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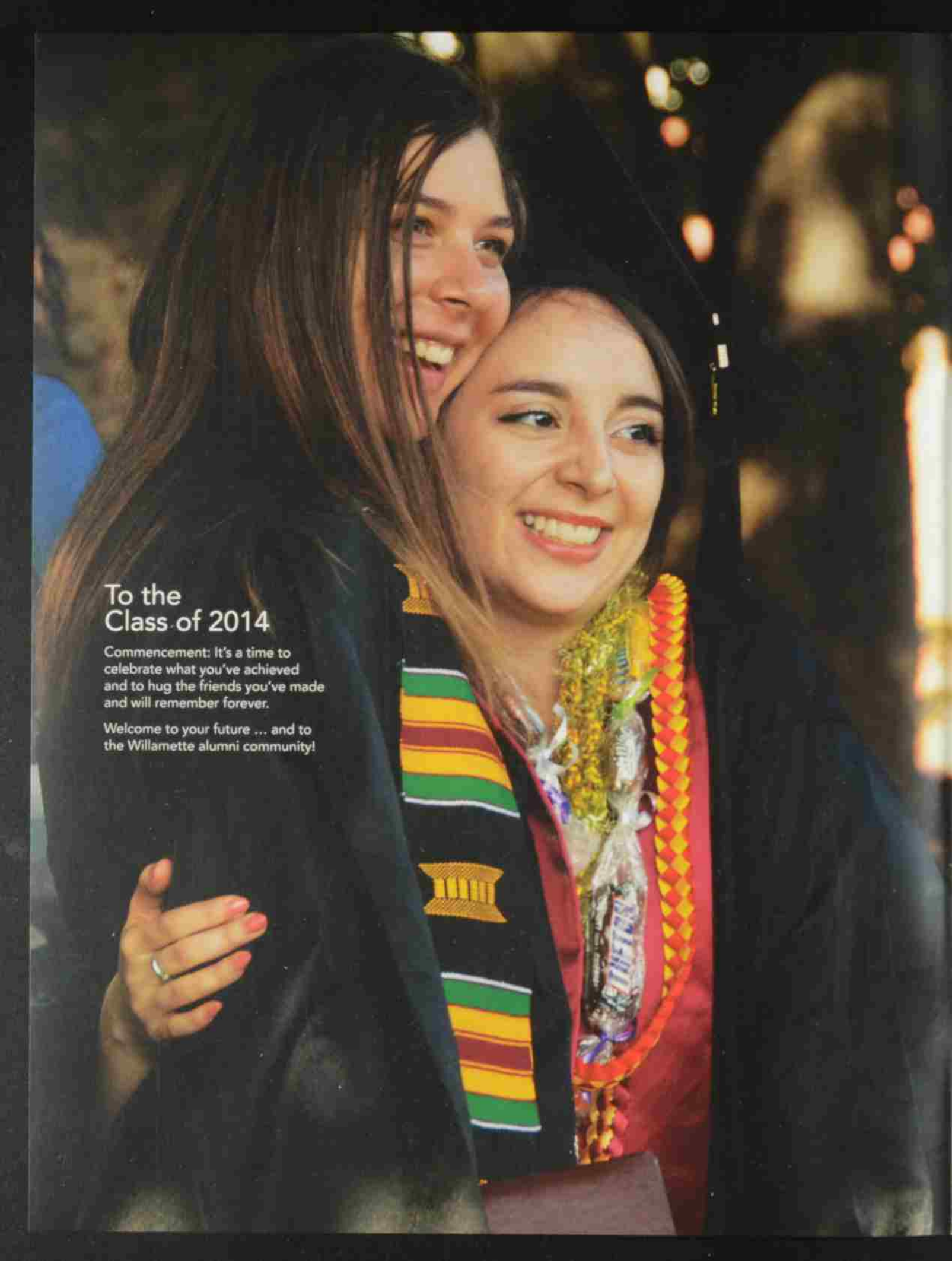
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A photograph of two young women, graduates, smiling and embracing. They are wearing black graduation gowns and caps. The woman in the foreground is wearing a lei made of colorful flowers and leis. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

## To the Class of 2014

Commencement: It's a time to  
celebrate what you've achieved  
and to hug the friends you've made  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Be yourself. Everyone else is taken." — Oscar Wilde

To live authentically, free of the self-consciousness that tethers us to the approval of others, can be challenging in a society that seems to foster conformity. Take, for example, the presence of the same collection of chain restaurants and retail stores in every major city, as if to reassure Americans that they are at home wherever they go.

Sometimes remaining authentic may require an act of courage — the courage to discard the protective carapace of fear and accept, even celebrate, the real you.



Ask Conner Mertens '17, the first bisexual collegiate football player to be open, on a national scale, about his sexual orientation. Or Emma Coddington, assistant professor of biology, who explores "impostor syndrome," a psychological phenomenon in which high-achieving individuals are unable to internalize their own accomplishments due to feelings of unworthiness. Or alumnus R. Gregory Nokes '59, who has combined scholarship and journalism to uncover the truth about shameful chapters in Oregon's history.

"The privilege of a lifetime," Carl Jung said, "is to become who you truly are."

Over the course of Willamette's 172-year institutional lifetime, authenticity has been, and continues to be, connected with a strong sense of place. Willamette's historic role in preparing the leaders of what was once Oregon Territory has grown to encompass successive generations of leaders — of the West, the nation and beyond, as our alumni pursue lives of achievement, contribution and meaning worldwide.

Their aspirations underscore our belief that an excellent education is not about being, it is about becoming.

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The university's strategic plan, adopted in February 2013, challenges Willamette to become a better and more authentic version of itself. We challenge our students to do the same. Place-based student experiences immerse them in state and local politics; the history, art and crafts of indigenous tribes; area ecosystems, agriculture and forestry; service projects and internships with local businesses and nonprofits; and mentoring and tutoring at Bush Elementary, Willamette Academy and Chemawa Indian School.

Through this real-world engagement, students cultivate self-knowledge and build skills broadly applicable to their post-Willamette pursuits, no matter where on the planet they might lead.

This issue of *The Scene* illuminates, through the experiences of Mertens, Coddington, Nokes and others, the importance of finding, knowing — and being — yourself. Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stephen E. Thorsett".

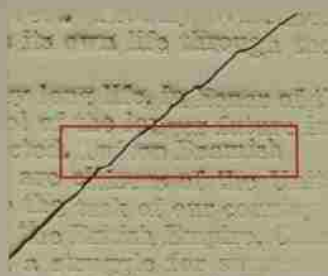
Stephen E. Thorsett  
President



## THE INBOX

### Tufton Solution 7.0

Our reference to Mr. Beamish last issue was buried — figuratively — deep in one of the clay tablets featured in our cover story about former Willamette President Carl Knopf. If you look closely at the tablet on Page 30, you may see his name inscribed in the right center section near the crack (see photo). If you found it and didn't tell us, congratulations! But none of our readers reported unearthing this artifact.



### Offspring Spring Up

Each issue of *The Scene* is one we treasure. The writing, the selection of topics and the overall spirit of the publication combine to bring us closer to Willamette, giving us a better perspective and appreciation of the world that our college children inhabit. *The Scene* is a true reflection of Willamette overall. With its attention to detail and excellence, it mirrors the institution from which it originates.

That said, imagine our surprise when we turned the page to see our two sons, Sam and Henry Adelman! (Ed. — see "(almost) Identical Twins", by Timothy Walsh '10, Winter 2014.) Typical of them, they did not mention this might be happening.

Mr. Walsh did a great job capturing their personalities. We are grateful that, at Willamette, they get to experience the sports they've continued to love, be a part of a wonderful athletic program, and at the same time, receive a great education.

Thanks to everyone who makes that happen for all the student-athletes and their families.

— Piper and Jim Adelman

### More on Carl Knopf

Our feature story on the brief and controversial tenure of former Willamette President Carl Knopf elicited a flurry of letters from readers. If you missed the article, you can find it online at [willamette.edu/scene/editions/2014/winter/features/26/index.html](http://willamette.edu/scene/editions/2014/winter/features/26/index.html)

— Ed

I will never look at the Star Trees again in the same way. So glad that Carl's trees and tablets have long outlived the political follies of his day. As long as we keep sharing the story, his lesson has not been lost.

— Amy (Ellingson) Villanueva '02

I so vividly recall sharing the sorrow, dismay and even disgust that my father (class of 1934) felt about the sad fate of this man. As a retired archaeologist and anthropologist, I appreciate the work of David McCreery, as well as the foresight of Knopf to bury the artifacts.

— Stan Aschenbrenner '51



In the 1943 Wallulah is a tribute to President Knopf. The photo caption reads, "Dr Carl Sumner Knopf's burying of the ceramic in the Temple of Centuries is symbolic of the outlook on life which he implanted in student personalities." In the picture, President Knopf is holding an

object that looks like one of the ceramic tablets discovered in 1992.

— Malcolm D. Tabor '67

### Correction

In an article about Oregon Professors of the Year in the Winter 2014 issue of *The Scene*, we incorrectly identified professor Daniel Montague's academic field. His field is physics.

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## CARDINAL & GOLD

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# From Way Downtown, IT'S GOOD!

Point guard Jojo DeLong '15 elevates her long-range game — with coach Peg Swadener's help

By Robert McKinney

Basketball practice is over, but Jojo DeLong '15 isn't going anywhere. She's taking shot after shot from beyond the 3-point line, perfecting one of the skills that helped earn her Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference for the 2013-14 season.

She first gained recognition for her 3-point shooting at Canyon High School in Santa Clarita, Calif. "I was good from three," DeLong says. "That's where I went and where I stayed."

Yet soon after Willamette women's basketball head coach Peg Swadener was hired for the 2012-13 season, she began shaping DeLong, then a sophomore, from a shooting guard into a point guard. "I just tried to make her as comfortable as possible," Swadener says. "She sees the court and really passes well, so I wanted her to develop as an all-around player."

Just as DeLong was learning to focus on handing out assists, high-scoring fellow guards Rebecca Josephson '14 and Kylie Towry '17 suffered knee injuries that ended their 2013-14 seasons. "Jojo shifted from being the distributor and making her shots to becoming our primary scorer," Swadener says.

The return to shooting guard came naturally, reports DeLong: "I'd always been pass-oriented and never had people defend me as a top scorer," DeLong says. "Now, I have to push harder to get in position to shoot, but I still have to find my teammates, too."

"I'm glad that Peg set such high expectations for me last year. That all-around preparation gave me the right mindset to change this year. If you can push through hard times, it does get easier, and you can improve as a player. It's worth it."

DeLong scored a career-high 27 points against Pacific University on Feb. 4. She made five 3-pointers in three games this season. Averaging nearly 13 points and four assists per game, she ranked second in the conference with 64 three-pointers made on 37 percent shooting.

As DeLong prepares for her senior season, she has high expectations for the team — and herself. Like any all-around player, she focuses on more than just scoring: "I want to be a mentor to incoming players and help them play at the college level," she says. "A goal for me is to be a team leader ... to get new teammates up to the speed of play."

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— Jojo DeLong '15







## Coach earned the right to give pointers on 3-pointers

Jojo DeLong's coach is herself a strong long-range shooter. Peg Swadener played at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, which reached the OSAA state tournament all four years she was on the team, advancing to the championship game when she was a sophomore. Her shooting ability helped earn her a spot on the University of Oregon roster in the early 1990s.

"My first acquaintance with Peg was during basketball camps at Oregon, when she was only 9 years old," recalls Elwin Heiny, Swadener's coach at Oregon. "We had to put in an extra early morning session because Peg was always there and ready to go at 6 a.m. She was always working to improve her skills."

The 3-point shot was added at the college level during Swadener's first season at Oregon. "Her shot became so consistent that we knew when she got the ball from behind the 3-point line, it would be good," Heiny says.

After graduating from Oregon in 1993, Swadener became an assistant coach at several NCAA Division I universities, including a five-season stint at Portland State University, before becoming Willamette's head coach. In two seasons at WU, she has helped develop two All-NWC sharpshooters (DeLong in 2013-14 and Sophie Wilson '13 in 2012-13). "The 3-point shot is very important to the offense I run," Swadener says.





Coach Shevlin sees sports through the lens of a student-athlete, having been one herself.

## back in the **SWIM** of things

Coach Leslie Shevlin shares with Willamette's swimming teams what she learned as a student-athlete.

By Robert McKinney

While competing on the swimming team at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington in Division I in the early 2000s, Leslie Shevlin knew that she wanted more from her college experience than just accomplishments in the pool. A mentor suggested she join the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), a step that put her future on track.

SAAC gave Shevlin leadership opportunities and respect for a comprehensive student-athlete experience. During her final season at Wilmington, Shevlin was named Most Outstanding Student-Athlete Leader on campus, thanks in large part to her contributions away from the pool.

Today, Shevlin is head coach of the Willamette women's and men's swimming teams. She is in the minority when it comes to leading a men's swimming program. Women represent less than 3 percent of the nation's collegiate head coaches in men's swimming.

In fact, Shevlin was named Northwest Conference Men's Swimming Coach of the Year for the 2013-14 season. The Willamette men's team won dual meets against all three of its Oregon conference rivals and placed fifth at the 2014 NWC Championships.

Members of both teams have set individual and team relay records, including top Willamette marks in the women's 400-yard medley relay and the women's 100- and 200-yard

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— Andrew Lum '16



breaststroke at the 2013 NWC Championships. Alike Masei '17 set a school record in 2014, finishing the men's 200-yard backstroke in 1:53.82.

"Leslie is a model coach and mentor who pushes her students to swim fast while fully engaging in the broader

community," WU Director of Athletics David Rigsby '00 says. "Her swimmers reach for faster times, better grades and a richer Willamette experience—they believe in her."

Shevlin and her athletes work closely with Willamette's SAAC chapter. Chris

Whitehead '14 was president of SAAC during his junior year. More recently, Shevlin encouraged Andrew Lum '16 to get involved with the organization.

"He wants to be a coach or an administrator," Shevlin explains. "I encouraged him to join SAAC because it's a place where I grew as a leader, and I thought he could do the same."

According to Shevlin, Lum works every day to improve himself and his team. He puts that same effort into SAAC in support of a robust student-athlete experience at Willamette. Working closely with Alex Hansen '14 of the basketball team this spring, Lum helped direct a campus career networking program that connected more than 100 student-athletes with Bearcat athletics alumni. As Lum and his teammates strengthen their leadership skills on campus, they appreciate a coach who pushes them to achieve—in the pool and beyond.

"Coach Shevlin has been a role model for me, as a swimmer and a student," Lum says. "Her guidance tells us we can go places in sports and academics with a balance of discipline, fun and effort."



## LOOS SETS RECORD IN JAVELIN THROW



Jordan Loos '14 broke the Willamette javelin record and won the Northwest Conference title on April 26 with a 214-7 toss to beat Jim Williams' 1987 throw of 211-11. Loos ranked

third in NCAA Division III during the regular season.

Individual NWC champions included Loos, Tom Fiechtner '14 (men's 200-meter dash), Hans Lehnendorff '16 (men's discus), Bekah Daniel '14 (women's triple jump), Taylor Ostrander '16 (women's steeplechase and 5,000-meter run) and Michaela Freeby '15 (women's 1,500-meter run). The men's 4x100-meter relay team (Matt Paparella '16, Chris Luetjen '14, Fiechtner and Dylan Jones '15) won for the second consecutive year.

## Baseball Posts Best Record Since 2003

The Bearcats' baseball team concluded the season with a 22-17 record and a 14-10 mark in conference play, its best record since 2003. Tosh Semlacher '14, Brad Breier '15, Hunter Gallant '15 and Ty Wyatt '17 made the All-NWC First Team. Five other Bearcats were named Second Team or Honorable Mention.

## Bennett Wins Booth Award, Daniel Receives Williams Award



Parker Bennett '14 earned the 2014 J.H. Booth Award and Bekah Daniel '14

received the 2014 Jean Williams Award as male and female senior student-athletes for their athletic, academic and leadership achievements and community service.

Bennett, an exercise science major, earned All-America honors by placing 32nd at the 2013 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. He won NWC cross country titles in 2012 and 2013, helping the Bearcats win back-to-back championships. Bennett won the 5,000-meter title at the 2013 NWC meet. He has worked in South Africa and Nepal with children's organizations.

Daniel gained All-NWC honors seven times in track and field. She won titles in the triple jump in 2013 and 2014, and ran on the winning 4x400-meter relay team in 2013. She ranks first all-time at Willamette in the triple jump, and is second in the heptathlon and 4x100 relay. A physics major, Daniel has volunteered with human rights and humanitarian efforts, and built wells in Burkina Faso.



## Save the Date

In 2014, FORE Willamette returns to The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore., on

Monday, Sept. 15. Join Bearcat alumni, parents, trustees and corporate and community partners for golf, prizes, food and refreshments. For information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Athletic Director David Rigsby at [drigsby@willamette.edu](mailto:drigsby@willamette.edu) or 503-370-6420.

## Gutierrez, Poltavski Take All-NWC Honors

After compiling a 13-2 record in doubles tennis this spring, Sabrina Gutierrez '14 and Denise Poltavski '15 were selected First Team All-NWC — the first time since joining NCAA Division III in 1998-99 that two female Bearcats have done so in one season.

Gutierrez and Poltavski also excelled in singles. No. 1 Gutierrez completed her Willamette career with a 42-27 record, finishing 10-6 this season. Poltavski went 12-3 as the team's No. 2. She has a 34-12 career record.



On the court: Gutierrez, left, and Poltavski, below.



For complete news coverage, box scores and streaming video, remember to check [willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics).

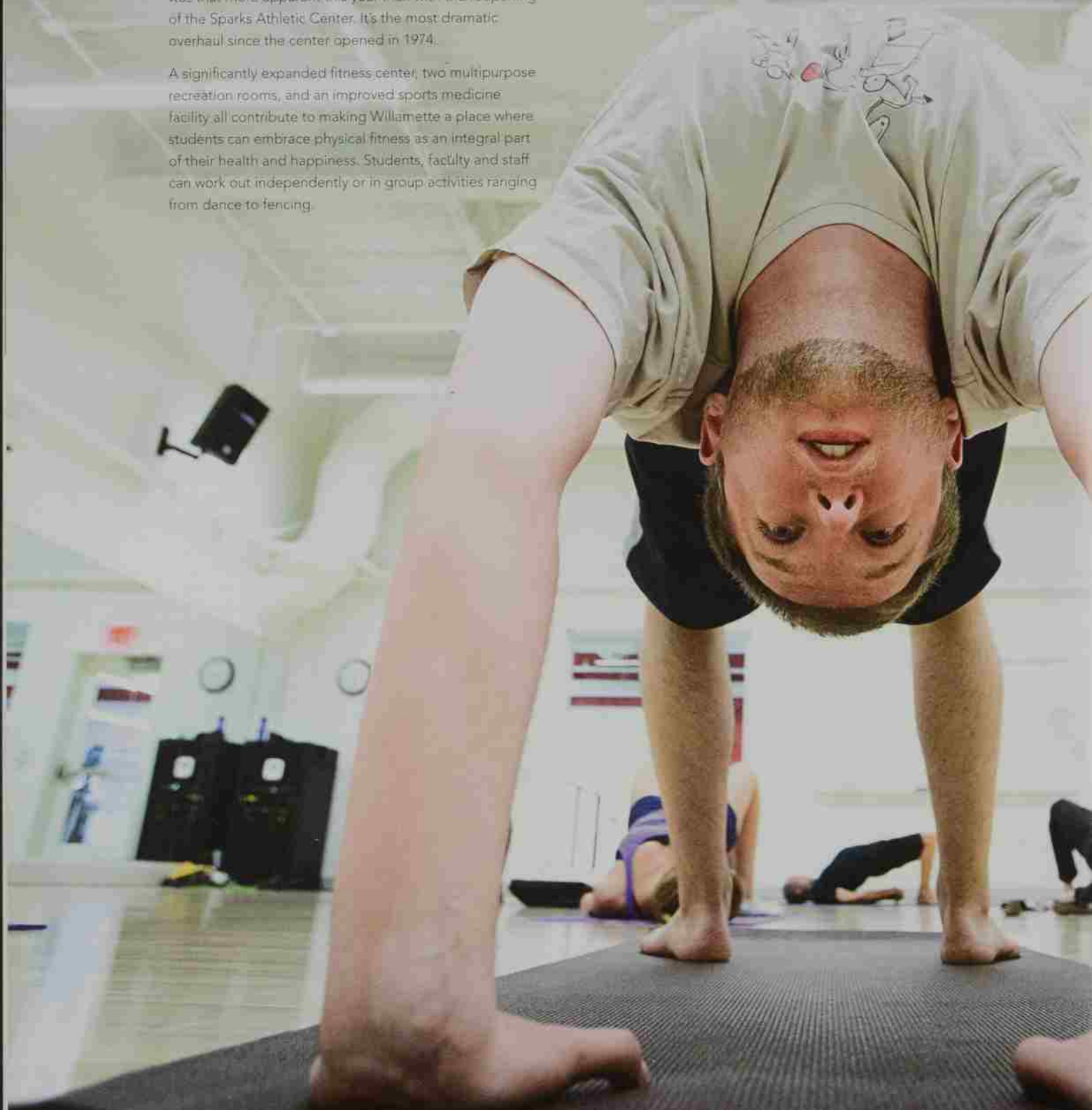


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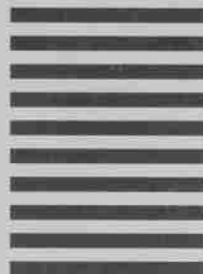
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# Make Sparks Fly with Alumni Support

Ignite the campaign to finish the Sparks Athletic Center renovation.

*Your gift benefits every Willamette athlete: varsity, club, intramural and individual performers.*





All photos by Frank Miller;  
except above and below, Josh Partee





## TIDBITS AND BRIEFS



### All That Jazz

Several Willamette musicians are among this year's winners of DownBeat magazine's annual Student Music Awards:

- Harris Long '14, Best Jazz Soloist
- Matt Sazima '14, Best Jazz Arrangement
- The Willamette Singers, Best Large Jazz Ensemble

The awards are among the jazz world's most prestigious honors conferred on students. Musicians and educators

evaluate audio submissions for musicianship, creativity, improvisation and technique.

"I've submitted recordings for many, many years, and we've never won," says Wallace Long Jr., director of choral activities. "Winning three awards at once moves Willamette's jazz program to a new level of visibility among professional musicians."

The awards were announced in DownBeat's June issue.

Top left: "Performing is the one thing I can call my own," says DownBeat Best Jazz Soloist winner Harris Long, son of Willamette choral director Wallace Long Jr.

Top right: "It's really nice as a young arranger to have this recognition," says Matt Sazima, winner of this year's DownBeat Award for Best Jazz Arrangement.

Left: For the Willamette Singers, the DownBeat award joins honors from the Oregon Music Education Association, Music Educators National Conference, the American Choral Directors Association and the International Association for Jazz Education.

### Himalayan Harmony

Matt Sazima was also among Willamette musicians who traveled to Nepal during spring break to teach and perform at the Kathmandu Jazz Conservatory. Sazima and fellow musicians Sean Edging '14, Thomas Shipley '15 and Jarrett Tracy '15 joined faculty jazz quintet James Miley, Mike Nord, Ryan Biesack, Tyler Abbott and Sean Flannery for classes, workshops and performances with young Nepali jazz musicians.

"It was really fun to discover that I share an interest in jazz with people from the opposite side of the earth," Sazima says of the students. "They learn music by ear, and they're very much in tune with each other."

Edging agrees, saying he'll always remember how much fun he had exploring the area with his fellow students. "I don't think there's a better way to end a trip than playing at the



Matt Sazima '14, Jarrett Tracy '15 (on drums), Thomas Shipley '15, Willamette sax professor Sean Flannery and Sean Edging '14 get in the groove at the Kathmandu Jazz Conservatory's Sundance Music Festival in March.

Sundance festival for local people and tourists, getting a double encore and spending the next morning swinging over a canyon from a suspension bridge," he says.

Miley performed with his group, Bug, at the 2010 Jazzmandu festival, and returned to Kathmandu in 2012 with a

Willamette faculty group. But this was the first year that students were invited to participate. Miley says he hopes to establish a semi-annual exchange program that brings Nepali students to Willamette.



## Looking for Fair Play in the Game Industry

Video games have changed yet another young person forever — this time in a surprising way. After years of playing online and off, Jennifer Allaway '15, a sociology major, grew curious about the prevalence of sexism in the medium and in the video gaming industry itself. Now, she's become something of an expert on the topic.

In March, that industry invited Allaway to share what she's learned from her yearlong academic study — "Sexism and the Game Industry" — at one of its premier events, the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco.

Her 25-minute presentation with Nintendo Games director Brandon Sheffield highlighted gender discrimination and harassment that her research uncovered through 34 interviews and a survey with 344 respondents. Although she brought bad news, Allaway was heartened, if a little surprised, by the reaction. "I found dozens of earnest men and women at the end of my talk asking, 'What can I do to make this better?'"

Her answer? Just talking and listening is a great start. "The more we discuss this subject, the more progress we'll

see toward gender-inclusive games and gaming workplaces," she says.

Allaway's research began with a grant from Willamette's Carson Undergraduate Research Program. Through the program, sophomores and juniors can receive up to \$3,000 for scholarly, creative or professional summer research projects.

Shortly after the conference, Allaway followed up with an article on her paper at Gamasutra — an industry website.

Her favorite part of the conference was reconnecting with an interview subject who also attended. "She just looked at me and said, 'I left the room crying. Thank you so much,'" Allaway says. "It was a humbling and unforgettable experience to help her voice be heard."



Sometimes the "game face" belongs to a woman. Jennifer Allaway '15 presented her research on gender discrimination in the video gaming industry at the Game Developers Conference in San Francisco.

## ALLAWAY'S STUDY AT A GLANCE

- 60%** of women admitted experiencing sexism to some degree in the gaming industry
- 59%** of women disagreed with the statement that men's and women's voices are respected equally during meetings, compared with 34 percent of men
- 70%** of women surveyed, and more than half of men, called the industry a "boy's club"

## A Writer Shares His Story



A sold-out crowd greeted Atkinson Lecture Series speaker, novelist and filmmaker Sherman Alexie at Smith Auditorium on March 11. Described by The New York Times Book Review as "one of the major lyric voices of our time," Alexie's 24 books have earned him numerous awards, including a National Book Award for Young People's Literature.

Alexie met with several dozen students and alumni throughout the day. Among them was Brendan Crews '17, a member of Willamette's Native American Enlightenment Association, who says Alexie's success as a writer was inspiring and that "it helps you realize you, too, can succeed and reach your destination." Alexie later visited Crews' alma mater, Salem's Chemawa Indian School.



## UP CLOSE

### STUDENT VOICES: CONNER MERTENS '17

Willamette kicker becomes the first college player to publicly come out



Conner  
Mertens '17

This has been a big year for LGBT athletes. Reigning Southeastern Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year Michael Sam announced that he is gay in a Feb. 9 interview with ESPN's Chris Connelly and was picked in the seventh round of the NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams on May 10. After coming out last spring, Jason Collins became the first openly gay man to play in a NBA game on Feb. 23. University of Massachusetts sophomore guard Derrick Gordon came out as the first openly gay Division I men's basketball player on April 9.

There was another announcement that preceded all these historic moments: In late January, Willamette kicker Conner Mertens '17 came out as bisexual to his football teammates and to the world. He was the first college football player in the United States at any level to come out while still playing.

The Scene caught up with Mertens at the Bistro in April.

**Now that some time has passed, tell us some moments that stand out.**

Any time people tell me my story impacted them in some way. It's a nice reminder of why I came out.

There have been some negatives. The Westboro Baptist Church told me they're going to picket Willamette and that I'm going to hell. I reminded them God is love and I was sorry they felt that way.

But throughout this process, I've met some very cool people, like Matt Kaplon, a baseball player for Drew University who is now out. He got in touch after he saw the Outsports story about me. The out LGBT athlete community is small, so we tend to all know each other.

I had a chance to meet and talk with Jason Collins on Feb. 20 at the launch party for Freedom Oregon [a Republican organization that supports gay-marriage rights]. I've talked with Michael Sam, and Anderson Cooper reached out to me on Twitter.

**Several high-profile athletes have come out in a relatively short period of time. How do you feel knowing that more and more athletes are ready to be out during their playing careers?**

That's what this whole thing has always been about. My dad didn't understand why I needed to come out publicly. After seeing all these stories, now he gets it. I couldn't have done this without Jason Collins and all the others who paved the way for people like me.

At first, I spent time reading the online comments on articles about gay athletes. I've tried to stop doing



that. There were the predictable responses like, "Oh, I'm straight, why don't they write an article about me?" They don't understand what it's like to be a marginalized group.

Other people say, "Who cares?" I care. The LGBT kids who end up killing themselves, the ones who don't have anyone to talk with or support them — they definitely cared. Don't tell their families that coming out stories don't matter.

**You grew up in a conservative community. When you decided to come out, you wrote a letter to your hometown (see sidebar). What kind of feedback have you received?**

The messages I shared in that letter are what I want the focus of this story to be. It's not about me. I don't want to be famous. I want the message of acceptance and love to be what any reader takes away.

Many of the responses I've received by email or through social media have started with, "I read your letter and ...." It meant something to a lot of people.

**What was the toughest moment before, during or after your announcement?**

I had to leave Young Life, which was hard. [Young Life is a national organization that introduces adolescents to Christianity.] It was a really important part of my life, but I knew LGBT people wouldn't be allowed to serve in leadership or volunteer roles.

And although I'm good at dealing with people who say negative things about me, I get really worked up when people say something about those who mean the most to me. Things like, "We'll get your fag-loving friends and teammates, too."

I did start to keep track of certain negative statements. So far, I've had

six people tell me to kill myself and four death threats.

**Do those messages scare you?**

No. They're just cowards hiding behind a screen.

**During spring break, you went home for the first time since the announcement. How was that experience?**

Nothing was really different, and seeing old friends and parents and coaches was very much like before coming out. There were a few people who seemed to be walking on eggshells, but they warmed up when they realized I was still the same Conner.

There was only one incident that shook me a little bit.

I was at Home Depot when a guy walked into my aisle. I was wearing a Willamette sweatshirt, and he commented that I go to that school "with that faggot-boy kicker I've been seeing in the news." When I informed him that I was that "faggot-boy," he laughed and walked out. It was a little bit of a shock and caught me off guard. It really showed me exactly why I came out in the first place — to defeat that sort of ignorance in the place I call home.

**What is your hope for the future for LGBT athletes?**

I want to see openly LGBT people win championships in all the major sports. I'd like to see Michael Sam win a Super Bowl. I would love to see an openly gay man lift the Stanley Cup.

I've read so many stories of people who used to play sports but had to stop because of the homophobia. I don't know what I would do if I had to give up football or soccer.

I hope we get to the point that we're judged by what's in our hearts and not our sexuality.

## A Message of Hope

Conner Mertens grew up in the Tri-Cities area of southeastern Washington, where 63 percent of voters cast ballots against the state's same-sex marriage referendum that was passed in 2012. When he made the decision to come out, he tweeted a letter to his hometown of Kennewick. Some excerpts:

**Regarding his decision to go public:** "... I see this as an important step in my life and hopefully the life of our community. I come from a small town that I love. I have seen the best and worst sides of the Tri-Cities. Unfortunately, we are a little behind the world on our perception of what it means to like the same sex. We have a responsibility to reject harmful stereotypes. By doing so, I hope to improve the lives of others and to strengthen my hometown community. The reason for my coming out this way is a sense of hope. Hope that the town I call home can change. Hope that you will all be a part of shattering the stereotypes and stigmas that we have built up."

**To those facing a similar struggle:** "You are not alone. You do not need to come out, but you do need to know that you do not have to go at this by yourself. The aloneness you're feeling is temporary and it will get better. This place is changing ... changing for the better. I made the decision that if I could prevent one person from feeling that self-hatred, loneliness, desperation and a thousand other emotions that I felt, I would. .... Love yourself and allow others to love you. Be who you are and know you're not alone."

To see Mertens' full letter, visit [willamette.edu/go/mertensletter](http://willamette.edu/go/mertensletter)





## STUDENTS TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT NATURE'S EVOLVING RELATIONSHIPS



By Linda Peterson

Assistant professor of biology Chris Smith is a teacher, a scholar and a 2013 recipient of the prestigious National Science Foundation's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant. Like his colleague, Emma Coddington (see Page 26), also a CAREER grant-winner, Smith integrates teaching and scholarship in a way that brings science to life. He's also a fine storyteller. Listen to his description of evolutionary ecology:

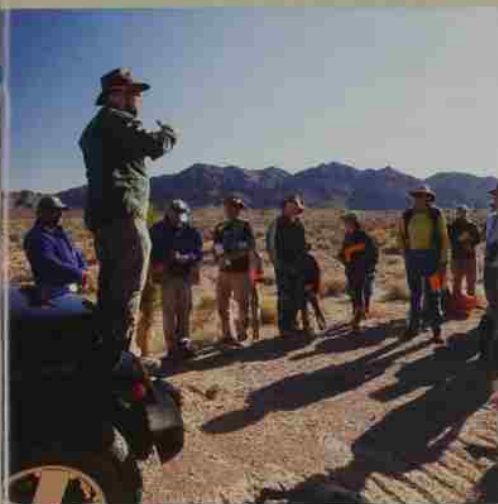
"I think about how interactions between species shape their evolutions and

vice versa. Take cheetahs and gazelles, for example. Only the fastest gazelles avoid being eaten by cheetahs. And only the fastest cheetahs get lunch. They're both getting faster."

Smith's work focuses on interactions between plants and insects, and in particular what Charles Darwin called "the abominable mystery." Why is it that the youngest plants — those with flowers — have proliferated so richly? Today, there are about 250,000 species of angiosperms, or flowering plants, but they're younger than pine trees or mosses. One suspicion is that pollinators make



Clockwise from top left: view from base camp at Joshua Tree National Park; assistant professor Chris Smith giving a morning "pep talk"; students Annette Marinello '14 (left) and Malia Santos '15 collecting dirt in the field (a VERY large field)



new species of plants, and Smith's work is testing that theory by studying Joshua trees and their pollinators, yucca moths.

During spring break, Smith took five Willamette students with him on a field research trip with two agendas: prepare them to work in his lab during

the summer and give them a first-hand taste of field work. The setting in Nevada and southeastern California — including Joshua Tree National Park — was appetizing for young scientists, and education and discovery were on the menu.

With his students' assistance, Smith taught field ecology through the Desert Institute's adult education program in partnership with the United States Geological Survey. "All of the students are biology majors who understand that the scientific method is built on developing a hypothesis, designing an experiment and collecting data," Smith says. "This isn't about a textbook. It's about hands-on work."

Students relish the opportunity, and so does he. "Being with students in the field is why I do what I do. What's most exciting about my job is being

able to see in other people the same kind of excitement and enthusiasm and intellectual zeal that I experienced when I first started studying science. In the field, you're much closer to the organisms. That's where our passion comes from — real plants, real animals. You're immersed in your subject. And it's beautiful. The desert has almost a spiritual component that you can't capture in classroom exercises."

What students glean from the experience, Smith says, is meaningful even for those who don't go into academic science. "They come away with a more profound understanding of the scientific process. They're more confident. They can follow through on a long process and weather the inevitable setbacks and failures. They have a greater sense of ownership of their work."

## Student Scholars Relish Field Work

Two of Chris Smith's students, Annette Marinello '14 and Malia Santos '15, talk about cool moments and surprises in the desert. Marinello will spend part of the summer at the USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental

Studies on Catalina Island, in Southern California, researching marine biology. Santos will work with Smith during the summer, supported by an Arthur Wilson award for women in science.

### Coollest moment:

**Marinello:** Driving into the Tikaboo Valley. We had seen only a handful of Joshua trees. Then, halfway through the valley, we were in a forest of them.

**Santos:** Being in the field with a group of people who love biology as much as I do.

### Surprised by:

**Marinello:** How spiky Joshua tree leaves are. Ouch!

**Santos:** How old Joshua trees are and how slowly they grow.

### Aspirations for the future:

**Marinello:** After this trip, I realized I would like to do field ecology as a career. Not only did I enjoy working in the field, but I also got to know people who do this work. It was awesome to

talk with people from USGS and learn about their jobs. It's hard work and physically tiring, but at the end of the day, you feel you've accomplished something.

**Santos:** I have always been apprehensive about becoming a biologist, but this trip has shown me how much I love biology and how much I would enjoy it as a career. If I go into a biology-related field, I would like to study as many organisms as I can.





## THE WALLER VIOLIN PLAYS ON

Willamette's mysterious instrument gained new life in the hands of Chloe Prëndergast '14

By Sarah Evans

Violin performance major Chloe Prëndergast '14 carried her instrument in a generic black case decorated with bumper stickers and her name in colorful letters. But when she slipped the violin out of its protective silk bag, it was obvious that this instrument was far from ordinary.

The age and uniqueness of the violin — which she played on loan for the past three years — often drew stares and questions. And the story of its origins is one of Willamette University's greatest mysteries.

It started in 1988, when workers renovating Waller Hall discovered a raincoat under some floorboards. Inside the raincoat was a yellowed 1928 newspaper. And inside that ... a violin.

A label inside the violin names a well-known Italian luthier, Giovanni Battista Guadagnini, and includes a date: 1703. Was this violin nearly three centuries old? And how did it come to live between Waller's third and fourth floors — which, in 1928, were home to the university's library and literary society displays?

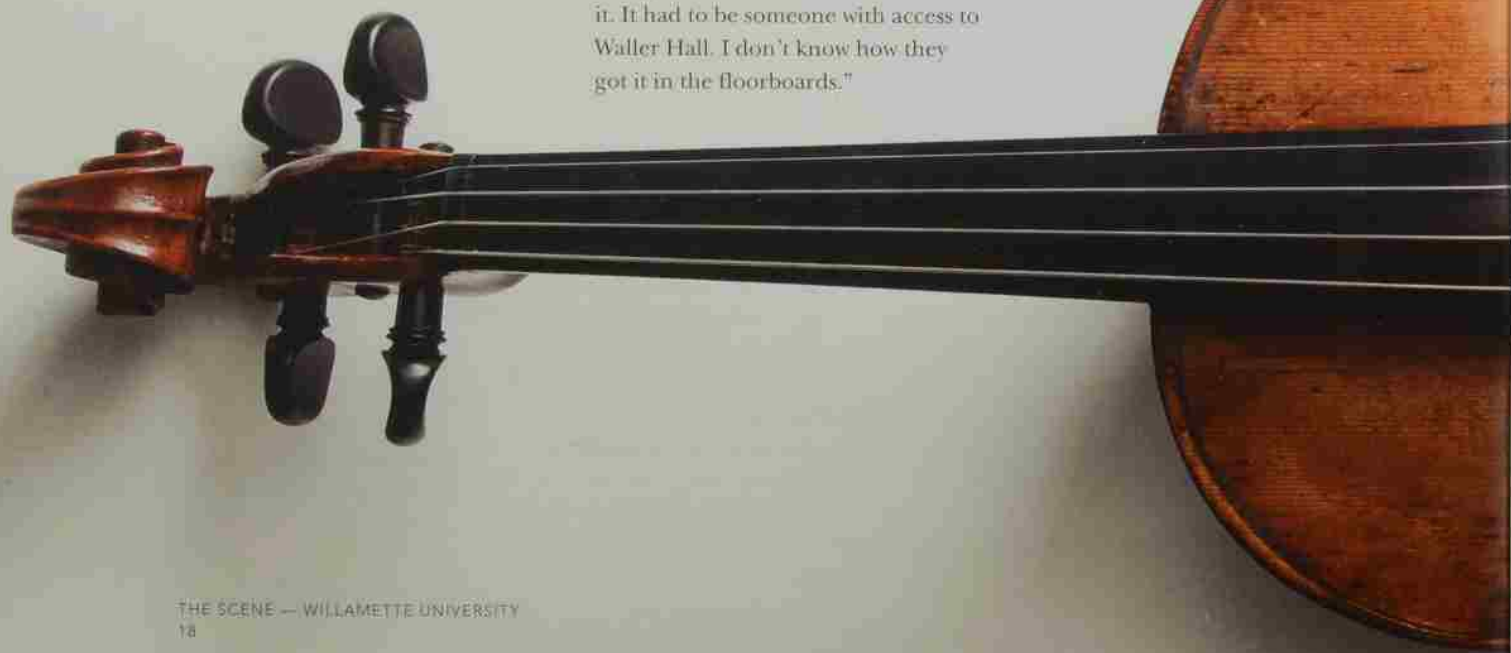
Discovery of the mysterious Waller violin — as it came to be known — gained Willamette a decent dose of media attention. Violin professor Daniel Rouslin remembers the many people who surfaced to claim the instrument — none with sufficient proof of ownership. To this day, that part of the story remains unknown, although many have theories.

"I think it was probably stolen," Rouslin says. "Someone was afraid of being found out and decided to hide it. It had to be someone with access to Waller Hall. I don't know how they got it in the floorboards."

The violin was in decent shape, considering its age and that it was stored, without a case, under a floor for 60 years. Its neck was not original, and it had multiple cracks, but nothing that couldn't be fixed.

It's not uncommon to find fictitious labels in instruments, so Willamette sent the violin to an expert instrument appraiser in New York. He determined it was not made by Guadagnini, but thought it likely came from the same general time period and region of Italy where Guadagnini — and the more-famous Stradivarius — crafted their instruments.

This April, Willamette had the Waller violin appraised again, this time by a Portland violin-maker who researches





the authenticity of old instruments. He thinks the violin could have been made as early as 1685 by Peter Guarneri, a member of another famous Italian luthier family — one considered by some violinists to be more talented than Stradivarius. If his assessment is correct, the violin could be quite valuable — although not nearly as much as a mint-condition Guarneri with a proper label.

To Prendergast, the Waller violin's value lies more in the benefits she gained from playing it. She is one of a select few students who have used it since its discovery. All have been musicians with exceptional talent who were constrained by inferior instruments. (Modern, high-quality violins can cost \$20,000 to \$30,000.)

"Chloe had a tremendous level of commitment as a performance major, and her instrument was really holding her back," Rouslin says. "Violin students of her caliber and level of need rarely appear on our campus, so she definitely deserved to play this instrument."

Prendergast was flabbergasted when Rouslin first told her the Waller violin's story and said that she could borrow it. "My first thought was, 'I need to practice more,'" she says.

Her desire to be worthy of her instrument was a good motivation. Prendergast went on to participate in two notable music festivals, and, with the Waller Piano Trio, competed at the Music Teachers National Association's national conference. The trio was Oregon's first chamber music group to compete there.

In August, Prendergast will head to the prestigious Aigues-Vives en Musiques Festival in France to train in an academy for young musicians before starting a position as the media and marketing intern for the Baroque Chamber Orchestra of Colorado, in her home state. Ultimately, she hopes to become a violin teacher and a professional performer.

As Prendergast moves on, the Waller violin will return to Rouslin for safe-keeping — until another worthy student comes along who needs it.

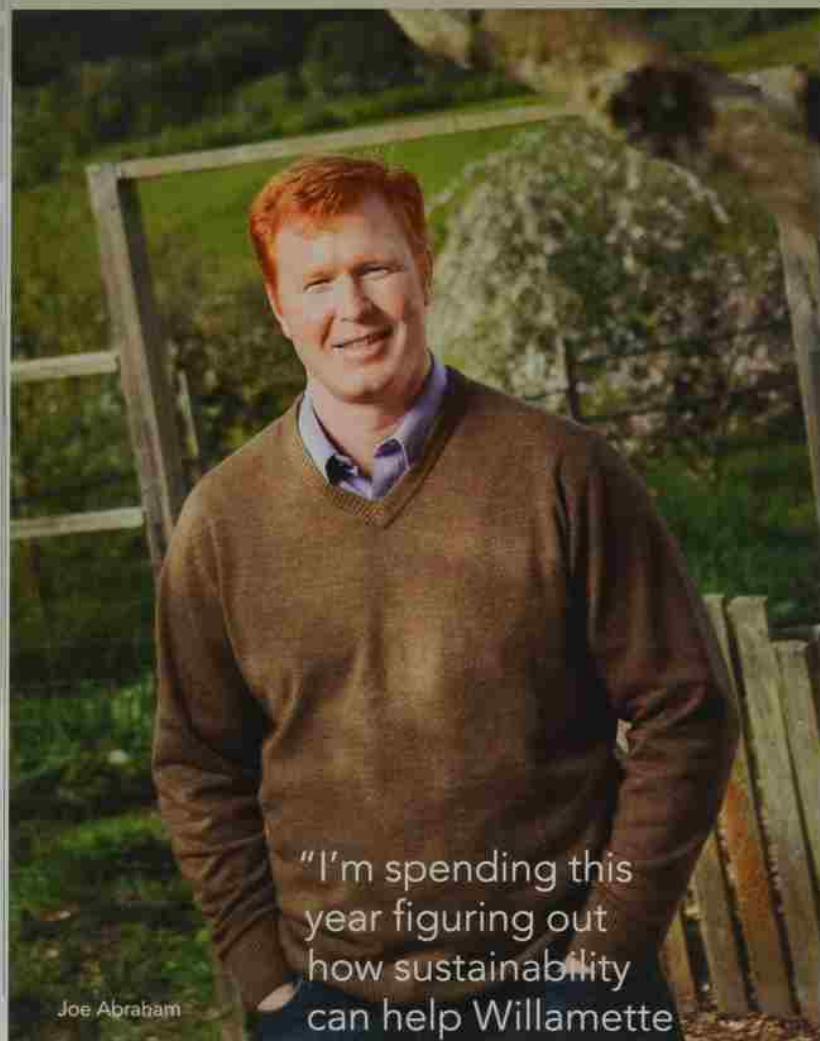
"One of the amazing things about the violin is when I'm playing something like Bach and I think, 'Wow, this instrument existed when Bach was alive.' It has seen the time of Bach, of Beethoven, of Mozart," Prendergast says. "It's a beautiful instrument that definitely helped me open up my sound, and I was so lucky to get to play it."

*Visit this story online  
to watch a video of  
Prendergast playing  
the Waller violin:  
[willamette.edu/scene](http://willamette.edu/scene)*





## CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS: JOE ABRAHAM



Joe Abraham

"I'm spending this year figuring out how sustainability can help Willamette further distinguish itself and improve our brand, in addition to working toward a more positive future on and off campus."

By Emma Jonas '15

How do you bring an institutional statement — "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" — to life? At Willamette, you see that value alive and flourishing in the university's sustainability program, now a focal point in shaping other programs and operations.

At the start of the 2013–14 academic year, Willamette incorporated the former Center for Sustainable Communities, WU Sustainability Council and the Zena Advisory Committee into the Sustainability Institute, directed by Joe Abraham, an Oregon native and former director of sustainability at the University of Arizona. The institute functions to create a more robust sustainability profile in curricular and co-curricular practices at Willamette.

Abraham has spent much of his first year on the job observing and learning, largely through one-on-one meetings with students, staff, administrators and faculty, but also through a campus-wide assessment of academics, operations, administration and engagement.

The Scene recently interviewed Abraham to learn a little more about those opportunities and his vision.

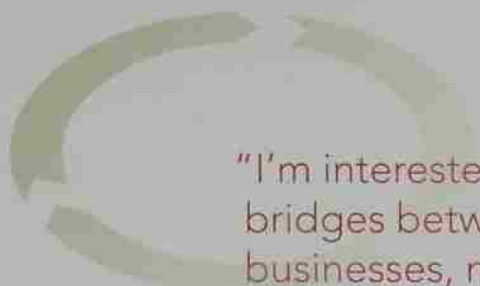
**What are some differences and similarities between Willamette and Arizona?**

Coming to a small liberal arts school in Oregon has required that I shift my strategies. I was used to a very different model of higher education. The University of Arizona is a very large research university, and I was there for almost 14 years, the last four as director of sustainability. Like Arizona, Willamette is very progressive in sustainability but approaches it more holistically, which I'm excited to see. There is also much greater potential here to meaningfully engage students, faculty and staff.

**The new Sustainability Institute oversees Zena Forest and Farm. How do those resources interact with the institute?**

The opportunity to help Willamette develop the Zena property was a big attraction for me. Zena was acquired in 2008, and the university is looking to the institute to lead an inclusive planning process that focuses on developing





**"I'm interested in building more bridges between the university and businesses, nonprofits and government in Salem and the region."**

Zena's curricular and co-curricular value. It's an amazing asset with significant potential to serve Willamette's educational mission broadly.

We already have a farm at Zena — largely student-run, but also supported by a staff member who works closely with me in the Sustainability Institute and who administers the six-week summer program in sustainable agriculture. I've started working with faculty, staff and students to identify ways to expand our use of Zena in the curriculum and for co-curricular activities. From there, we'll develop a programmatic plan to determine what additional investments in Zena might fit in our capital campaign. We're looking for ways to get more students out there and expand their perspectives.

**What else do you hope to accomplish through the institute?**

I'm interested in building more bridges between the university and businesses, nonprofits and government in Salem and the region. We were fortunate to receive a grant from the James S. Kemper Foundation this year and have created six paid summer internships for Willamette students at for-profits

that are recognized leaders in sustainability in their fields. I hope to continue working with our career center and others to create more opportunities during the academic year to help students and our community.

**How do you view sustainability institutes at other colleges, and how can Willamette contribute in conjunction with that progress?**

There's been a huge upswing in positions like mine in higher education in the last 10 years, focused on operations, academics and, to a lesser extent, campus life. Ten years ago, a university could distinguish itself by committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, putting up only green buildings and increasing its use of renewable energy. Now, many universities have those tools in their portfolios, so it's no longer a differentiator.

I'm spending this year figuring out how sustainability can help Willamette further distinguish itself and improve our brand, in addition to working toward a more positive future on and off campus. As we incorporate sustainability into the curriculum and create co-curricular opportunities on and off campus, we need to think of sustainability

in terms of marketing and communications.

**Where does sustainability fit into Willamette's motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born"?**

It's not just about recycling and renewable energy production and conservation. It plays into what I see on campus — service in the community, such as addressing poverty and hunger, social justice, wellness and other concerns that play into the broader issue of sustainable communities.

**How do you hope the Sustainability Institute will serve Willamette students as they graduate?**

We need to empower Willamette students to mesh their desire to make money and have the quality of life that they want with their desire to do good in the world. We need to help them understand how to become agents of change for the way that the companies and organizations they'll join will operate and behave in the future.

Helping people become change agents is one of the experiences that makes my life exciting.





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## *Celebrating*

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

In education, sometimes  
the quietest moments are  
the most powerful

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In 2010, as Rita Moore, professor of education and former interim dean of Willamette's Graduate School of Education (GSE), tells the story, fellow faculty member David Ward organized a "read-in" for all GSE Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) candidates. Moore describes a scene imprinted on her memory: "Candidates lounged on chairs, on the floor, spreading out across the north and south lobbies of the executive building as they celebrated reading and talking about books. A quiet, pervasive hum hung over us, as our candidates modeled what they hope their own students will practice: celebrating reading and literacy."

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*By Linda Peterson*



That quiet hum is a near-perfect analogy for the impact that GSE has had in its 26-year history — sending well-prepared, committed, innovative education professionals into the world to shape the art and science of teaching and learning. At commencement this spring, GSE made its last hail and farewell. The reasons for closure were complex but primarily strategic: The university was unwilling to compromise the quality of the educational experience to reduce costs and remain competitive in an uncertain market.

It was a difficult decision, reached after consultation with the campus community and the university's governing board, and it was announced a year ahead of time to ensure current students could finish their programs.

Willamette's history in education has been transformative for the region — and beyond. As President Stephen E. Thorsett observed, "Willamette will continue to be an excellent choice for undergraduate students who wish to pursue teaching careers. We are tremendously proud of and will continue to support and celebrate all of our alumni, graduate and undergraduate, who choose to serve the world in this critically important way."

Now, it's time to celebrate the GSE's contributions — past, present and future. Educating others has always been in Willamette's DNA. In fact, Willamette's first graduate, a woman — Emily J. York — became a teacher.

From the university's start in 1842, it was dedicated to training educators for the children of the families settling in the Oregon Territory, expressing in its founding bylaws that none would be excluded on account of race. The Oregon Institute (as Willamette was then called) raised money in its first capital campaign to construct a permanent building at Wallace Prairie, north of the current campus location, and the work began.

However, in 1844, when the nearby mission school was unexpectedly closed by the Methodists, Willamette bought their building and relocated to its current spot in what has since become modern-day Salem. The university hired its first teacher, Chloe Clarke Willson, who moved to Salem in November 1842 and began tutoring the children of the settlers. On Aug. 13, 1844, Willson stepped into the newly acquired building to teach her first official class.

Fast forward to 1988, when the Graduate School of Education was formed to address a need for educational leaders for a growing Pacific Northwest school population. Interim Dean Mark Stewart (who also serves as the College of Liberal Arts associate dean for faculty development and professor of psychology) emphasizes the innovative spirit of the GSE — from its membership in the Oregon Technology in Education

Network to its programs that focus on the needs and aspirations of all learners.

Steven Rhine, professor of education, highlights one such need: for a "relational" approach to preparing teachers. "We believed that by developing strong relationships with our students — through small class sizes and partnerships — we could most effectively help them meet the challenges of teaching. Professor Karen Hamlin's work on 'shifting the gaze' from focusing on the teacher to focusing on the resulting actions of the students helped us develop our own education students into confident professionals. Our graduating students felt like second-year teachers when they got their jobs."

For Rhine, one of the greatest pleasures of teaching came from this relational approach. "I enjoyed working with a small group of eight to 10 students. It was deeply satisfying to shepherd them through the process of becoming effective teachers."

### An Ensemble with a Toolbox

The motto "be prepared" may be identified with Boy Scouts, but it's the byword of virtually all Willamette GSE alumni, as well. Vanessa Niedermeyer '01, MAT'03, a double Willamette alumna and a social studies teacher at North Salem High, says, "To be prepared was the most important thing I took away from the GSE. The program really prepared me to know not just *what* I was doing, but *why* I was doing it, and how different strategies work for different students. I learned about collaboration and left with many tools in my toolbox."

"Now that I've been teaching for 12 years, I've come to realize that student teachers from Willamette are simply better prepared, more thoughtful and more open to new ideas than those from other programs." She concedes, "Of course, I'm biased because I came from Willamette, but I think about our great professors — Jill Bryant, Karen Hamlin, Cheryl Brown, Steve Rhine — and how well they

*"Education is a process. There's never an end to becoming a better teacher."*

JASON NIEDERMEYER





Vanessa '01, MAT '03 and Jason '01, MAT '05 Niedermeyer, with their son CJ.

supported and prepared us. They taught us how to work independently and with others."

Besides being a loyal alumna, Niedermeyer was also an informal recruiter for the program. Her husband, Jason '01, MAT '05, was her biggest success story. Explains Jason, "Vanessa said, 'You like coaching, why not try teaching? It's just coaching in a classroom.' So I followed her back to Willamette to get my master's."

The most important thing he learned? "Education is a process. There's never an end to becoming a better teacher. You can always hone your philosophy, your practice, your toolbox — there are always new things to learn, either in content or pedagogy."

That commitment to going deeper and learning more is best carried out in a community of students and teachers that support learning from each other. Angela Obery, an instructor for more than 12 years at the GSE, says, "I've felt such great support and camaraderie from the faculty. Over the years, as the GSE went from one MAT program to four different programs, I've seen a lot of different faces and programs, but for me, professionally, everyone has been so welcoming and supportive. We were always learning from our students and from each other."

#### Aha! Moments

In movies, a teacher's success often arrives with climactic music, as a student suddenly and dramatically "gets it." Think Edward James Olmos teaching higher math to at-risk kids in "Stand and Deliver," Robin Williams imparting

*carpe diem* to his students in "Dead Poets Society" or Anne Bancroft's Anne Sullivan pumping water over her protégé's hand in "The Miracle Worker" — the moment when Helen Keller first comprehends the sign for water.

Minus the lights, camera, action and movie stars, "aha" moments happen every day between teachers and students. "That's been the most interesting thing to me over the years," says Obery, whose work includes 20 years with the Oregon Writing Project. "As the MAT candidates would come to understand their young students' motivations, a light bulb would go on. Suddenly, one would say, 'Oh, yeah! I see how I can better serve my student.' I love that moment."

For Robin Fromherz, assistant professor of education, many "aha" moments came out of the GSE's unique culture — integrating faculty, staff, students, schools and the community so that education became "a way of life," as she describes it. "The conversations, activities and classes teemed with creative energy, intellectual thought and caring hearts." Fromherz cites examples of involving GSE students in special events on campus and in the field — from bilingual author days for parents and children to arts festivals for kids to bringing arts to children in Mexico, Alaska and the Southwest.

In 2000, Fromherz and her colleagues collaborated with

## Willamette Graduate School of Education by the Numbers



Number of school districts/  
independent schools with GSE  
agreements





principals and teachers to host a fine arts festival on campus — a multiday, multilingual experience for children. Says Fromherz, “The National Standards for Arts Education refers to the arts as ‘society’s gift to itself,’ and we brought that commitment to life. Not only did the schoolchildren attend the weeklong festival, but teachers and classroom assistants were the artists — in visual arts, dance, writing, music and theater.”

The festival was so successful that it became an annual event. “Much of this was led and organized by our GSE student teachers,” says Fromherz.

### A Global Outlook

GSE alums see the wider world. Andrew Morris MAT’12 uses his teaching experience in Japan and his volunteer tsunami cleanup work to bring an international point of view to his classrooms.

Other students test their skills elsewhere in Asia, and in Latin America and Europe. Matthew Wilson MAT’07 crossed the Pacific to find his calling. “I grew up in Salem, but I was a little directionless after I graduated from college. I remembered that a friend of mine had gone to South Korea to teach English to preschoolers. I looked her up, got connected with a job, and spent six years teaching Korean 5- and 6-year-olds.”

By then, he was hooked on teaching but knew he needed to learn more.

“What I took from that experience is that teachers have to realize what a big responsibility we have. Students’ successes are their own, but as teachers, we have to help them through failures to reach the level where they can succeed.” Wilson had heard good things about the GSE, so he applied; was accepted and jumped right in.

“The program prepared us well to understand teaching in ways most people don’t,” Wilson says. “There’s a big difference between *teaching* — most of us could teach something — and *being a teacher*. My experience in South Korea and at Willamette made me into a teacher.”

Today, Wilson is in a Ph.D. program at the University of Florida’s School of Teaching & Learning. His focus is on the use of technology, and he teaches in the undergraduate education program. “I’m enjoying the Ph.D. program, but I love teaching absolutely, and I miss being in the classroom with kids.”

### Not Unto Ourselves Alone Are We Born

Perhaps no profession more explicitly exemplifies Willamette’s motto than teaching. During its 26 years, GSE has had an exponential influence. Teachers have made an impact on students, and their students have made an impact on the world. Some students have become educators themselves — and so it goes, heightening that multiplier factor.

Rhine recalls a rewarding moment in his career that makes the point perfectly. “My mentor, Kris Gutierrez, professor of education at UCLA and subsequently at the University of Colorado, Boulder, was our GSE commencement speaker in 2011.

At the time, she was president of the prestigious American Educational Research Association. She delivered an excellent talk that inspired our graduates to consider themselves as more than simply teachers but also as active seekers and workers for social justice.”

To date, more than 2,500 GSE students have deepened their training and found their calling through degrees and licensure. The GSE acquired close to \$4 million in federal grants in the past 15 years to work with pre-service teachers, Willamette CLA faculty, and schools. The impact of these contributions in the Pacific Northwest and throughout the world has been — and will continue to be — enormous as teachers, principals, administrators all focus on others.

Poet Robert Frost wrote, “There are two kinds of teachers: the kind that fill you with so much quail shot that you can’t move, and the kind that just gives you a little prod behind and you jump to the skies.”

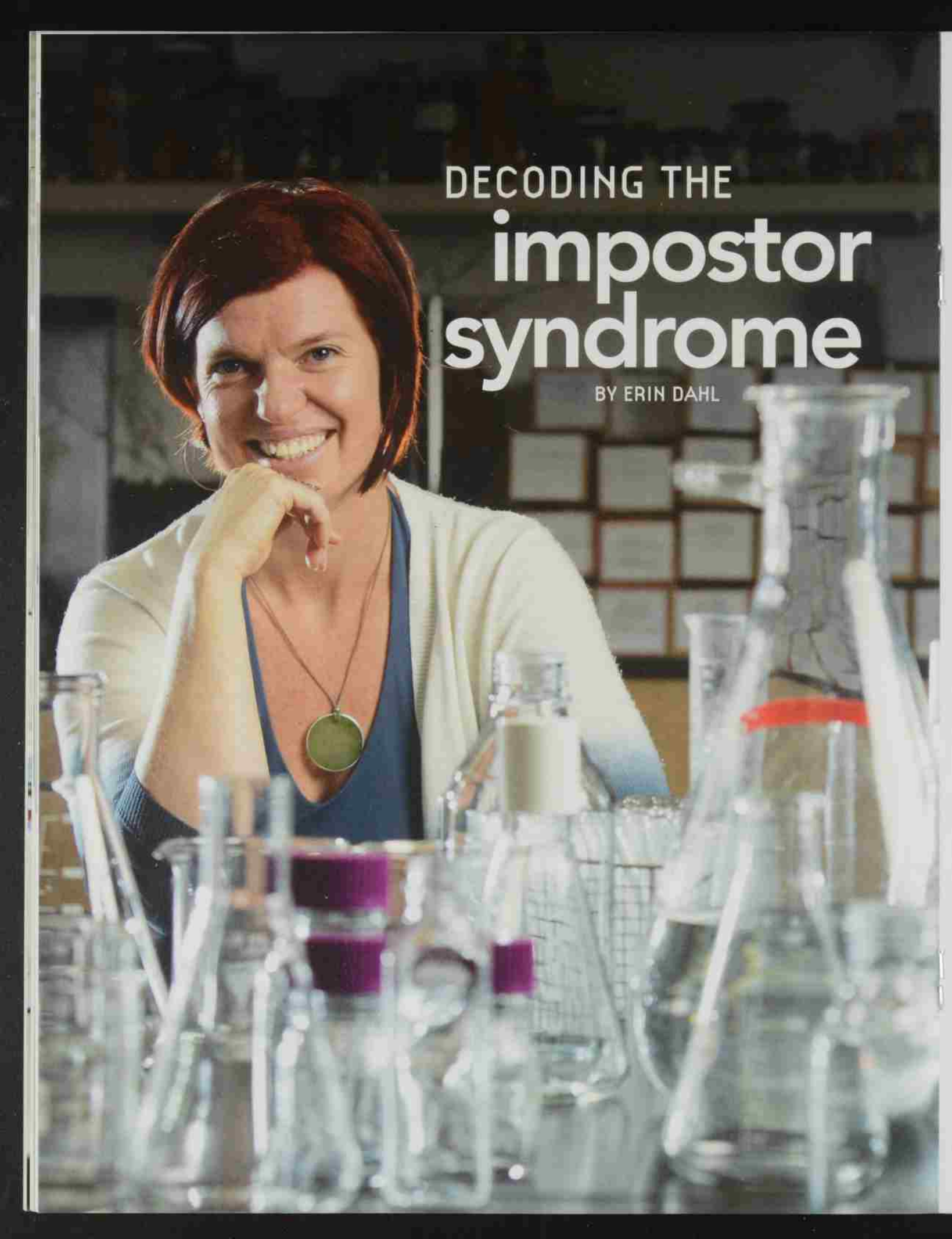
As commencement 2014 ended the GSE’s operations, it’s time for a toast: *Here’s to the teachers — and to the “sky-jumpers” they inspire.*

  
**2,500+**  
GSE alumni who have earned degrees or initial/continuing licenses

Specialty endorsement licenses earned (Special Education, Reading, ESOL/English for Speakers of Other Languages)  
**3,000** 

Mentor-teachers  
**1,000+**  




A woman with short reddish-brown hair, wearing a white lab coat over a blue top and a necklace with a large green circular pendant, is smiling and resting her chin on her hand. She is in a laboratory setting with various glassware, including beakers and flasks, some containing purple liquid, in the foreground. The background shows shelves with more glassware and a grid pattern.

# DECODING THE impostor syndrome

BY ERIN DAHL





**EMMA CODDINGTON COULDN'T  
IMAGINE BECOMING A SCIENTIST.  
AT LEAST THAT'S THE STORY SHE  
TOLD HERSELF.**

Why? Simple. In her mind, scientists were dour, humorless workaholics who preferred to work alone. Coddington was none of those things. So after earning a degree in zoology from the University of Otago, the New Zealander spent five years traveling and working as a waitress.

"I'm a flamboyant, loud and excitable woman," Coddington says. "I laugh a lot. My hair was blond, and now it's bottle-red. I really struggled with whether that was acceptable in science. When I looked around, I didn't see anybody I wanted to be like. And I didn't see anyone who looked like me."

## **ASSISTANT BIOLOGY PROFESSOR EMMA CODDINGTON HELPS STUDENTS DISCOVER THEIR "inner scientists"**

Despite her apprehensions, Coddington couldn't ignore her calling. Each time she changed cities, her love of research beckoned her into university labs, where she stepped away from her day job to volunteer her time and expertise.

Her grandmother, her undergraduate advisor and many others came into her life at the right time to offer support and encouragement, Coddington says. Thanks to their influence, she was spurred to continue her education in the United States.

"The more time I spent helping others do research, the more I thought I could build a career around it myself," she says. "I was lucky to encounter people who valued who I was as a person and the type of research I was trying to do. I had some amazing mentors."

Buoyed by those who believed in her, Coddington earned a master's degree in biological sciences and a doctorate in zoology. She pursued post-doctoral research at the University of Wyoming, Oregon Health & Science University and the University of Otago. Then, after serving as a visiting assistant professor at Willamette for a year, she returned in 2009 as an assistant professor of biology.

"Willamette spoke to me as a community of dedicated learners and scholars who were conscientious about the larger world," she says. "It is a place that changes lives, and I wanted to be a part of it."

### **DECONSTRUCTING CONTEXT**

Through her research, Coddington is hoping to understand how context and stress hormones affect the mating behaviors of newts. She hopes her findings will give scientists new insight into how hormones affect behaviors and build resilience to stress in all animals.

That work also led her into a related study of stress in humans, specifically the "impostor syndrome" that many scientists and others — Coddington included — have confronted during their careers. Because of the syndrome, people credit their successes to luck instead of genuine talent or ability.

This spring, the National Science Foundation recognized Coddington's work with a prestigious Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) grant. As of press time, the award was projected at \$710,000. The five-year award goes to pre-tenure faculty members who have effectively integrated teaching and research programs.

"It's insufficient just to have great science," Coddington says. "You also need a really great plan for teaching. That's what's unusual about this grant."

According to the most recent data on the National Science Foundation website, Willamette is the only liberal arts university in the country to have earned a CAREER grant in the same department in two consecutive years. Last year, associate professor of biology Chris Smith was awarded a CAREER grant for his work studying what he suspects to be the co-evolution of yucca trees and yucca moths (see article on Page 16).





"EMMA IS USING HER RESEARCH TO HELP STUDENTS  
DEAL WITH FEAR AND THE PROCESS OF LEARNING.

## Her research informs the way she teaches."

—CHRIS SMITH



Coddington's research assistant Ashley Turnidge '14 and other students credit her with inspiring their self-confidence.

"The CAREER award is 'the holy grail' for junior faculty," Smith says. "Through these awards, we are trying to create a space in which students benefit from intense, hands-on education, taught by people who are true experts in their fields."

### IS STRESS BAD?

Coddington is using her CAREER grant to fund a full-time technician, support her work with more than 30 student research assistants during the next five years and expand a series of self-advocacy workshops related to her impostor syndrome research.

Victims of the syndrome feel like frauds, Coddington says. They attribute their accomplishments to their ability to deceive others into believing they are more intelligent and competent than they believe themselves to be. Coddington hopes she and her colleagues can help students through her workshops to address their insecurities and realize their personal value.

"These workshops are not typically found in science programs, but I'm passionate about them, so I included them in my grant proposal," she says. "When you don't realize you're feeling insecure because impostor syndrome is rearing its head, that's when people will undermine you. If you feel insecure, that will influence how stress shapes your performance, and you're far likelier to sabotage yourself, your work and your career."

Coddington says there's a parallel between her work with students and the work in her lab. With students, she attempts to grasp how stress and coping

mechanisms influence their understanding of themselves. With newts, she's trying to determine how hormones and situational context affect their decision-making behaviors.

To aid in her research, Coddington and her students observe newts, study their tissue under a powerful microscope and use electrophysiology to understand the electrical properties of the animals' cells.

In one experiment, Coddington takes solitary male newts out of their pens, restrains them to induce stress, and returns them to an enclosure with females. She does the same with males that were already courting females. That's how she learned that solitary newts didn't engage in courtship after being restrained, but the others did.

"There is something about that immediate context and experience — what we would call friendship or closeness, even intimacy — that promotes a brain that is very resilient to stress," she says. "So this notion that stress is bad, it's time for that to go. Stress can't be avoided, but we can control how we conduct our lives to set us up for a more resilient brain and spirit."

Coddington hopes her findings will have broader implications about how all animals — including young science students — respond to stress.

### BREAKING THE SILENCE

Although lab experience is core to Coddington's program, she is equally devoted to teaching in the classroom and inspiring students.

One way she strives to reach students is through her self-advocacy program. A part of the program centers on acclaimed scientists — men and women, young and old, of many ethnic backgrounds — who talk about how they've all felt like frauds at some point in their careers. Coddington's goal is to start a



conversation so her students and colleagues can share these feelings openly, exploring why they've experienced impostor syndrome and how they plan to overcome it.

"Every single one of those professors was very, very nervous about speaking openly about this insecurity, because it's not part of the culture," Coddington says. "Yet that level of honesty is an important part of becoming strong, independent, highly effective members of a team. Feeling that we belong to a team is critical to doing 'good science' and making contributions."

"The sense of being an impostor or a phony is something many students and scientists feel," he says. "I felt that most acutely during my first year of graduate school, when I experienced this tremendous pressure to be authoritative and informed."

"The feeling didn't really go away until I became a professor and grew accustomed to students asking me questions. I got to a place where I could feel comfortable saying, 'You know, I don't know the answer to that.' Nobody knows all the answers, and part of being a professional means being comfortable with the limits of your understanding."

As a faculty member, Smith sees students experiencing the same pressures he knows all too well. Some react by acting insincere and ill-informed, while others retreat, afraid of calling attention to themselves.

Through Coddington's research, Smith says this issue is being brought to light.

"Emma is studying how the physiological state affects the neurobiology of animals, and she is thinking of that in terms of learning," he says. "I find that really exciting."

"How does feeling uncomfortable or stressed out, like an impostor in an unfamiliar setting, affect one's ability to learn? Emma is using her research to help students deal with fear and the process of learning. Her research informs the way she teaches."

## SECRET BATTLES

Through her advocacy workshops, Coddington addresses these feelings and strives to convince her students that differences should be celebrated, not hidden. She plans to use pre- and post-tests to help gauge if her program is working.

"Many students who walk into my classroom have felt as if they don't fit in with other scientists — it's often a manifestation of a hideous high school experience," she says. "They don't see that scientists are all just human beings doing what they love to do."

Ashley Turnidge '14 and Audrey Davis '13 are two students who relate to Coddington's teachings. Turnidge, a biology major, aspires to be a medical researcher. And Davis, who majored in neuroscience, is interested in biopsychology research.

Both have worked as research assistants in Coddington's lab and believe her workshops shed light on scientists' hidden insecurities.

"She has helped me embrace the idea that I can do research," Turnidge says. "Originally, I thought my mind didn't work the right way, because researchers think on their feet and are fast processors. I take a little while to think things through."

"I've learned I'm a broad thinker, which can be a very valuable skill for a researcher. Emma helped me realize that. She gave me confidence."

Davis also credits Coddington for helping her to overcome impostor syndrome. "Emma is not afraid to challenge students to push themselves," Davis says. "She inspires me to keep developing my research and life skills, and keep growing as a person. I feel lucky to have her as a teacher and mentor."

Coddington says she's eager to use her CAREER grant to give more Willamette students lab experience and to offer advocacy programs at Willamette and other Salem-area schools. Through her efforts, she hopes to dispel doubts young people may have about themselves and their place within the scientific community — to channel that "inner scientist."

**"I'm a flamboyant,  
loud and excitable woman."**

**I REALLY STRUGGLED WITH WHETHER THAT**

**WAS ACCEPTABLE IN SCIENCE."**

— EMMA CODDINGTON



"My goal is to see a shift in attitude toward students seeing themselves as scientists, expanding their notion about who a scientist is and being able to identify whether they can affect change," she says. "I hope, in some way, to open up their shells, to help them realize they can succeed at whatever they want to do." ■






# *The* Forgotten *pioneers*

Author R. Gregory Nokes '59  
explores little-known — and  
unpleasant — aspects of  
Oregon history

BY SARAH EVANS





No photos exist of Robin Holmes. He left no letters, diary or family genealogy. Beyond finding his name in a few U.S. Census records and in some historical documents from the Salem church he attended, we know virtually nothing about his personal life.

Holmes easily could have disappeared from history were it not for a 162-year-old, handwritten court transcript stored on microfilm in the Polk County courthouse. Yet, as author R. Gregory Nokes '59 recently discovered when he read that transcript, Holmes represents an important but little-known piece of Oregon's past that often surprises people.

Holmes was a black slave, brought from Missouri in 1844 and kept in bondage for six years in Oregon, despite a law banning slavery in the region. And he wasn't the only one suffering that fate.

After being freed, Holmes took a dangerously bold step in 1852. He sued his former owner to gain his children's freedom. Following a 15-month court battle, Holmes prevailed — despite a predominantly white population in Oregon that, at the time, was generally hostile to African Americans. In fact, Oregon had the distinction of being the only free state admitted to the Union with a constitution that excluded blacks from living in the state. Although the clause wasn't enforced, it remained in the document until 1926.

"The history hasn't been covered up, but it's just been easy to forget because it's unpleasant," Nokes says. "We've been in denial and

haven't wanted to talk about it. Then if you don't talk about it for a while, a generation goes by and it's forgotten."

Nokes is not one to let stories languish. He wrote a book about Holmes' court case, "Breaking Chains: Slavery on Trial in the Oregon Territory," for which he was named one of five finalists for this year's Oregon Book Award for General Nonfiction. Nokes' first book, "Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon," also exposed a long-forgotten part of Oregon's history. And before he became an author, Nokes spent 43 years chronicling politics and world events as a reporter, first for The Associated Press and later for The Oregonian.

"Greg is persistent, and he's not satisfied until he explores to the very roots of the issues and events that have gained his attention," says Darrell Millner, professor emeritus of black studies at Portland State University, a Western black history expert who advised Nokes on "Breaking Chains." "I was very impressed with his energy and with his commitment to doing a thorough job of exploring this kind of history."

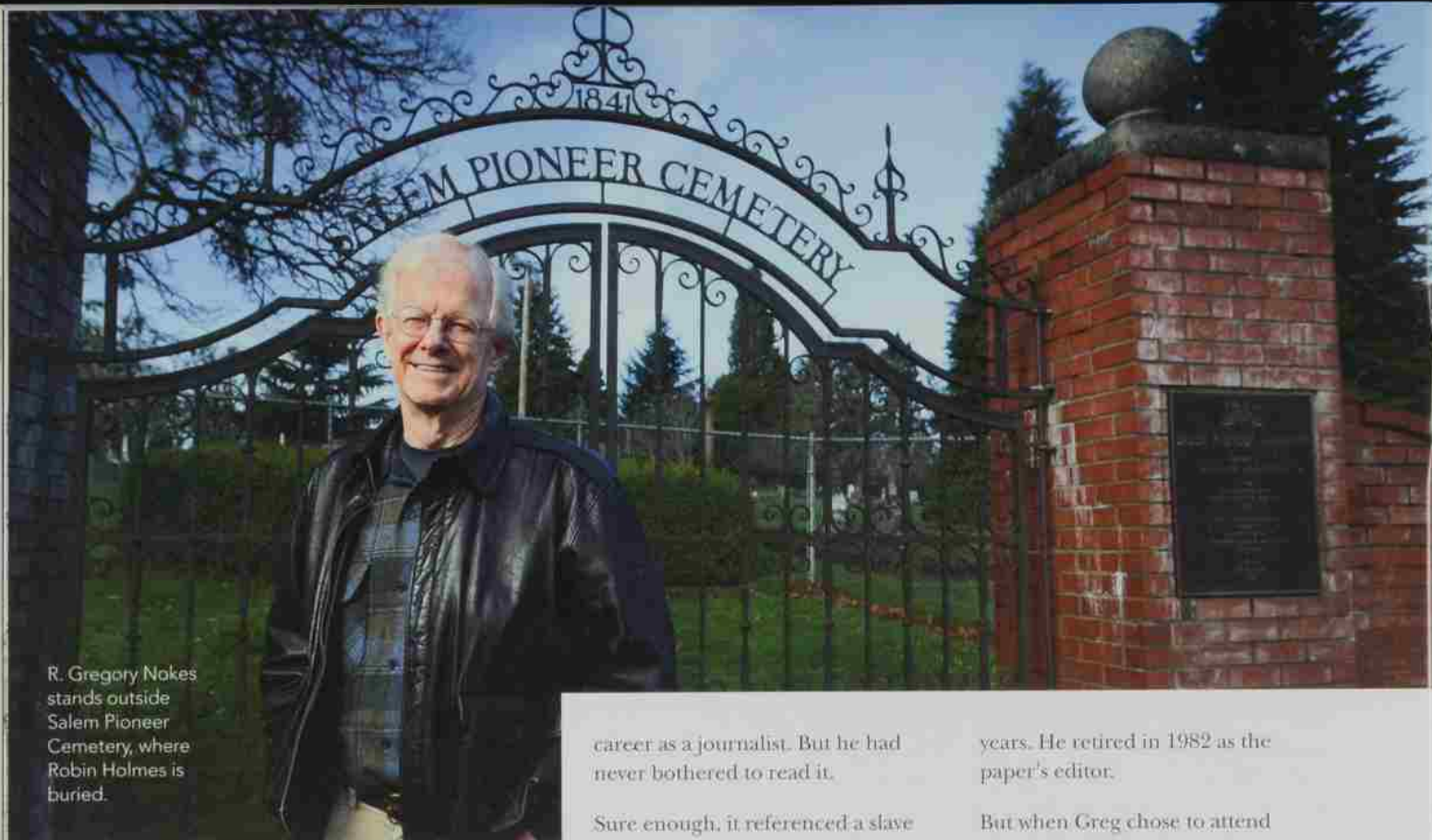
### A Surprising Family History

Born and raised in Portland, Nokes, 76, remembers learning in elementary school the oft-told story of the brave pioneers who loaded up their wagons to travel the arduous Oregon Trail and start new lives in the Northwest. His ancestors were among those who traversed the trail.

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R. GREGORY NOKES, ON  
SLAVERY IN OREGON





R. Gregory Nokes stands outside Salem Pioneer Cemetery, where Robin Holmes is buried.

No one ever mentioned that the pioneers included black slaves.

"My modest knowledge of Oregon history meant that I did know there'd been a law against slavery from day one of the provisional government," says Nokes, who now lives in West Linn, Ore., with his wife, Candise. "That was true, but in the early days, nobody paid any attention to it."

About four years ago, Nokes met with his brother, Bill, over coffee to discuss ideas for a new book. Bill suggested he write about Reuben Shipley, a slave one of their ancestors brought to Oregon from Missouri in 1853.

Dismayed by the news of a slave in his family history, Nokes asked his brother how he knew about Shipley.

"You can turn to page 359 of the family genealogy written by our grandparents," Bill told him.

Nokes had received a copy of his family's 3-inch-thick genealogy in the 1960s, and he carried it with him from country to country during his

career as a journalist. But he had never bothered to read it.

Sure enough, it referenced a slave known as "Uncle Reuben Shipley," whose "owner promised him his freedom if he would come to Oregon and help them get settled."

The story of slaves in Oregon had all of the elements to ignite Nokes' curiosity: It had a deep connection to his home; the general population might not know about it, and it gave him a chance to expose an injustice.

His focus on such a topic came as no surprise to his son, Deston Nokes '81.

"When we were very young children, we'd hear racial slurs in the neighborhood, and he'd tell us never to use those words," Deston says. "I remember when Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, we were in Puerto Rico at the time, and we went on a march in his honor. My dad has always been very outspoken on civil rights."

### **Around the World and Back**

Nokes' propensities for writing and investigating run in the family. His late father, J. Richard Nokes, was a noted civic leader and writer who worked for The Oregonian for 46

years. He retired in 1982 as the paper's editor.

But when Greg chose to attend Willamette, journalism wasn't on his mind. He didn't even write for The Collegian on campus. He wanted to travel the world as a diplomat, so he chose to major in political science.

"I had a few discipline problems," Nokes admits, "so going to a smaller school benefited me a lot. I liked the confined geography of Willamette — smaller classes, more hands-on professors — and that worked out well for me."

Several of his professors — including Robert Gatke, Ted Shay and future U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield — helped him focus and fueled his interest in a career in world politics and government. He ended up in that field, although not in the way he expected.

After he struggled to pass the Foreign Service Officer Test to become a diplomat, his father suggested he apply for an opening as a reporter at the Medford Mail Tribune. Nokes got the job and found that journalism was a natural fit.

Several years later, he went to work in the Salt Lake City bureau of The



Associated Press — the start of a 25-year AP career that stationed him in New York, Puerto Rico, Argentina and Washington, D.C. His assignments brought him face-to-face with power and geopolitical hot spots around the world. He rode on Air Force One with Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan; interviewed Fidel Castro in Cuba; and traveled to the Middle East multiple times to cover U.S. involvement in the region.

"I probably ended up going to more embassies and more countries as a reporter than I ever would have as a diplomat," Nokes says.

In 1986, he left AP and returned to Portland to work for *The Oregonian*. "I'd stood on the Great Wall of China, climbed a pyramid in Egypt, flown in Air Force One — what more could I really do? My mom and dad were still in Oregon, and I'd been away from them for a long, long time. So it was really the pull of home that drew me back."

He continued traveling the world during his 15 years covering politics and writing features for *The Oregonian* before retiring in 2003 to become an author and lecturer. He already had his first book topic in mind, something he'd found while roving the state as a reporter.

Nokes had read an article in the weekly newspaper in eastern Oregon's Wallowa County about a clerk who'd found an old safe that held records of a long-forgotten local murder trial. The trial involved accused horse thieves who had allegedly murdered nearly three dozen Chinese gold miners in Hells Canyon in 1887. No one was convicted of the crime.

Nokes began his own investigation into the massacre and wrote several stories for *The Oregonian* before fully diving into the story after his

## An Uncommon Request: My Connection with Mark Hatfield

BY R. GREGORY NOKES

I couldn't have been more unprepared for the request I received in a telephone call from Mark Hatfield one day in 2002, shortly before I was to retire from *The Oregonian*.

He wanted to know if someone could choose the person to write his obituary, and, if he could so choose, he wanted it to be me.

No, he reassured me with a laugh, he was not anticipating it would be needed anytime soon. But he had turned 80, and he wanted to be prepared.

To say I was deeply honored would be an understatement. I had known Mark for nearly five decades, since I first walked into his political science course in Willamette's then-new, now-old Fine Arts Building during my freshman year in 1955.

Of course I would write his obituary, I told him. We had three long interviews as I gathered information on his life — the things he wanted me to know, and a few he didn't especially want to talk about.

Oddly, in all the years I knew Hatfield — years during which he was the most prominent political figure in Oregon, as secretary of state, as governor, as a five-term U.S. senator — and my 43 years as a journalist, I hadn't written a single article about him.

Hatfield had taken a liking to me, as he had so many other students. Handsome, sharply dressed, personable, always remembering your

name, he stood out as the near-perfect role model. He was a proud Willamette graduate and returned to serve as professor, dean and trustee.

After graduation, during the years I worked as a journalist elsewhere, we had little contact. But when I arrived in Washington, D.C., with

The Associated Press in 1972, Mark invited me to lunch and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Among the highlights he wanted to share were statues of Oregon leaders and others in the Capitol Rotunda.

We would talk occasionally, meeting in his office or over lunch, and also at Willamette

alumni gatherings in Washington. We had one final lunch shortly before I returned to Portland to join *The Oregonian* in 1986.

I did write and file the obituary in 2002 for future use, but by the time Hatfield passed away in 2011, my version was too dated. One of my former colleagues at *The Oregonian* crafted a new obituary that included only a modest contribution of what I had written.

A recent proposal from the Oregon Legislature would place a statue of Hatfield in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda, near the spot where we stood many years ago, admiring the statues of others. It would be a fitting honor for a man who provided such great service to Willamette, to the state and to the nation.



Sen. Mark O. Hatfield





Robin Holmes' owners, Nathaniel and Lucinda Ford. (Oregon Historical Society, #ba000447)

retirement. His discoveries turned into "Massacred for Gold," published in 2009.

"This was one of the worst crimes in Oregon's history, and almost nobody knew about it," Nokes says. "Very few people even know the history of the Chinese in the region. I told the story of the Chinese: who they were, what they did, how they were treated and what became of them."

Nokes' research and his initial articles in *The Oregonian* led to the murder site being formally designated Chinese Massacre Cove in 2005. In 2012, Nokes and others established a memorial to the Chinese at the site, on the Oregon side of the canyon along the Snake River, south of Lewiston, Idaho.

### Slavery on Trial

Energized by the research and writing involved in "Massacred for Gold," Nokes was ready to take on a new topic: the existence of slaves in the Oregon Territory.

As he began digging through records at historical societies across the state to learn more about Reuben Shipley, he found references to another slave: Robin Holmes.

Similar to Shipley, Holmes was a slave from Missouri. He and his family had been promised freedom in exchange for helping their owner, Nathaniel Ford, develop a farm in the Willamette Valley.

Nokes soon came to understand that multiple slaves were brought along the Oregon Trail from Missouri for similar reasons. At the time, no one bothered to enforce the region's anti-slavery law — partly because many of Oregon's early leaders, including first territorial governor Joseph Lane, actually supported slavery.

Ford eventually freed Holmes and his wife — albeit six years after they arrived — but refused to release their children. For that, Holmes took Ford to court. Holmes was represented by prosecuting attorney Reuben Boise, who later became chief justice of Oregon's Supreme Court.

A series of delays caused by both Ford and several judges dragged out the case for 15 months. Finally, Territorial Supreme Court Chief Justice George H. Williams decided in Holmes's favor using simple reasoning: Oregon law did not allow slavery, so the children must be freed. *Holmes v. Ford* is the only case regarding slavery ever adjudicated in Oregon courts.

Holmes went on to join with a small group of other former slaves to integrate a white church in Salem in 1861.

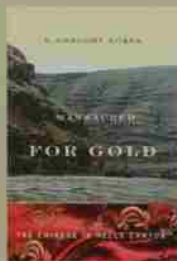
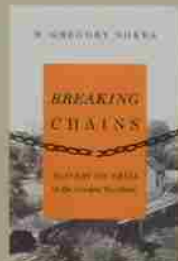
"It's a remarkable story because Holmes was illiterate, raised in a slave culture, bought and sold at the whim of others, and yet he managed to prevail at this trial," Nokes says. "He's

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R. GREGORY NOKES

a heroic figure, and we know almost nothing about him.”

After four years of digging through old census data, historical societies’ archives, newspapers and property records, Nokes found evidence of at least 35 black slaves in Oregon, and he suspects there were others for whom no records exist. “Breaking Chains” tells the story of Holmes and Ford in the context of the political climate at the time — including the details of Oregon’s black exclusion clause.

“I think everybody should read this book,” says Millner, the black history expert. “We look around Oregon today and there are certain things impressed on us, such as the small number of the black population and the way our politics unfold. These are reflections of our earlier political decisions about race. Greg explores that and gives people a lot of information to work with, and he brings that back to the surface of our awareness.”

In the epilogue for “Breaking Chains,” Nokes writes: “General interest history books have had little to say about the slaves, exclusion laws, or other discriminatory legislation during Oregon’s early years. Isn’t it about time we catch up?”



Mary Jane Holmes Shipley Drake, daughter of Robin Holmes, photographed in 1924, two years before her death. Robin Holmes took Nathaniel Ford to court when Ford refused to grant freedom to Mary Jane and two other children. (Benton County Historical Society and Museum)

Since his book’s release, Nokes has been working with a group called Beyond the Oregon Trail to revise an alternative curriculum for the state’s eighth-graders. Their goal is for young Oregonians to learn the full story of the state’s history with slavery and racism — to learn the stories of people like Robin Holmes.

“My goals as a kid were shaped very early — one was to see the world, another was to write and the third was to make a difference,” Nokes says. “I certainly have seen the world, I certainly have written a lot, and I like to think that I’m doing my little part to leave the world a better place than I found it.”



## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### Applauding Alumni Stars Annual award winners announced

Meet this year's alumni award winners, chosen by the Willamette University Alumni Association's board of directors.



**MY NAME:** Teresa Hudkins '69

**MY WORK:** Senior admission counselor, Willamette University

**MY HONOR:** Lestle J. Sparks Medallion, presented to graduates whose lifetime loyalty and service to Willamette reflect the ideals of one of the university's most devoted alumni, Lestle J. Sparks '19

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- Served the university for 43 of 45 years since graduating
- Roles included positions in the Office of Admission and Office of Alumni Relations
- Service included class reunion committees and the Tokyo International University (TIU)/Willamette University/TIU of America Committee
- Supporter of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, music and athletic programs and the Annual Fund

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "An experience I will always treasure was taking Principles of Biology with Grant Thorsett. Professor Thorsett instilled in me a fascination with biology in general, and especially genetics. I've heard from hundreds of students whose professors inspired and motivated them to go way beyond what they thought they could do. Every day, I use those stories when talking with prospective students and parents."

**MY NAME:** Dawn Albert '08

**MY WORK:** Residency in Social Enterprise fellow, through New Sector Alliance

**MY HONOR:** Young Leadership Award, presented to graduates from the past 10 years for outstanding leadership in their vocations, community service and service to the university

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- High school instructor with Teach for America in post-Katrina New Orleans; helped raise the school's graduate exit exam pass rate for science by 18 percent in 2008, and initiated the school's first speech and debate team, which competed at debate nationals in 2010
- Provided mental health services for Bay Area foster youth
- Recently completed an internship with Women's Initiative for Self Employment in Oakland, Calif.

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "Richard Ellis became my academic and thesis advisor, and helped me align my interests and strengths with a major that positioned me well for my future goals. His choice to take time out of his busy schedule to help a first-year student speaks to the heart of Willamette professors. They are smart, driven, caring and motivated to help students succeed."



Photo courtesy of Jenny McKinzie

### Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

**MY NAME:** Curtis Acosta '94

**MY WORK:** Educator and consultant

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- Pursuing a doctorate in teaching, learning and sociocultural studies at the University of Arizona
- Leader in fight to save the Mexican-American Studies (MAS) program in Arizona
- Founder of Acosta Latino Learning Partnership
- 2009 Martin Luther King Jr. Classic Dream Award winner, 2010 Tucson High Magnet School Teacher of the Year and 2011 University of Arizona Goodman Award winner

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "Willamette never leaves me. It was in every lesson I taught as a high school educator, in my passion to create a just and exceptional educational experience for Chicano/Latino youth, and in my desire to seek further knowledge through my graduate work in education. Willamette taught me to demand *calidad*, a high level of quality, in all of my academic efforts."







**MY NAME:** Astrid Dabbeni '01

**MY WORK:** Founder and executive director, Adoption Mosaic

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- Driven to pursue a career in adoption services based on my experience as an adoptee and a desire to offer services to the adoption community through innovative education and support resources
- Worked for more than 20 years in adoption agencies and programs while serving on national and local nonprofit boards
- Leader of youth groups and workshops on adoption and transracial parenting

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "I had a specific focus on what I wanted to get from my education at Willamette, and I felt supported from the moment I walked in the door. The professors I met during the interview process made it clear I would have the flexibility to study and pursue internships and opportunities connected to adoption organizations. I was able to find a job in the field of adoption even before I graduated."

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— ASTRID DABBENI '01

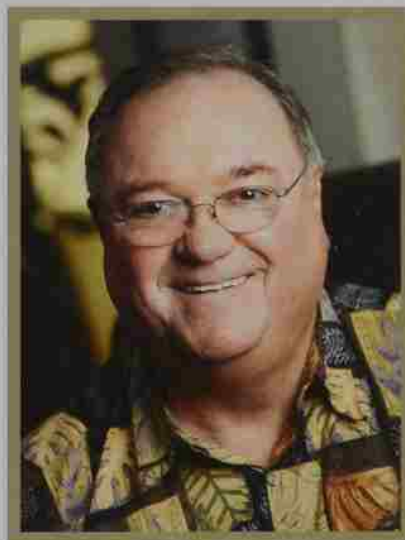
**MY NAME:** Jeff Heatherington '65

**MY WORK:** President and chief executive officer, FamilyCare Health Plans, Inc.

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- Former executive director, Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon
- International president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, 1994-96
- Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters, Western University of Health Sciences
- One of only 15 laypersons honored with a Distinguished Service Certificate by the American Osteopathic Association

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "At Willamette, our professors taught us to relate what we were learning to the bigger world. Dr. Stiles' comment that it is our similarities, not our differences, that allow us to function and move forward inspires me to look for the whole, the connectedness in whatever I am engaged."



**MY NAME:** Jennifer Sasser '89

**MY WORK:**

Chairwoman, Department of Human Sciences, and director, Gerontology Program, Marylhurst University

**MY BACKSTORY:**

- Nationally recognized expert in the study of aging
- Recipient of awards from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, AARP/Andrus Foundation and the Oregon Gerontological Association
- Recognized by Marylhurst University with the Trustees' Excellence Award in 2010 and a Distinguished Faculty Award in 2012

**MY WILLAMETTE:** "My work as an educational and public gerontologist is informed less by my training in the human sciences and more by music, dance and the humanities."

"As a student, I focused on psychology and music. I was a member of the Willamette Dancers troupe and the Symphonic Band, and I participated in theater. Courses in Liberation Theology, Imaginative Literature, The Age of Beethoven and Modern Art History had a greater impact on my heart and mind than the courses in my major, as they opened up the world to me in an entirely new way."





## THE BEARCAT CONNECTION

### Alumni support each other in ways big and small

What's the benefit of being part of the Willamette University Alumni Association? There's the obvious: staying connected with friends, expanding your network, maintaining a relationship with your alma mater. But sometimes, the power of connection exceeds expectations. Below is a sampler of how and why being part of the Willamette extended family returns dividends:

#### Endorsements Rock

After graduating from Willamette, Caitlin Horsley '09 moved to Portland and looked to the WU alumni network to set up some informational interviews. "The Willamette interviews gave me advice and connections that still benefit me today," she reports.

One of the alumni she interviewed, Greg Stiles '99, discovered Horsley had been hired at a company Stiles knew well. He quickly put in a good word for her. "Greg emailed the director of the company and told him I was a great hire," she says. "The director then told me how glad he was they'd hired me. The Willamette network has been great!"

#### Bearcats Against Breast Cancer

When Toni Wright McGarvey '85 faced a breast cancer diagnosis, alumni stood up to fight back. Carla Forrester '87 reached out to fellow Bearcats to support McGarvey in her successful battle against the disease. McGarvey later "paid it forward" to help a friend of a Bearcat who also faced breast cancer, providing support, information and even fashionable knit caps.

"I haven't been a hero by any means," McGarvey says. "But I do know I couldn't have made it through without my Willamette chums."

#### You Count on Me, I Count on You

Sue Pyne '86 has made the most of the Willamette alumni community.

When Pyne's daughter followed in her footsteps as a Willamette freshman in 2012, Pyne reached out to Salem-area alumni for recommendations for hairdressers, auto repair shops, housing options, emergency contacts — you name it.

"Every time I've put out a call for help, I've had multiple offers," Pyne says. Mary Louise Van Natta '86, Darrell Fuller '88, Greg Carter '84, Beth Roop Eck '86, Ted Romanowitz '86 and Kate Johnson Speckman '88 were among those who have responded to Pyne's calls.

When Pyne asked Salem-area Willamette alumni to recommend a responsible teenager she could hire to let carpet cleaners into her rental property, Fuller wanted to do more. "Darrell offered to do it himself, and then to take on some property management duties, showing the space to prospective clients on my behalf," Pyne says.

Pyne and her husband also called on alumni when they wanted to take their son to a World Series game, but could only find tickets in pairs. "Terry Sherbecoe '86 answered an invitation within minutes to turn a trio into a foursome for the big game," Pyne says.

She counts on Bearcats whenever she has a legal question too. "Anne Denecke '82, JD '85, Dianne Babbitt '84 and Mike Milo Long '85, JD '92 provide great service themselves and make excellent referrals," says Pyne.

Whenever possible, Pyne tries to help Bearcats herself. Kimberlee Jackson Nicholls '87, winemaker for Markham Vineyards in St. Helena, Calif., knew that a co-worker's daughter, a recent college graduate, was looking for an affordable place to live in San Jose, Calif. Nichols reached out to Pyne, who lives there. Good timing and a good connection paid off — the young grad found a place right next door.



### Mentorship, Pass It On

Adam DuVander '01 served on former Willamette President M. Lee Pelton's Technology Advisory Committee, a rewarding experience that connected him to Ryan Holznagel '83. Shortly after they met, Holznagel hired DuVander to help with a website, Who2.com, where DuVander worked with another Bearcat, Paul Hehn '82. Those professional collaborations grew into a strong friendship.

"When I married Jenny Andrews '03, both Ryan and Paul attended the wedding," DuVander says. "And when I no longer had time to devote to Who2.com, I connected both to Jose Alvarado '09 to carry on the WU tradition."

DuVander helped another Bearcat when he was paired with Jaered Croes '08 at Willamette's Mentor Day in 2007. "I helped Jaered land an internship," DuVander says. "Then, when he graduated, I pointed him toward what became his first post-college job. Shortly after, he introduced me to a contact that led to my next job. Now, he's one of my best friends."

DuVander stays connected to Willamette through reunions, mentoring opportunities and serving on the Alumni Association board.

### Let's Get It Started

Adam DuVander figures into another alumni tech venture, too. Bryce Clemmer '10 and Mathew Polzin '11 had an idea for a startup when they were students at Willamette. What was missing? The crucial first steps toward turning the idea into a business.

"We needed guidance from someone in the technology space," Clemmer says. "Through the Willamette network, we met Adam through John Callahan '92."

After some get-acquainted lunches, DuVander introduced Clemmer and Polzin to Elliot Swan, a Portland State student with a shared interest in technology and innovation. "The three of us became friends, and after Sam Oluwalana joined the group, all four of us co-founded a venture that has raised more than a million dollars in capital."

Now connected with media companies on five continents, this project *could* have gotten stuck in the idea phase without help from experienced Willamette grads. "This venture shows what's possible through the WU alumni network," Clemmer says.

### A Sound Investment

After graduating, Darien Loiselle '87 worked in the university's Development and Alumni Relations Department for two years. It was there he met former Vice President Jerry Whipple. After Loiselle's first year, Whipple suffered a stroke.

"For the better part of the next year, I helped Jerry fulfill his duties while he tried to recover," Loiselle says. "Jerry wanted to acknowledge my efforts, but felt Willamette couldn't afford a raise. What happened next was extraordinary. When I left for law school, Jerry handed me a personal check for my first year's tuition."

Whipple didn't stop there. He encouraged his son-in-law, Dennis Reese '72, to contact Loiselle after his first year of law school. Reese, a lawyer with Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, helped Loiselle arrange an interview with his firm. That interview led to an internship and, ultimately, a career. This year, he celebrates 22 years with Schwabe.

"Sadly, Jerry passed away after I started law school, but he left a remarkable legacy at Willamette," Loiselle says. "Dennis has remained a friend

and has continued his father-in-law's charitable work."

### A Smart Hire

In 1990, Appraisal Group, a Portland-based commercial real estate valuation firm, needed an intern. As fortune would have it, Appraisal's Bart DeLacy '75 talked with Jim Booth '64 at a Willamette University Alumni Association board meeting and jump-started two careers.

"If there is a rock star in the business, it's Jay Booth '91," says DeLacy of Jim's son. From his start as an intern and then employee at Appraisal Group, Jay progressed to his current position as senior managing director of valuation and advisory at Cushman & Wakefield, the world's largest privately held commercial real estate services firm. Jay's brother, Brian Booth '93, was hired as an Appraisal Group intern as well, and is now executive director of valuation and advisory for Cushman & Wakefield.

"Bart really did the Booth family a favor to hire Jay and Brian," Jim says.

DeLacy knew he could count on fellow Willamette grads, so he looked for more Bearcats. "After Jay went on to other opportunities, I recruited Jeremy Snow '98, who went with me to Arthur Andersen and then to PGP Investors, a valuation firm," says DeLacy. "PGP was bought by Colliers, and now Jeremy, Jeff Grose '95 and Grant Norling '00 manage the largest valuation office in Portland."



# WU

## ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 12–14, 2014

### It's a Don't-Miss Bearcat Experience for ALL alumni!

Your Alumni Association rolls out an Alumni Weekend with something for everyone. New programming appeals to Bearcats from *all* WU schools.

#### ALUMNI inCLASS

Try something new with experiences from the intellectual to the offbeat. Get scientific about beer and chemistry with Professor Kirk. Investigate the surprising history of slavery in Oregon with R. Gregory Nokes '59. Embrace the "art of the delicious" with Dani Cone '98, owner of Seattle's High 5 Pie and Fuel Coffee. And that's just for starters.

#### HOMECOMING

Classic tailgating kicks off football fun! Cheer on the Bearcats against Texas' Trinity Tigers.

#### POLITICS SYMPOSIUM

Dig deep into WU's political past, present and future. Explore Willamette's role in Oregon's political legacy, get the filmmakers' perspective

on the Hatfield Project documentary. **Hungry for more?** Join us for lunch and learn something on the side — about the "politics" of the table — where food comes from and how it gets from farm to fork.

#### PEACE CORPS SALUTE

Honor WU's legacy of global volunteer leadership with professor John Uggen, Sarah Kassel '04 and others. WU will salute the hundreds of Willamette alumni who have served in the Peace Corps during the past 50 years.

#### REUNION

Connect with classmates, friends, faculty and students at the Bearcat Bash and throughout the weekend. Special celebrations are on tap for milestone reunions.

For more information or to register: [willamette.edu/go/alumniweekend](http://willamette.edu/go/alumniweekend)

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Our plans balance trips to provide the benefit of expert guides while allowing independent exploration. More than 1,000 alumni and friends have traveled Willamette-style over the past 10 years.

Forecast for the year: Spectacular!

#### Switzerland and the Heart of the Rhine and Moselle, Aug. 12–27, 2014

European river cruising is the "hot" travel du jour. The reason is clear: historic and cultural highlights change every day — and are just minutes away. On board, you unpack once and make yourself at home in a comfortable cabin, relish outstanding cuisine and enjoy a friendly tour director's expert perspective.

Enjoy five countries in 15 days as you travel from Basel, Switzerland, to Amsterdam.

The base price includes 14 sightseeing tours, wine tastings, lectures and local entertainment, plus visits to five UNESCO World Heritage sites. Add a four-day pre-trip to Lucerne, Switzerland, and/or a four-day post-trip to Bruges, Belgium.

Call immediately. Space is nearly sold out.

#### The Best of India and a Ganges River Cruise, Jan. 10–28, 2015

This is our first trip to India, so we've packed it with value and moments to remember. The base trip includes seven river-cruising days and 34 sightseeing tours and cultural connections, including four UNESCO World Heritage sites. Marvel at bustling Delhi, fortified Jaipur, Ranthambore's tiger-filled national park

and Agra's site of a lifetime, the Taj Mahal.

You can also add a five-day pre-trip to Delhi and Kathmandu, Nepal, and/or a five-day post-trip to Varanasi, India.

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## College of Liberal Arts

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**Bob "Kodiak" Johnson '49** writes: "After Willamette, I played in jazz groups here and there to supplement my income through medical school and internship, and for pleasure thereafter. After retirement from medicine 20 years ago, I drifted away from that, particularly when I got engaged in a project that has occupied and frustrated my elder years: That project was to write a book, which I began at age 83 and completed two years ago—400 pages, single spaced. That was not too difficult, but it had yet to be edited. As I was informed, no one could publish a book that long who had yet to encounter an editor, who, in editing, cut out enough to make it more pertinent to its 'Alaska Pioneer Surgeon' title. Now, my pseudo-autobiography is set to be released in May!"

### 1954

**Bob Packwood '54** has spent the last 19 years as a consultant in Washington, D.C. He currently travels between Portland and D.C. eight to nine times per year. He is married to Elaine Franklin, who, after serving as his chief of staff for 15 years in the Senate, is now a political operative and has run a multitude of successful campaigns in Oregon over the last 15 years.

### 1957

**Tricia (Gordon) Ellis '57** tells us: "Although I continue to teach advanced adult piano students and to play chamber music with string players, I'm going to retire this year as president of the Minnesota Jung Association. Last year, I retired from an active psychotherapy practice—with the lofty title of 'psychologist emeritus,' a title which makes

me feel a little like an Ivy League professor! In one more year, I shall be 80 years old, a fact which I can't quite believe yet!"

### 1960

**Rosalie Czapszys '60** writes: "I have been thoroughly enjoying my retirement. Our latest adventure was a trip to Eastern Europe to visit relatives of my husband in Poland and the Czech Republic. It was an amazing trip. The family members treated us royally. We shared the Eastern Europe and Austria part of the trip with our youngest son (who studied Polish for the trip) and his wife. We added more Europe to the trip, taking in Innsbruck, Austria (where my grandfather was born), and Venice, Italy. Then we joined Willamette alumni for the French waterways cruise and three days in Paris."

### 1961

**Gary McBride '61 JD '63** updates us, saying: "After an additional year of graduate law school education, three years of teaching at the University of Toledo College of Law and 45 years of practice with the Toledo, Ohio, firm of Spengler, Nathanson, I retired to 'of counsel' status at the end of 2012. In 2013 and again this year, I am undertaking a backpack journey on the Pacific Crest Trail. It is my plan to leave the trail this year by Aug. 31, unless I reach the Columbia River first, so that I can train for the Portland Marathon as a member of a team sponsored by the Michael David Winery of Lodi, Calif. If I am able to complete it at the advanced age of 75 years, it would be my 64th complete marathon. The course map reflects it to be more challenging than most of those that I have run before."

**Bill Richter '61** presented a paper on "Cartographic Illustration and the Ongoing Construction of Asia and South Asia" at a conference on "Framing Asian Studies" in Leiden, The Netherlands, Nov. 18-20, 2013.

### 1963

**Margaret Foote Harris '63** retired from teaching piano at Oregon Episcopal School last summer and has since been teaching a few students privately. She joined the Columbia Basin Basket Guild and weaves baskets as well as small items on her loom. She is also a member of the Mt. Hood Cherokees and is very active in her church.

### 1965

The Dakota Institute Press recently published: "Lewis and Clark Among the Nez Perce: Strangers in the Land of the Nimipuu," a book co-authored by **Steven R. Evans '65**. This book takes a fresh look at Lewis and Clark's relations with the Nimipuu, or Nez Perce Indians, during the explorers' famous explorations through Nez Perce country on the westward march to the Pacific in 1805 and during their return in 1806. The authors relied heavily upon tribal oral history, and perhaps the most valuable tales came from **Mylie Lawyer '34**, the great-granddaughter of Chief Lawyer, who witnessed Lewis and Clark passing through. The book has garnered several positive reviews, including one from the Bellingham Herald.

**Dave Nelson '65** has spent most of his post-graduate life in the eastern United States. He spent 42 years on the faculty of Ohio State University before moving back to Oregon in 2013. He is currently enjoying exploring the high deserts of Central Oregon, as well as making new friends.

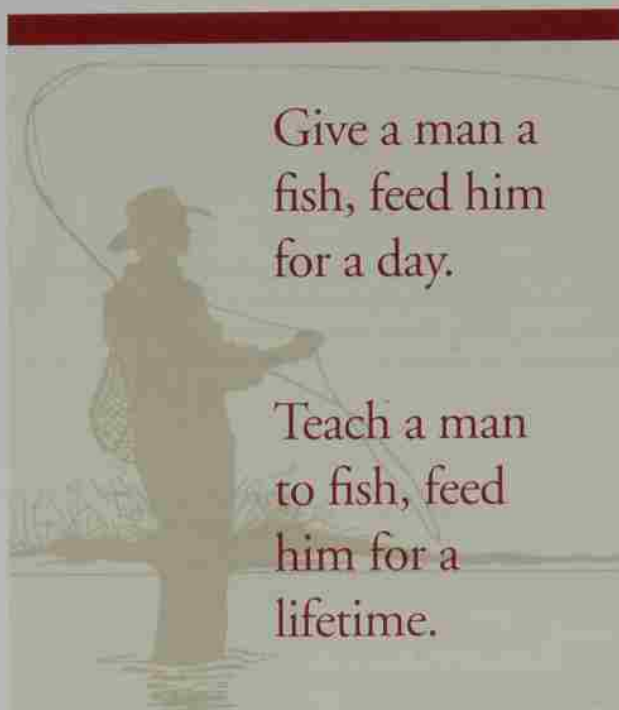


**Bill Sefton '65** writes: "While serving on the Willamette Alumni Board before and after 2001, I attended my 40th high school reunion in 2001. Back in the 1950s, Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley, Calif., had four full-time gardeners; now, it had none and was really run down. So, I said to myself, 'With what I have learned serving on Willamette's Alumni Board, I could do something here.' I called together some of my classmates, and in 2002, we had our first Back to Tam Day, wherein the alumni come back, refresh the campus, and end the day with a free meal while sharing legendary stories about Tam. Willamette's Alumni Office showed me how to, using the same Alumni Directory Service, email invite thousands of alumni. We helped with bond issues and parcel tax elections that were in jeopardy to win by rallying our alumni to vote 'yes.' But the most memorable project was doing a major fix to Tam's clock tower."

### 1966

**Clark Martin Ph.D. '66** joined the Peace Corps (1966-68) immediately after graduation and went to Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines, to teach chemistry. In 2012, having retired as a clinical psychologist, he taught a section on third-world mental health to physicians going overseas. Then, in November 2013, Typhoon Haiyan made a direct hit on Tacloban, the storm's first land-fall. As soon as there is something for him to do there, he plans on going back.





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**Janet Voss '74** writes: "After a nearly 30-year career in banking, I suffered a terrible brain injury in 2007 and had to leave my position at Umpqua Bank and end my banking career. Since then, I've made almost a complete recovery and volunteer quite extensively. As a volunteer, I'm now curating an upcoming show for the Arts Council of Lake Oswego, Ore., where I live. The show is called "Plain Air: A Chronicle of Lake Oswego" and will feature the works of well-known artists from around the Northwest. These artists will paint scenes around Lake Oswego over two weekends in May, and the finished paintings will then be exhibited as part of the Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts, June 20-22. A second show will take place from June 27 to Aug. 1 at the 510 Museum & ARTspace, also in Lake Oswego. It's a delight working with these artists, and the show promises to be extraordinary. Anyone living in the Portland area should make a point of coming to see it!"

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**IE Business School** has announced the formation of IE Corporate Learning and has tapped **Silveira** to head the new company.

**VanDyck Silveira '95**, MBA'98, former president and CEO of Brazil's Grupo Ibmeq, was recently named CEO of IE Corporate Learning. The

**Darcie Spar '95** joined the Oregon Food Bank as the development, marketing and communications network liaison. She provides development support, consultation and training to 19 regional food banks throughout Oregon and Clark County, Wash. She is enjoying working with Oregon Food Bank's education programs manager, **Ginny Sorensen '02**.

## 1997

The Harpole Committee at Lewis & Clark Law School selected **Racheal Egan Baker '97** to receive the Harpole Attorney Award on April 7, 2014. In celebration of the life of Joyce Harpole, the Harpole Attorney Award recognizes lawyers who work quietly in pursuit of justice while maintaining a sense of balance between their legal careers and their personal lives that distinguishes them within the legal community.

**Elizabeth Ribbeck '97** completed her doctorate in nursing practice in clinical leadership from Case Western Reserve University on March 7, 2014, after a successful dissertation defense. She previously obtained a master's degree in nursing in midwifery from Oregon Health & Science University in 2006, as well as a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College in Spain in 1998.

Muhlenberg College biology and neuroscience professor **Dr. Jeremy Teissere '97** was selected as the first Stanley Road Endowed Chair in Neuroscience earlier this year. Teissere has spearheaded the creation of Muhlenberg's neuroscience curriculum since being hired in 2003, and is the previous recipient of the Paul C. Empe Memorial Award for distinguished teaching and service.

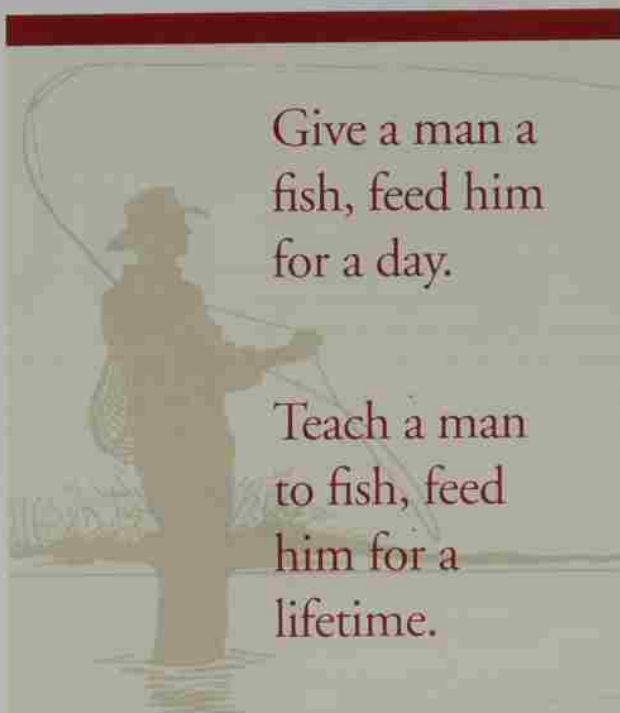
## 1998

Consonare Chorale, directed by alumna **Georgina (Larcher) Philippson '98**, presented "Feel the Spirit" with gospel trio The Brown Sisters (featuring **Dorcas Brown '95**). The concert was held at First Congregational United Church of Christ in the park blocks of Portland, Ore., with over 620 in attendance, breaking the previous all-time concert record. Willamette University and Chamber Choir alumni currently in Consonare Chorale include: **Celia (Elder) McDougal '99**, **Karen (Hendrick) Gerber '99**, **Katie (Skiff) Hatzenbuehler '04**, **Claire Hoffman '12**, **Nick Sauve '12**, **Bonnie Monk '08**, **Chad Halligan '11**, **LaKisha Clark '99**, **Stephanie Crook '12**, **Cullen Philippson '97** and his wife, **Georgina**.

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To **Kelly M. Evans '95** and **Amy Velazquez**, a daughter, Isla Cleo, born Aug. 7, 2013. She joins older sister Arden, age 3.



**VanDyck Silveira '95**, **MBA'98**, former president and CEO of Brazil's Grupo Ibmec, was recently named CEO of IE Corporate Learning. The IE Business School has announced the formation of IE Corporate Learning and has tapped Silveira to head the new company.

**Darcie Spar '95** joined the Oregon Food Bank as the development, marketing and communications network liaison. She provides development support, consultation and training to 19 regional food banks throughout Oregon and Clark County, Wash. She is enjoying working with Oregon Food Bank's education programs manager, **Ginny Sorensen '02**.

## 1997

The Harpole Committee at Lewis & Clark Law School selected **Racheal Egan Baker '97** to receive the Harpole Attorney Award on April 7, 2014. In celebration of the life of Joyce Harpole, the Harpole Attorney Award recognizes lawyers who work quietly in pursuit of justice while maintaining a sense of balance between their legal careers and their personal lives that distinguishes them within the legal community.

**Elizabeth Ribbeck '97** completed her doctorate in nursing practice in clinical leadership from Case Western Reserve University on March 7, 2014, after a successful dissertation defense. She previously obtained a master's degree in nursing in midwifery from Oregon Health & Science University in 2006, as well as a master's degree in Spanish from Middlebury College in Spain in 1998.

Muhlenberg College biology and neuroscience professor **Dr. Jeremy Teissere '97** was selected as the first Stanley Road Endowed Chair in Neuroscience earlier this year. Teissere has spearheaded the creation of Muhlenberg's neuroscience curriculum since being hired in 2003, and is the previous recipient of the Paul C. Empe Memorial Award for distinguished teaching and service.

## 1998

Consonare Chorale, directed by alumna **Georgina (Larcher) Philippson '98**, presented "Feel the Spirit" with gospel trio The Brown Sisters (featuring **Dorcas Brown '95**). The concert was held at First Congregational United Church of Christ in the park blocks of Portland, Ore., with over 620 in attendance, breaking the previous all-time concert record. Willamette University and Chamber Choir alumni currently in Consonare Chorale include: **Celia (Elder) McDougal '99**, **Karen (Hendrick) Gerber '99**, **Katie (Skiff) Hatzenbuehler '04**, **Claire Hoffman '12**, **Nick Sauve '12**, **Bonnie Monk '08**, **Chad Halligan '11**, **LaKisha Clark '99**, **Stephanie Crook '12**, **Cullen Philippson '97** and his wife, **Georgina**.

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To **Slavey Tolev '98** and Meredith Martin, a daughter, Neve Ann Martin-Tolev. She joins older brother Allister, age 3.

### 1999 15TH CLASS REUNION



To **Sarah (Brimlow) Charles '99** and husband Alex, Julien Alex, born Sept. 11, 2013. He joins older sister Dominique, age 3.

### 2000

**Kelly Jabbusch '00** is in her second year on the tenure track as an assistant professor of mathematics at the University of Michigan. Dearborn, Mich. to Michigan, she spent four years abroad in Germany and in Stockholm, Sweden, where she held post-doctoral research positions. She is happy to be back in the U.S., continuing her research in algebraic geometry and teaching math courses.

### 2001

To **Cristina Harper-Barek '01** and Jorge Guevara, a daughter, Valentina Eva Guevara, born May 12, 2013. She joins older brother Leo.

To **Brian Hufft '01** and wife Katie, a son, Adam, born Nov. 29, 2013.

**Leila Clark Staffler '01** was appointed acting principal of Kagman High School in the Northern Mariana Islands beginning this school year, 2013-14. Previously, she was vice principal of curriculum and instruction at the same school.



**Bria Wing '01** and **Sean Martin** were married March 21, 2014, at the Sugarman Estate in Makana, Hawaii. In attendance were **Bryn Berglund '01**, **Allison Devlin '01**, **Sarah (Barnett) Bria '01**, **Darcy (Clothier) Norling '01** and **Grant Norling '00**. Darcy Norling and Allison Devlin were also part of the wedding party.

### 2002

In December 2013, **Russell Bither-Terry '02** successfully defended his dissertation, "Zero Hunger: The Politics of Anti-Hunger Policy in Brazil," in the political science department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He recently moved to Portland, Ore., and is looking for work in public service.

To **Kim (Watson) Cole '02** and **Nate Cole '02**, a son, Avery Jackson, born Sept. 10, 2013.

**Anna Knisely '02** will be graduating from otolaryngology residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in June. She will then head to the Sydney Rhinology and Skull Base Fellowship in Sydney.



To **Kathy Peacock '02** and Dan Metcalf, a son, Miles Jacob Metcalf, born March 25, 2013. He joins older brother Finn.

### 2003

After attending Willamette as a theatre scholarship holder for four years (1999-2003), **Micael Bogar '03** has since gone on to be a part of the Neo-Futurists, a theater troupe based in San Francisco. Earlier this year, the troupe opened its show "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind."

To **Margaret Langsenkamp '03** and Lee Martin, a daughter, Louella Faith Martin, born March 29, 2013.

**Gwenn Seemel '03** spoke at TEDxGeneva in April. She shared some of her creative journey as a French-American artist and explained how copyright is as much a mindset as a law, revealing how the idea of intellectual property eats away at our freedom.

In February, **Melissa Wilmot '03** launched her first tech startup, **WedBrilliant.com**. The site is an online venue for brides and grooms planning their weddings to receive bids from vendors from around the nation.

### 2004 10TH CLASS REUNION

**Jane Barrow '04** completed her doctorate in human factors psychology from George Mason University in December 2013. She is now working in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In August 2013, **Laura Shields '04** received her master's degree from Saint Louis University in St. Louis from the American studies department. She's currently completing her doctorate in the same field. She studies the animal-rights movement in American history and culture. She lives in St. Louis and is a professional belly dancer.

### 2005



To **Jeffrey Liepman '05** and **JoLee (Sturgell) Liepman '03**, a son, Parker Jeffrey, born Dec. 6, 2013. He joins older sibling Paislee.

**Nathan Love '05**, MBA'06 based in New York City, has been promoted to head of worldwide network development and business affairs in advertising at Rovi Corporation. He recently played a key role in closing the Verizon FiOS advertising deal, which adds over 5 million households in key U.S. markets, including New York, Boston and Chicago.

**Noreen Murdock '05**, MBA'11 started as development director at Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Ore., on Feb. 10. Now in its 44th season, Chamber Music Northwest is one of the nation's leading chamber music presenters, producing 80 events annually through their summer and winter festivals and more. Noreen makes the transition after six years as executive director of Salem Chamber Orchestra.

To **Marie (Metke) Westom '05** and husband Michael, a son, Matthew Robert, born Jan. 14, 2014.

### 2007

To **Paige (Lindsay) Whipps '07** and **Kevin Whipps '08**, a son, Graham Thomas, born Dec. 31, 2013.

**Melissa Griffiths '07** was nominated for a GLAAD Media Award in the category Outstanding Newspaper Article for her series in the Juneau Empire, "LGBTQ in the Capital."



### 2008

**Geneva (Hale) Adair '08** and **Ryan Adair** were married Aug. 10, 2013, in Sammamish, Wash. **Molly Barnes '07**, MAT'08 and **DeeDee (Hayes) Cherubini '08** were both bridesmaids.



**Ashley Hayden '08** and **Patrick Willgohe '10** were married July 3, 2012. They held a reception at the Heceta Head Lighthouse on the Oregon Coast, and several Willamette alumni were in attendance.



To **Joshua Lee '08**, MAT'09 and wife Linn, a son, Samuel, born Jan. 24, 2014.

To **Kendra (Bates) Schaefer '08** and husband Matthew, a son, Elijah Luke, born Aug. 27, 2013. He joins older brother Isaiah.

### 2009 5TH CLASS REUNION

**Kelsey Priest '09** and **Christian Eickelberg '10** were married Aug. 3, 2013, in Portland, Ore., on a pier next to the Willamette River. In attendance were many Willamette alumni, including **Steven J. Eickelberg '77**, **Garrett Eickelberg '12**, **Laurel Priest '12**, **Rachel Janny '10**, **Benjamin Jackson '10**, **Christina (Peaslee) Jackson '10**, **Frances Clawson '11**, **Carolyn Much '10**, **Scott Riehl '11**, **Katherine (Gordon) Williams '08**, JD'13, **Akeem Williams JD'11**, **Trevor Leaf '10**, **Molly Hendler '10**, **Alexandra Frackelton '09**, **Zachary Kimbell '10**, **Matthew Penrod '10**, **Fitz Paccione '08**, **Jessica Drumm '08**, **Josh Barker '07** and **Andrea (Duby) Kuchler '05**.



## 2010

Following each other halfway across the globe for the past three years, anthropology majors **Emily Carpenter '10** and **Kailey Bunch '10** keep the Willamette ties active abroad. They both moved to Daegu, South Korea, for a year following graduation and now live in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, where they teach English to elementary school students. They even work at the same school.

**Wailana Kalama '10** and **Anna Gorin '10** began a campaign to raise funds for a collaborative photo essay book on their recent travels to Iceland. The project features personal essays against the stunning visual backdrop of Iceland and focuses on the relationship between landscape and mythology by utilizing Wailana's comparative literature and the history of ideas degree for the writing portion and Anna's studio art degree for the photography.

**Jessie Myers '10** graduated with her master's degree in psychology from Boston University in May. She was able to be a part of the newly founded Center for Autism Research Excellence while at BU.

## Atkinson Graduate School of Management

## 1976

**Robert Foster '72, MM '76** achieved a major life objective last August, when he learned to drive a bulldozer. He completed the noncommissioned officer course and was promoted to sergeant in the California State Military Reserve, where he continues to serve with the 146th Air Wing Support Unit. He took part in a weeklong hazmat activity with Air Guard units from six states and served as EOC commander in an Operation Wildfire exercise. As a senior-level Military Emergency Management Specialist, Robert will participate in large-scale disaster exercises in May and June. He continues at RM2 risk management consulting.

## 1977

In April, **Gary Duell '74, MBA '77** led another of his Retirement Success classes as part of the curriculum of Portland Community College.

## 1989

**Rich Mussler MBA '89** released his fourth book in February. The anthology "Bad Christian, What God Taught Me" has received positive reviews and high praise from Christian publications. It is available through Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com in both paperback and as an e-book.

## 1993

**Joanne L. Jordan Viale MAT '93** writes: "I was hired at Stayton Elementary School as soon as I graduated and taught there for 18 years until I retired and moved with my husband to Goodyear, Ariz. When we got settled in Arizona, I applied at the local school district to be a substitute or volunteer. Instead, I was hired immediately to start a new preschool program in the local elementary school, which put me back to work full-time. The preschool program was a success and expanded to two sessions within the first year. I realized I did not wish to work full-time, so I re-retired. This year, I am substitute teaching for my local school district and working a few days a month. I now have time to enjoy retirement and the many adventures that living in sunny Arizona offers. What a difference it makes to wake up to sunshine almost every day of the year and be able to do outdoor activities."

## 1996

**Rick Owen MBA '96** accepted a new job as the provider network administrator for the Universal American Texas Accountable Care Organization (ACO), and he relocated from Dallas to Houston in September for the opportunity. His move away from dental provider network management was motivated by the greater long-term potential in medical provider network management.

**Christopher Sahlstrom M.D. MAT '96** is a family physician, running a private medical clinic in Wasilla, Alaska. He taught high school science in Lake Oswego, Ore., and in Anchorage, Alaska, before attending medical school at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He is married with four children.

## 1998

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## 2000

**Dan Mahoney MBA '00**, a senior housing real estate broker with Marcus & Millichap, recently received the Rookie of the Year award for this firm and achieved the National Achievement Award for his sales efforts in 2013. Dan says, "I had a great first year and could not have done it without the support of my wife and most demanding business partner ever, **Angela Mahoney '94, MBA '00**."



soon to be published in paperback). She lives in Krakow, Poland, with her daughter and is completing a doctorate in theology at the John Paul II Pontifical University in Krakow.

## 2006

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## 2008

**To Minda (Hedges) Seibert '94, MBA '08** and **Bob Seibert '94, MBA '08**, a son, Alden Baxter, born Aug. 19, 2013.

## 2009

**Kristy Bolsinger MBA '09** was named one of the Top 25 Women that Rocked Social Media in 2013 by Top Rank Online Marketing.

**To Joshua Lee '08, MAT '09** and wife Linn, a son, Samuel, born Jan. 24, 2014.

## 2011

**Joel Bruner MBA '11** relocated to Chicago to be a management consultant at the Chicago Transit Authority.

**Noreen Murdock '05, MBA '11** started as development director at Chamber Music Northwest in Portland, Ore., on Feb. 10. Now in its 44th season, Chamber Music Northwest is one of the nation's leading chamber music presenters, producing 80 events annually through their summer and winter festivals and more. Noreen makes the transition after six years as executive director of Salem Chamber Orchestra.

## 2012

**Justin Hanseth MBA '12**, co-founder of Village Health Works food security project in Kigali, Burundi, recently organized several events in Seattle for the project. It was featured in the Seattle Times and is also on Crosscut.com. Justin also ran the Cleantech Open for Washington state this year, led due diligence for several impact investors in Seattle and is on the steering committee for Seattle University's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Center.

**Zakiya Jackson MBA '12** now works for RDV Corporation in the Foundations, where she works with the DeVos Urban Leadership Initiative, training urban youth workers nationwide. Living in Grand Rapids, Mich., she is a new board member of the Baxter Community Center, helps train small group leaders at Madison Square Church, supports small business development through Partners Worldwide and serves on the finance committee of the board of Christian Community Development Association.

## 2013

**Eric Medina M '13** accepted an offer with GE Capital in Chicago as a corporate analyst lead. He and his wife, Stacy, are expecting their first baby in September.



## In Memoriam

## 1940s

**Ruth (Tschanner) Brink '40** died Oct. 26, 2013. She was born Feb. 21, 1918, in Seattle, Wash. While attending Willamette, she met and married **Mervin W. Brink '42** and settled in Hillsboro, Ore., where she lived for 71 years. A recipient of the Emma McKinney Woman of Achievement Award, Ruth was known as an influential civic leader throughout Washington County. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include six children, including **David Brink '68**, **Bernard Brink '71**, **Matthew Brink '75**, **Michael Brink '78**, and **Katherine Brink-Schwab '79**, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**June (Armstrong) Richardson '40** died Oct. 25, 2013. She was born Jan. 23, 1919, to Charles and Iola Armstrong in Walla Walla, Wash. After a move to Salem, Ore., June graduated from Salem High School and attended Willamette at the age of 16. In 1940, she married career soldier **Chester Richardson**, who fought in World War II and Korea, and later served in Vietnam for USAID. In support of her husband and the U.S. military, she helped serve food to American troops under fire during the Tet Offensive. After Chester passed away, she worked as a legal secretary for several Salem attorneys. Survivors include a sister, three children, nine grandchildren, including **Anne Maiden '06**, and two great-grandchildren.

**Harry R. Calborn Jr. '41** died July 16, 2013. He was born Oct. 25, 1918. After graduating from Willamette, Harry married **Esther (McDonald) Calborn** in 1942. Shortly thereafter, he began four years of service in World War II in the Army Air Corps, which took him to India and Burma. After completing his service, he earned a law degree from Gonzaga University and counseled clients for more than 50 years. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren.

**Marjorie L. (Herr) Caldwell '41** died Oct. 31, 2013, in Keizer, Ore. She was born in 1918 in Priest River, Idaho, and moved with her family to Woodburn, Ore., where she attended high school. After graduating from Willamette, she went on to complete a master's degree at the University of Oregon. She taught physical education in Hood River, Ore., and Albany, Ore., then married **Willis Caldwell** in 1949 and moved to Salem, Ore. She was past president of the board of directors and served on various committees at the Salem YWCA. She belonged

to First Presbyterian Church and was active in the Salem Audubon Society, The Chemeketa hiking club, Willamette Agate and Mineral Society and PEO Sisterhood, as well as various community affairs. She loved the outdoors and was dedicated to conservation and environmental concerns. In 1991, she was honored when the gymnasium at the YWCA of Salem was named the Marge Caldwell Gymnasium. Survivors include two sons.

**Virginia (Jean) Gallagher '46** died Oct. 22, 2013. She was born Aug. 4, 1924, and grew up in Salem, Ore. After graduating from Willamette, Virginia married World War II veteran **Brady Gallagher** on New Year's Day, 1948. Instilled with a lifelong passion for books, she sustained a lengthy career as a research librarian with the Lake Oswego (Ore.) Public Library. To go along with that passion, she also had a fondness for art and excelled in textiles, painting and ceramics. A fan of classical music, she discovered a love for '80s rock music later in life, as well as reality television, which she watched with her granddaughter, **Isabel**. Her family will remember her for her humor, warmth and lovable idiosyncrasies. Survivors include her husband of 65 years, two children, including **Robert Gallagher '70**, sister, **Leah Smith '53**, and a granddaughter.

**Ivan F. Nye '46** died March 1, 2014. He was born in 1918 in Prospect, Ore. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Upon his return home, he attended Willamette and earned a bachelor's degree before earning his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in 1952. Following his schooling, he worked as a professor of sociology for several higher education institutions, including Ohio State University, the University of Missouri, Bucknell University and Washington State University, where he spent the majority of his career. Throughout the 1960s and '70s, he was regarded by colleagues as one of the most prominent and influential family sociologists in the country. His many achievements included being elected president of the National Council on Family Relations (1965-66) and receiving the Burgess Award from the NCFR in 1976. He also served on the editorial boards for several scholarly journals and co-authored several books. Before retiring, he spent two years as a visiting scholar at the Boys Town Center for the Study of Youth Development, where he developed programs to help troubled youth. Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law.

**Gladys "LaVerne" (Harnsberger) Thoennes '46** died Dec. 17, 2013. She was born Dec. 11, 1923, in Salem, Ore., and lived

in Federal Way, Wash., for nearly 40 years. After graduating from Willamette, she taught economics for several years. She was also an accomplished homemaker and volunteer at school and her church. Survivors include her husband, six children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**David M. Holmes M.D. '48** died Oct. 17, 2013. He was born Dec. 4, 1925, in Portland, Ore., and graduated from Franklin High School before entering the U.S. Navy as an aviation cadet. In 1945, he was commissioned as a naval aviator in World War II, but didn't stay overseas long as the war came to an end. Upon his return home, he finished his undergraduate education at Willamette and then worked as a chemist at Hanford Works in Richland, Wash., for four years before pursuing a career in medicine. David attended the University of Oregon Medical School (OHSU) and became a physician. He completed his training and earned his certification in anesthesiology by 1972 and landed a staff anesthesiologist position at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, Ore., a position he held until 1993. Combining his love for aviation and passion for medicine, he also served as a senior aviation medical examiner for the FAA from 1960 until his retirement. He was preceded in death by a wife and son. Survivors include his daughter and four grandchildren.

**Eric L. Fitzsimons '49** died April 29, 2013. He was born Sept. 1, 1920, in Cookstown, Northern Ireland. After immigrating to the United States, he and his family landed in Salem, Ore., in 1927. He graduated from Salem High School and attended Willamette for two years before being mobilized with the National Guard during World War III. In 1945, he resumed his education at Willamette and after graduating began a career in education, most of which was spent in Beaverton, Ore., as a chorus and band teacher. He considered Willamette professor **Maurice Brenner** an inspiration to his career and life in music, which continued all the way up until his passing. Even after a stroke confined him to a wheelchair, he continued to perform with the Al Kader Shriners Concert Band. Apart from music, he enjoyed traveling the country and Europe with his wife after he retired from teaching. Survivors include his wife, four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## 1950s

**Patsy J. Acker '50** died Jan. 18, 2014. She was born Aug. 13, 1928, in Los Angeles, Calif., and grew up in Burlingame, Calif., where she

also graduated from high school. She then moved to Salem, Ore., and received a degree in business from Willamette before beginning a career as a real estate agent and saleswoman. Later, she moved to Mt. Shasta, Calif., where she owned and operated **Pat's Hallmark** for several years. She eventually retired to El Dorado Hills, Calif., to be closer to her family. Survivors include three children, nine grandchildren, a great-grandchild, a sister and an ex-husband.

**William C. Edgar '51** died Oct. 16, 2013. He was born Feb. 17, 1927, in West Frankfort, Ill., where he attended a one-room schoolhouse and was taught by his mother, **Ethel**. In 1942, he and his family moved to Washougal, Wash. After graduating from Vancouver High School in 1945, he volunteered to serve his country in the Airborne Infantry during World War II. Following Japan's surrender, he became a member of the occupation forces at Sendai, Japan. When his military service came to an end, he returned to Vancouver, Wash., and got married. After graduating from Willamette, he began working for the National Cash Register Company, where he stayed for 33 years until his retirement. His hobbies – some of which he formed while serving in Japan – included gardening and bonsai. Survivors include his wife, four children, nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and a brother.

**Doreen (Lyon) Beddow '52** died Oct. 19, 2013, in Medford, Ore. She was born Feb. 17, 1931, in Marshfield, Ore. (now Coos Bay). Her early years were spent in Port Orford and Triangle Lake, Ore., before the family moved to Cottage Grove, Ore., where Doreen was a model student and cheerleader at Cottage Grove High School. After graduating, she attended Willamette and met her future husband, **Arthur Beddow '51**. The couple soon started a family and moved to Klamath Falls, Ore., where Art opened the city's first parole and probation office. Not long after, they relocated to Salem, Ore., and then to Portland, Ore., where he attended law school. Eventually, they returned to Klamath Falls and Doreen worked with Art at his law office. Later in life, she worked for John Hancock at the Klamath County Fairgrounds, until her retirement in 2010. She will be remembered not only as a caring mother but for her love of motorcycles, bowling and animals. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include six children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**S. Jeanette (Gilbertson) Fields '52** died Nov. 25, 2013. She was born June 27, 1930, in Portland, Ore. She grew up in Gresham, Ore., and



## Dave Barrows '57, JD'61: "Dean of Lobbyists"

Dave Barrows, long considered the "dean" of lobbyists in Oregon's Capitol, died in March. He was 78.

Barrows took his first job in the Capitol as a legislative page in 1955 while still a Willamette undergraduate. He credited Mark Hatfield, then a political science instructor at the school and a new state senator, with helping him land that gateway position.

His son, Tom, recalled that his father came to Willamette as a freshman planning to play football. "He arrived early on campus and roomed with another player who, he was impressed to learn, was from Dallas," Tom Barrows said. That is, until he discovered the teammate he thought had been recruited from Texas was, in fact, "from right down the road in Dallas, Oregon."

Although sidelined by a knee injury, he nevertheless scored big during his time at Willamette. He served as sergeant-at-arms of his freshman class, joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity and bonded over football with future U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, with whom he would be lifelong friends and a confidante. He would later serve as a member of the WU Alumni Association Board of Directors in 1972-73.

Barrows earned his undergraduate degree in 1957, with a major in political science. He later entered law school convinced that his future lay in politics. He set a goal to be a full-time lobbyist by age 40, according to a *Statesman Journal* profile earlier this year. He achieved that goal by the time he was 30 and then embarked on a career at the Capitol that spanned nearly five decades, Barrows is believed



Photograph courtesy of Thomas Patterson, *Statesman Journal*

to have been the longest-serving lobbyist even in the Oregon Capitol.

He got his first taste of lobbying as a part-time special assistant to the superintendent of Fairview Home in Salem during the 1959 and 1961 legislative sessions, and he was soon hired by tobacco wholesalers in 1963 to defeat a state cigarette tax proposed by Hatfield, who was by then governor. (The two remained friends for many years.)

Among his first clients were the Association of O&C Counties and the

Oregon Savings & Loan League. He represented the two organizations exclusively from the mid-1970s until the mid-1980s, serving as an executive of both. His firm, Dave Barrows & Associates, later took on other clients, including a wide range of public, private and nonprofit groups. In 2003, he pressed the state for help luring a Major League Baseball team to Oregon.

In the *Statesman Journal* profile, Barrows said legislators had told his clients over the years that they liked dealing with him because "when they ask us what the other side will say, we always give them the full picture. You have got to be honest and open — and also creative."

Politicians and clients alike continued to praise his work after learning of his death.

Linda Navarro, president of the Oregon Bankers Association, told a reporter with the *Portland Business Journal* that Barrows wielded a lot of influence. "Dave represented a segment of our industry for decades. We are absolutely better, as an industry and association, because of him,"

Barrows "was a rare individual," said Senate President Peter Courtney, the longest-serving member of the current state Legislature. "You knew when you asked Dave a question that he was going to give you a straight answer. His honesty and integrity could not be questioned. He was a mentor to many and a friend to all. Dave Barrows was a legend."

Barrows lived in the Mountain Park area of Lake Oswego, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Tom; daughter, Stacey; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

graduated from Gresham High School before graduating from Willamette. In 1952, she married Gene Fields and the couple moved to Salem, Ore., in 1955, where they raised their two children. She worked at Willamette's Long Law Library and Little Red School House before working in the office at Sprague High School for more than 20 years. She was a charter member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving as both an elder and deacon. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren.

**Donnie Lee Hosford '52** died May 10, 2013, in Hood River, Ore. He was born Nov. 12, 1930, in North

Platte, Neb. In 1947, the family moved to Oregon City, Ore., where he attended Oregon City High School as a senior. While there, he displayed his athletic talent on the varsity football team and earned a scholarship to Willamette, where he played four seasons of football. Before earning a degree in physical education, he made the most of his college experience by participating in several extracurriculars, including glee. After graduating, Don began his coaching and teaching career in Bandon, Ore. He taught biology and coached football and basketball there, before taking a job as head varsity football coach

at Shendan (Ore.) High School. In 1962, he took the head football coaching position at Gresham (Ore.) High School before changing careers in 1965, when he opened Hood River's first State Farm agency. He stayed with State Farm for 30 years, retiring in 1995. Survivors include two children and a sister.

**Louis G. Scrivens '52** died Nov. 4, 2013. He was born May 7, 1929, in Great Falls, Mont., and moved to Portland, Ore., as a young boy. After graduating from Franklin High School, where he excelled in football, baseball and basketball, he attended Willamette on an athletic scholarship. Following a spectacular

collegiate athletic career, Lou went on to play semi-pro and professional baseball from 1951 to 1954. After his playing days were past, he began a successful coaching career at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Ore., in the 1960s. Among his greatest lifetime achievements were being inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame (1969) and the PIL Sports Hall of Fame (2006). Survivors include his wife of 62 years, three children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Glenda (McAllister) Thomas '52** died Oct. 29, 2013, in Everett, Wash. She was born Feb. 16, 1931, in Salem, Ore., to Glenn McAllister



and Nellie Mack. She attended Salem High School before going on to earn a bachelor's degree in home economics from Willamette and Oregon State University. After college, she began a 30-year career as an office manager at the Oil Heat Institute of Washington. Apart from work, she enjoyed reading, crossword and jigsaw puzzles, classic movies, traveling and spending time with her dog, Jimmy. Survivors include two sons and two grandsons.

**Priscilla (Botkin) Tollenaar '52** died Nov. 9, 2013. She was born Dec. 1, 1930, in Gresham, Ore. An outstanding student, she won several honors at Bend (Ore.) High School, from which she graduated valedictorian. She then attended Willamette, where she met her first husband. After starting a family in Klamath Falls, Ore., her husband tragically passed away from a heart attack. Following his death, she and her two daughters moved back to Salem, Ore., where she completed her degree in literature at Willamette and began working in the law library. In 1970, she remarried, beginning a blissful 43-year relationship. A stay-at-home mother, she also spent her time volunteering for the Eugene (Ore.) School District 4J as a mentor, tutor and library aide. Known as a voracious reader, she also loved ballet, music and crossword puzzles. Survivors include her second husband, two daughters, one stepdaughter, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Byron L. Fortsch M.D. '53** died Jan. 1, 2014. He was born Oct. 2, 1926. After graduating from Willamette, he attended Oregon Health & Science University, from which he graduated in 1957. He then worked as a surgeon. Survivors include his wife.

**Richard L. Isaak '53** died March 24, 2014. He was born Dec. 29, 1931, in Vancouver, Wash. In 1958, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. Upon his return home, he began a 35-year career with State Farm. Following his retirement, he lived at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond, Ore., until his passing. Outside of work, he enjoyed participating in community service and flying planes, as well as traveling throughout the Southwest during the winter. In the community, he was known as the founder of the Keizer Club. He received an outstanding volunteer award from the Keizer Parks Board for his dedicated efforts. Survivors include his wife, June, three children, including **Dale Isaak '90**; six grandchildren; and sister, **Marilyn (Isaak) Scapanski '57**.

**Robert L. Halsan '54** died Jan. 8, 2014, in Portland, Ore. He was born Oct. 20, 1932, in Astoria, Ore., where he graduated from Astoria High School. He then received a degree in biology from Willamette, where he also joined the Sigma Chi fraternity, before serving in the Armed Forces. Upon his return from duty, he began work at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria as a small-engine repair instructor. In the 1960s, Robert took a job at the Crown Zellerbach mill in Wauna, Ore., where he stayed until his retirement. Apart from work, he enjoyed fishing and home-improvement projects. Survivors include his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

**Beverly (Lytle) Kelley '54** died Jan. 4, 2014, in Plano, Texas. She was born in 1927 in Klamath Falls, Ore. Four years later, her family moved to Albany, Ore., where she attended first grade through high school. In those formative years, she played violin with the Oregon Junior Symphony. After spending a year at the University of Oregon, she was hired as a reporter for the Albany Democrat-Herald, a job she held until moving to Salem to finish her degree at Willamette. While there, she worked as a writer in the university's publicity office until graduating and became a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. As a speech and drama major, she performed in a number of musical productions at Willamette. She also loved to dance and was active in community theater. Her first post-graduation job was as a reporter for a radio station in Eureka, Calif. The rest of her life was divided between raising two children, journalism and participating in regattas up and down the West Coast in her beloved Thistle class sailboat, *The Scooby Doo*; and when that wore out, *The Scooby Doo 2*. She was preceded in death by a brother and a daughter. Survivors include a sister, a son and two grandchildren.

**Gerald E. Kelley '54** died Jan. 18, 2014, in Bend, Ore. He was born in 1930 in Salem, Ore., and raised in Independence, Ore., Salem and Clatskanie, Ore. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in economics, he graduated from Thunderbird School of International Business in Arizona. His career was in business management in American companies overseas, principally various Asian countries and Australia. He enjoyed his many cultural contacts and friendships, as did his wife and children. Upon retirement, they settled on Bainbridge Island, Wash., until moving to Bend. He was a lifelong devoted fly fisherman. Also sailing, golfing, skiing and reading had been great pleasures. Survivors include his wife, **Alice Kelley '54**; a son, **Todd**

**Kelley '87**; a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Richard O. Adams '55** died Dec. 5, 2013. He was born March 5, 1933, in Garden Home, Ore., and was raised in Stayton, Ore., Portland, Ore., and Salem, Ore. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in physics, he served as a communications officer in the aircraft early-warning section of the U.S. Air Force. In 1963, he earned a doctorate in physics from Washington State University and began work at the Dow Chemical Company's Rocky Flats Plant in Colorado, where he lived from 1965 until his passing. He thrived with the company and was promoted to one of the six associate scientist positions at the site before retiring in 1989. He then joined the failure analysis laboratory at StorageTek and worked as an analyst and manager until the lab's closure in 1999. Besides his work, his passions included his family, hiking, photography, music and railroad history. Survivors include his wife, two children; two grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and two sisters.

**Joseph R. Farley '57** died Dec. 13, 2013. He was born March 29, 1935, in Portland, Ore. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Joe attended Willamette, where he discovered he was a natural salesman and possessed incredible people skills. He then put those skills to good use as an insurance salesman for more than 40 years. Apart from his hundreds of clients, he loved playing bridge and tennis. Not only did he develop a passion for bridge, but he also developed a serious skill for it, reaching the rank of Diamond Life Master. Survivors include his wife, three brothers and one sister.

**Ralph E. Van Horn '57** died Nov. 3, 2013. He was born Oct. 18, 1935, in Des Moines, Iowa. At Willamette, he double majored in economics and music, and he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. After graduating, he began a career in banking and worked for U.S. Bank and First National Bank before attending the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington in 1974. Later, he served on the Willamette Alumni Association Board for six years (1984-90). He had a love of dogs and had a beautiful singing voice, which was on full display every Sunday at various Methodist churches. Survivors include his wife, **Coralie Van Horn '57**; daughters, **Cherie Oldenburg '81** and **Julie Beirsto '82**; and four grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Wendell H. McLin '60** died Dec. 8, 2013. He was born April 21, 1938, in La Grande, Ore. Along with being

a varsity athlete, he was also a Marion High School valedictorian. At Willamette, he joined Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and shortly after graduation, he married **Diane (Miller) McLin '60**. In 1964, he graduated from the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry and was commissioned as a captain in the U.S. Air Force. Following the completion of his military service, he operated a private dental practice in Salem, Ore., and began a 40-year teaching career at OHSU. Among his many career achievements were earning fellowship in the International College of Dentists and leading the Oregon chapter as deputy regent. Away from work, he enjoyed fishing, sailing, woodworking, classical music and golf. Survivors include his wife, Diane; two daughters, including **Monica Santi '88**; and four grandchildren.

**Nancy (Chase) Taylor '60** died Jan. 15, 2014, in Baker City, Ore. She was born Dec. 29, 1938, in Portland, Ore. She met her husband, **Keith Taylor '61**, at Willamette and began a teaching career in Oregon and California after graduation. She was named Teacher of the Year for the Palos Verdes School District and is listed in the Who's Who of Women Teachers in the United States. She was also very active in her church, teaching Sunday school, leading camps and directing choirs. She most recently became a member of the First Baptist Church in Haines, Ore., before her passing. Along with her love for the Lord, Nancy enjoyed the country lifestyle and raising animals. Survivors include her husband.

**Charles Cheeld '61** died Nov. 30, 2013. He was born June 27, 1939, in San Francisco, Calif., and raised in Portland, Ore. At Willamette, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and met his future wife, **Karen (Henninger) Cheeld '61**, whom he married on the same day he graduated in 1961. After college, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for five years, rising to the rank of captain before beginning a new career flying commercial passenger jets for Continental Airlines. During his 16 years at Continental, he also built and operated several laundromats and dry-cleaning stores in Los Angeles County. He pursued the business full-time after becoming the owner and CEO of California Commercial Laundry Systems in 1983. In the early 1990s, he sold the business to become a licensed real estate appraiser and started a new business named the Southern California Appraisal Group. Apart from work, he donated his time serving as the board chairman of the City of Angels Hospice in Los Angeles and on the Palm Springs (Calif.) Airport



Commission. A daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include two children and two grandchildren.

**Nancy Lynch '63** died Oct. 7, 2013, in Yarrow Point, Wash. She was born in Port Angeles, Wash., in 1941, and raised in Lilliwaup, Wash., where she grew up learning the family business of owning and running the Alderbrook Resort on Hood Canal. She attended Willamette and the University of Hawaii before graduating from the University of Washington in 1964. Shortly after graduation, she met and married Joseph Lynch of Spokane, Wash. They lived in Bellevue, Wash., for their entire married lives and raised their three children there. They were active members in their community, as well as at Sacred Heart Church and School. She was a master gardener, talented chef and elegant party host. She graciously embodied the Christian spirit of "others first" in every circumstance. Survivors include a son, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

**James E. Monroe '64** died Aug. 1, 2013. He was born Aug. 25, 1942. Survivors include his cousin, Lawrence.

**Dale E. Schrag '67** died Oct. 12, 2013. He was born April 9, 1945, in Dallas, Ore. Dale was married shortly before he graduated from Willamette. The couple then moved to Bend, Ore., and Dale started for the state of Oregon's Children's Services Division. After the birth of a son, the family moved back to Dallas in 1971. In 1985, he purchased his parents' family business, Dallas City Cleaners, which the family operated until he returned to work for the state in 1993. He spent 10 years working with Senior and Disabled Services before retiring in 2003. His hobbies included bonsai art and woodworking. He was also a devout Christian and attended church with his family regularly and throughout his life. His son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a brother and a sister.

**James W. Kleinke '68** died Jan. 8, 2014. He was born Feb. 22, 1946, in Salem, Ore., and attended Albany (Ore.) High School, where he excelled in basketball and baseball, which he also played at Willamette. While at Willamette, he joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity and married **Claudette Ebi '68**. The family moved to Portland, Ore., where James worked for General Electric for 10 years, before relocating to Gresham, Ore., where he owned a Video Connection for nine years. His passions included coaching youth baseball and basketball teams. He is survived by two children, including **Erin Hire '95**, and five grandchildren.

## 1970s

**Eugene F. Herigstad '71** died Oct. 20, 2013. He was born Nov. 30, 1948, in Salem, Ore. After graduating from North Salem High School, he attended Willamette. Following his own education, Gene worked as a teacher and vice principal in the Salem-Keizer School District for 28 years. Even after retiring, he continued to serve the Salem community by helping those in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Some of his many interests included fishing, camping, wood crafting, wrestling, music, motorcycling and comedy. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his mother, a son, a sister and a brother.

## 1980s

**Eric B. Hannibal '84 MM '86** died Jan. 25, 2014. He was born Oct. 29, 1962. While growing up in Medford, Ore., he learned to ride horses and hunt, and participated in several sports, including baseball. Following a move to Salem, Ore., he graduated as valedictorian from Salem Academy High School. At Willamette, he joined Sigma Chi fraternity and studied mathematics, chemistry and computer science before majoring in finance at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. After graduating, he spent 10 years working for the Board of Pardon before owning and operating his own business, Meridian Mortgage. Later in life, he revived a lifelong interest in caring for others, and earned his LPN from Chemeketa Community College. Throughout his life, baseball remained as one of his biggest passions, spurring him to volunteer as a local Little League umpire. He also enjoyed sailing, coaching and spending time with family. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Hannibal '88**, a son and a sister.

**Paul J. Cummings M.D. '87** died Feb. 13, 2014. He was born Sept. 6, 1964, in Klamath Falls, Ore. After graduating from Roseburg (Ore.) High School, he attended Willamette and studied math, science and humanities. While there, he also met his wife, **Ronda Royal '88**. After graduating, he attended Oregon Health & Science University before enrolling at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Mo. Paul graduated from that school at the top of his class, earning him a fellowship at the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. During his fellowship, he practiced both rural and inner-city medicine, and traveled the region when he was not working. Later, he became board-certified in internal medicine and practiced in Virginia Mason clinics in Kent, Auburn and Federal Way, Wash. He also worked

as a hospitalist for Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque, N.M., and for Legacy Health. Survivors include his wife and three children.

**JoAnn Di Giulio '88** died Jan. 2, 2014. She was born March 15, 1964, in Ann Arbor, Mich., before later moving to San Jose, Calif. After graduating from Willamette, she went on to earn a Master of Science in policy analysis from Penn State University and a Master of Arts in American Indian studies from the University of Arizona. In 2005, her education continued and she earned her law degree from McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific and passed the bar exam. She then moved to Houston, where she established her own consulting company. A brother preceded her in death. Survivors include her mother, a sister and a brother.

**David M. Zagel '88** died May 8, 2013, in Portland, Ore. He was born July 24, 1965, in Sidney, Mont. He graduated valedictorian from Newport (Ore.) High School in 1983 and attended Willamette, where he joined Kappa Sigma fraternity. He then went on to attend the University of Stuttgart in Germany before graduating from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Architecture in 1988. After finishing school, he worked as a project planner for TriMet in Portland and then as the senior transportation planner for URS Corporation until his passing. Among his many professional accomplishments was winning the Bill Naito Rail and Transit Advocate Award in 1998. David also held the seat of president, vice president and director of AGRTA (Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates). His passions included Oregon Ducks football, rail transportation, traveling and fighting for human equality. Survivors include his mother and two brothers.

## Faculty

**Rebecca Lynne Muir** died Sept. 10, 2013. She was born May 20, 1948, in Chicago, Ill., and raised in Crown Point, Ind. She attended the University of Missouri-Columbia before transferring to the University of South Florida, from which she earned a bachelor's degree in music education and a master's degree in education Latin. At Willamette's Graduate School of Education, she taught Teaching Methods and briefly taught Latin at the institution's College of Liberal Arts. Away from work, she donated her time and talent to a variety of music organizations, including the Salem Concert Band and the Willamette Master Chorus. An active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, she

sang with its Trinity Choir, Chamber Singers and Kirkwin, was the secretary to the Music Guild and helped found Sorores Animae and the Taizé Music Ministry. She also taught private voice and flute lessons out of her home. She served as the Interfaith Hospitality Network coordinator for St. Paul's. She was also a choral music adjudicator across the state. In addition to performing, she enjoyed listening to music, reading, traveling, walking, preparing meals with family and friends, and always joyfully being of service to others. Survivors include her husband and two children.

**Harry E. Rice Jr.** died Feb. 22, 2014. He was born March 7, 1956, in Hammond, Ind., where he grew up. He graduated with a degree in biochemistry from UCLA and taught chemistry at Lane Community College, as well as at Willamette. His interests included traveling, camping, hiking, bird watching, gardening and kayaking. He was also an avid reader and loved classic movies, as well as attending plays and musicals at the theater. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, a brother and a sister.

## Trustees

**Ichiro "George" Azumano** died Dec. 9, 2013. He was born June 9, 1918, in Portland, Ore. After graduating from Jefferson High School, he received a business degree from the University of Oregon in 1940. He then served in the U.S. Army but was discharged from the military after only two months because of his Japanese heritage. When he returned to Portland, his family was sent to an internment camp until being freed in 1944. After the war, he decided he wanted to start an insurance agency that catered to Oregonians of Japanese ancestry, and in 1949, he opened the business that later became Azumano Travel, which remains a large agency with offices in Oregon and Washington. Despite being placed in an internment camp years earlier, he spent the rest of his life working to improve U.S.-Japan relations, and in 1982, the Japanese government awarded him the Emperor's Medal of the 4th Order of the Rising Sun. He also served as a trustee of Willamette University, the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry and the Japanese American National Museum. Survivors include two daughters, one son, one stepdaughter, one stepson, 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.





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### Winter 2014 Reader Responses

(1) "This was a pivotal moment in my life," says Leila Staffler '01, describing the scene captured with Heidi Preuss Grew, associate professor of art. "I had entered college without solid writing skills. It took hours of one-on-one with my art teacher to learn about redundancy and punctuation. You could not tell from the picture but I was so frustrated that I cried. By the end of that session though, I had it down."

(2) University trustee Stew Butler '61 identified himself as "the cute one," far right, and correctly named his fellow spring '61 class officers to his right: Joan Barber '61 and Pete Weisel '61. Both Butler and Charles Foster '60 identified Dale Mortensen '61 at far left. Foster says Norissa Leger is to Mortensen's left.

(3) Still unidentified are the two rafters on the Mill Stream near Rogers Music Center.

