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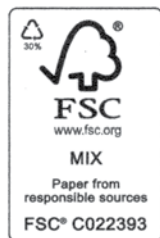
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Catching Air

Senior art major Alicia Nilo trades in her paintbrush for inline skates at the world-class Chehalem Skatepark, located just over a mile from the university's Newberg campus. Built in 2000, the park boasts 29,000 square feet of skatable surface, plenty of room for Nilo to carve a line. It's one of the many hidden treasures near Newberg awaiting students willing to venture a few miles from campus.

MESSAGE *from the president*

Answering God's Call to Diversity



I find it interesting how certain encounters can impact the course of our lives. I had one such experience a little more than 10 years ago when I sat in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta listening to a young man, Tim Herron, speak about his passion for educating the urban youth in his hometown of Tacoma, Wash.

Herron had a vision: That young people who would not normally get a chance to go to college would have the opportunity to do so at quality institutions willing to provide full-need scholarships. It was the first presentation I'd heard that described a partnership in which an outside program would use its local resources to identify emerging leaders from a variety of cultural backgrounds who had a desire to make a difference, both on campus and in their communities.

That program was Act Six, and it wasn't long after I heard Tim's presentation that we introduced the program at George Fox. Under then-president David Brandt's leadership, it was essentially the seed we planted that declared our commitment to creating a more diverse campus. Since that time, thanks in part to the Act Six program and a variety of other scholarships and initiatives, our ethnic minority student population has more than tripled – from 10 to 33 percent.

Some would say that creating a more diverse campus community is a good addition to what we already do at George Fox – but I would disagree. As I see it, God doesn't call us to embrace diversity as an add-on. Instead, he calls us to fully embrace the diverse world he has created in everything we do.

And while I'm happy with the progress made, we have by no means achieved that goal. There is more work to be done, particularly in our efforts to recruit more diverse faculty and staff. But I do think we can take a moment to appreciate how our community has grown and changed in the past decade, especially as we celebrate the 10th cadre of Act Six students that will be joining us this fall. I'd encourage you to read more about this program and the impressive group of scholars it has brought to our university on page 12 of this magazine.

These students have brought new perspectives, become leaders on campus, and have helped create a diverse, thriving community that more accurately reflects the kingdom of God.

Robin Baker
President



Study Shows University Generates \$140 Million for Local Economy

There's no doubt an institution like George Fox can have a significant impact on the surrounding communities. But recent findings by professor Nate Peach and a group of 13 George Fox students detailing the economic impact the university has on Yamhill and Washington counties resulted in a staggering figure: \$140 million.

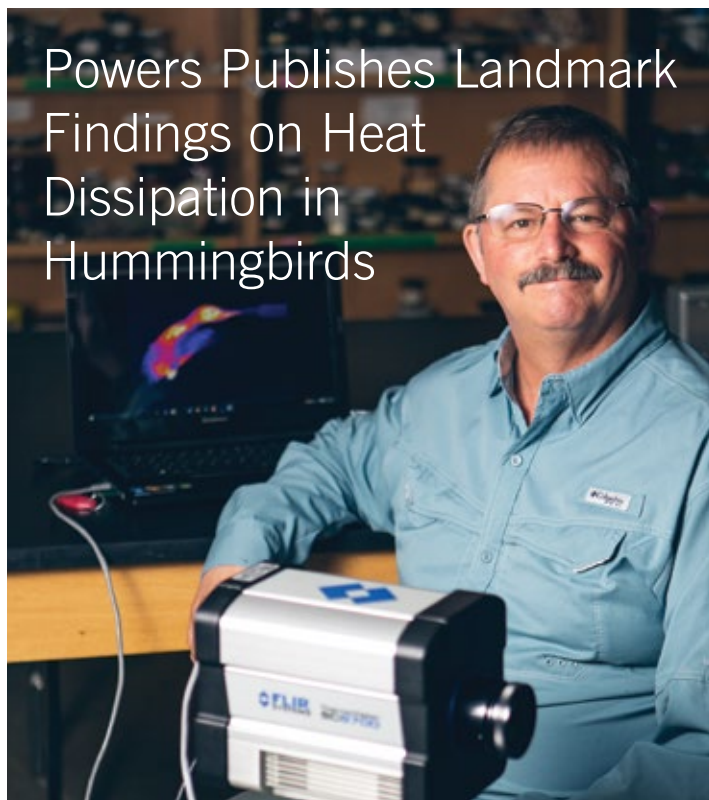
That's right, Peach and students in his economic development course determined that George Fox was responsible for approximately \$140,065,887 of the local economy's income in 2014, including nearly \$111 million in "direct" spending and more than \$29 million in "indirect" spending – income and jobs created through the spending of students and university employees.

Results were derived using the Bureau of Economic Analysis' Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II), a standard model applied by economic development practitioners.

The university's sources of income and spending in the local economy considered in the report include revenue from undergraduate and graduate tuition, spending on new buildings, undergraduate student spending, capital and operating expenditures, and employees' salaries and benefits. Visit georgefox.edu/EconomicImpact to view the full report.



Powers Publishes Landmark Findings on Heat Dissipation in Hummingbirds



How do hummingbirds avoid overheating even as they beat their wings up to 70 times per second? Recently biology professor Don Powers and a group of colleagues set to find out.

Their findings, published in the journal *Royal Society Open Science* and publicized by the BBC, *Science Online* and several other media outlets, accomplished more than resolving an interesting scientific query. It provided valuable insight into the hummingbirds' future as a pollinator amid possible climate change.

The answer became clear thanks to footage taken with Powers' infrared thermal camera: The birds have three hot spots from which excess heat is expelled – around the eyes, under the wings, and on the feet. These "windows" for heat loss average 14.5 degrees warmer than the rest of the bird's body surfaces. During hovering, their hottest activity, hummingbirds expand their eye spots and lower their feet to cool down.

"Understanding how they get rid of the massive amounts of extra heat they produce during flight is key to predictions of how birds will fare in the face of inevitable global warming," Powers explains. "This could be particularly important for hummingbirds because they are key pollinators when they drink nectar from flowers. If climate change impedes their ability to forage, the result could be a decline in plant reproduction and substantial changes in ecosystem structure."

The next step in Powers' research is to investigate how effective this heat dissipation technique remains as temperatures increase.



Plans Announced for New Student Activity Center

Beginning in the fall of 2018, George Fox students will have a new 30,000-square-foot space in which to work out, play and congregate.

Plans call for a student activity center to be built on the east side of campus, overlooking Hess Creek Canyon and adjacent to the recently completed Canyon Commons dining hall. The facility will tentatively include two basketball/volleyball courts, a 5,400-square-foot area designated as office space for student government and clubs, a fitness center, a rock-climbing wall, a yoga/dance/aerobics studio and a student lounge. The two basketball floors will also be used for campus-wide events.

"Ultimately, this building is being designed to enhance the student experience," says Brad Lau, vice president of student life. "We're excited for what this means for George Fox and for the students who will use this space for everything from intramural sports to dances to club meetings. It will be a dynamic space for student involvement, engagement, activities and leadership."



George Fox, Newberg Ranked Highly for Safety

Safety is a significant concern on college campuses across the country. Fortunately, parents of George Fox University students can rest a little easier knowing that the city and campus it calls home have been named among the safest places to live – not once, but three times.

First, home security review website SafeWise ranked the area the fifth-safest place in Oregon, based on FBI Crime Report statistics. Not to be outdone, public safety organization BackgroundChecks.org listed Newberg as the fourth-safest city in the state, based on FBI violent crime data, internal research, and analysis of social media and language.

On a broader scale, well-known college rankings website Niche.com named the George Fox campus the 38th safest in the nation, taking into account factors like campus crime rate, local crime rate and student surveys.

While the accolades are nice, it hasn't stopped the university from implementing a complete emergency response plan that incorporates campus-wide communication, employee training and building-specific preparation for a variety of emergency scenarios.



University Readies to Celebrate 125 Years

On Sept. 9, 1891, what was then known as “Pacific College” began its first day of existence with just 15 students. Today, George Fox University enrolls nearly 4,000 students, offering more than 40 undergraduate majors, seven graduate programs and an adult degree program.

While the landscape of the campus it calls home has changed greatly over the years, its founders’ vision of a thriving Christ-centered educational community has not.

To commemorate this legacy, throughout the 2016-17 academic year the university will honor notable alumni, celebrate historical milestones, and gather for special events and speakers. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu/events for the latest event details.



Gift Brings ‘The Saint John’s Bible’ to Campus for Second Year

A lead gift of \$20,000 from Larry and Sharon Heitz of Scottsdale, Ariz., has launched the funding and return of the Heritage Edition of *The Saint John’s Bible* to campus this fall. The work is an exact replication of the original in Minnesota – the first major illuminated, hand-calligraphed Bible in more than 500 years – and is designed to last for a millennium.



Last year, Christian studies professor Paul Anderson organized a lecture series and special viewings of the Bible, while also publishing a 10-essay series about it in The Huffington Post. The second year with the Bible will feature Volume I, Pentateuch, and a number of events will be organized to commemorate its return to campus as part of the university’s 125th anniversary celebration.

University Honors Top Teachers, Researchers

The university’s annual awards for teaching and scholarship represented a wide spectrum of disciplines – business, nursing, education and seminary – and honored both longtime professors and relative newcomers.

At the undergraduate level, Stephanie Fisher (nursing) and Yune Tran (education) were recognized as the top teacher and scholar/researcher, respectively, while professors Nell Becker Sweeden (seminary) and Craig Johnson (business) were honored with the corresponding awards at the graduate level.

Fisher, a George Fox alumna and assistant professor of nursing, specializes in teaching pathophysiology, pharmacology and health assessment

while overseeing clinical instruction. She’s also been instrumental in helping bring international service-learning trips back to the nursing department.

Since joining George Fox in 2011, Tran has disseminated research at 10-plus national and international conferences and contributed a series of publications to numerous journals. She aspires to secure a National Science Foundation grant to continue funding a project that educates elementary school students in computer coding, as well as to pioneer a STEM+computer science minor for elementary education students at George Fox.

At the graduate level, Johnson, a professor of leadership studies who has worked at the univer-

sity since 1988 and is retiring this summer, was honored for the fact that, during his tenure, he published four books (many of which are used at a number of universities), 31 peer-reviewed journal articles and eight chapters in edited books. He’s also made 64 conference and 18 professional presentations and had his work cited more than 1,100 times.

Becker Sweeden’s passion for research and teaching lies at the intersection between theology and culture. Most of the classes she teaches or has taught are hybrid, with the majority of interaction online, and include Essentials of Christian Theology, Women in Church History, and History of Christian Spirituality and Renewal.



Stephanie Fisher



Yune Tran



Nell Becker Sweeden



Craig Johnson



News Bits

IN PRINT

Joseph Clair (honors) in May published the book *Discerning the Good in the Letters & Sermons of Augustine* (Oxford University Press), which in part examines Augustine’s application of his own moral concepts.

Kathy Heininge (English) in April published her latest book, *Reflections: Virginia Woolf and her Quaker Aunt, Caroline Stephen* (Peter Lang), in which she compares the lives and works of these two influential women.

Lisa Graham McMinn’s (writer in residence) new book, *To the Table: A Spirituality of Food, Faith, and Community* (Brazos Press), an exploration of many of the issues central to farm-to-table eating, was published in January.

Wes Friesen (Adult Degree Program) in January published a book, *Your Team Can Soar! Powerful Lessons to Help You Lead and Develop High Performance Teams* (Xulon Press).

Daniel Brunner (seminary) contributed a chapter, “The ‘Evangelical’ Heart of Pietist Anthony William Boehm,” to the edited collection *Heart Religion: Evangelical Piety in England and Ireland, 1690-1850* (Oxford University Press), set to be published in August.

Bill Jolliff (English) and **Ed Higgins** (English) authored chapters in the textbook *Quakers and Literature* (Full Media Services), published in

April. It is the third volume in the Quakers and the Disciplines Series, of which **Paul Anderson** (Christian studies) is the founding editor.

Jeannine Graham (Christian studies) contributed a chapter, “The One for the Many’ Theme in James Torrance’s Theology,” that appeared in *Trinity and Transformation: J. B. Torrance’s Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society* (Wipf and Stock), published in March. **Roger Newell** (Christian studies) also contributed a chapter, “The Stuttgart Declaration of 1945: A Case Study of Guilt, Forgiveness and Foreign Policy.”

Amy Dee (education) published an article, “After Cancer, Looking Forward Gratefully,” in the March/April issue of *Coping* magazine. She also coauthored, with **Brenda Morton** (education), “Admissions Metrics: A Red Herring in Educator Preparation?” which appeared in the spring 2016 edition of *Issues in Teacher Education*.

Rodger Bufford (psychology) authored “Dimensions of Grace: Factor Analysis of Three Grace Scales,” which appeared in the April 2016 issue of the journal *Psychology of Religion and Spirituality*.

Terry Huffman (education) had a paper, “Native American Educators and their Leadership Roles on Reservations in the Northern Great Plains,” published in the spring issue of the journal *Great Plains Research*.

Susanna Steeg (education) had her research, “A Case Study of Teacher Reflection: Examining Teacher Participation in a Video-based Professional Learning Community,” published in the spring 2016 issue of the *Journal of Language & Literacy Education*.

Ed Higgins’ (English) poem “If You Could Only” in April was published in *Metaphor*, a Philippines-based literary print journal.

Nate Peach (business) and alumnus **Luke Petach** (’14) cowrote an article, “Development and Quality of Life in Cities,” published in the February issue of *Economic Development Quarterly*.

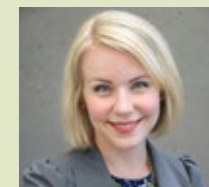
Jim Smart (biology) collaborated on a research paper titled “RHEB1 Expression in Embryonic and Postnatal Mouse” that was published in the December 2015 edition of the journal *Histochemistry and Cell Biology*.

Sandra Banta-Wright (nursing) had her article, “Commitment to Breastfeeding in the Context of Phenylketonuria,” published in the November/December 2015 issue of the *Journal of Obstetric, Gynecological and Neonatal Nursing*.

Brent Wilson (computer science) had his article, “Easy Distributed Grid Architecture for Research: Easy Access to Supercomputing,” published in the October 2015 issue of the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*.

RECENT RECOGNITION

Leah Payne (seminary) in March won the *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 2016 Book Award for her book *Gender and Pentecostal Revival: Making a Female Ministry in the Early Twentieth Century*.



Brenda Morton (education) in December received the Association for Childhood Education International’s *Journal of Research in Childhood Education* Distinguished Education Research Article Award for her article, “Barriers to Academic Achievement for Foster Youth: The Story Behind the Statistics.”



Rhett Luedtke (theatre) in April was awarded the Kennedy Center Gold Medallion at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Denver, while theatre students Olivia Anderson, Micah Bevis, Sydney Thiessen, Cambria Herrera, Chloe Dawson and Zach Maurer all came home with regional awards in a variety of categories.



Dick Elliott (music) in January was honored with the Oregon Music Educators Association’s John McManus Distinguished Teacher Award in recognition of his lifetime of service to music education.

A Translation for a New Generation

By Sara Kelm

Professor Paul Anderson works to update the world's most widely read translation of the Bible

Two priests, two religion professors and a Quaker meet to translate the five writings of John. It sounds like the set-up for an elaborate joke, but it's not. Instead, it's happening now, and the Quaker is none other than prolific author and George Fox professor Paul Anderson.

This team – comprised of renowned biblical scholars, accomplished authors and PhDs – was chosen from among the leading Johannine experts in the world to help revise the New Testament of the New American Bible. This translation, used for Catholic liturgy, education and preaching, is one of the most widely read in the world, so the translators' goal is to faithfully follow the Greek text, while also ensuring it can be read and recited with fluidity. "We are looking for euphony instead of cacophony," says Anderson, who serves as professor of biblical and Quaker studies in the university's College of Christian Studies.

On average, the committee meets via phone or video conference every two weeks for two and a half hours. Prior to their meeting, each scholar translates the assigned chapter or chapters individually, using a document that has three columns: the Greek text, the current New American Bible translation, and modifications.

The chair of the committee compiles all of the comments onto a master document, color-coding for each individual. Then the negotiations begin. "We go word by word, verse by verse," Anderson says. "Our charge is to change as little as possible and as much as necessary."

The committee is tasked with getting as close to the literal Greek text as they can. Simultaneously, they are looking to both use

colloquial English and preserve some formality in the sacred text. They also strive to be consistent in their use of the same English word for the same Greek word throughout John's writings, while looking at syntax and the connotation of each word. As Anderson notes, this can be difficult. "The writings of John are rather fluid in terms of many meanings for one word," he says. The committee seeks consensus, but often that consensus comes after much discussion.

Since September 2015, the group has translated seven chapters in the Epistles of John, and now they are working on the Gospel of John. The Book of Revelation is still to come. Anderson expects the work to take at least two more years, with a boost coming this summer from a face-to-face meeting in California with the other committee members. When the Johannine committee has finished and found consensus in their work, it will then be sent to bishops in the United States and eventually the Vatican for final approval.

Anderson enjoys the process of producing the best reading of the Bible possible. The motivation is, simply, to draw people closer to Christ. "I have an opportunity as an evangelical Quaker to contribute some insights to Catholic readers of the text," he says. This is also an opportunity for Anderson and his colleagues to learn from one another and serve Christ together. As Anderson says, "This translation work is an ecumenical way to make a contribution."

Anytime two priests, two religion professors and a Quaker can meet and find consensus, it is indeed a serious contribution to the kingdom of God.

Engineering a Solution

Servant engineering students travel to Ethiopia to help solve a village's water shortage problem

By Sean Patterson

For years, the villagers of the Ethiopian town of Arjo had a problem: With virtually no fresh water for miles, many families needed to make a four-hour round-trip walk if they wanted to drink or bathe in water that wasn't contaminated.

Four George Fox engineering students learned of the dilemma through the relief agency Embrace Compassion and decided to do something about it. As their project for the school's Servant Engineering class – required of all junior engineering majors – Ryan Elder, Devon Donahue, Marcus Mateo and Colin Daniel teamed up to devise a water filtration system that allowed locals to treat the ground water in their own backyards.

But there was a catch.

"We had to come up with something that they could build themselves – with materials accessible to them – so that meant no PVC pipe or anything that you'd normally purchase at a Home Depot," explains Elder, the team leader. "It also had to be something they could easily construct and pass on to the next generation – something that would be sustainable and durable."

It was with those conditions in mind that four engineers-to-be began designing the system in the summer of 2015. What they came up with was a tripod-like stand made of sticks and ropes that would use gravity to filter water to a bucket below. Mounted atop the stand was a water purifier that would be supplied by Embrace Compassion.

The prototype worked in trials at home, but how would it perform on-site? Elder and Donahue dedicated a good portion of their winter break to find out, traveling to Arjo in December and spending two



weeks building a stand and training locals on how it worked and how they, too, could build one.

"We were successful in making a stand that would be able to accommodate 50 families," Donahue says. "But we approached this thinking long-term. That's why it was so important to teach them how to do it themselves. Embrace Compassion had the water filters; they just needed us to come up with a way they could practically be used."

Prior to the students' arrival, a young boy holding a filter over his head needed 15 minutes to fill one water bottle. "Think about how tired that kid's arms are going to be if he has to do that over and over," Elder says.

Ultimately, the project resonated with all four students, each of whom is studying a different discipline within the university's College of Engineering, with Elder majoring in computer, Donahue electrical, Mateo mechanical and Daniel civil engineering.

For Elder, it helped reinforce his choice for not only a career, but a calling. "This project reminded me why I wanted to be an engineer," he says. "It was the perfect example of using the skills God gave us to help others."



Ryan Elder (far left) and Devon Donahue (right) teamed with locals in Arjo, Ethiopia, to successfully build a water filtration system.



Dining in Style

George Fox students and recent alumni living near campus over the summer were invited to enjoy a slice of pizza and a first look at the newly constructed Canyon Commons, a 30,000-square-foot facility featuring wooden-beam construction, skylights and expansive windows designed to take advantage of the towering trees and lush natural scenery of Hess Creek Canyon. Though much detail work remains to be done, the new dining hall will be ready for students to enjoy in the fall.

AGENTS OF CHANGE

Arturo Lucatero recalls the day his world suddenly changed – when a session with his counselor at Tigard High School altered the direction of his life.

A recent emigrant from Mexico, Lucatero had long dreamed of working in the computer industry, specifically with Microsoft. The initial plan was to continue working at his fast food job, graduate from high school and attend community college part time before transferring to a four-year institution.

It was then that his counselor suggested he look into scholarships. “I’d never heard of George Fox at that point,” he says. “But I was told about this Act Six program they had, and I thought, ‘Why not apply?’ I had nothing to lose.”

Nothing to lose, yet so much to gain. Fast forward four years: Lucatero, a 2015 graduate of George Fox with a degree in computer science, works at Microsoft’s world headquarters in Redmond, Wash., as an identity program manager, fulfilling his lifelong ambition to work at one of the world’s most prodigious computer companies. “Who knows where I’d be today if not for George Fox and Act Six,” he says flatly. “I may have still been on the path to get here, but I wouldn’t have been nearly as far down the road.

“Act Six opened a whole new world of opportunity for me. Not only did it provide for me financially, it provided a support system that allowed my cohort members and me to succeed. It literally changed my life.”

Act Six: The Beginnings

It was for students like Lucatero – Portland-area youth, many of them from a multicultural background, identified as strong leaders – that the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative was introduced at George Fox in the fall of 2007. Core to the program – created by the Northwest Leadership Foundation and conducted in partnership with the Portland Leadership Foundation, an affiliate of Young Life – was the development of students who would lead on campus and return as “agents of change” to their home communities. Those accepted into the program are provided with a full-need scholarship to cover all their tuition and housing costs – a commitment to which the university designated \$909,965 in 2015-16, an average of \$36,399 per student for 25 students.

Nine Act Six students joined the university that first fall, and eight of them went on to graduate – an 89 percent graduation rate that has remained remarkably consistent in the years since. Of the 69 students who have come through the program in the last decade, 60 have graduated or are currently enrolled (87 percent).

The impetus to start Act Six was twofold: Give students from under-resourced communities the opportunity to learn and lead, and diversify the George Fox campus, which, in the mid-2000s, had an ethnic minority population of about 10 percent.

“As believers, we’re called to understand and celebrate the diversity

The 2007 introduction of the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative triggered a three-fold increase in George Fox’s ethnic minority population in the last 10 years – a pivotal development that has forever changed the face of the university and opened doors to scholars who never dreamed a private-school education possible

By Sean Patterson

The 10th cadre of Act Six scholarship recipients pose for the camera during their George Fox Journal cover shoot. As stressful as a full-fledged photography session can be, the group handled it like pros. After all, it was nothing compared to the pressure of the highly competitive scholarship selection process they made it through to get to this point.

that God has created,” said Brad Lau, vice president of student life, shortly after the program’s introduction. “The kingdom of God encompasses all races. We would like our Christian environment to reflect that reality.”

A Current Student’s Perspective

As an Asian American, Rachel Nguyen has admittedly struggled with the stereotypes associated with her ethnicity – that Asians work harder, are more driven and earn good grades. For her, Act Six is more than a scholarship – it has helped her see herself in a new light.

“I find it to be a daily struggle of proving to others that I am more than what the Asian stereotype says about me,” says Nguyen, a bio-chemistry major who just completed her freshman year. “I am hard-working, not because I am Asian, but because I believe that I must wholeheartedly serve Christ in all that I do. I earn good grades, not because I am Asian, but because I believe the education I receive and the degree I am working toward is for my neighbors Jesus has called me to serve.

“Though my ethnicity has been a struggle for me, the Act Six mission – to educate diverse leaders to stand up to be voices for those who can’t speak up – has been a source of encouragement.”

Ultimately, Nguyen plans to become an ophthalmologist and work overseas in Vietnam, China or potentially with Doctors

Without Borders. “I hope to put my Vietnamese- and Spanish-speaking skills to good use wherever I end up,” she says.

Making a Difference

Students like Nguyen are among a long line of Act Six Scholars who plan to use – or are using – their degree for ministry purposes and/or to better their own under-served communities. Recent graduates include Anna Vella (Robles) Magana, a social work alumna working as an immigration counselor at Lutheran Community Services Northwest, and Blake Shelley, an author and speaker who presents workshops as a disability advocate across the region.

Bailie Bowey, a 2015 graduate now interning with the Young Life-operated Washington Family Ranch in Central Oregon, doesn’t mince words: “If not for Act Six, I’m not sure I would have gone to college. Asking how Act Six has impacted my life is like asking how water affects the grass. It has helped me to grow. It came along, chose me, and told me from day one that I have a voice, a purpose, and a set of natural gifts and abilities that are brimming with the potential to generate change in the community.”

An Emphasis on Diversity

Today, George Fox’s ethnic minority population has more than tripled since the mid-2000s – to about 33 percent – and Act Six is just one of many reasons why. The university now annually recruits

about 50 international students, mostly from China, resulting in approximately 120 international students on campus in a given year. George Fox also partners with South Central Scholars, a Los Angeles-based organization that equips high-achieving high school students from low-income families to attend college. The university provides a supplemental \$10,000 scholarship, renewable all four years, to about 10 of these scholars annually.

Still other students take advantage of the Multicultural Leadership Scholarship, part of the school’s annual Scholarship Competition, to earn between \$1,000 and \$2,500 annually under the stipulation that awardees hold leadership positions on campus and attend monthly class cohort meetings.

Collectively, those in the Act Six, South Central Scholars and Multicultural Leadership programs are “Mosaic Scholars” – a metaphor for the diverse nature of students who embody the definition of the word “mosaic” (a multi-colored decoration that forms a picture or pattern). The university enrolled 86 Mosaic Scholars in 2015-16.

“I talk a lot about intersectionality with our students – this idea of their socio-economics, their gender, all of that playing into who they are and how they experience diversity in their lives,” says Jenny Elsey, director of intercultural life. “So although race and ethnicity are my primary focus, I don’t think we can talk about those things in a void without those other subjects. The reason why I think diversity is important is because it’s foundationally tied to our theology and to our theological mandate.”

Taking it a step further, Elsey sees reconciliation as the ultimate byproduct of a more diverse campus. “I believe this idea of reconciliation is in the arc of God’s narrative,” she says. “You see in the stories again and again that he is consistently working to reconcile and redeem all things back to him. The world looks at diversity and it’s about power – the idea that ‘If you’ve been in power, and you’ve been oppressing me, then I need to take over you and take over power.’

“But it should be a different story for Christians. We are actually talking about this idea of creating a place where that need to fight for power doesn’t exist because we’re actively reconciling with one another. We’re hearing each other’s pains. We’re validating the hurt that’s been there, but we’re also working toward something different. And in the midst of that, I think our students are better for it.”

Rebecca Hernandez, associate vice president for intercultural engagement and faculty development, echoes her sentiment. “Diversity is not an add-on to what we’re doing,” she says. “It’s not about the ‘niceness’ of who we are. That’s a really paternalistic and inappropriate way to look at it. It’s that God has called us into his work and that we, out of our faith commitment, will do that work.”

Concurrently, there are demographic realities to consider. “One in two kindergartners [in this country] are of color,” Hernandez

says. “That is our student population of the future. So if we want to be relevant, if we want to be around, we need to be responding to that demographic. That’s the more pragmatic, bottom-line way of looking at it.”

The Act Six Process

Retention rates are typically low for college students outside the dominant culture, even among scholarship recipients. Elsey credits the system in place for Act Six’s success. It begins with a rigorous selection process, in which about 300 applicants are narrowed down to a cadre of about seven who join the campus each fall. Once chosen, students engage in a series of weekly meetings, three hours each session, from January until school begins in August.

They also attend a convention and have a wilderness experience together, all to create camaraderie within the cohort. Once enrolled, they serve as a support network for one another, learning together how to get involved in community development, how and where to serve, and how to articulate their own story in the broader context of the importance of diversity.

For Vanessa Braulia Palma-Aispuro, a member of the program’s 10th-anniversary cadre that will join George Fox this fall, the Act Six scholarship was a make-or-break proposition. “I recall telling my sister that it was George Fox or nothing,”

says Palma-Aispuro, whose older sister, Janette Quan Torres, was a member of the fourth Act Six cadre. “I had applied to many colleges, but I knew that if I did not receive a scholarship it would not be long before I would be forced to drop college and support my family.”

And her aspirations? “I plan to major in nursing. I want to find purpose. I want to find a piece of my identity in Christ. I want to feel that I can be successful despite the limits society places on me.”

Giving Back

Ultimately, one of the primary objectives of Act Six is giving back to the communities from whence students came. For Lucatero, that means staying involved in iUrban Teen, a national program that focuses on bringing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education to youth of color ages 13 to 18. Through the program, he’s traveled to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles to facilitate workshops on mobile apps development.

Additionally, last August he helped facilitate the iUrbanTeen Day at Microsoft, which invited 80 teens for a daylong STEM exploration event at the company’s Redmond campus. “It was truly special for me, because it brought together two organizations that I care deeply about and allowed me to share with the youth what Microsoft is like.”

And what possibilities may lie ahead.



The first group of Act Six scholars joined the university in 2007, setting the stage for a successful program that is now celebrating its 10th year.

Jordan Phillips

'This is Why I'm Here'

Chris Richey plans to use his George Fox nursing degree to help war veterans

By Brett Tallman



Chris Richey doesn't look like a gymnast. And he isn't. With broad shoulders and thick wrists, he looks like a catcher, maybe, or a fullback. And with his hair clipped tight to his scalp, he looks like a Marine – which he is. Yet the former medic chooses to explain, by analogy, his mental preparation for combat in the terms of a gymnast.

"Actually, I saw it on TV," Richey says. "I was bored one night and there was a documentary on about gymnasts. Before they started a routine, they would just think about it. They would play it out in their head first, and their body would know how to act. It made perfect sense because it was exactly what I had been doing."

Though it wasn't part of his training during the nine months Richey spent in Iraq, he was constantly asking himself, "What could happen next?" and "How would I handle this?" So when a suicide VBIED (vehicle-borne improvised explosive device) exploded between Richey's Humvee and a bus carrying Iraqi soldiers, he had already rehearsed the scenario in his head.

"The vehicle was headed the opposite way on a highway outside Ramadi," Richey recalls. "Adrenaline kicked in as soon as I saw it swerve in our direction. Our gunner started shooting. We all knew what was happening. Then I heard an explosion behind us."

Inside the Humvee, Richey and three Marines were safe from the blast. The bus behind them, however, had been the target. "The sergeant and I got out to assess the situation. It was an eye-opener. I remember thinking, 'OK, this is why I'm here.'"

Twenty-four people – the front third of the bus – were dead or wounded. The driver had been decapitated. Richey was looking at Iraqi soldiers with abdominal lacerations and missing limbs. Just two weeks in, he had to determine who could be saved and who could not.

"The hardest part was the language barrier," he says. "The only way I could communicate – the only way I could calm them down – was with hand gestures. One guy had glass in his eyes and I had to convince him to sit down, and then flush his eyes with water. He wouldn't trust me. I realized that before he would listen, I had to show him the water was OK. I had to take a drink of the water I wanted him to rinse his eyes with. Then I had to go to the next guy and do it over again."

Along with the rest of the 2nd Battalion, 11th Marine Division, Richey was deployed to Camp Ramadi in 2006. The base was situated on the outskirts of the Iraqi city of the same name where the 11th, normally an artillery division, provided convoy security.

Richey is quick to point out that a Marine medic, called a field trauma specialist, is actually a Navy corpsman attached to a Marine unit. He went to boot camp with the Navy, received his medical training from both Marine and Navy doctors, and wore some, but not all, of the dress uniforms from both branches.

None of that mattered in the field. Richey's role in his unit was to care for every aspect of a Marine's well-being. "Over there, we

were mom," he says.

Richey left the military in June of 2007. It has been nine years since he served in Iraq, but there is immediacy to his stories. The details are clear and vivid, but not rehearsed.

The years after 2007, however, have been hazy, if not unaccounted for. Following his discharge, Richey spent time in the active reserve. He was sent to Trinidad and Tobago, and later to the Caribbean on joint-services humanitarian operations. Eventually, he moved back to Beaverton, Ore., and took a job driving a tow truck for AAA. He made decent money and liked the work, but, encouraged by his wife, Cortlyn, he decided to go back to school.

Ultimately, Richey hopes to become a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, or PMHNP. It will require three years of graduate work on top of the two years he has left at George Fox. But, in addition to the autonomy that comes with the title nurse practitioner, Richey would be able to offer veterans a combination of physical and mental care like he once provided for Marines at Camp Ramadi.

Richey sees a bigger pattern for his life unfolding, but he is more interested in talking about the present. After all, at the time of his magazine interview spring finals were just a few days away, and the demands of the nursing program don't leave much time for gazing into the future.

"The nursing program is a full-time job," he says. "If you're not in class, you're in clinicals. And if you're not in clinicals, you're studying."

That doesn't mean he isn't trying to incorporate veterans into his time at George Fox. Richey's clinical instructor, Angela Russell, works at the VA hospital in Portland.

"There is an instant camaraderie with vets – with anyone in their circles, really," he says, "so Angela and I hit it off right away."

Richey hopes to follow in Russell's footsteps, but right now the VA hospital only accepts nursing students from OHSU and Portland State. With Russell's help, he hopes to change that. "It's challenging," says Richey of his aspirations, "but the nursing program here makes it possible because of the teaching staff. We learn through their nursing experience, and they are kind and generous with their time."

He knows that at a veterans hospital he would be useful in a way that most people can't understand. "I have a different view of the situation," he says. "I remember the stress levels, and I can see where [a veteran suffering from PTSD] is at because I've dealt with it in my Marines."

If they pull it off, Richey will be one step closer to his ultimate goal. But, in a small way, his work will have already circled back during his time at George Fox to that most vivid part of his life. For now he's going from class to clinicals, and back to studying before he does it all over again.

"You know, I was never a good student," he says. "I could never see the point. But with this, there's a purpose."

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The 100-Year Effect

By Jeremy Lloyd

Alumnus Kent Thornburg has made it his mission to change the way we view nutrition and chronic disease — for this generation and those to come



Kent Thornburg's office is relatively unimpressive — at least for a man of his stature. It's small, with mostly blank walls, a simple desk and a plain round table for meetings.

It's not until you peer out the expansive floor-to-ceiling window and take in the stunning view of Portland's South Waterfront that you remember where you are: OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute, 14th floor, Center for Developmental Health. Here, under Thornburg's direction, cutting-edge research is conducted, exploring ways to prevent conditions like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. The center takes up a lion's share of the 14th floor, teeming with scientists and laboratory assistants performing groundbreaking work on machines that cost nearly as much as one of the high-rise waterfront apartments visible in the distance.

Also visible through his office window, just past the Ross Island Bridge, is the

OHSU Moore Institute. Thornburg serves as director there as well. Committed to research, clinical care and the promotion of a healthy diet, the institute was launched by a \$25 million pledge from the founders of well-known natural food brand Bob's Red Mill.

As if that weren't enough to keep a scientist busy, Thornburg holds the titles of M. Lowell Edwards Chair and professor of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University, and has a myriad of honors, designations and board member positions to his name. But there are no certificates of achievement on his office walls, no pictures of him shaking hands with important people. None of that gets him excited — not in the least. What gets Thornburg out of bed in the morning is chronic disease. Or, to be more specific, ending it.

"Heart disease, diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis — for years, people have believed they are a natural part of aging," Thornburg says. "But it turns out that chronic diseases arise because people didn't grow well before they were born. That causes two problems: one, the structure of their newborn body might be inadequate and make them vulnerable to acquiring later disease; but the other piece of it is that their genes might be affected through this mechanism called epigenetics."

Epigenetics, which refers to changes to the "machinery" of an organism that regulates the way in which genes are turned off and on, is key to Thornburg's work.

"It's possible that the nutrients you get from your mother go across the placenta, affect the baby, and those nutrients can change the expression patterns of genes in the baby," he explains. "So now the genes can either become protected from disease, or they can actually make you more vulnerable — depending on how many nutrients and which nutrients you get. What's profound about this is we now know that chronic disease comes from a developmental process, not by some genetic thing that happens to you as you age."

Thornburg's voice rises with enthusiasm as he explains, as if for the first time, a field of study he's been immersed in since 1988, when an English scientist by the name of David Barker postulated at an international conference Thornburg was attending that a person's risk for heart disease was determined by how much they weighed when they were born. The two became friends and collaborated in their research efforts for many years, eventually bringing a controversial theory to the mainstream.

"In a few years' time after we met — maybe within a decade — we were absolutely certain that this was right, that the way you grow before you're born determines your risk for having heart disease later in life," Thornburg says. "So the smaller you are before you're born, the more likely you are to have heart disease; a person's risk goes up the lower their weight when they are born."

But Thornburg's research shows it's not just malnutrition in the womb that affects future health. "The risk also goes up again for bigger babies," he says. "That's because most bigger babies are born to mothers who have diabetes, and high blood sugar from the mother

goes across the placenta to the baby and causes it to become too big. Those babies have a lot of risk for disease, too."

The sweet spot, according to Thornburg, is an 8- to 9-pound baby. This weight range, he says, carries the lowest risk of future chronic disease. These days, fewer and fewer babies are hitting that mark, and the culprit is no surprise.

"The American population is in their third generation now of being malnourished, because three generations ago we started eating fast foods and abandoning the food in the garden," Thornburg explains. "Now calories are very cheap and they're delicious. You can eat all kinds of wonderful food that you enjoy without getting any nutrients. Each generation has gotten worse, and that means each generation is more vulnerable to diabetes and obesity than the one before."

According to Thornburg, it's a problem that is compounded and passed on from one generation to the next, reaching back as far as four generations, with epigenetic implications passed along from a person's mother, father, grandparents, and even great-grandparents. He calls it the 100-year effect.

But most important, says Thornburg, is changing nutrition habits today.

"If you're a person who is planning to have a family, a healthy diet now will make a huge difference in the health of your offspring, and this follows from one generation to the next," he says. "That's a very profound thing. And not many people are saying it because only a small number of scientists have studied it enough so far to understand how it works."

Even after nearly 30 years of research, Thornburg acknowledges that many questions remain in what is still an emerging field of study that generates considerable debate within the scientific community.

"There are a series of really large gaps in our knowledge about how nutrition leads to disease," he says, "and I won't live long enough to figure them all out. The people I'm training now at OHSU will have to tackle these questions one at a time. There's a lot of work to be done."

Thornburg, a 1967 graduate of George Fox and a longtime university board of trustees member, has a passion for educating this generation of young people about the benefits of proper nutrition. It's one of the reasons he's involved in implementing the "Nutrition Matters" initiative at George Fox, a nutrition and fitness awareness program sponsored by a grant from Bob and Charlee Moore, the same philanthropists whose donation launched the Moore Institute.

"I'm extremely proud of George Fox University for being willing to take this on," Thornburg says. "The Moore Institute is interested in building programs for colleges and universities all over the country, and George Fox stepped up to the plate first. It's so urgent that we change the course of the way we're eating."

After all, the next 100 years starts now.

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Building on a Solid Foundation

From the research lab to the mission field and all points in between, the Class of 2016 is ready for their next adventure

By Richard McNeal



Engineering a Future of Service

Hawaii-born engineering major Dylan Yamamoto exchanges his surfboard for a hard hat

For civil engineer Dylan Yamamoto, service work is an integral part of his personal ministry. But that wasn't always the case.

"My goal when I came to college was to be an engineer. I had no idea what engineers did, but I knew they made good money so I'd be able to get rich and surf all the time," Yamamoto confesses. "That was the only thing I had in my mind that I wanted to do."

Four years later, Yamamoto's occupational direction hasn't changed, but the heart behind it has. "I feel like I'm leaving here with actual direction from God and more than just selfish desires," he says.

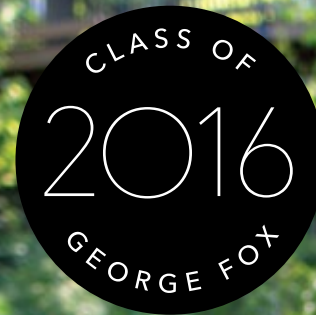
Before he accepted his diploma in late April, Yamamoto accepted a job with Kiewit, one of the largest construction companies in the

country. The way he sees it, his job is the staging ground for a personal ministry of service using his engineering knowledge and skill.

It's a ministry that has already begun. In May, less than two weeks after graduation, Yamamoto traveled to Nicaragua with engineering professor Mike Magill and several others from George Fox. There, the team helped design a horse therapy arena for disabled children.

And all of it – Nicaragua, graduation, Kiewit, the change of heart – almost didn't happen.

After his first semester at school, Yamamoto wasn't enjoying himself and complained to his parents, hoping they wouldn't make him go back. "They told me to stick it out another year," he says, "and I'm so thankful that they did."



Just Keep Saying 'Yes'



Mikayla Greenwell disregards the 'less is more' philosophy when it comes to her faith

In November, recent alumna Mikayla Greenwell will embark on a three-year mission to Romania. She will leave family, friends and the comforts of home behind. And all because she said "yes" on the spur of the moment – more than once.

The first yes came in response to going on a serve trip to Romania in May 2013. Until that trip, Greenwell admits she didn't even know where the Eastern European country was. Still, the experience transformed her.

"I really saw how people's lives change when you listen to their stories," she says. "Relationship is such an important part of ministry. That's what Jesus did. He had compassion for and he suffered with people."

The second yes came in Romania, when Greenwell was informally invited to spend a semester-long internship in the country,

which she completed in the spring of 2015.

Today, having just returned from her third trip to Romania (another yes), Greenwell is packing for a significantly longer three-year commitment.

Greenwell will be working with international advocacy group Word Made Flesh, primarily coordinating logistics for short-term mission teams. She will introduce new missionaries and visitors to Romania and Word Made Flesh, in addition to working in community development with children and families as a social worker.

Greenwell, who completed a dual degree in biblical studies and social work, says Word Made Flesh offers the perfect marriage of her disciplines. When she thinks about her impending adventure, she remembers what started her down the path in the first place: "I just kept saying 'yes' ... and it led to things I couldn't even imagine."

Instead of spending his summers focused on getting a tan, Cody Coblenz spent them in a laboratory focused on conducting cancer research. The decision to trade swim trunks for a lab coat, it turns out, was a good one.

In June, Coblenz began full-time work as a research assistant with the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University, joining a laboratory team that leads the world in cancer study and treatment. And those summers dedicated to research helped get him there.

"They were surprised," he recalls of his OHSU interviewers. "Usually you don't even get to look at certain machines until you're a graduate student. Having access to the techniques and equipment I used at George Fox is really rare."

Working with biology professor John Schmitt for two summers, Coblenz helped characterize important relationships between cell proteins essential to combatting cancer. In April, he presented his findings at a major industry conference in San Diego.

In addition to his summer research, Coblenz acknowledges the importance of his undergraduate experience. "I've talked to people who've graduated and gone on to other programs, and there's just story after story of people who are really grateful for the level of preparedness they got here at George Fox."

Coblenz eventually plans to attend medical school to pursue an MD-PhD dual degree, which would equip him to conduct research that better informs the way he treats patients.

Through it all, Coblenz plans to lean heavily on his faith as he helps patients navigate the most difficult experience of their lives. "In cancer there's a lot of hopelessness, so I think just to be able to sit down with patients and tell them there is hope in Christ – even if they're not Christians – there's power in that kind of truth."



The Lab Days of Summer

Richter scholar Cody Coblenz fights cancer with science and faith



The Secret to Doing It All

Self-proclaimed nerd Keiko Fujii finds the time to do just about everything

Keiko Fujii didn't waste a single moment during her tenure at George Fox. In fact, looking at her laundry list of accomplishments, some might be inclined to believe she's discovered a way to manipulate the time-space continuum.

When asked about the use of a time machine, Fujii declined to comment. But if you know her, that scenario seems entirely plausible.

For starters, she just completed her bachelor's degree in computer science. On top of that already demanding course of study, Fujii was an inaugural member of the University Innovation Fellows chapter at George Fox, a national program supporting innovation and entrepreneurship on college campuses.

In 2015, Fujii founded and chaired the Association for Computing Machinery – Women (ACM-W) chapter at George Fox. "ACM-W is something near and dear to my heart," she says. "I have a real pas-

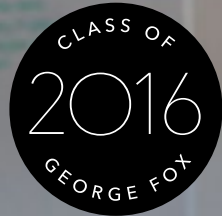
sion for getting women and girls more into STEM." The same year, she founded and served as an officer in the Students for Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (S.I.D.E.) club.

As if that weren't enough to keep her busy, Fujii was also a member of two choral groups and the university chapel band, served as treasurer of the swing dance club, worked as a computer science lab assistant, and was a NASA space grant scholar. She also spent her summers interning at HP.

Now, thanks to all her hard work, Fujii has landed a great job with Clearwater Analytics as a software engineer in cloud technologies and database administration.

How did she do it? "I was just keeping Christ at the center and focusing on him, saying, 'You've put me here for a reason' and believing he was going to get me through it."

"Oh, and sleep," she adds. "Sleep helped, too."



From Hoops to Healing

By Sarah Reid



Basketball star Justine Benner will extend her stay on campus to pursue a career in physical therapy

This fall Justine Benner will take her George Fox University adventure from one team to the next – from the basketball court to the physical therapy lab. She wrapped up her undergraduate career with a degree in exercise science while setting two women’s basketball single-season scoring records along the way. Her next stop is the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, where she’ll spend the next three years pursuing her doctorate.

Benner knows the value of being part of a team. She played a pivotal role in the Bruins’ powerhouse women’s basketball program and says the lessons she learned from head coach Mike Meek will translate well to her graduate studies. “Every game we said we would go 1-0, and that was the only focus,” she says. “I can look at each day, each test and each patient that way. I can put my focus there, let go of the stress and give my all to that situation.”

Being an athlete requires servant leadership, hard work and

constant learning to stay ahead of the competition, and a career in physical therapy requires the same. Benner recalls the joy she experienced watching a stroke patient make progress through physical therapy, and wonders how another job could possibly be more fulfilling. “I want to go to work because I want to change people’s lives,” she says.

Looking back, Benner remembers how it felt to visit the George Fox campus during high school. Even then, she had a feeling it would be important in her life, though she didn’t realize her stay would last seven years.

Looking ahead, she can’t wait to graduate a second time from George Fox University – this time as a doctor.

Visit georgefox.edu/Classof2016 to read about more recent George Fox graduates.



1960–69

Lon Fendall (G64) continues to lecture nationwide. In March, as the Beane Lecture Series guest speaker at William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa, he lectured twice in a series designed to encourage discussions about Quaker principles and philosophies. Retired in 2010 from George Fox University, where he directed the peace studies and international studies programs, he continues involvement with programs in Africa as a volunteer consultant for ministry training among Friends churches in Kenya, Burundi, the Congo and Rwanda.

Terri (Kunkel) Bowen (n66) received recognition in October as a nominee for the 2015 annual Oregon Governor’s Volunteer Award. She was honored for more than six years of service with Love INC in Newberg, which connects families in need with local churches and service agencies who can help them. Now retired, she was a longtime administrative secretary for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Jerry Sandoz (G66) and his wife, Barbara, continue to live in Greenwood, Ind., headquarters for One Mission Society. After extended missionary service, they now work as needed, including making annual missions trips where there is a short-term need. He became a missionary with the organization (serving as field treasurer and business manager) in South Korea in 1972 following an assignment with World Relief Commission in South Vietnam and South Korea. In 1997, they relocated to OMS world headquarters, where he became treasurer in 2000 before retiring in 2014.

1970–79

Elaine King (G74) is manager of the data services section of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System. She has been with PERS since 2003, starting as a retirement counselor, and works and lives in Tigard.

Ron Mulkey (G74) and **Deb (Cloud) Mulkey (n77)** in September moved from Metolius in Central Oregon to Rockaway on the Oregon Coast, where they are now caretakers for Harbor Villa, part of the Northwest Yearly Meeting’s Twin Rocks Camp. He also serves as camp

chaplain, and both work with grounds maintenance and housekeeping for the four-cabin center that serves small groups. It marks a return to Twin Rocks, where they were summer staff coordinators and program directors from 1988 to 1998. For the last 10 years they have pastored the Metolius Friends Community Church.

Kathleen (Ridinger) Berryman (G75) is operations manager and partner with her husband of True North Wealth Strategies, an investment firm in Medford, Ore. She is a Certified Senior Consultant, a former long-term care district manager with Capital Assurance Co., representing Southern Oregon, and more recently an insurance counselor with AAA.

Debbie (Field) Johnson (n75), the last original member of the Voices of Liberty, an a cappella Americana singing group that entertains at Epcot at Disney World, has had her swan song. She retired Oct. 31 after more than 30 years of singing in seven 15-minute costumed performances a day in the American Adventure Pavilion. Along the way she performed for four presidents (Nixon, Carter, George H.W. Bush and Reagan) and even helped Mickey and Minnie Mouse at the National Christmas Tree Lighting at the White House. Over the years the group’s repertoire has grown to nearly 100 songs with a message of patriotism and love of country. Her husband, Derric, former artist in residence and director of music ministries at George Fox, was the first Voices of Liberty director and the primary arranger. The Johnsons now plan to spend more time traveling together and pursuing his creative projects. Her final performance drew feature coverage in the *Orlando Sentinel* and videos on YouTube.

Mary (Tucker) Walsh (G75) is executive director of the Canby (Ore.) Educational Foundation, now in her ninth year. Formed in 1997, the foundation has raised nearly \$1 million through private donations, endowments and fundraising.

Nina (Ram) Dalberg (n76) has coauthored a historical fiction novel, *The Legend of King Max*, published in October by Outskirts Press. After receiving a degree in broadcast journalism from the University of Montana, her career has included advertising, radio and TV news as well as freelance reporting for news-

papers. She and her husband divide their time between Springfield, Mo., and Rosholt, S.D., where they own a discount fireworks business.

Kathleen (Norton) Carroll (G77) is in her 22nd year as an early-childhood educator. Last spring she started working with the Growing Green Panda Childcare and Enrichment Center in Portland, planning and establishing curriculum. This follows two years as a preschool teacher at Grandma’s Place and eight years with Growing Green Panda as a preschool teacher. Previously, she taught at Miracle Village Academy, YMCA Child Care and the Abc Center in the Portland area.

Jeannette (Myers) Bineham (G78) retired in March, leaving her position as a field interviewer with Westat, a statistical survey research corporation, after just over two years. She will continue to live in St. Paul, Minn., where she plans to volunteer as a reading tutor as well as read, bicycle ride and travel. Previously, she was executive director for the Center for Nonprofit Excellence & Social Innovation, an organizational consultant, a housing development manager with the St. Cloud Housing & Redevelopment Authority, and executive director of Reach-Up, Inc., a Head Start program.

Nancy (Svendson) Moon (G78) is the new principal at Henry L. Slater Elementary School in Burns, Ore., beginning last fall. Previously, she

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Opportunity Knocks for Gunthers to Show Love to Neighbors

Melinda (Bissell) Gunther (G92) and Maria Scott's friendship started with a knock at the door.

Scott is a senior living alone in the community of Chandler, Ariz. One day, she opened her door to find Gunther there, asking if she needed anything – home repairs, yard work, maintenance, anything. All free of charge. Scott was certain she was being scammed, but Gunther came back – over and over again.

That's what Melinda and husband **Paul Gunther** (G94) do.

Her heart for service began after a high school missions trip to Mexico, and was solidified by a class with former George Fox sociology professor Mike Allen. The course helped her realize she could put her passion into action through social work, building connections with those around her.

After getting married, moving to Guatemala, and then moving again to Arizona, she began wondering why so many choose to go to foreign places to do development work when there are often people in need right next door. So she asked a connection in the city of Chandler to show her the neighborhoods no one sees. This experience opened Gunther's eyes to the struggling parts of her city.

Live Love began as an annual day of service in an underserved Chandler neighborhood. Since 2007, it has become an organization that helps volunteers create relationships with those in need. This process of investing in others' lives can be, Gunther says, "excruciatingly painful and beautiful all at the same time."

Their most recent project involves a major home renovation. Two years ago, Live Love purchased the main gang and meth-producing home in the neighborhood. Their goal: turn a negative influence into something positive. This house has now become a central hub for the community, hosting everything from workshops to karate classes.

Live Love isn't stopping there. Next, they plan to ease the way to home ownership for those who are committed to the neighborhood. The Gunthers will be first, having made the decision to live where they serve.

Gunther's motivation is simple. "I cannot stand thinking there are people out



there who feel alone and truly believe that no one cares about them," she says. "As Christians, we love not because it's the easy thing to do, but because it's the right thing to do."

Recently, it was Gunther's turn to receive a knock on her door. It was Scott, now one of Live Love's most loyal supporters, holding a \$500 check from the local CBS affiliate. Scott had shared her story with the news station, providing an opportunity to give back to the woman who wouldn't stop knocking.

So, with the power of Christ and big smiles, Melinda and Paul plan to continue living out their love for the Chandler community. After all, there are many more doors to knock on.

was principal at the K-12 Gustavus-Klukwan School in the Chatham School District in Alaska for two years following two years with the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District as leader of Houghtailing Elementary School.

1980–89

Bob Davenport (G80) is a senior network security engineer, now in his fifth year with RedSeal Networks, a software company based in Sunnyvale, Calif., that models network security infrastructure in order to defend against cyber attacks and build digitally resistant organizations. He lives in Aumsville, Ore., and previously was a self-employed technology consultant for small to large businesses for nearly 11 years.

Linda Graves (G80) in 2014 received a PsyD degree from California Coast University, from which she already has a master's degree in psychology. She is project director for the California Council on Problem Gambling, in that position for nearly five years after managing the budget for just over six years for the Washington State Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery.

Craig Shelton (G81) is regional sales manager for Atrium Windows and Doors in Portland. He began in March 2014 following full-time orders and deployment with the U.S. Army as a command sergeant major for 18 months until late 2013. He was a senior enlisted adviser, monitoring and overseeing training matters and evaluating training programs for five subordinate battalions and a headquarters company with soldiers in seven states. Previously, he was area sales manager for MI Windows

and Doors for 11 years following 10 years as area sales manager for Pella Corporation.

Susan (Barnard) Anquist (n82) is office manager for her husband, Dr. Warren Anquist, a pediatrician in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She is also working on a master's degree in spiritual formation at Carey Theological College at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, where she plans to concentrate in the area of spiritual direction.

Melanie (Watkins) Erickson (G82) is with Sparrow Management, in her fifth year as a housing manager responsible for a 51-unit apartment complex for low-income seniors in Missoula, Mont.

Malina (Dayton) Lindell (n82) is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing with the InterMountain Education Service District in Pendleton, Ore., which provides education

and support services for hearing-impaired students in six Eastern Oregon counties. She is the eastern region consultant (of eight regions) for the Oregon Deafblind Project, which provides technical assistance, training and information to deaf and blind students from birth through age 21.

Lynne (Ankeny) Smith (G83) in January launched her own business, The Anchorage Care Management, in Eagle, Idaho, in which she provides comprehensive assessments, care coordination and resource recommendations to individuals and families in need of care. This follows 14 years of elder care in a non-profit setting and 30 years as a licensed social worker. She is an advanced-level care manager with the Aging Life Care Association and a board-certified case manager.

Virnin (Basinger) Dickinson (n84) is a self-employed cosmetologist, now the owner of her own beauty salon, Nin Dickinson Designs, based in her home in Vancouver, Wash.

Joset (Williams) Grenon (n84) began in September as assistant dean of development and external relations at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland. Previously, she was director of development at Catlin Gabel School in Portland for two and a half years following more than two years as director of development with the University of Southern California School of Cinematic Arts and seven years as director of annual fund and communication at Oaks Christian School in Westlake Village, Calif.

Eric Bronson (G89) didn't have a minor to go along with his bachelor's degree in human resources, so he's working on that now at Clackamas (Ore.) Community College – and has been at it for the last 25 years. That caught the eye of the school's student newspaper, the *Clackamas Print*, which published a feature on his endeavor. He wants to earn an associate of science degree with a focus on creative writing and hopes to complete it by this Christmas so he can cross another item off his bucket list. He used his original degree working in the SI Section (personnel department) in the U.S. Army, serving most of his career in the reserve component as an operations sergeant in the Oregon National Guard, now retired. His first book, *The Juggler's Girl*, was published this spring, and he's also active in fan fiction online.

James Ellis (G89) is completing his 25th year with the Days Creek (Ore.) School District,

where he is athletic director, head boys' basketball coach and physical education and video production teacher. He is an alumnus of the 160-student charter school in rural Douglas County.

Jeff Stanfield (G89) and **Christine (Hockett) Stanfield** (n80) in January returned to Uganda as missionaries with World Gospel Mission after a year in the United States on a home ministry assignment in Newberg. He has a new role as acting country director, leading other missionaries, handling administrative tasks and directing a partnership with Africa Gospel Church in Uganda. They also participate in several other ministries, including Community Health Empowerment, a curriculum that integrates health, development and evangelism as they train trainers. They began their work in Uganda in 2011 after 21 years in Kenya with WGM, where he was assistant country director and director of computer services at Tenwek Hospital and she was an administrator and teacher at Tenwek School of Nursing.

1990–99

Jennica (Hein) Jenkins (G91) is the clinical director/owner of Blue Sky Counseling Center in Roseville, Calif., started in 2012. She also has been a counselor at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif., and was a registered psychological assistant at the Monarch Center in Roseville for three years after serving with the Roseville Joint Union High School and Moorpark Unified school districts for 11 years as adolescent intervention counselor and student assistance counseling program coordinator.

Tim Jacobson (G91), after years of teaching in Alaska, is warming up in Texas where he is in his second year as assistant principal at 2,200-student Lehman High School in Kyle, Texas, part of the Hays Consolidated Independent School District. His previous teaching stops in Alaska included Kodiak Island, Anaktuvuk Pass (above the Arctic Circle), the Kenai Peninsula and Quinhagak.

Rich Swingle (G91) had a lead role in a Valentine's Day weekend limited release film in AMC theaters across the country. *Providence*, an old-fashioned love story spanning decades, is told through art cinema, using silver screen and silent film styles. It was released by Mainstreet Productions, a Nashville, Tenn.-based production company

that specializes in faith-based films. Swingle plays the role of the male lead as an older adult. George Fox's 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award winner, Swingle, based in New York, has performed in 28 nations on five continents with his one-man plays and workshops, including performances at churches, colleges, prisons, retreats, camps, military bases and theaters from Off-Broadway to The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

David Simonsen (G92) has authored a new book, *When Parenting Backfires: 12 Thinking Errors Every Parent Faces*. He also hosts a live call-in advice and opinion talk show, "The Dr. David Show," with Salem Media Group in the Portland area. A licensed marriage and family therapist with the state of Washington, he has his own practice, Creative Solutions Counseling & Consulting, in Lacey, Wash.

Shawna (Shankle) Wilcher (n92) is now director of youth ministries for the Oregon City (Ore.) Church of the Nazarene. She has previous experience as the youth pastor at Willamette Valley Wesleyan Church in Wilsonville, Ore.

Kevin Dougherty (G93) in January began a three-year term as executive officer of the Religious Research Association, a scholarly organization of more than 600 academics and religious professionals with interest in the intersection of religion and society. In August, he became graduate program director for the department of sociology at Baylor University. He has been at Baylor, in Waco, Texas, since 2005, starting as assistant professor of sociology and becoming associate professor in 2011.

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G	Traditional graduate
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MA	Master of arts
MS	Master of science
MAT	Master of arts in teaching
DMgt	Doctor of management
DBA	Doctor of business administration
MBA	Master of business administration
GFES	George Fox Evangelical Seminary
MDiv	Master of divinity
DMin	Doctor of ministry
MEd	Master of education
EdD	Doctor of education
EdS	Education specialist in school psychology
PsyD	Doctor of psychology
DPT	Doctor of physical therapy
ADP	Adult Degree Program



Jon Wright (G93) has been named the first cross country and track and field coach at the new \$50 million Ridgevue High School, opening next fall in Nampa, Idaho. He has spent the last 19 years coaching both sports at nearby Caldwell (Idaho) High School. Inducted into the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame last fall, Wright was one of five coaches initially selected by the Vallivue School District to guide new Warhawks teams.

Philip Brownell (MA95, PsyD98), after living and practicing in Bermuda for the last 11 years, has moved to Idaho to join Family Health Services, working four days a week in Twin Falls and one day in the Burley clinic. Previously, with Benedict Associates in Bermuda, he was seeing children through adults for a variety of psychological disorders, utilizing his certification by the European Association for Gestalt Therapy. He also is a professional coach, certified through the International Coach Federation. In addition, he is the author of three books: *Spiritual Competency in Psychotherapy*, *Gestalt Therapy*, and *Gestalt Therapy for Addictive and Self-Medicating Behaviors*.

Myrna (Bonar) Jensen (G95) is marketing and communications associate with the Oregon Food Bank, responsible for its quarterly newsletter and annual report, media relations, and creating and executing publicity campaigns. The Portland organization works with a statewide network of partner agencies to distribute emergency food to hungry families, while also advocating for public policy and promoting nutrition and garden education to strengthen community food systems. Previously, she was film and special projects manager with Visit Anchorage for two years, following a television career as assignment editor, news writer, morning edition producer and newsroom assistant for stations in Minnesota and Alaska.

Tony Rourke (G95), following 20 years of health and life insurance underwriting in Oregon, this spring moved with his wife, **Heidi (Kunze) Rourke** (G97, MAT09) and family to Austin, Texas, where he now is assistant vice president of underwriting for FirstCare Health Plans. He started in March, responsible for daily operations of underwriting, actuarial services, group set-up and reporting departments. Previously, he worked for more than four years with LifeMap Assurance Co., of Portland as director of underwriting. In the move he left behind his elected position to the Newberg City Council.

Joe Gordon (G96) in January joined Westlake Risk & Insurance Services of Thousand Oaks, Calif., to become vice president of benefits for the six-year-old brokerage firm. For the last six years he has been an associate employee benefits specialist with Strategic Employee Benefit Services in Woodland Hills, Calif., following five years as a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual. He now assists clients in implementing multi-year strategic plans, communication campaigns, wellness initiatives and compliance. Since 2010, he also has served as assistant baseball coach with California State University, Los Angeles, as infield and hitting coach.

Corey Hosler (G96) is entering his second year as accounts payable and payroll coordinator with Medical Teams International, a non-profit humanitarian aid and global health organization based in Tigard, Ore. He moved from a position as accountant with Western Mennonite School in Salem, Ore., after nearly seven years. He lives in Newberg.

Eric Muhr (G96) is the new publisher/CEO of Barclay Press, the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church's publishing enterprise in Newberg. He began in September, taking over from **Dan McCracken** (n70), who retired after 44 years with the organization as staff member then general manager and publisher. Barclay Press, although no longer a printing operation, is the denominational publisher for Friends, including the Evangelical Friends Church of North America. It also produces Sunday school curriculum and books relevant to current work of the Quaker church. Muhr also works part time as a youth pastor at Newberg Friends Church. Previously, he was a school teacher in Oregon and Idaho, a newspaper education reporter and youth pastor in Idaho, and a camp director/program specialist at Tilikum retreat center.

Caleb Culver (G97) is director of analytical services with Ste. Michelle Wine Estates in Woodinville, Wash., where he is a certified wine chemist.

Mark Hovee (PsyD97) is now a clinical psychologist with Indian Health Services, based at Chinle (Ariz.) Comprehensive Health Care. This follows an eight-month contract, ending in September, with George Washington University medical faculty, working with U.S. Army soldiers in a primary care clinic at Sayliyah Army Base in Doha, Qatar. That followed just over two years as a clinical psychol-

ogist with the West Virginia National Guard developing a team to provide behavioral health services. Previously, he was in private practice for 21 years in Ohio (four years) and Kentucky (17 years) working with correctional facilities, colleges, regional health care agencies and hospitals.

Chad Krober (G97, MBA04) and his business partner at Guild Mortgage Company in Wilsonville, Ore., were named the top mortgage lending team for originations in Oregon in 2015 and among the Top 200 Originators in America for 2015 (at 170) by *Mortgage Executive Magazine*. He has been a mortgage consultant with the 10-member office for almost five years, moving from MetLife Home Loans after nearly three years.

Brian Greeley (G98) is vice president of Urban Works Real Estate in Portland, joining the eight-broker retail-only firm in 2014. Previously, he was vice president for leasing with CE John Company in Vancouver, Wash., in that position for nearly three years. He was with the firm for nearly 10 years, starting as a leasing associate. His recent clients have included Powell's Books, McMenemy's, Salt & Straw, Little Big Burger and the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles.

Scott Spurlock (G98) is in his third year as lecturer in religious studies at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, after positions as lecturer and research associate at the University of Manchester in England; the Institute of Theology at Queens University in Belfast, Ireland; Belfast Bible College; and Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. He earned a PhD in ecclesiastical history in 2005 from the University of Edinburgh and currently is editor of two book series: *Christianities in the Trans-Atlantic World, 1500-1800*, and *Scottish Religious Cultures: Historical Perspectives*.

Joshua Cogar (G99) is part of a small team that has started a new brand for Carnival Cruise lines: "Fathom." It is focused on social impact in the Caribbean region, specifically the Dominican Republic, but also has sails planned to Cuba. Cruises depart from Miami and provide activities focused on the environment, education and economic development. He lives in Redding, Calif., where he previously, until April 2015, was operations director for Digital Force.

Tyler Johnson (G99) is visiting assistant professor of history at The Citadel in Charleston,



Ewert Combats Poverty, Hunger on a Global Scale

Phil Ewert (G98) is making an impact on the lives of thousands around the world, both in his vocation and as a personal passion.

His work has put him in the middle of some of the most trying circumstances possible, including last year's devastating earthquake in Nepal that killed more than 8,800 and injured another 21,000. This April, Ewert moved to Mongolia, where he is now helping people deal with the aftereffects of extreme weather that killed life-sustaining livestock, leaving thousands in need of help.

A former premed biology major at George Fox, Ewert helps provide access to nutrition, hygiene and sanitation needs through his role as country operations director with World Vision International.

"We are striving to change unjust systems, protect children, provide medical services and be a light in the darkness," says Ewert of the life work he and wife Melanie have undertaken.

Ewert's interest in international work started as a student at George Fox. When a chapel speaker discussed her work in Calcutta, it provided a spark for his calling. "I felt God asking me to do it – to bring help spiritually and physically," he recalls. "That set the course for my life, for my career."

Ewert began his international work with Samaritan's Purse as director of medical projects in Afghanistan. He later worked as program manager in South Sudan, then country director in Zimbabwe before returning to South Sudan in 2008 for two years as country director. He joined World Vision in 2010, working as operations director in Albania then moving to Nepal in the same role in 2013. In all, he's traveled and worked in more than 40 countries.

In Nepal, the April 25, 2015, earthquake, which measured 7.8 on the Richter scale, was the country's worst natural disaster. Villages flattened, leaving thousands homeless and forcing more than 700,000 into poverty. "It was our whole focus for a considerable time," he says. "It was awful. It was a rolling feeling. We ran outside, people were screaming, walls collapsed; I was holding a rail with my daughter." His family slept outside while strong aftershocks continued for days.

World Vision still is assisting with quake recovery in Nepal, but another crisis created the need for Ewert to relocate once again. In Mongolia, Ewert will serve as national director, helping provide thousands with food after the death of more than 900,000 livestock due to extreme weather, while at the same time working

on sanitation, facilities, reducing poverty, and job creation. The focus of World Vision Mongolia is on disaster relief and preparedness, economic development, child protection, health and education, with the goal of contributing to the sustained well-being of the 864,000 children in the country.

The move to Mongolia will also allow the Ewerts to expand the reach of their personal endeavor, Trade for Freedom, to a new country. The effort, launched in 2014, partners with ethical businesses – those that offer fair wages, safe working conditions and health care benefits – to provide dignified work with Christian discipleship.

Supported by a group of volunteers who receive no compensation, Trade for Freedom acts as a marketing agency, offering handmade items like scarves, jewelry and tote bags for sale. Each purchase helps sustain the employment of someone in need. Ewert notes that a majority of those helped are women, many of whom are at risk of becoming one of millions forced into labor or sex slavery due to extreme poverty.

"We're passionate about this," Ewert says of Trade for Freedom, which recently generated sales of \$60,000, helping to employ and provide childcare for 10 women. "It's on and in our hearts."



Phil Ewert with wife Melanie, daughter Abyala, and twins Ahsa and Everest.



S.C., moving from his position as assistant professor at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Va., the previous year.

Arika (Finlay) Nelson (G99) is a sixth-grade teacher at North Clackamas Christian School in Oregon City, Ore., in that role since 2010. She previously was a kindergarten teacher at Mentor Graphics Child Development Center in Wilsonville, Ore., for five years, until 2005, before taking time out to be a full-time mom and obtain a master's degree in curriculum and instruction.

2000–09

Hayley (McGregory) Cummings (G00) and her husband are owners of the online store YourStore.com, which features health, beauty and home care Amway products. They started the company seven years ago.

Mikayla (Paris) Kagey (G00) has been hired to oversee the start-up and operations of a new J-Serve program with Joy El Camps and Retreats in Greencastle, Pa. It is a new gap-year program for college-age individuals who want to spend a year exploring their skills and abilities to determine their future life roles. She has been a teacher for 15 years, most recently as a sixth- through eighth-grade teacher with Washington Virtual Academy, based in the Omak School District (Wash.).

Chelsea (Dauber) Carbonell (G01) in July had a landscape photograph included in a digital display of images presented at the Exposure Award Reception at the Louvre in Paris. She is an art instructor with Heritage Homeschool Co-op in Bellevue, Wash., in her second year, and has been a commission artist since her graduation. Her work, using favorite materials of oil, casein and canvas, has been shown in Oregon, Washington and California. Fifteen percent of her art profits go to nonprofit organizations that benefit children.

Lisa Estelle (PsyD02) is owner of Calm Waters Counseling in Spokane, Wash., established in 2009. She is a psychologist offering adolescent, family and pediatric counseling, grief therapy, psychotherapy and stress management services. Previously, she was with Circle of Security, also based in Spokane, a relationship-based intervention program designed to change a child's behavior through changes in parents' behavior.

Candyce (Kintner) Farthing (G02, MEd07) is the new chief academic officer for Coral Academy of Science in Las Vegas, responsible for overseeing and improving educational growth of the school as well as providing leadership and strategic direction. It is a public charter STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) school established in 2000. It now has more than 2,000 students in Reno, Nev., and Las Vegas in a college prep curriculum. She moved from a position as executive director of Oregon Connections Academy, Oregon's largest tuition-free virtual public school, serving in that position for a year after joining the academy seven years earlier to serve as a teacher for eighth-grade language arts and, later, as principal of the school's kindergarten through eighth grades.

Zach Davidson (G02, MAT03) is the new principal of Damascus (Ore.) Christian School, starting last fall after 15 years in public school education, the last 12 with the Estacada (Ore.) School District as a teacher and junior high administrator. The school of 240 students and 37 employees is not new to him. Wife **Rachel (DeYoung) Davidson (G01, MAT02)** is a 1997 grad, and her parents and brother have been teachers there. Also, both Zach and Rachel have served on the school's commission, and they have two children attending.

Angela Weece (G03) is teaching fifth grade at Whittier Elementary School in Waukegan, Ill., and also teaches Zumba fitness classes in her off-duty time.

Kaisa Carlson (G04) in September began working with Women's Healthcare Associates in Portland as a credentialing specialist. Previously, for just over five years, she was with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Portland as executive assistant, volunteer coordinator, program services assistant and flu clinic fundraiser coordinator. She also is a volunteer leader with Hands On Greater Portland.

Tammy Marquez-Oldham (MBA04) has won the top award given out by the Oregon Small Business Development Center State Advisory Council. She is director of the Small Business Development Center at Portland Community College, located at its CLIMB Center. The 2015 award recognizes individuals who have made a significant professional contribution to small businesses in their community and Oregon, based on leadership, dedication and entrepreneurship. She has 30 years of experi-

ence working for large, mid-sized and small businesses and has owned several companies. She participates in the advisory council for the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, Port of Portland Mentor Protégé Program, Metro Export Initiative, Small Business Advisory Council and Clackamas County Economic Development Commission.

Sarah Walden (G04, MEd09) in August joined Portland Public Schools as a Head Start teacher. She moved from Mentor Graphics, a Wilsonville, Ore., corporation dealing in electronic design automation for electrical engineering and electronics, where she had been for 11 years as an early childhood educator, teaching a classroom of mixed-aged children between 3 and 5. She is the current president of the George Fox University Alumni Board of Directors, a member since 2013.

Patti (McKinniss) Perkins (G05) is the new CEO and owner of Weaver & Associates, a human resources consulting firm in Garden City, Idaho. She has more than 30 years of business and human resources experience, including the last two as human resources director for the city of Meridian, Idaho. She serves on the board of the Human Resources Association of Treasure Valley and the Society for Human Resource Management State Council.

James Smith II (G05) in August became assistant veterans service center manager with the Detroit regional office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Benefits Administration. He has been with the VA for more than eight years, serving, in order, as rating veteran service representative, supervisory veterans service representative, change management agent and senior program analyst prior to being named to his new position. He earned a master's degree in management in 2006 from Minot State University.

Wendy Bruton (MA06) is now director of the Individual and Family Matters Clinic at the Portland Center of George Fox University. A licensed professional counselor, she also is executive director of Oak Springs Wellness Center, a counseling group practice in Salem, Ore., and has had a private practice for 10 years. She was an adjunct professor at George Fox beginning in 2012, teaching courses in counseling and psychopathology, and now is an assistant professor, starting last fall. She has a PhD in counseling and supervision from Oregon State University.

Craig Henningfield (DMin06) in November was installed as the new pastor of the Concordia Evangelical Lutheran Church in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Founded in 1936, it has 265 members. He is the founder of The Church Without Walls in the greater Denver area, started in 2003 to be a "congregational incubator," providing direction and training for a ministry among those unlikely to attend an organized church. Previously, until October, he was with the Good Samaritan Society for nearly five years as director of spiritual ministries for a retirement community of 350-plus residents and 200-plus staff.

Sarah Katreen Hoggatt (MA06), who lives in Salem, Ore., where she is a writer, spiritual director, speaker, book designer and editor, in November published her fifth book, *Finding Love's Way: A Poetic Exploration Into the Deeper Rhythms of Love*. It explores a wider world where God, people and love are inseparable. Her previous publications are *In the Wild Places* (2012), *Encountering the Holy: An Advent Devotional* (2006), *In His Eyes* (2005) and *Learning to Fly* (2002).

Arturo Lomeli (MAT06) is principal of the new Tom Glenn High School in Leander, Texas. The sixth in the district, the school will open in August. He resigned in December from his position as principal at Hillsboro (Ore.) High School, where he had been for three years following two years as principal of South Meadows Middle School in the same district. He began his education career as a sixth-grade teacher before pursuing a path in school administration.

Nathan McDaniel (G06) is now a full-time member of the George Fox University plant services staff as a groundskeeper, starting part time last April. Previously, he was with the city of Tigard, Ore., as a parks worker and, before that, was a nursery specialist for Garland Nursery in Corvallis, Ore., and a plant specialist and researcher with the Lake County Resources Initiative.

Ryan Smith (MBA06) is back with Bend Research as procurement manager after previously working with the Bend, Ore., company for nearly seven years until 2007 as purchasing manager. In between, he moved to Andwin Scientific in Bend, where he was general manager. Bend Research is now a new division of Capsugel Dosage Form Solutions, which markets to healthcare companies worldwide with various proprietary technologies and manufacturing capabilities



Anderson Honored as State's Top Teacher

Oregon's 2016 Teacher of the Year, **Heather (Logan) Anderson (MAT01)**, has been celebrated by her school, her city, the state and even by President Obama at a ceremony in the White House this May.

However, she says those honors aren't the most significant part of her teaching career since graduating from George Fox. "My greatest accomplishment in education is empowering children to become thriving lifelong learners," she says.

She's empowering those learners in her hometown of Bend, Ore., at Juniper Elementary School, where she has taught fourth grade since 2012. A surprise assembly in October broke the top teacher news to Anderson, who was acclaimed for her leadership, high expectations and commitment to students.

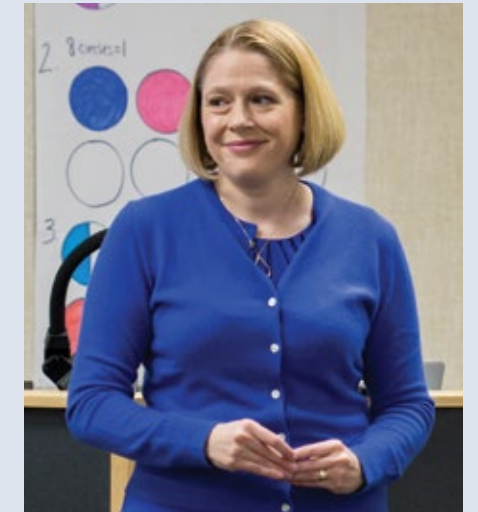
She immediately taped a 30-second commercial celebrating her honor that ran for a month on Oregon television stations. She also received a \$5,000 award, which Anderson plans to invest in education – putting it in a college fund for her two children.

After earning her undergraduate degree from Oregon State University in 2000, Anderson headed for Newberg to enroll in the George Fox Master of Arts in Teaching program, an intensive nine-month program, turning down a full-ride scholarship at OSU. Why George Fox? "I really liked the small class sizes and the feel of the cohort experience," she says. "I felt very well prepared with my MAT."

After her marriage that next summer, she and her husband headed east so he could attend Georgetown University. She taught fifth-graders in Maryland at a struggling high-poverty elementary school, working with other educators to close achievement gaps and improve student outcomes. These early formative experiences, the state noted in its award, helped shape her into an educator who firmly believes all students – regardless of income, race or language – can and will succeed if given the support to do so. Anderson was also cited for building "a positive environment in her classroom that fosters student confidence, exploration and risk-taking."

In addition to working with students, Anderson, who earned National Board Certification in 2005, serves as a coach and teacher to her colleagues. She guides a monthly two-hour class collaborating with other teachers to improve their impact on students. Together they helped Juniper Elementary earn recognition as a Model School – a designation that puts it in the top 5 percent of high-poverty schools statewide in student achievement.

"Heather is an outstanding example of excellence in the profession," says Salam Noor, Oregon deputy superintendent of public instruction. "Not only does she set high expectations for her students and herself, she is deeply committed to helping other educators learn and grow."





Mark Starr (G06, MA11) is planning a Kickstarter fund to launch Vegetable Race, a board game he has designed. Participants race as culinary vegetables against up to seven friends. He has done the artwork as well as game development and says it features deception, secret objectives, betrayal... and a squirrel. He lives in Albany, Ore.

Jeremy Castile (G07, MBA15) in August was named manager of business operations for the global strategic account of Lam Research, based out of its Hillsboro (Ore.) office. He has been with the semiconductor firm since 2007, serving as systems engineer responsible for developing corporate strategies; creating marketing material; designing data acquisition systems; and managing testing programs to deliver cost savings. He also is an adjunct professor with George Fox's College of Business, teaching strategic management.

Bryan Donohue (G07) is the new head coach of the Kelowna, British Columbia, Falcons baseball team. He was named in January to guide the lone Canadian representative in the West Coast League, a wood bat summer collegiate organization started in 2005 with teams also in Washington and Oregon. It is designed to develop college talent using only current college-eligible players. Donohue this spring entered his ninth season as coach at Mt. Hood Community College, with a career coaching record of 243-127. He played baseball at both George Fox and Mt. Hood Community College, as well as with the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League.

Ben Kelley (G07, MBA11) joined Nike in Portland last June as a product manager and agile product owner for identity and access management, a suite of services based around consumer interactions that allows access to and personalization of Nike's direct-to-consumer/B2C digital properties. He previously was with HealthSparq in Portland as product owner/business analyst, assisting the company in building products that help people make smarter healthcare choices.

Elizabeth (Rodman) Larson (G07) and her family are back in the United States, living in Ocean Shores, Wash., after three years in the Eastern Highlands Province of New Guinea as missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, working at a missionary resource center called Ukarumpa. They are seeking to expand their

ministry as her husband seeks new certification as a welding inspector with the hope this new job will expand their opportunity to reach more people through a holistic approach to salvation. They are independently raising funds to return and are seeking appearances and contacts in Oregon and Washington to present their plans and needs.

Isaac Moffett (G07) is the new education program manager for the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections Center in Lewiston, Idaho, one of three centers in the state. He has taught in public schools for eight years and served as a private school administrator. In addition, he is the author of *The Great Education Decision: Learning From the Past to Give Our Children an Eternal Future*, and also hosts a weekly podcast and blog, *The Great Education Struggle*, in which he addresses the American education system and homeschooling from a biblical worldview.

Amanda Newman (G07) in May received a juris doctorate from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, and last fall joined the Phoenix office of Dickinson Wright, in the commercial litigation department. While in law school she was president of the student-led Christian Legal Society, clerk of the Student Bar Association and managing editor of the *Sports and Entertainment Law Journal*. She was a summer associate/law clerk with Dickinson Wright before graduation and was a judicial extern with the Arizona Court of Appeals. From 2007 to 2012 she was a newspaper reporter for *The Newberg Graphic*.

Molly (Boyle) Washburn (G07) has moved from Boston to New York, where she now is a department administrator with the College of Dentistry at New York University, starting in August. She left a position as communications manager for the dental school at Boston University, where she served for a year following her 2014 graduation from the university with a master of education degree in policy, planning and administration.

Zach Wilson (G07) in January started his third year with ACIST Medical Systems in a new role. He now is territory manager, after just over one year as a clinical sales associate and his first year as a clinical specialist. The international company develops, manufactures and markets contrast injection technology solu-

tions to simplify the complexities of cardiac catheter labs, operating rooms and radiology suites. Previously, he was with a vascular closure specialist with Access Closure Inc., and a regional manager with TZ Medical in Portland for five years.

Amy Fagan (MAT08) is the teacher (along with the founder) at Willamette Children's Academy, opened in November in Lake Oswego, Ore. The preschool is located at the longtime site of a former Montessori school. The new school offers a similar mix of play and hands-on activity, as students have a balance of freedom and instruction. Fagan returned to college for her teaching degree after five years in the business world.

Cary Griffith (G08), after nearly eight years as a full-time web designer at George Fox University, left the position in February to work full time for his own design and marketing firm, Griffae Design, started in 2007. His wife, **Kayin (Mathae) Griffith** (G08), assistant designer and marketing specialist for their company, will continue in her position as director of housing at the university, a position she filled in 2015.

Britt (Robbins) Hoskins (G08) returned to her alma mater in December as associate director of advancement communications and grants. For the last two years she was in Blacksburg, Va., as an instructor in Virginia Tech's English department while teaching writing courses and finishing a master's degree in writing and rhetoric. The previous five years she was a public relations professional for Waggener Edstrom in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Emily (Dore) Rorem (G08), after six years as a critical care registered nurse in the Northwest, has moved to the University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis, where she is a perioperative RN, now in her second year.

Breanne (Reeve) Sherwood (G08), after earning a master of fine arts degree in 2014 from Eastern Michigan University, is now a member of the art and design faculty at George Fox University, where she earned her degree in visual arts with an emphasis in photography and ceramics.

David Buchanan (G09) is an assurance partner with Delap LLP, an accounting and financial advisory firm in Lake Oswego, Ore. He is a network security and cryptographic professional and management consultant, now in his

seventh year, dealing with issues in software, banking, healthcare and retail finance, identifying vulnerabilities in information system designs and developing mitigating controls.

Kaisa (Kincaid) Butcher (G09) is one of four co-owners of Lionheart Coffee Company that opened last May in Beaverton, Ore., featuring ethically sourced and produced coffees. It drew more than a few news stories because of its approach: a coffee shop with a cause. Each quarter the store will partner with both a local and an international nonprofit by highlighting their work in the store and then donating 5 percent of proceeds from the store's loyalty programs. The artisan coffee format includes the usual drip coffee and espresso, but also table service for customers wanting their coffee brewed with more advanced processes such as French press or Chemex. A Kickstarter campaign raised \$15,000 to launch the store, and it received a boost with advice from Voodoo Doughnut co-founder Kenneth Pogson as a volunteer mentor through MicroMentor, a professional network run by Portland-based Mercy Corps.

Emily (Hodgin) Forbes (G09) has her own business in Newberg, Love & Plants, established in 2015 and based on her calling as a plant-based nutritionist and educator. Previously, for nearly two years, she was a healthy eating specialist with Whole Foods Market. She was on campus in October and March demonstrating simple recipes, sponsored by the university's "Nutrition Matters" program. After graduation she traveled to 28 countries to find healthy meals worldwide. Now she is promoting her love of plant-based meals through nutrition and cooking coaching.

Kimberly (McGiverin) Harmon (G09) is in Wuxi, China, where she is employed with Leadership Development International as a community liaison with International School of Wuxi, where her husband is a secondary teacher and athletics director.

Kyle Johnson (G09) in December joined SGA Certified Public Accountants and Consultants in Bend, Ore., moving from Delap LLP, an accounting and financial firm in Lake Oswego, Ore., where he had been a tax senior associate for nearly a year. Previously, for just over three years, he was with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Portland, holding the title of tax experienced associate then tax senior associate. His new firm provides accounting, tax and con-

sulting services to high-net-worth individuals and privately held businesses.

Suzanne (Wood) Johnson (G09) is a personal service representative with Alaska Medical Solutions of Anchorage. She works with patients to describe the purpose and use of prescribed rehabilitative equipment, arranges for equipment at hospitals and homes, and assists in associated paperwork. She previously was a teacher's aide for nearly five years.

Doug McCann (G09) is the face of Oregon Blueberry Farms and Nursery, one of the state's larger family-owned blueberry operations. He is responsible for sales, marketing and management of the 35-year-old operation that has 175 acres of commercially yielding blueberry plants near Silverton, Ore., and a 30-acre River Road Nursery operation near Salem, Ore., that supplies commercial growers and retail nurseries globally. He also is co-owner of Givers Gain Properties, a Portland-based real estate investment company.

Justin Sweeney (G09) in January became sports information director at Transylvania University, a private institution in Lexington, Ky., with 1,000 students and a member of the NCAA Division III. Most recently he was sports anchor and writer with Sports Radio 750 in Portland, and a play-by-play broadcaster for George Fox University, covering five sports. He now covers 26 sports for the Pioneers.

Jeff Syverson (MA09) is the new pastor of the nondenominational Big Trees Community Church in Arnold, Calif., starting last June, leaving Horizon Institute, where he was program director and then academic dean for four years. Founded in 2006, Big Trees Community Church serves the growing Korean immigrant church in Los Angeles. He is also program founder and ministry director of Joy in the House of Prayer Ministries in Los Angeles, started in 2013, which offers seminars, retreats, teaching and prayer events.

Kerstyn Tsuruda (G09) is living in Silverdale, Wash., while working for the Department of Defense at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., where she is an office clerk.

Katelyn (Melland) Wisdom (G09) is staff pharmacist at Walgreens in Tigard, Ore., in that position since 2012 after receiving a PharmD degree from Pacific University's (Ore.) School of Pharmacy.

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Vince Beresford (DM10) in March was named president of the Go For Broke National Education Center, perhaps most noted for its monument in the Little Tokyo district of Los Angeles that honors WWII Japanese-American soldiers of the heroic 100th Infantry Battalion and is visited by tens of thousands each year. Beresford has more than 20 years in higher education and nonprofit leadership, most recently as adjunct professor at Azusa Pacific University, and in executive director positions with the Child S.H.A.R.E. Program in Los Angeles and with the With Hope Foundation.

Erik Burris (G10) is a quality control technician with nLight Photonics, an American laser manufacturing company headquartered in Vancouver, Wash., with sites in Hillsboro, Ore., (where Burris works) and in Europe and Asia.

Scott Granger (G10, MAT12) in August became an administrator in the Wenatchee (Wash.) School District, after being a district teacher for two years and serving as assistant varsity baseball coach, middle school basketball coach and middle school football coach.

Meredith Tribble (G10), founder/manager of her own coffeehouse in Powell, Wyo., participated in the Northwest regionals for the America's Best Coffeehouse Competition at Coffee Fest 2015 in October in Portland. Her Uncommon Grounds operation, about an hour east of Yellowstone National Park, was started in 2010 and now has six employees. She brought two with her for the six-team competition. Her store advanced to the competition through first-round fan voting, then scoring by secret shopper judges evaluations.

Liz Williamson (G10) is now an accountant with responsibility for cash management at Weiden + Kennedy in Portland, one of the largest independently owned advertising agencies in the world. She started in December 2014 after working as a health and welfare accountant at Intel Corporation in Hillsboro, Ore.

Elizabeth Chapin (MA11) is a graduate teaching assistant and PhD student at the University of Washington School of Information Science, also serving as an adjunct faculty for online and hybrid learning at George Fox Evangelical



Seminary. She also is the author of *Facing "The Talk": Conversations with My Four Daughters About Sex*, published by InterVarsity Press.

Kyler Dougherty (G11) and Nicole (Johnson) Dougherty (G11) are both employees of Harvest House Publishers in Eugene, Ore., where they are two of three graphic designers, Kyler since January 2013 and Nicole nine months later. They do a mix of book cover designs, product creations and art direction, as well as planning and running marketing campaigns. The company publishes 150 new books a year, has a back list of 1,200 titles and has sold 100 million books globally, all affirming biblical values and helping readers grow spiritually.

Sharon Hale (MA 11) is a marriage and family therapist intern with Western Psychological and Counseling Services in Portland, serving previously as a skills trainer and care coordinator with the group, beginning in 2012. She operates out of offices in Tigard, Oregon City and Gladstone, Ore.

Shannon (Madsen) Johnson (MA11) has joined the advancement office at George Fox University as a gift officer, moving from a position as assistant director for donor development and campaign activities at Warner Pacific College in Portland, where she had been since January 2013. She previously was a clinical care coordinator at Albertina Kerr Youth and Family Services in Portland for two years after eight years with Young Life in Albany, Ore., both as field staff and in direct ministry.

Danny Lybarger (G11) has moved from Portland to St. Louis to become site pastor of BarChurch, a ministry of The Gathering United Methodist Church. He began in June and also serves as director of the college-age ministry. The BarChurch, located near Saint Louis University, reaches out to college-age individuals in a non-church building setting. He moved from a position as youth pastor of West Hills Covenant Church in Portland, where he served two and a half years following nearly three years as Portland director of Kaleo Missions.

Eric Barton (G12) in March joined Christensen Electric in Portland as account manager, moving from a territory sales representative position with Advanced Dental Technologies of Portland after being with the firm for nearly two years.

Chelsea Cason (G12) in July began as a registered nurse with Asante Rogue Regional

Medical Center in Medford, Ore., where she is a day shift RN on the medicine floor. She moved from a position with Rogue Valley Manor, also in Medford, where she had been for three years, starting as charge nurse and the last two years as resident care manager.

Benjamin Clark (G12) is an instructional assistant in special education in the Life Skills Center at Straub Middle School in Salem, Ore., the district's newest middle school with 750 students.

Josh Couch (G12) and Emily (Fakkema) Couch (G13) are living in Newberg while both have positions in Yamhill County. He is a process engineer designing equipment for process enhancement with Cascade Steel Rolling Mills in McMinnville, Ore., and she is a first-grade teacher at Dayton Grade School, starting last fall after receiving an MA in student development and counseling administration the last spring from Indiana Wesleyan University. He is completing an MS degree in renewable energy engineering, expected to graduate in June from Oregon Institute of Technology in Wilsonville, Ore.

Clayton Pugsley (G12) and Jodi (Lund) Pugsley (G12) both work in tax preparation positions in Portland. In June she joined the Portland accounting firm Geffen Mesher as a tax senior after nearly three years as a tax experienced associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is a tax accountant with Deloitte LLP.

Joanna (Johnson) Raymer (G12) is an instructional assistant with the South Coast Education Service District in Coos Bay, Ore., serving three southwest Oregon counties.

Luke Thompson (G12, MBA13) is a financial analyst with The Mountain Group in Camp Sherman, Ore. He lives in Salem, Ore., where he conducts analysis of the finance, organizational structure and management of businesses. The firm offers ideas, skills and time to businesses facing material challenges. Previously, until 2014, he was a loan officer with HomeStreet Bank.

Rachel (Elmer) Brumfield (G13) in August joined the University of Montana Foundation in Missoula, Mont., as marketing coordinator. She moved from a position of nearly two years as events and marketing assistant with The Oregon Garden and Resort in Silverton, Ore., where she helped plan and execute public events. In her current position she assists the philanthropic efforts of the independent orga-

nization that last year raised \$46 million in support for the university.

Sergio Cisneros (G13) is now a business teacher at Lost River Junior/Senior High School, in Merrill, Ore., part of the Klamath Falls School District where he grew up. He also leads the senior seminar and Future Business Leaders of America program at the 212-student school. Previously, he was a contributor to National Public Radio as a reporter at Oregon Public Broadcasting in Portland. In October he had an opinion piece, "Good Parent-Teacher Communication Helps Students," published in the *Klamath Falls Herald and News*.

Tami (Bastow) Crosby (G13) has moved to Jacksonville, Fla., where she now is senior accounting specialist with St. Vincent's Ascension Health. She started last July, moving from a position as senior accountant III with Ascension Health in Indianapolis. The faith-based healthcare organization, with 131 hospitals, is the largest nonprofit health system in the U.S.

Jim Ferraris (ADP13) is the new chief of police for the city of Woodburn, Ore., taking office Dec. 15 to head the department in the city of 25,000. He has more than 37 years in law enforcement, the last five as deputy chief of police in Salem, Ore. He started as a patrol officer in Beaverton, Ore., in 1978 for five years, then spent more than 27 years as assistant chief of police in Portland.

Lauren Floyd (G13) started in January as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Providence Portland Medical Center. Previously, she was a registered nurse with Carilion Roanoke (Virginia) Memorial Hospital for just over a year, then an RNII with Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church, Va.

Shannon Gydesen (G13) is living in Ellis, Idaho, working as a registered nurse. In November she was named house supervisor at Steele Memorial Medical Center in Salmon, Idaho.

Josiah Hotovec (G13) and Margaret (Vogt) Hotovec (G13) are in Oklahoma City, Okla., where he is a software engineer with Boeing and she is an accounting assistant with Chesapeake Energy, in her second year.

Sarah (Roberts) Lee (G13) is completing her third year in her first nursing position, at Silverton (Ore.) Health Hospital, where she is a registered nurse serving in labor, delivery and postpartum care.

Hannah Munger (G13) is a sixth-grade school

teacher, now in her third year, at The Classical Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., a kindergarten-through 12th-grade charter school of just over 600 students. In her free time she participates in backpacking, hiking and climbing, including a couple of times up Pikes Peak.

Kassi (VanderKwaak) Reimer (G13) has been chosen to start the new women's soccer program at Briercree College in Caronport, Saskatchewan, Canada. The first team will begin training this fall, playing in the 12-team Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference. She adds the new duties to her regular position as a registered nurse at Dr. F.H. Wigmore Regional Hospital in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Originally from Chilliwack, British Columbia, Reimer followed her biology degree from George Fox with a degree in nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Matthew Wood (G13), an Air Force National Guard Airman First Class, graduated in November from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. He was sent for further technical training in Biloxi, Miss., and is to be stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, near Tacoma, Wash., where he will be a command and control officer responsible for battle management operations for the West Coast Air Defense Sector.

Heather (Gigstad) Ensign (G14) is a social worker for Gallup McKinley County Schools in New Mexico. She began in February after serving as a special education teacher/long-term substitute with the Window Rock (Ariz.) School District at the Tsehootsooi Intermediate Learning Center beginning in August 2014. She earned a master's degree in social work in 2015 from Western New Mexico University.

Robbie Frederiksen (G14) is director of youth and young adult ministries at Central United Methodist Church in Stockton, Calif. This follows seven years working with the youth empowerment organization Sierra Service Project in Portland and as director of children and youth ministries for Fremont United Methodist Church in Portland.

Remi Gentry (G14) is in her second year on the data and support team with the Beaverton, Ore., School District. Her work involves data collection on students with special needs to assist in proper specialized program placement. She also plays the violin as part of a trio, Battery Pack, that performs locally.

Benjamin Holtrop (G14) is a multidisciplinary film photographer, stylist and art director based in Portland and Los Angeles. He is art and community director at Aesthetic in Portland, a fashion-driven design house creating visuals and imagery and offering services ranging from fashion lookbooks and ad campaigns to brand strategy and events. He also has been a freelancer since 2010. He describes his work as "minimalist aesthetic," inspired by light with the aim of creating true visual narrative. His client ad collaborations have included Uber, Pendleton Woolen Mills, Timberland, Nike, J Crew and a dozen press publications.

Kenton Miller (G14) in November returned to campus to use his mathematics degree by joining the university's data analytics team. He previously was a technician, shop assembler and sales specialist with REI in Tigard, Ore. As a student he spent a summer at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., as an intern.

Timothy Porter (EdD14) in March was named the next superintendent of the South Umpqua School District in Myrtle Creek, Ore. He has been director of technology and student achievement for the South Lane School District in Cottage Grove, Ore., after previously serving as curriculum director in the Sweet Home (Ore.) School District, and as a principal in the Condon (Ore.) School District. His new position includes leadership of a high school, middle school and three elementary schools, with a total of 1,475 students.

Jessica Adrian (G15) is in her first year of teaching, with 23 students in her third-grade classroom at Mabel Rush Elementary School in Newberg, where she did her student teaching.

Tim Dandini (G15), just after graduation, became project director for Natural Stone Designs in Sherwood, Ore., which fabricates and installs natural and engineered stone products. Previously, he was a foreman with Turner Construction and superintendent for Reimers and Jolivet, both in Portland, for five years.

Josh Dolar (G15) in August started as youth director at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem, Ore., responsible for both middle and high school programs. Previously, he served eight months as youth intern at Cedar Creek Church in Sherwood, Ore., for eight months.

Elisabeth Herrera (MA15), who established her own firm, Elisabeth Herrera Counseling, in Salem, Ore., just after graduation last May, was featured in a Dec. 19 article in the *Salem Statesman Journal*. Headlined "Local graduate challenges stigmas, provides safe space," the story told of her background attending local schools with students from low-income families, minority families and those impacted by gangs. She said she felt as if people pitied her and assumed her education wasn't good enough. Now she's trying to make sure positive perceptions are observed by students and staff as they work their way through the community. Prior to her own business, Herrera was a child and family therapist intern with Old Mill Center for Children and Families in Salem, Ore.

Ian King (DBA15) is now using his degree, not in business but as an educator on the subject, serving as an adjunct faculty member at three Portland-area institutions: Oregon Institute of Technology, Pioneer Pacific College and George Fox University. This follows more than seven years, ending in November, at Mentor Graphics in Wilsonville, Ore., where he was in world trade operations as senior financial analyst. A former city council member in Beaverton, Ore., he now is giving time as a certified volunteer producer for Tualatin Valley Community Television and serves on the board of Care to Share.

Ana Vella (Robles) Magana (G15) is an immigration counselor at Lutheran Community Services NW, a nonprofit human services agency in Woodburn, Ore. She started at graduation after being an intern with the organization. She is partnered with the Board of Immigration Appeals and assists clients with immigration forms, provides representation and translations, helps with services including fingerprinting and photos, and coordinates citizenship classes.

Isaac Pauley (G15) is director of music and media at Southwest Hills Baptist Church in Portland. He started in July. He also continues as a private music teacher for violin, viola and piano.

Elise Porter (G15) in January joined the George Fox University registrar's office as an enrollment specialist, moving from a position in the development office as phonathon supervisor that she began in August. She was a phonathon caller for three years as a student.



Alyssa Rands (G15) is the new costume shop manager for the George Fox University theatre department. She was a work-study student in the shop for two years while a student, majoring in theatre with an emphasis in design. Following graduation she was a freelance apparel designer and costume designer in the Portland metro area. She also works in sales for Oregon Worsted Company, a fabric and home decor business in Beaverton, Ore.

Jennifer Schaffner (G15) in June was promoted to senior vice president, bank operations, and human resources manager with Willamette Valley Bank in Salem, Ore., overseeing HR functions for 135 employees at 15 locations in three states as well as managing day-to-day operations of five business locations. She has been with the bank for 14 years after 10 years with West Coast Bank.

Christine Swanson (G15) is using her studio art major as a Portland-area artist, painting with oils, acrylics and watercolors to produce pieces that are a combination of impressionist and realistic painting. Planning to eventually have her own gallery, she also teaches art classes for groups and individuals, all under her professional name "Christine Joy." For the last three years her entries have received the "People's Choice Award" at the Oregon State Fair.

Matt Thomas (DMin15), after receiving his doctorate, continues as pastor, in his sixth year, at Whitehouse United Methodist Church in Whitehouse, Texas. He has been a pastor with the denomination for 20 years, previously for seven years in Fannett, Texas.

Kara Rasmussen (G06) and Michael Davis, Sept. 5, 2015, in Bend, Ore.

Elysa Aho (G08) and Justin Ksen, Aug. 22, 2015, in Bremerton, Wash.

Malori Lintner (G09) and Tyson Butler, July 18, 2015, in Wilsonville, Ore.

Katelyn Melland (G09) and Jordan Wisdom, Sept. 12, 2015, in Vancouver, Wash.

Josh Couch (G12) and Emily Fakkema (G13), June 28, 2015, in Bend, Ore.

Alicia Fleetwood (G12) and Austin Egger (G14), May 16, 2015, in Laguna Beach, Calif.

Stephanie Mount (G13) and Julian Ametsitsi, Sept. 18, 2015, in Renton, Wash.

Michelle Croce (G14) and Jason Russell, May 30, 2015, in La Verne, Calif.

Jessica Gardea (G14) and Kenneth Rodriguez, May 24, 2015, in Northridge, Calif.

Heather Gigstad (G14) and Daniel Ensign, March 1, 2015, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

LeAnn Veenendaal (G14) and Levi Bowers (G15), Aug. 16, 2015, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Elizabeth Detter (MA15) and Steve Trautwein, Aug. 14, 2015, in Canby, Ore.

Sam Engelman (G15) and Breijanna Ney (G15), July 4, 2015, in Anacortes, Wash.

Isaac Pauley (G15) and Jacqueline Fox, May 16, 2015, in Salinas, Calif.

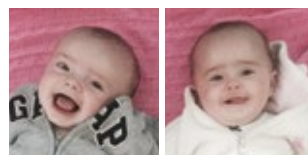
BABY BRUINS

Rob Felton (G92) and Kimberly Felton, a boy, Grayson Charles, Dec. 31, 2015, in Beaverton, Ore.



David Simonsen (G92) and LuWana (Stanton) Simonsen (G92), a girl, Jayda, Sept. 11, 2011, in Wroclaw, Poland, adopted Dec. 12, 2015, in Wroclaw, Poland.

Philip Ewert (G98) and Melanie Ewert, a girl, Ahsa Mae, and a boy, Everest Philip, Nov. 2, 2015, in Indiana, Pa.



Adam Collins (G00) and Lisa (Bauman) Collins (G00), a girl, Emmelyn Ruth, Aug. 15, 2014, in Sacramento, Calif.

Stacie (Wilton) Wald (G00) and Nik Wald, a boy, Cade Everett, Nov. 5, 2015, in Portland.

Holly (Keeney) Webster (G01) and Brett Webster, a girl, Sevilla Grace, May 22, 2015, in Seattle.



Caleb Carlson (G04) and Danielle Carlson, a boy, Stanley Jack, July 17, 2015, in Oregon City, Ore.

Nate Holmes (G04) and Liz Holmes, a girl, Ellie Marie, April 22, 2015, in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Alaina Henry (G05, MA15) and Jeffrey Henry (MDiv09), twin boys, Jameson Dean and Bennett William, May 14, 2015, in Portland.

James Smith II (G05) and Jamie Smith, a boy, Corbin Wade, June 20, 2015, in Glen Burnie, Md.

John Hossler (G06) and Jenny Hossler, a boy, Levi Von, Oct. 14, 2015, in Seattle.

Heather (Labine) Hougas (G08) and Brant Hougas, a girl, Laelin Svana, Feb. 25, 2015, in Viroqua, Wis.

Elizabeth (Ward) Baumann (G08) and David Baumann, a girl, Cecilia Felicity Marie, Dec. 19, 2015, in Centralia, Wash.

Tara (Strever) Beanblossom (G08) and Jordan Beanblossom (G10), a girl, Joanna Catherine, March 14, 2016, in Newberg.

Carmen (Miersma) Leslie (G08) and Tyler Leslie, a boy, Adam Owen, March 10, 2015, in Hood River, Ore.

Kimberly (McGiverin) Harmon (G09) and Christopher Harmon, a girl, Noelle Grace, Dec. 14, 2015, in Shanghai, China.

Sarah (Brough) McTavish (G09) and James McTavish, a girl, Hannah Elise, Nov. 8, 2014, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Ashley (Parks) Burrow (G10) and Kevin Burrow, a boy, Jaxton Barnie, Jan. 24, 2016, in Pullman, Wash.

Scott Granger Jr. (G10) and Stephanie (Hill) Granger (G11), a girl, Jillian Marie, Nov. 6, 2015, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Tyler Robison (G10, MAT11) and Sarah (Ashpole) Robison (G11), a girl, Charlotte Anne, Feb. 4, 2015, in Salem, Ore.

Julie (Townsend) Tarbutton (G10) and Matt Tarbutton, a boy, Isaac Daniel, Oct. 22, 2015, in Glendale, Ariz.



Mac Oxford (G12) and Kimberly Oxford, a boy, Nolan Robert, Dec. 13, 2014, in Portland.



Emily (Davison) Wyatt (G13) and Taylor Wyatt, a girl, Adeline Mae, Dec. 8, 2015, in Newberg.

IN MEMORY

Florence (Swanson) Thomas (G44), Nov. 28, 2015, in Newberg.

Mary Grace Johnson (n45), June 8, 2015, in Dayton, Ore.

Don Brash (n46), Feb. 6, 2015, in Lebanon, Ore.

Leila (Crisman) Ralphs (n46), Jan. 23, 2016, in Newberg.

Wesley Wildermuth (G51), Nov. 26, 2015, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Charles Bellus (MA52), Dec. 20, 2014, in Marion, Ind.

Myra (Sullivan) Cochran (n55), July 12, 2015, in Yuba, Calif.

Don Lamm (G56, MDiv72), Sept. 29, 2015, in Newberg.

Herb Sargent (G58, MDiv66), Jan. 18, 2016, in Newberg.

Sally (Meyer) Heinrich (G60), Oct. 27, 2015, in Monroe, La.

Allen Odell (MDiv60), Sept. 16, 2015, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Ken Kumasawa (G63), Dec. 12, 2015, in Redmond, Wash.

Jamie Sandoz (G64), Dec. 20, 2015, in Fremont, Calif.

Marilyn (Binford) Shaw (n68), July 3, 2015, in Caldwell, Idaho.

Susan (Tish) Frisch (G71), Jan. 22, 2016, in Brookings, Ore.

George Kirby (G71), Jan. 10, 2016, in Hood River, Ore.

Arvid Lindley (MDiv75), Nov. 19, 2015, in Portland.

Howard "Howie" Loewen (n75), Dec. 24, 2015, in Portland.

Jonathan Dixon (MDiv76), March 18, 2015, in Springfield, Ill.

Marvin Eugene Hall (G76), March 18, 2015, in Maryville, Tenn.

John Comfort (G79), March 6, 2016, in Newberg.

Emmet Stormo (G90), Jan. 27, 2016, in Vancouver, Wash.

David Richards (G91, MBA94), Jan. 22, 2016, in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Janette Stoltzfus (n91), Nov. 27, 2015, in Newberg.

Rhonda "Rhoni" (Kaletka) Seguin (G91), Oct. 21, 2015, in Portland.

Harriett (Lane) Zook (G91), Jan. 21, 2016, in Portland.

Richard Stone (G92, MBA94), May 31, 2015, in Gresham, Ore.

Jake Duszynski (n04), March 31, 2015, in Richmond, Calif.

Darlene Robb-Carlson (G05), May 1, 2015, in Portland.

George Hemingway (DMin05), Nov. 8, 2015, in Nehalem, Ore.



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Anthony Nehren (@Hispanectranec) 4/15/16, 5:27 PM
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Madeline McGowan (@ia_greeky_chic) 2/4/16, 3:47 PM
It's official. The decision is made. I'm going to be attending @georgefox starting this fall, and I couldn't be more excited!!!

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Signed with @georgefox today! Couldn't be more excited for the future #Bruins

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Bailey Timmons (@BaileyTimmons17) 1/29/16, 4:43 PM
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George Fox visit was a success #GoBruins #TwoSevensZN

Corina (@CorinaStilwell) 1/25/16, 4:39 PM
Just filled out my housing forms for @georgefox college is becoming so real but I'm getting SO excited

Sierra (@sierrajoy) 5/13/16, 3:22 PM
I love George Fox I'm so happy to be going there next year

Sydney Zuyus (@sosherman_42_) 3/23/16, 4:01 PM
I am ready to be a Bruin! I can't wait to start at @georgefox. God is so good.

kiananikole3 (George Fox University) 1/25/16, 4:39 PM
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Sept. 9

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Sept. 26 - Oct. 2

Come back to campus for a week filled with special events and activities.

Reunion Weekend
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Reconnect with alumni from your class at 10-, 20-, 25-, 30- and 40-year reunions.

Alumni & Athletic Hall of Fame
Oct. 1

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Oct. 14-15

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What is a university photographer to do when students head home for the summer? For Joel Bock, the answer was simple: wake up at 2:30 a.m. on a clear May morning and set up a challenging shot that captured both the stars above and campus below. The result – after many hours of editing – was a scene usually only witnessed by students in an all-night study session.

