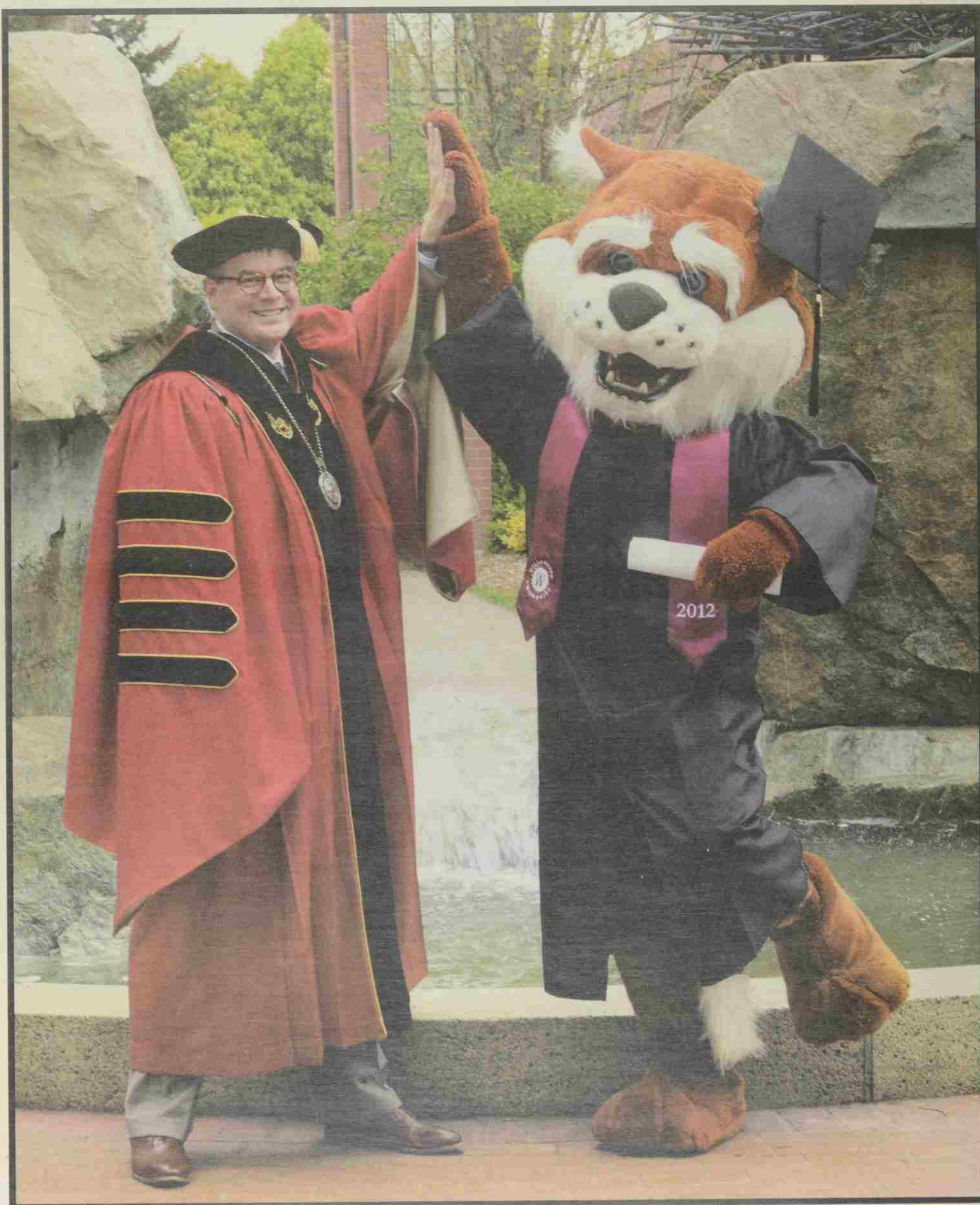


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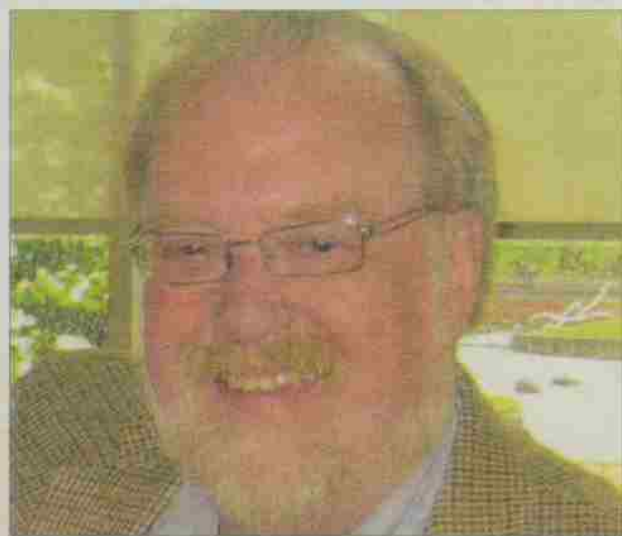


# 2011-2012 news in review

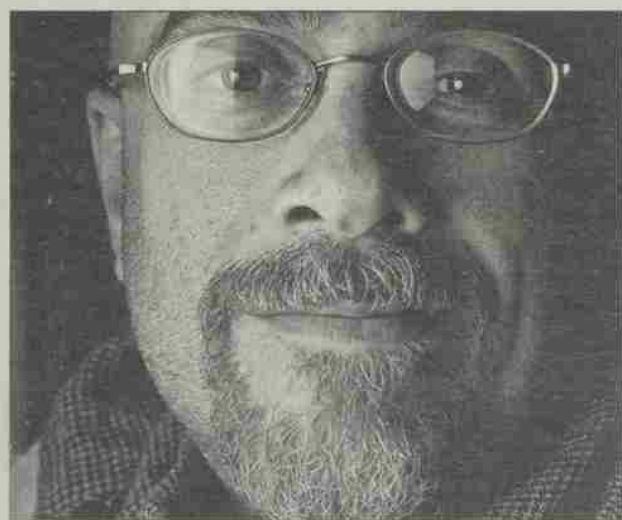
MILES SARI  
NEWS EDITOR

## Willamette says goodbye to Bob and Nacho

Over the summer break, Professor of Rhetoric Nacho Cordova and Professor Emeritus of Politics Bob Hawkinson passed away. Though they may have left us physically, their legacies at the University live on, and they continue to influence the Willamette community every day.



Bob Hawkinson passed away on May 22, 2011. One of Bob's most notable legacies at Willamette was the creation of Kaneko Commons.



Nacho Cordova passed away on July 16, 2011; he is survived by his wife and children.

## Stephen Thorsett appointed as new president

With the departure of President Pelton, the University welcomed Stephen E. Thorsett as the University's 25th president. With over 17 years of experience as a dean and as a professor of physics and astronomy, President Thorsett came back to his hometown of Salem, Ore., from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

As a Salem native, President Thorsett graduated from South Salem High School in 1983 and was no stranger to the Willamette community, as his father was a biology professor. A relatively rare event for the University, President Thorsett was installed as president by the Board of Trustees on Feb. 10 after a week-long celebration of events.

## Beta Theta Pi's chapter suspended

After 64 years as one of the University's five fraternities, the Gamma Sigma chapter of Beta Theta Pi was suspended by its Board of Trustees, in collaboration with University officials and Gamma Sigma alumni leaders.

Although the Gamma Sigma chapter has been disbanded, the charter will remain on suspension, which will "allow for a return of Beta to campus at a mutually agreeable time for all parties, which can be as early as two to three years; the General Fraternity is committed to returning Beta Theta Pi to the University and reestablishing its reputation as a fraternity of high standards," ASWU president and senior Tej Reddy said.

## Willamette remembers September 11th

As a result of the 10th anniversary of September 11, Willamette students and faculty members congregated at the first University Convocation - "What have we learned since/ from '9/11?" - to share their academic and personal perspectives, as well as to reflect upon one of the worst terrorist attacks in history.

What was concluded during the conversation was that September 11 would be a time for us to remember those who were lost in the attacks and in war, to reflect on what we have and have not learned, "and to think about how we can comprehend our mistakes to make sure nothing like September 11th ever happens again," professor of religious studies David McCreery said.

## Dr. Jane Goodall visits Willamette

In association with the Jane Goodall Institute, the University featured a discussion between Dr. Jane Goodall, DBE, and David Miller, host of Oregon Public Broadcasting's "Think Out Loud," on Oct. 7, 2011.

As a world-renowned primatologist, UN Messenger of Peace and conservationist, Dr. Goodall discussed Roots & Shoots, the Jane Goodall Institute's global environmental and humanitarian youth program.

At the age of 77, Dr. Goodall is considered to be the world's foremost expert on chimpanzees. She also is best known for her 45-year study of social and family interactions of wild chimpanzees in Gombe Stream National Park, Tanzania.



World-renowned primatologist and conservationist Jane Goodall visited in the fall to discuss the power of youth.

## Kappa Sigma regains national charter

In 2006, the Theta Delta chapter of Kappa Sigma at Willamette University was revoked by the National Kappa Sigma Fraternity. However, with hard work and strong support of many alumni, Kappa Sigma was officially recognized again as a nationally chartered fraternity on Feb. 18, 2012 on the chapter's 51st anniversary.

In order to gain chapter status, the fraternity had to first become an interest group for nine months, be a colony for 18 months and have a total of 50 members. Additionally, the fraternity had to raise \$2500, do 25 hours of community service per man and have established pledge education programs, scholarship programs, philanthropy programs and brotherhood programs.

## Extreme floodwaters threaten University and Salem community

Floodwaters filled University housing, city streets, parking lots and basements in late Jan. 2012, as a result of high precipitation in the Willamette Valley. Many streets were closed by local police due to overflowing waters from the surrounding creeks and rivers, including the University's very own Millstream. The millstream rose to considerably high levels and engulfed the banks and steps of Jackson Plaza, posing threats to the Bistro and the Mark O'Hatfield Library.

Although Gov. John Kitzhaber declared the Salem community to be in a state of emergency, most of the University remained untouched by the flood waters. To help combat the potential of increased flooding, University students and employees joined forces and filled sandbags in the Matthews parking lot to help stop water from intruding the Eastside residence halls and academic buildings; students also partici-

pated in Into the Streets to aid the greater Salem community with flood relief.



Flood waters flooded most of the southwest part of campus.

## Bias Incident Reporting System implemented on campus

Created as a means for students, faculty, administrators, classified employees and visitors to submit any concern of bias or discrimination, the Bias Incident Assessment System (BIAS) of Willamette University was launched in Dec. 2011.

The idea for BIAS originated two years ago, when senior Margarita Gutierrez and a group of students convened in order to figure out how to make "Willamette a more inclusive environment for students who aren't historically represented in higher education," Gutierrez said.

At the forefront of the initiative, Gutierrez said that she and the other students "dreamed of having an accessible way for students to report biases and discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, marital status, veteran status and sexual orientation."

## SAE regains housing on campus

After a year of absence and a two-month application process, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity received on campus housing for its members starting the 2012 fall semester.

Due to the large class of incoming freshman, the University was forced to find the best way for accommodate new students. As a result of the failure to meet the 100% occupancy requirement set forth by the residential services, the University decided to revoke the housing privileges for SAE and the other two fraternities that did not meet the stipulation.

Though SAE was not given a residential space for this academic year, it was eligible, however, to reapply for housing in a University-owned and operated residence hall. Once the fraternity paid off a \$4,436 debt to the University for years of damages to the previous residential space the fraternity occupied, SAE was permitted to apply for housing on campus, said Lisa Holliday, Associate Dean of Campus Life and Director of Student Activities.

## ASWU elections controversy

On Thurs., April 19, a Senate meeting was held to discuss the disenfranchisement of the American Studies Program students from the ASWU Executive Council election. The meeting was held to determine if the results of the election should be invalidated.

After much deliberation on both sides of the issue, a bill to nullify the results of the prior Executive Council election and hold another election for the 2012-2013 Executive Council on April 26 and the 2012-2013 Senate on May 1 was drafted and passed.

The results of the reelection ended up being the same, with Elizabeth Calixtro as president, Cynthia Chand as VP of Student Services, Jamel Freeman as VP of Finance and Alexis Gilbert as the VP of Administration.

## Charlie Wallace retires as University Chaplain

For the past 27 years, Charlie Wallace has served as an integral part of the Willamette community as University Chaplain. He has married countless Willamette graduates and sparked hundreds of intriguing and controversial discussions in the convocations.

After almost three decades of devotion to the university and the Office of the Chaplain, Wallace will be retiring from the position, with Associate Chaplain for Vocational Exploration Karen Wood to step into the role. Wallace will continue to teach as a part-time professor in the Religious Studies Department.

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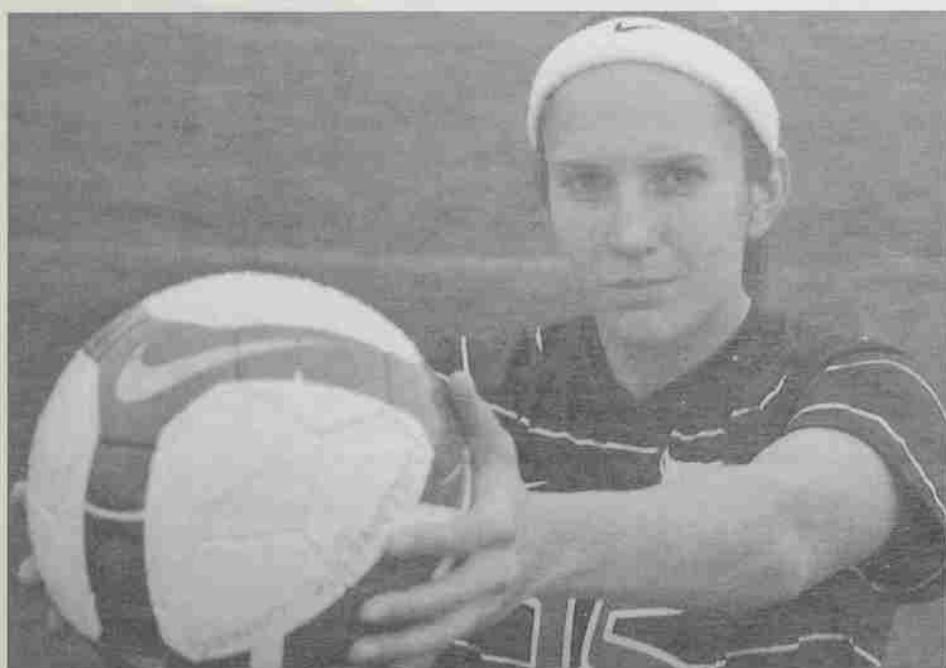
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ROBERT MARCH

Stephanie Skelly was named the NWC offensive player of the year and also received second team all west region. Skelly received a postgraduate scholarship this spring. She was also named to the Capital One Academic All American team.



KAYLA KOSAKI

Junior Joshua Wong earned first team all NWC honors for the second straight year. Wong was selected to a national Division 3 tournament. Wong finished in the final 32 of the national invitational last week.

# Willamette sports in review: 2012

SEAN DART  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Men's Tennis: (3-13) overall, (3-9) NWC

- Joshua Wong, 1st team all conference
- Cody Ferguson, Second Team All-NWC

## Women's Tennis: (7-10) overall, (5-7) NWC

- Shannon Palmer, First Team All-NWC
- Denise Poltavski, Sabrina Gutierrez Second Team All-Conference

## Men's Track: NWC Champions:

- Paul Winger, four consecutive 400 meter dash champion
- Ben Donovan, 3,000 meter steeplechase champion
- Kit Kingstad, 1,500 meter champion
- Parker Bennett, 5,000 meter champion

## Women's Track:

- Jaela Dinsmore, 100m & 200m champion
- Theresa Edwards, 800m & 1,500m champion
- Elisa Ahern, triple jump champion
- Michaela Freeby, 3,000 meter steeplechase champion

## Men's Golf:

- Cody Pfolker, ties for 6th overall at NWC

## Women's Golf: 4th place NWC

- Mckenzie Weinhold, finishes 12th in NWC individually

## Baseball: (14-23) overall, (9-15) NWC.

- Mitch Rowan, preseason All-American

## Softball: Regional #8 ranking.

- Alex Waitilo, winningest pitcher in Willamette history

## Men's Soccer: (5-9-2) overall, (4-8-1) NWC

- Adan Vazquez, Second Team All NWC
- Erik Kaufman, Second Team All NWC
- Mike McGrew, Second Team All NWC

## Women's Soccer: (11-8-1) overall, (10-5-1) NWC

- Ranked #9 in West Region
- Stephanie Skelly, NWC offensive player of the year
- Coach Arthur, selected NWC coach of the year

## Men's Rowing:

- 7th place WIRA championships

## Women's Rowing:

- Second place WIRA women's varsity four

## Volleyball: (8-17) overall, (5-11) NWC

- Shannon Waltz and Madisyn Leenstra honorable mention all NWC

## Men's Cross Country: National Finishers:

- Leo Castillo, 164th place
- Kevin Aubol, 244th place

## Women's Cross Country:

- National Finishers:
- Team finish, 29th overall
- 8 national finishers:
- Michaela Freeby, 73rd overall
- Kaitlin Greene, 101st overall
- Theresa Edwards, 130th overall
- Amanda Tamanaha, 185th
- Sarah McSweeney, 199 overall
- Cathy Monahan, 339 overall
- Sally Venable, 341 overall

## Football: (4-6) overall, (3-3) NWC

- Mitchell Rowan, selected NWC special teams athlete of the year
- First team selections: Jamiere Abney, Jake Knecht, Taylor Reeder, Kenny Miller, Mitchell Rowan, Ryan Bourke, Harmon Bruno, Cody Pastorino.

## Men's Swimming:

- Sean Piper, finishes sixth in NWC in 200 yard backstroke

## Women's Swimming:

- Erin Parkinson, finishes sixth in NWC in 1,650 yard freestyle

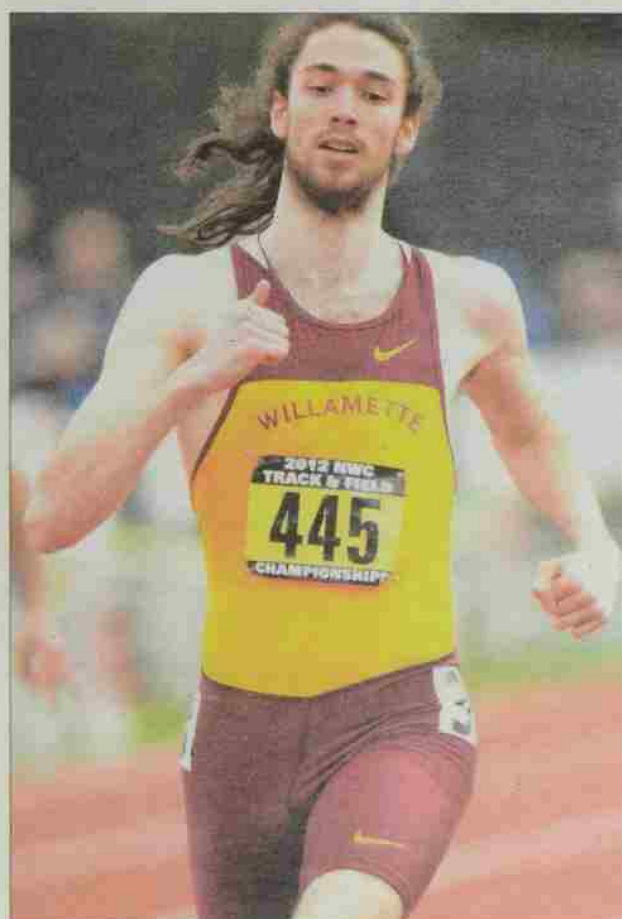
## Men's Basketball: (5-20) overall, (3-13) NWC

- Terrell Malley and Taylor Mounts, honorable mention all-conference

## Women's Basketball: (1-23) overall, (0-15) NWC.

- Kaileigh Westermann, averaged 8 points and 8 rebounds per game.

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Senior Paul Winger leaves Willamette as a four-time NWC champion in the 400-meter dash. He is the recipient of the 2012 Henry J Booth award.



COURTESY OF WU ATHLETICS

Alex Waitilo lead the Bearcats to a #8 regional ranking this year, on her way to becoming the winningest pitcher in WU history.

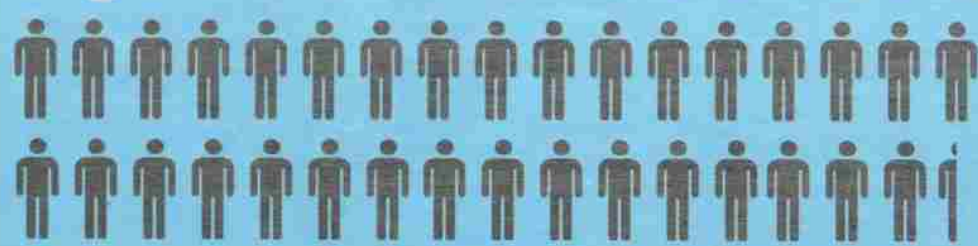


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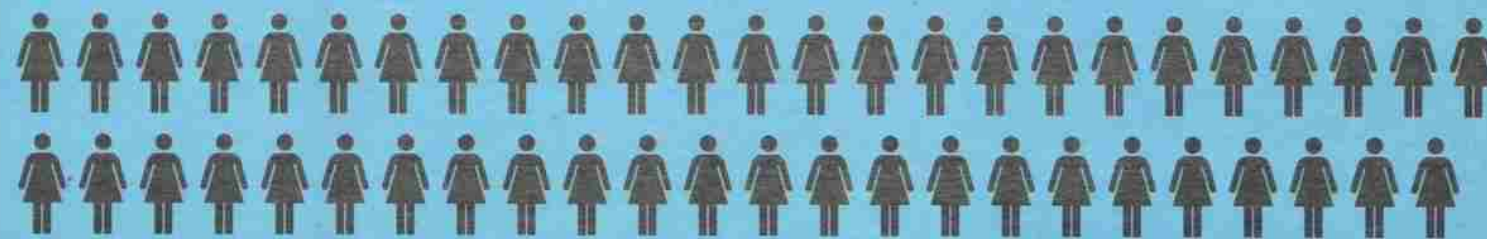
Senior Jaela Dinsmore earned the NWC title in the 100 and 200 meter dash in her final season with the Bearcats.



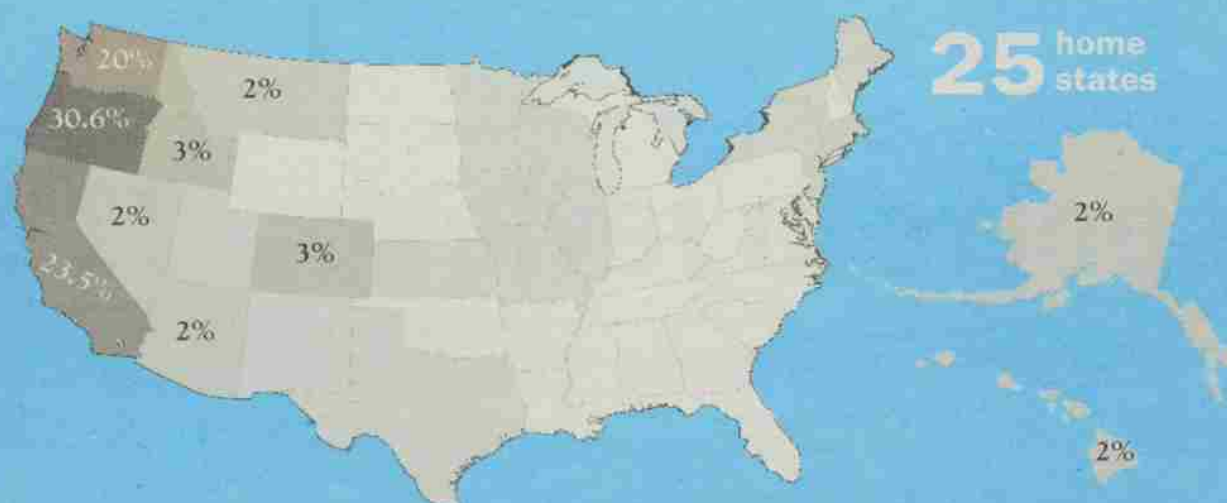
# By the numbers: Senior statistics



**412** graduates participating in commencement



**59.5%** female

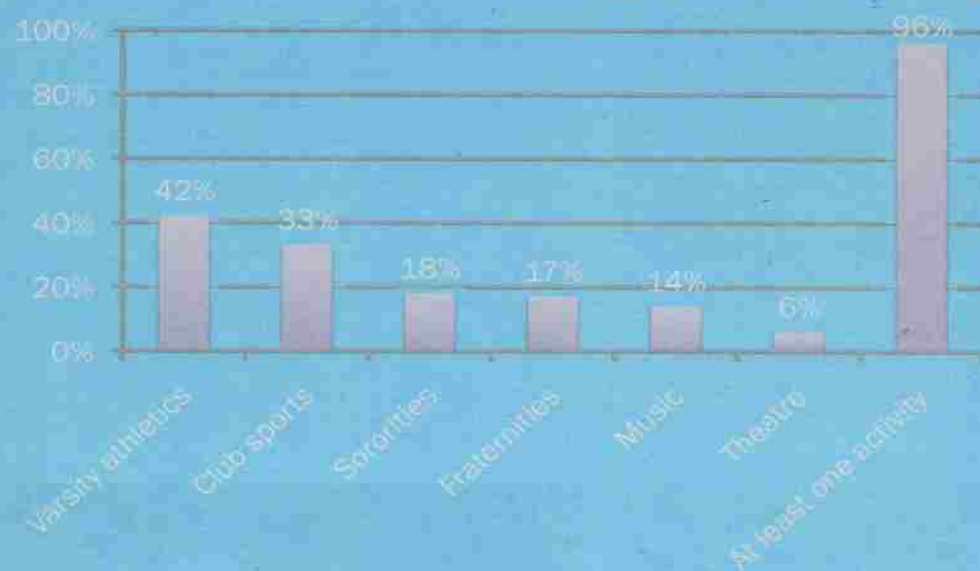


**25** home states

Students at WU all four years  
Transfer students

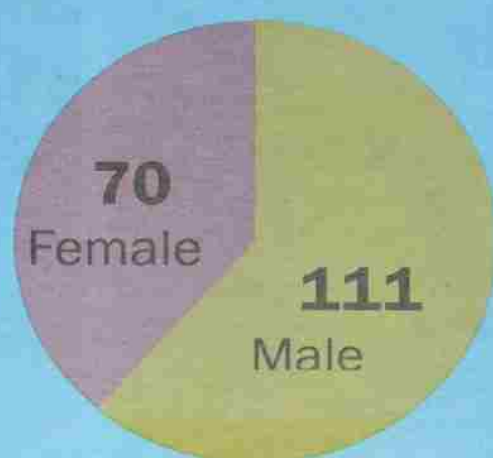


## Involvement by activity



**Intramural athletes**  
**181**

seniors who participated in intramural sports this year



## Major development

**62** students double majoring

**Most popular majors**

- 10%** Biology
- 9%** Politics
- 8%** Sociology
- 7%** Psychology

**12** students in the BA/MBA program

**85%**

said they were "very satisfied" with their Willamette experience

= 5 students

## Post-graduation plans

**60%** know what they will do next year

**15%** taking a gap year

**20%** enrolled in a grad school program

**25%** with full-time jobs

(Infographic by Colleen Smyth)



# Words of Wisdom

"Work hard and everything else will work out."

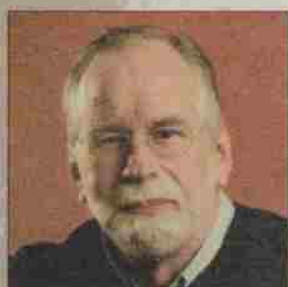
This line from a fortune cookie has helped me keep focus in the face of uncertainty. Best wishes to you all!

— Alexandra Opie



Buy (and wear) good shoes. You'll never be sorry.

— Michael Strelow



"Ulysses," Alfred Lord Tennyson  
(composed 1833; published 1842)

[. . .] There lies the port; the vessel puffs her sail;  
There gloom the dark, broad seas. My mariners,  
Souls that have toiled, and wrought, and thought with me,  
That ever with a frolic welcome took  
The thunder and the sunshine, and opposed  
Free hearts, free foreheads—you and I are old;  
Old age hath yet his honor and his toil.  
Death closes all; but something ere the end,  
Some work of noble note, may yet be done,  
Not unbecoming men that strove with Gods.  
The lights begin to twinkle from the rocks;  
The long day wanes; the slow moon climbs; the deep  
Moans round with many voices. Come, my friends,  
'Tis not too late to seek a newer world.  
Push off, and sitting well in order smite  
The sounding furrows; for my purpose holds  
To sail beyond the sunset, and the baths  
Of all the western stars, until I die.  
It may be that the gulfs will wash us down;  
It may be we shall touch the Happy Isles,  
And see the great Achilles, whom we knew.  
Tho' much is taken, much abides; and tho'  
We are not now that strength which in old days  
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are,

One equal temper of heroic hearts,  
Made weak by time and fate, but  
strong in will  
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to  
yield."

— Allison Hobgood



When faced with challenging times and new opportunities, I often think back on the narrator's description of changes that take place in Pierre Bezukhov near the end of War and Peace. At this time in Tolstoy's book Pierre has come to appreciate the value in being generous, both for himself and for others. The challenge for Pierre — and for all of us — is to live by this appreciation every moment.

"There was a new feature in Pierre's relations with Willarski, with the Princess, the doctor, and all the people he met now, which won him general good will. This was his recognition of the impossibility of changing a man's convictions by words, and his acknowledgment of the possibility of every man thinking, feeling, and seeing things in his own way. This legitimate individuality of every man's views, which formerly troubled or irritated Pierre, now became the basis of the sympathy he felt for other people and the interest that he took in them."

— Mark Conliffe



I agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson's perspective that "The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education." Take the means you have gained at Willamette and educate yourself for the rest of your life. And please come back and visit often and share what you have learned.

Best wishes,

— Dave Craig



I am not in possession of any wisdom; that is not a gift I was given. But Leonard Cohen is quite wise. So I would pass on two reflections from him. He suggests that he has studied all the philosophies and all the religions, but cheerfulness just kept breaking through. And further, he says that everything has cracks — that's how the light gets in. So to the seniors, let cheerfulness keep breaking through and let the cracks in things provide light.

— Bill Duvall





For my Bearcat cross country/track girls. Four short years with these girls could never be enough. Looking back on eight seasons with this team I can't say there is a lot I would change. Running as a sport has a lot of ups and downs and I am glad I could share these with all of you. Thank you for picking me up when I was down, for pushing me so I could push you right back and for making me so proud to run for this school. Sweating and getting it out with this team has made me appreciate running so much more. To Sally, my co-captain and best friend: I couldn't do it without you. You mean so much to me and I am so glad we found our way back. I can't wait for all of the adventures that life has in store for us.

Keep running girls, for yourselves, for this each other and for the memories we created on this team <3

Sarah McSweeney  
Exercise Science  
Petaluma, CA



COURTESY OF SARAH MCSWEENEY

When I first came to Willamette, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I became a history major and it has taught me a great deal about the world and what I've learned will stay with me forever. And maybe I'll even get a day job where I'll use my background in history. But it wasn't until I took "Creative Writing: Screenwriting" the spring of my junior year, that I really knew what I wanted to do. That class changed my life. Now I've written screenplays ranging from a quasi-historical film (history major coming in handy!) to a college campus romantic comedy to a Sci-Fi thriller. And I've got many plans for the future. It's my dream to get my scripts made, which I know I will. For me, it's not the schoolwork that I'm taking away from Willamette. What I got from college is a great deal of inspiration and a place where I could learn about myself and others. Personally, I learned what I want to be when I "grow up" and how I want to live my life.

Colton Miller  
History  
Novato, CA

If given a large bucket of nails ... I'd melt them into a sword and slay dragons.  
If given a pile of wood ... I'd lathe them into flutes.  
If given many windows ... I'd leave them all open for the breeze.  
If given a foundation ... I'd build a house on it.  
I think it's time we all build our houses.

Andrew Hallberg  
Psychology  
Vancouver, WA

Thinking back on my senior year of high school I remember the anticipation I felt contemplating my future at Willamette University. And, just like any other experience of my life, my college experience has not been what I expected. But now, as graduation approaches, I know I would not trade my Willamette education, or rather my Willamette experience, for anything. I've learned so much in the past four years, not just academically, but about myself. I never would have guessed I'd be the one to discover an area of study I feel so passionate about, be an editor of a college newspaper, or have the opportunity to live and study in Spain. These experiences yield the person I am today and I feel so grateful to call them mine. Thank you Willamette, Nacho Cordova, my professors and friends, you have taught me a great deal. There is a big world out there, and I feel confident to face it. Congratulations Bearcats, Class of 2012!

Lindsay Braunwalder  
Rhetoric and Media Studies  
Eagle, Idaho

Thanks to all my friends, family and friends who became family here at WU. I'll miss you all and consider it a privilege and joy of the utmost degree that we were here together. I'll carry our memories with me always and I look forward to the life that we will all still share - separated by geography and held together by friendship.

Matt Pitchford  
Rhetoric and Media Studies  
Silverdale, WA

This is the tale of when I found I was accepted to Willamette University. I was a senior in HS when I went down to the post office; in my mailbox, I saw a conspicuous letter from WU. I was too nervous to open the letter inside the building, so I exited and read it in the parking lot. When I found out I got accepted, I was so happy I ran in big circles looking up, not minding my surroundings! After four revolutions, I accidentally ran into a guy, knocking him onto the ground. He got up becoming instantly mad and confrontational. I got in one little fight and my mom got scared. She said "You're movin' with your auntie and uncle in Bel-Air." I whistled for a cab and when it came near, the license plate said fresh and it had dice in the mirror. If anything I can say this cab is rare, but I thought "Nah forget it! Yo home to Bel-Air!" I pulled up to the house about 7 or 8 and I yelled to the cabbie "Yo homes, smell ya later." I looked at my kingdom. I was finally there, to sit on my throne as the Prince of Bel-Air.

Henry Lo  
Economics  
Kailua-Kona, HI

It's been fun Willamette, from the inspirations to start the Catta-Gee companies here to the record breaking vaults in track to those Copper's memories. I'm definitely going to never forget my time here.  
#GMBMB

Spencer "Unique"  
"Slim" "The Greatest"  
"CG" Clemmer  
Economics  
Sacramento, CA



COURTESY OF SPENCER CLEMMER



COURTESY OF TOMOKO YUZAWA

Shout out to the craziest girls I know and couldn't live without!  
Love & Loyalty,  
Tomoko Yuzawa  
Rhetoric and Media Studies  
Bellevue, WA

The last four years of my life have been a beautiful struggle of ups and downs and a whirlwind of joyful successes and painful failures. My balance and bravery only stems from the unfathomable amount of love and support shown to me by my friends and mentors here. However, I would have never found myself here without my family behind me. They are my inner peace and my anchors, and have allowed me to wander my own path of the world, as long as I promised to show up for Christmas. And above all else, I attribute my success to my mother, who has taught me to love, to laugh, to live and that for every problem there is a solution; as long as you are strong enough to search for it. Happy Mother's Day mom. I love you and thank you so much for everything.

Devon Cooke  
Sociology, American Ethnic Studies  
Brattleboro, Vermont



It's not easy to sum up the last four years in only 100-200 words. To start, I'll try to use contractions and hyphenations where applicable, which will help keep my word count super-low. Anyway, it goes without saying that my family is the sole reason that I'm able to be here now. The truly never ending pool of support and love that I have received from you over the years astounds me. Mom - Happy Mother's Day. I love you heaps and I couldn't have done this without you. Dad - find me a job. You've already given me everything else I've ever needed to succeed (love being foremost), and I hope you know I love you to death, even if you refuse to learn economics so we can actually have a conversation about it. Molly - all my friends know you're my best friend already, what else can I say? Grandma - I just hope your esteemed scholarship pays off! The Doris Ryan Fund for Educational Excellence was HUGE, and I can't thank you enough! Shobyn - Need a first mate?

To all my friends, peers and people I met along the way: see you in the unemployment line suckas!

Brady Ryan  
Biology  
Tacoma, WA

I'm sitting in the library procrastinating my very last undergraduate paper - and I'm filled with one part terror, one part exhilaration. How can I prepare myself for leaving this shiny, protective Willamette bubble? I'm not sure it's possible to go about life without Bistro cookies and Pint Nights, without roofing and mill-streamings and without syllabi and homework parties ... but at the same time, I don't know how we made it through four years of all-nighters, crazy professors, \$300 textbooks and Goudy food. I'm torn between congratulating everyone I see and bursting into spontaneous tears. I know we'll all survive the next big adventure, holding WU in our hearts as we scatter around the globe to test ourselves in new and different ways. I guess it really is time to finish this paper and burst out of the Willamette bubble, ready as I'll ever be.

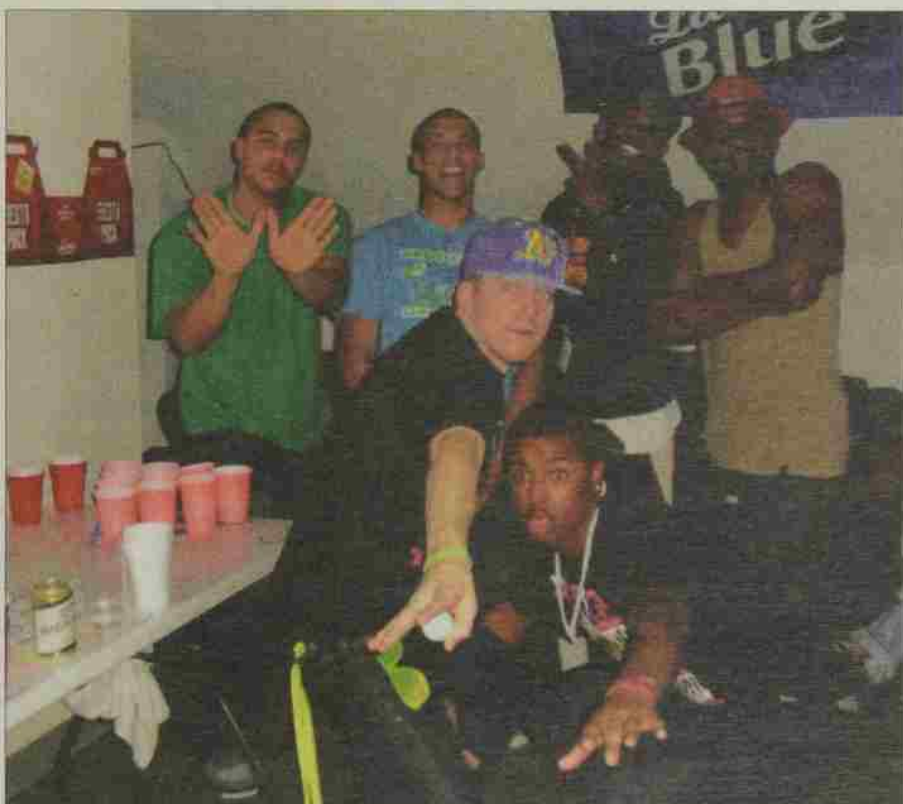
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COURTESY OF BECCA HALL

Throughout my time at Willamette, the crew team has been my home away from home. Over four years of pain, sweat, smiles and tears, Marilea Griggs, Karina Hoogstede and I have shared the best memories that I know we will carry with us for the rest of our lives.

Becca Hall  
Anthropology  
Mercer Island, WA



COURTESY OF SPENSER BRITTON

Looking back on my four years at Willamette University, I would have to say the most enduring lesson I have learned that will greatly influence my future is the importance of a global point of view and, in a similar vein, the need for cooperation between various actors to achieve a desired outcome. This sense of cooperation between people, nations or any other distinct entity was present in many of my classes: in "Spanish Translation" I explored the nuances between the Spanish and English language, in "Latin@ Voices" I looked at the culture and history of Spanish speaking countries and the resonance such events have today.

I plan on pursuing my interest in the interactivity between different nations through further travels and a career in translation/interpretation or international relations. Willamette has, without a doubt, played an instrumental role in my personal and professional growth. I will always look back upon my undergraduate experiences with fond memories, memories that I will always carry with me. Willamette University, you have had a fundamental impact on me and for that I am truly grateful.

Eli Beller  
Spanish  
Los Angeles, CA

I will never forget the many memories that I have had here at Willamette and many life lessons that I have learned in my journey here. From the filming of my own YouTube talk show out of my dorm in Kaneko to the late night gourmet snacks in the UAPS with my boys Ray and Mikey. I will truly miss this place and the memories I have gained here will be with me for the rest of my life. GMRMB crew all day!!!

Sincerely, Spenser Britton A.K.A "SB88" A.K.A "What What."

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My name is Chelsea and I'm a history major from sunny Phoenix, Arizona. My fondest memories will always be of the professors who challenged and pushed me beyond what I thought I was capable of as a student. I am grateful to the faculty in the History Department who supported my decision to become a history major as a senior. Thank you all for helping me complete my major in one year! I can now graduate with no regrets. In the fall, I am enrolling in the MA program in ESL (English as a Second Language) at the University of Arizona.

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After graduating high school, it felt like I kind of fell into Willamette, without really knowing why things fell together for me to be here. But when I look back at the experiences I've had, the people I've met, and the things I've learned, I now see why it had to be Willamette. My college experience and the person I have become are a result of being at Willamette, and I wouldn't trade any of it for anything. Thank you so much for being such an instrumental part of my life thus far, and for helping me grow into the woman I am today. I will miss everything and everyone so much.

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