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*From the* **PRESIDENT**

## Beyond 125 Years: Continuing the Mission

In April we completed our celebration of the university's 125th year with graduation and various gatherings. Throughout this year we have consistently emphasized our continued commitment to the mission of our Friends founders – to provide students with an excellent education where they deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. These two aspects of George Fox are our passion and have been since our founding in 1891.



Recently, I was traveling in China and had the opportunity to meet a group of students at the Beijing School of Foreign Studies that had shown an interest in one of our graduate programs. The school is known for developing China's ambassadors and foreign ministers, and this group of students was excellent. In our discussion there were two students who helped me remember why what we do at George Fox is so important. I asked one of the young women present why she believed George Fox might be the place for her graduate degree. She answered, "In China I live and work among millions of people. Our classes at the university are large. I would love to be in a place where I was really known. Where a professor might understand my talents, gifts and dreams and seek to empower me."

I never imagined that our university's Be Known promise would resonate with a Chinese student. She wanted an excellent education, but she also wanted to be mentored and to have someone know her story.

Just before we completed our time together the only male student in the group jumped in – "George Fox is a Christian university, right?" I was a little hesitant in that environment, but I quickly answered "yes." "Then," he said, "don't you try to convert people to Jesus?" I never expected that question in Beijing! After I thought for a moment I responded with a question. "Is there anything that you are committed to that you believe is so important that you wished others would both see your view and accept it?" It was a risky way to engage the debate, but he answered "yes." "I am a Confucian in terms of philosophy, and I believe that his ethic and moral commitment are right and should be practiced by others." "Then," I said, "I think much like you. I believe in Jesus and think that he is the life and the way. I have no desire to force my commitment on you but, yes, I would hope that you might see the way." He finished our engagement by simply saying, "Fair enough."

This discussion was one of the most enjoyable conversations with students I have ever had in China. Here was a group of students with whom our mission and vision resonated.

This year we have also marked the end of some great careers at George Fox. Three of our most recent retirees, Merrill Johnson, Dirk Barram and Craig Taylor, have served our university a combined 111 years. I was privileged to attend their celebrations. All were model servants of the students of George Fox University – one a librarian, the next a teacher and dean, and the other an athletic director. They were in very different parts of the university, but if you were at their celebrations you would have noted how similarly students and staff viewed them. Students talked about the time they would take out of their day just to talk or have coffee. They recalled how these men deeply cared about them as people and asked about their family and friends. All three made students feel known and cared deeply that they knew Jesus.

George Fox has a unique mission, but it is special because of the people that make that mission personal and real.

Robin Baker  
*President*

### Crisman Crossing at Dusk

Since it was completed two years ago the university's newest bridge has been a favorite subject for photographers on campus, including senior marketing major Tyler Sloan, who captured this sunset shot on a picturesque evening in April. Dubbed Crisman Crossing, the name honors Leo ('45) and Abigail (Miller) Crisman ('43) for their longtime family legacy at George Fox.

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## George Fox Students Volunteer for Special Needs Prom

More than 150 George Fox student and staff volunteers gathered at Newberg Christian Church in February for Night to Shine, a prom-night experience that the guests of honor won't soon forget.

A total of 141 guests with special needs were greeted with a red-carpet entrance as volunteers cheered them on. Once inside, dancing, games, karaoke, food, a photo booth, and free services like shoe shining, hairstyling and manicures all awaited, while George Fox students and more than 200 additional volunteers ensured everyone had a good time.

Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, Night to Shine events take place at more than 350 churches around the world each year. The events have the simple goal of providing an "unforgettable prom-night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs ages 14 and older." George Fox students and staff have participated since Night to Shine began in 2015.



## University Reaches Out to Community with Health and Wellness Week



In a tangible display of community building, the university hosted its inaugural Health and Wellness Week in mid-March, drawing more than 200 people to campus for 5K and 10K runs, free behavioral, exercise and nutrition classes, and a pool party for children with special needs.

Sponsored by the university's School of Physical Therapy and Office



of the President, the event served a twofold purpose: raise awareness of the healthcare needs in Yamhill County communities and offer resources and activities to address those needs.

"It was very practical, very hands-on," says Tyler Cuddeford, director of the university's Doctor of Physical Therapy program. "People were shown how to cook more healthy meals, instructed on how to manage back pain and educated on effective exercise programs. Other families spent time in the pool with their kids with special needs. It was enormously successful."

The event was such a success that plans call to bring it back in 2018 and perhaps expand it. "It's important not only from a community-building standpoint, but to encourage people to live more healthy lives," Cuddeford says. "Many of the health-related challenges we face in our county – such as the fact 62.2 percent of our adults are considered 'overweight' or 'obese' – are preventable and can be reversed."

The week culminated with a "Beat Baker" 5K run that drew nearly 50 runners. The 10 runners who crossed the finish line ahead of university president Robin Baker were rewarded with a bumper sticker to commemorate the accomplishment.

Sponsors included Hopp Insurance, Newberg Body and Paint, Country Financial, Virginia Garcia, Impact Printing, PT Northwest, Therapeutic Associates, Pacific West Bank, Friendsview Retirement Community, Oregon Dance Academy and Cliff Bar. All told, \$5,000 was raised to cover the cost of the events.

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## Student and Faculty Filmmakers Win National Awards



Lucy and the Fly



In a competition with nearly 1,500 entries representing 174 colleges and universities from across the country, the odds of winning one of only 18 "Best of Festival" awards at the Broadcast Education Association's annual convention are minimal.

Winning two? Minuscule at best. But that's exactly what George Fox pulled off in 2017, as cinema and media communication professor Dawn Ford and student Emily Hamilton earned prizes in their respective categories. They were honored at the BEA's 15th annual Festival of Media Arts awards ceremony in Las Vegas on April 24.

Hamilton, a senior CMCO major, won the "Student Animation/Mixed Experimental" category for her stop-motion film *Lucy and the Fly*. Ford, who joined George Fox in the fall of 2016 as an associate professor of media communication, won the "Faculty Mixed Video" category for her production work on a PBS-style documentary, *Hidden Beauty: Tokyo*, that she spent two terms working on while at Huntington University in Indiana.

Other winners in the competition included Division I schools with household names: California, Florida, Syracuse, Michigan State, Arizona State and Maryland.

"It seems unlikely that a small film program like ours would be able to bring so much excellence to the nation," Ford says. "It just shows how supportive George Fox is of its filmmakers and demonstrates the overall quality of this program. It's a hidden gem. Had Emily tried to make her

animated film in almost any other program, faculty would have likely shut her down because it was too ambitious."

Hamilton's three-minute film – about a little girl in a desert landscape who falls down a hole and has an adventure with a monster, a spider and her firefly friend – took an entire spring term to complete and required a crew of nine often working long weekends and late nights. The film, reflecting a style similar to those produced by the Hillsboro-based Laika animation studio (*Coraline*, *ParaNorman*, *Kubo and the Two Strings*), used armatures – tiny skeleton-like puppets.

"Our crew had 10- to 13-hour days and 20-hour weekends for about a month," says Hamilton, who plans to pursue filmmaking at a Portland-area studio. "The award was really a team award, and I was excited for the school, too, because our little-known film program is growing and is fantastic."

Ford's piece involved taking students to Tokyo for three location shoots and hiring an international crew that included a director of photography from Germany and a photographer from Taiwan. The film tells the stories of Christian artisans in Tokyo who use their craft to express their faith. Plans call for it to air on a local PBS station.

Both projects culminated in Las Vegas, where the duo was honored by the premier international academic media organization. "We were honored to go there and represent George Fox," Hamilton says. "It just shows that, no matter how 'small' you might be, you can accomplish great things."

## eTextbook Initiative Saves Students More Than \$118,000

More than 600 George Fox students reaped a very tangible benefit from the university's new Open Textbook Initiative: cash. A total of \$118,885, to be exact. That's what these students would have paid if they purchased new textbooks rather than the free eBooks now offered in their place.

Supported by the university's Innovation Fund, the initiative allowed George Fox to join the Open Textbook Network, which curates a collection of quality, peer-reviewed, open textbooks published under a Creative Commons license. Stipends offered by the university encourage faculty to incorporate the free textbooks into their syllabi, and also to review and author their own open textbooks.

A total of 13 courses adopted open textbooks during the 2016-17 academic year, benefiting 611 students, including a single General Chemistry course that saved 184 students a total of \$47,840. The initiative has already received funding for a second year, with plans to adopt even more open textbooks into current curriculums.



## University Breaks Ground on Student Activity Center

A groundbreaking ceremony was held April 29 and construction is set to begin this summer on a 40,000-square-foot student activity center.

Designed as a space where students can exercise, compete in intramural sports, hold meetings and host a variety of events, the new facility will include three basketball/volleyball courts, a fitness center, an indoor track, a rock-climbing wall, two yoga/dance/aerobics studios, a student lounge, and offices for student government and clubs.

Plans call for the new facility, located on the east side of campus overlooking Hess Creek Canyon, to be completed by the fall 2018 semester.



Rendering

## Construction Begins on Covered Tennis Facility

In a move to benefit the school's tennis programs, the university is constructing a covered tennis structure on its Austin Sports Complex property this summer in preparation for a fall opening. The facility will accommodate six courts and allow for fall and spring matches to unfold rain or shine.

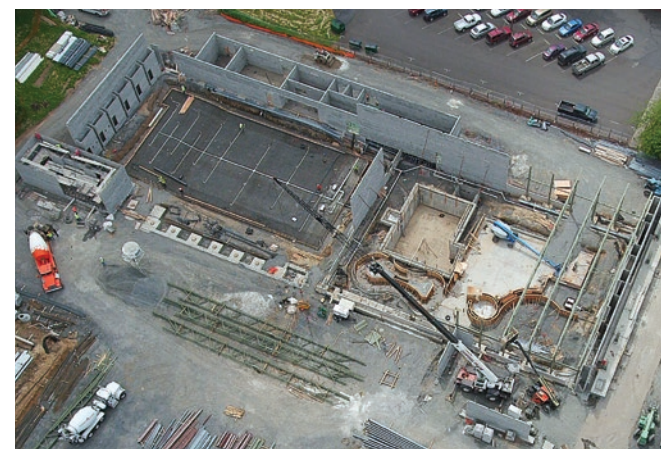
Plans call for the PVC-fabric-covered facility to measure 320 feet in length, 140 feet in width, and rise just over 50 feet at its highest point. The courts will be illuminated with LED uplighting, and ceiling fans and large doors on either end will allow for ample ventilation on hot days.

The structure will feature technology that makes it energy efficient, including translucent fabric that won't require additional lighting during daylight hours. It will also be thermally efficient, maintaining a temperature up to 20 degrees warmer than outside in winter and 20 degrees cooler than outside in summer.

In addition to tennis, the facility will house a training area for George Fox track and field athletes.



Rendering



## Construction Underway on Future Home of George Fox Swim Team

The Chehalem Aquatic and Fitness Center is undergoing a \$19.9 million renovation project, and that's good news for future George Fox athletes. The new facility will feature a 25,000-square-foot natatorium housing a 6,900-square-foot competition pool when completed in spring 2018.

That's perfect timing for the university to launch a swim team in the fall of 2018. Plans call for a coach to be hired by fall 2017 in order to begin recruiting about 45 male and female athletes who will compete over 16 dates at the NCAA Division III level. George Fox will be the only Christian college in Oregon to offer the sport.

Located on Haworth Avenue, the aquatic center is just a short walk from the university's Morse Athletic Fields. George Fox has pledged to contribute \$500,000 toward construction costs, to be made in \$100,000 installments over five years.

## National Title, Four NWC Championships Highlight Historic Spring Season

A national title in the javelin capped the most successful spring athletics season since the university's move to the Division III level in 1998. With his school-record-breaking throw of 227 feet, 1 inch at the NCAA Division III National Track and Field Championships in May, junior **Seth Nonnenmacher** (pictured below) became the third national men's javelin champion in George Fox history and its second individual champion this season following **Rachel Kraske's** 60-meter hurdles title at indoor nationals in February.

Nonnenmacher's performance highlighted a memorable national meet for the Bruins, as sophomore **Annie Wright** placed second in the heptathlon (4,779 points), sophomore **Jacoby Wolfe** took second in the high jump (6 feet, 11 3/4 inches), sophomore **Caleb Dalzell** claimed fourth in the discus (161-5), and senior **Asia Greene** placed fourth in the long jump (19-0). All earned All-American honors for their efforts, and the men's team finished in a tie for seventh place overall – their best showing since joining the NCAA.

It was the school's second strong national showing in May. Previously, the women's golf team finished a program-best second at the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships in Houston. That performance came after the Bruins dominated the conference tournament – winning by 33 strokes – to claim their eighth straight Northwest Conference title.

Collectively, four spring programs – women's golf, men's track and field, women's track and field, and women's lacrosse – won NWC titles this spring, the most conference championships for George Fox in a single season.

The men's NWC track crown was the program's first, as junior **Alex Canchola** earned the league's Men's Field Athlete of the Year honor for a second straight season after winning the decathlon, triple jump and long jump at the conference championships. On the women's side, Greene won the 100 and 200 meters, breaking two school records in the process, and also won the long jump to lead the Bruins to their fifth conference crown in seven years. As a bonus, head coach **John Smith** was named the men's and women's NWC Coach of the Year – his first such honor on the men's side and fifth on the women's.

In lacrosse, George Fox defeated Puget Sound 18-6 in their final game of the spring, capping the program's first undefeated NWC season (8-0) and a stellar 12-2 overall campaign, as seven George Fox athletes were selected to the All-NWC team.



## Former Bruin Named Director of Athletics

After conducting a nationwide search, the university selected one of its own to head its intercollegiate athletics program beginning with the 2017-18 academic year.

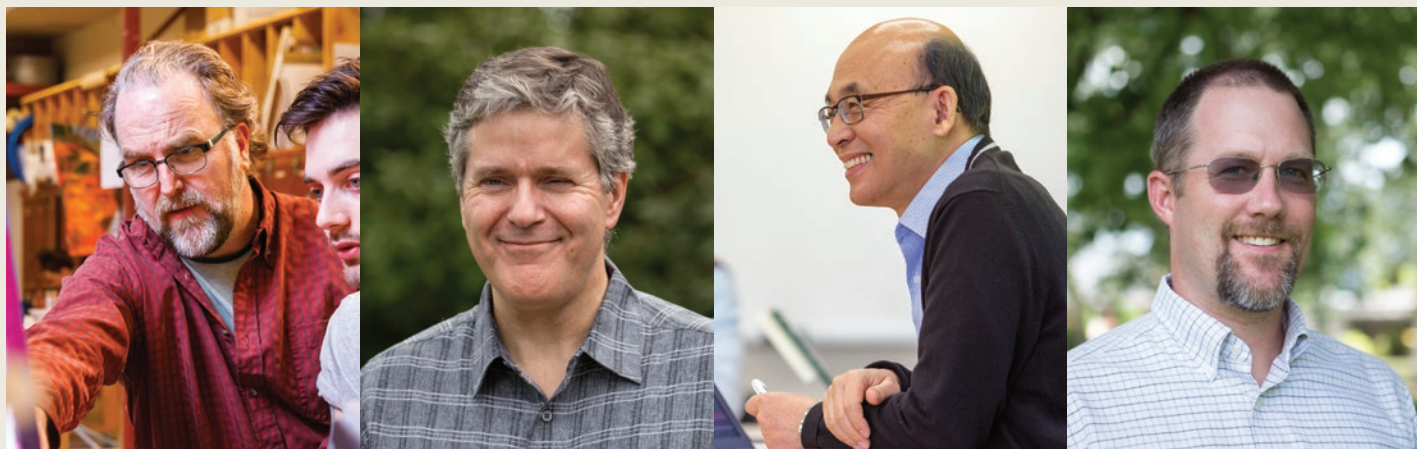
Adam Puckett, a 2004 graduate and a member of the George Fox Board of Trustees since 2011, will assume the role of director of athletics this summer following the retirement of longtime incumbent Craig Taylor (page 12). Puckett arrives from Delap, a Portland-based accounting and advisory firm where he was a partner and worked the last 13 years as a Certified Public Accountant.

Puckett was an athlete himself at George Fox in the early 2000s, and he remains No. 4 on the school's all-time lists in the long jump and triple jump. He capped his collegiate career by earning All-American honors his senior year.

Puckett has remained active at the university since graduating with bachelor's degrees in business administration and accounting. In addition to serving on the school's board of trustees, he has worked the past year and a half as an adjunct professor teaching corporate tax classes. He also regularly attends athletic events and activities on campus.

"I truly believe in the mission and values of this university," says Puckett, recipient of the school's Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award in 2014. "From my time as a student-athlete to my time as a member of the board of trustees, it is evident that George Fox lives its values, putting students first and Christ in everything. It is a dream come true for me to return home to George Fox University to be the next director of athletics."

## University Recognizes Top Teachers, Researchers for 2016-17



Tim Timmerman

Bob Hamilton

Muh Bi Lin

Jason Brumitt

Professors of art, engineering, social work and physical therapy were honored this spring as recipients of the university's annual faculty achievement awards for teaching and scholarship.

At the undergraduate level, art's Tim Timmerman and engineering's Bob Hamilton were recognized as the top teacher and researcher, respectively, while at the graduate level social work's Muh Bi Lin and physical therapy's Jason Brumitt were honored with the corresponding awards.

Timmerman, who arrived at George Fox in 2002, specializes in teaching painting, sculpture, mixed media, contemporary art forms, drawing and art history. He also oversees the school's Minthorne Gallery and the university's art collection. "It is my desire that I help students develop their skill and proficiency as

creators and makers in this world," he says. "But moreover, it has been my hope that my students recognize and enliven the truth that the arts are integral within all of life."

Hamilton, a professor of physics since 2003, was honored for his research on the properties of waves formed by the interaction of the solar wind – the blast of charged particles from the sun – and the sun's magnetic field. He finds inspiration from the students he works with. "Their insightful questions have often challenged me to rethink assumptions and methods for the better," he says.

Since his arrival at George Fox in 2015, Lin has primarily taught social work courses related to community and organizational practice, as well as the integration of nationality, art and spirituality in practice. "I am very delighted to see many of the service-learning

projects done by students have actually made an impact," he says.

Brumitt's research has centered on collecting data on collegiate athletes and using it to identify risk factors that may lead to injury prevention programs. Last year, he and his team focused on men's basketball and exploring risk factors for jumper's knee – a project that entailed the recruiting of nearly 100 male collegiate basketball players from around the Portland region.

"I am fortunate and blessed to be part of the School of Physical Therapy team," he says. "The culture that was created by the founding team really enables us to pursue excellence in the classroom. I think it really benefits our students, having a faculty united in Christ, to guide their transformation from student to clinician."

### What's Bruin Events and Announcements

#### Bruin Athletics Alumni Challenge July 13

Join former student-athletes and the current coaching staff at Topgolf in Hillsboro, Oregon, to catch up with old teammates and take part in friendly competition. Register at [georgefox.edu/AthleticsAlumni](http://georgefox.edu/AthleticsAlumni).

#### Homecoming Sept. 22-24

Reconnect with old friends and see how much campus has grown at the university's annual homecoming celebration. Events include musical performances, individual class reunions and a tailgate party leading up to the homecoming football game on Saturday.

#### Family Weekend Oct. 27-29

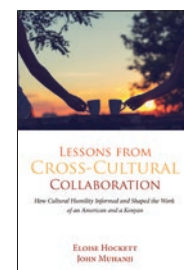
Pay a visit to your favorite George Fox student, and while you're on campus enjoy a concert, game or classroom lecture. Parents, keep an eye out for more information in the *Parent Perspectives* e-newsletter.

#### Alumni and Sports Hall of Fame Sept. 23

A homecoming tradition, we'll honor athletes and alumni from years past at this annual awards ceremony.

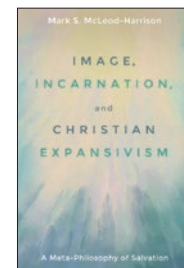
Visit [alumni.georgefox.edu/events](http://alumni.georgefox.edu/events) for more details.

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**Eloise Hockett** (education) and John Muhanji published a book, *Lessons from Cross-Cultural Collaboration: How Cultural Humility Informed and Shaped the Work of an American and a Kenyan* (Wipf and Stock), in April.

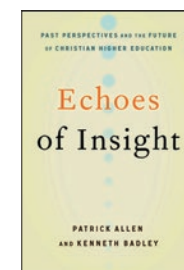
The authors share their unique experiences of cross-cultural collaboration, primarily in Kenya, using the principles of cultural humility.



**Mark McLeod-Harrison** (Christian studies) in April published *Image, Incarnation, and Christian Expansivism: a Meta-Philosophy of Salvation* (Cascade Books). In the book, he considers what's wrong with both narrow exclusivist and narrow inclusivist accounts of the gospel, and proposes a broad inclusivism called "expansivism."

**Mary K. Schmitt** (Christian studies) published an essay, "The Communal Dimensions of Birthing Imagery in Paul's Epistles," in the Spring 2017 issue of the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*.

**Corban Harwood** (mathematics) published an article, "Logistics of Mathematical Modeling-Focused Projects," in the journal *PRIMUS* in March. The article analyzes the classroom implementation of research-based projects to improve student learning while minimizing logistical overhead.

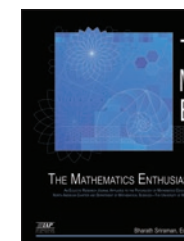


**Patrick Allen** and **Kenneth Badley** (education) released their book, *Echoes of Insight: Past Perspectives and the Future of Christian Higher Education* (Abilene Christian University Press), in February. *Echoes of Insight* offers brief summaries of 11 thought-

provoking writers from the last century and encourages a new, vigorous conversation about Christian higher education.

**Dana Bates** (athletic training) in October published a study, "Perceptions from athletic training students involved in an intentional peer-assisted learning pedagogy," in the *Athletic Training Education Journal*. In addition, she teamed with Jill Sikkema to publish an article, "Critical-thinking skills of first-year athletic training students enrolled in professional programs," in the March 2017 edition of the same publication.

**Don Powers** (biology) in November joined with colleagues to publish two research articles in the *Journal of Experimental Biology*: "Flight mechanics and control of escape manoeuvres in hummingbirds I: Flight kinematics" and "Flight mechanics and control of escape manoeuvres in hummingbirds II: Aerodynamic force production, flight control and performance limitations."



**Nicole Enzinger** (education) and a colleague,

Laura Bofferding of Purdue University, in January published an article, "Subtraction involving negative numbers: Connecting to whole number reasoning," in the research journal *The Mathematics Enthusiast*.



**Doug Campbell** (professor emeritus of art) in March published a book of 100 poems, *Turning Radius*. The poems featured were written throughout the years before his stroke in 2012, which subsequently left him with the language disorder aphasia.

The book reflects the process of reengaging with his poetry and sharing his work with the world.

**Paul Otto** (history) published "This is That Which ... They Call Wampum": Europeans Coming to Terms with Native Shell Beads" in the Winter 2017 issue of the history journal *Early American Studies*.



**Anderson Campbell** and **Steve Sherwood** (Christian studies) in December teamed up to publish *Praying for Justice: A Lectionary for Christian Concern* (Barclay Press). The book invites readers to use each day's verse as a meditation or reflection for that day and each week's quotation as an examination of the ways in which his or her life reflects God's redemptive justice in the world.



## University Mourns Loss of Photography Professor

The university community was left reeling when news broke that longtime photography professor John Bennett died in a traffic accident May 23 while riding his motorcycle in Oregon City, Oregon. He was 56.

A student favorite since he came to George Fox in 2004, Bennett was known for his deep interest in the lives of young people that extended far beyond the classroom. "He cared

so well," wrote 2017 graduate Corrie Mahr. "I'm beyond thankful for his life, for the meaningful conversations, for laughter-filled classes, for ice cream runs instead of finals, and for a figure who was a mentor and friend to each of his students."

A memorial service was held May 28 at Bethany Church in Canby, Oregon. Bennett is survived by his wife and four daughters.



## Dirk Barram

*Dean, VP and professor was most comfortable in the classroom*

By Brett Tallman

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YEARS

In 1974, fresh out of school at Kent State University with a master's degree in student personnel administration and an abiding suspicion that he might make a career for himself in academia, Dirk Barram packed his things and set out alone from his home state of Massachusetts for Oregon.

"I was 24 then and now I can't believe I did that," he says, laughing. "God must have known what he was doing because I sure didn't."

Now 67, Barram is packing again, set to retire this summer after 31 years as a professor at George Fox.

Though he came to Oregon in 1974, Barram didn't find his way to George Fox until 1986. His first job was dean of students at Judson Baptist College in Portland, where he worked while also completing his PhD in college and administration from Michigan State University during sabbaticals. "I left Judson to go to Hewlett-Packard [in Palo Alto, California]," he says, "but I was there to get some business experience. I knew I'd eventually come back to higher education."

In 1986, he took another job as a dean, this time at a small Quaker school in Newberg. "It was still George Fox College then," he recalls. "There were 549 students enrolled and no graduate programs."

In his first year, Barram helped start a degree-completion program and set his sights on building an MBA program as well. Though his background was in administration, the business department was short on adjunct professors.

"I can't remember who asked me," he says, "but I started teaching because they needed someone to teach a business class. I really liked it, so I taught a second one."

Willing to serve wherever he was needed – a hallmark of his

career – Barram fell into the role he was suited for: teaching.

"I had taught some management training classes at HP," he says. "I was working with managers in their 30s and 40s who wanted to know how I could help them solve a particular problem. It was a collaborative process, and I simply adopted that here. All of my classes were entirely collaborative."

In addition to his teaching roles, Barram was named vice president for graduate and continuing studies in 1988 and vice president of academic affairs in 1992. In 1995, he served as acting president for one semester and, from 2011 to 2014, as dean of the College of Business.

No matter the title, Barram was always most comfortable in the classroom. College students, he says, were his perfect target market: "I love people. Trying to match the vibrancy of a college student, trying to tap into their desires and passions and figure out how to touch their intellect – I loved it."

Now that his teaching days are behind him, Barram is eager to take on new challenges outside the classroom. He has written 11,000 words of his second novel and is planning a book on leadership. He also plans to do some business consulting and, from time to time, drop in on his children, Jeff and Anna, owner and brand director, respectively, of Sproutbox Media, a Portland-based marketing agency. In August, he and his wife, Nancy, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

"I am so grateful for George Fox," he says. "What has made George Fox distinctive and such an attractive culture has been the consistent effort to honor the work of God in this place and to deeply value the students and employees who learn and work here. It was a great 31 years."

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YEARS

## Merrill Johnson

*Longtime dean of libraries led digital transition at George Fox*

By Sean Patterson



Merrill Johnson can't help but chuckle reminiscing about the "good old days" when he arrived at George Fox as a reference librarian in 1980. Back then, the school's library provided access to about 550 journals and periodicals, and people searched for books using a card catalog system. The words "download," "internet" and "online" had yet to enter the cultural lexicon.

Fast forward to 2017: The library now provides access to 100,000 electronic journals, 2 million tracks of digitized audio, 350,000 eBooks, and an untold number of books through the Orbis Cascade Alliance of 39 member schools in the Pacific Northwest. It also offers a Digital Commons – a repository of faculty and student scholarship, school publications and archival materials – that, in the past year, had 175,000 downloads.

Johnson, 68, is retiring this summer after 37 years at George Fox – the last 33 of which he's served as director or dean of the library. When he reflects on his career, he's most proud of the fact he and his team were quick to adapt to an ever-changing learning environment.

"If there's one thing that really stands out, that's it – our ability to anticipate and to be proactive when it came to meeting the needs of our students and faculty," he says. "So, as the curriculum changed, as we've grown, as we've added so many graduate programs, I think we've done a really good job of adapting – of anticipating where the university was going – and making the library relevant within that context."

The impact of the digital age is a more recent phenomenon. Before that, in 1988, Johnson was chair of the building committee

that expanded the Shambaugh Library into the Murdock Learning Resource Center, doubling the size of the building. And in 1996, when the library transitioned to a digital system, Johnson creatively found ways to sell the old card catalog system, dubbing it "a collector's dream."

More recently, as dean of libraries, he oversaw the remodeling of the Newberg and Portland libraries to create more collaborative learning spaces, in partnership with the institutional technology department and the school's Academic Resource Center, among others.

While the way the library serves its users is drastically different than when he started, Johnson maintains some things haven't changed.

"It still takes a great team to make it all work, which hasn't changed over the years," he says. "Some people may just think, 'Well, it's all online.' There's more to it than that. You still need quality people to find, evaluate and come up with the best resources in order to meet people's needs, and to provide important new services in an ever-changing environment."

Looking ahead, Johnson plans to do volunteer work, spend more time with his wife Candy, to extensive research into his family's history, and continue to support the university he's called home since the Carter administration.

"What's funny is I'll probably have more time now to go to concerts, theatre productions and other university events," he says. "But I'll miss working here. Throughout all the years I've had the opportunity to work with some amazing people. We certainly had a lot of fun over the years."

To this day, Craig Taylor can't remember a word that was said. He just recalls sitting in the back of Wood-Mar Auditorium – where chapel services were held in those days – and sensing a need to respond to the altar call.

“There I was, in the very back reading *The Oregonian* sports section, as usual, when I heard the speaker say something like, ‘Some of you need to come down here right now and give your life to Christ,’” says Taylor of that spring day in 1972. “People around me were thinking, ‘Him? Is that really Craig going forward?’ And I can’t blame them. I was probably considered ‘unreachable’ to many. But there I was, walking to the front.”

He didn't know it then, but those steps of faith proved pivotal not only for Taylor, but for the hundreds of athletes who would ultimately be impacted by his influence as a coach, professor and administrator at George Fox in the more than four decades that followed.

Taylor, 65, is retiring from the university this summer after serving in multiple capacities at the school for 43 years. He's worked as director of athletics since 1988 and, before that, coached in the school's baseball (1974-79), women's basketball (1981-93) and softball (1981-88, 1990) programs. He's also taught health and human performance courses since 1978, and for one year (1999) served as vice president for student life.

As athletic director, he oversaw the school's transition from the NAIA to NCAA Division III in 1995, and he developed and implemented plans to add seven intercollegiate sports – including the relaunch of football in 2014. Taylor was also instrumental in the planning and building of \$11.2 million in facility expansions, including the Austin Sports Complex in 2010, and Stoffer Family Stadium and Duke Athletic Center in 2014.

He was at the helm of the athletics department for 38 Northwest Conference titles and two NCAA national team championships, in baseball in 2004 and women's basketball in 2009. And three of his coaching hires – Pat Casey, Pat Bailey and Scott Rueck – have gone on to successful Division I careers at Oregon State University. Along the way, Taylor was named NAIA District 2 Administrator of the Year in 1992 and the district's Softball Coach of the Year in 1985.

And to think Taylor originally came to George Fox, as he puts it, “for the money.”

“We were NAIA back then, so there were athletic scholarships,” he says of his junior-year transfer from Big Bend Community College in 1971. “I came here to play ball. That was it. I had no interest in the spiritual aspect of the school, and getting a college degree was just a side benefit. I just wanted a

place to play.”

Taylor pitched on the baseball team and starred as a forward in basketball, helping George Fox claim its first NAIA District 2 basketball championship and qualify for its first national tournament berth – in any sport – in the 1972-73 season. But it was what was happening in his life off the court that proved more significant.

“Let's just say, I was a pretty risky recruit for this school,” he laughs. “I was on a pretty dark, destructive path. Sports were my god. They were my identity, my everything. As sports went, so my life went.”

Until that fateful day in chapel, when he inexplicably responded to speaker Paul Reese's altar call and accepted Christ. Suddenly, Taylor's perception of athletics changed from being all about him to being a conduit through which other lives could be enriched, educated and shaped. Upon graduating in 1974, he applied the philosophy to a coaching career that continued into the early 1990s. It's a mindset that continues to advise his role as athletic director.

Taylor credits then-chair of the physical education department, Marge Weesner, for pushing him to pursue a career as a coach and educator. And a mentor, Sam Willard – the man who recruited him to play for Big Bend and who later coached men's basketball at George Fox – proved instrumental in the young Taylor's spiritual development.

“We didn't advertise the Be Known promise then, but they were two examples of Be Known to me during my student days,” he says. “Marge is one of my all-time heroes – she believed in me and encouraged me – and Sam modeled what it meant to be a stand-up coach and a man living for Christ.”

Taylor describes his retirement as “bittersweet,” and admits he's having a hard time imagining life after George Fox. “I absolutely love this university. It's been my home for 43 years. I hear of people who say they can't wait to retire. That's sad to me. I can't relate to that statement. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to work at a place I was passionate about and with people who will be friends for life.”

And while he plans to continue supporting George Fox, dropping in on games now and then from his home in McMinnville, Oregon, Taylor says he has no concrete retirement plans outside of spending more time on his motorcycle – “Harley time,” as he calls it.

“It's been a phenomenal ride,” says the Harley-Davidson enthusiast of his career. “My life was transformed here. Honestly, no words can express how special George Fox University is to me. This will always be my place.”



## Craig Taylor

*Director of athletics calls it a career after more than four decades*

By Sean Patterson

→ Taylor, who served at the helm of the university's baseball, softball and women's basketball teams during his tenure, looks on during his final home game as head coach of the women's basketball team in 1993.



## Cause for Celebration

Nearly 900 new graduates took part in spring commencement ceremonies in April, including more than 450 students and their families who packed Stoffer Family Stadium for the university's undergraduate gathering held April 29.

After the ceremony graduates headed over to the quad to celebrate and take pictures with family, friends and favorite professors.

In all, 889 undergraduate, graduate and Adult Degree Program students walked across the stage to receive a diploma this spring – easily besting marks of 715 in 2016 and 743 in 2015. It was just five short of the record 894 graduates who took part in the spring 2013 commencement ceremonies.

Turn to page 16 to see what the Class of 2017 is up to next.





# What's Next for the Class of 2017

By Brett Tallman

In the grand scheme of things, four years is a relatively short period of time. But for these recent graduates, the last four years at George Fox have profoundly impacted their outlook on life and sparked a passion for their future career and calling. Whether they're moving on to graduate school, a new job across the state or a mission field across the globe, the Class of 2017 is ready for whatever comes next.

Here are a few of their stories. Visit [georgefox.edu/classof2017](http://georgefox.edu/classof2017) to read more.

**Hometown:** Redmond, Washington

**Majors:** Social Work and Spanish

**What's Next:** Survivor Support and Prevention Specialist, Word Made Flesh, El Alto, Bolivia

Kara Chambers has walked an uncommon path over the last four years. After a year and a half at George Fox, she spent a semester as an intern at Word Made Flesh in the Andes Mountains of Bolivia, then studied at Universidad de Salamanca in Cusco, Peru for another semester before returning to Newberg to complete her degree.

"I came back to George Fox feeling pretty disoriented," she says. "My experiences abroad really rocked my sense of purpose and self-understanding, but I was greeted again by a loving community and really began to deepen my experiences as a social work student."

In her final year at George Fox, Chambers found a role as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in Portland's Latino community. This fall, with her degree in hand, she will return to life at 13,000 feet, taking a job with Word Made Flesh in El Alto, Bolivia.

**Kara Chambers**



**Ben Delaney**

**Hometown:** Lynnwood, Washington

**Major:** Computer Science

**What's Next:** Software Developer, Circle Media Inc.

Ben Delaney had three criteria for choosing a college: Christ-centered, a personal atmosphere and a strong technology program. "I found a rare combination of all three at George Fox," he says.

Delaney is part of a talented class of computer science majors – more than half scored above the 90th percentile in an industry-wide readiness test. In addition to academic preparation, every faculty member in the department took the time to get to know him as a person.

"I've experienced the Be Known promise," he says. "I go to church with one of my professors, I ran a half marathon with another, and I've discussed my post-graduation plans with pretty much all of them."

Just weeks after graduation, Delaney started work as a software developer at Circle Media Inc. in Portland. "I'll be writing software as part of a small team," he says. "One week in and I've already written production code in a programming language I've never seen before – something that the varied technologies and high expectations at Fox prepared me for well."

**Hometown:** Portland, Oregon

**Major:** Psychology

**What's Next:** Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD) Program, George Fox University

Four years weren't enough for Markayla Shattuck. After graduation, the first-generation college student will stay in Newberg and pursue a doctor of clinical psychology degree in the university's five-year-long, full-time graduate program. Ultimately, she hopes to work with incarcerated women and at-risk youth.

"The education I received at George Fox exceeded my expectations," she says. "My faculty mentors did an exceptional job of preparing me for graduate school and were there to support me personally, spiritually and academically."

Four years ago, Shattuck would not have predicted that she'd end up in Newberg after graduation, let alone continue to pursue a Christ-centered education. "At first I struggled in my religion classes," she says. "But the faculty and pastors walked alongside me in my journey. Going into sophomore year, I had built this relationship with God, which has transformed me into who I am today."

**Markayla Shattuck**



**Joshua Caddel**

**Hometown:** Kelso, Washington

**Major:** Accounting

**What's Next:** Tax Accountant, Delap LLP

Joshua Caddel has always been a math person, but knowing how to pursue that passion wasn't always clear.

"My introductory accounting classes were the first time I experienced the passion professors can have for their subject," Caddel says. "I changed my major immediately, knowing I had found the mentors I wanted to surround myself with."

Whether in the classroom or on the basketball court, Caddel's four years at George Fox were defined by the people who surrounded him. "Their imprint on my life is evident," he says of his professors, coaches and teammates. "They inspired me and pushed me, and their support allowed me to grow."

In October, Caddel will join the tax staff at Delap LLP in Lake Oswego, Oregon. "There is some apprehension and uncertainty, but I've learned to lean into those feelings and push through," he says. "This is an incredible opportunity and not one that I'll take for granted."



**Hometown:** Aloha, Oregon

**Major:** Civil Engineering

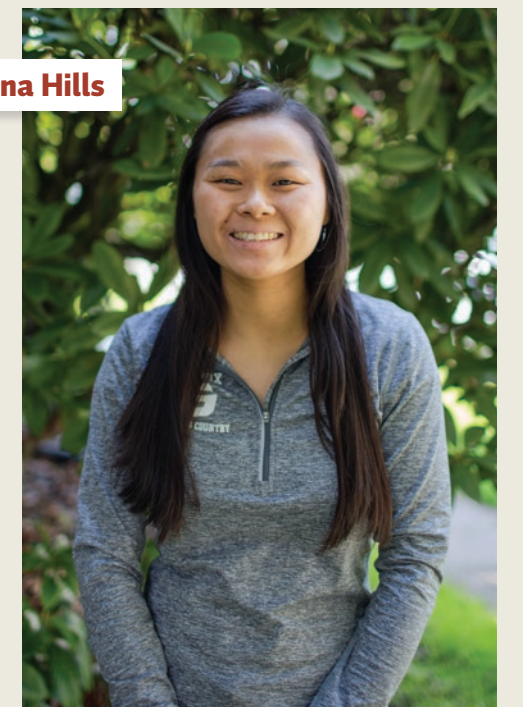
**What's Next:** Transportation Engineering Associate, DKS Associates

Jenna Hills' time at George Fox was marked by challenges, whether it was transitioning socially from a small high school to a university or meeting the high academic expectations of the university's engineering program. "I see those tough times now as stops along the journey to becoming who God wants me to be," she says. "I think one of the most important things I discovered in college was the fact that I needed to change the way I approach the tough times."

With the support of professors and peers, Hills discovered that through hard work she could overcome anything. Now, she is ready to tackle her next challenge as a transportation engineering associate at DKS Associates in Salem, Oregon. In her new role, Hills will perform traffic impact analyses and safety studies, as well as design signing, striping and lighting for roadways.

"I am excited to start this new chapter in life," she says, "but sad to say farewell to my amazing years at George Fox."

**Jenna Hills**



# CASTING A VISION

How a 'change project' inspired MacKensie Keiner to use her experience with blindness to help others

By Melissa Binder

ON A TUESDAY AFTERNOON IN JANUARY, 11 second-year Master of Social Work students watched professor Muh Bi Lin pace excitedly before them. "Welcome," he said. He informed them this was no ordinary class. Instead, it was a conceptual organization: SELDI – Social Entrepreneur and Leadership Development Institute – a place where they would confront injustice locally and internationally through semester-long ventures called "change projects." He would be there to support them. The details were in the syllabus.

There was just one problem: MacKensie Keiner couldn't read the syllabus.

She could see Lin – to her, a blurry, pacing column – but not make out the details of his eyes or mouth while he talked. She

only knew what he looked like because she'd known him before she went blind.

A year earlier, Keiner had been fine. She had poor eyesight – astigmatism, she was told – but it didn't concern her. At that point she still thought her biggest challenge was balancing school with life as a single parent. But that Tuesday in Lin's class, the start of her final semester, Keiner faced a new reality: a rapid loss of vision brought on by a combination of achromatopsia, ischemic optic neuropathy and retinopathy.

She couldn't read her textbooks, couldn't see PowerPoint presentations. She couldn't recognize the faces of peers as they passed in the hallway. At home, she couldn't tell which

bottle was shampoo and which one was conditioner. She couldn't read the thermometer when her son's head felt warm or help him with his homework.

As her peers in Lin's class scrambled to organize passion projects that would cap their master's experience – raising money for a well in Rwanda, recruiting foster parents in Vancouver – Keiner struggled to find her niche. Change projects aren't supposed to be just any task to improve a community. Lin intends the projects to help students hone their calling.

"The challenge to them is: What is your prophetic imagination?" he says. "This is not only a process of getting educated.



Professor Muh Bi Lin and Master of Social Work student MacKensie Keiner share a laugh as they discuss goggles she created to simulate the experience of people who are visually impaired.

This is about finding who you are."

And that was the problem. Keiner's identity was in wild flux.

She'd been through a monumental shift before. Years ago, before her son was born, she'd planned to go to medical school. But when a child came into the picture unexpectedly she let go of her dream of becoming a doctor and embraced being a single mom. Eventually she came to see social work as her new future, considering it a way to still provide healing – just a different kind. She imagined opening a private practice to work with families and individuals one-on-one.

As her sight faded, so did yet another vision for her life. But Keiner was determined.

"I wasn't going to quit," she says. "I've worked really hard to come to where I am. I've lived on my own since I was 15; I got emancipated and I supported myself. I finished school on my own. I worked hard to get into this program, and I didn't want this to be another barrier. I want this."

But succeeding has been even harder than Keiner imagined. While resources exist for people with visual impairment, they can be tough to find without the direction of well-informed supporters. Most of the people around Keiner – fellow students, administrators – just didn't quite know how to help.

And that's when she finally found a focus for her change project.

While her peers set out to change the lives of people who are in poverty, homeless or parentless, Keiner sought to make an impact on the lives of her own peers and teachers – and subsequently all the visually impaired people they'll interact with in the future. She made goggles that simulate her visual experience, gave a detailed presentation on eye anatomy and visual diseases, and rounded up a list of resources she wants the school and its future social-workers-in-training to be aware of.

What surprised her is just how much she personally changed through the project. At the start of the semester, Keiner saw blindness as a hurdle between her and her goals. She resisted Lin's early encouragement to develop a change project

related to vision because she didn't want blindness to become her brand. But she softened, and as she spent months researching and educating others about life with visual impairment, her calling began to come into focus.

"The whole project gave me a different perspective on how my vision connects to my vocation," she says. "Now the challenge is, 'How do I allow this to continue to grow?'"

Keiner doesn't know what the future looks like, or exactly how blindness fits into her work. Perhaps she will work as a private contractor, educating organizations on how to best accommodate visually impaired employees. Or maybe one day she'll achieve her goal of opening her own practice, offering encouragement and providing tools for success to those who are facing the same challenges she has.

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For now what matters is this: Keiner's change project opened her mind to a vocational reality she'd never imagined, and it left a lasting effect on her peers and her school.

"Even more than educating me on visual impairment, she has been vulnerable and open to my questions," says Kris Anne Baker, one of Keiner's classmates. "She has inspired me to be a better person, to be courageous in the face of adversity, and to always believe in the future despite how impossible it may seem."

Baker, too, experienced immense personal change through her own change project. She has long dreamed of opening a community arts center, but for years sat still in a retail job, too afraid to take action. With professor Lin encouraging her forward, Baker used her change project to get out into the community, do research and lay the groundwork for an initiative

she called United Arts, which is focused on making art accessible to all populations.

"I am not as afraid of it as I used to be," she says. "I don't feel stuck anymore."

This pattern of personal change is exactly what professor Lin hopes for each student. To him, change projects aren't just about changing a community in need. They're also about changing his students – empowering them to find their passion, identify their own strengths and weaknesses, and graduate from the program ready to take action.

"He says, 'Stop tiptoeing around the pool. Just jump in with both feet. Even if you just impact one life, it's still worth it. So why not try?'" says Jordan Deines, who focused her change project on raising money for a well in a southern Rwandan village.

Lin is the reason Deines pursued community practice, which is social work that tackles issues on a larger, organizational level instead of in one-on-one services. Lin insists that large-scale change is possible, and he has the background to prove it. Before coming to Oregon, Lin spent nine years overseeing project development across China for World Vision. Under his leadership, workers across the huge country made change through disaster relief, orphan care, sanitation improvements and healthcare initiatives.

"He's challenged me to believe more in myself and believe that widespread change is actually possible," Deines says.

Lin is indeed a challenger. Energetic and enthusiastic by nature, he pushes his students to step up and take ownership of their dreams.

"The world doesn't need to be like this," he says. "The world could be a much, much better place if we are able to act according to our inner voice. If you're able to use entrepreneurship and innovation and be a leader, you're going to impact a lot of people, so I'm trying to cultivate those things."

For Keiner, Baker and Deines, their time with Lin is now over. But it's only a matter of months until the next cohort arrives – 11 pairs of eyes watching Lin pace the room, listening to him pitch the idea of a fictitious institute that they have no idea will change their lives.

The  **STUDENT-ATHLETE** experience

FOR MANY GEORGE FOX STUDENTS, the collegiate experience extends far beyond the classroom. The university's focus on the whole person – personally, academically and spiritually – creates an ideal atmosphere for students to develop deep relationships with lifelong friends, engage in meaningful discussion with faculty mentors, and to grow as part of a community of faith.



For student-athletes, the experience of athletic competition offers additional life lessons in teamwork, leadership, discipline and perseverance. The road isn't always easy for those who strive to excel both on and off the field of play – from early-morning classes to afternoon internships and evening practice – but the reward at the finish line can be great.



In this issue of the *Journal* we're celebrating the student-athlete experience by spotlighting five competitors who can do it all.

They're All-Americans, all-conference athletes, all-star students and all well-rounded people – ready to apply what they've learned on the court and in the classroom to whatever comes next in life.



“WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THIS THING?” Miranda Edwards asked her coach. It was a fair question: She’d never held a lacrosse stick in her life.

Two years later, Edwards was chosen for the 2015 USA Collegiate Select Team – the only lacrosse player from the West Coast and one of just 45 athletes nationwide to earn the honor. But the accomplishment was birthed in disappointment.

During her senior year of high school, Edwards had to get used to the word “no.” “No” to track. “No” to soccer. That’s what a torn ACL will do to your high school sports career.

“Having to go through surgery and not being able to finish out my seasons playing soccer and track and field was really hard,” she says. “It’s what I grew up doing, what I really wanted to pursue.”

Once she healed, Edwards could have pursued those sports in college. Three California schools offered her a track scholarship. But the San Diego native wanted to learn in a Christian environment, somewhere outside California. “I just kind of needed to get away and grow into who I am as a person and who I am as a follower of Christ,” she recalls.

While looking at Oregon schools, it was Edwards who initially said “no” to George Fox. Her mom talked her into a visit, though. “I came here and I absolutely fell in love,” she says. “I loved the campus. I loved going to the classes – I thought it was so cool. And the professors were all supportive of what I wanted [for my future].” The student she stayed with during that visit even became her roommate and best friend. It was a perfect fit.

Once Edwards arrived on campus, a new opportunity presented itself. In the spring of 2014, when she had healed enough to return to contact sports, a new lacrosse program launched at George Fox. Edwards remembers thinking, “OK, God, I guess this is you telling me that if I want to be on a team I have to pick up this sport I’ve never tried, and I have to just trust you in this.”

There was just one problem: Edwards would have to learn to use her hands as well as her feet – and figure out what to do with that stick. “It’s so funny how it worked out,” she says. “I would never have seen myself here, playing lacrosse. I got to help start the program and lay the foundation, and now we just finished our last game and we’re Northwest Conference champions.”

Edwards competed on the USA Collegiate Select Team her sophomore year and won Northwest Conference championships her junior and senior years, all while leading the Bruins in goals scored and earning All-Northwest Conference honors her final season. Not a bad college career.

To Edwards, who graduated this April with a degree in social work, ending her lacrosse career felt like breaking up with a long-term boyfriend. “I spent more time playing lacrosse than I did with my boyfriend most weeks,” she says.

BY  
KIMBERLY  
FELTON

One thing she won’t miss is balancing studies, sports and her internship.

Tuesdays and Thursdays were packed with classes. Mondays and Wednesdays began at 5:30 a.m. with weight lifting, followed by a drive to Salem for her internship with the Department of Human Services, a drive back to her job on campus at the College of Christian Studies, and finally a two-hour lacrosse practice. By 6:30 p.m. she had been going for more than 12 hours. “Then I would try to find food to eat and get homework done, and be in bed by a decent hour.”

But Edwards’ discipline paid off – her teammates voted her team captain her senior year, and off the field her name showed up on the dean’s list more often than not. “By the grace of God!” she says, laughing.

“It’s been a lot of time management, and that’s been hard to juggle,” she says. “Walking out of my house with my backpack, my internship bag, my lacrosse bag and my stick all in my hands, I just kind of waddled to my car.”

Edwards says the support of her coach and professors was critical to her success. “Having all these wonderful people wanting to support me in my education through all the different obligations has been really nice.”

Four years ago, Edwards transitioned from soccer and track to lacrosse. Now it’s time to do it again – from playing lacrosse to helping coach middle school girls, and from leading a team to working as a shelter manager in transitional housing for women. She hopes her degree in social work will one day lead to working internationally with refugees.

“Our coach is always saying lacrosse is a parallel to life,” Edwards says. “There are going to be times when there are some really hard things happening – you can only control the ‘controllables.’”

While she works with what she can control, Edwards is curious to see where her path leads. “God can be like, ‘Well you say ‘no’ but I say ‘yes’ and this is how it’s going to work out,’” she says. “He’s softened my heart and opened my eyes.”



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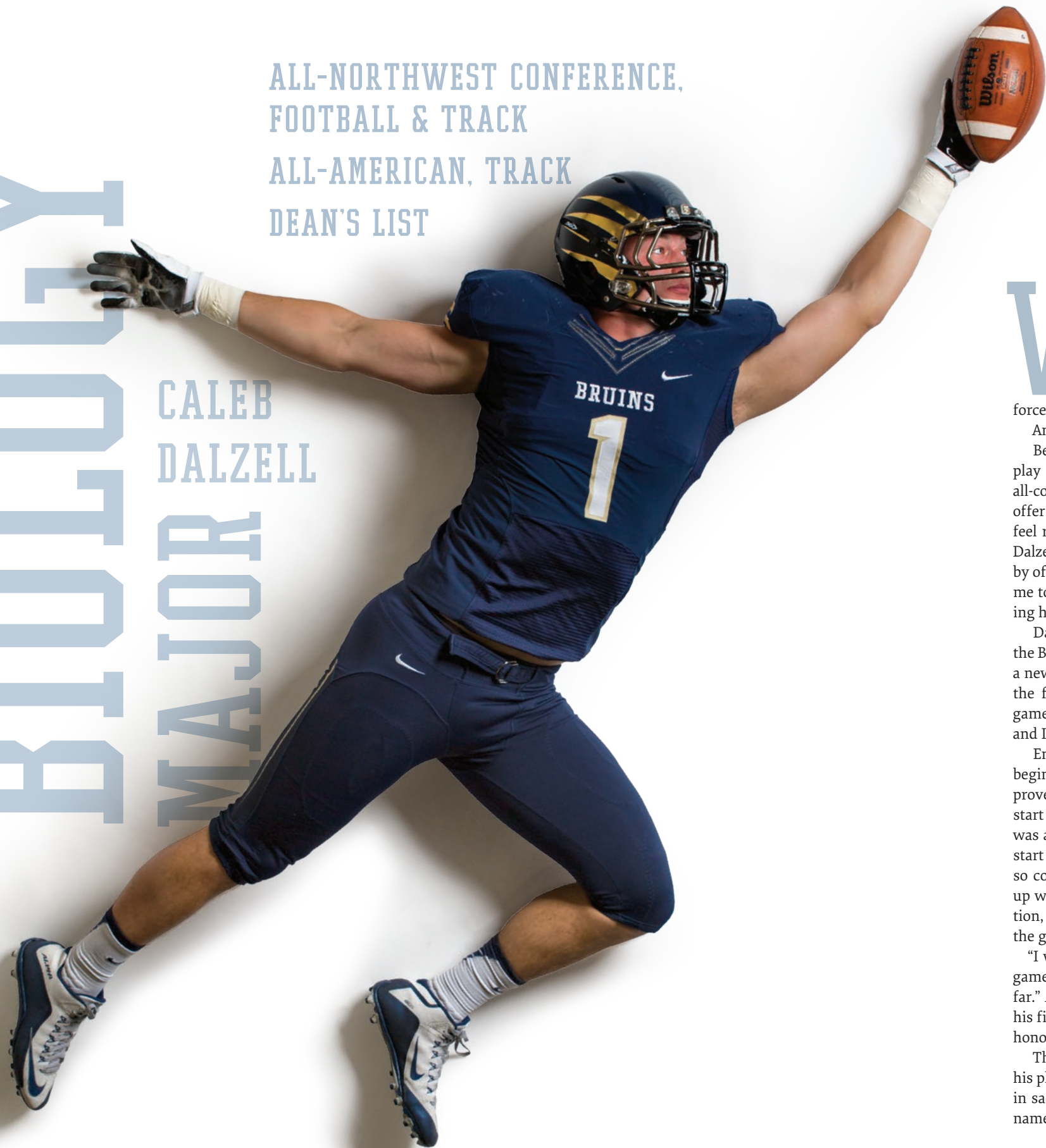
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**W**HEN YOU FIRST MEET DEFENSIVE END Caleb Dalzell, his 6-foot-6, 260-pound frame can be a bit intimidating. But it doesn't take long before his imposing stature is eclipsed by a humble character and calm demeanor – an unexpected contrast from the dominant force fans witness on the field come game day.

And to think, he almost didn't become a Bruin.

Before enrolling at George Fox, Dalzell was recruited to play football at Western Oregon University. The first-team all-conference high school standout had a great scholarship offer and even signed a letter of intent, but something didn't feel right about the school or its program. It was then that Dalzell's grandmother persuaded him to attend George Fox by offering to help with tuition. "My grandma really wanted me to go to a Christian college," he recalls. "I ended up coming here instead, and I don't regret the decision at all."

Dalzell chose George Fox because he was impressed with the Bruin football coaching staff and liked the idea of joining a new program to help create a solid foundation. "Especially the first couple seasons, no one expected us to win any games," Dalzell says. "We have a lot of people doubting us, and I like being the underdog."

Embracing that underdog mentality, Dalzell, who will begin his junior year at George Fox in the fall, fought to prove himself during his freshman season in 2015. He didn't start until the final game of the season, and even then it was as a last-minute fill-in. The defensive end scheduled to start had an equipment malfunction right before the game, so coaches told Dalzell to take the field instead. He ended up with four total tackles, one and a half sacks, an interception, and a blocked field goal attempt at a crucial point in the game.

"I went from flying under the radar to having a breakout game," Dalzell says. "It was my best game of the season by far." As a result of his outstanding performance, he earned his first Northwest Conference Student-Athlete of the Week honor. He's been starting ever since.

This past season, his sophomore year, Dalzell improved his play in nearly every statistical category, leading the team in sacks, blocked kicks and defensive touchdowns. He was named to the All-Northwest Conference second team and

helped the Bruins claim their first winning season in more than half a century.

"He is one of the most relentless defensive players I've coached in 35 years, from the time the ball is snapped until the whistle blows to end each play," praises head football coach Chris Casey. "Caleb is committed to excellence as a student and as an athlete, and he performs at a very high level in both areas due to his mental toughness and strong work ethic."

A two-sport athlete, Dalzell plays football in the fall and competes in track and field in the spring. This season he recorded the school's No. 2 all-time mark in the shot put and No. 3 all-time mark in the discus, which earned him another NWC Student-Athlete of the Week honor. What's more, those throws secured his spot as an all-conference track and field athlete and helped the men's team make history by winning its first-ever conference championship. Dalzell followed that performance with an impressive fourth place finish in the discus at the 2017 NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships, earning All-American honors for the first time in his young career.

In addition to his impressive performances on the field, Dalzell has excelled in the classroom. At the conclusion of his sophomore year, he boasts a 3.9 GPA and has made the dean's list in each of his four semesters at George Fox. In May, he was announced as a CoSIDA Academic All-District winner, putting him in the running for a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-American team.

Interestingly, Dalzell admits he wasn't the best student in high school. "I had a lower GPA in high school than in college," he says. "When I got here I was like, 'I need to step it up and start taking school seriously.' Now, I make sure I put in enough time to be successful in my academics."

Dalzell says he has always been interested in science and wants to enter the medical field – perhaps in nursing, medicine or physical therapy. Without having a specific profession nailed down just yet he is majoring in biology, which allows the flexibility to enter any number of medical careers. "It's pretty cool being a biology major in more of a Christian context because you get to examine God's creation and how it all works," he says. "That's a big part of why I like biology so much."

For Dalzell, George Fox has been the perfect environment to cultivate his talents, both as a student and as an athlete, and he's intent on continuing to improve. He's working to raise his already-excellent GPA, eyeing a conference championship in football, and hoping to once again compete nationally in track. Those are lofty aspirations, but Dalzell isn't fazed. "I just go out there and give everything I've got. When I do, good things tend to happen."

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**I**RIS KAWADA ADMITS THERE ARE MOMENTS when she thinks to herself, “Wow, why am I here – and how am I going to get all this done?” The question most often comes up on those days she’s studying until 4 a.m.

Then again, Kawada, an All-American golfer and computer engineering major who will begin her junior year at George Fox in the fall, knew what she was signing up for when she left her home state of Hawaii to be a collegiate student-athlete. She was fully aware her free time would be limited – that her life, when her sport was in season, would be a hectic mix of tournaments, exams, study sessions, road trips and practice that would make for many a late night and leave little room for much else.

“Let’s just say sleep is minimal,” she laughs. “Yes, there are tough days. There are days you feel overwhelmed. But quitting has to be the last option. You have to power through because, at the end of the day, being a student-athlete just builds your character. If I had any advice to incoming athletes, it’s this: Stick with it. If you truly love your sport, stick with it, because it’s such a rewarding experience.”

Kawada has demonstrated that determination on both the academic and athletic fronts. She carries a 3.68 grade-point average, earning dean’s list recognition two of the last three semesters for posting a GPA of 3.5 or higher. And this spring she finished as the Bruins’ No. 2 player at the NCAA Division III Women’s Golf Championships in Houston, helping the team earn its highest-ever nationals finish – second place – in the program’s 11-year history. Individually, Kawada finished in a tie for 11th in the 116-player field, carding scores of 74, 73, 75 and 82 on the par-72 Bay Oaks Country Club course.

That performance came after she earned All-American recognition for her top-10 finish in the 2016 national tournament, when she placed eighth out of 109 players to lead the Bruins to a tie for third place. After the season, the Women’s Collegiate Golf Association named Kawada to its All-American Scholar Team for her accomplishment of posting a GPA of 3.5 or higher. This year, Kawada was consistently the Bruins’ No. 3 scorer in tournaments, and at the Northwest Conference Championships in April she fired two rounds in the 70s (75-78) to finish in a tie for fourth, earning first-team all-conference honors and helping the No. 1-ranked Bruins capture their eighth straight NWC championship.

“Iris is just an outstanding student-athlete,” says her coach,

MaryJo McCloskey. “She brings a high level of determination, work ethic and commitment to the game, but she thoroughly enjoys the challenge at the same time. She also adds such a fun spirit to the team and is always cheering on her teammates. I’m so extremely proud she chose George Fox.”

Kawada heard about the school through a current teammate, senior Sydney Maluenda, who, ironically, played for a rival high school in Hawaii. The only girl on her high school golf team in Kaneohe on the island of Oahu, Kawada considered other colleges but was sold on George Fox because of its engineering program – but that was just one factor in her decision. “It was the school that really pursued me,” she says. “Coach MJ is really good about recruiting and making players feel wanted.”

Upon arrival, Kawada discovered an interesting phenomenon: She actually fared better in her classes during the golf season.

“Honestly, without golf, I think engineering would be 10 times harder,” she says. “Because my time is so limited during the season, I use it more wisely because I have to. I find that during the offseason it’s actually harder to keep my studies up because I don’t have that set schedule.”

On a typical day during the season, Kawada awakens at 7 a.m. for an 8 a.m. class and is in the classroom until mid-afternoon. She then heads to practice for a few hours before spending her evening studying, usually in the new Engineering Innovation Center. Getting to bed by midnight is an accomplishment.

“Yes, it can be stressful, but I have a great group of friends to support me, and coach MJ emphasizes that school comes first while also holding me to work on my golf game,” she says. “The professors here are wonderful. They get to know you and work with you. It’s one of the things that really appealed to me about George Fox – it’s very personal, which isn’t something I think I would have seen at a big D-I school.”

Kawada says there is one drawback to being an engineering major and a golfer: Her travel bag to tournaments is unbearably heavy.

“I easily have the heaviest bag when we go to tournaments because of all the textbooks,” says Kawada, who plans to eventually return to Hawaii and hopes to work in the video card industry. “Our equipment manager, Rick, has to carry my duffle bag full of textbooks. I have a teammate who brings her entire wardrobe, so that’s heavy, but I think I have her beat. I just bring the heavy books and forgo the makeup and hair stuff.”

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FOUR YEARS AGO, JJ LACEY CAME TO GEORGE Fox as a lanky freshman, but he quickly grew into a pillar of the men's basketball program. Over the course of his four-year career he played in 101 games and scored 1,149 points, good for 22nd all-time in the Bruin record book. Last season, his senior year, Lacey led his team to the Northwest Conference Tournament and was rewarded with a NWC first-team selection.

In April, he graduated with a degree in marketing. The soft skills that propelled Lacey to excel on the basketball court also served him well in the classroom. "JJ is extremely dependable, a serious student, engaging in the classroom, teachable, open to constructive feedback and hardworking," says business professor Dirk Barram.

Lacey's determination to succeed academically paid off, earning him dean's list recognition four consecutive semesters to end his undergraduate career.

But stats and accolades don't tell the whole story. Head men's basketball coach Maco Hamilton arrived at George Fox in 2013 – the same year as Lacey – and is quick to point to his star player's growth as a person over the course of four years.

"Besides him being an outstanding basketball player, what's made this time so rewarding is to be a part of his natural growth as a man," says Hamilton. "I've pushed and challenged him in various aspects of life that were out of his comfort zone. To see him overcome these fears and develop a belief in himself has been tremendous."

Hamilton pushes, challenges and shapes his athletes from their first moments on campus. He teaches them to be "MBFOs" – "men built for others" – which flies in the face of the stereotypical tough, strong and emotionally isolated picture of manhood popular in today's culture. Hamilton expects vulnerability from his players. He expects them to share emotion and live their lives not just for themselves.

It was a jarring transition for Lacey, who entered college with the bravado he'd learned through high school, firmly believing men weren't supposed to show emotion or weakness. The trouble was, Lacey is an emotional person, and sometimes he *would* break down – he just made sure to do it privately to avoid embarrassment.

Hamilton's mentorship and coaching changed his per-

spective. Lacey recalls his junior year when his great-grandma was coming to the end of her life in the middle of the basketball season. He drove out to visit her and say goodbye before heading back to Newberg that afternoon in time for the Bruins' game against Pacific University. She passed away hours before tipoff, and with her loss still heavy on his heart he rallied his team to a double-overtime victory, scoring 19 points.

As his teammates gathered in their team room to celebrate the hard-fought win, an emotionally exhausted Lacey broke down at his locker. "I wasn't afraid because I knew that all 15 guys and our managers and coaching staff had my back," he recalls. "Over the last four years everyone on this team has gone through something family related or something off the court. Maco has taught us how to deal with that collectively, how sharing emotion is actually being a man."

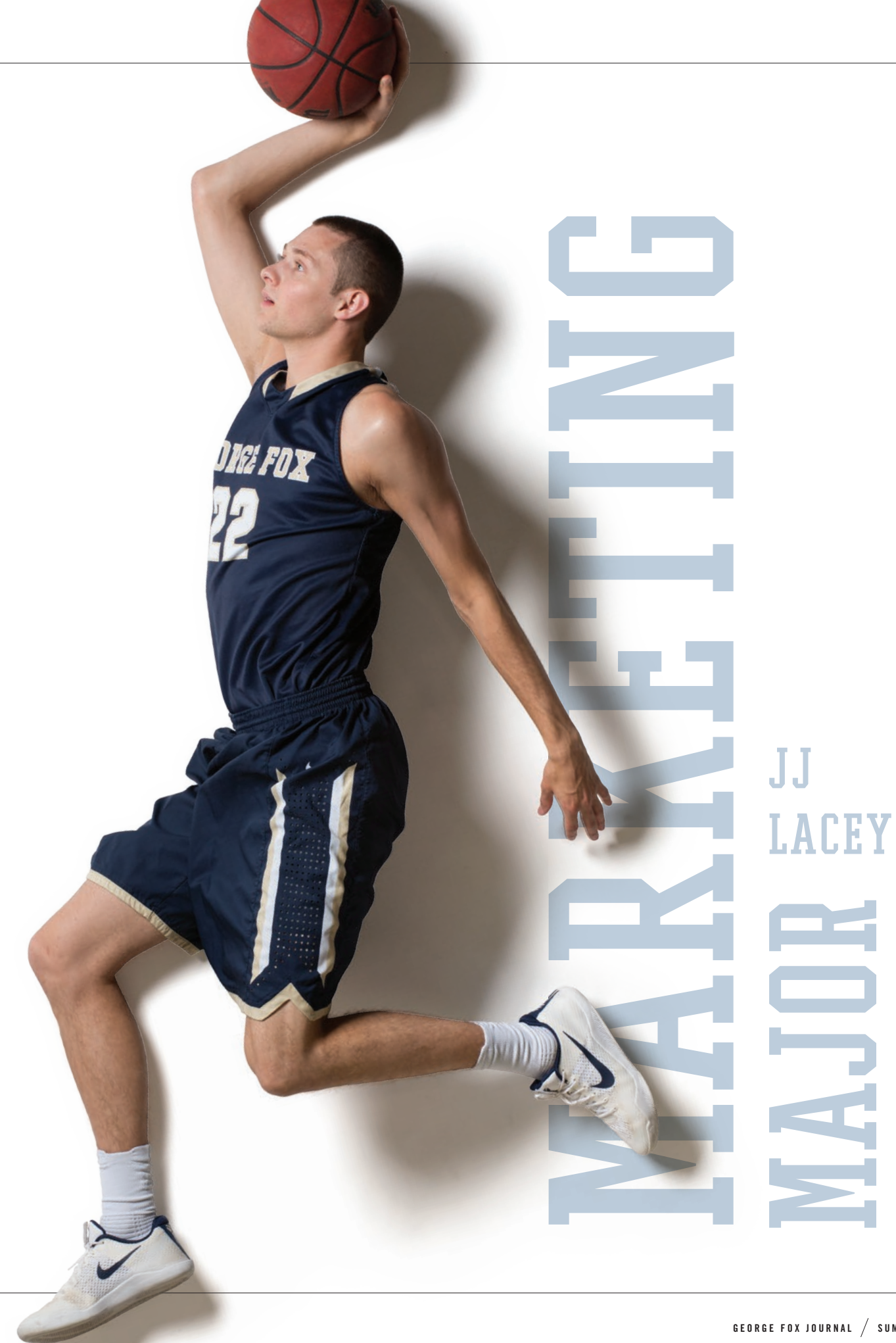
Hamilton also challenged Lacey to flex his mentoring muscles by putting him in a team leadership role midway through his sophomore season – far earlier than is asked of most college athletes. Lacey didn't always feel prepared to take that position, but Hamilton was certain he'd found the right person to lead the team and develop the right culture for the men's basketball program.

"JJ has natural leadership gifts that, quite frankly, I don't believe he realized he had," says Hamilton. "He is a compassionate individual and genuinely cares about the well-being of others. There is no agenda attached to a relationship with him. Just by being himself, he eliminates any of the awkward stages of connecting with someone."

Now, as of April a college graduate, Lacey knows that those meaningful interactions and life-shaping experiences with his teammates will mean more to him in the long run than any statistic or athletic milestone. "I feel most proud of just knowing that I walked away doing everything that I could to make the program better, make my team better, make the school better," he says.

His impact, both competitively and interpersonally, will be felt for years to come. "The culture that we envisioned establishing is now in place because of JJ Lacey," says Hamilton. "He will always be a pillar to our program as long as I am the head coach at George Fox."

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**A** CINDERELLA STORY? ASIA GREENE WOULD scoff. Or laugh out loud, depending on the day. Dragging herself out of bed at 6 a.m. to student teach? In *that* moment, she would scoff while prying open her eyes.

But right after landing another record in the long jump? In that moment, she'd likely laugh out loud.

Unlike Cinderella, Greene has dedicated parents who know she can succeed and who modeled helping others succeed. She intends to pay it forward, aiming to teach in a school that needs her – “which means probably a school that’s more diverse, a school that probably doesn’t have wealthier students,” Greene says. “It would be awesome to work at a school that’s better off financially, but they already have good teachers. It’s the schools that don’t have that support and don’t have the finances – that’s where I’m needed.”

No fairy godmother shows up in Greene’s story – but a track coach who can spot athletic ability figures significantly. No glass slippers involved, but some spikes, a lot of sand, and plenty of school records. If anything has caused a transformation, it isn’t magic. It’s Greene herself.

Greene arrived at George Fox as an athlete, just in a different sport: basketball. But she was injured. A friend offered to teach her weightlifting while she healed. Bench press? She was awful. But box jumping? Now that was fun.

Someone else noticed that jumping came easy to Greene. Right after she left the gym an email popped up on her phone from coach John Smith: “Want to try track?”

Five years later, Greene is a six-time All-American who holds the George Fox track and field records in the long jump (19 feet, 6¼ inches), 100 meters (12.16 seconds) and 200 meters (24.78 seconds). She also holds the indoor record for the long jump (19-5¼) and 60 meters (7.84 seconds). She accomplished it all while earning a bachelor’s degree in English in 2016 and, in April, completing the university’s Master of Arts in Teaching program.

But achieving success both on and off the track wasn’t easy. On a typical day, Greene would arrive at her student-teaching site at 7:30 a.m., make it back to campus for track practice by 3:30 p.m., and was free by 5:30 p.m. for dinner, homework and that blessed bed for sleep. She was exhausted. Yet for that moment, it was the right mix.

“I always remembered I was a student before I was an athlete,” Greene says of her time at George Fox. “To compete is a privilege that is given after I have done what I am supposed to do in the classroom. Sports have always helped me

stay on track for school. Most athletes would tell you sports force them to get stuff done in a timely manner so you can practice. You need time away to release, and track does that for me. It is my two-hour getaway before I have to go back to homework.”

That mindset has paid off. During her time at George Fox, Greene, an Act Six scholarship recipient, was on the dean’s list more often than not.

With all the busyness, one of her interests has had to take a back seat: poetry.

A writer since age 8, Greene has performed spoken word – poetry strong in alliteration, rhythm and wordplay – in school assemblies, churches, at open mic nights and at events, including the Nike Maxim Awards.

An intense nature produces intense works – covering topics from self-confidence and shunning society’s idea of beauty to gang violence and racism. At TEDxPortland in 2013, Greene persuaded the audience that she could change her world. Change her world by changing herself. Change herself by accepting herself.

Straddling two worlds, a dark-skinned girl on a majority white-skinned campus, she tries to choose wisely when to speak up and educate those around her, because sometimes people just don’t get it.

But she is willing to take the chance when she can make the world a better place. Her poem “Quiet Old Me,” performed at the university’s Spoken Word event her freshman year, exposed the internal battle she wages daily in a culture not her own. Would people hurt her for raising the topic? Shun her for making them uncomfortable?

“I finished the poem and everyone was in tears,” Greene says. “People from my floor were like, ‘I knew but I didn’t know.’ People who were of different races were like, ‘I feel this every day, and I have not said this. I feel trapped. Nobody understands. I’m glad you were able to say this.’”

Her poetry puts teeth into truth and won’t let you shake it off, giving voice to the voiceless. Some of her poetry has already surfaced in her student teaching, and more will come as she leans into the young lives in her classroom and settles into her role in an adult world.

Greene plans to change her world. If her commitment to athletics and academics can filter into the next generation she teaches, and if her determination to make her voice heard clears the way for other voices, there’s a great chance she’ll succeed.

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By Barry Hubbell

## 1950–59

**Phyllis (George) Kirkwood** (G59) and her husband, Jack, drew news attention in January after they found a letter while moving to Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg. The typed letter is from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., dated Aug. 23, 1967. On Southern Christian Leadership Conference letterhead, the correspondence is in reply to a letter Jack wrote to the civil rights leader. The letter, now being kept in a safe place, touches on King's commitment to nonviolence and a belief that dissent is a patriotic duty.

## 1960–69

**Jerry Baker** (G68, MDiv74), after 38 years of service at Netarts (Oregon) Friends Church, has retired as pastor. He served as assistant to the pastor at Hillsboro (Oregon) Friends before beginning his first full-time pastorate at Camas (Washington) Friends, serving two years. After working with youth and in worship ministry at a Friends church in Tacoma, Washington, he became the pastor in Netarts in 1978.

## 1970–79

**Marilyn (Wilhite) Olson** (G72) is a playwright/composer and the founder and president of MCO Productions, which this spring staged *Hadassah*, a musical she wrote based on the Old Testament account of Esther. It has been produced more than 90 times over 13 years, this year with five performances in Newberg and Salem, Oregon. Featured in the two-hour production is a cast of 55 and a 15-member orchestra that performs 19 songs in styles ranging from opera to rap. Founded in 1999, MCO Productions features family-friendly biblical entertainment. She retired last March after 16 years as office manager with Hiland Water Corporation in Newberg.

**Stu Willcuts** (G72) is now president and chief executive officer of Air Serv International – again. He assumed the job in January after previously filling the position from 2000 to 2006. Air Serv, with seven Cessna Caravans, specializes in air transportation in support of

humanitarian programs and disaster relief operations worldwide. With international headquarters in Warrenton, Virginia, the not-for-profit provides services out of its Ugandan subsidiary, with operations based at Entebbe International Airport. Air Serv has provided air transport for government and non-government agencies ranging from the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the United Nations to World Vision, Save the Children, and International Relief and Development. In 40 years of relief and development work, Willcuts has served with World Vision International, World Relief Commission, and most recently Mercy Corps in the West Bank and Gaza. George Fox's 2004 Alumnus of the Year, Willcuts also is included in the university's list of 125 notable people, created last year to commemorate its 125th anniversary.

**Meyer Louie** (G76), with 45 years of interest in the internationally followed D.B. Cooper airplane hijacking, had a role in telling the story earlier this year on the Travel Channel program *Expedition Unknown*. The hour-long program, "The Only Unsolved Hijacking in U.S. History," aired nine times in January and February after being taped Aug. 28, 2016, at Tina Bar, 10 miles west of Portland on the Columbia River. At that location \$5,800 of the \$200,000 ransom given to Cooper was found by an 8-year-old boy in 1980. Cooper hijacked a Boeing 727 flight from Portland to Seattle, demanded the money and four parachutes, and said he had a bomb in the briefcase next to him. After landing in Seattle his demands were met, and he ordered the plane back south. Sometime during the flight he parachuted out of the plane with the money and has never been found. The FBI ended its investigation last year. The hijacking occurred Nov. 24, 1971, the night Louie (then a freshman) and friends drove through the Columbia River Gorge on his way to his home in Omak, Washington, for Thanksgiving. Louie, now a retired college math professor who divides his time between Penticton, British Columbia, Omak and Olympia, Washington, is one of about 15 "Cooper sleuths" who continue the search for the hijacker, concentrating in the area within a 40-mile radius of Ariel, Washington, where Cooper is thought to have jumped.

**Deborah Martin** (G79, PS97, MDiv01) is completing her second year as policy analyst for the deputy director of the Oregon Department of Human Resources in Salem, Oregon. The office provides operational support for program areas, supporting the safety, health and independence of Oregonians. She has worked for the state of Oregon for 33 years. Previously, she was a performance coach within the DHS. A member of the George Fox University Board of Trustees since 2005 (currently vice chair), she also is a member of the Portland Seminary Board of Regents. In addition, she volunteers for various Oregon food-drive events, with the African American Health Coalition, and with the Agape Children's Choir at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Portland.

## 1980–89

**Beth (Montgomery) Stallsmith** (n81) is in her 25th year as an elementary school teacher, all but one at her current school, Lake Hazel Elementary in Boise, Idaho, where she teaches third grade. She is in her sixth year as a third-grade teacher after six years teaching fourth grade and 12 years teaching fifth grade. The 450-student school is part of the 49-school West Ada School District, until 2014 called the Meridian School District.

## KEY

<b>G</b>	Traditional graduate
<b>n</b>	Traditional nongraduate
<b>MA</b>	Master of arts
<b>MS</b>	Master of science
<b>MAT</b>	Master of arts in teaching
<b>DMgt</b>	Doctor of management
<b>DBA</b>	Doctor of business administration
<b>MBA</b>	Master of business administration
<b>MDiv</b>	Master of divinity
<b>DMin</b>	Doctor of ministry
<b>MEd</b>	Master of education
<b>EdD</b>	Doctor of education
<b>EdS</b>	Education specialist in school psychology
<b>PS</b>	Portland Seminary (formerly George Fox Evangelical Seminary)
<b>PsyD</b>	Doctor of psychology
<b>DPT</b>	Doctor of physical therapy
<b>ADP</b>	Adult Degree Program

# Remembering Margaret Morse

## Longtime university supporter lived to see her 107th birthday

In 1931 **Margaret (Nothiger) Morse** (n35) walked onto the Pacific College campus to start her college education. It began an 85-year relationship with her alma mater that ended March 3 with her death at 107; at the time she was George Fox University's oldest living alumnus.

Both she and the college changed their names: She married fellow student Curtis Morse (G33) shortly after he graduated, and Pacific College became George Fox in 1949. But the family's relationship with George Fox only deepened. All four of the Morse children – Sam (G57), Paul (G59), Howard (G61) and Barbara (G62) – followed their parents to the school and graduated, and at her passing Morse was living adjacent to the campus she loved at Friendsview Retirement Community.

The Morse name will continue to be remembered on campus through the Curtis and Margaret Morse Athletic Fields, named in the Morses' honor in a 1989 dedication ceremony after the couple

donated \$40,000 (\$80,000 in today's dollars) for the renovation of the 12-acre baseball and softball field complex. It was a gift that seemed somewhat surprising, coming from two teachers at small schools and with a large family. It came as a result of living frugally. After their children moved away from home, "they lived on one teacher's salary and my father invested the other," says their daughter, Barbara. "He felt that God guided him in investing wisely."

For their longtime attendance and support of Bruin athletics, the Morses were inducted into the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame in 2000.

The couple met in Margaret's hometown of Sweet Home, Oregon, while Curtis was there working with a railroad construction crew during the summer after his second year of college. They met at a Wednesday evening prayer meeting and got engaged three weeks later. She then decided to join him at Pacific College,



Margaret Morse on her 107th birthday.

saying in an interview last fall, "I feel that it was really through God's persuasion."

She worked for room and board in the home of a Newberg couple, taking care of the family's 3-year-old son, and also found time to join the college's volleyball and basketball teams. She recalled Curtis, who participated in football, soccer and track, taking her to athletics banquets, where she was the only girl with a corsage. His uncle was a florist, and Curtis had easy access to flowers. "It made the other fellows want to give their girls flowers," she recalled. "That was how the tradition of giving corsages started at Pacific College."

After they married, the Morses moved to Woodland and Weippe, Idaho, where they lived in a cabin Curtis built. They worked and taught in Idaho until 1960, the last 15 years in Greenleaf, where she continued taking college courses in the evenings and in summer to finally complete her degree in 1959. She landed her first teaching job in 1954, before she had even completed college, and taught 12 students in all grades in a one-room school. After she taught fourth grade in Homedale, Idaho, for four years, the couple moved back to Oregon to teach in Culver in Central Oregon for five years. They later moved to the Oregon Coast in 1965, where she taught second grade at Waldport School for eight years until her 1973 retirement and subsequent move back to Newberg. Curtis died in 2002 at the age of 97, 69 years after their wedding.



The Morse family in 1989. Front row: Doug Morse (G83), Sheri Morse, Margaret Morse (n35), Curtis Morse (G33), Monna Morse, Howard Morse (G61). Back row: Paul Morse (G59), Merideth Morse, Dean Morse (G85), Geraldine Morse (G61), Sam Morse (G57).

**Susan (Barnard) Anquist** (n82) has changed professional positions and graduate schools. She now is part of the ministry team with Oasis Ministries Canada, based in Abbotsford, British Columbia, where she lives. Oasis provides support to pastors and ministry leaders with retreats, workshops and individual-focused encounters. Previously, she was office manager for her husband's pediatric practice, and prior to that a schoolteacher and principal. She transferred from Carey Theological Seminary in Vancouver, British Columbia, to Portland Seminary to complete master's degree studies in spiritual formation and spiritual direction.

**Mark Ocker** (G83) in September was awarded emeritus status by George Fox University as assistant professor of organizational leadership. He completed 17 years with the university.

**Paul Almquist** (G84, PS91) left his position as director of the Friends Center at Portland Seminary. The position is now within the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, incorporated with the position of recruiter of undergraduate Friends students for George Fox. He continues as a seminary adjunct professor, primarily teaching preaching classes and Christian studies courses. He is in his 33rd year of pastoral ministry with the Northwest Yearly Meeting and his 18th year as pastor of West Chehalem Friends Church in Newberg. His wife, **Nancy (Smelley) Almquist** (G93), is an independent beauty

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consultant and sales director with Mary Kay, a direct sales company for cosmetics and personal care products.

**David Kochendorfer** (MDiv86) is with Evangelical Church Missions as a missionary, pastor and field director. He is based in Kirtland, New Mexico, as part of the southwestern United States branch of the Evangelical Church, headquartered in Gladstone, Oregon. The mission outreach addresses the cross-cultural challenges of the Four Corners-area communities, focusing on youth needs and providing social and physical help in addition to worship center services. He and his wife were pastors in the Pacific Conference of the church for more than 20 years before beginning missionary work in Brazil from 2004 to 2011, followed by reassignment to their current work.

**Craig Littlefield** (G86) is facilities manager/associate director with Global Aid Network, the humanitarian aid branch of Cru, formerly Campus Crusade for Christ. The mission is to assist in reaching the most difficult parts of the world with the gospel. He has been with GAIN for a year, previously owning his own contracting and remodeling company, Big Meadow, for three and a half years in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he has lived for six years.

**Andrew Elovich** (G87) is administrator of *Angelic Warlord*, an online (angelicwarlord.com) music magazine that focuses on heavy metal and Christian rock music. He is responsible for all design and content coordination, including record reviews, news updates, artist interviews and current release dates. In its 11th year, it has the mission "to support Christians creating art within the metal and hard rock genres." He lives in Glendale, Arizona.

**Kristina (Croly) Kays** (G87, PsyD94) and **David Kays** (G11, MA15) were in the unique position of being a mother-and-son duo at a national conference presentation in Chicago in March. Kristina, a George Fox psychology department faculty member since 2005, and David, a fourth-year psychology student in the Doctor of Psychology program, presented "Bridging the Gap: Pop Media as a Narrative Tool for Working with Millennials," at the Christian Association of Psychological Studies meeting. The seminar identified current pop media resources as a means of exploring emotional issues resulting from

trauma and abuse. Kristina, named recipient of the Faculty Achievement Award for Undergraduate Teaching in 2011, teaches undergraduate clinical psychology and works with PsyD students in their clinical training program. Her primary research interests are academic advising, sensitive topics in research, and resilience. David is focusing on trauma and addiction work and, for the last two years, has worked at Cedar Hills Hospital in Portland, in the active-duty military unit. In July, he will begin an internship at the White City, Oregon, Veterans Affairs Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics. Of the mother-son/teacher-student relationship, Kristina says, "He took every one of my classes – weird and very cool."

**Brian Morse** (n88), 29 years after his arrival at Cascade Christian High School in Medford, Oregon, is among the all-time winners in high school basketball in the state. With a 24-6 season this year, including a berth in the state's Class 3A tournament, he now has 545 wins, making him the fifth-winningest coach among active boys' basketball coaches in Oregon. His record is 545-217, a .715 winning percentage, at Cascade Christian, a school of 250 that plays in the Southern Cascade League. He also is owner and founder of The Sign Dude, producer of custom signs and banners, and manager at the Rogue Valley Swim and Tennis Club, both in Medford.

**Jerry Sather** (MDiv88) in January was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in the Episcopal Church in a ceremony at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Tampa, Florida. He is a U.S. Air Force chaplain, currently living in Lompoc, California, while serving as senior chaplain at Vandenberg Air Force Base, where he leads a team of eight in providing religious support to more than 9,000 service members, civilians and their families. Prior to his Air Force career, he was a pastor of Nazarene and Methodist churches in New Jersey and was a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve. His association with the Episcopal Diocese of Southwest Florida began in 2012, when he was assigned as a command chaplain for Special Operations Command Central at MacDill Air Force Base.

**Brett McGann** (n89) was honored in February by the Emmett, Idaho, city council for his 25 years of service with the Emmett Police Department. Born and raised in the city, he started with the department in 1992 after a year with the Gem County (Idaho) Sheriff's

## Wahrgren Honored Among '2017 Women of Influence'

How about this concept for a pharmacy: no personal care or household items, no greeting cards and no candy. Just life-saving medicines.

The business model works and is bringing recognition to **Chandra Wahrgren** (MBA09), who is putting her MBA from George Fox to good use as founding president of Ardon Health in Portland.

Her role in establishing the new specialty drug pharmacy earned her recognition in May as one of Portland's 2017 Women of Influence. She received the honor at the 14th annual awards ceremony sponsored by the *Portland Business Journal*. Winners are established business leaders who are outstanding performers in their field and have a track record of innovation and meaningful community involvement.

"I'm very, very honored," says Wahrgren of the award. "It's sincerely appreciated." But she adds that the recognition should be shared with the people who surround her.

Wahrgren has guided Ardon since its founding three years ago. It is a part of Moda Health, a health insurance company that serves Oregon, Washington and Alaska. The new pharmacy primarily serves those states but delivers to all 50. Under Wahrgren's leadership, Ardon's revenue growth has exceeded 300 percent since 2014 while expanding from a small staff to 38 full-time employees this spring.

Ardon Health's primary business is providing prescriptions by mail, which accounts for 98 percent of sales. Most customers are those with long-term, chronic diseases such as HIV, cancer, hepatitis C and multiple sclerosis. Their specialty medicines, required by only about 1 percent of the public, average \$5,000 a month and typically don't come in cheaper generic versions. Prescriptions are labor intensive, often injectable, and many require supervision, monitoring, and special storage and handling.

Wahrgren is quick to point out that



Ardon provides an elevated level of clinical support to ensure safety and manage side effects. It helps its customers via telephone contact and with links to other resources, including patient advocates and clinicians with expertise in various diseases.

Now in her 18th year with Moda (formerly ODS), Wahrgren started as an account executive, then rose through six positions in marketing account services and pharmaceutical programs to become vice president for client strategies in 2011. She retains that title but also oversees pharmaceutical programs and account services, business development, and retention for all lines of business. With two roles, she has a presence at Moda's headquarters in downtown Portland, but her main office is at Ardon's physical location near the Portland International Airport.

Wahrgren credits her George Fox business administration classes for her leadership success. "They really helped me to embrace my own leadership style," she says. "You can't try to be like other leaders."

She says she also took note of her pro-

**"[George Fox] really helped me to embrace my own leadership style. You can't try to be like other leaders."**

fessors, who "all demonstrated an incredible level of humility and caring" and learned from them that "you can be tough and kind at the same time."

Wahrgren, who says one of the reasons she chose George Fox's MBA program was its Christian component, has shared her experience and success with current generations of George Fox students, speaking about health care careers and topics as part of panels for MBA students in the College of Business.

Outside of work, Wahrgren has served as a member of the board of trustees of St. Mary's Academy in Portland since 2012. She also is an active parishioner and volunteer at Our Lady of the Lake Parish and School in Lake Oswego, where she lives with her husband and two children.

## Remembering Don Staples

**University and Newberg community mourn the loss of longtime educator and volunteer**

When **Don Staples** (G86) passed away Feb. 28, his death affected an entire community. Both the Newberg School District and George Fox University issued news releases. The local newspaper turned a standard obituary into a feature article. More significantly, nearly 1,000 gathered to honor Staples at a March 11 service held on campus, perhaps the largest memorial gathering since the death of former president Edward Stevens in 1998.

The large turnout was not a stunned reaction to Staples' death at just 54. Many knew of his nearly yearlong battle with brain cancer. Instead, it was a direct result of the many lives he touched. He was a teacher and administrator in the Newberg School District for 17 years; director of the Twin Rocks Boys Camp on the Oregon Coast for 20 years; a leader at Newberg Friends Church as presiding clerk for more than a dozen years; and also served as a leader of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends as assistant presiding clerk.

That was just off campus. For his alma mater, Staples was an integral part of Bruin athletics, known as the longtime voice of the women's basketball team. For 18 years he served as public address announcer in Wheeler Sports Center for the program, calling his last game – and finishing the season – Feb. 23, just five days before his death. He logged more than 300 games for the Bruins. The university honored him in 2012 as its Volunteer of the Year after he had reached the 200-game mark and more than 400 unpaid hours.

Staples started his PA career in the 1999-2000 season after serving as a backup for four years prior while dabbling in sports broadcasting. He even purchased commercial radio time and lined up sponsors to put George Fox basketball games on the air as he called the play-by-play. He got his start by sitting alone at the top of the Miller Gymnasium bleachers talking into a microphone con-

nected to his recorder. Spotted there, he was offered a vacant seat at the courtside media/officials table due to his obvious interest. Shortly thereafter he moved down a few seats into an official capacity.

"I can't imagine games without his voice," said Director of Athletics Craig Taylor when Staples received his university award in 2012. "Don represents George Fox University athletics in exemplary fashion, not only behind the microphone, but as a proud alumnus as well." At his death, Taylor said, "Don's quiet, positive, gentle and passionate spirit will be missed by all in his Bruin athletics family."

Athletics, however, were not Staples' only interest at George Fox. He helped his alma mater in leadership as well. In 1992 he began a three-year term on the Alumni Association Board, serving one year as president.

A lifelong educator, at his death Staples was on leave from his position as director of assessment for the local school district, which he also attended as a student, graduating as high school valedictorian. After receiving his George Fox teaching degree, Staples began teaching math in the Yamhill-Carlton (Oregon) School District. He earned a master's degree in education at Lewis & Clark College in 1996, then became an administrator at Yamhill-Carlton before joining the Newberg School District in 1999. He was a math teacher, assistant principal and assessment coordinator prior to his final



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position. He was honored twice by the district: In 2008 he received the Crystal Apple Award as outstanding middle school teacher, and in 2015 he was honored with the same award as outstanding administrator.

"Don has been such an influential voice in our district," Newberg School Superintendent Kym LeBlanc-Esparza said in a statement released after his death. "He has lived his life in the service of his community."

Department. He recently was appointed crime analyst for business burglaries, property crimes and crimes of violence, charged with developing tactics, techniques and procedures to reduce them. Previously a school resource officer, he also is a pistol, shotgun and rifle instructor, a chemical spray instructor and a breath-testing specialist, instructing other officers.

**Dianne Sykes** (G89) is associate professor of sociology in the Department of Social Services at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. In the position since 2007, she previously taught at Blinn College in Texas, Texas A&M University, Marian College in Indianapolis and Berea College in Kentucky. She received a PhD in sociology from Texas A&M in 1999. On campus she is a member of the faculty-staff choir and is sociology club advisor.

### 1990–99

**Steve Fawver** (G90, PS01, DMin11) and **Gregg Koskela** (G90) are involved in a leadership change at Newberg Friends Church, where Koskela has announced his resignation, leaving the position of lead pastor on July 1, one month short of 15 years. Fawver will become interim lead pastor while a search is underway for a permanent appointment. He has been on the pastoral team for 27 years and is currently pastor of spiritual health and care. Also leaving the church's leadership is **Eric Muhr** (G96), who resigned in January after seven years as youth minister, saying he was taking a break from youth leadership. He continues in his part-time position as publisher of Barclay Press in Newberg and plans to resume graduate studies in spiritual development, started in 2012, at Portland Seminary.

**Jay Hadley** (G90) is the new manager of the Hillsdale branch of the Multnomah County (Oregon) Library, located in Southwest Portland. He began in April after working his way up through the library system the last eight years, first as a part-time page at Midland Library, then as a clerk at the Sellwood-Moreland Library, and finally in supervisory positions at the Gresham and Central libraries. He received a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Alabama in August.

**Rick Lewis** (ADP91), a police officer in Springfield, Oregon, for more than 30 years, in April was named police chief for the city of 60,000. He now oversees a department of 123 employees, a budget of \$20.6 million and the largest municipal jail in Oregon. A 2008 graduate of the FBI National Academy, Lewis began with the department as a reserve officer for one year before being hired full time in 1983. He has had assignments in patrol, detective work, narcotics, and special weapons and tactics, and was promoted to sergeant in 1999 and to captain in 2000.

**Heather (Gurney) Commins** (G92, MAT08) is a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher at the 62-student Sisters (Oregon) Christian Academy. A February article in the *The Bulletin* (Bend, Oregon) featured her in her role as a basketball official. She is in her fourth year of officiating and is one of 10 women referees with the Central Oregon Basketball Officials Association. She is noted as a "self-described gym rat who grew up in the Lake Oswego area and carried that passion to the courts at George Fox University."

**Ron Wolfe** (G92) is the new vice president and commercial relationship manager of the Newberg branch of First Federal Savings & Loan of McMinnville, Oregon. He manages the client base for commercial lending and business banking and assists in the introduction of new businesses, services and products to the local market. His appointment was announced in December as he left a position as vice president of commercial banking and branch manager at Premier Community Bank in Newberg, which he joined in 2010. In the community he is a member of the Newberg Planning Commission and the Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce's board of directors.

**Rick Harrison** (ADP96) in November started a new position as senior electrical designer with Wood Harbinger in Bellevue, Washington. His responsibilities include leading electrical power system and lighting design and managing the electrical design budget and small design teams. The engineering consulting firm provides mechanical and electrical engineering, technology consulting and commissioning services for the building industry. He moved from a position at Reyes Engineering in Happy Valley, Oregon, in 2016 after five years in Portland

as a senior electrical technical specialist, including positions with MEC Electrical Engineering and CH2MHill.

**Kevin Watson** (ADP99, MBA03) is in his second year as regional marketing senior manager with the oncology business unit at Amgen in Portland. He started with the pharmaceutical company in 2010, beginning as senior sales representative in oncology. Previously, he was with Novartis, another pharmaceutical company, for more than seven years as a sales specialist and two years as a hospital specialist. His health care sales career followed three years of professional baseball. He was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in 1994 and played three seasons with the Everett (Washington) Giants and later the Burlington (Iowa) Bees.

### 2000–09

**Olivia (Fromdahl) Pothoff** (G00) in December released her latest album, *Home Team Advantage*, which touches on themes of gratitude, community, redemption and having supportive relationships in life. The four-track Christian/gospel music album of songs she wrote was funded by an Indiegogo campaign that raised more than \$8,500 through 88 backers. She is worship arts director at Journey Church, launched in 2015 in Sherwood, Oregon. She lives in Dundee, Oregon, with her husband **Mark Pothoff** (G93), George Fox University's dean of community life.

**Sherry Watkins** (MAT00) is in her 11th year at Mary Eyre Elementary School in the Salem-Keizer (Oregon) School District as a physical education teacher. Previously, for 11 years, she was with the Sherwood (Oregon) School District as a physical education specialist at Hopkins Elementary School. She also is an assistant coach with the Albany (Oregon) Aquatics Association, with the racing swim team since 2008 as coach of the fundamental swim group. In her summers and spare time, she works for the city of Albany as a water safety instructor and lifeguard and for the Albany Tennis Club as an aquatics supervisor.

**Sandra (Gaskill) Wagner** (G01) has been awarded Five Star Wealth Manager designation, listed in the financial planning sec-

tion of the May edition of *Portland Monthly Magazine*. Of 811 persons considered, 223 were named. She is a financial consultant and certified financial planner, establishing her own firm, Wagner Planning, in 2001. Previously, she was with Morgan Stanley and A.G. Edwards/Wachovia Securities before becoming independent in 2009. A Newberg resident, her firm is in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

**Sarah De Groot** (G02) is now a field botanist in the conservation department at Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Claremont, California. She received a PhD in 2014 from Claremont Graduate University. Its scientific journal, *Aliso*, recently published her article, "Tomus Nominum Eriastri: The Nomenclature and Taxonomy of Eriastrum (Polemoniaceae: Loeselieae)." She previously was Seeds of Success coordinator for the conservation program at the botanic garden.

**Margaret Fuller** (ADP03, MA14) has earned the credential of registered play therapist from the national Association for Play Therapy. It requires a master's degree, 150 hours of training in play therapy, 2,000 hours of clinical experience, and 500 hours of supervised experience. With 20 years of experience working with individuals, couples and families in faith-based environments, she is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Newberg.

**Daleasha Hall** (MDiv04) in January was promoted to system director of palliative and hospice care for the PeaceHealth system, which includes hospitals, clinics and outpatient hospice programs in Alaska, Oregon and Washington. Based in Vancouver, Washington, she provides direction, development and oversight for all inpatient and outpatient advanced care planning in addition to palliative and hospice care programs within the system. She has worked for PeaceHealth since 2004, beginning as staff chaplain, and previously was a holistic care manager for PeaceHealth Sacred Heart Hospice in Eugene, Oregon. She is a board-certified chaplain and ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church.

**Erin (Carlsen) Hofseth** (G04) is starting her second year as a teen intimate-partner violence specialist with The Harbor in Astoria, Oregon. As coordinator of teen outreach she visits Clatsop County high schools, the Tongue Point Job Corps Center and area youth, supported by a four-year Safer Futures grant from the Oregon Department

of Justice. She provides prevention information, education about healthy relationships, and describes what abusive relationships and dating violence look like. She also covers the topic of digital abuse. The Harbor is a non-profit domestic violence/sexual assault agency offering emergency assistance. She also is a writer, published in a variety of magazines and websites, mostly with *Hipfish Monthly*, a local alternative newspaper.

**Misty Wharton** (MAT04) in January became interim superintendent of the Nestucca Valley School District on the Oregon Coast. She also continues her position as Nestucca Valley Elementary School principal. A third-generation resident of south Tillamook County, she returned for the 2002-03 school year to teach one year in an alternative education school, then returned to Nestucca Valley, teaching in the high school for nine years before serving the last five years as elementary principal.

**Crystal Farnsworth** (G06) is a communications officer with the city of St. Helens, Oregon, providing information to the 13,000 residents of the county seat of Columbia County, 30 miles northwest of Portland. Featured in a February front-page story in the city's *The Chronicle* newspaper, she is in her ninth year with the city. She started as a utility billing specialist before becoming planning secretary and later taking on communication duties, using her degree in writing and literature. She works with city hall and also creates materials for the city library and public works department and selected public relations items for the police department. She also manages the city's social media accounts, produces its e-newsletter, and coordinates media contacts.

**Steve Parnell** (MAT06) is now with Economic Development for Central Oregon as La Pine-area economic development manager. In January he was tasked with helping the area develop into a cost-effective and friendly place to do business. He leaves 11 years of teaching business, marketing and customer service classes at La Pine High School. He also has more than 25 years of private industry experience in natural gas, water and electric utilities, computer software and publishing. Economic Development for Central Oregon is in its 35th year, a nonprofit corporation with the mission of creating middle-class jobs in the area (including Sunriver) by

recruiting new employers and working with businesses to grow their operations.

**Janis Tyhurst** (MBA06) is senior science and technology subject specialist with King Abdullah University of Science and Technology in Thuwal, Saudi Arabia. Opened in 2009, it is a graduate-level-only research institution with a Western-style, English-only program and is the only gender-mixed institution in the country. She calls the library "phenomenal" and "probably the most fully resourced science and technology library in the world; up to 98 percent of it is electronic." In her position since 2011, she works directly with mathematics, electrical engineering and computer science department members to develop the library collections, resources and programs. She previously was associate reference librarian at George Fox University for 13 years.

**Lindsey Franz** (G07) is one of two veterinarians with Oceanside Veterinary Hospital in Florence, Oregon. She earned her veterinary degree at Oregon State University in 2012, then had a one-year internship at Sisters (Oregon) Veterinary Clinic before joining the eight-member coastal veterinary team. Her passion is general practice for small animals.

**Steve Fulton** (MAT07) received recognition in November with a feature in the *Tigard Times* newspaper that noted his goal of inspiring young women to join the male-dominated STEM field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. He is in his ninth year of teaching computer science, technology and robotics at Tigard (Oregon) High School, where he has developed a program that has students receiving off-campus professional certification along with their degree. He has a previous background of 25 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a commander.

**Jessica Maslen** (G07), in her fifth year with Busalo Children's Home in Zambia, Africa, received a big boost in December when her home church, Northside Community in Newberg, gave all of its Christmas offerings and conducted a toy drive to help in her work. Now director of development and international relations for the project, she helped establish the home for unmarried women and their children, serving those who have been socially outcast. She started in the nation in 2009, serving for more than three years with the Peace Corps as a forestry extension officer.

## Vela-Moreno Launches College Mentoring Initiative for Woodburn Youth

**Gustavo Vela-Moreno** (G13) graduated from George Fox just four years ago with a degree in civil engineering, but he's already fulfilling a lifelong goal.

"I want to do something service-oriented," he said in a 2009 *George Fox Journal* article after he arrived on campus as a freshman. "I really want to get involved in things that target youth – things that will encourage them to pursue their dreams."

In a September 2014 article in the *Woodburn (Oregon) Independent*, he said, "We want to work with kids, help them see that there's a bigger world out there, and college can help prepare them for it." That "we" includes his wife, **Alma (Barajas) Vela** (G13), currently in her first year of teaching first grade at Washington Elementary School in Woodburn.

Now those plans are coming to fruition with the launch this spring of ReNew, a community initiative in their hometown of Woodburn. It will focus on mentoring college-bound high school seniors the summer before they enter college, then throughout college, utilizing young professionals in the area who will support and encourage them.

The initiative was inspired by the Act Six program Vela-Moreno participated in while at George Fox, which seeks to equip emerging urban leaders to return to their communities as agents of change. Since 2007 George Fox has annually offered full-need scholarships to a small group of multicultural students from high schools in the Portland metro area.

The son of Mexican immigrants, Vela-Moreno is giving back to a community that is now 60 percent Hispanic. And, he's set quite an example for others to follow. Salutatorian of his high school class with a 3.9 grade point average, he earned not only an Act Six scholarship but also a Gates Scholarship through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.



He also secured a \$10,000 Beat the Odds scholarship from the Stand for Children Leadership Center.

These scholarships allowed him to complete college debt free, including a two-year graduate program at Stanford University, where he earned a master's degree in civil and environmental engineering in 2016. Vela-Moreno puts his degrees to good use as a facilities analyst with Marion County (Oregon), mostly working in Salem, where he helps with the design and planning phases of capital projects and provides facilities assessments for current structures, focusing on maintenance, operations and five- to

10-year improvements.

In April, Vela-Moreno was invited to share his story at George Fox University's 125th anniversary celebration. At times he had the capacity crowd near tears – then smiling and applauding.

"I remember the encouragement I received, the level of investment of faculty and staff and the community," he says of his time at George Fox. But it was his parents, he says, who set him on his current path: "I knew the sacrifices they made to give me opportunity."

Now it's Vela-Moreno's turn to give that same opportunity to the next generation.

## Remembering Arthur O. Roberts

**Richard Foster remembers his mentor and friend, Arthur Roberts, whose legacy at George Fox spanned eight decades**



By Richard J. Foster  
Author, *Celebration of Discipline*  
Class of 1964

I came under the influence of **Arthur Roberts** (G44) beginning in the fall of 1960. He was at the height of his academic teaching career, and I was an eager, if somewhat ill-equipped, college freshman. Others in our group were far more skilled than I, and most certainly Arthur found great delight in their academic and literary accomplishments. Immediately four came to mind who became acclaimed writers and led noteworthy careers: Lon Fendall (G64), Ron Stansell (G65), Nancy Thomas (G67) and Howard Macy (G66). Next to them I felt a little like Winnie the Pooh, who, as you may remember, was “a bear of very little brain.” But, this only meant that I needed to study harder than most everyone else if I was to succeed in college. And Arthur was exceedingly kind to me and encouraged me in ways too numerous to count.

I majored in religion and philosophy and so, as God’s providential care would have it, Arthur was the key figure in my training. How very fortunate!

I took courses in biblical studies and

logic and ethics and philosophy and much more. If I had all day long I could not share with you all that these courses meant to me. They opened up an expansive world of knowledge and wisdom and right reasoning. I do want to pause for just a moment on one course in particular. It was entitled *The History of Christianity*.

Ron Stansell and I took this course together, and every week we traveled by car with Arthur into Portland, where he taught this course at what was then Cascade College. He assigned us the magisterial text *A History of Christianity* by long-time Yale professor and Oregon native Kenneth Scott Latourette. To this day I still use this text and have worn it ragged.

Right here in this course began my furious love affair with the “devotional masters.” I entered the world of Philo of Alexandria and Evagrius of Ponticus, of Augustine of Hippo and Francis of Assisi, of Bernard of Clairvaux and Hildegard of Bingen. I wrestled with the penetrating thought of John Calvin and John Wesley, of George Fox and George Herbert, of Toyohiko Kagawa and Madame Jean Guyon. And so many, many others.

What a dazzling array of people and ideas this opened to me. You see, somehow I had this notion that there was the early church (the book of Acts) and then there was ... me. I guess I recognized a little blip at the Reformation, but that was about it. But here I was being invited into an exotic world dancing with engaging individuals and challenging ideas and wonderful living traditions. This course planted deep into my soul the foundational concepts for a book I would later write: *Streams of Living Water*.

Yes, I eventually did begin to write. In my very last meeting with Arthur he reminded me that in my college days I frequently – too frequently for him – used “big words.” (After so long how did he

remember that detail?!) I was, of course, learning to work with language. And it was Arthur who taught me to love words: to love their sound, to love their meaning, to love their history, to love their rhythm.

You see, Arthur handled words in a way that was new for me – as treasure to be cherished rather than propaganda to be maneuvered. He had a special regard for the mystery and the power of words. In fact, words seemed to usher him into another world, a world that I could only look at from a distant shore. But what I saw tantalized and encouraged me to see more, even to visit this world if only as a foreigner. It was a strange world to me as an enthusiastic sophomore – a world in which zeal and insight met in friendship, a world in which truth and beauty kissed each other.

So, Arthur was my teacher and my mentor. But there is more. In God’s time and in God’s way I believe we also became friends. Carolyn and I always lived a considerable distance from Arthur and Fern, and so for our friendship to develop over the years we needed to invest in careful planning and intention. Many years ago he invited me up to the property above Springbrook to help him plant trees. Sometimes we would meet as we traveled to various speaking engagements.

At other times we would meet in Newberg or at their home in Yachats on the Oregon Coast. Arthur stayed with us in our home in Colorado. Sometimes he would graciously suggest a joint writing project for us to do together ... unfortunately that never did materialize. I introduced him to my publisher at HarperSanFrancisco through which he wrote his book *Exploring Heaven*. I dedicated my book *Prayers from the Heart* to him, and he kindly invited me to write introductions to four of his books. It was a unique and special friendship.



Arthur Roberts passed away Dec. 15, 2016, at the age of 93. He graduated from Pacific College in 1944, and in 1949 famously wrote a letter that helped persuade Pacific College leaders to change the school’s name to George Fox. He served the university as a professor from 1953 to 1987, as faculty dean from 1968 to 1972 and as professor at large from 1987 to 2016. He was named *Alumnus of the Year* in 1964, and in 2016 the university’s Roberts Center was named in honor of Arthur and his wife Fern.

Visit [georgefox.edu/Roberts](http://georgefox.edu/Roberts) to learn more about his life and legacy at George Fox.

**Tim Alvey** (Go8) and **Rebecca (Whitley) Alvey** (G10) are living in Keizer, Oregon, where she is a self-employed graphic designer and he is an institutional technology systems administrator with the Salem office of Boldt Carlisle + Smith, a 23-person certified public accountant firm.

**Violet Read** (Go9) is director of the Family Outreach Center in Killeen, Texas, opened in September as one of 13 offices of the Methodist Children's Home operation, headquartered in Waco, Texas. She oversees community outreach and recruitment, supervising 33 staff. She most recently was with the AmeriCorps program, serving two years in Oregon, including one year on the George Fox campus as part of the Oregon Campus Compact program. She earned a master's degree in social work from Baylor University in 2015.

## 2010–17

**Jeremy Bahr-Worley** (MBA11) is wine club manager at Gibbston Valley Wines in Queenstown, New Zealand. The company is 45 degrees south of the equator, has its storage in a man-made mountain cave, and has seven vineyards in the Central Otago region, noted as one of the top-three pinot noir regions in the world, along with Burgundy, France, and the Willamette Valley in Oregon.

**Kaitlin (Christiansen) Wade** (G11) is an early childhood special education teacher working for the Multnomah County (Oregon) Early Childhood Program, operated by the David Douglas School District in Portland. She started in July 2015 after completing a master's degree in special education at the University of Oregon.

**Sheleen Wytcherley** (G11) completed a master's degree in nursing (family nurse practitioner) at Simmons College in Boston and graduated in May with honors. She is an operating room registered nurse at Providence Health and Services in Newberg, in that position since 2012 after a year as a medical-surgical nurse.

**Laura (Gotthardt) Sage** (G12) in September started as a medical technologist at Providence Newberg Medical Center after eight months in a similar position at Providence Seaside (Oregon) Hospital. She

completed work in clinical laboratory science at Oregon Institute of Technology in December 2015. Previously, she was a missionary teacher with village schools in Tanzania.

**Bobby Sands** (MBA12) is with Thomson Reuters in Bellevue, Washington, as director of professional services, managing a portfolio of projects and a team of 35 implementing legal products. The firm combines industry expertise and innovative technology to provide information for decision makers in the financial and risk, legal, tax and accounting, and media market fields. Previously, he was with Client Network Services, Inc. for nearly three years.

**Joel Schutter** (G12) left the George Fox University plant services staff in March after more than nine and a half years – five years full time in the electrical department after four years working part time as a work-study student. He now is with IES electrical contractors in Portland, a commercial and industrial electrical design and construction company that did the electrical work for the university's new Canyon Commons.

**Christie Petersen** (EdD12) has been named new principal of Sunset Elementary School in the Hermiston (Oregon) School District. The school has 580 students in kindergarten through fifth grades. She is leaving her position as assistant professor of education at Corban University in Salem, Oregon, where she has taught the last five years. Previously, for 12 years, she was with the Hillsboro (Oregon) School District, her final two years as principal of Groner Elementary School.

**Ben Tissell** (n12) received regional attention in November when he was the subject of a feature article in *The Valley Times* (Beaverton, Oregon) and its monthly sister publication the *Regal Courier* (Tigard, Oregon). It said he "has already made a name for himself in Portland theater," citing his role in the Broadway Rose production of *A Very Merry PDX-mas*, closely following a major role in *Fly By Night* by the same production company. He also has directed productions and is the singer/songwriter of two full-length albums and five EPs. This is in addition to his work as a resident teaching artist at Clackamas (Oregon) High School and service as youth minister, guiding youth and young adult groups, at Eastridge Church in Clackamas, Oregon.

**Chris Benjamin** (G13) received news attention in April when he was the subject of a story in the *Herald and News* (Klamath Falls, Oregon) newspaper for codirecting a 70-student volunteer elementary honor choir that performed on the Ross Ragland Theater stage for the Klamath Falls School District's annual Crystal Apple Awards program. More than 200 students auditioned for the choir, from a district that has an elementary band program but not an elementary vocal music program. Students practiced in two-hour weekly rehearsals for six weeks in addition to home practice. He is choir director for both Henley High School and Henley Middle School, starting in the fall after completing a master's degree in education.

**Kelsey Bennett** (G13) has been promoted to senior accountant with American Metals Corp. in Canby, Oregon, a supplier and processor of metal products. She started with the firm in 2014 as a staff accountant following eight months as an accounting specialist at George Fox.

**Joseph Byrnes** (G13, MBA14) is in his third year as director of the CXO executive community program of Evanta in Portland. He facilitates the exchange of best practices ideas between business leaders (corporate executives with "chief" as part of their title), who share their experiences with others hoping to improve their personal and organizational performance.

**Sergio Cisneros** (G13) received attention in February as the subject of a newsmaker feature ("Sergio Cisneros – Contributing to the Community") in the *Herald and News* (Klamath Falls, Oregon). Now a business and computer science teacher at Mazama High School, part of the Klamath Falls School District where he grew up, he is teaching a class of 37, active with students on Facebook, Snapchat and Instagram. In the community he is assisting with his family restaurant, Sergio's; is a member of the board of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce; and sits on the *Herald and News* editorial board.

**Jessi (Fink) Freitag** (G13) and **Daniel Freitag** (G14) have the same employer: Adidas. She started at the Portland location of the international shoe and clothing manufacturing firm in November and is an assistant manager in marketing operations. He started with the company in July after nearly two years

with Frito Lay in Portland as a sales financial analyst. He is a marketing financial analyst in his new position. Although on the same side of the business, they are in separate departments and rarely interact with each other in their work roles. They live in Wood Village, Oregon.

**Brian Neely** (ADP13) may hold the distinction as one of George Fox's most northern alumni. He is assistant professor of vocational and technical trades at Ilisagvik College in Barrow, Alaska. It is the northernmost accredited community college in the United States and the only tribally controlled college in Alaska. Located on tundra, there is no road or rail access to the area, which is ice-locked nine months of the year. He is in his fourth year at the college after previously serving as a juvenile services specialist with the Douglas County (Oregon) Juvenile Department for two years. He is certified as a millwright and as an instructor of welding and carpentry.

**Sarah Klatt** (G10, MDiv14) and **Samuel Neff** (G13) recently collaborated on a film, *Redemption*. The movie is based on Klatt's poem of the same name and tackles themes of grief, trauma, despair and the seeking of redemption. They recently crowd-funded and raised enough money to submit the film to top film festivals around the country, including Sundance, Tribeca and the Portland International Film Festival. Neff directed and Klatt acted in the film, after the two had talked over time about combining their artistic talents on a project. Watch the film here: [tinyurl.com/WatchRedemptionFilm](http://tinyurl.com/WatchRedemptionFilm)

**Jordan Reed** (G13) and **Nathalie (Hort) Reed** (G14) have new positions. He is now assistant manager of the Hillsboro, Oregon, Enterprise Rent-A-Car location after being a management trainee, and she is with Oregon Health & Science University's Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland as a pediatric registered nurse in the pediatric acute care medical unit. Previously, she was with Nursingale, providing in-home medical care for children and young adults in the Portland area.

**Kathryn (Annett) Saunders** (G13) is the new community life department director at Friendsview Retirement Community

in Newberg. She started volunteering at Friendsview while a student and, upon graduation, accepted the position as Friendsview's activities director and social services coordinator. A year later, she was promoted to social worker/transitions coordinator. She is completing a master's degree in social work through the University of New England (expected August 2017). In her new position she facilitates activities and events for residents, including programs that connect Friendsview residents with George Fox students and activities. Saunders replaces another alumna in the position: **Peggy (Swaim) Hanson** (G74). She retired in April after five years in the position and 10 years at Friendsview.

**Heather DeRosa** (G14) is now part of the marketing and communications department at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. She manages project timelines, approvals and work flow for the 13-member staff. Previously, for 18 months, she was a staff writer with the *Puyallup* (Washington) *Herald*.

**Shane Sebastian** (DMin14) has released a new book, *This Change is Everything: The Hope and Future of Gospel Mission*. Published in November, the 152-page paperback shows how God, throughout history, has used young people in global missions to transform individuals, communities, cultures and nations. He is executive director of global missions with Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), with the organization for 23 years. He works with U.S. campus ministry in heading a team focused on sending students to reach college students around the world, and he gives leadership to the international component of the ministry, sending staff and students to more than 80 nations. He and his family live in Aguadilla, Puerto Rico.

**Rebecca (Creamer) Stark** (G14) is in her third year as a third-grade teacher at Garfield Elementary School in Corvallis, Oregon, a dual immersion school. She and her teaching partner, who teaches in Spanish, share 40 students in two classes of 20, each having a class for one week and then switching. Outside of teaching, she and her husband are middle-school youth pastors for the Corvallis Foursquare Church.

**Elisabeth Tissell** (G14) is now a legal advocate with Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County (Washington). The non-profit agency provides emergency shelter, food, clothing, counseling, other supportive housing, and legal advocacy. She helps with legal information and education, referral for legal representation, assistance with protection orders, and criminal and civil processes. In her previous position she was in Alamosa, Colorado, as a volunteer with AmeriCorps on a two-year assignment helping low-income families with Adelante, a self-sufficiency and transitional living program.

**Heidi Tschan** (G14) is a receptionist at Action Equipment Company in Newberg, in that position for two and a half years. Living in Salem, Oregon, she also has been active in the Pentacle Theatre there, and with Gallery Theater productions in McMinnville, Oregon, as actor and director. Action Equipment is headed by two George Fox alumni: **Andy Laveine** (G89), president, and brother **Dan Laveine** (G91), executive vice president. The company, founded in 1972, manufactures vibratory equipment, primarily mechanical screeners and separators used in a variety of applications.

**Luke Willis** (G14) has been promoted from software consultant to associate with Pariveda Solutions in Bellevue, Washington. It is a technology strategy and solutions consulting firm. He and **Elisabet (Moseng) Willis** (G11) live in Newcastle, Washington.

**Megan (Kays) Kriz** (G15) and **Mason Kriz** (G16) live in Salem, Oregon, where she recently started as gift processing coordinator for Willamette University and he will enroll this fall at the Willamette University College of Law.

**Tiana Tucker** (EdD15) is principal of Sam Case Elementary School in Newport, Oregon, part of the Lincoln County School District. The school has 450 students in grades three through five. She is in her sixth year as a principal, previously working as an English teacher, with 10 years of experience in Oregon and Idaho. She also is an adjunct professor for curriculum, instruction and assessment for the University of Oregon, and in March was a finalist for the position of superintendent in the Central School District (Independence, Oregon).

**Caleb Turner** (G15) and **Maria (Green) Turner** (G16) leave in August for Kandern, Germany, where they will be serving at Black Forest Academy for a two-year term with TeachBeyond. He will be a guidance counselor for the high school, and she will teach drawing and painting. Black Forest is an international Christian school providing an English language education for 340 students in grades 5-12, serving international Christian missionaries, workers and business families. He served at the academy as a boarding home resident assistant last year. The Turners currently live in West Linn, Oregon. He is a mobilization coach, recruiting and hiring on the West Coast for TeachBeyond, and she is a full-time artist.

**Ryan Lackey** (G16) is a graduate teaching assistant in the School of Journalism and Communication at Oregon State University, where he is studying for a master's degree in contemporary American literature, hoping to teach at a small university in the Pacific Northwest. He previously was a reporting intern with *The News-Times* in Forest Grove, Oregon.

**Janine Manny** (ADP16) in January was named CEO of the YMCA of Southwest Washington, located in Longview. She served as interim CEO for nearly two years, moving into that role in early 2015 from her position as aquatics director. She was confirmed as CEO after earning a bachelor's degree in management and organizational leadership from George Fox in December, completing the YMCA's education requirement for the position. During her time as interim CEO the YMCA grew its membership units (individuals and families) from 2,800 to 3,351. Open to men, women and children, the Longview YMCA has seven full-time employees, 50 part-time employees and a budget of \$1.4 million. With the YMCA since 2009, she previously was a newspaper reporter in Oregon, most recently with the *Longview Daily News*.

**Becca Olson** (G16) is back in her hometown as the new certified athletic trainer at Redwood High School in Visalia, California. The school of 2,200 has 450 participating in its sports programs.

## JUST MARRIED

**Liz Workman** (G89) and Raymond Patee, June 24, 2016, in Spanaway, Washington.

**David Lloyd** (Go2) and Jessica Cabrera, July 1, 2016, in Fallbrook, California.

**Portia Riley** (Go7, MA07) and Ron Goyette, Oct. 10, 2016, in Kapalua, Hawaii.

**Lauren Kuehl** (Go7, MA10) and **McCoy Doerrie** (Go8), Feb. 7, 2015, in Portland.

**Amanda Swanson** (Go8) and Chris Monaco, Nov. 1, 2015, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

**Kaitlin Christiansen** (G11) and Matt Wade, Aug. 20, 2016, in Las Vegas.

**David Kays** (G11, MA15) and Erin Davey, July 8, 2016, in West Linn, Oregon.

**Laura Gotthardt** (G12) and Eric Sage, Oct. 9, 2016, in Independence, Oregon.

**Garrett Thompson** (G12) and **Felicia Niemann** (G13), Aug. 9, 2015, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

**Amanda Winkelman** (G12) and Sam Howard, Oct. 9, 2016, in Portland.

**Joseph Byrnes** (G13, MBA14) and **Natalie Pratt** (G14), May 21, 2016, in Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

**Stephanie Mount** (G13) and Julian Ametsitsi, Sept. 15, 2015, in Renton, Washington.

**Megan Kays** (G15) and **Mason Kriz** (G16), May 29, 2016, in Newberg.

**Caleb Turner** (G15) and **Maria Green** (G16), July 28, 2016, in Wilsonville, Oregon.

## BABY BRUINS

**Tony Rourke** (G95) and **Heidi (Kunze) Rourke** (G97, MA09), a boy, Bentley Jeremiah, born Jan. 6, adopted Jan. 7, 2017, in Riverton, Utah.



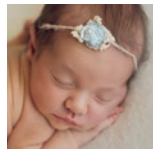
**Jennifer (Kious) Simcoe** (G00) and Michael Simcoe, a boy, Lucas Logan, Sept. 26, 2016, in San Francisco.

**Bethany (Tibbs) Alanko** (Go4) and Gordon Alanko, a girl, Emilia Jane, March 10, 2016, in Albany, Oregon.

**Katie (Grabner) Briedwell** (Go4) and Micah Briedwell, a girl, Hannah Jane, March 22, 2017, in Tualatin, Oregon.

**Krystal (Muir) Donohue** (Go4) and **Stephen Donohue** (Go4), a boy, Griffin Patrick, March 1, 2015, in Tualatin, Oregon.

**Matt Kaufman** (Go4) and **Mandy (Dunham) Kaufman** (Go5), a girl, Lydia Cait, Sept. 7, 2016, in Madison, Wisconsin.



**Andrea (Corzatt) van de Bruggen** (Go4, MA11) and **Pieter van de Bruggen** (Go5), a girl, Adrianna Rose, July 23, 2016, in Portland.

**Sam Grable** (Go5) and **Meaghan (Fischer) Grable** (Go7), a girl, Millicent Rene, Nov. 16, 2016, in Salem, Oregon.



**Leanne (Madore) Ernster** (Go5) and Matt Ernster, twins, a boy, Gideon David, and a girl, Karis Leanne, Nov. 21, 2016, in Brush Prairie, Washington.

**Shannon (Miles) Schaeffer** (Go6, MBA13) and Matt Schaeffer, a girl, Leighton Joy, July 27, 2016, in Portland.

**Molly (Gallagher) Walter** (Go6) and Joshua Walter, a girl, Coraline Joan, Aug. 21, 2016, in Portland.

**Lauren (Kuehl) Doerrie** (Go7, MA10) and **McCoy Doerrie** (Go8), a girl, Paisley Jae, Aug. 12, 2016, in Portland.



**Sarah (Brough) McTavish** (Go9) and James McTavish, a boy, Lucas Arden, March 1, 2017, in Portland.

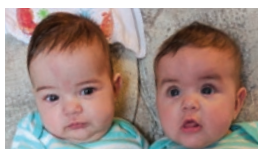


**Timothy Alvey** (Go8) and **Rebecca (Whitley) Alvey** (G10), a girl, Elizabeth Eileen, Sept. 30, 2016, in Salem, Oregon.

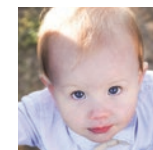
**Hannah (Printz) Ho** (G11) and **Vinh "Tony" Ho** (G11, MAT12), a boy, Anderson Scott, March 31, 2016, in Vancouver, Washington.



**Mark Kelley** (G11) and **Sarah (Staples) Kelley** (G12), twins, a girl, Octavia Joy, and a boy, Sam Elliott, Dec. 4, 2016, in Portland.



**Taren (Stevens) Penington** (G13) and Cory Penington, a boy, Liam Cory, April 21, 2016, in Redmond, Oregon.



**Caroline (Hudson) Jovanovich** (G14) and **Peter Jovanovich** (G16), a boy, Titus Joseph, Oct. 4, 2016, in Seattle.



## IN MEMORY

**Margaret (Nothiger) Morse** (n35), March 3, 2017, in Newberg.

**Wesley Smith** (n41), April 2, 2017, in Napa, California.

**Arthur O. Roberts** (G44), Dec. 15, 2016, in Newberg.

**Jessie (Wakefield) Almquist** (n48), Jan. 12, 2017, in Sherwood, Oregon.

**Homer Hadley** (n50), Feb. 21, 2017, in Newberg.

**Wanda (Pierson) Beebe** (n54), March 18, 2017, in Newberg.

**John Davies** (G58), Nov. 9, 2016, in Ferndale, Washington.

**Merton Peterson** (PS62), March 20, 2017, in Roseburg, Oregon.

**Don Staples** (G86), March 1, 2017, in Newberg.

**Myrlene (Hull) Rourke** (ADP90), Oct. 29, 2016, in Portland.

**Sally "Sarah" Lambert** (MA95), Oct. 11, 2016, in Topeka, Kansas.

**Kristi (Sabin) O'Gorman** (n96), Aug. 14, 2016, in Saint Petersburg, Florida.

**Daniel Mellers** (student), April 24, 2017, in Sherwood, Oregon.

**Donald Chittick**, Dec. 4, 2016, in Newberg. Chair, Division of Natural Science, 1968-80.

**John Bennett**, May 23, 2017, in Oregon City, Oregon. Photography professor, 2004-17.



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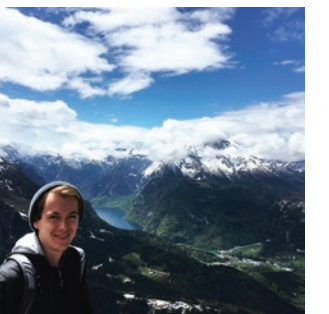
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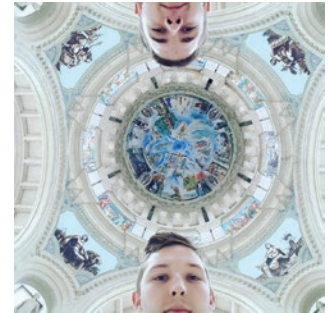
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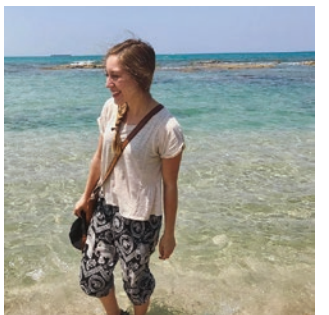
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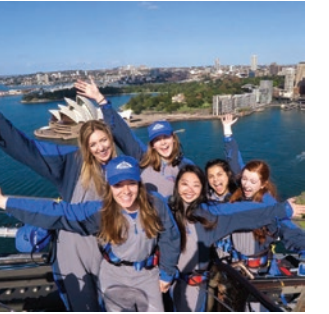
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# NATIONAL RUNNER-UP



## A Season to Remember

The women's golf team capped off its best season in program history May 12, finishing second in the nation at the NCAA Division III Women's Golf Championships. Led by head coach MaryJo McCloskey (center in blue), team members (from left to right) Rachel Drgastin, Iris Kawada, Sydney Maluenda, Madison Perry and Kristin Elich combined to finish just two strokes behind repeat-champion Rhodes College at the 22-team tournament held in Houston. Earlier in the season, the Bruins were ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time ever, claiming their eighth straight Northwest Conference title along the way.