
By Roberto G. Gonzales

Higher education is seen as the path to success in America. But what about for undocumented immigrants?

Although the U.S. integrates child immigrants into K-12 schools, the students face an uncertain future after graduation. In his groundbreaking 12-year ethnographic study, Gonzales followed 150 undocumented young adults in Los Angeles. Whether they dropped out of school or made it to college, many of them ended up in the same place — dead-end jobs and a life on the outskirts of legality.

Legislative efforts such as the Development, Relief, and Education of Alien Minors (DREAM) Act and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program have tried to reform the U.S. immigration system. But, as “Lives in Limbo” shows, for many immigrant children, the American Dream becomes a nightmare.

Selected by the MLK Book Club



Between the World and Me

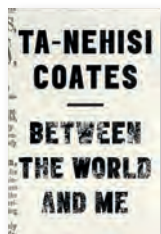
By Ta-Nehisi Coates

What does the “single best writer on the subject of race in the United States” think about this complex and seemingly intractable social issue?

Coates shared his insights most recently in “Between the World and Me,” which earned the National Book Award for Nonfiction and was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. His memoir takes the form of a series of letters to his teenage son, who witnessed through the media “Eric Garner choked to death for selling cigarettes, ... Renisha McBride ... shot for seeking help, ... and men in uniform drive by and murder Tamir Rice, a twelve-year-old child whom they were oath-bound to protect.”

Through this profound meditation on both personal and historic events, Coates examines how the manmade concept of race exacts a terrible price from black Americans.

Ta-Nehisi Coates was the speaker at the university's spring 2017 Atkinson Lecture



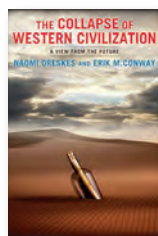
The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View from the Future

By Naomi Oreskes and Erik M. Conway

Writing from the year 2393, a scholar from the Second People's Republic of China looks back on the aftermath of the Great Collapse three centuries previously — when soaring temperatures, rising seas and prolonged drought wiped out whole continents of humans and irrevocably changed the global order.

It may sound like science fiction, but the authors — Oreskes, a Harvard professor of the history of science, and Conway, a NASA historian — base their futuristic work on scientific fact. Their imaginative, provocative essay examines the potential catastrophic results if today's advanced industrial nations continue to ignore — and politicize — the evidence for climate change.

Selected by the book club of the Dempsey Lecture, which featured Oreskes in March



Chasing Relevance: 6 Steps to Understand, Engage, and Maximize Next-Generation Leaders in the Workplace

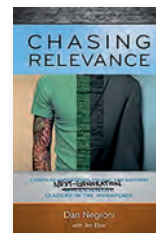
By Dan Negroni

By 2025, millennials — that enormous group of people born since 1980 — are expected to make up 75 percent of the workforce.

That's not good news for managers who perceive this new generation as high-maintenance and self-absorbed. Management coach and consultant Negroni offers this advice: Don't think of millennials as a problem to be fixed — see them as an opportunity to be embraced.

To bridge the damaging generational gap caused by misunderstanding and miscommunication, Negroni urges managers to become better mentors in order to build better employees. The secret, he says, is to create authentic relationships, build a workplace culture of openness and shared values, ditch the “old-school command-and-control attitude” and care enough to connect with millennials.

Selected by the Willamette MBA Book Club



**Welcome to Bearcat
World: News, views
and happenings
from the Willamette
alumni community.**



Bearcats unite for Day of Service

In Salem and across the country, members of the Willamette community joined together to do good.



Dingle, Ireland

On March 11, more than 200 members of the Willamette community came together to live the motto through service as part of Willamette's 175th anniversary celebration.

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and other community members went to 11 service sites in Salem, including HOME Youth Shelter, Audubon Nature Reserve, Horses of Hope, Catholic Community Services, Marion-Polk Food Share and the Willamette Humane Society.

Groups of alumni also gathered in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles to tackle large projects ranging from product organizing at a food bank to park cleanup with Habitat for Humanity. Meanwhile, a small group of study abroad students led by Professor David Craig joined the effort from the other side of the Atlantic by picking up trash on Coumeenoole Beach in Dingle, Ireland.



San Francisco

"The Willamette service day was a great community-building experience," says Kayley Abrams '15, a volunteer from the Alumni Association's Bay Area Chapter. "Not only did we give back to our San Francisco community by helping Habitat for Humanity, but we also forged meaningful connections with fellow Bearcats in the Bay Area."

At the end of the day, Bearcats across the country had recorded more than 500 hours of service in their communities.



Portland



Seattle



Los Angeles



Salem



Salem



Salem

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.

1957

John Edmundson and **Pat (Turner) Edmundson** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with family in December in Hermiston, Oregon.

Doug Houser retired from Nike's board of directors after 50 years of service but continues to practice law with Bullivant Houser Bailey, where he's worked for 56 years.

1958

Rev. Alan MacKillop and **Erica MacKillop '61** have moved back to San Diego after living in New Hampshire for 16 years. The couple enjoys living in a 55-plus community in the University City area of the city. Both are active in church, and Alan is active in social justice work, especially with the NAACP.

1959

The class of 1959 celebrated its usual biannual reunion last September by gathering in Ashland to enjoy theater, outdoor activities, food, wineries and, most importantly, each other. The reunion, organized by a committee of **Conrad Moore**, **Karen (Enberg) Backlund**, **Barbara (Dennis) Barrie**, **Jody (Mills) Everts**, **Martha (Eagleson) Peterson**, **John Wood**, **Gail (Boden) Zaro**, **George Nye** and **Dick Audley**, was a great success. Other classmates who attended included **Sandi (Harris) Adair**, **Kay (Ruberg) Cogswell**, **Barbara (Duncan) Hewitt**, **Dave Landis**, **Gary Larson**, **Joan (Sherrill) McNamara**, **Joe Stewart**, **Maggie (Morton) Suckow**, **Don Williams** and **Carolyn (Miller) Williams**.

R. Gregory Nokes, a journalist and author, is nearing completion of his third book, a biography of Peter Burnett, an Oregon pioneer and the first elected governor of California. His recently published articles

include "Black Harris: Northwest Mountain Man of Mystery" in the winter 2016-17 edition of Columbia Magazine, a publication of the Washington State Historical Society. In January, OPB-TV aired an Oregon Experience episode largely based on another of Greg's books, "Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon."

1960

Susan Trueblood Stuart was honored at the Oregon Artists Series Foundation's inaugural awards celebrating the arts in Salem last November.

1961

Class Liaisons: Alice (Stewart) Pailthorp and Bill Richter

Thea (West) Kreis retired in 2014 as chair of the English department at the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, Maryland. Her husband, **John Kreis '62**, retired in 2015 from the Institute for Defense Analyses after 28 years. They continue to live on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

1963

John Baker and **Carol Walton '65** climbed the Cradle Mountain in the Central Highlands region of Tasmania, Australia. The November climb completed the couple's bucket-list goal of climbing a mountain on all seven continents, a quest that started with their trek through the Pyrenees on the sacred pilgrimage known as the Camino de Santiago. The couple recapped their travels and experiences by co-authoring an article. If you are interested in reading John and Carol's complete story, contact the alumni office (alumni@willamette.edu, 503-375-5304).

Sam Farr has retired as the U.S. congressman for California's Central Coast. Elected to the U.S. House in 1993, he stepped aside at the end of the 114th Congress. Throughout his career as a public servant, Sam worked to improve the quality of life for his constituents, Americans and people across the world. He was a leading advocate for the ocean and environment, agriculture and organics, affordable housing, public transportation, health care, veterans and military families, education,



Jerry Curtis and Roshani Cari (O'Donnell) Shay Curtis '64



Back row: Dan Kessler '65, Al Fuse '67, Steve Yoshihara '65 and Barry Schrupf '65; front row: Marc Anderson '65 and Francis Wong '65



Steve Neptune '66

Finding peace at the Standing Rock protest

Last winter, **John Baker '63** drove to a sprawling campsite in North Dakota and stepped out into the bitter cold.

Despite concerns about the treacherous weather and his truck's reliability, he traveled 1,400 miles from his home in Bellingham, Washington, to the Standing Rock Sioux reservation. He'd followed with interest the months-long protest there against the construction of a 1,172-mile oil pipeline planned to run near the reservation.

His former role as an administrator at Whatcom Community College in Bellingham had provided Baker with a solid understanding of indigenous history, and he'd spent five years of his youth living in Fargo, North Dakota. Like the protesters, Baker was also deeply concerned about the pipeline's potential environmental impact on the Missouri River, which provides water to millions of people.

He felt he had to show his support. So in mid-December, after he and his wife, **Carol Walton '65**, completed their personal goal of climbing a mountain on each continent, the 75-year-old loaded his truck with supplies and departed alone.

"I went there because this issue impacts me, my family, grandchildren ... and world," he says. "The people at Standing Rock are standing bravely for a resource none of us can do without. My brothers and sisters are the Sioux Nation, and my own liberation depends on them and theirs on me."

He was also inspired by a comment from a Lummi Nation of Washington elder, whom Baker had worked with at Whatcom: "If you come to help me, you are wasting your time. If, though, you come because your liberation is tied to my liberation, we walk together."

Walton, an enrolled member of the Chinook Nation in Washington, couldn't accompany Baker because she was recovering from back surgery. But Baker stopped by Seattle to pick up a student acquaintance who also wanted to participate in the protest. They planned to deliver a stack of wood given on behalf of the Chinook Nation, as well as money to support a legal defense fund for protesters and a church

they attended.

Baker is no stranger to activism. After he graduated from Willamette with a sociology degree, he became ordained as an Episcopal priest, but left the church after a few years. He moved to California to complete his master's degree in higher education administration and started getting involved in the civil rights movement, protesting the Vietnam War and supporting strikes by farm workers.

In fact, his desire to give a voice to others started as a student at Willamette. "It was a time when I began to awaken to my own racism



John Baker (left) at the Standing Rock camp.

and white privilege," he says. "This awareness became an important part of my struggle and my walk throughout life."

At Standing Rock, Baker saw dozens of teepees, yurts and old military tents. The camp was well-organized and clean, children rode their bikes around, and he didn't see any law officers or witness any of the violent clashes between law enforcement and protesters that had made headlines before his arrival.

Although he planned to stay for several nights, threat of a severe ice storm cut the visit to one day.

Baker says the protest marked an important moment in history. The event united more than 200 indigenous nations and thousands of other people from around the world. Many took the opportunity to learn from each other, he says, adding, "We have to be willing to learn not only language, but the culture of other people. Then we can be part of the solution for healing our communities."

farmworkers, travel and tourism, and a robust foreign policy with a particular interest in Latin America stemming from his Peace Corps service. "As a full-time grandparent for two seventh generation Californians, Ella and Zachary," he says, "I plan to continue being engaged on these issues as a citizen politician rather than an elected one."

Dick Lord retired in December after 20 years as a U.S. Air Force pilot and 34 years at Merrill Lynch.

Dave Robertson is the bass trombonist of the Lincoln Pops Big Band in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. He appeared with the Pops on New Year's Eve at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Dave also recently finished a commission for Portland's Big Horn Brass Christmas concert series.

1964

Roshani Cari (O'Donnell) Shay Curtis married Jerry Curtis in 2015. Retired since 2009, she volunteers with the Friends of Oregon School for the Deaf.

1965

Janice Arnold and Richard Phelps were married on Sept. 10, 2016, in Walnut Creek, California. The couple lives in Dunnigan, California.

Dr. Jeff Heatherington has been named to the board of Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, California.

Willamette Delta Tau Delta members (and significant others) from the class of 1965 met in Honolulu in December. Although most had not seen each other in 50 years, the memories were as fresh as if they happened yesterday. In attendance were **Francis Wong, Marc Anderson, Dan Kessler, Al Fuse '67, Steve Yoshihara** and **Barry Schrupf**.

1966

Steve Neptune is providing consulting services to small-business owners after retiring from 40 years of banking and real estate asset management.

Class Notes



Keith Bauer JD'73, Madge (Baughman) Bauer '69, Jim Drew '69, Liz Myers Callahan '69, Linda Walker Kelly '69, John Barker '69, Susan Gilpin '69, John Hoover '69, JD'72, Kim (Foskett) Duncan '69, George Barker '69, Carolyn Smith-Evans '69 and Al Ellis '69.



Phil Myers '69 and his wife, Mary



Richard Olds '72 with his son, Trevor, and wife, Jackie



Gary Duell '74, MBA'77



Sally Purbrick-Illek '76, her husband, Gunther Illek, and Judit Molnar



Chris Blattner '78 and his wife, Cindy McCann

1967 50TH REUNION

Tom Rogers lives in the Seattle area with his wife, **Judi (Wallich) Rogers '69**. Since he retired from Boeing, he and Judi have traveled to Europe seven times. After taking up running at the age of 58, Tom has completed 61 marathons and a dozen half-marathons, including qualifying for and competing in the Boston Marathon nine times.

Bart White is an associate producer of a new Vanilla Fire Productions documentary film narrated by actor Josh Brolin titled "Never Surrender: The Ed Ramsey Story." The film recounts the story of a World War II hero who led the last U.S. Army cavalry charge in history, when the Japanese invaded the Philippines.

1968

John Thomas plans to begin winding down his financial services practice in July after 45 years of business. He still lives in Eugene with his wife, Lorraine, and has four grandchildren. John says: "I appreciate my Willamette years and the academic and social experiences that helped me in my professional and personal life. I also appreciate the faith-based history of the university and will always encourage high school students to consider WU as a great opportunity to grow as a young adult."

1969

Class Liaison: Teresa (Krug) Hudkins

Al Ellis retired in 2000 from a 30-year career of teaching Russian and social studies for Portland Public Schools. After that, he spent the next several years language part-time as a Russian language and culture consultant and as an adjunct instructor in the Portland State University graduate education departments. He's also been engaged in volunteer work, notably as president of the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association and as a neighborhood association activist, serving as president, newsletter editor and founder of a preservationist organization called United Neighborhoods for Reform.

Members of the class of 1969 celebrated their 69th birthdays with a gathering at Walnut City Wineworks in McMinnville, Oregon,

in November. Attending were **Keith Bauer JD'73, Madge (Baughman) Bauer, Jim Drew, Liz Myers Callahan, Linda Walker Kelly, John Barker, Susan Gilpin, John Hoover JD'72, Kim (Foskett) Duncan, George Barker, Carolyn Smith-Evans and Al Ellis.**

Phil Myers has retired after over 40 years in the forest products industry. He and his wife, Mary, are looking forward to travel, golf and even more volunteer activities. Phil is an active court-appointed special advocate, working with foster children in the Department of Human Services' system.

1970

Rick Baumann has retired after working for 24 years as an engineer and manager for a small manufacturing company in Bellevue, Washington.

1972 45TH REUNION

Richard Olds, president and CEO of St. George's University in Grenada, was honored at an investiture ceremony in January.

1974

Gary Duell MBA'77 taught his 30th Social Security optimization class in November. He has been teaching these classes at local colleges and universities on a monthly basis.

1975

Class Liaison: Patti (Lalack) Hutterli

Karen (Hamlin) Bezanson and Paul Bezanson were married last year. They will continue to live in the Salem area. Karen is still leading and teaching MAT degree cohorts in Salem for George Fox University, where she also co-directs the Oregon Writing Project Collaborative.

1976

Sally Purbrick-Illek's a capella ensemble Champagne now includes a professional opera singer and her husband, Gunther Illek.

1977 40TH REUNION

1978

Chris Blattner and Cindy McCann celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary in 2016. They live in Portland, Oregon, where they are both still active in the legal world — Chris as a partner at Motschenbacher & Blattner and Cindy as a mediator for civil matters.

Vicki Gordon recently began her 28th year coaching for the Vancouver Swim Club in Washington. In 2016, she won the Coaches Excellence Award from Oregon Swimming.

1980

Susan Hammond writes: "I have been happily retired for three years now and am doing substitute work as a teacher. I still love teaching the younger grades and junior high school students. I am painting away and enjoying visits to see my mother in Carmel, California. I would love to hear from the Doney group."

1982 35TH REUNION

Martin Alvey was elected to the American Board of Trial Advocates in June 2016. He has worked as a trial lawyer for nearly 30 years with his own firm, Alvey Law Group.

1983

Richard Vireday retired from the Intel Corporation after 31 years and has been busy creating two startups: SpektraPoint Inc. and PacLab Analytics. Both were created with other ex-Intel members he met through leading a support group they call "The Intel Eliminati." He and his wife, **Pam Rost**, live in Hillsboro, Oregon, where they continue in their professional careers and community involvements, living the motto "Non nobis solum nati sumus."

1984

Class Liaison: Diane Babbitt

Karen (Schultz) Breda is celebrating her 10th year as a librarian and lecturer at Boston College Law School. She teaches advanced legal research, insurance law research and immigration law research, and enjoys serving as the immigration specialist librarian.

1985

Audrey Broyles JD'88 was elected as a judge to the Marion County (Oregon) Circuit Court in November, and her investiture ceremony took place in January.

Troy Christensen is executive director at the Korean Women's Association, a healthcare and housing organization with 12 offices throughout Western Washington. Troy lives in Tacoma, Washington, with his husband, Randy.

Kathy (Cook) Wraith MBA'86, Debi (Carlson) Martin, Susan (Oberg) Kruger and Kathy (Stinson) Richardson took a trip to Disneyland in September to celebrate 35 years of friendship.

1987 30TH REUNION

Ron Hittner MBA'89 was invited to speak at Nike's annual conference for basketball coaches last October. This is Ron's fourth year as head coach at Blanchet Catholic School in Salem and his 15th year running Hittner & Associates, a business consulting and technology strategy firm based in Salem.

1988

Lisa (Morehead) Hillman is program manager of the Karuk Tribe's Pikiyav Field Institute, an environmental education program dedicated to the eco-cultural revitalization of the Klamath River basin. A Karuk tribal member with a master's in education from the Technical University of Kaiserslautern, Germany, Lisa lives with her husband, Leaf, and their six children in Orleans, California.

Trina Roy served on a panel in October titled "The Women of Pixar" at GeekGirlCon in Seattle. A senior engineer at Pixar's Renderman software team who has worked on films such as "Shrek" and "The Dark Knight," Trina is proud to be a role model for young women in career areas of gaming, animation and engineering.

1991

Krisanna (Gregory) Clark was re-elected as the mayor of the Sherwood, Oregon, in November. She serves on the League of Oregon Cities Board, R1Act1 (state



Kathy (Cook) Wraith '85, MBA'86, Debi (Carlson) Martin '85, Susan (Oberg) Kruger '85 and Kathy (Stinson) Richardson '85



Martin Alvey '82



Lisa (Morehead) Hillman '88



Krisanna (Gregory) Clark '91



Richard Vireday '83

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Class Notes



Tara Campbell '92



Jenny James '93, MAT'06, and her son, Noah



Lori (Kliwer) Murphy '93



Brian Hess '95



David Solo '93



Andreas Luehring '93, MBA'94



Steven Pedersen and Nicholas Anderson '95, MAT '96



Tobias Read '97

transportation funding advisory board), Westside Transportation Alliance Board, and the Washington County Coordinating Committee.

Alicia Moore, dean of student and enrollment services at Central Oregon Community College, earned her PhD in educational leadership from Oregon State University.

1992 25TH REUNION

Tara Campbell received the Washington, D.C., Commission on the Arts and Humanities' 2016 Larry Neal Writers' Award in Adult Fiction and the 2016 Mayor's Arts Award for Outstanding New Artist. "TreeVolution," her eco-sci-fi novel featuring two protagonists of color, was released in November by Lillicat Publishers.

Seiji Shiratori is the foreign policy advisor to the commander of Amphibious Task Force 51 and 5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Manama, Bahrain. His wife, Alisa, is doing legislative analysis for Stateside Associates. After nearly 20 years abroad, they plan to return to Oregon in three years to open their own association management and government affairs consultancy. They have two sons, Tak (age 13) and Kai (age 9).

1993

Jenny James MAT'06 volunteered to donate one of her kidneys to save the life of her 2-year-old son, Noah. Last November, the transplant surgery was completed successfully at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Jenny thanks the many donors, volunteers and the Children's Organ Transplant Association for helping raise half of the estimated \$200,000 needed for the procedure. For updates on Noah and Jenny, visit cotafornoahj.com.

Andreas Luehring MBA'94 and Dina Bratkowski were married on Nov. 7, 2015. The couple also welcomed a daughter, Emma Charlotte Luehring, on Aug. 21, 2015.

Lori (Kliwer) Murphy is a partner with the Bend, Oregon, law firm Lynch Conger McLane LLP. Additionally, she was featured in the 2015 annual report for the Oregon Community Foundation as a professional advisor to OCF.

David Solo is president and CEO of Special Olympics Northern California and Nevada.

1994

Brian Newman is vice president of campus development at Oregon Health & Science University, where he oversees campus planning, real estate, and design and construction activities at all OHSU campuses and clinic sites.

1995

Nicholas Anderson MAT'96 and Steven Pedersen were married on Aug. 16, 2016, on the observation deck of the Space Needle in Seattle.

Brian Hess is assistant vice president for development at Portland State University Foundation. Brian and his children, Orion and Soleo, live in southwest Portland.

Rhonda (Benge) Turner MAT'96 teaches second grade at Achievement First, a public charter school dedicated to closing the achievement gap in Providence, Rhode Island.

1996

To **Scott Cummings** and wife Tracy, a son, George Thomas Cummings, born on Sept. 30, 2016.

1997 20TH REUNION

Tobias Read was elected Oregon State Treasurer in November. His swearing-in ceremony took place at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem on Jan. 6.

Elizabeth Ribbeck is a midwife with El Rio Congress Midwives in Tucson, Arizona. Last October, she was featured in a National Midwifery Week article.

1998

Pi Beta Phi sorority sisters **Nikki (Gorman) Ballin, Alison (Neugebauer) Beanblossom, Amy Andrews, Darcy (Jensen) Storms, Mindy (Harris) Burel, Kiley (Simmons) Wellner, Cary (McAdams) Hamilton, Melissa (Myers) Jaacks** and **Kelly Walls** reunited last summer in Half Moon Bay, California, to celebrate 20-plus years of friendship.

To **Erin (Stocker) Higgins** and Dave Higgins, a daughter, Mara Nan Higgins, born on Nov. 21, 2016. Mara is the first grandchild of **Teri (Tinker) Stocker '71** and the late **Steve Stocker '71**. Erin works as a family nurse practitioner for Legacy-GoHealth Urgent Care and the Multnomah County Health Department in Portland, Oregon.

Josh Holland received his doctorate in American studies in 2016 from the University of Texas at Austin. His dissertation addressed identity construction in a residential school setting, and he completed a two-year ethnography of the UWC-USA, an international high school near Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Georgina (Larcher) Philippson was the Wyoming American Choral Directors Association's fall choral headliner last year. She directed an honor choir of 120 students in Spivey Hall at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia, and performed a concert with the ensemble she founded, Consonare Chorale, a group that includes **Cullen Philippson '97, Bob Seibert '94, MBA'08, Celia (Elder) McDougal '00, LaKisha Clark '99, Karen (Hendrick) Gerber '99, Katie Martin '10, Bonnie Monk '08, Rachael Decker '15** and **Justin Alvey '09**.

2000

Yoichiro Aoki worked as a stereographer last year on major motion pictures "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" and the Steven Spielberg-directed "The BFG." As a stereographer, he directs creative decisions around three-dimensional imagery/stereoscopes in films.

2001

Jay Griffith returned to Portland, Oregon, and joined Kell, Alterman & Runstein after four years as associate general counsel for Evraz North America in Chicago.



Josh Holland '98



Mara Nan Higgins, daughter of Erin (Stocker) Higgins '98 and Dave Higgins



Back Row: Alison (Neugebauer) Beanblossom '98, Amy Andrews '98, Darcy (Jensen) Storms '98, Mindy (Harris) Burel '98, Kiley (Simmons) Wellner '98, Cary (McAdams) Hamilton '98; front Row: Melissa (Myers) Jaacks '98, Nikki (Gorman) Ballin '98 and Kelly Walls '98



Georgina (Larcher) Philippson '98



Yoichiro Aoki '00 (center)

Class Notes



Ellie (Bayrd) Siler '01, Stephanie (Fialka) Johnson '01 and Rebekah (Jacobson) Cook '01



Annika, daughter of Lori Bokovoy '02 and Brian Huffman '01



Josán Perales '02 and his wife, Shawna Black



Fred Xavier and Brooke (Biethan) Xavier '02



Larry Barsukoff '03, JD/MBA '07



Jesse and Edwina (Phillips) Gonzalez '03 with son Tobias



Colin Griffin '04 and Jeff Jensen '05



Caitlin (Stephens) Klenz '05 and Matt Klenz with daughters



Michael Gossen and Rianne (Stephens) Gossen '05



Rah-Ben Coates '06 and Edith Polanco '09

Ellie (Bayrd) Siler and Lance Siler were married on Sept. 3, 2016, in Minnesota. **Rebekah (Jacobson) Cook** was the friend of honor.

2002 15TH REUNION

Brooke (Biethan) Xavier and Fred Xavier were married on Oct. 5, 2015, in a small, private ceremony in New York City's Central Park. They hosted a family and friends reception in Brooke's hometown of Roseburg, Oregon, on July 24, 2016. The couple now lives in Cincinnati. Brooke is senior manager of brand marketing for Study Group's Higher Education North America Division.

To **Lori Bokovoy** and **Brian Huffman '01**, a daughter, Annika Lynn Huffman, born on Oct. 2, 2016.

Josán Perales and his family are moving to Estes Park, Colorado, where he will teach at Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center as the world languages instructional specialist, after eight years leading innovative reform education in Taos, New Mexico.

2003

Larry Barsukoff JD/MBA'07 joined JW Industries Group as its new chief operations officer, senior vice president and general counsel.

To Jesse and **Edwina (Phillips) Gonzalez**, a son, Tobias Cole Gonzalez, born on Oct. 31, 2016.

2004

Kristin Akervall was elected to the Wilsonville City Council (Oregon) in the November 2016 general election.

Colin Griffin, head baseball coach at Jesuit High School in Portland, Oregon, last June led the Crusaders to the 6A Oregon state championship, the first baseball title in the school's history. Colin was also named the 2016 6A Coach of the Year. His Jesuit coaching staff included **Jeff Jensen '05**, **Dylan Summers '12** and **Ellis Webster '09**.

Dr. Carol-Ann Nelson has founded a nonprofit organization called Destination Rehab that received a \$10,000 grant from the American Physical Therapy Association for an Activity Day in Bend, Oregon, in October 2017. Open to people throughout Oregon, with bus

transportation to Bend from the Portland area, the event aims to promote fitness, wellness and community participation for individuals with chronic medical and neurologic conditions.

Jonathan Shrout and Carissa Martus were married on June 23, 2016.

2005

Class Liaison: Nathan Love

Rianne (Stephens) Gossen and Michael Gossen were married on July 9, 2016, at David Hill Vineyards & Winery in Forest Grove, Oregon.

To **Caitlin (Stephens) Klenz** and Matt Klenz, a daughter, Amelia Rose, born on Sept. 19, 2016. Caitlin is enjoying her second year as the assistant principal at Athey Creek Middle School in West Linn, Oregon.

Ian Scarfe and **Ellen McGehee '04** created the Trinity Alps Chamber Music Festival, which marks its seventh season this year. Dedicated to bringing professional chamber music to communities across California, this organization has presented over 200 public concerts, as well as music educational events for schools and summer camps. In December, the ensemble toured in Oregon with Willamette faculty violinist Daniel Rouslin.

2006

Nicole Blalock is Esports manager for the digital collectible card game Hearthstone with Blizzard Entertainment. She oversees the Hearthstone Championship Tour seasonal playoffs and the Tavern Hero program.

Amanda Guile-Hinman is assistant city attorney for the City of Wilsonville, Oregon. She previously worked in the litigation department of Bateman Seidel, a law firm in Portland, Oregon.

Rah-Ben Coates and **Edith Polanco '09** were married on Aug. 6, 2016, in San Diego. **Christopher Mulitalo '07**, **Eki Yandall**, **Ali Maki '09** and **Tina Patel '10** were members of the wedding party. Edith recently passed the California bar exam and serves as a staff attorney for the American Bar Association's Immigration Justice Project. Rah-Ben serves as the director of college advising at High Tech High Chula Vista.

Alumna casts new light on female acting roles

"She comes across as average-looking, but actually has potential to be pretty if she dressed differently." "She loves being a woman, so she probably wears a push-up bra."

After years working as actors in New York, **Jenna Ciralli '04** and her friends were used to seeing such sexist and insulting descriptions of female characters in casting call notices.

At first, they shared the worst as a kind of entertainment and a relief from their incredulity. But eventually, they decided not to silently accept this industry norm. Instead, they wanted to spark a conversation within the entertainment community about the lack of complex female characters — and inspire female writers to create better roles for women.

Ciralli, actor Julie Asriyan and writer Laura E. Bray filmed and edited a short video, "Casting Call, The Project," starring a diverse group of female actors reading and reacting to notices for the first time. The actors could seethe, laugh or cry — whatever felt authentic.

Ciralli says, "The day we filmed it, I felt like this project was bigger than myself."

It turned out to be a lot bigger than any of them imagined. They published the video on Asriyan's Facebook page, thinking members of the acting community would pass it around as an inside acknowledgement of a common frustration. But within a week, it amassed 2.5 million views on Facebook and attracted hundreds of mostly supportive comments. Media coverage from New York Magazine, Indiewire, VICE, Huffington Post and Cosmopolitan magazine followed.

"Our heads were spinning" Ciralli says. "We had these lengthy conversations — 'How do we move forward? What does this mean?' There was a resounding voice of support for the video on a global scale."

Higher-profile industry professionals took



notice, too. The video prompted introductions to Tom Donahue, who directed "Casting By," a star-studded 2012 film about little-known yet widely influential female casting pioneer Marion Dougherty, and representatives from the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in Media. The trio also hosted a private discussion panel in New York featuring female standouts in the film and TV industry for a discourse on feminism and other topics.

While Ciralli has held roles in commercials, indie films, TV documentaries and in New York theater, the stage didn't call immediately. After she graduated from Willamette with a theater degree, she briefly taught high school math and then traveled in Europe, where she realized acting suited her better than the classroom.

Her ability to manage all aspects of film production — whether writing, acting or producing theatrical works — and foster the authentic perspective that led to "Casting Call" began at Willamette. Her experience gave her confidence to take on New York City's competitive entertainment industry.

"It's a very, very tough place to be at times," she says. "You have to be dynamic to survive here. The rigor and scope of Willamette's theater program prepared me for it."

Ciralli's career continues to pick up speed. She recently co-wrote, starred in and produced her first short film, "Willow Creek Road," which she's now submitting to festivals and wants to expand into a feature-length film.

The public reaction to "Casting Call" inspired Ciralli to approach her work with more focus and integrity.

"It allowed me to face the truth of the sexism I had experienced and be the change I wished to see moving forward," she says. "I felt responsible to lead by example."



Nathan Love '05, MBA'06, Charlton Smith '07, Jessica Gibbs, Neil Bergquist '09, MBA'10 and Anna Bohm



Maxwell and Leandro, twin sons of Dylan Ordoñez '07 and Mariah (Hanson) Ordoñez '07, MAT'10



Ariel Grubb '08



Cason Schmit '07 and Jacquelyn Grace '07



Cassie McHugh '07, Maggie (Hake) Root '07, Chris Root, Mara Hansen Staples '07, Courtney Paine '07



Jasmine Azpiri '08

2007 10TH REUNION

Jacquelyn Grace and **Cason Schmit** were married on Aug. 19, 2016, in Atlanta's Piedmont Park. A week later, they moved to College Station, Texas, to start jobs as professors at Texas A&M University.

To **Dylan Ordoñez** and **Mariah (Hanson) Ordoñez MAT'10**, twin sons, Maxwell James Ordoñez and Leandro Robinson Ordoñez, born on Nov. 17, 2016.

Maggie (Hake) Root and Christopher Root were married on May 21, 2016, at the Lagunitas Club in Ross, California. Maggie is a pediatric nurse practitioner in palliative care at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital in San Francisco.

Charlton Smith and Jessica Gibbs were married on Oct. 1, 2016, at the St. Nicholas Orthodox Cathedral in Washington D.C., followed by a reception at The Army and Navy Club.

2008

Jasmine Azpiri joined The Polyclinic in Seattle as a nutritionist after graduating from University of Western States in 2016 with a master's in human nutrition and functional medicine. In addition to providing nutritional therapy in group and individual settings, she is building the clinic's new lifestyle and metabolic medicine department, which focuses on nutritional and behavioral changes to combat obesity, metabolic syndrome, insulin resistance, type 2 diabetes, and other chronic diseases rooted in metabolic inefficiencies.

Ariel Grubb is medical director at VCA Raleigh Hills Animal Hospital in southwest Portland, Oregon, where she leads four doctors and their staff at the seven-days-per-week, extended-hour, small animal general practice.

2009

Nicholas Birtcil is associate vice president of political operations for the California Medical Association, where he oversees the association's political action committee.

Yesenia Gallardo, founder and CEO of Poda Foods, delivered a speech on cultivating and using crickets and other insects as an environmentally sensible food source to address world hunger issues at TEDxSalem on Jan. 7.

2010

To **Megan Delph** and husband Karwan Rostem, a son, Elan Apollo Rostem, born on Sept. 1, 2016, in Washington, D.C. Megan also recently accepted an offer to join Deloitte Consulting LLP as a senior consultant in the Federal Strategy & Operations practice, following completion of her MBA from George Washington University.

Katie (McMullin) Kieper and **Torsten Kieper '11** were married on Nov. 12, 2016, at the McMenamins Kennedy School in Portland, Oregon. The couple lives in Portland, where Katie works at Maxwell PR & Engagement and Torsten works at the Cadmus Group, an employee-owned consultancy company.

Andrew Monobouquette wrote and sold a short film script titled "When God Fell Silent," which he will direct this spring in Los Angeles and San Francisco for Chaudry Media Group. This is Andrew's first fictional film and second film overall, following his 2013 feature documentary on urban farming, "Growing Cities."

Grayson Pitcher recently began a five-year residency as a vascular surgeon at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Colin Schilling MBA'12 and **Mark Kornei '11, MBA'12**, co-founders of Schilling Cider, will open Schilling Cider House in Portland, Oregon. The taproom is expected to be America's largest cider bar.

Molly Sultany was named the Outstanding High School Classroom Teacher by the Oregon Science Teachers' Association in November.

2011

Class Liaison: Shaffer Spaeth

Caitlin Goodwin taught high school English as a second language in Japan for three years, and then joined InsideJapan Tours as a travel consultant. Last June, she was promoted to senior travel consultant. Caitlin says: "I have had



Katie (McMullin) Kieper '10 and Torsten Kieper '11

the amazing opportunity to share my love of Japan by sending dozens of people there."

Jared Green and Mary Masla
MBA'16 were married on Sept. 4, 2016, in Port Gamble, Washington. Mary works at Cambia Health Solutions as an internal auditor and Jared works at Intel as an operations manager. They live in Portland, Oregon.

Brent Jones has returned to the U.S. as a member of the opening crew for a new Japanese restaurant in San Francisco called Hinodeya Ramen Bar. Brent is working at the restaurant full-time as a manager, server and bartender. Previously, he moved to Japan and worked in Japanese restaurants for several years. Brent says the work is "more than just a job, it feels like bringing an authentic part of Japan to a cultural-focused city, and I couldn't have done it without the experiences WU linked me to!"

Erica Soma has opened a boutique indoor cycling studio called Lyfe Cycle in the Roslindale Village neighborhood of Boston. Erica says, "I wouldn't be here without my strong foundation from Willamette, and the community I have built in a new city over the last six years."

Colby Takeda recently joined two high school students to co-author "It's Just Aging," a children's picture book about the benefits and challenges of growing up. He is the administrator at a senior assisted living facility in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Brent Jones '11 (back row, center)



Elan Apollo Rostem, son of Megan Delph '10 and Karwan Rostem



Andrew Monobouquette '10



Jared Green '11 and Mary Masla '11, MBA'16



Nicholas Birtcil '09



Molly Sultany '10 (right)



Erica Soma '11

2012 5TH REUNION

Class Liaison: Rafael Baptista

Rafael Baptista was selected to co-present on the topic of collaborative innovation in local government at the Transforming Local Government Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in April.

Edgar Mendez, who works as a testing coordinator at the Cascade AIDS Project in Portland, is a member of the board of trustees for the national organization AIDS United.



"It's Just Aging,"
co-written by Colby
Takeda '11



Cathy Monahan '12



Amara Fanucci '14 and Ziv Bell '14



Mark Hayes and Molly (Ward) Hayes '13



Sydney (Moberg) Wing '13 and Matt Wing '13



Rose Rubel '13



Joseph Jackson '15

Cathy Monahan has moved to southern France, where she is in her second year of a master's degree program in Toulouse to become a permanent high school English teacher in France.

Tejeswara Reddy was appointed in August as an Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies fellow in the office of U.S. Rep. Mike Honda, representing California's Silicon Valley. In November, he began working on the budget and appropriations process for U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley of Oregon.

2013

Class Liaison: Molly (Ward) Hayes

Molly (Ward) Hayes and Mark Hayes were married on June 11, 2016, in Happy Valley, Oregon. Also present were bridesmaid **Kate Marsella '15** and a number of Delta Gamma alumnae. Molly and Mark live in Huntington Beach, California.

Rose Rubel received her master of public administration degree from the Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington. She was awarded the Narver Prize for a Capstone Project of outstanding merit.

Sydney (Moberg) Wing and **Matt Wing** were married at Perryhill Farm in Dallas, Oregon, on Sept. 24, 2016. Other alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor **Shaleen Miller**, **Benjamin Goldberg MBA'14**, **Simon Goldberg**, **Ross Casebolt '12** and best man **James Volz '14**.

2014

Class Liaison: Alex Schrimp

Victoria Binning has returned to Salem as the agriculture program coordinator for Oregon State University Extension Service-Marion County.

Amara Fanucci and **Ziv Bell** were married on June 18, 2016, in Bellevue, Washington. The two now live in Columbus, Ohio, where Ziv is in his third year toward a PhD in clinical psychology at Ohio State University and where Amara works in digital marketing at Abercrombie & Fitch.

Katie Tucker earned her master's in mathematics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in May 2016.

2015

Class Liaison: Natalie Pate

Joseph Jackson is working as an assistant language teacher (ALT) and assistant basketball coach at a technical high school in Japan through the Japanese Exchange Teaching Programme. During his time there, Joseph has led teaching workshops for other ALTs, led new ALT orientations and has been published twice in a team teaching handbook.

2016

Yasmine Genena moved to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, in January to fulfill her desire to live abroad and to pursue a career in international development.

ATKINSON GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

Grace Crunican MBA'79 spoke at the Daily Journal of Commerce Women of Vision Awards last October. Grace is the general manager of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) and former director of the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Betty O'Brien MBA'81 received the Legacy Builder Award from the Chemeketa Community College Northwest Wine Studies Program in May 2016. The annual award honors a longtime supporter of the program. Longtime owner of Elton Vineyards in the Eola-Amity Hills, Betty also serves as vice president of the Chemeketa Foundation Board.

Dwaine Kronser MBA'84 recently retired from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center as the deputy chief information officer after 32 years with the federal government. He now works for InuTeq LLC.

Kennedy Hawkins JD/MBA'91 spoke recently at a national healthcare conference with Lee

Pierce, the chief data officer at Intermountain Health. Kennedy and Lee discussed how data analytics can transform healthcare.

Jim Morrell MBA'93 presented "The Cooperative Brand: What are We Communicating?" at last year's African Confederation of Cooperative Savings & Credit Association's 17th Savings and Credit Cooperative Association (SACCA) Congress in Kigali, Rwanda. The congress brings together credit unions to explore strategic and innovative techniques of ensuring sustainable cooperative financial institutions.

Julie Brandis MBA'96 is executive director of strategic partnerships for the College of Engineering at Oregon State University.

Robert Murray MBA'96 was promoted to practice lead after working for Pegasystems Inc. for 19 years. Pegasystems develops strategic applications for marketing, sales, service and operations for some of the largest organizations in the world. In his new role, Robert is responsible for client relationships. He continues to live outside of Dallas, Texas, with his wife, Wendy, and 9-year-old daughter, Ryleigh.

Beth Ursin MBA'00 has been elected to the board of directors of the MBA Career Services and Employer Alliance, a global association for graduate business career management professionals and employers.

Erik Borgen JD/MBA'04 has joined WestWater Research as its Northwest regional director. Based in Boise, Idaho, the company is a provider of water marketing, water asset valuation and transaction services.

Diana Ursachi MBA'10 and Vlad Neacsu were married on Sept. 17, 2016. "We were overwhelmed to have friends and family travel from Europe and the U.S.A. to join us and party like there's no tomorrow," writes Diana.

To **Nick Footer MBA'11**, a son, Westley Rae Footer, born on Oct. 8, 2016.



Aaron Reber MBA'11

Aaron Reber MBA'11 joined Salem-based professional theater company Enlightened Theatrics as its managing director in October to support and guide the implementation and growth of the organization's strategic plan, new programs and business development.

Phil Catudal MBA'12 was featured in the Oct. 10 issue of Life and Style magazine for his work as a trainer with Emily Deschanel, star of the Fox TV series "Bones." Phil works as a Los Angeles-based celebrity trainer and health entrepreneur at his own company, Trained by Phil.

To **Anannya Das MBA'12** and **Daniel Vall-Ilobera JD'14**, a daughter, Rishika Frances Vall-Ilobera, born on Aug. 24, 2016.

Sandra Montoya MBA'12 is finance director for the City of Woodburn, Oregon.

Will Norris MBA'12 is finance officer and assistant city manager for the City of Hood River, Oregon.

Chad Olney MBA'12 is president and CEO of Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union.



Chad Olney MBA'12



Phil Catudal MBA'12



Betty O'Brien MBA'81



Sandra Montoya MBA'12



Vlad Neacsu and Diana Ursachi MBA'10



Westley Rae Footer, son of Nick Footer MBA'11



Rishika Frances Vall-Ilobera, daughter of Anannya Das MBA'12 and Daniel Vall-Ilobera JD'14

ALUMNI NEWS BITS

Alumni Weekend 2017: Sept. 15-17

Following a fantastic Alumni Weekend last fall, this year's annual celebration will take the experience to new heights. Save the date to join Willamette friends for an unforgettable weekend of fun, including the Homecoming football game and tailgate party, the Alumni Awards dinner, lively all-class gatherings, a special Greek reception, reunions for class years ending in 2 and 7, and much more.

This year's event will also celebrate major milestones, including our alma mater's 175th birthday, the 150th anniversary of Waller Hall and 100-plus years of the chemistry department. With all of the excitement surrounding Alumni Weekend 2017, you're bound to have a blast alongside your best friends from WU, so mark your calendars now!

To members of the Class of 1992, we're still looking for help with your 25th reunion. Make your silver anniversary a hit by volunteering to join the Class of 1992 Reunion Committee. Contact Kim Burris in the alumni office at kburris@willamette.edu or 503-370-6430.

Get Involved in Your Area!



Since last September, dedicated volunteer leaders from the Willamette Alumni Association's eight chartered regional chapters have hosted 29 alumni events, ranging from casual happy hour gatherings and holiday parties to service projects and engaging panels.

With the WUAA's chapters more active now than in recent years, many more opportunities to connect with alumni in your area will occur in 2017. See all of the upcoming regional events at willamette.edu/alumni/activities/events and learn more about the chapters at willamette.edu/alumni/community/organizations.

Bearcat Explorers Travel Program Upcoming Trips

Kayaking the San Juans, July 21-23, 2017

Enjoy breathtaking views of the majestic San Juan Islands and incredible wildlife sightings on this three-day kayaking and camping adventure in Washington with Joe Abraham, director of Willamette's Sustainability Institute. Tour guides will prepare all meals and provide the gear.

New York Theater Tour, Oct. 1-7, 2017

Travel to the Big Apple for a week of Broadway shows, including the Tony Award-winning "Hamilton!" This trip will also feature art gallery tours, meet-the-artist roundtables and a six-night stay at the Kimberly Hotel in midtown Manhattan.

Historic Harbors of New England & Canada, Oct. 3-13, 2017

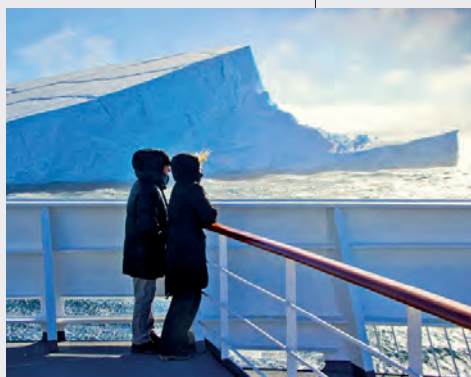
Visit historic harbors including New York, Boston and Quebec City on this spectacular cruise aboard the six-star Crystal Serenity. Gorgeous fall colors make it the perfect time to tour the East Coast.

Shakespeare on a Budget, Oct. 21, 2017

This trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland has become a popular annual Willamette tradition. The day will feature two plays, post-performance discussions and a group meal — all at an unbeatable price!

Antarctica, the Falklands & Cape Horn, Feb. 25 - March 16, 2018

This unforgettable three-week cruise includes stops at Tierra del Fuego, Cape Horn, the Falkland Islands and Montevideo, Uruguay, in addition to the planet's remote "seventh continent." When else will you get to see the unparalleled beauty of this part of the globe?



In Memoriam

Kenneth Sherman Sr. '41 **April 27, 1917 – Sept. 27, 2016**

Kenneth Sherman spent his youth in Whitefish, Montana, before moving to Salem to attend Willamette. There, he participated in Glee Club, debate and met his first wife, **Marjorie (VandeWalker) Sherman '41**. After earning a law degree from Gonzaga University, Kenneth joined the Army Air Corps and was stationed in England for the duration of World War II. In 1951, he joined the Salem law firm of Young and DeArmond, from which he retired in 2006. Kenneth also served on many nonprofit boards and received a Salem First Citizen award from the city's chamber of commerce in 1976. His twin brother, **Keith Sherman '42**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his second wife, Eunice; and three children, Kenneth Jr., Sara and Bonnie.

Robert B. Reinholdt '43 **June 13, 1921 – Oct. 20, 2016**

Robert Reinholdt was born in Portland, Oregon. While attending Willamette, he met **Margaret (Tonseth) Reinholdt '44**, and the couple married in 1942. Soon after, he began working as an announcer for radio station KWIL in Albany, Oregon. In 1947, Bob became the general manager of KWIN in Ashland, Oregon, and later started Reinholdt Insurance. Throughout his life, Bob was heavily involved in the Ashland community, serving on the YMCA board of directors, as president of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and as a chairman of Ashland Parks and Recreation. In 1974, he was appointed trustee of the Oregon State Library by Gov. Tom McCall. Margaret predeceased him in 2007. Survivors include children Barbara and Douglas.

Sally (McClelland) Orcutt '45 **Nov. 23, 1924 – Oct. 14, 2016**

Sally Louise Orcutt was born in Salem. At Willamette, she belonged to the Delta Phi sorority and graduated with a degree in economics and business. In 1947, she married **Samuel Orcutt '44** after he returned from serving in World War II. Together they started a grocery business and a family of six children. A homemaker and dedicated mother, Sally later served as a bookkeeper for the family business. She was preceded

in death by her son Dale in 1969, and by her husband, Sam, in 2010. Survivors include sons Sam Jr., Paul and Andy, and daughters Jean and Julie.

Winona (Henderson) Robbins '47 **Aug. 25, 1925 – July 27, 2016**

Winona Louise Robbins was born in Twin Falls, Idaho. After attending Willamette, she married Merilean Robbins and later worked for 22 years as an administrative secretary for Malheur County Mental Health in Ontario, Oregon. Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Merilean, and children Craig, Dottie, Sherrill, Clinton and Cheryln.

Phyllis (Ryan) Pearce '48 **Sept. 30, 1925 – July 29, 2016**

Phyllis Marguerite Pearce was born in Portland, Oregon. She attended the University of Oregon and then Willamette before marrying Richard Pearce and moving to northern California. Phyllis earned her bachelor's degree from Fresno State University and her master's in history from Cal State Fullerton. In 1966, she joined Rio Hondo College in Whittier, California, where she taught U.S. history and political science for 13 years and then served as the assistant dean of the business department for 22 years. Survivors include her daughters, Kelly and Ryan.

George M. Gottfried '49 **Nov. 26, 1925 – Nov. 15, 2016**

George Gottfried graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in history and went on to become an educator. He taught in what's now known as the Athena-Weston School District in eastern Oregon for 37 years. At Weston-McEwen High School, George started a photography program, which went on to win numerous awards and spawn several professional photographers. He retired from teaching in 1991. His brothers, **Edward Gottfried '40** and **Arthur Gottfried '50**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Marilyn (Cook) Gottfried '50**.

Marville (Deguire) Holman '49 **Dec. 10, 1928 – Aug. 28, 2016**

Marville Loraine Holman was born in Salem. After graduating from Willamette, she became a social worker for the Oregon State

An Advocate for Education and Learning

Charlotte (Kallander) Thuemmel '37 **Jan. 21, 1916 – July 26, 2016**

Charlotte Bernice Thuemmel grew up in Portland, Oregon, during the Great Depression. Despite the economically tumultuous times, her parents pushed her to seek higher education, and she began attending Willamette in 1933. She earned a bachelor's degree while working part-time as a secretary to university President Bruce Baxter to help pay her tuition.

After graduating, she remained on campus to serve as Baxter's secretary for another three years. She worked briefly for Baxter's successor, Dr. Carl Sumner Knopf, before moving to Ashland, Oregon, to teach high school math.

During World War II, Charlotte took a position in Portland's FBI field office, where she met U.S. Army soldier Grant Thuemmel. The couple married in 1946, with Charlotte's friend and former boss, Bruce Baxter, now a bishop in the United Methodist Church, presiding over the ceremony.

Following Grant's discharge from the army, he and Charlotte set up the Grant Thuemmel advertising agency in Portland in 1952. Grant ran the business, while Charlotte worked as the company's bookkeeper. The company transitioned to new ownership in the 1970s.

After Grant passed away in 1996, Charlotte devoted time and energy to volunteering and philanthropy, with a focus on education. She was a member of the women's advocacy group P.E.O. and tutored children for the Start Making A Reader Today literacy initiative. She remained a strong supporter of Willamette by recommending the university to high school students at every opportunity.

In gratitude for the education she received at Willamette and for her friendship with Baxter, Charlotte made a significant contribution to the scholarship in his name in the late 1990s. Her gift went to juniors and seniors enrolled full-time in the College of Liberal Arts, with preference given to students in financial need.

A strong believer in the importance of education and an advocate for learning, Charlotte will be remembered for her tenacity, loving spirit and pragmatic sensibilities.

Survivors include her children, Susan (Thuemmel) Helzer and Robert Thuemmel.



Charlotte (Kallander) Thuemmel from the 1941 Wallulah.

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Hospital until moving to Portland in 1952. She worked for the Multnomah County Library for 25 years, retiring in 1993. Marvelle was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and the Vermont Hills United Methodist Church. Survivors include sons David, Paul and Jeff.

Arnold E. Acker '50 **Dec. 20, 1925 – Oct. 15, 2016**

Arnold Elmore Acker was born in Hillsboro, North Dakota. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in physics. While working for the U.S. Navy, he became an internationally recognized expert on radar systems. Arnie was employed by Varian Associates for nearly 30 years in marketing and consultation roles. He also lent his expertise on radar systems as a guest lecturer to the military, MIT, UCLA and numerous government audiences. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; children Deborah, Jim and Chris; and stepchildren Susan, Victoria and Bob.

Walter Pirie Buehning '50 **June 26, 1928 – Sept. 26, 2016**

Walt was born in the small town of Lyman, Nebraska. He earned his bachelor's degree in music at Willamette and was in his first band-teaching job when Uncle Sam beckoned. He spent most of the next two years serving in the Army in Stuttgart, Germany. He returned to Oregon to resume teaching and subsequently earned a master's degree in music and a Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Oregon. In 1968 he and his family moved to Canada, where he was on the faculty in the music department of the University of Calgary for the next 25 years. In retirement he continued to be actively involved in the Calgary music community. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, **Glennis (Allen) '50**; children Karl, Laura and Marilyn; and two grandchildren.

Wallace W. Whitted '50 **July 22, 1926 – Sept. 20, 2016**

Wallace Wayne Whitted was born in Longview, Washington. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he earned a bachelor's degree from Willamette and a master's degree in education from the University of Oregon. In 1952,

Wally was hired as one of the first teachers at Monticello Junior High School in Longview. By 1955, he was its head football coach, leading the Mustangs to a near-perfect record between 1959 and 1968. Wally left coaching and teaching physical education in 1968 and became the vice principal at Monticello in 1972. Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae, and children Jerry, Gregg, Chris, Debra and Dena.

Douglas A. Logue '52 **Feb. 19, 1930 – Sept. 20, 2016**

Douglas Arthur Logue was born in Snohomish, Washington. At Willamette, Doug studied economics and played basketball for the 1952 team that would be inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. Doug left college in 1952 to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He returned to Willamette to finish his degree, then worked for State Farm Insurance for 35 years, retiring in 1992. Survivors include his wife, Patt, and children John, Nancy, Dean, Daryl and Cory.

Carolann (Snarr) Walters '52 **Dec. 22, 1930 – May 24, 2016**

Carolann Walters joined the Pi Beta Phi sorority at Willamette, where she met her future husband, **Rev. Eugene Walters '52**, and received a bachelor's degree in sociology. Carolann was very involved in the United Methodist Church for most of her life. She volunteered with many groups and enjoyed being involved with P.E.O., United Methodist Women and the Girl Scouts of America. Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Eugene; children Daniel, **Steven Walters '79** and Jeannine; and foster children Marlene, **Noreen Miller '84**, Ervin and Arthur.

Nancy (Lumijarvi) McDonald '53 **Dec. 17, 1931 – Sept. 17, 2016**

Nancy Jean McDonald was born in Clatskanie, Oregon. At Willamette, she joined the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and earned a bachelor's degree in sociology. After college, she moved to San Francisco and worked as a kindergarten teacher. Once her children were in school,

A Health Care Pioneer for Hawaii

Will J. Henderson '49 **Aug. 27, 1921 – Oct. 20, 2016**



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Will J. Henderson, president emeritus of The Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away at the age of 95, leaving behind an impressive legacy in Hawaii's health care industry.

Will came from humble beginnings, growing up in poverty on the plains of South Dakota. Through hard work and self-determination, he graduated from high school and joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent time in the medical corps, where he was introduced to the field that would become his career.

After earning his bachelor's degree in psychology from Willamette, Will graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, with a master's in hospital administration. Soon, he began work as an administrator at the UCLA Medical Center. He moved to Hawaii in 1958 after being recruited to save the struggling Kapiolani Children's Hospital. Will embraced the challenge and, with sound managerial practices and strategies, pulled the hospital out of debt in under two years.

As Hawaii's first academically trained hospital executive, Will realized the state's health care system lagged 20 years behind the mainland's. After becoming president and CEO at The Queen's Hospital in 1961, he initiated upgrades in facilities, resources and physicians, transforming it into The Queen's Medical Center in 1967.

During his 22-year tenure as president of The Queen's Medical Center and even after retiring in 1983, Will remained active and influential in his community and the health care sector as a volunteer and a generous philanthropist. The first vice president of the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii, he also served as president of the Hawaii Health Care Association and as a member of the board of trustees at the American Hospital Association and Willamette University (1981-1993). Will also established several scholarship funds, including three at Willamette. For his many contributions to the health care field, Will was honored with the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Rosette from the emperor of Japan.

Survivors include Will's niece, Jeanne Henderson, and many friends from Willamette, the state of Hawaii and across the globe.

Nancy returned to her career, earned a certificate in special education and taught middle school until her retirement. Survivors include her husband, Jim; sister Mary; and children Tim, Amy, Sarah and Rachel.

Frances (Mellis) Ludlow '54
March 5, 1932 – Aug. 11, 2016

Frances “Anne” Ludlow was born and raised in Oregon. At Willamette, she participated in Glee and choir, was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and met her future husband, **Willie Ludlow '55**. After earning a bachelor’s degree in religious studies, she received a master’s degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. Anne was predeceased by her husband, Willie. Survivors include children Suzanne, Geoffrey, Martin and Wesley.

Larry W. Standifer '54
Jan. 18, 1932 – Aug. 19, 2016

Larry Walter Standifer grew up in Bend, Oregon. After graduating from Willamette, he studied physical therapy at the University of Southern California and returned to Salem to work in orthopedics. In 1966, he became the head of the physical therapy department at the University of Oregon’s health center and, later, head athletic trainer of Oregon athletics. In 2006, he was inducted into the prestigious school club Order of the O. Larry also worked as a trainer for several national teams, including the 1980 U.S. Olympic team. Survivors include his wife of 62 years, **Mary (Polales) Standifer '54**; sister **Gwen (Standifer) Elfers '57**; and children **David Standifer '81** and Susan.

George A. Kuehn '59
March 21, 1937 – Aug. 23, 2016

George Andrew “Andy” Kuehn graduated from Willamette with a bachelor’s degree in political science and went on to receive a master’s degree in business from Indiana University. He had a longtime career in industrial food marketing before retiring to Hendersonville, North Carolina, in 1999. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Meredith, and their children, Katherine, Kevin and David.

Franklin G. Caruso '59
April 30, 1936 – Sept. 8, 2016

Franklin George Caruso was born in Tacoma, Washington. At Willamette, he played baseball and joined the Sigma Chi fraternity, forming deep lifelong friendships. After four years of college, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He spent most of his military stint in Germany, but also traveled across Europe playing baseball. Frank received his discharge from the Army in 1962. He worked for the Olympia Brewing Company for many years, mostly as a tour guide, retiring in 1998. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Tracy.

Michael K. Myers PhD '61
May 18, 1939 – Oct. 29, 2016

Michael Kenneth Myers grew up in Portland, Oregon. He earned his bachelor’s degree in physics at Willamette and his master’s and doctorate degrees from Columbia University. In 1973, he helped establish the Joint Institute for Advancement of Flight Sciences at George Washington University and served as the director of the institute’s aeroacoustics program. Michael authored many technical papers, but his seminal work came in 1980, when he published “On the Acoustic Boundary Condition in the Presence of Flow” in the *Journal of Sound and Vibration*, which established the Myers Boundary Condition. Survivors include his wife, Sheila; sons Mark and Christopher; and stepchildren Lisa and Greg.

Suzanne (Smullin) Topliff '62
April 17, 1940 – July 30, 2016

Suzanne “Zannie” Topliff was born in Portland, Oregon. After attending Willamette, she completed her education at Oregon Health and Science University, becoming a qualified medical technician. Zannie then moved to California, eventually settling in Sunnyvale, where she focused on her children and family, and coached sports teams. Survivors include sisters **Mary Jo (Smullin) Wade '59** and Sally, and children Julianne, Christie and Brad.

Margaret (Eichelberger) Ulveling '66
Nov. 13, 1944 – Nov. 15, 2016

Margaret Jane Ulveling was born in Honolulu. After graduating from Willamette, she returned to Hawaii, eventually finding a rewarding career in institutional development. She served as a vice president at Hawaii Pacific University before retiring in 2012. A lifelong volunteer, Marge devoted her time and energy to several worthwhile organizations, including the Junior League of Honolulu, the Le Jardin Academy and the Punahou School. Survivors include her husband, Roger, and her children Jennifer, Blake and Robert.

Glen D. Childs '67
Feb. 11, 1944 – Aug. 23, 2016

Glen Childs was born in Portland, Oregon. After attending Willamette, he received a bachelor’s degree from the University of Oregon. He spent most of his career at Pacific Crest Securities and Capital Consultants in Portland. He also took his civic duty seriously, working with Model Cities, local politics, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Suicide Prevention Board. His daughter Katherine preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Vivian; siblings Harold, Carolyn and Janet; and children Patrick, Charlene, Laura, Benjamin and Nicholas.

Elwood E. Ostrom MED '67
May 11, 1936 – Oct. 2, 2016

Elwood “Woody” Edwin Ostrom was born in Douglas, North Dakota. In 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served until 1957, when he returned home having achieved the rank of sergeant. He received his bachelor’s degree from Mt. Angel College before earning a master’s degree in education from Willamette. He enjoyed a 26-year career teaching history in the Lake Oswego (Oregon) School District. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Patricia; sisters Sharon, Dolly and Dora Ann; and children Brian and Kimberly.

Alumni, parents and friends shared their congratulations on Willamette's 175th anniversary this year.

Willamette is a legacy for my family, as my father, Norman Hunter '68, my brother, Nicholas Hunter '00, and I are all graduates. My father has passed away now but after graduation went on to do many amazing things in this world, including working as a medical missionary. And to think so many of his dreams began where mine did — at Willamette University.
Lindsay (Hunter) Rupe '02

I congratulate Willamette University on its septaquinquecentennial. Willamette is not only a leader in liberal arts, legal and business education, but also in adult continued learning.
Peter Ronai

Happy 175th anniversary!
Seems like the sesquicentennial was only yesterday — the last 25 years have gone quickly. Let's celebrate well this year and enjoy every year to the bicentennial. Future first — and Not unto ourselves alone are we born.
Liz Geiger Hartman '80

An impressive milestone for our respected institution of higher learning. Proud to be a Bearcat!
Jeff Swanson '79

My experience at Willamette, academically and socially, set a life course that has proven satisfying for me and, I hope, of some value to the world around me. By the time I graduated, I had definitely become an adult who was able to succeed in the world. Thank you, Willamette!
Dick Ludders '67

Happy anniversary!!!
Thank you for providing a wonderful learning environment for my son, Elliot Bullen '17. He has enjoyed his four years there and especially found the faculty to be fantastic.
Bridget Morris P'17

Thank you for the wonderful education you are providing to our daughter, Anya Clowers '18. We can see her growth in academic knowledge and we enjoy watching her participate in many activities. We very much appreciate the close, supportive environment that the entire Willamette community fosters. We could not be happier with her choice to attend WU.
Linda Clowers P'18

A Legacy of Education

Leaving your legacy at Willamette is easier than you might think.

Although Tom Glass '65 spent his long academic career teaching at large universities across the nation, he and his wife, Patricia, chose to make their ultimate gift through their estate plans to Willamette University.

"Willamette provides much more than academics and focuses on the whole student," he says. "We made a gift through our will to help future Willamette students gain experiences pointing them to a profession and a productive life. The process was easy, and we're happy to support my alma mater in a lasting way."

Their gift will provide **financial support to help undergraduate students** pursue internships that connect their liberal arts education to a future profession.

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IN OTHER WORDS

Earlier this year, as the university prepared to commemorate the 175th anniversary of its founding in 1842, some of us wondered: What's the official name for such an occasion?

Who'd have guessed that several exist? Take your pick from these multisyllabic tongue twisters.

Demisemiseptcentennial

Quartoseptcentennial

Dodransbicentennial

Terquasquicentennial

Dequasbicentennial

Dosquicentennial

Septaquintaquinquecentennial

However you say it, 175 years is a significant achievement. And just think — in another 25 years, we'll celebrate Willamette's easier-to-pronounce bicentennial.

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