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Inside: Alumni show good taste in their careers; a student enjoys a Capitol experience; what's the buzz on campus?





Boo who? This not-so-mysterious ghostly figure materialized on campus on Halloween.

Retired teacher Jon Steiner '63 uses the international perspective he gained at Willamette to make a difference in the lives of students abroad.



Jon Steiner (third from left) in the Kenyan village where his nonprofit installed a well to provide clean water.

Learn more about Steiner's work and outlook in this video made to commemorate the Distinguished Alumni Citation he received from Willamette earlier this year: willamette.edu/go/steiner

When I was a freshman, Willamette's motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born," wasn't as widely talked about as it is now. But it was the time of JFK and the Peace Corps, and I guess I absorbed the concept of helping others by a kind of osmosis.

I grew up on a farm, and coming to Willamette was a big step. I really benefited from my liberal arts education, which gave me a broad appreciation for art, science and languages, as well as a more global vision.

I spent my junior year in Paris through Hamilton College in New York, as Willamette didn't even have a study abroad program at the time. That international perspective was an important part of my career, and it eventually led me to what I'm doing now.

I taught French in high schools for 40 years in Oregon, Washington and California, and I started my own home stay program to take students abroad so they could learn to appreciate other cultures.

When I retired in 2004, my former Beta Theta Pi roommate, who had been teaching in Kenya, asked me to visit. That's where I met Daniel, a local man working on a tea plantation, making about \$2 a day and unable to support his family. He'd qualified to go to university but couldn't afford it. I offered to put him through college, and I supported him for five years through pharmacy school.

Each time I visited Daniel's family, I came across other students who were struggling. So, I put them through high school or college. I've always valued education, and it's good to be able to make an immediate difference in someone's life, especially when you know them personally. Education changes people's lives — plus, it has ripple effects on an entire country.

One of my students in Mali, now in his third year of radiology school, will be one of only

about 12 radiologists in the entire country. Other students have gone on to work as nurses, an accountant, a pharmacist, a doctor, a lawyer or in the hospitality and tourism industry.

When I reached the limit of my personal resources in 2017, I formed a nonprofit, WE Care (Water and Education Care International). The nonprofit recently drilled a well in Kenya to bring clean water to families in a village. We've helped over 30 students in Kenya, Mali and Cambodia, from high school through post-graduate work. It costs about \$300 to send students to high school for a year, plus the cost of books and uniforms.

That's not a lot to many Americans, but many of these people are subsistence farmers. We helped one 90-year-old woman in Kenya who was raising her orphaned grandchildren. She was determined to put them through school because, like many people in these countries, she saw education as a way out of the cycle of poverty.

It's amazing to have these connections around the world. I read something the other day that fits me: "I started traveling, and I went the first time as a tourist and came home as a humanitarian." It's interesting to see wildlife or beautiful places, but the most important part is the connections you make with people.

Those connections also reach back to Oregon. In Kenya, one of my friends' mother, Celestine, works as a tailor. I thought some fabric scraps in her shop could be made into a quilt. I drew up a pattern, and Celestine began sewing the vibrantly patterned scraps into 12-inch squares, each one depicting the village's mud huts.

I brought the squares home, and Bonnie Hull, wife of Willamette professor emeritus Roger Hull, sewed them together and hand-quilted them. Celestine made two other quilt tops, which two volunteers in Salem finished. We plan to auction off the quilts to raise money for WE Care.

Those quilts represent what WE Care is doing — people from different countries combining their efforts to accomplish something good.

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The 2018-19 Webber Scholars — Madi Nigro '20, Anna Ayala '19, Annie Jolliff '19 and Reagan Dreiling '20 — are excited about their role as mentors and women-in-science role models for local schoolchildren through the Willamette Science Outreach Program.

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“Beyond Binary” (Spring 2018, p. 21) was an outstanding article. It’s both heartening and urgent that the Willamette community expands its ability to serve students who identify as queer, transgender or nonbinary. I appreciated how this article honored the stories and experiences of students who identify in these ways, while showing pathways that Willamette staff and faculty are taking to provide support.

— Brandon Adams ’08

I am so thankful for the recent feature article, “Beyond Binary,” highlighting trans and gender non-conforming students at Willamette.

When I matriculated at Willamette, I found an environment where queer and questioning students could openly embrace who they were, and I finally felt safe to admit to myself for the first time that I am gay. The support I received from fellow students, faculty and staff helped me to become the out and proud man that I am today.

I am glad to hear that the university continues to be a place of acceptance and support for those who have not found it elsewhere. A liberal arts college should be a place where someone can safely explore who they are and learn from life experiences that are different from their own. This type of environment not only allows LGBTQ students to grow into their identity but also broadens the horizons of the entire community.

— The Rev. Paul Eldred ’10

“In a small town in northeastern Wyoming,” at my dinner table I read your article “Beyond Binary” — at first with eagerness, then with dismay.

I am disappointed that the writer did not consider an important principle of journalism, verification, when writing the article. According to the APA, “Seeking out multiple witnesses, disclosing as much as possible about sources, or asking various sides for comment, all signal such [journalistic]

standards. This discipline of verification is what separates journalism from other modes of communication, such as propaganda, fiction or entertainment.” This article missed that mark.

I had a great conversation with my child, Bridget Blaney, after reading the article. She is indeed an intelligent, confident, and articulate person. Her experience of her parents’ actions and reactions are filtered through her valid perspective. However, the author of the article failed to take into consideration that the humans about which Bridget spoke may have a different, but equally valid, perspective. A quick phone call or a short email would have made a much better article.

— Karen Blaney

Where’s Tufton?

Congratulations to Jenny Cook ’01, who was the first reader to spot Tufton Beamish in the spring issue. After finding a familiar name on product boxes in the photo on p. 29, she wrote, “So, does Tufton Fresh have a local CSA we can all join too? Glad to see he’s keeping WU kitchens sustainable!”



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

Budding public servant Amarit Ubhi '20 spent the summer working in the Oregon governor's office.

> How did you get to work for the governor?

As the university is so close to the Capitol, many students are lucky enough to work there. I'd already completed a Willamette internship at the Capitol from February through May this year, and that's where I met the governor's director of communications. He recommended I apply for a strategic communications fellowship where Willamette provides a stipend and housing for two of its students to work for the governor or the state treasurer over the summer.

> What kind of work did you do?

Everyone in the governor's office treated me like a colleague, not an intern. It's a really busy environment, and I was entrusted with meaningful projects, such as updating social media channels, helping develop a new section of the website and gathering citizens' personal stories about the impact of the Affordable Care Act. When an advisory was issued for Salem's water, I tracked follow-up resources as they were made available to people.

The fellowship was a great experience, and I learned so much about how to communicate well, problem-solve, multitask and respond well to feedback. Besides being good preparation for future jobs, it was such an honor to work there.

> What did you enjoy most?

I appreciated the work on the website, which aims to help provide the public with knowledge they need about the work of their government. I really enjoyed the social media campaigns for the ACA and emergency preparedness. I liked knowing that I was working for a bigger cause and trying to help people.

> What was the governor like?

Gov. Kate Brown was very friendly and kind. She'd always check in to see how the interns were doing. I got to sit in on her preparation for a speech, and it was amazing to get a behind-the-scenes view of her role as governor.

> How did the experience influence your career plans?

I'm still figuring out what I want to do after graduation, and I appreciate that I received this incredible opportunity through Willamette. I've always been interested in politics or public service, as I'm concerned about issues such as access to housing or healthcare, or simply helping a community improve its citizens' lives.

I did previous internships at the mayor's office in my hometown of Oakland, California, and I'm an elected senator for Willamette's student government, ASWU.

Government touches so many areas of people's lives. I want to be an influence in the political realm, particularly local government, as that's where I could effect important change.



Chemistry professor opens up research opportunities

Professor **Joseph “Chuck” Williamson**, who was recently appointed for a five-year renewable term to the endowed Taul Watanabe Chair in the Sciences, plans to use the position’s resources to expand science research at Willamette.

Williamson, who has co-directed Willamette’s Science Collaborative Research Program (SCRP) since 2010, notes that students’ interest in participating in summer research experiences exceeds available resources. SCR



also helps new science faculty members establish their research programs at Willamette.

The Taul Watanabe Chair in the Sciences was established in

1994 with a gift of \$1 million from Taul Watanabe '41. Williamson is only the second holder of the chair.

Professor receives national teaching award

Cindy Koenig Richards '01, associate professor in the Department of Civic Communication and Media, has been recognized for her teaching excellence, especially her use of experiential learning projects, such as the Debate Watch program, that enable students to connect theoretical knowledge to practical application beyond the classroom.

In September, the National Communication Association named Richards the 2018 recipient of the Donald H. Ecroyd Award for Outstanding Teaching in Higher Education, which is the highest honor for college professors in her field.



“Every 20 seconds, you come up with pieces of bone, stone tools, pottery.”

— **Kaehlin Terry '19**, who was quoted in a *New York Times* article (willamette.edu/go/orkney-quote) about the remarkable Neolithic ruins at the Ness of Brodgar in Scotland’s Orkney Islands. Every summer, Willamette students like Terry travel to the remote area to participate in an archaeological field school that’s helping redefine understanding of the prehistoric era.

College of Law launches new business institute

Students at the Willamette University College of Law will now receive even better preparation for a successful career, thanks to the new Business Lawyering Institute (BLI).

Launched earlier this year, the BLI taps into the modern need for interdisciplinary thinking. It aims to provide students not only with excellent legal training but also a working knowledge of management, finance, operations, human resources, marketing, technology, social responsibility and other issues that arise in the real-life world of business.

As well as offering and developing new classes, BLI faculty plan to partner more closely with the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and the College of Liberal Arts.

“We want students to expand their contacts and better understand the people who operate within other fields,” says **Curtis Bridgeman**, dean of the College of Law. “We want lawyers to be good partners with non-lawyers.”

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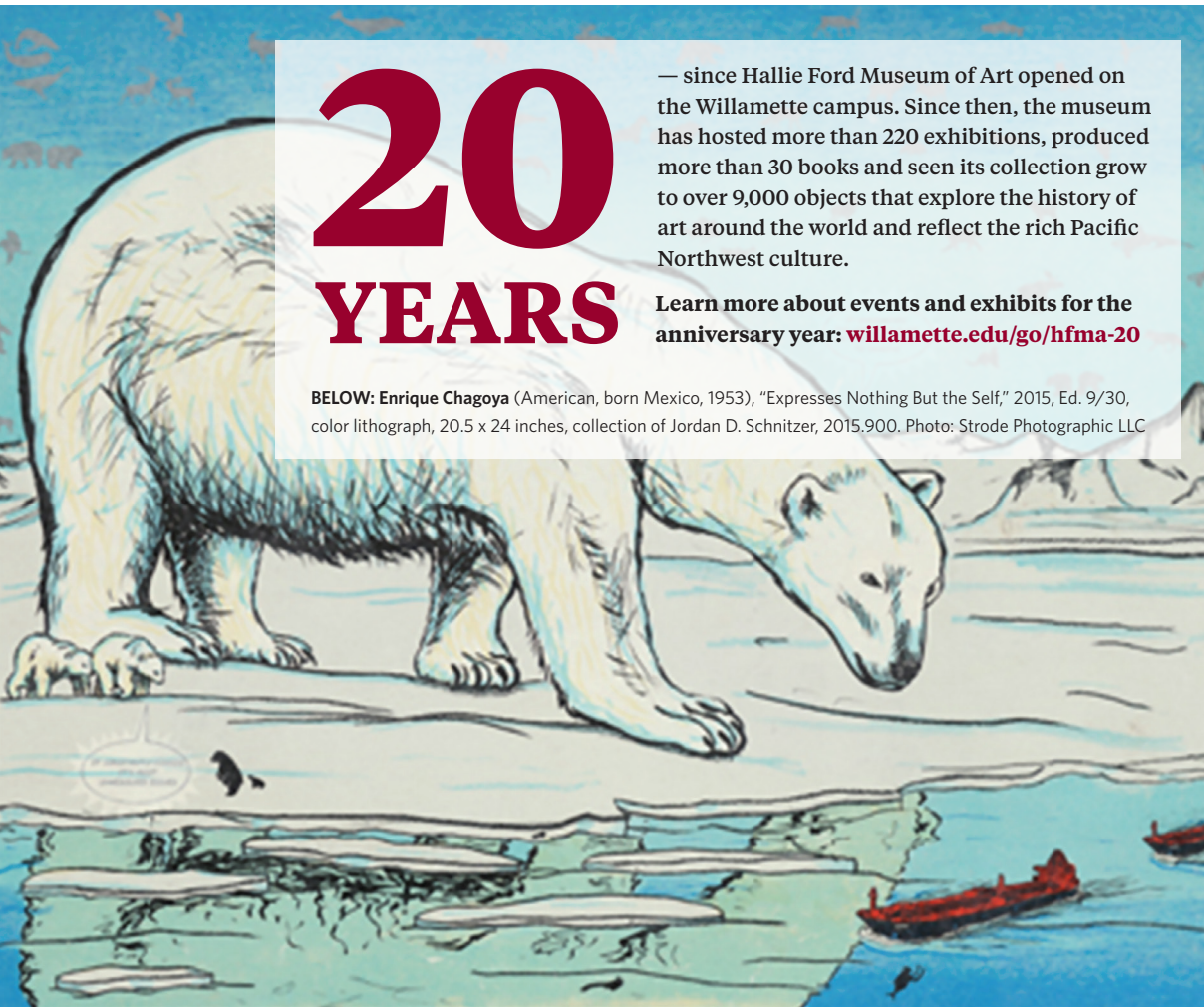
— **Curtis Bridgeman**
Dean, College of Law

20 YEARS

— since Hallie Ford Museum of Art opened on the Willamette campus. Since then, the museum has hosted more than 220 exhibitions, produced more than 30 books and seen its collection grow to over 9,000 objects that explore the history of art around the world and reflect the rich Pacific Northwest culture.

Learn more about events and exhibits for the anniversary year: willamette.edu/go/hfma-20

BELOW: Enrique Chagoya (American, born Mexico, 1953), "Expresses Nothing But the Self," 2015, Ed. 9/30, color lithograph, 20.5 x 24 inches, collection of Jordan D. Schnitzer, 2015,900. Photo: Strode Photographic LLC



Music students go 'pro'

A new chamber orchestra is the latest outcome of the renowned collaboration between Willamette faculty and students.

Hector Agüero, assistant professor of music, created Willamette Pro Musica to offer undergraduate students the rare opportunity to perform in a real-world, professional setting alongside their music professors. It joins five other instrumental performance ensembles: the University Chamber Orchestra, the Flute Ensemble, the Wind Ensemble, the Willamette Jazz Collective and the Waller String Quartet. The groups perform on- and off-campus, including on tours of the Western states.

Willamette Pro Musica played its inaugural concert at Hudson Hall in September, with works including Haydn's Symphony No. 104 in D Major "London" and Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64, featuring Professor **Daniel Rouslin** (pictured) on violin. Its 2019-20 season includes a commissioned project with composer Robert Nelson and former Oregon Poet Laureate Elizabeth Woody.



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Willamette MBA's ranking on Bloomberg Businessweek's Entrepreneurship Index

Academy students experience college life

From exploring 8th-century Chinese poetry and math theories to living in Willamette residence halls, local high-school students gained a glimpse of college life over the summer.

The nine-day residential camp run by Willamette Academy — the university's five-year college access program for students from demographic groups historically underrepresented in higher education — provides its students with high-quality educational experiences. More importantly, it also helps them see higher education as a viable part of their future.

While Willamette faculty members have volunteered at previous academy summer camps, this year marked the first time professors instead of high school teachers and community members have led all three core courses. Professors **Cecily McCaffrey**, **Josh Laison** and **David Craig** taught classes in reading and writing, math and science.





The GOOD food and drink guide

Alumni serve up satisfying fare — and solutions for social issues.

BY ERIK SCHMIDT

BE THE CHANGE

OWEN CARVER '03

Nevada

Blueberry. That's it.

The blueberry notes linger on the tip of your tongue, followed by the earthiness you'd expect of a high-quality coffee. These beans aren't quite like what you'd find at your regular cafes or stores, and that's exactly the point.

Owen Carver '03 will tell you he wasn't destined to become a coffee roaster and seller. That came after a chance experience, when a friend from Brazil asked him about importing quality Brazilian coffees to the U.S.

It was an interesting entrepreneurial idea, but Carver's imagination really took off when he considered that coffee importing and selling could be his way of making an impact in the world.

"I've always been passionate about social impact and social responsibility," he says. "Every company and retail store I see, I think of ways they can serve the planet and our society better."

As the quote goes, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Carver is utterly committed to putting those words into action. And the fruits of his labor taste really, really good.

CAFE, TRANSLATED

Despite the English implications of the name (which is Portuguese for "Coffee from Paradise"), Café do Paraíso isn't a storefront cafe in the traditional sense. It's a Las Vegas-based online retailer of whole and ground beans that Carver has converted into quite the marketing machine. Aside from promoting and selling his own beans, which have recently won several awards, he offers other socially conscious businesses the opportunity to market his beans under their own labels. This private label program capitalizes on Carver's expertise as the owner of a digital marketing and design agency called All In Web Pro.

Carver uses Café do Paraíso as an engine for social good in several key ways. First, a dollar from every pound he sells goes to charity — 50 cents to education initiatives in the community where the beans are grown, and 50 cents to local charities wherever they're sold. The company is also a member of 1% For the Planet, a global initiative comprised of organizations and

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individuals that commit to supporting environmental causes.

More than anything, Carver seeks to run the business in a way that prioritizes ethical standards across the board. He sources beans from sustainable coffee farms around the world that use organic, fair trade, Rainforest Alliance or other sustainable and ethical certifications. He also uses farms he knows maintain other ethical or sustainable practices, even if they don't carry the standard certifications.

"I want the global coffee industry to become more sustainable and offer a higher financial return to the communities where coffee is grown and sold," he says. "I also want Café do Paraíso to become a business

model for social impact, ethical supply chains, and consumer education — helping citizens who demand higher ethical standards to consciously vote with their dollars."

SINGLE ORIGIN: SALEM, OREGON

Much of Carver's personal philosophy came from his time at Willamette, which he says motivated him to help others through his chosen vocation. He also studied computer science, which gave him the ability to absorb new programming languages and write new technology applications.

He says, "My passion for changing the world through education and communication augmented by technology is a direct result of my time at Willamette."

Carver is unapologetically mission-driven, and he's confident that people can do great things for the planet and for each other. As he explains, "Any individual with an idea, a solution, a message, or a cause can now make their voice heard by millions through the internet and social media and create a movement of global change that can alter history."



A NOT-SO-GENERAL STORE

DANI CONE '98

Seattle

“In stressful times, I turn to pie.”

For Dani Cone '98, this comment reflects both a self-help technique and a business strategy.

In 2005, Cone successfully inserted herself in the Seattle market with Fuel Coffee, a celebrated coffee shop with three locations, but when the economic recession hit in 2008, she started to think she needed something fresh. High 5 Pie, her second venture, was born from this time of uncertainty.

In 2016, Cone transitioned ownership of High 5 Pie to an accountant friend who could continue to grow the business further, and set out to launch her current and most-expansive venture: Cone & Steiner general stores. With three stores in different Seattle neighborhoods, and plans for more, the project feels like the culmination of Cone's earlier work.

The stores bring together all the things that have made Cone successful in the past: Fuel-branded coffee bars, delicious baked goods, housemade specialties and wonderful assortments of locally sourced foods, staples and knickknacks — plus Cone's intuitive sense for place and community.

“Aside from getting provisions, local general stores were always the places where you'd run into each other, talk and get the news,” Cone says. “When I travel somewhere, I love going to the local store, not the big box — that's where you see who lives there, what they're eating, what they're talking about.”

REVIVAL OF A GRAND IDEA

A century ago, back when friendly general stores were the norm, Cone's great-grandfather, Sam, and his brother-in-law, Mr. Steiner, ran such a neighborhood cornerstone. As soon as Cone decided on a similar concept, she found the idea of reviving the name irresistible.

She updated a classic idea, bringing it in line with modern lifestyles but recognizing timeless needs. Completely at home in this nostalgic business model, she doesn't insert stores into neighborhoods so much



as extend the neighborhood to within her store walls.

People don't go to Cone & Steiner because they want everything. Instead, they go because they want just the right things — distinctive coffee, desserts, sandwiches and lunches, and a magical thing called Garden Toast (“locally made Sea Wolf Seeded Sourdough bread, toasted with house-made herb cream cheese, house-made tomato jam, avocado slices, micro greens and light house-made balsamic drizzle”).

In a way, the main product at Cone & Steiner isn't really food at all, but a series of less-orchestrated experiences: random run-ins with friends and neighbors, the chance to try things that stretch your palate a little bit, a space to be yourself, and a staff and community you can count on.

The original Mistery Cone and Steiner would be nodding right now, save, maybe, for the avocado toast.

“Everybody eats,” Cone likes to say. “We

“When I travel somewhere, I love going to the local store, not the big box — that's where you see who lives there, what they're eating, what they're talking about.”

give them a place to do it that makes them feel welcome. This is a place where people come together over good food and drink, where you can sit and stay for a while.”

By popular demand, Cone & Steiner is also launching new e-commerce and delivery services, which aim to provide the same small-batch food and handy local goods that have made the brick-and-mortar stores so popular.

THE WILLAMETTE NEIGHBORHOOD

Cone says she got a lot of know-how from her business economics major, but the real preparation in college came from all her other Willamette experiences: Working at the Bistro, meeting people from different backgrounds, practicing effective communication and cooperation.

“Willamette was the right place for me, in so many ways,” she says. “It really allowed me to figure out who I was and what I wanted to do.”

The “who” and “what” of that statement continue to evolve. Cone will probably keep launching new ventures — it's in her nature — but when she does, it will be in service of those old values that still hold true: community, connection, a sense of place in a hectic world. And, of course, good food and drink.



“By being willing to hire people with (criminal) backgrounds, we had access to great employees other companies were openly discriminating against.”

DAVE’S KILLER NEPHEW

SHOBI DAHL '05

Portland, Oregon

Everyone seems to know Dave’s Killer Bread, America’s best-selling organic bread — but not necessarily how it got its name.

Dave, uncle to Shobi Dahl '05, was experimenting with new bread recipes at the family bakery business shortly after his release from a 15-year prison sentence. One recipe really impressed him, so he scribbled “KILLER” on the bag he’d put it in.

Everyone agreed with his assessment, and what they had considered calling “Dave’s Bread” got more interesting.

The company’s marketing agency thought the name was terrible and advised scrapping it. Instead, the company fired the agency — and made millions of dollars with Dave’s Killer Bread.

Dahl worked for Dave’s Killer Bread, first in marketing and then as CEO, from 2005-15, when the company was sold. Even now, as he explores new ventures in the food and drink industry, he feels close to the brand — and proud of its efforts to provide people with much-needed second chances.

THOROUGH BREAD

The multi-million-dollar business began modestly in 1955, when Dahl’s grandfather opened the tiny, one-man operation Midway Bakery in southwest Portland. “He was a fantastic baker and a terrible businessman,” Dahl says. “My grandmother had an accounting degree, and she kept it moving.”

As a result, Dahl’s dad, uncles and aunt grew up working hard at the bakery, which was renamed NatureBake in 1988 when Dahl’s dad, Glenn, took over. When Dave’s Killer Bread started in 2005, the company was a top bread supplier for Trader Joe’s in the Northwest, but it hadn’t exactly rocketed to stardom in the baking world.

“After I graduated from Willamette, Dave worked on recipes and I worked on marketing and packaging,” Dahl says. “August 4, 2005, was the first day we sold a loaf of Dave’s Killer Bread, and it changed everything.”

A MISSION RISES

In fact, the new bread didn’t just improve the company’s fortunes — it profoundly altered lives. Today, Dave’s Killer Bread is known not just for the product in the bag, but also for its practice of hiring so many men and women with criminal records — just like Dave. This wasn’t a carefully plotted plan, either; it came about naturally over time, and Dahl and the

others simply embraced it.

“The family always had open hiring policies that focused on choosing the best person for the job, regardless of background,” Dahl says. “When we put Dave’s story on the back of the packaging, we just naturally got more people applying who had criminal backgrounds.

“One day we realized a third of our employees had criminal backgrounds, and we thought, ‘This is something we can talk about.’ We also realized that by being willing to hire people with these backgrounds, we had access to great employees other companies were openly discriminating against.”

According to the company, a quarter of Americans have a criminal record, which makes them 50 percent less likely to get a callback or a job offer. As a result, many are forced to resort to their previous life of crime.

At Dave’s Killer Bread, they can find work, from entry-level jobs to management positions. In addition, Dave’s Killer Bread set up a foundation to help other businesses adopt a similar approach. Its Second Chance Project also invites people to express their support or submit a personal story. Long-term, the goal is to reduce what the foundation calls “the negative effect of recidivism in America.”

Dahl has used his experience with the company to advocate for people who get shunned because of their background. He asks: “Should a person be judged entirely by the worst single thing they’ve done?”

He’s also inspired by an important business lesson he absorbed at Willamette. In his favorite course, the longstanding business simulation run by economics professor Don Negri, Dahl and his team constantly had to figure things out on their own, usually under grueling pressure.

“So, ask people you trust for help,” Dahl says. “One of the reasons we were successful at Dave’s Killer Bread was we learned not to be afraid of that.”



RESILIENCE BAKED IN

CARINA COMER MBA'15

Beaverton, Oregon

When Carina Comer MBA'15 was nine months old, a cancerous brain tumor took all of her vision in one eye and some in the other. Over the next 15 years, two more tumors appeared. Comer hit a low at age 7, during radiation treatment for her second tumor, when she sat in a Boston hospital lacking hope, friends and any sense of what would happen next.

Then came a special delivery — piles of toys, cards and clothes from a nearby elementary school.

“They didn’t know me, but word got around that I was staying there and needed encouragement,” Comer recalls. “From that moment on, I wanted to pay that forward.”

Already infatuated with the craft and traditions of baking, Comer did a bake sale for children with similar serious health problems. Unfortunately, because she was selling her baked goods from a main street, people said she was affecting traffic — her charity operation didn’t meet city codes, they protested.

So, Comer did what she always does. She worked the problem.

By making the operation mobile (she used a tricycle to make deliveries), she got rid of the traffic issue. Soon she was even traveling back to Boston — a two-hour drive from her Connecticut hometown — to take baked goods to kids in the same hospital where she had been treated.

She did this for 10 years. All told, she probably raised \$20,000.

Resilience. That’s the lesson here. It’s the lesson infused in just about everything Comer creates.

MAKING IT HAPPEN

After attending culinary school, Comer realized she needed a business foundation to go out on her own. Willamette’s MBA program, with its entrepreneurial emphasis and focus on nonprofits, seemed a natural fit.

In her second year in the program, Comer had to take a leave of absence to get her third tumor treatment. The Willamette MBA family made it work, with her peers taking notes for her or going over the lectures with her after class.



“I wanted to make a difference in a community of talented people who often go unappreciated.”

“People in the MBA learning center helped me craft an academic plan, and classmates helped make it happen,” she says. “As long as I was courageous enough to ask for help, people would do anything.”

An internship at the IKE Box coffee shop in Salem gave Comer yet another reason to go into professional baking. She loved the nonprofit side of the IKE Box — its partner organization, Isaac’s Room, provides local young people with job skills and a community they might lack elsewhere — but she noticed that the baked goods were from Costco. She approached the owner and got an internship as manager and organizer of a baking program, which provided yet another avenue for job training and practical experience.

MAKING THE MOST OF TALENT

In 2017, Comer opened Carina’s Bakery, purveyor of scrumptious treats informed by her family’s Scandinavian traditions and her own vegan focus, in Beaverton, Oregon. There’s the smörgås, which she describes as “open-faced works of art that take the place of your average sandwich,” as well as a range of snack cakes, bar cookies, Danishes, tortås (Swedish meringue-topped cakes) and more.

After working in the food industry and at IKE Box, Comer realized the need for employment of people with disabilities at her bakery. As she says, “I wanted to make a difference in a community of talented people who often go unappreciated.” It doesn’t actually take much to organize the business to meet their needs — she uses larger-print recipe cards, for example, and simply reminds people that these things take time. Most customers get it.

Still, Comer runs a business according to

the standards of an industry built for people without disabilities. Back when Carina used to use a commissary kitchen to work out her startup ideas and find her market, she lost all the proceeds brought in by a trade show by paying for the space and storage costs of the hourly rental. The system presumes that you’re fully sighted, fully mobile, and can manage the gear and preparations on your own within time constraints. Comer couldn’t. She did the event anyway.



A DIFFERENT APPROACH

“This world is far different than home baking as a hobby,” Comer notes, “a fact I discovered as soon as I moved on from peddling molasses crinkles and cardamom bread from a tricycle.”

Times aren’t always easy, and the bakery is still searching for a core audience — but Comer is making it work. She already has dreams of expansion — into a second bakery and, eventually, a non-profit focused around entrepreneurs with disabilities.

Partly, it’s her entrepreneurial spirit and specific skills she picked up at Willamette, but it also boils down to resilience and a willingness to be true to herself. As she puts it, “I just see the world a bit differently than most.”

CRAFTING A NEW BUSINESS APPROACH

COLIN SCHILLING '10, MBA'12

Seattle

If the natural, green, trendy vibe of the Pacific Northwest can be captured and contained, it's found in a Schilling Hard Cider can or bottle decorated with a bearded lumberjack, a mountaineer dangling from a cliff face or an owl wearing a colorful knitted hat.

Co-founded by Colin Schilling '10, MBA'12 in the same year he graduated from Willamette's Atkinson Graduate School of Management, the company celebrates the craftsmanship of Pacific Northwest hard cider-makers and the delicious bounty of local orchards and fields. Schilling also added another Northwest ingredient to the mix — a commitment to environmental and social sustainability.



A TASTE OF SUCCESS

Opening the company was a natural move for Schilling, who's been making his own cider since he was 14 years old. The business and entrepreneurial knowledge he gained at Willamette, especially through experiential learning in the MBA's Angel Investment class, proved invaluable in helping him launch and grow the company.

Schilling ciders are distinctive for being made from 100 percent fresh-pressed juice, locally sourced ingredients and hand-selected yeast strains. They contain no artificial colors, flavors or preservatives.

After starting with a cider house in Seattle's Fremont District, the company opened another in the "Goat Blocks" on the eastside of Portland in 2017. The Portland location boasts the world's largest number of draft craft ciders on tap. The 50 ciders include the company's own Passport, made

with pineapple and passionfruit, the rhubarb and pear-accented Lumberjack, Ascender with a tang of fresh ginger, and the spicy, chai-infused Chaider.

In addition to supporting Pacific Northwest cider makers, Schilling helps other local businesses and artists. Instead of offering food, the Seattle cider house encourages customers to bring in food from restaurants. Both the Seattle and Portland cider houses also allow artists to display their work for free, instead of having to pay a gallery fee.

CHANGE FOR GOOD

Besides its dedication to crafting good cider, Schilling is just as concerned with the container that carries the cider. That's why it was the first cider company on the West Coast to package in cans, which are far more recyclable and lightweight for shipping than bottles.

"Other companies followed our lead," says Schilling, "and now the industry-wide change has prevented the creation of countless tons of emissions and landfill waste."

Not content with incorporating environmental sustainability into its core business,



Schilling wanted to do more in terms of social sustainability. So, it created a cold brew coffee company, Street Bean Coffee, in collaboration with a successful Seattle nonprofit that provides training to help homeless youth find jobs and stable lives.

"I'm a strong believer in the concept of sustainable business," says Schilling. "Business represents the largest part of our economy, so it has the most potential for positive change." ☐

—Erik Schmidt is a freelance writer in Denver.



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THE LATEST BUZZ ON CAMPUS



Left to right: Biology lecturer Briana Lindh and students Anissa Garcia '20, Samantha Coleman '19 and Annie Jolliff '19 with the bee hotel they constructed.

A new “hotel” is causing a buzz on campus — or at least that’s what Willamette students hope.

Over the summer, Briana Lindh, senior lecturer in biology, along with students Annie Jolliff '19 and Samantha Coleman '19, built a “bee hotel” in the Martha Springer Botanical Garden. Despite the existence of some 500 bee species in Oregon and growing concern over possible population declines, little research is available on the insects that are critical to human food production and the natural environment.

The “hotel” should enable students to conduct research such as comparing the numbers of successful larvae to diseased ones, or studying different kinds of pollen to identify the plants that bees visit.

Lindh, Jolliff and Coleman have already worked together on a Science Collaborative Research Program project, “Comparing Bee Communities in Urban and Rural Environments.”

Lindh notes that bees and flowers evolved together,

which resulted in specialized relationships between bee and plant species — like an orchid that makes a wax used by male bees as a perfume to attract mates.

Lindh, who is also a plant ecologist, says bees are interesting to study because they’re “tiny, charismatic wildlife that are all around us, even in the city.” She adds, “I can do a whole safari in my yard in 15 minutes and see 10 different species.”

ATTRACTING BEES



Samantha Coleman '19 (left) and Annie Jolliff '19 pet a bee during an insect identification workshop.

BUILD A HOME

With the help of Willamette grounds manager Jim Andersen and Anissa Garcia '20, a psychology and sociology major and garden employee, Lindh and her biology students first constructed a frame for the bee hotel.

MAKE IT WELCOMING

They then filled the 4-foot-wide, 6-foot-tall structure with pieces of wood dotted with dozens of drilled holes, as well as bamboo stems of different widths to try to attract a variety of insects. Over time, various bees, particularly mason bees, should lay their eggs in the nesting holes. Parasitic wasps and beetles may also take up residence.



ENJOY THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR

Andersen is planning to add “rooms” to the hotel by incorporating cedar posts with 5/16th-inch diameter holes drilled about 3/4-inches deep — a size that mason bees seem to favor. He’ll also use elderberry twigs, another bee favorite. Although female mason bees only live a couple of months, they can pollinate thousands of plants. As Anderson notes, “Since I put up bee houses at my home, I’ve had wonderful success with my fruit trees bearing more fruit.”

B-SIDE

The Oregon Bee Atlas, a four-year initiative of the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon State University Pollinator Health Program and Oregon State Arthropod Collection, aims to complete a comprehensive survey of the insects. The project (oregonbeeproject.org/bee-atlas) trains volunteers to identify and collect records of native bees across the state.

Learn more about how to attract bees to your garden with this advice from the Xerces Society for invertebrate conservation:

willamette.edu/go/magazine-bees





Survey Says ...

Every year, a new class of undergraduate students joins the Willamette community. What are their interests, ambitions and priorities? What do they want to do at Willamette — and afterward? A survey provides interesting clues.

BY TINA OWEN

For more than five decades, new Bearcats have joined thousands of other high school graduates in completing a survey the summer before they begin their new lives as college students.

The CIRP (Cooperative Institutional Research Program) Freshman Survey, administered by the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, collects information that provides a snapshot of what students are like before they experience college.

So far, over 15 million students at over 1,900 institutions have participated in the survey. The wealth of data on student demographics and attitudinal trends provides important

information for higher education policymakers and college administrators and faculty. At Willamette, the information is used to establish a baseline and understand changing demographic trends.

Among other things, the survey examines academic preparedness, expectations of college, interactions with peers, demographic characteristics, and student values and goals. The results provide an intriguing glimpse into how students — and society — have changed over time.

Drawing on data from 1972 to 2016, the latest year with reported results, here's what the survey says about Willamette students.



Bearcats are...
ACADEMIC

When asked about the highest academic degree they intended to obtain anywhere, students demonstrated how the appeal of postgraduate degrees has grown over the years.

Master's degrees 1972 vs. 2016



PhD degrees 1972 vs. 2016



Bearcats are...
SERIOUS STUDENTS

How many incoming students say they never partied during their last year in high school?



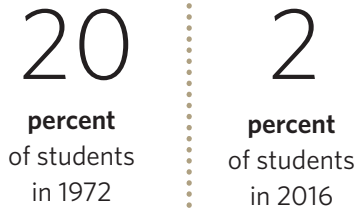
Bearcats are...
BRIGHT

The survey asks students about their average grades in high school. Over the past 50 years, an increasing number of Willamette students have achieved an average grade of A+, A or A-.

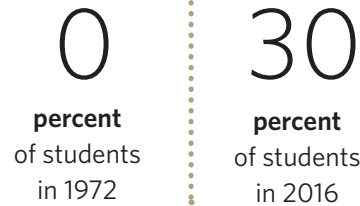
Bearcats are...
DETERMINED

In the 1970s, most students only applied for admission to one or two colleges. How times have changed.

Applied to one other college



Applied to seven to ten other colleges:



Bearcats are...
DOING GOOD

Attitudes have changed since 1990, when the survey first asked whether there was a "very good" chance students would participate in volunteer or community service while at Willamette.



Bearcats are...
AMBITIOUS

One survey question taps into the "very important" reasons that drive students to attend college.



HELP OTHERS WHO ARE
IN DIFFICULTY

78%



HELP PROMOTE
RACIAL
UNDERSTANDING

59
PERCENT

BECOME AN
AUTHORITY
IN MY FIELD

54
PERCENT



34
PERCENT



INFLUENCE
THE POLITICAL
STRUCTURE

RAISE A
FAMILY

57
PERCENT



A Snapshot of the Class of 2020

When they completed the CIRP survey as incoming first-year students in 2016, members of the Willamette class of 2020 said they considered these objectives very important or essential.

INFLUENCE
SOCIAL VALUES

54
PERCENT



50
PERCENT

OBTAIN RECOGNITION
FROM MY COLLEAGUES
FOR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO MY SPECIAL FIELD

DEVELOP A
MEANINGFUL
PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE



54
PERCENT

IMPROVE MY
UNDERSTANDING
OF OTHER
COUNTRIES AND
CULTURES

72%

The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2016

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CIRP

The American Freshman

As well as providing information about Willamette students, the results of the CIRP Freshman Survey offer a broader look at the attitudes and objectives of students entering institutions of higher education across the nation.

In “The American Freshman: National Norms Fall 2016,” staff from the Cooperative Institutional Research Program analyzed data collected from almost 140,000 first-time, full-time freshmen attending 184 four-year colleges and universities across the U.S.

FINDINGS FROM THE REPORT INCLUDE:

- With the contentious 2016 U.S. presidential election dominating the news cycle that year, the Freshman Survey revealed one of the most politically polarized cohorts of entering first-year students in the history of the survey, with a larger proportion of students placing greater importance on life goals of influencing the political structure and social values.
- The survey revealed a continued decline in how incoming freshmen rate their mental and emotional well-being.
- Based on survey findings about students’ tolerance, empathy and ability to live with others with different beliefs, the report recommended that “institutions might consider implementing or expanding activities such as intergroup dialogue in order to help students develop their ability to engage in productive conversations about their political views with peers or others who might hold dissimilar views or values.”
- The majority of incoming first-year students in 2016 expressed some level of concern about their ability to finance their college education. The report noted, “Although concerns about the cost of attending college and strategies to finance college continue to be at the forefront of students’ and parents’ minds, ... students placed less weight than previous cohorts on economic considerations when deciding whether to pursue higher education; instead, they drew their motivation for a college degree from a place of personal and intellectual development.”
- Choosing a college tends to be far more complex for freshmen who are the first in their family to attend college.
- Students don’t seem to substitute more frequent use of online social networks for in-person interactions with friends.
- Students tended to enroll in colleges located closer to home than in previous years. Almost one-fifth plan to live with parents or relatives during their first year of college.

Source: www.heri.ucla.edu/monographs/TheAmericanFreshman2016.pdf



BE VERY WELL OFF FINANCIALLY

68%



36 PERCENT **BECOME A COMMUNITY LEADER**



38 PERCENT

BECOME INVOLVED IN PROGRAMS TO CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT

ON LOCATION

Forests, prairies, fresh-pressed cider — and a grand piano.

Those were some of the diverse attractions at ZenaFest, Willamette's annual celebration of its 305-acre research and learning landscape in the Eola hills ten miles west of campus.

Some 250 students, alumni and other members of the community spent a Sunday in September exploring Zena's natural beauty and remarkable resources.

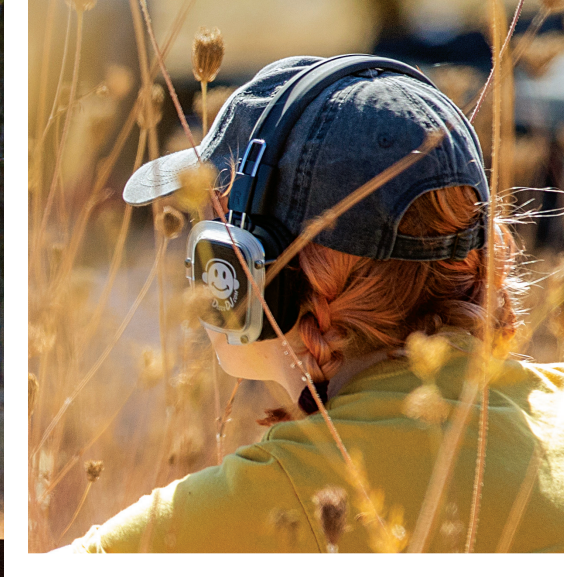


Students and faculty used colorful ribbons to create an art installation in response to the music played during two concerts at ZenaFest.



Faculty and staff members led tours showing forest and prairie restoration projects.

As part of his “In a Landscape” performances, pianist Hunter Noack played classical music on a 9-foot Steinway piano set up on an outdoor stage. Audience members could listen through wireless headphones as they strolled around Zena.



Cardinal & Gold





Throwers Saige Swan '20 and Hope Duenas '20 left their imprint on the 2018 Northwest Conference Track and Field Championships.

On the first day of the competition at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon, in April, then-sophomore Swan set a personal record on his way to winning a conference title in the men's shot put. His toss of 49' 9.25" showed an improvement of more than three feet over his previous top distance.

On the second day of the event, then-sophomore Duenas took first place in the discus with a top

distance of 136' 3", more than 10 feet further than the second-place competitor.

Duenas was fifth in Division III in the women's discus last season, with a top throw of 147' 2". She was also 50th in the country in the hammer throw at 151' 0".

Duenas and Swan were two of 14 Bearcat athletes who earned All-Northwest Conference honors for their efforts at the 2018 championships.

Baseball perseverance pays off



“Even though we were the bottom seed on paper for the NCAA Regional, we were confident that we could compete with anyone in the nation.”

— Tyler Janitz '19
Bearcat shortstop

By the time baseball Head Coach Aaron Swick got back to the team bus after a game against George Fox University this past April, almost 30 messages had appeared on his phone.

Alumni athletes, families of current players and Willamette administrators and staff couldn't wait to share their congratulations for the team's first Northwest Conference Tournament championship win and NCAA Division III Tournament appearance in 17 years. In addition to those stellar achievements, the Bearcats tied the school record for wins in a season (31) and finished the year ranked 18th in the nation.

“It was amazing,” says Swick, who was chosen by D3baseball.com as its 2018 West Region Coach of the Year. “Any time a team has success, it's not just the players; it's the

people, such as family members, alumni and university administrators, who paved the way. So, it was great to share our success with those people.”

The victories were even sweeter because of disappointment the previous year. In 2017, the team fell to Linfield College in the NWC championship game. The high-profile loss forged a determination that drove the players to persevere during the 2018 season, despite a rocky 9-11 start.

“Watching the 2017 dogpile by Linfield was visual motivation for our players,” says Swick. “Their mentality was: ‘We want that experience, we're going to work for it, and we're not going to settle for anything else.’”

Shortstop **Tyler Janitz '19** agrees, saying, “We relentlessly pursue excellence and have a passion to play the game of baseball the right way: for each other.”

Beating the odds

Still, the Bearcats headed into the 2018 NWC Tournament in Tacoma, Washington, as the third seed. For the NCAA Division III Regional in Spokane, Washington, in May, they were seeded sixth.

On the first day of the conference tournament, the Bearcats got payback over Linfield with a 6-3 win. The next day, they lost to George Fox 4-2 but won 4-2 against Pacific Lutheran University. On the final day of the tournament, they defeated George Fox twice, 11-6 and 5-3, to grab the championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Baseball Tournament.

"Even though we were the bottom seed on paper for the NCAA Regional, we were confident that we could compete with anyone in the nation," says Janitz. "We proved that with our tournament run. It was magical — the best baseball I have ever played in my life."

The Bearcats won the first two games of the NCAA Regional, beating Chapman University 10-5 and Concordia University (Texas) 13-4. Texas Lutheran University handed them a 6-1 loss the next day. On the final day, the Bearcats rallied with a 10-3 victory over University of Texas-Dallas. Then, in the championship game, Texas Lutheran University scored a run in the bottom of the 10th inning to defeat Willamette 6-5.

"Watching the 2017 dogpile by Linfield was visual motivation for our players."

— Aaron Swick
Men's baseball head coach

Planning for next year

Months later, Swick still gets goosebumps remembering how the NWC championship game went down. He keeps a video of the game on his phone and regularly replays the exciting final moments.

He ascribes his players' success to simple but critical factors: love of the game and team chemistry. "The players really enjoy coming to practice every day and competing," he says. "Plus, they enjoy each other's company and like and care for each other."

As for next season, the team already has set an ambitious goal. A photo in the team locker room depicts the Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, home of the 2019 NCAA Division III World Series. The Bearcats are already imagining their next victory dogpile. 📷

NEWS & NOTES



📌 VOLLEYBALL PLAYERS TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA

Members of the Willamette volleyball team traveled to Costa Rica this past August to play international exhibition matches, participate in community service projects and explore a new culture.

The trip was organized

by Beyond Sports Tours, which was co-founded by former Willamette athletes **Josh Erickson '07, MBA'10** and **Grant Leslie '09, MBA'10**. Head Coach **Tom Shoji** and Assistant Coach **Riley Fawcett** accompanied the players on the one-week trip.

"The best part was getting to create a strong bond with my teammates. By trying new foods and experiencing things outside of our comfort zone like zip-lining, we were able to further strengthen our team dynamics," says Willamette setter and defensive specialist **Morgan Webster '19**. "Some of the girls we played against were part of the Costa Rican national team. Competing against a high-level team helped us play to our potential."



📌 WILLAMETTE INDUCTS NEW HALL OF FAMERS

Seventeen athletes, one head coach and one team were inducted into the Willamette University Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2018 in October.

The Class of 2018 includes the men's handball squads from 1974 and 1975 that won back-to-back national titles. Individual athletes inducted were: **Gerald "Jiggs" Burnett Jr. '63** (football, baseball); **Lea Bush '90** (track and field, basketball); **Anne (Merten) Cannon '04** (soccer); **Mike Coleman '73** (basketball); **Leslie (Wilday) Deuster '86** (swimming); **Jean Fisher '79, JD'85** (tennis, badminton, golf, bowling); **Bob Hall '52** (football, track

and field); **Gerry Preston '87** (football, baseball); **Rob Roy '61** (track and field); **Nate Matlock '05** (football, track and field); **Alicia (Wright) Scanlan '96** (volleyball); **Jake Stout '04** (cross country, track and field); and **Sarah Zerzan '08** (cross country, track and field). Inducted posthumously were **Dwight Adams '33** (football, basketball, baseball); **Ed Cardinal '31** (football, basketball, baseball); and **Marv Cisneros '61** (football). **Sam Lapray '87** was inducted for meritorious service.

Skip Kenitzer (pictured), head men's and women's swimming coach, 1993-98, and co-head coach, 1998-2001, also joined the ranks of the Hall of Famers.

📌 WOMEN'S TRIATHLON TO BEGIN IN 2021

Willamette University will become the first institution in Oregon — and the ninth nationally in NCAA Division III — to add a women's varsity triathlon program.

Competition is set to start in fall 2021, with a head coach expected to be hired during the 2019-20 academic year. In triathlon races, athletes cover a 750-meter open-water swim, 20-kilometer bike ride and 5-kilometer run.

"This is a natural fit for Oregon and the Pacific Northwest," says Willamette Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Rob Passage. "We appreciate the support from USA Triathlon, which assists colleges offering triathlon as an NCAA 'Emerging Sport for Women.'"

The addition of women's triathlon will give Willamette 20 varsity sports.



Keep up with all the athletic news, rosters, game reports and schedules
wubearcats.com



Well Read

Recent works from Willamette faculty members.

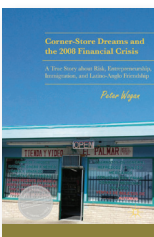
Corner-Store Dreams and the 2008 Financial Crisis

by Peter Wogan

Can a Mexican immigrant buy the business of his dreams and still survive the Great Recession of 2008?

Anthropology professor Peter Wogan answers that question as he follows Ranulfo Juárez, a longtime Oregon field worker who became a U.S. citizen, in his quest to buy a small bakery. Juárez confides to Wogan his belief in America as “a beautiful country ... a place where you can climb to the top of the mountain and nobody tells you, ‘Hey, get down off that mountain.’”

As it discovers whether Juárez’s faith in the American Dream is justified, this true story — described as “comical, subversive and inspirational” and “literary anthropology at its best” — casts a light on immigration, corporate greed and intercultural friendship.



The Moby-Dick Blues

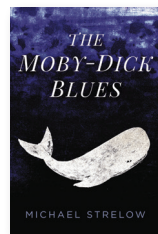
by Michael Strelow

In his latest literary novel, Professor Emeritus of English Michael Strelow imagines what would happen if an original manuscript for Herman Melville’s “Moby-Dick” resurfaced.

In his telling, the situation involves thieves, a university professor, some innocent bystanders, a retired NBA player and Arvin Kraft, the odd, lonely young man who found Melville’s work in the walls of his family’s Boston home.

The manuscript — long believed to have been destroyed — may save Kraft’s family from financial despair. But first it leads Kraft and Melville expert Professor Thorne on a coast-to-coast whodunit adventure.

Strelow’s lyrical tale offers what one reviewer describes as a “character-driven commentary on how we look at people, as well as how people see themselves.”



The Development of the American Presidency

by Richard Ellis

Politics professor Richard Ellis has updated his comprehensive and authoritative text to examine Donald Trump’s effect on the institution of the American presidency.

Tracing the presidency from the nation’s founding, Ellis provides historical perspective and political insights into how the institution has changed and evolved in relation to the public, Congress, the executive branch and the law. Essential reading both for college students and a general audience, the book, according to one reviewer, helps readers “get beyond the headlines to appreciate the nature of the office and its ever-evolving role in American politics and governance.”

This third edition, released in February, includes analysis of the role of the Electoral College in the 2016 election and explores Trump’s effective use of Twitter and social media to bypass traditional media outlets. Additional material addresses presidential pardons and the contemporary relevance of impeachment.



The Third Disestablishment

by Steven K. Green

In his latest book, Willamette University College of Law professor Steven K. Green examines the development of modern church-state separationism from a legal and cultural perspective.

Due to be published by Oxford University Press next spring, “The Third Disestablishment examines the dominant religious-cultural conflicts of the 1930s-1950s between Protestants and Catholics. It also shows how other trends and controversies — such as the impact of the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ cases of the late-1930s and early-’40s, Cold War anti-communism, the religious revival and the rise of civil religion, the advent of ecumenism and the presidential campaign of 1960 — impacted both judicial and popular attitudes toward church-state separation.

As Green argues, separation of church and state is not just a legal construct; it is embedded in American culture.





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

Alumni Notes

Alumni Reunion Weekend welcomes Bearcats back home

More than 625 alumni and guests returned home to Willamette in June to participate in 40-plus events at Alumni Reunion Weekend 2018. Attendees enjoyed faculty-led lectures, academic department receptions, a gathering of Greek alumni and students, class reunions and dinners, a casino night and the FORE Willamette golf tournament, among other signature Alumni Reunion Weekend offerings.

In a post-event survey, attendees gave the weekend high marks (3.42 average rating out of 4), with some adding that the switch this year to a June timing enhanced the experience.

“It was a great visit. I realized that even though I have changed over the years, Willamette is still home,” says Bre Stephens ’07. “The people were really what made the experience great. To see them, catch up and laugh was invigorating. I encourage everyone to come back and just enjoy. It has a great vibe being in June.”

Others noted that the June date allowed classmates to spend even more time with one another, as nearly a quarter of attendees stayed on campus in the residence halls.

“I ended up having a lot more fun than I anticipated,” says an anonymous alumnus via the survey. “I’m also glad I stayed in the dorms. Not only did it make the weekend hassle-free, but it was fun to catch up with friends in the common areas.”

For many, another major advantage was the feeling of “owning” campus for the weekend.

“It was so much fun to have campus to ourselves,” says another Bearcat. “We were not shuffled off to side event areas or worked around the students. It was fun to walk through the dorms without feeling like we were invading the current students’ space.”

According to the survey, the most popular events this year included Alumni Weekend Reunion standards such as the Half Century Club ceremony, class reunion dinners and the Alumni Awards program. Still, weekend organizers in the Office of Alumni Engagement are partnering with reunion volunteers to find more ways to continue to grow the event and bring even more Bearcats home in 2019.

“As we look toward Alumni Reunion Weekend 2019 and beyond, we will strive to create a fun weekend that connects Bearcats with their friends and classmates, offer sessions on interesting topics, provide the opportunity to meet current students and more,” says Tyler Reich ’06, associate vice president for university relations. “Our goal is to deliver programming throughout the year that matches alumni interest. Alumni Reunion Weekend is one of those signature opportunities alumni won’t want to miss.”





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.



John Baker '63



Doug Simon '63



Susan (Jones) Simon '63



Marion "Spike" Bowman '66

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

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

1957

Tricia (Gordon) Ells has retired as a licensed psychologist and as president of the Minnesota Jung Association. She continues to teach piano.

Doug Houser received the Francis Wayland Shepardson Award at Beta Theta Pi's Celebration Banquet in August. The award recognizes exemplary devotion and dedication to the fraternity.

1961

Bill Richter and **Linda (Clark) Richter '64** attended the 25th annual Kansas Dialogue in Abilene, Kansas, in August. Approximately 100 people from across the state gather each year to discuss public issues and matters of interest in a positive environment. The Richters have been attending the event since it began in 1993.

1962

Ray Blouin recorded his 15th studio album, "Oh Let It Ring," in 2017. At the age of 79, Ray is still performing live music and comedy with his wife, Joann.

Barbara (Henken) Trelstad writes: "I am well and very much engaged in life on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Politics, the Democratic variety, take up much of my time. Family is integral and health all important. Classmates, come visit."

1963

John Baker and Carol Walton '65 walked more than 75 miles from Santiago to Fisterra, Spain. They previously completed a 500-plus-mile trek from France to Santiago.

Dave Robertson is writing the score to a musical revue celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Newport Performing Arts Center. Dave is

a regular in the orchestra pit for various musical theater productions there and continues to write for professional groups, including Big Horn Brass and the Newport Symphony Orchestra.

Doug Simon finished editing the sixth edition of his textbook, "The Challenge of Politics: Introduction to Political Science," which will be published in January. Retired from Drew University, Doug continues to give public lectures on U.S. foreign policy in the northern New Jersey/New York area.

Susan (Jones) Simon is serving her third term as president of the Madison (New Jersey) Historical Society and recently concluded a term as president of the Morris Area Genealogical Society.

Jon Steiner received a Willamette University Distinguished Alumni Citation at Alumni Reunion Weekend this June in recognition of his philanthropic work. After retiring from teaching, Jon formed Water and Education Care International, a nonprofit that plans community water and education projects in Kenya. (See the article on page 1.)

1964

Ken Stewart JD'67 retired as a circuit court judge for the fifth judicial district in Clackamas County in July. He lives in Tigard, Oregon, with his wife, Pam.

1965

Laurie Osborn-Herbert moved back to Seattle from Georgetown, Texas, following the death of her husband, Maurice. Laurie writes: "I will continue making a difference in others' lives and in the lives of animals at shelters. God willing, I will meet a wonderful man as my spiritual journey continues."

1966

Spike Bowman is in his 15th year of adjunct teaching at George Washington University. A retired senior counsel to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and former national counterintelligence executive, Spike's areas of expertise include international law, national security and counterterrorism.

Larry Potts won an award at the 2017 West Coast Songwriters International Song Contest in the Americana category. He has another album of new music due out next year, as well as a memoir.

1967

Vance McFarland writes: "I completed a Bearcat beatdown of cancer and have had a miracle recovery of one year with no issues. I'm doing a daily three-mile run to re-energize. Now I'm able to reorganize the First Global Foundation for significant humanitarian projects. Go Buzzard, Go!"

Roger Weed has co-edited the fourth edition of the "Life Care Planning and Case Management Handbook," which was published in September.

1968

Craig Chastain and his wife, Kathy, are retired and have settled in Seattle to be close to their children and grandchildren.

Dennis Cole and **Susan (Cox) Cole** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 1, 2018.

1969

Sue (Fogel) Smith was named the Department of Oregon Auxiliary Member of the Year at the American Legion Auxiliary state convention this summer. She has been a member of the organization since 1955, volunteering countless hours to make life better for veterans.

1970

Chuck Bennett retired from the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators after 18 years. He's now keeping busy serving as mayor of Salem. He and his wife, Cherie, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

Becky Lowe-Warren is serving a two-year term as president of the United Methodist Women's Oregon-Idaho Conference.

1971

Bruce Botelho received an honorary doctorate of laws degree from the University of Alaska Board of Regents in May.

1973

Anne Buelteman became a homeowner in Santa Cruz, California, for the first time at age 67. When not workshoping plays or working on a fictionalized account of her years on the national tour of "Les Miserables," she enjoys spending time with family in the San Francisco Bay area.

John West performed at the 90th Academy Awards as part of the choir singing the nominated Mary J. Blige original song "Mighty River," from the film "Mudbound."

Joann Young retired from teaching in June after 42 years. She remains an active member of Willamette's Southern California Alumni Chapter and as a volunteer for her reunion committee.

1974

Gary Duell MBA'77 contributed a chapter to "Remarkable Retirement Vol. 1: Conversations with Leading Retirement Experts and Financial Advisors."

Patrick Pine MBA'76 organized an informal reunion with fellow Bearcats **Caroline (Langlais) Greger, Peter Donohoe, John Morgan, Mary Lynn (Baxter) Morgan '75, Wendy Green, Jeff Taylor '73** and **Betty Hart '76** in August at Willamette Valley Vineyards. The vineyard's owner, **Jim Bernau '75**, provided a private tasting room for the group.

Ed Whipple (Phi Delta Theta) joined fellow former Miami Triad fraternity presidents **Bob Joseph '57, LLB'63** (Sigma Chi) and **Doug Houser '57** (Beta Theta Pi) for a special reunion last December.

1975

Daniel Foster received the Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest from the American Psychological Association in August. Daniel is the director of behavioral health at



(Left to right) Caroline (Langlais) Greger '74; Peter Donohoe '74; John Morgan '74; Mary Lynn (Baxter) Morgan '75; Wendy Green '74; Jeff Taylor '73; Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76; Betty Hart '76; Mike Hart; and Eric Lassahn



Anne Buelteman '73



Craig Chastain '68

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Class Notes



David Bayless '92



Stacey Dodson '88



Monte Pescador '93 with his daughter, Freya



Stacie Yu Meisner '94, JD'97



Mary Powell '93



Layla George '96

the Rosebud Indian Health Service Hospital in Rosebud, South Dakota.

Judi Ranton retired from the City of Portland Water Bureau in 2017 after 30 years. She still works part-time, preparing income taxes.

1977

Jose Fernandez retired in January after 40 years as a counselor and professor at Palomar College, Portland Community College, Chemeketa Community College and Lewis & Clark College.

1978

Mike Turner MM'88 is a tax referee for the Washington State Board of Tax Appeals.

1979

Ron Jordan was profiled in the Network Journal for his work promoting diversity in the law profession and helping to place attorneys of color in law firms across the country.

Yolanda (Mitchell) West is a professional singer, specializing in baroque and classical repertoire. She is part of a duo named Les Deux Voix, two sopranos performing opera, musical theater, spirituals and gospel.

1980

Cynthia Pemberton was named the 16th president of Lewis-Clark State College by the Idaho State Board of Education in April.

1981

Julie Tippens and John Steele were married in September 2016. **Lori Boshears** served as bridesmaid and **Carol Marquis '80** flew in from London for the celebration. Julie and John honeymooned at Iguazu Falls on the border of Brazil and Argentina.

Kerry Tymchuk JD'84, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society, was named the 2018 Statesman of the Year by Oregon Business & Industry

1983

Carrie (Burrill) Foshee published "Kringle Cat Gets Lost Under the Sea," her fourth book in her Kringle Cat Gets Lost series. Written in both English and Spanish, the series introduces kids to different places around the world.

Jodee Jackson JD'07 was recently promoted to senior deputy district attorney of Douglas County, Oregon.

1984

Cindy Peterson-Peart was recently named Northwest division director for the Music Teachers National Association, representing the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska on the MTNA board for two years. A nationally certified music teacher, she maintains a private piano studio in Beaverton, Oregon.

1987

Sue (Lundy) Green is choir director (grades 6-12) for the Crook County School District in Prineville, Oregon. Sue adds: "My husband, Jonathan, and I have a spare bedroom if any Bearcat friends need a place to stay while they are in the area!"

1988

Eric DeWeese published his first novel, "Rally to the Stars!" The story centers on an extended family as they confront the question of whether space colonization offers the only escape from a dying planet Earth.

Stacey Dodson was appointed to the Portland, Oregon, branch board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. She serves as market president of Portland and Southwest Washington at U.S. Bank.

1989

Joel Auguee JD'92 published "The Life of Umberto Cavallo and Other Matters," a novel about an immigrant's struggles. Last spring, the novel was featured on a billboard in New York City's Times Square. Joel writes: "I am grateful for the wonderful writing teachers that I had at Willamette,

including Adele Birnbaum, Richard Lord and Katherine Dunn. I am also grateful for the writing instructor, Bill Masters, I had as a first-year law student."

Alan Harper and his family returned to Oregon after visiting 41 countries over the past 18 months. Alan says, "The kids are actually thrilled to be returning to school, but everyone misses the daily adventures of life on the road."

1992

David Bayless is a sales associate with Olympic Hot Tub in Seattle.

1993

Monte Pescador and his wife, Rebecca, adopted a daughter, Freya. Monte completed his master in divinity degree from Grand Canyon University.

Mary Powell was selected to the Northern California Super Lawyers 2018 list. She currently practices with Trucker Huss in San Francisco.

1994

Anastasia "Stacie" Yu Meisner JD'97 was approved by the Oregon Supreme Court to serve as judge pro tempore in the circuit court for the state of Oregon. She also serves in the probate department of the Washington County Circuit Court and as a private attorney with Samuels Yoelin Kantor LLP.

Seth Schaefer is president and CEO of Rivermark Community Credit Union in Beaverton, Oregon. He succeeded **Scott Burgess '80**, who retired this summer.

Adam Stennett, a New York artist, had a solo exhibition of 19 new paintings at Gallery Poulsen in Copenhagen, Denmark, this summer.

1995

Pete Goertzen is commander of a Civil Air Patrol squadron in Henderson, Nevada. Pete has been volunteering with CAP, an organization committed to aerospace education and youth leadership development, for over 25 years. He is also a pilot for Southwest Airlines based in Las Vegas.



Sophia and Josephine Hill, daughters of Jessica Patterson-Hill '97 and Daniel Hill '97

Laura Matsumoto, a professor at Glendale Community College in California, received the William L. Parker Exceptional Service Award in 2017 for her work in teaching, coaching and student service.

Darren Nichols is executive director of the Great Lakes Commission, an organization that aims to protect and enhance the region's economic prosperity and environmental health.

1996

Layla George graduated from Vanderbilt University with her MBA in May, shortly after taking a new position with Olmsted Parks Conservancy as president and CEO. Layla lives in Louisville, Kentucky, with her husband, Mike, and their children.

1997

Tiffany (Ellis) Campbell is a global principal scientist in pharmacovigilance and risk management at Sunovion Pharmaceuticals Inc.

To **Jessica Patterson-Hill** and **Daniel Hill**, a daughter, Josephine, born in February 2018. She joins big sister Sophia.



Julie Tippens '81 with her husband, John



Yolanda (Mitchell) West '79



Laura Matsumoto '95

Playwright champions common ground in controversial topics



At a time when sociopolitical issues like climate change and gun ownership divide Americans, the work of playwright **E.M. (Ellen) Lewis '94** is more relevant than ever.

Lewis is an award-winning playwright, teacher and librettist whose first-full length play, “Song of Extinction,” attracted the national spotlight in 2008. Her other plays, which have appeared in festivals and at theaters worldwide, often contain a common theme — characters devastated by a social or personal challenge must figure out how to move on with determination, community, humor and hope.

In “The Gun Show,” which ran at Willamette in December 2017, a male actor portraying Lewis reenacts real experiences she’s had — a robbery, shooting guns with her boyfriend for fun — that encompass the emotional nuance behind the national debate over firearms. During an opera Lewis recently co-created called “Town Hall,” slated to be performed at Willamette next year, a small-town librarian takes over a public event about healthcare.

Audiences are hooked on her work. Since its 2014 debut, “The Gun Show” has had more than 25 productions, with more to come in Montana, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, Lewis says, the subject doesn’t stop being topical.

“I think the anger is only increasing,” she says. “We need to do something, but what?”

Set in 1986, Lewis’s play “Magellanica” is an ambitious, five-and-a-half-hour performance about the discovery of a hole in the ozone layer

over Antarctica. After it premiered in January 2018 at the Artists Repertory Theatre in Portland, with costumes designed by Willamette theatre professor Bobby Brewer-Wallin, the play drew widespread praise. Media outlets including The New Yorker lauded Lewis for using the zeitgeist of the period to echo today’s concerns about climate change.

Lewis spent eight years creating “Magellanica,” amassing three shelves’ worth of books about climate change, the Cold War and Antarctica. Writing took its toll — at one point, she was frustrated because the characters were too complex (“Never write people who are smarter than you into your play,” she jokes). Yet even during the most challenging creative struggles, she found joy.

“Writers have deep emotional and internal reasons why we need to tell stories,” she says. “Stories erupt out of me — I’m always thinking in terms of dialogue and character.”

Lewis hasn’t always been this way. After high school, the Oregon native considered a career as a nurse or teacher, then attended a few other colleges before arriving at Willamette. She’d enjoyed creative writing, but didn’t understand that a person could make a career out of it. College — and particularly her time at Willamette — proved to be a revelation.

She says, “The writing and critical thinking we did at Willamette was absolutely fundamental to me as a playwright.”

Lewis was also stirred by Willamette’s motto, “Not unto ourselves alone are we born.” Social responsibility is important to her as an artist and human being, and it’s a theme found in her newest play, “The Great Divide,” which was inspired by the 2016 occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in eastern Oregon. Like “The Gun Show,” the play encourages people to start conversations with others, Lewis says — nobody’s talking right now, and that’s not working.

“We’re all in this together,” she says, “and we have more in common than what separates us.”

Liz Stallard, a partner with the Downey Brand law firm, was appointed president of the board of trustees for the Sacramento (California) Zoological Society. She was also named a 2018 Top Lawyer by Sacramento Magazine.

1998

Paul Getzel is executive director at the Seattle-based Foundation for Healthy Generations.

Lisa Lambert and Philip de Vellis were married June 30, 2018, at President Lincoln’s Cottage in Washington, D.C. Lisa works as a correspondent for Reuters.

Jennifer (Brothers) Stephens and her husband, Steve, opened Krewe du Soul, a Creole restaurant in the Willamette Heritage Center in Salem. Jen says, “We are excited to take on this new adventure and hope to see students, faculty and alumni frequent our establishment!”

1999

Laura Cromwell was appointed by Oregon Gov. Kate Brown to the Jackson County Circuit Court in August.

Ryan DeJana was recently appointed to a senior technical staff member position at IBM, in recognition of his sustained technical achievement, innovation and business impact.

Michelle Bailat-Jones published her second novel, “Unfurled,” in October. Her first novel, “Fog Island Mountains,” won the Christopher Doheny Award from The Center for Fiction.

Traci Roberts-Camps published “Latin American Women Filmmakers: Social and Cultural Perspectives.” Traci is a professor of Latin American literature and film at the University of the Pacific.

2000

To **Kindra (Molin) Englund** and her husband, Chris, a son, Crosby James, born Dec. 20, 2017. Crosby joins brothers Rory Thomas and Felix Steven.

Kelly Jabbusch received tenure and was promoted to associate professor of mathematics at University of Michigan, Dearborn.

Her primary research area is in algebraic geometry.

Adam Schmidt MBA'01 was named to the 2018 class of Portland Business Journal's Forty Under 40. Adam is executive vice president of sale and marketing at Leyard and Planar, a manufacturer of digital display and visualization products based in Hillsboro, Oregon.

2001

To **Nicole Lindquist** and David Panush, a son, Jake Samson Lindquist Panush, born March 8, 2018. Jake joins big sister Rose.

To **Celeste (McKnight) Rizzo** and Marc Rizzo, a son, Simeon Baldwin Rizzo, born in May 2018.

2002

Beth Gilmore co-founded Children's Legal Services of San Diego, a nonprofit that provides legal representation for all 3,000-plus foster youth in San Diego County.

2003

To **Jesi (Pederson) Bromley-White MAT'04** and her husband, Nolan, a daughter, Vivian Jane, born July 15, 2018. She joins siblings Evelyn and Isaac.

Leandro Gonzales was elected emperor of the Imperial Council of San Francisco, a nonprofit that organizes and hosts a variety of entertainment and educational events to support causes around diversity. Leandro represented the organization as emperor at events in San Francisco and Salem this year.

Chris Jernstrom and **Sonja (Dorrance) Jernstrom** spent the past year driving from Alaska to Argentina with their two children. They recently launched Ironstream Capital, an investment management firm focusing on companies that demonstrate sustainable environmental and social practices.



Jennifer Stephens '98 and her husband, Steve



Paul Getzel '98



Kelly Jabbusch '00



Rory, Crosby and Felix, sons of Kindra (Molin) Englund '00



Lisa Lambert '98 and her husband, Philip



Chris Jernstrom '03, Sonja (Dorrance) Jernstrom '03 and their children



Celeste (McKnight) Rizzo '01 with husband, Marc; daughter, Bianca; and newborn son, Simeon Baldwin Rizzo

Class Notes



Mariel Alene Lindgren, daughter of Diana Symons '04



Lillian Meredith Mooers, daughter of Kari (Holbert) Mooers '04, MBA'05



William Benjamin Johansen, son of Lea (Laffoon) Johansen '05



Nathan Love '05

Devin McComb joined Perkins Coie's Seattle office as a partner in real estate and land use practice.

Aleta (Burchyski) Ward is associate managing editor of Outside magazine.

Geoff Winkler JD'06, MBA'08 joined Alvarez and Marsal as a managing director of its disputes and investigations practice in Los Angeles.

2004

Jenna Ciralli received the Best Performance of Fest award from the Actors Awards in April for her performance in the 2017 short film "Willow Creek Road." Jenna is an actor, producer and writer in New York City.

Jessica Ford graduated from the University of Hawaii College of Education with a master's of education degree in May. Her former roommate at WU, **Tonya Karp**, attended the graduation ceremony.

To **Kari (Holbert) Mooers MBA'05** and Houston Mooers, a daughter, Lillian Meredith Mooers, born Feb. 23, 2018.

To **Diana Symons** and Carl Lindgren, a daughter, Mariel Alene Lindgren, born Feb. 8, 2018, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

2005

To **Michelle (Therault) Boots** and **Kevin Boots**, a son, Luke Tomas Boots, born Nov. 11, 2017. He joins sisters Elsa and Rosalie.



Jessica Ford '04 with Tonya Karp '04



Anna Haley '06, MAT'11 and Kenneth Solanky



Henry Maximus James Robinson, son of Michael Robinson '05, MBA'07 and Melissa (Dean) Robinson '07



Asher James Gossen, son of Rianne (Stephens) Gossen '05



Lesley Lavery '05

Cassandra Farrin is managing editor of Amberjack Publishing, a traditional press based in Boise, Idaho.

To **Rianne (Stephens) Gossen** and Michael Gossen, a son, Asher James, born March 14, 2018.

To **Lea (Laffoon) Johansen** and Ben Johansen, a son, William Benjamin Johansen, born Sept. 16, 2017.

Lesley Lavery, a political science professor at Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, was granted tenure.

Nathan Love MBA'06 joined Coinme, the Seattle-based startup founded by **Neil Bergquist '09, MBA'10**, as head of the crypto advisory, retail sales team.

To **Brian Mansfield** and his wife, Monica, a son, Alexavier Josef Hofmann Mansfield, born Aug. 21, 2018.

To **Michael Robinson MBA'07** and **Melissa (Dean) Robinson '07**, a son, Henry Maximus James Robinson, born April 19, 2018.

Craig Webster '05 and Jamie Matson were married June 16, 2018, in Saugerties, New York. Craig received a Canada Council for the Arts grant to produce his debut feature film, "The Woman in the Cabinet."

2006

Brian Best JD'11 joined the law firm of Olsen Barton LLC in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Anna Haley MAT'11 and Kenneth Solanky were married Dec. 22, 2017, at the Deepwood Estate in Salem. Alumni in attendance included **Katie (Bechtel) Reich '06** and **Lindsey Patterson '06**.

Josef Uyeda is an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the Virginia Tech College of Science.

Chelsea Wessels is an assistant professor in the Department of Literature and Language at East Tennessee State University, where she also co-directs the film studies program.

Park ranger protects Oregon's stunning places

A workday for Nick Schoeppner '11 might go something like this: use a chainsaw to remove hazardous trees, respond to a domestic dispute, clean the windows on a lighthouse tower.

All of these varied activities take place against the backdrop of Oregon's spectacular forests and coastline, as Schoeppner is a park manager at Bullards Beach State Park, near Bandon in the southern part of the state.

"There's no such thing as a typical day. Oregon State Park rangers don't specialize in one particular field, which means I've had an opportunity to play a role in all aspects of park operations," Schoeppner says. "We oversee our own water and wastewater facilities, construct and repair structures, maintain trails and patrol beaches. At Bullards Beach we operate a 206-site campground and provide interpretation and outreach to park visitors."

As park manager, Schoeppner is also responsible for budget, planning, community relations and staff development. He adds with a laugh, "I do spend some time cleaning restrooms as well, just to keep it real."

He's come a long way from when he started as a volunteer at L.L. Stub Stewart State Park near Buxton, northwest of Portland, in 2011. The next year, he was hired as a summer seasonal assistant at Cape Lookout State Park, on the coast near Tillamook. In 2013 came a full-time job as a park ranger at Bullards Beach, where he worked his way up to the manager role.

A political science major and environmental science and economics minor at Willamette, Schoeppner was inspired by the community spirit of faculty and fellow students to think about a career in public service. Then he took a class that spurred his interest in the recreation field. As part of the "Forest Ecology and Policy" course taught by professors Joe Bowersox and Karen Arabas, students participated in a two-week field tour and met a variety of natural resource managers.

"I saw how they were working on the front lines of balancing resource conservation with development and recreation," says Schoeppner, "and that challenge of working towards seemingly conflicting goals stood out to me."

Schoeppner also credits his double major with helping him thrive in his career. "My senior thesis looked at the effectiveness of collaborative decision-making processes in natural resource management," he says. "I had the opportunity to cross over between the political science and environmental science departments while



working on my thesis, and that flexibility and the ability to look at an issue through differing lenses has allowed me to be effective in my current role."

In addition to enjoying the variety of his job, Schoeppner particularly appreciates the camaraderie shared with his crew. "The unique nature of work as a park ranger and the many responsibilities that come along with it result in a shared bond and sense of humor. I look forward to coming into work every day," he says. "The ability to play a role in providing park visitors the opportunity to recreate and engage with outstanding places — and through that process develop a deeper relationship with their self, each other and their environment — is also pretty fantastic."

Schoeppner finds it difficult to pick a favorite from all the Oregon state parks he's worked at and visited. But he admits one location holds a special place in his heart. "Probably one of the most significant places to me would be the sea cliffs just north of Shore Acres, overlooking the Cape Arago lighthouse," he says. "That's where I proposed to my wife, Chelsea."



Paige Cudworth '07 and her husband, Joe



Caitlin Rathe '10, her husband, David, and their dog, Finch



Jessica (Cook) Westgate '09 and her husband, Ian



Lindsey (Ross) Heathcock '09 and Daniel Heathcock '09 with daughter, Naomi Ella

2007

Paige Cudworth and Joe Casabona were married July 27, 2018, at Washington Park in Denver.

To **Jacquelyn Dunn**, a daughter, Evelyn Jean, born in 2018.

Mikey Inouye shot and directed a political advertisement for Kaniela Ing, a candidate for Hawaii state representative in District 1.

2008

Matt Alex MBA'12 and Josh Peters-McBride were married July 21, 2018, in Alberton, Montana. Bearcats in the wedding party included **Allie Wils JD'13** and **Jenny (Kirkman) Newlon '06**. **Paul Eldred '10** served as officiant.

Bret Gorham completed medical school at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences and started residency in emergency medicine this fall in Palm Springs, California.

To **Joshua Lee MAT'09** and wife, Linn, a daughter, Neva Elaine Lee, born March 28, 2018. Neva was born in the Lees' recently renovated home, which was featured on season five of HGTV's "Fixer Upper."

Luke May is a siting analyst in the Oregon Department of Energy's Facility Siting Division, which oversees the review of and decision-making for most of the state's large-scale energy facilities and infrastructure..

2009

Marissa (Richards) Brotherton is a mathematics teacher at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas.

Katherine D'Zmura and **Paul Friedman '07** were married April 28, 2018, at the Daughters of the American Revolution Headquarters in Washington, D.C. **Sarah Lydecker '10** and **Thomas Considine '06** were in the bridal party. Katherine and Paul met at Willamette in 2006 and serve as co-presidents of the D.C. Chapter of the Willamette University Alumni Association.

To **Colin Gardiner** and his wife, Justinia, a boy, Huck Stewart Gardiner, born in 2018. Colin and his family live in Austin, Texas, where

Colin is chief revenue officer for Outdoorsy, a peer-to-peer RV and camper rental company.

To **Lindsey (Ross) Heathcock** and **Daniel Heathcock**, a daughter, Naomi Ella, born May 11, 2018. Shortly after her birth, the couple moved to Oahu, Hawaii, for Lindsey to complete her residency in pediatrics. Daniel is a stay-at-home dad and clinical social worker.

Reyna Lopez is executive director of Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), the largest Latino union in Oregon.

Kaeli Swift received her doctor of philosophy from the University of Washington, where she researched crow death behaviors.

Jessica (Cook) Westgate and her husband, Ian, took a career break to travel, exploring 18 countries in Europe and Southeast Asia.

2010

Rachael (Peterson) Dunnell MAT'11 and Josh Dunnell were married July 7, 2018, in Silverton, Oregon. Paul Eldred officiated the ceremony and **Carolyn (Much) Reil** was a bridesmaid. Other alumnati in attendance were **Ryan Moothart**, **Thea Christensen**, **Chelsea McLennan-West** and **Scott Reil '11**.

Paul Eldred was ordained as a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in April. The following day, he was installed as pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Washington.

Robert Frazier joined a new online teaching startup as a business development manager in April.

To **Emily (Wigington) Matthews** and Ed Matthews, a son, James Anthony Matthews, born June 20, 2018.

Alyssa Morrison and Trenton Corvino were married Oct. 14, 2017, in Anacortes, Washington. Attendees included Alyssa's grandfather, **Jim Morrison '51**; father and mother, **Ken Morrison '73** and **Jenni (Raies) Morrison '74**; cousin, **Ken Kilbreath '88**; and bridal party members **Heather Brockett**, **Alaine Anderson '09**, **Rachel Shahbaz**, **Bryan Valera-Gengler** and **Jamie Slonaker '11**. Alyssa and Trenton are competition

managers at the U.S. Tennis Association, Pacific Northwest Division in Portland, Oregon.

James Perez received his master of science degree in sport psychology this spring. Soon after, James landed a job at Fresno State University as the top assistant strength and conditioning coach for its football program. James and his wife, Natalie, celebrated their first wedding anniversary this year.

Caitlin Rathe and David Baillargeon were married July 29, 2018, in Issaquah, Washington.

Tara McLaughlan '09 officiated the ceremony and **Alexandra Ninneman** was a member of the bridal party. The couple lives in Nottingham, United Kingdom.



James Perez '10 and his wife, Natalie



Rachael (Peterson) Dunnell '10, MAT'11 and her husband, Josh



Katherine D'Zmura '09 and Paul Friedman '07

2011

Kaeley Pruitt-Hamm, a singer-songwriter, released an EP titled "Hi From Pillows" in 2017. Her music tackles social and political issues such as healthcare, detailing her own experience with Lyme disease and the struggle to pay for necessary medical care.

Chi Nguyen MBA'12 is interim executive director of the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, an organization that works for social justice for Asians and Pacific Islanders.

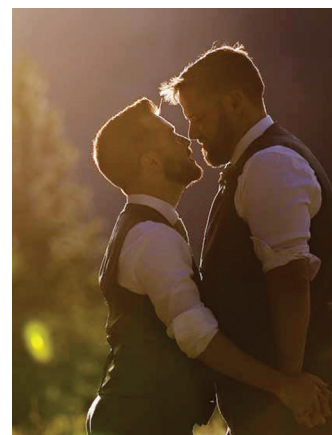
Emily Robinson graduated with a master's degree in public health from San Jose State University.



Emily Robinson '11



Robert Frazier '10



Matt Alex '08, MBA'12 (left) and husband, Josh (right)

2012

Reid Beirsto co-founded a small cocktail bitters company, Bitter Revival Co., LLC, in Dallas, Texas.

Elena Crecelius graduated from medical school in May and started pediatric residency in Hawaii. In June, she was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army and got married.

To **Heidi (Hall) McNamara** and Colin McNamara, a son, Cormac McNamara, born May 9, 2017.

Tori (Pagel) Scholl graduated from Portland State University in June with a master's degree in health administration and started working as a project assistant at HealthInsight in Portland, Oregon.



Cormac McNamara, son of Heidi (Hall) McNamara '12



James Anthony Matthews, son of Emily (Wigington) Matthews '10



Neva Elaine Lee, daughter of Joshua Lee '08, MAT'09



Alina (Vaynberg) Moore MBA'11 and Chris Moore JD'11 with their daughter, Odessa



Courtney Galli '13



Bobby Powers MBA'11



Joseph Harman Jr. '14 and Lizzy Balding '14



Gina Reynolds MBA'98



Scott Weaver MBA'10

Dylan Summers is director of government affairs and compliance for Lazarus Naturals, a maker of CBD products he helped launch. His daughter, Rose Joyce Summers, was born Aug. 19, 2018.

2013

Courtney Galli is director of Sierra School of Sonoma County, a special education school for students with academic and behavioral challenges.

Georgia Stanley, an animator for NAVEX Global in Lake Oswego, Oregon, illustrated her first two children's books, "The Phantom of New York: Volume I - Peter and the Crown," and "The Phantom of New York: Volume II - The Sword and the Circus," by A.L. Janney. The books are part of a superhero adventure series.

2014

Lizzy Balding and **Joseph Harman Jr.** were married July 21, 2018, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

James DeLappe joined Seattle Children's Research Institute, where he plans and implements clinical trials for the treatment of rare genetic diseases in its Center for Integrative Brain Research.

Ryan Hall operates his own employment agency, Vanguard Employment Services, in Portland, Oregon. The agency serves people, such as immigrants, ex-felons and developmentally disabled individuals, who face additional challenges in finding employment.

Kit Walling graduated from Portland State University in August with a master's degree in finance.

2015

To **Jon Heynen** and **Isabel Heynen**, a boy, Dominic, born in April 2018.

Katie Kalugin graduated from Northeastern University with a master of public policy degree. She adds: "Being on a big campus always reminded me of how privileged I was to attend a small, accessible university like Willamette. Go Bearcats!"

John Kingsley graduated from Stanford University with a master's of science degree in statistics.

Kevin Liebson MBA'17 is finance and operations manager at the Catalina Island Museum. He lives in Avalon, California, on Catalina Island, where he gets to meet interesting characters like Ambassador of Americana Charles Phoenix.

Arielle (Chasteen) Sazima and **Matt Sazima '14** were married July 8, 2018. They studied music together at Willamette and were married by mentor, friend and longtime WU choir director Wallace Long. The wedding party included **Harris Long '14**, **Sean Edging '14**, **Becca Doyle '14**, **Jarrett Tracy**, **Grace Graham '18**, and **Collyn Johnson '17**. Matt is director of Hoffman Academy in Portland, Oregon, and Arielle is choir director at Mountain View Middle School in Beaverton.

Lauren Travis received her master's in public affairs degree from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs in Bloomington, Indiana.

2016

Ethan Coffey, is product manager of team-based solutions at Hawk-Eye Innovations.

Joseph Good graduated from the dual-degree program in international affairs from Peking University and the London School of Economics, and started work as the communications director to the UNESCO special envoy for peace and reconciliation.

Aubrey Means recently started graduate school at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey in California, where she is pursuing a master's degree in nonproliferation and terrorism studies with a focus in Arabic.

Jessica Munoz graduated from the University of Mississippi with a master's of arts in teaching through the Mississippi Teacher Corps program. Upon her graduation, she became the third recipient of the Andrew P. Mullins Jr. Mississippi Teacher Corps Alumni Scholarship. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Spanish this fall at Ole Miss, where she will also teach undergraduate Spanish courses.

2017

Ariadne Wolf, published an essay in the Darkhouse Books anthology "Sanctuary," in which international writers address themes of immigration, citizenship, refugee status and home.

2018

Michael Chen, is teaching Prathom 1-6 (equivalent to 1st through 6th grade) at Anuban Hang Chat School in Hang Chat, Lampang, Thailand, via the Teach Thailand Corps program. Being a graduate of Willamette enabled him to secure a scholarship to cover his travel expenses.

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1983

Geoff Guilfoy, retired after teaching part-time as an executive professor at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management for 29 years. Geoff says, "It was certainly an honor to be part of Willamette for so many years full of great memories and great students."

1984

Bobbie Conner, director of the Tamástsiht Cultural Institute in Pendleton, Oregon, was elected to the Oregon Community Foundation's Board of Directors in May.

1994

Eric Forrest, co-president of Bigfoot Beverages, was named to the board of directors of the Ford Family Foundation.

1996

Wade Larson published his first book, "Doing HR Better," at the start of a very busy year of conference speaking, including at the national Society for Human Resource Management conference in Chicago.



David Brian Dittman MAT'12 and family

1998

Gina (Adams) Reynolds, business process excellence manager for Eastman Chemical Company's specialty plastics division, received Six Sigma Black Belt certification. She also serves as part of Eastman's global corporate training faculty for the company's marketing and sales groups.

2001

Chad Fife, is vice president of global marketing for PSI Services, overseeing a team in four countries.

2005

Allen Xiao, head of risk for Aviva Investors' North America region, recently earned fellow of CSI designation, the higher honor and most senior credential in Canadian financial services.

2010

Scott Weaver launched a new podcast called "Arise 2 Live" for business owners and freelancers with families. He thanks AGSM for giving him the entrepreneurial know-how to make this happen.

2011

To **Alina (Vaynberg) Moore** and **Chris Moore JD'11**, a daughter, Odessa (Odie) Moore, born Dec. 9, 2017.

Bobby Powers is head of learning and development at Gravity Payments, where he created a leadership development training program and revised the employee onboarding process.

2012

Linda Flamenco is director of human resources for Salem-based nonprofit relief nursery Family Building Blocks.

LaToya Kamara is merchandising director of women's and kids apparel for Nike's Jordan brand. She is also the founder of Rose Gold, a women's collective that helps to engage and inspire women in the Portland, Oregon, area.

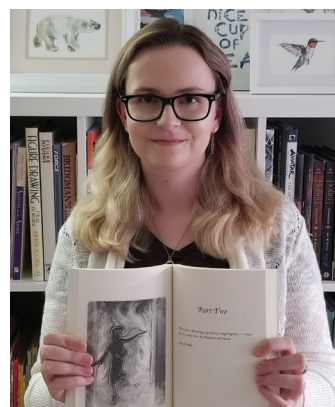
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

2012

David Brian Dittman celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary this year.



Wade Larson MBA'96



Georgia Stanley '13



LaToya Kamara MBA'12



Chad Fife MBA'01

ALUMNI NEWS



The power of alumni connections

When she started her search for a new career, **Kate Steffy '17** tried the usual job sites without luck. Fortunately, she learned of Willamette's free online community platform Switchboard — and tapped into the power of alumni connections.

Steffy was initially skeptical about Switchboard's usefulness as a career resource, as some of the posts by alumni, students and other members of the Willamette community relate to housing, volunteer work and items for sale. Yet, although Steffy didn't realize it at the time, a large number of the site's more than 2,500 users share job listings for a variety of careers both in Salem and Portland and farther afield, such as in California, Arizona or New York.

As she scrolled through the site, Steffy found a post by **Kayley Abrams '15** about a job at the Commonwealth Club of California, the nation's oldest and largest bi-partisan public affairs forum. With a bachelor's degree in civic communication and media, Steffy wanted to work for a civic-minded organization. The Commonwealth Club's development coordinator position, which plans fundraising events to bring a broad swath of people together around topics across

politics, culture and society, seemed an ideal match.

After messaging Abrams through Switchboard, Steffy quickly received a response. Abrams, who had recently vacated the position, offered to forward Steffy's resume to her former boss. It wasn't long before Steffy landed an interview, and then, the job.

"On the evening I received the news I got the position, I was elated," Steffy says. "I contacted Kayley to thank her, as I firmly believe, without her help, I wouldn't be at the Commonwealth Club today. We still chat every once in a while and exchange ideas. Kayley is an amazingly gracious and generous individual."

Although the two alumnae overlapped in their time as students at Willamette, they hadn't met in person until this past spring, when they both happened to be back in Salem. Steffy appreciates that Switchboard made that connection possible.

"Willamette's sense of community shines through on campus, but once you're away from daily interactions with Bearcats, it's harder to make those connections," Steffy says. "I am grateful my university values and provides a space for alumni to connect and network."

To learn more about WU's Switchboard, visit willamette.switchboardhq.com.



ALUMNI EVENTS

Willamette may be coming to a city near you in early 2019! Visit willamette.edu/alumni/activities/events to learn more and see the complete listing of on and off-campus events.

In Memoriam

Oscar H. Specht '39 Oct. 18, 1916 – Mar. 5, 2018

Oscar Henry Specht was raised in Silverton, Oregon. He played basketball at Willamette and graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Assigned to the Air Transport Command during World War II, Oscar became a pilot and earned the rank of major. After the war, Oscar and his wife, Bootsie, settled in Salem, where he worked for Mutual of New York Life Insurance for 55 years. Survivors include his children, Susan, Gregory and Rebecca; and nephew, **Mark Mulder '67**.

Mary (Barker) Chapin '42 May 10, 1921 – May 10, 2018

Mary Chapin was born in Salem. At Willamette, she earned a bachelor's degree in English and met her husband, **Jack Chapin '43**. She taught English at Dallas High School in Oregon, but after Jack started a farming business, she left teaching to help with his business and raise their four children. Mary also served as a secretary for the Clear Lake School District and was active in several community groups, committees and programs. Jack predeceased Mary in 2016. Survivors include her children, Ron, Bruce, Jerry and Joyce; and nephew, **Roy Chapin '61**.

John I. Gardner '42 Sept. 23, 1915 – Mar. 14, 2018

John Ira Gardner was born in Frog Lake, Alberta, Canada. At Willamette, he ran track and earned a bachelor's degree before going on to serve as a pilot in the U.S. Navy. John served as the executive director for the YMCA in Tillamook, Oregon, for many years before retiring in 1975. Survivors include three sons, Jim, J. Robert and David.

Ruth (Finney) Laughlin '44 Mar. 10, 1922 – Jan. 30, 2018

Ruth Marguerite Laughlin was born in Harrison, Idaho. She earned a bachelor's degree and met her husband, **William Laughlin '41**, at Willamette before pursuing diverse interests, including sculpting, traveling and volunteering at her

local library. Her artistic work in pottery earned her Wesleyan Potter status, positioning her as a promoter of the craft. Ruth was predeceased by her daughter, Leslie. Survivors include her daughter, Sara.

Lillian (Oliver) McLaughlin '45 April 28, 1925 – Feb. 19, 2018

Lillian Emma McLaughlin was born in Aberdeen, Washington. She grew up in Salem and completed her bachelor's degree in English at Willamette in less than three years. Lillian taught in Madras, Oregon, and later settled at Abernethy Elementary School in Portland, where she taught first grade for nearly two decades. Survivors include her children, Mary, Margaret, Tom and Brian.

Dorothy J. Hall '46 Sept. 25, 1924 – Dec. 26, 2017

Dorothy Jean Hall was born in Forest Grove, Oregon. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Willamette before going on to complete a master of education degree at the University of Southern California. Dorothy's career expanded into several disciplines, including teaching, art, counseling and interior decorating. She also spent much of her time traveling and volunteering. Survivors include her brother, **Leland "Pete" Hall '50**.

Dr. Frank M. Bennett M.D. '47 Nov. 1, 1925 – Nov. 19, 2017

Frank Mcroft Bennett was born in Enterprise, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in biology before earning his master's and doctorate degrees in medicine from the University of Minnesota. Following his medical residency and service as a Navy medic in Korea, Frank became a family physician in Oregon City, Oregon, and served that community for several decades. He was also a co-founder of Willamette Falls Hospital and remained involved in several civic groups, including the Clackamas County Historical Society and the Oregon City School Board. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Frank B. Bennett '21** and **Ethel (Mocroft) Bennett '22**.

French professor taught at WU for 46 years

Françoise Goeury-Richardson '64 Jul. 14, 1938 – Mar. 26, 2018

Françoise A.M. Goeury-Richardson was born in Baccarat, France. Well-traveled as a youth in Europe, she attended the University of Nancy in France before embarking in 1962 on a new adventure. She traveled to the United States to study and serve as an assistant in languages at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota.

After a year, Françoise decided to finish her undergraduate degree in a new part of the country and chose Willamette, where she majored in political science and assisted in the French department.

Upon graduation, she again ventured to a new region, visiting Washington, D.C., as one of 20 foreign students selected to attend the Contemporary America Seminar. While there, she learned about topics surrounding American politics, including labor unions, media, minority outreach and the role of women in election campaigns.

Françoise returned to France to teach English, but came back to Willamette in 1966 to begin a full-time teaching career as an assistant professor in the French department. She received tenure in 1976, and a year later took a sabbatical to complete her doctoral dissertation in French poetic diction at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

In 1993, with approval from the French government, Françoise helped open a testing center at Willamette to assist students who wanted to study in France further develop their French language skills.

Françoise was promoted to professor in 1994 and later became chair of the department. She retired as emerita professor of French and francophone studies in 2012, after a 46-year career teaching at Willamette.

During that near half-century career, Françoise touched the lives of countless students. Many remember her as a tough and challenging, but fair and generous instructor.

Françoise was predeceased by her husband, Charles, in 2006. Survivors include her stepchildren, John and Julie.



In Memoriam

his wife, Helen; and three siblings, **Mary Bennett '45, Richard Bennett '52 and Donald Bennett '54.** His brother, **Robert Bennett '50,** passed away on April 29, 2018. Survivors include three children, Stephan, Jonathan and Christopher.

Patty (Otis) Dyke '47
Mar. 30, 1926 – Mar. 1, 2018

Patty Dyke was born in Newberg, Oregon. She attended Willamette for two years, but left early to marry Dr. Walter P. Dyke, who later became a professor at Linfield College. A homemaker and mother to four daughters, Patty also volunteered for numerous organizations, founded the Mahala Junior Matrons, served as president of the Linfield Faculty Wives' Club and wrote a column for the Yamhill Valley News-Register for many years. Survivors include her daughters, Kristi, Katey, **Melinda L. Dyke '83** and Kelli.

Margaret (Saffron) Gassner '47
Dec. 7, 1925 – Sept. 24, 2017

Margaret "Ruth" Gassner was raised in Salem and attended Willamette, where she was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, for two years. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Daniel. Survivors include her children, Diane, Richard and Nancy.

Evelyn (Jory) Clawson '48
Oct. 6, 1926 – Jan. 9, 2018

While attending Willamette, Evelyn Clawson joined the Alpha Chi Omega sorority and participated in theatre. She went on to work in the business office at San Jose State University before retiring in the late 1990s. Survivors include her daughter, Susan.

Katherine (Schissler) Morrison '48
July 17, 1926 – April 19, 2018

Katherine Morrison was born in Spirit Lake, Idaho. She earned a bachelor's degree in music at Willamette before completing her master of management in music at the University of Michigan and moving to New York City in 1950. Later she worked for Pace University

and for Lehman Brothers. Survivors include her brother, Les.

Dr. Loren C. Winterscheid M.D. '48
Oct. 5, 1925 – Dec. 22, 2017

Loren Covart Winterscheid was born in Manhattan, Kansas. He attended Willamette at the age of 16, but left to serve in World War II in 1946 before returning from Europe two years later to complete his bachelor's degree in chemistry. Loren then followed his wife and WU classmate, **Muriel (Oliver) Winterscheid '48,** to the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a master's in medicine and a doctorate in microbiology. After leaving Penn, he embarked on an administrative career in medicine, eventually rising to medical director of the University of Washington Medical Center. Loren was a member of numerous medical boards and associations, served on the Willamette Board of Trustees, was a member of the R.A. Booth Society and was the recipient of the Lestle J. Sparks Medallion in 1998. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ann, and his wife, Muriel. Survivors include children **John Winterscheid '72, Gail Winterscheid '76, Laurel (Winterscheid) Robinson '78, Genevieve (Winterscheid) Matteson '79** and George.

Maxine (Meyers) Bartruff '49
May 15, 1924 – Mar. 17, 2018

Maxine Bartruff was born in Los Angeles. She grew up in Salem and obtained her bachelor's degree in business from Willamette, where she was also the president of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. She later worked as a state government secretary and a deputy court administrator for the Oregon Supreme Court. Maxine was also the president of the Salem Zenith Club. Survivors include her sister, Peggy; her son, **John Bartruff '76;** and her daughter, **Jackie (Bartruff) Holley JD'86.**

Mary (Snow) Lucas '49
Jan. 24, 1928 – Dec. 29, 2017

Mary "MaryBeth" Elizabeth Lucas was born in Boston. She attended

Willamette, where she met her husband, **Herb Lucas '48,** and earned a bachelor's degree in Spanish. MaryBeth went on to teach Spanish in Northern California's Lompoc Unified School District for 28 years before retiring. MaryBeth also served as a secretary for her local American Association of University Women (AAUW) chapter. Survivors include her husband, Herb; and four children, Barbara, MaryAnne, Don and David.

Robert B. Bennett '50
Mar. 28, 1927 – April 29, 2018

Robert Bowen Bennett was born in Tillamook, Oregon. He met his future wife, **Lola (Zastera) Bennett '50,** at Willamette, where he earned his bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics. He went on to receive a doctorate in physics from the University of Oregon before embarking on a career as a physics professor. He spent 30 years teaching at Central Washington University. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Frank B. Bennett '21** and **Ethel (Mocroft) Bennett '22;** wife, Lola; and his four siblings, **Mary Bennett '45, Frank M. Bennett '47, Richard Bennett '52** and **Donald Bennett '54.** Survivors include his children, Connie, Diana, David and Lawrence.

Rev. Olon R. Lindemood '50
Oct. 16, 1928 – Feb. 19, 2018

Olon Rex Lindemood was born in Kansas City, Missouri. After graduating from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in religious studies, Rex attended the Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey. He was ordained as a clergyman in the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the Methodist Church and served as a pastor at several churches in Idaho and Indiana before retiring in 1991. Survivors include his wife, Verna; and sons, Stephen, Mark and Olon.

Gyla (Masterson) Murdock '50
April 9, 1928 – Nov. 18, 2017

Gyla Murdock was born in Portland, Oregon. She attended Willamette, where she met her husband, **Gordon Murdock '50,** before completing

her bachelor of arts degree at the University of Oregon. Gyla was a member of P.E.O. Sisterhood of southwest Washington and served on the board of the Camas Public Library. She was preceded in death by Gordon in 1996. Survivors include her brother, John; and children, Duncan, Stuart, Gregory, Noreen and Cheryl.

Doris (Kimble) Tillotson '50
Sept. 15, 1928 – Mar. 22, 2018

Doris Elaine Tillotson was born in Bend, Oregon. She earned her bachelor's degree in home economics at Willamette, where she met her husband, **Del Tillotson '50.** Doris became a teacher and later created a specialized sewing and tailoring curriculum at Skagit Valley College, where she and Del both taught for many years. Del preceded Doris in death in 2007. Survivors include her brother, **Lawrence Kimble '56;** and sons, **Stephen Tillotson '78** and **Craig Tillotson '82.**

Jacqueline (Chute) Aschenbrenner '51
Mar. 20, 1929 – Feb. 21, 2018

Jacqueline Marie Aschenbrenner was born in Bend, Oregon. She earned a bachelor's degree in history from Willamette, where she was also active in student government, Glee and the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. After graduation, she married **Felix Calkins '52** and taught middle and high school in Salem and Portland. Later in life, she spent much of her time volunteering, including as a board member for the Lake Oswego Transitional Shelter Ministry. Survivors include her second husband, Stan; and three children, Mike, Molly and John.

Marilyn (Brooks) Burke '51
Aug. 24, 1929 – Feb. 24, 2018

Marilyn Burke was raised in Oregon and attended Willamette, where she was a proud member of the Delta Gamma sorority. She briefly pursued an art degree at the University of California, but left to become a full-time homemaker and mother to her seven children. Marilyn's husband, Earl, predeceased her in 1989.

Survivors include her children, Ed, Doug, Diane, Kathy, John, Rebecca and Melissa.

Dr. John S. Griffith '51
Jan. 20, 1928 – Mar. 25, 2018

John Spaulding Griffith was born in Salem. He attended Willamette before graduating from the Dental School at the University of Oregon (now Oregon Health & Science University) in 1953. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force and later joined the family dental practice founded by his grandfather. John served the Salem community as a dentist for 35 years before retiring in 1991. Survivors include his sister, Lorah.

Mary (Scott) Seidler '51
July 12, 1929 – Feb. 17, 2018

Mary Lynne Seidler was born in Bend, Oregon. She attended Willamette for one year and married fellow Bearcat **Glen Seidler '51** in 1953. She worked as a secretary for the Salem School District for 22 years before retiring in 1987. Survivors include her husband, Glen; and son, Brent.

Mark C. McClanahan '52, LLB'54
Feb. 19, 1930 – Jan. 2, 2018

Marques Clarence McClanahan earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Willamette and then joined the Miller Nash law firm in Portland, Oregon. He became a partner in the firm in 1960 and practiced there until 1995, when he went into private practice. Survivors include his wife, Faye; and his five children, Craig, David, Julie, Edward and Kathleen.

Gayle (Juve) Nelson '52
Nov. 13, 1929 – Mar. 20, 2018

Gayle Nelson was born in Enterprise, Oregon. She attended Willamette for two years and then completed her bachelor's degree in home economics at Oregon State University in 1953. In 1971, she began a 20-year career teaching special education at Salem Heights Elementary School. Survivors include her children, Kimberly, Mark and Dawn.

Doris (Ewen) Bryant '53
Jan. 12, 1930 – Jan. 27, 2018

Doris Jean Bryant was born in Bertrand, Nebraska. She attended Willamette and the University of Oregon before marrying **Peter Bryant '50** in 1952 and starting a family. Her husband, Peter, predeceased her in 1994. Survivors include her children, Patrick, Micheal and Diane.

Thomas M. Scheidel Ph.D. '53
July 24, 1931 – Oct. 4, 2017

Thomas Maynard Scheidel graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in speech before earning his master's and doctorate degrees in speech from the University of Washington. He then became a professor in the subject, teaching at Cornell University, the University of Illinois and the University of Wisconsin before coming back to UW as chair of the school's speech and communication department. Tom stayed in that role for 20 years, retiring in 1996. The Thomas M. Scheidel Annual Faculty Lecture Series was established at the University of Washington in his honor.

Marilyn (Whaley) Winters '53
July 20, 1932 – Jan. 7, 2018

Marilyn Winters was born in Hannibal, Missouri. She attended Willamette and then completed her undergraduate degree at Bennett College before earning a master of education degree from Boston University. Marilyn committed much of her life to serving her community. Her many volunteer roles included being a trustee for the YWCA and serving the United Methodist Church as vice president of its women's division. She received the Sojourner Truth Award for volunteer community service in 1978. Survivors include her husband, Jack; and children, Jackson and **Lauren '82**.

Cynthia (Arpke) Edwards '54
Sept. 24, 1932 – Feb. 14, 2018

Cynthia Lee Edwards was born in Auburn, Washington. She attended Willamette and completed her bachelor's degree in Russian at

the University of Washington. She worked as a teacher's aide in Russian and English classes and later taught English as a second language in Ellensburg, Washington. After moving to Oregon in the 1990s, she married **Miles Edwards '51**, who predeceased her in 2006. Her sister, **Diana (Arpke) Adams '51**, also preceded her in death. Survivors include her children, Felicity, Shannon and Mike.

Charles O. Hargrave Jr. '54
Sept. 8, 1932 – Aug. 26, 2017

Charles Oliver Hargrave Jr. attended Willamette before completing his undergraduate degree at Oregon State University. He enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the military, eventually rising to the rank of colonel and serving as an electronic warfare development engineer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Calvin P. Horn '54
Jan. 25, 1932 – Mar. 12, 2018

Calvin Proctor Horn was born in Portland, Oregon. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics from Willamette, where he was also the president of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He spent 35 years working as a salesman in the paper industry. Cal was also very involved as a volunteer, including being a children's transportation coordinator at the Portland Art Museum. His son, Bradford, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Sally; sister, Susan; and two children, Robert and Carolyn.

Rev. Stuart R. Shaw '54
Dec. 4, 1932 – May 18, 2018

Stuart Robert Shaw was born in Spokane, Washington. He earned his bachelor's degree at Willamette and then his master of divinity degree at the Pacific School of Religion in 1957. An ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Stuart served as a minister of youth and as a pastor for several churches in California and Oregon over a career that spanned more than four decades. Stuart was active in all the communities in which he lived, serving on school boards

and as a hospice chaplain. He also volunteered for organizations such as United Way, the American Red Cross and Habitat for Humanity. Survivors include his wife, Donna; his brother, **Philip Shaw '52**; and children, **Stanley Shaw '85**, **LaRae Shaw-Meadows '85**, Eric and Andre.

Billy J. Van Horn '54
Nov. 23, 1931 – Feb. 12, 2018

Billy Van Horn attended Willamette on an athletic scholarship, running track and playing football, but also succeeded academically as a double-major in speech and theatre. After completing his undergraduate degree, he served in the military during the Korean War and later earned a master's in education from the University of Oregon. He spent most of his career as a teacher and administrator with the Centennial School District in Portland, Oregon.

Gerald T. Curson '55
Mar. 16, 1934 – Mar. 24, 2017

Gerald Theodore Curson earned his bachelor's degree in political science at Willamette before going on to a 30-year career in the pension fund investment business. Survivors include a daughter, Kathryn.

Martin D. Knittel '55
Dec. 19, 1932 – April 10, 2018

Martin Dean Knittel was born in Torrington, Wyoming. While at Willamette, he met his future wife, **Marjorie (Swanson) Knittel '57**, and studied biology. After completing his bachelor's degree, he served as a medic in the U.S. Army and completed both master's and doctorate degrees in microbiology at Oregon State University. His career as a research microbiologist took him to the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, and the Environmental Protection Agency. Martin was preceded in death by his daughter, Kay. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; and two daughters, Laura and Janna.

In Memoriam

Robert J. Searce Jr. '55 **Mar. 24, 1933 - Mar. 27, 2018**

Robert John Searce Jr. attended Willamette for two years before completing his undergraduate degree in business administration at the University of Oregon. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a radar/weapons intercept officer and later taught science at Multnomah College while completing his master's degree at Portland State University. Bob then taught science and coached several sports at Roosevelt High School for 24 years. A son, John, predeceased Bob in 1980. Survivors include his wife, Fran; brothers, Bill and Rich; and two sons, Bryan and **David Searce '87**.

James F. Verdick '55 **Mar. 24, 1933 - Sept. 24, 2017**

James Frank Verdick earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Willamette before completing his doctorate in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin in 1961. During his career, Jim worked as an assistant professor at the University of Michigan, as a senior scientist for the United Technologies Research Center in Hartford, Connecticut, and as a senior research scientist with Rocketdyne in Canoga Park, California. Later in life, he made his home in Medford, Oregon, where he enjoyed singing in the Rogue Valley Chorale.

Eileen (Susbauer) Zielinski '55 **June 15, 1933 - Mar. 29, 2018**

Eileen June Zielinski was born in Salem. After a year at Willamette and a year at Oregon State University, she worked as a legal secretary in the state judicial system, married and started a family. Apart from being a mother, Eileen volunteered with schools, agricultural organizations and social service groups. Survivors include her husband, Stephen; and five children, Mary, Mark, Kevin, Theresa and John.

Richard Carpenter '56 **July 23, 1934 - April 23, 2018**

Richard Lewis Carpenter was born in Vancouver, Washington. He attended Willamette for

two years before completing his undergraduate degree in business at Oregon State University. In 1956, Dick joined the U.S. Navy and remained on active duty until 1960, when he returned to Oregon to work for Dean Witter and Co. in Portland. Later he became a successful residential home builder, overseeing construction on more than 300 homes and apartments in the Portland area. Dick was also an investor of the Portland Timbers professional soccer club. Survivors include his wife, Jill; and children, Rick, Scott and Shelby.

Coralie (Doughton) Rhoten '56 **Aug. 22, 1934 - Dec. 3, 2017**

Coralie Joyce Rhoten was born in Salem. She attended Willamette and Western Oregon University, meeting her future husband, **David Rhoten '56**, at the former. She worked at the gift shop inside the Oregon State Capitol building and taught at Salem Heights Elementary. Coralie was preceded in death by her sister, **Doris (Doughton) Jewett '45**, in 2011; and her husband, David, in 2017. Survivors include her brother, Ken; and children, Amy, Alex and Ross.

Delores (Halverson) Rodriguez '56 **Feb. 18, 1934 - May 22, 2017**

Delores Mae Rodriguez was born in Bellingham, Washington. While attending Willamette, she participated in pep band, the theatre department and the Chi Omega sorority. Survivors include her sister, Helen; and children, Sheryl, Karen, Jacquelyn, Victoria and Michael.

Walter E. Wilson '56 **April 1, 1934 - Jan. 7, 2018**

Walter Ervin Wilson was born and raised in Salem. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics before going on to earn his doctorate in physics from the University of Wisconsin. He worked for Battelle as a research physicist for the majority of his career and also taught computing at Washington State University's Tri-Cities campus. He was preceded in death by his

brother, **Ralph Wilson '56**. Survivors include his wife, Connie; his brother, **Howard Wilson '54**; and children, Bruce, Doug, Greg, and Dee Ann.

Rev. Glen R. Murray '57 **Jan. 22, 1935 - April 13, 2018**

Glen Murray attended Southern Methodist University and Willamette, where he met his future wife, **Shirley (Witters) Murray '56**, and earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies. Glen served as a chaplain with the U.S. Army and went on to a career as a pastor with the United Methodist Church. He served in the Methodist ministry for 40 years before retiring in the early 2000s. Survivors include his wife, Shirley.

Marilyn (Isaak) Scapanski '57 **Mar. 17, 1935 - Feb. 1, 2018**

Marilyn Jean Scapanski was born in McMinnville, Oregon. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in psychology and worked for International Christian Leadership in Washington, D.C. Later she served on the staffs of Sen. **Mark O. Hatfield '43** and Minnesota Gov. Al Quie. In other positions, she served as a coordinator with the Westminster Presbyterian Church and as a stewardship officer at the University of St. Thomas. Marilyn's brother, **Richard Isaak '53**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Gene; and daughters, Nicole and Tanya.

Alva E. Brown '58 **Aug. 20, 1932 - Feb. 10, 2018**

Alva Ernest Brown was born in Snyder, Nebraska. He attended Willamette for one year before joining the U.S. Army in 1952 and serving in Korea. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, he earned the Korean Service Medal and the United Nations Medal. Alva then returned to Willamette and earned his bachelor's degree in sociology. He taught geography, history and driver's education; and coached football, basketball and baseball at several Oregon schools throughout his career. Later he held roles as athletic director, vice principal and principal. Alva retired

from Henley High School in 1994. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kimberlee. Survivors include his second wife, Bernice; children, Kevin, Korrine and Julie; and stepchildren, Greg, Kevin, Stacey, Cheryl and Jonathan.

Warren A. Campbell '58 **June 14, 1936 - Nov. 22, 2017**

Warren Adams Campbell was born in Berkeley, California. At Willamette, he studied chemistry and mathematics, joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and met his future wife, **Anna (Rosbergs) Campbell '58**. After graduating from WU, Warren earned his master's and doctorate degrees in physics from the University of Wisconsin and went on to teach physics and astronomy at Washington State University. Survivors include his wife, Anna; two siblings and a daughter.

James S. Anderson '59 **May 4, 1937 - April 15, 2018**

James Stephen Anderson was born in Salem. While attending Willamette, he played football, ran track and joined the Sigma Chi fraternity. Jim started his own contracting business in 1970 and also spent 20 years as both a high school and college football and basketball official. He also served as president of parent-teacher boards and Sun Creek Little League. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; brother, Russ; and children, Debbie, Sheryl and Steve.

Edward A. Carpenter '59 **July 8, 1937 - Jan. 2, 2018**

Edward Allen Carpenter was born and raised in Camas, Washington. He attended Willamette before completing his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Washington. Ed then earned his law degree from UW and started his career in Boeing's legal department. Later he entered the construction business and went on to build homes in Park City, Utah, where he lived with his family for seven years. Survivors include his wife, Deanna; and children, John and Catherine.

Janet (Jamison) Corson '60
April 7, 1938 – Jan. 26, 2018

Janet Carol Corson was born in Eugene, Oregon. She attended Willamette on a music scholarship and during her first weeks there, met her future husband, **John Corson '59**. Janet transferred to the University of Oregon two years later and graduated in 1960. She taught elementary school in Oregon for a number of years and then became a mother, homemaker and dedicated volunteer for several organizations and causes. She served as a director of Southern Oregon Drug Awareness for many years. In 1989, President George H. W. Bush presented her with the Daily Point of Light Award for her community service work. Janet was predeceased by her daughter, Sarah, in 1997. Survivors include three children, Bruce, Elizabeth and **Catherine (Corson) Davis '91**.

Gayle (Sandine) Hargrove '60
Oct. 24, 1937 – Dec. 9, 2017

Gayle Hargrove was born in Marshfield (now Coos Bay), Oregon. Born blind, Gayle attended the Oregon School for the Blind in Salem and later graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in speech. She went on to earn a master's degree in speech from the University of Oregon and taught speech at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon. Survivors include her husband, Hal; and two sisters, Jean and Leslyn.

Lt. Col. Ronald P. Johnson '60
Jan. 20, 1938 – Mar. 31, 2018

Ronald Peter Johnson was born in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in history and was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force as a security police officer shortly thereafter. From 1969 to 1970, Ron deployed to Vietnam and served at Phù Cat Air Base as its defense officer. While in Vietnam, he earned the Bronze Star Medal. After 20 years of service, Ron retired as a lieutenant colonel, but continued his career of public service by working for the State of

Oregon at Santiam Correctional Institution for another 20 years. Survivors include his wife, Caroline; and children, Julie, Linda and R.D.

Tommy L. Weston '60
Mar. 3, 1938 – Jan. 12, 2018

Tommy Louis Weston was born in Neenah, Wisconsin. He attended Willamette on a basketball scholarship and played for the Bearcats all four years while completing his bachelor's degree in mathematics. Tom joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1960 and was honorably discharged in 1962. In 1971, he joined Glen Slaughter & Associates in Oakland, California, administering employee health and welfare benefits. Eventually, Tom would become president and CEO of the company (which later became Associated Third Party Administrators) and remained in that position until retiring in 2008. Tom was preceded in death by his brother, **Art Weston '61**. Survivors include his wife, Lucy; children, Brett and Kristie; and stepchildren, Michael and Julie.

Dwight P. Billman '62, JD'69
July 8, 1939 – Mar. 31, 2018

Dwight Pickett Billman was born in Santa Rosa, California. He attended Princeton Theological Seminary and was a Presbyterian missionary in Sitka, Alaska, where he taught at Sheldon Jackson College. He earned a bachelor's degree in history and a law degree from Willamette before going on to practice law in Salem for more than 30 years. Survivors include his daughters, Elizabeth and Suzanne.

Kevin M. Nagel '62
Feb. 15, 1940 – April 11, 2018

Kevin Milo Nagel was born in Vancouver, Washington. While at Willamette, he played football and participated in Air Force ROTC before completing his bachelor's degree in political science. After college, Kevin was posted to March Air Force Base in Riverside, California. He spent six months in Vietnam, where he worked in the emerging field of interpretation of satellite imagery. After fulfilling his military commitment, he was recruited by the Defense Intelligence

Agency in Washington, D.C., where he spent a 30-year career, including seven years on loan to the Central Intelligence Agency. Survivors include his wife, Judy; his sister, Marlene; and his daughter, Debra and Kristin.

Dean S. Mason '63
Nov. 28, 1938 – April 10, 2018

Dean Steiner Mason was born and raised in Ashland, Oregon. He attended Southern Oregon University and completed his bachelor's degree in music at Willamette. He earned his master's degree in education at Oregon State University and went on to teach in Astoria, Klamath Falls and Hermiston, Oregon, before retiring in 1996, though Dean continued his career as a substitute teacher for 18 more years. His passion for music also extended outside the classroom as the founder of the Lebanon Community Chorus. Survivors include his wife, Judi; siblings, **Marilee (Mason) Titus '56** and David; and children, Michael, Debbi, Patrick and Garrett.

Ann (Van Houten) Studier '64
Jan. 21, 1942 – May 31, 2018

Ann Studier was born in Council, Idaho. She attended Willamette for one year before becoming a flight attendant for United Airlines. She and her husband, Don, eventually settled in Corvallis, Oregon, where Ann helped establish a counted cross stitch store, Friendship Crossing, in 1988. Survivors include her husband, Don; and three daughters, Terri, Tiffany and Traci.

Elizabeth (Miller) Gardner '65
Sept. 10, 1943 – Dec. 24, 2017

Betty Ann Gardner was born in San Francisco. She received her bachelor's degree in psychology from Willamette and her master's degree in psychology from the University of Nevada. She then continued her education, earning a law degree from the University of Denver. She worked in several professions, including as a social worker, adjunct professor of psychology and attorney. Betty Ann was also active in several

community organizations including the Junior League of Pueblo. Survivors include two siblings, Lance and Patricia; and two children, Michael and Lisa.

Christopher W. Keuss '69
Sept. 3, 1947 – Feb. 24, 2018

Christopher William Keuss was born in Seattle, Washington. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in English and then earned his master's degree in public administration from the University of Puget Sound. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and enjoyed a long career in management and administration positions, most notably as the executive director of the Port of Edmonds in Washington state. Survivors include his wife, Judy; and siblings, **Jeffrey Keuss '62**, **Michael Keuss '65** and **Gretchen (Keuss) Tafflin '73**.

Helen M. Lang '69
Dec. 2, 1946 – Dec. 17, 2017

Helen Marie Lang was born and raised in Denver. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, earned a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Washington and completed her doctorate in geology from the University of Oregon. Helen went on to teach geology at West Virginia University for 32 years, retiring in 2016 as emeritus associate professor. She was twice named Outstanding Geology Professor at WVU and was the first woman in the institution's history to hold a tenure-track position in the Department of Geology and Geography. Survivors include her sister, Marty.

David L. Lambert '76
May 13, 1954 – April 8, 2018

David Lambert was born in Detroit. He attended Willamette and later graduated from Eastern Washington University with a bachelor's in liberal studies and communications in 1994. David worked as a produce purchaser and display manager and enjoyed an extensive career in the banking industry, but found his passion as a mortgage broker in the Salem area. Survivors include his

wife, Cindy; mother, JoAn; siblings, Lynn and Corky; and stepdaughter, Natasha.

**Virginia (Brown) Raaberg '76
Died Mar. 15, 2018**

Virginia "Ginny" Raaberg grew up in Palo Alto, California. She attended Willamette but completed her bachelor's degree at the University of California, Davis in 1976. She and her family moved to Walnut Creek, California, in 1984, where she was actively involved in the school district and the community. Survivors include her husband, Mark; and daughters, Katherine and Brooke.

**Douglas R. Parker '78
May 22, 1956 - Dec. 21, 2017**

Douglas Russell Parker was born in Corvallis, Oregon. He met his wife, **Barbara (Olson) Parker '78**, at Willamette and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history before embarking on a career as a high school social studies teacher. Survivors include his wife, Barbara; siblings, Melinda, Michael and James; and son, Brian.

**Timothy L. Smith '79
June 10, 1957 - Dec. 12, 2017**

Timothy Lee Smith was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. He graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. A diagnosis of progressively degenerative multiple sclerosis first interrupted his life in 1990. As the disease took its toll, he ended up in a wheelchair but maintained an amazingly positive spirit. Survivors include his siblings, Vicki, Sonja, Randall and Clark.

**Andrew R. Gala '80
Sept. 30, 1959 - Jan. 15, 2018**

Andrew Roman Gala was born in San Francisco. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Willamette and a law degree from the University of Puget Sound. In 1987, he joined the law firm of Schwabe, Williamson and Wyatt, where he often represented large financial institutions, product manufacturers and businesses facing litigation. Andrew was a

member of the Oregon, Washington and Alaska bars. Survivors include his son, **John Gala '12**.

**Kenneth D. Garland '80
Oct. 7, 1957 - Mar. 16, 2018**

Kenneth Douglas Garland earned a bachelor's degree in economics and physical education from Willamette, where he was also a two-sport athlete and captain of the Bearcats football team. Ken went on to earn a master's degree in athletic administration from Idaho State University and began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with Idaho State's football program. He coached both baseball and football at the University of Puget Sound, Willamette and Linfield College before spending 10 years as the head baseball coach at Saint Martin's University, where he was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2014. Survivors include his wife, **Cathy (Juhl) Garland '80**; his brother, **Steven Garland '82, JD/MM'82**; and his sons, Chris and Matthew.

**Marilyn (Hicken) Wagener '80
July 15, 1946 - Nov. 17, 2017**

Marilyn Wagener graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in political science. She went on to work for Albany Partnership for Housing, a nonprofit community development organization in Albany, Oregon. Survivors include her husband, Ronald; and two daughters.

**Mark R. Seltmann '82
Aug. 20, 1959 - Aug. 24, 2017**

Mark Seltmann was born in Portland, Oregon. After attending Willamette, he worked for the Bonbright Oil Company in Pendleton, Oregon, and served as the mayor of Athena, Oregon, from 1995 to 2006. In 2002, he received the Mayor Leadership Award for Small City and from 2001 to 2003, served on the board of directors for the League of Oregon Cities. Mark was also a volunteer firefighter with the Athena Fire Department. He was predeceased by his son, Christopher. Survivors include his wife, Kimberly;

siblings, Debi and Wes; and children, Nicholas, Benjamin, Holly and Amanda.

**Lisa (Ives) Jooste '88
Nov. 29, 1965 - Feb. 6, 2018**

Lisa Maria Jooste was born in Medford, Oregon. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in biology and was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. In 1992, Lisa began a long career with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon in various positions and later worked for the Washington Timbers youth soccer program in Vancouver, Washington. Survivors include her husband, Bruce; and daughters, Madison and Carla.

**Teddy (Ramsey) Leland '89
June 23, 1967 - Mar. 12, 2018**

Teddy Michelle Leland was born in Klamath Falls, Oregon. She graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in history before serving in the State of Oregon's Department of Land Conservation and Development as an operations manager. Survivors include her husband, Ronald; her siblings, Shawn, Scott and Monty; and her son, Jonathon.

**Julie A. Epton-Cook '92
April 12, 1965 - May 1, 2018**

Julie Anne Epton-Cook was born in Yakima, Washington. She earned an associate's degree at Chemeketa Community College before going on to receive her bachelor's degree in sociology at Willamette. She worked at the Marian Home in Sublimity. Survivors include her husband, Jack; and her brother, Chris.

**Erin (O'Brien) Mead '94,
MAT'95
Jan. 5, 1972 - Jan. 23, 2018**

Erin Mead was born in Bellevue, Washington. At Willamette, she played soccer, was president of the Delta Gamma sorority and met her future husband, **Jeff Mead '94, MAT'95**, before earning a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in teaching. Erin taught special education for six years at Poulsbo Junior High School in

Washington. She also volunteered with numerous community, school and service organizations throughout North Kitsap. Survivors include her husband, Jeff; parents, Bob and Jan; sister, Cori; and children, Cayley and Joshua.

**Richard J. Adelman '95
April 5, 1973 - Feb. 2, 2018**

Richard "R.J." Adelman was a four-year letterman basketball player at Willamette and a member of the 1993 Bearcats team that won the NAIA Division II national championship. He earned a bachelor's degree in politics from Willamette and graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2001 before going on to practice law in Portland, Oregon. Later R.J. began coaching basketball alongside his father, Rick Adelman, with the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association. From there he worked in various roles for several NBA teams, including the Seattle SuperSonics, Sacramento Kings and Minnesota Timberwolves. Survivors include his parents, Rick and Mary Kay; and siblings, Kathy, David, Laura, Caitlin and Patrick.

**Jenna (Rosenberg) Johns '06
April 11, 1984 - May 5, 2018**

Jenna Suzanne Johns graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree in biology and psychology before going on to earn degrees from the Marylhurst University School of Business and the University of Utah School of Medicine. She worked in biotech and enjoyed volunteering at Shriners Hospital in Portland, Oregon. Survivors include her husband, Keelan; her mother, Catherine; and her siblings, Aaron, Cody and Meghan.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

David J. Curry MED'74 June 12, 1938 – Jan. 26, 2018

David Curry spent his early years in Evanston, Illinois, before moving to the Pacific Northwest in 1948. He attended Portland State College (now university) before completing his undergraduate degree at Washington State University. Dave taught high school speech and debate in Mount Vernon and Gresham, Oregon. He later joined the Oregon Department of Education and while there, earned his master's degree from Willamette's Graduate School of Education. After a successful career at the department, Dave served as the director of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and spent time as a volunteer English teacher. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; and children, Elizabeth, Michael and Charlotte.

FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. James R. Frew Feb. 27, 1952 – Feb. 27, 2018

James Frew was born in Royal Oak, Michigan. He received a doctorate in economics from Purdue University and began teaching economics at the University of North Carolina in the early 1980s. From 1984 to 1993, Jim taught economics at Willamette and later served as the department chair. Widely published in the field of real estate economics and teaching across the range of the major, he also served on various Willamette committees, including the Faculty Resource Committee and the Admissions Committee. Survivors include his mother, Shirley; and siblings, Janet and Tim.

Richard Samuel Hall Jr. April 13, 1940 – July 1, 2018

Richard "Sam" Hall came to Salem in 1972 as the chair of Willamette's mathematics department. He was part of the Willamette community for more than three decades, both as a professor and vice president of academic affairs, until retiring

in 2005. He also taught in the university's general education program and developed a course in peace and nonviolent social action. In retirement, Sam co-mediated civil lawsuits with his spouse of 27 years, **Susan Leeson '68**, and continued volunteering for organizations such as Neighbor-to-Neighbor Community Mediation and the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Survivors include his wife, Sue, brother, Bill, and daughter, Diana.

Carolyn Kilday Nov. 15, 1939 – Oct. 10, 2018

Carolyn Kilday worked at Willamette from 1971 to 2009 as its director of word processing and director of document management and the print and design center. She also served on the university's Classified Council, representing the print and design center. Friends, family members and former colleagues remember Carolyn as a woman of grace and humor. Survivors include her sons **Timothy '83** and **Jeffrey '85**.

Minister used TV, radio to promote family planning

Rev. David O. Poindexter '51 Jan. 30, 1929 – Feb. 8, 2018



Reverend David Oldham Poindexter, a Methodist minister who was known for using popular television and radio programs to disseminate messages about overpopulation, family planning and gender equality issues, passed away at age 89 in February.

David was born in Hood River, Oregon, to Anna Porter and Methodist minister Dean Poindexter. After graduating from Astoria High School, David studied religion at Willamette, where he met his future wife, **Marian (Sayre) Poindexter '51**, in a freshman Bible class.

After completing his bachelor's degree at WU, David earned a master's in theology at Boston University and followed in his father's footsteps by becoming a pastor. He served the congregation of Parkrose Heights Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon, for eight years.

David then joined the National Council of Churches in New York City as the director of its broadcasting and film commission, where he began to make connections with Hollywood executives.

In 1970, he became director of the communications center at the Population Institute in Washington, D.C., where he took on the mission of educating domestic and international audiences about family planning, reproductive health and gender equality issues. David believed that overpopulation was a threat to societies around the globe and that using popular entertainment programs was a powerful and effective way to relay the importance of family planning.

Utilizing close relationships with major Hollywood players such as Mary Tyler Moore and "All in the Family" producer Norman Lear, David helped introduce television storylines that discussed topics such as sexism in the workplace and contraceptive surgery.

In the mid-1970s, David shifted his focus to foreign audiences and began working with Mexican writer, producer and eventual Televisa Vice President Miguel Sabido to embed family planning messages in some of the country's most popular telenovelas. After lobbying Indira Gandhi, former prime minister of India, David teamed with Sabido again to develop a soap opera in India.

In 1985, David established the nonprofit Population Communications International. There, he continued to work with broadcasters on developing long-running shows and educational programs for audiences in countries struggling with rapid population growth, such as Brazil, China, Kenya, Tanzania and Pakistan. He retired from the organization in 1998.

Among his many notable career achievements, David chaired several U.S. NGO planning committees for United Nations population conferences, was made an honorary fellow of the Population Reference Bureau and received a Distinguished Alumni Citation from Willamette University in 1982.

Survivors include his wife, Marian, and his son, Jim.

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ED STATES ARMY

A returned military dog tag traditionally signals a soldier's death, but Patti Nopp '59 considers the battered piece of metal a link to her husband's life.

During the Vietnam War in 1966, Army Lt. Col. Robert Nopp piloted a plane for a classified night surveillance mission over Laos — and never returned.

In March, 52 years after he was declared MIA, the U.S. Department of Defense called Patti to inform her Bob's remains and dog tag had been recovered at the foot of a cliff.

"For the first several days, I cried a lot," she says. "When they told me they had the dog tag, I finally realized it was true."

Bob had served in the war just four months when his plane lost radio contact during bad weather over mountains. He left behind Patti and their boys, a 5-year-old and 5-month-old, in Salem. The couple married in

1959 after meeting at the Oregon State Capitol; he was a page in the House chamber, and she was a secretary for her uncle, a state representative from Eugene, during college.

The last time Patti heard Bob's voice was on her 30th birthday. Two days before he went missing, she received a cassette recording of his warm wishes as a gift. They'd begun trading cassettes to stay in touch.

In the weeks and months following his absence, Patti informed the military whenever she left town so they would know where to reach her if they had news to share.

"I'm sure they got tired of hearing from me," she says, "but I knew they were going to find him."

Years passed. Her children grew up and moved out of the house. Patti moved on with her life, too, hoping Bob died in a plane crash rather than as a prisoner of war. In 1979, the military arranged to hold a memorial service in Salem. But Patti was right, after all — they did eventually find Bob.

Now she holds his dog tag — crumpled, but his name and blood type still legible — in the unopened evidence bag in which it arrived. In October, Patti and several members of her family traveled to Arlington National Cemetery, where his remains were buried.

The cause of his crash is still a mystery, but the tag completes the story of Bob's life.



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