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## Living an Exceptional Life



Barbara Palmer, vice president at First Republic Bank in Portland, is one of our very fine board members. I have known her for almost 14 years. About four months ago I was at her office downtown and she said, "You have got to meet one of your graduates!" She walked me down a hallway, and inside one of the offices was a sharply dressed young man named Jeff Greene. Jeff is a 2002 graduate of George Fox and an investment consultant at the bank.

She was right, I was impressed, so I called Jeff and asked if we could meet and just talk. One of the real joys of being president is that you have an opportunity to get to know the stories of graduates of your institution.

I learned a lot about Jeff in our meeting together. He was a basketball player and a math major who was influenced by two excellent professors, Hank Helsabeck and John Johnson. He took the skills he had learned in math and entered the finance industry, where he is doing well. He met his lovely wife, the former Kristen Meier (a 2002 graduate and psychology major), and they were married in 2003. Jeff and Kristen attend Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Portland.

Those are the facts – but the rest of the story is where you really discover who Jeff and Kristen are. After they married and before children, Kristen worked in international adoption. Even though they knew they were going to have natural children, they made the decision to adopt first. In 2008, after much investigation, Jeff and Kristen adopted two children from Ethiopia: Tigist, who is 9 years old, and Mehiretu, who is 6. Their mother had passed away and their father could not afford to take care of them, so he took them to the local orphanage hoping that they would be adopted. His hopes were fulfilled when Kristen and Jeff adopted both children.

It was through the adoption process that Kristen and Jeff also gained a passion for international ministry, and they focused on work in Ethiopia. Jeff researched a number of ministry efforts and found Glimmer of Hope, which sends 100 percent of all funds raised to the projects being completed. For the past four years, the Greenses have been part of a fundraising effort that has raised around \$1 million annually toward building projects in Tercha in southern Ethiopia. In the first year alone the ministry completed eight water projects that serve a few thousand people each; a new health post; and four school buildings, each with four classrooms. Since then Glimmer of Hope has completed a maternity ward and more classrooms, and they are working on a separate children's ward in the hospital.

In the past year the Greenses have expanded their vision of ministry into foster care. Right now they have one foster daughter who is 3 years old. Jeff and Kristen noted that when they looked into foster care "there are so many kids in need and few homes available to children – we wanted to help provide hope." They also recently welcomed a new son into the world, Malichi!

Jeff and Kristen are unassuming people. It was clear that they did not tell me their story to brag. I think they believe they are just normal Christians doing what God has called them to do in their community.

The university's vision statement calls on us to empower students "to achieve exceptional life outcomes." When I think of "exceptional life outcomes," I don't think of high-paying careers or material possessions. Instead, I think of graduates like Jeff and Kristen, who are using their unique gifts and abilities to make a difference in the name of Jesus.

Robin Baker  
*President*

### Colorful Classroom

College of Business professor Joel Marshall and his marketing class enjoy the vibrant fall foliage on a sunny October day.



## Clair Takes Helm of New Honors Program



Joseph Clair joined the university this fall as director of the new William Penn Honors Program, set to launch in the fall of 2014. Previously, Clair spent four years at Princeton earning his PhD in religion, ethics and politics. He also worked as an assistant instructor in the school's religion department, earning the Department of Religion Teaching Award in 2012.

Modeled on the Socratic method and Oxbridge tutorial style, the honors program will hone students' critical thinking skills by exposing them to classical texts and using discussion as the primary mode of instruction. "These works and authors harbor ideas with the power to transform and enrich your life – that's what makes them great!" says Clair. "Learning

in this way in a community of robust Christian faith is an adventure that will mark our students for the rest of their lives."

Clair's goal is that graduates of the program will be prepared to engage with culture and social life with both meaning and depth – and do so with the humility and grace characteristic of the Christian perspective. Visit [georgefox.edu/HonorsProgram](http://georgefox.edu/HonorsProgram) to learn more.

## Irish Lecture Hits National Airwaves

When a C-SPAN camera crew came to campus in October to record a lecture by history professor Kerry Irish, it gave a national TV audience the chance to experience what George Fox students have enjoyed for the past 20 years. Known for his engaging lectures and vivid storytelling – sometimes while in full costume – Irish brings American history to life in a way that makes a lasting impact on students.

Irish chose to lecture on the presidency of George Washington for the C-SPAN visit, focusing on the accomplishments of the first U.S. president and exploring the theme that many historians have underappreciated his



presidency.

The lecture aired Nov. 30 as part of the network's "Lectures in History" program. It marked the first time Irish has performed in front of a TV camera. "It's kind of like an athletic event," he told *The Newberg Graphic*. "After the first few minutes of play the butterflies are gone and then you just play."



## Enrollment Record Set

With 3,712 students – including 771 new traditional undergraduates – George Fox set an enrollment record this fall, easily eclipsing its previous high of 3,519, established in 2011. It marked a 6.3-percent increase over the school's 2012 figure (3,491) and made the university the second-largest private institution in Oregon.

The bulk of the growth is attributed to a 33.6-percent increase in the university's new undergraduate population. Among them are a record 605 first-year freshmen and 127 transfer students. The school also enjoyed strong retention numbers, with a freshman-to-sophomore retention rate that exceeded 80 percent, and continued a trend of enrolling more students from diverse racial and economic backgrounds. In fact, of the 600-plus freshmen who enrolled, 25.7 percent identified themselves as ethnic minorities.

Overall, the university welcomed 2,115 undergraduates (an 11 percent increase over a year ago), and another 269 to its adult degree programs. At the graduate level, George Fox enrolled 1,328 students.



## Stoffer Family Stadium Takes Shape

Work continues to progress on Stoffer Family Stadium and the Duke Athletic Center in advance of the spring track season and the launch of football next fall.

Crews have spent the last several months transforming the area around the track into a venue that includes a newly constructed grandstand with seating for 1,200 and the 14,000-square-foot Duke facility that will include a locker room, offices, an athletic training room and classrooms. Still to be installed is the synthetic-turf Lemmons Family Field.

Favorable weather conditions in October and early November allowed the construction crew to mount the bleachers and install three press boxes while also doing extensive roof, floor, mechanical, electrical and plumbing work in the Duke Athletic Center. Most recently, sidewalks were poured around the facility in late November.

Stoffer Family Stadium is expected to be completed by the start of track season in the spring.

### University Reaches Rankings Milestones

When George Fox first made *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges" list back in 1988, Ronald Reagan was president and a gallon of gas cost about \$1. A lot has changed

in the 25 years since, but the university has never lost its place in the publication's annual college rankings issue. In addition to being named one of "America's Best Colleges" for the 25th straight time in 2013, George Fox was also

listed among the "Best Regional Universities" and "Best Colleges for Veterans" in the West.

Another milestone came this year when the university was honored for the 10th straight time by The Princeton Review as a "Best in the West" school in its "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" rankings.

Finally, in what may become a new tradition, George Fox was named one of the nation's "20 Healthiest Colleges" by The Daily Beast website, thanks to strict drug and alcohol policies and healthy on-campus dining options.

### Potters Support Art Professor at 'Throw-a-thon'

Students, faculty, alumni and members of the local art community gathered on campus Friday, Nov. 15, to support art professor Doug Campbell the best way they knew how – by throwing bowls. In all, 2,200 clay bowls were created as dozens of potters worked late into the night on rotating shifts,

took a short break and then returned Saturday afternoon to finish the job.

The "throw-a-thon" was in preparation for an Empty Bowls fundraiser scheduled for March 7. Funds from the event will go toward specialized speech therapy for Campbell, who suffered a massive stroke in November 2012 and has since lost the ability to speak in full sentences. Campbell's



condition requires a specialized in-patient speech therapy program which is not normally covered by insurance.

The last time the university held an Empty Bowls fundraiser, in which people purchase the hand-made bowls and are served dinner in them, more than \$18,000 was raised for victims of the 2010 Haiti earthquake.





## Film Student Meets *Hobbit* Producers, Cast

The new film, *The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug*, hits theaters on December 13, but George Fox film student Griffin Huber doesn't need to watch the previews – he's already had a real-life sneak peek.

It all came about when Huber signed up to join the university's study abroad trip this summer to New Zealand, where the second installment of *The Hobbit* trilogy was being filmed. A friend from church connected him with Philippa Boyens, producer and co-writer on *The Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit* films, who invited him to spend a day on set.

"It was one of the most memorable experiences of my life," says Huber, who got to meet producer/director Peter Jackson and actors Sir Ian McKellen (Gandalf) and Richard Armitage (Thorin Oakenshield). He

also received a tour of the post production facilities, the costume departments and a few of the sets, "some of which were so massive they occupied buildings the size of small airplane hangers," he recalls.

In the end, the experience reinforced what the aspiring filmmaker already knew. "Filmmaking is hard work," says Huber. "It involves a tremendous amount of patience and teamwork. . . I'm so grateful I had the opportunity to watch these idols of mine approach it with the same diligence I aspire to reflect in my own work."

→ Huber poses with Philippa Boyen's Oscar and the original sword prop Eowyn used to slay the Witch-king of Angmar in *Return of the King*.



## Teaching Grads Gain Experience, Make Impact in China

Recent graduates Cosette Greeno ('13), Rachel Clarkson ('13), Shannan Wheelock ('13) and Kaleb Olson ('12) were among nine teachers who departed for China in August for a 10-month assignment teaching

English to students at two different colleges in the Hubei province of China.

They joined a list of more than 20 George Fox alumni who have taken part in the Teaching Abroad program, which provides aspiring teachers with invaluable classroom and cultural experiences, but also opens the door for ministry opportunities as teachers and students interact outside the classroom. Program director Shawn McConaughey – also a George Fox graduate ('89, '00) – reports that many Chinese students have heard about Christ for the first time due to these interactions, despite the fact that faith is an off-limits topic in the classroom.

The teachers, who are set to return in July 2014, are also joined by George Fox alumna Marilyn Harmon ('74), who has participated in the program all 13 years of its existence. For more information, visit [www.teachabroadglobal.org](http://www.teachabroadglobal.org).





## Anderson Presents Pope with Latest Book

For some, meeting the Pope would be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. For religious studies professor Paul Anderson, make that twice in a lifetime.

Anderson's first visit to the Vatican came in 2006, during which he presented then-Pope Benedict with two of his books, *The Christology of the Fourth Gospel* and *The Fourth Gospel and the Quest for Jesus*. In October, he had yet another opportunity to travel to Rome to attend a conference at the Pontifical Lateran University and present a paper titled "The Jesus of History, the Christ of Faith, and the Gospel of John."

The professor's second opportunity to meet the Pope came on the final day of his four-day visit. This time Anderson was able to present Pope Francis with his latest book, *Following Jesus* – but it wasn't his only brush with the leader of the Catholic Church. "A delightful surprise was sharing silent prayers with Pope Francis and two others in the chapel of the Santa Marta Guest House," he recalls.



Anderson, one of more than 20 American and European scholars who presented at the conference, will have his paper published in December in a collected volume, *The Gospels: Historical and Christological Research*.

## Records Fall on Serve Day

Record-setting temperatures in the Willamette Valley on Wednesday, Sept. 11, were matched by a record Serve Day at George Fox – to the tune of more than 2,100 volunteers, 88 sites and 56 individual homes served.

Never before had more than 1,900 employees and students volun-

teered on Serve Day, let alone 2,100. The university's 15th annual day of service again sent teams to assist nonprofits, public agencies, churches, retirement homes and individual citizens in Yamhill, Washington, Marion, Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

Appropriately, the theme of the event, "Shine," based on Matthew 5:16 ("Let your light shine before others...") came in a year temperatures hovered in the mid-90s throughout the day. Stops included CityTeam International and Door to Grace in Portland; the Pregnancy Resource Center in Beaverton; Chehalem Parks and Recreation, Providence Newberg Medical Center and Love INC in Newberg; and the Sherwood YMCA.

New sites visited included Eloheh Farm in Newberg, Spirit Cairn Youth Ranch in Carlton, MITCH Charter School in Tualatin, and St. John Lutheran Church and School in McMinville.



## Debate Team Visits State Penitentiary

Three George Fox students recently got a taste of life behind bars – fortunately it was only for a day.

Senior Kaitlyn Elting (right) and freshmen Jeremiah La Plante

and Emma Newman participated in the tournament, which in its second year has become a favorite event among students and inmates alike.

"The inmates were amazingly gracious and welcoming to us," recalls Elting, who served as a judge while La Plante and Newman participated in the



debates. The tournament, which was held in World Debate format, included some heavy topics: foreign military intervention, euthanasia, conflict in the Middle East and even prison reform. But interaction between students and inmates wasn't limited to the debate. Students also had the

and Emma Newman represented the George Fox debate team in a tournament at the Oregon State Penitentiary in October that featured 12 teams from Northwest colleges and four teams made up of prison inmates. The unique program provides debate training for prisoners leading up to

chance to sit down and talk with some of the prisoners in between sessions.

"Hearing their stories and seeing how far they've come was really phenomenal for me," says Elting. "I think everyone should have the opportunity to gain that kind of perspective."



## INSIDE ATHLETICS



### Football Team Readies for Fall 2014 Kickoff

George Fox football won't officially take the field until the fall 2014 semester, but the "zero year" team is already hard at work laying the foundation for the university's first football season in nearly 45 years. More than 70 players participated in workouts, scrimmages and team-building activities during the fall 2013 semester. Meanwhile, six new assistants were added to head coach Chris Casey's staff: John Bates (defensive coordinator/recruiting coordinator), Tory Smith (running backs), Ken Ingram (offensive line/strength and conditioning), Ian Sanders (special teams/linebackers), Gabe Haberly (wide receivers) and Patrick Prince (running backs).



### Women's Lacrosse Set to Debut

Former college star Natalie Harrington will make her debut as the head coach of the new George Fox women's lacrosse program on Feb. 15 at the Pacific Play Day tournament in Forest Grove, Ore. Nineteen players took part in preseason workouts during the fall 2013 semester. The team's first home game is set for Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. vs. Alma at the Austin Sports Complex.

### Maluenda Medals

Freshman **Sydney Maluenda** captured medalist honors at the Northwest Conference Women's Golf Fall Classic in October, shooting 2 over par for the tournament to win by two strokes. The Bruins finished second in the Classic, earning seven points toward the conference championship, which will be decided during the spring portion of the season. As of press time, the Bruins are ranked 13th among NCAA Division III schools in the *Golf World* / Women's Golf Coaches Association national poll.



### Wilson Sets Digs Record

Senior volleyball player **Chelsea Wilson** set a George Fox University single-season record for average digs, finishing the year with 560 digs in 93 sets for a rate of 6.02 per set, breaking the previous George Fox mark of 5.88. Her total is the second-highest in one season in university history. Wilson completed her four-year career with 1,483 digs, the fifth-highest total ever for a Bruin.

### Sports Hall of Fame Inducts 2013 Class



The 18th class of the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame was inducted Sept. 14. It included three athletes, a basketball coach from a century ago, the most successful women's soccer team to date, and two loyal supporters who sent four children to compete for Bruin teams. Forming the Class of 2013 were athletes Eric Bell (baseball, 2001-03), Gary Blackmar (football, men's basketball, and men's track and field, 1964-68), Becci Harper (women's basketball and women's track & field, 1995-97), Coach Russell Lewis (men's basketball, 1913-14, 1915-21), Dr. Alvis & Barbara Forbes (meritorious service), and the 1998 women's soccer team (pictured below).



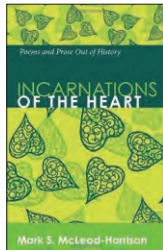




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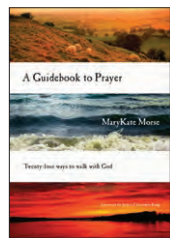
Religious studies professor **Mark McLeod-Harrison** published the book *Incarnations of the Heart* (Wipf and Stock) in July. The book is a collection of poems and creative nonfiction essays.



published an article in the September issue titled “The Identification of Alcohols with 13C NMR Spectroscopy.” Meanwhile, **Jeff Vargason** co-wrote an article, “How Does Atomic Structure Affect Electron Clouds? A Guided-Inquiry NMR Laboratory for General Chemistry,” that appeared on the cover of the July issue.

History professor **Paul Otto** served as guest editor of the *Journal of Early American History* for a special issue titled “Early Iroquoian-European Contacts: The Kaswentha Tradition, the Two Row Wampum Belt, and the Tawagonshi Document.”

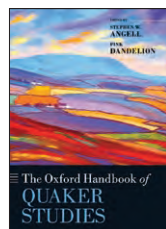
College of education faculty **Anna Berardi, Linda Samek, Amy Dee, Debby Espinor, Brenda Morton, Steve Bearden, Steve Song** and **Waneen Aden White** recently published two articles in *The International Journal of Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations*: “From Cosmetic to Metabolized Change: Promoting Paradigm Shifts in a Dominant Culture University” and “A Treatise on Diversity in a Dominant Culture University.”



In November, Seminary professor **MaryKate Morse** published *A Guidebook to Prayer: 24 Ways to Walk with God*. In the book, Morse presents various attributes of God and suggests a prayer experience to help readers

relate to God through each attribute.

Professor **Lori DeKruyf** of the Graduate School of Counseling collaborated on a two-part special issue of the journal *Professional School Counseling*. Part 1 of the issue “School counselors and student mental health” was published in June; Part 2 – in which she coauthored two articles – came out in October.

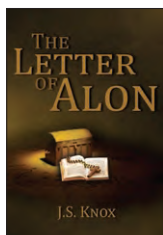


**Howard Macy**, professor emeritus in the religious studies department, wrote a chapter, “Quakers and Scripture,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Quaker Studies*. Professor at Large **Arthur O. Roberts** also penned a chapter in the same volume, “Evangelical Quakers, 1887-2010.”

Religious studies professor **Brian Doak**’s peer-reviewed essay, “The Fate and Power of Heroic Bones and the Politics of Bone Transfer in Ancient Israel and Greece,” was published in a recent issue of *Harvard Theological Review*. Another of his essays, “Ezekiel’s Topography of the (Un-)Heroic Dead in Ezek. 32:17-32,” was featured in the *Journal of Biblical Literature*.

In August, Seminary professor **Kent Yinger** had an essay, “Jewish Education,” published in the textbook *The World of the New Testament: Cultural, Social, and Historical Contexts*.

In August, religious studies professor **John Knox** published a book, *The Letter of Alon* (CrossLink Publishing). The story centers around a professor who uncovers a long-preserved letter written in the first century of Christianity by a distant ancestor.



An article co-written by communication arts professor **Charles Choi**, “Intergenerational Communication and Age Boundaries in Mongolia and the United States,” was published in the December 2013 issue of *Communication Reports*.

In November, English professor **Melanie Springer Mock**’s article “The Real Complexities of the Simple Life” was published in the online edition of *Christianity Today*. Also, her essay “Mothering, More With Less” was published in the book *Mothering Mennonite* (Demeter Press).

Two chemistry faculty were recently published in the *Journal of Chemical Education*. **Paul Chamberlain**

Religious studies professor **Paul Anderson** had an essay, “Incidents Dispersed in the Synoptics and Cohering in John – Dodd, Brown, and Johannine Historicity,” published in *Engaging with C.H. Dodd on the Gospel of John – Sixty Years of Tradition and Interpretation* (Cambridge University Press).

RECENT RECOGNITION

George Fox Honored for Hess Creek Conservation

In October, Director of Plant Services **Clyde Thomas** accepted on behalf of the university the 2013 Urban Conservationist Award from the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District. The award was in recognition of Thomas’ and others’ work to combat soil erosion and invasive species in the university’s Hess Creek Canyon.



University Named Top School for ROI

In July, the website Affordable Colleges Online ranked George Fox among the top 10 colleges in Oregon for lifetime return on investment. Institutions that made the list “have affordable tuition rates and fees, and graduate students who go on to solid lifetime earnings.”

Woodley Receives Wabash Fellowship

Seminary professor **Randy Woodley** was one of 14 ATS theological school and religion professors selected to participate in the highly competitive Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Pre-tenure Faculty Workshop in 2013-14.

Luedtke Recognized by Kennedy Center

Theatre professor **Rhett Luedtke** was recognized by the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival this summer for outstanding work as director of the original drama *The Broken* (below), which debuted last spring. Luedtke received the same honor last year for his direction of *Mrs. Packard* and *Enchanted April*.





## FACES ON CAMPUS



Onjalai Flake: "I never thought I would see this day ..."

**A**sk senior Onjalai Flake how long until graduation, and she immediately knows the answer. "Just 45 days!" she says with a big smile. And while it's not uncommon for students in their final semester to count down the days until tests, papers and group projects are a thing of the past, for Flake, you get the feeling it's quite the opposite. Each remaining day is another opportunity to squeeze every last drop out of her George Fox experience.

"I said no to everything for the first semester," she recalls. "And then the second semester I went crazy." Crazy might be an understatement. A double major in broadcast journalism and communication arts who loves nothing more than to be on stage or in front of the camera, Flake has emceed several on-campus events, including the Fox Film Festival, Mr. Bruin, World's Got Talent, the Dating Game, the Peace'd Together Intercultural Conference and the annual lip sync competition, not to mention off-campus events like Portland Teen Idol.

"There's just something about standing on stage and knowing that what you do will positively affect the people in the audience," she says. "It's life changing to know that I'm able to use the gifts God has given me to bring smiles to people's faces."

But the stage is just one place where Flake has put her gifts to good use. She's become the go-to video personality for the university's marketing communications office and hosts her own show on the student-operated radio station KFOX. She's also been involved in the univer-

sity gospel choir and the Hawaiian Club, is a Multicultural Leadership scholar, and for the past two years has served as the university's student Welcome Weekend coordinator.

Why has Flake chosen to immerse herself so deeply in the college experience? There's an easy answer: She never thought she'd have the chance. A 26-year-old transfer student when she enrolled at George Fox two and a half years ago, she spent much of her 20s caring for her ailing parents. Her father passed away due to kidney failure in 2010, and her mother is a breast cancer survivor.

"Even though I'm a nontraditional student I really wanted to have the traditional college experience," she says. "All my life I've been caring for a family member, and I felt like college was my time to enjoy, to live life, to live out my youth."

So Flake cherishes every last moment until her time at George Fox is up.

"The leadership development that I've received here, the lifelong relationships that I've formed, and the education is unparalleled to anything that I've experienced before," she says. "I never thought I would see this day, to graduate with my second degree, being a nontraditional, first-generation, transfer student, and a student of color ... and the fact that I get to complete my degree with such a stellar education has been incredible. I'm really excited to graduate."

She pauses for a moment, then smiles, "Just 45 days!"



Jeff VandenHoek:  
“I think I have the  
coolest job in the  
College of Business.”

## FACES ON CAMPUS

**J**eff VandenHoek has been with the university's College of Business since 2007, but recently he's making a big impact outside the classroom.

Promoted last year to director of business relations, it's VandenHoek's job to connect business leaders with the university and students with local businesses, all in an effort to provide students with the real-world experience employers so highly value.

“What drives us is engagement,” explains VandenHoek. “A student at a potter's wheel is engaged with the clay. A student in nursing is engaged when they're learning how to put in an IV. A business student is engaged when they are hands-on, working on a project.”

VandenHoek creates these “hands-on” experiences in a variety of ways. He has helped bring industry titans like Bob's Red Mill founder Bob Moore and Holland Inc. chairman Tom Mears to campus to interact with students in the classroom and critique proposed business projects. He also teaches an MBA business seminar class where students engage in the marketplace via visits to companies like Boeing.

But VandenHoek is best known among students for his substantial Rolodex of business contacts – many George Fox alumni. It's a powerful tool he uses to connect students with the internships they need to elevate their resume above their competitors long before they enter the job market.

“I think I have the coolest job in the College of Business,” says

VandenHoek. Listen to him beam with pride as he lists off a few of his recent success stories and you can tell he believes it.

One such story involves a student who was interested in a highly competitive internship at the well-known footwear company KEEN. The first thing VandenHoek did was to check his LinkedIn account, a professional networking tool he often encourages students to use. “I didn't have any direct connections there, but I saw that one of our MBA alums had a friend who worked there,” recalls VandenHoek.

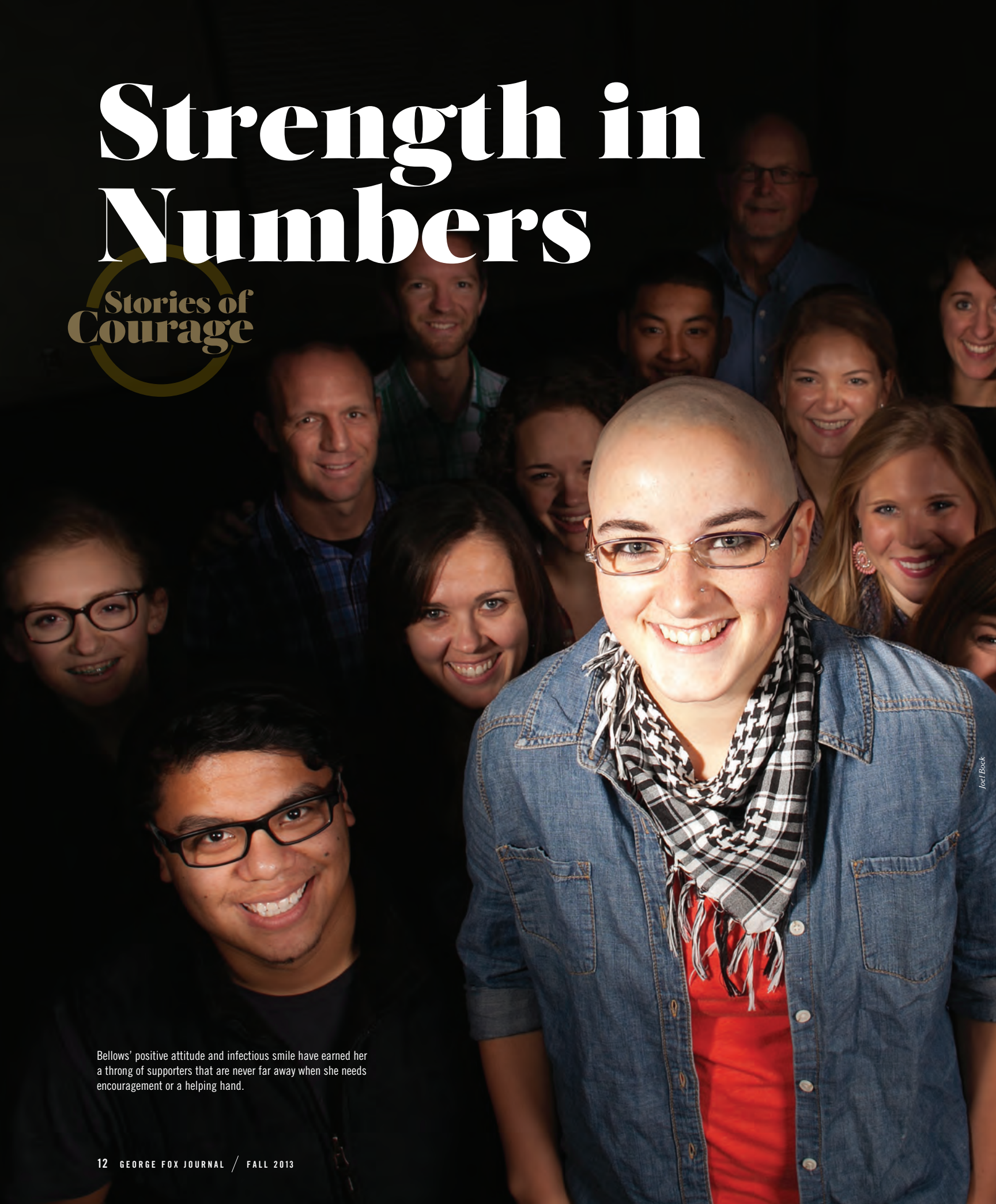
So he sent his connection a text message and told the student, “Watch this. ... If he's by his phone and not in a meeting he'll get back to me in 30 minutes or less. Within three minutes he responded.” As it turns out, VandenHoek's connection knew several high-ranking employees at KEEN. He read the message, looked up at the student and asked with a smile, “So, do you want to talk to the graphic design manager or the CFO?”

While not all connections are so easily made, VandenHoek's passion for his job keeps him thinking of creative ways to bring together the worlds of education and business in order to generate new and unique opportunities for the students he serves.


“What gets me out of bed in the morning is supporting people,” he says. “And supporting people in the job that I have is connecting people, connecting opportunities. That's what drives my business, and that's what drives me.”

# Strength in Numbers

Stories of  
Courage



Bellows' positive attitude and infectious smile have earned her a throng of supporters that are never far away when she needs encouragement or a helping hand.



*When doctors found cancer for a third time, senior Haley Bellows leaned on her faith and George Fox family for the courage to fight back*

By Kimberly Felton

At first it all made sense. The agonizing cramps that reduced stubborn Haley Bellows to tears. The voice-mail from her doctor saying they'd found something. The fibroid and lymphoma diagnosis, surgeries, chemotherapy and radiation. Cutting off nine inches of gorgeous dark, naturally curly hair – before it fell out.

It all made sense because Sheraya, the girl Bellows met her first day of group chemotherapy, became a Christian. At 20, Sheraya was alone. Her mom was dead and her dad in prison. She left her foster parents at age 17, after her cancer diagnosis, because her illness made them fight. Sheraya welcomed Bellows to the group no one wanted to join and everyone wanted to leave.

Sheraya left. She died. All Bellows found in Sheraya's spotless, uninhabited hospital room was a note:

*Haley, I lay here in my bed knowing I am probably not going to make it. ... I asked the hospital chaplain to help me accept Jesus into my life on Sunday. If you are reading this, I am assuming you came to the hospital to see me. ... You are the one who saved me. ... Like I said before, you are an angel from God, sent to bring me his good news.*

"When I met Sheraya I was like, 'I see the reason behind why I was diagnosed,'" Bellows says. "Two and a half weeks after she passed away, and I knew she had become a Christian, I went into remission." Miracle accomplished.

### **And then it came back – twice**

Three months later, Bellows' cancer returned. Undeterred, she looked at her options. "It's not that I skip over my emotions," she says, "but I think, 'What do I need to do to make this go away?'" Three more months of chemo and radiation produced a clean bill of health: remission No. 2.

In early March 2013, a year since her original diagnosis and four months since her second remission, she blogged, "I have spent most of the last year literally fighting for my life, and I realize more than ever I cannot take any moment for granted. [Yet] I cannot dispel this huge knot in my stomach that happens every time I think about being four months in remission ... anxiety that has even brought me to tears ..."

A week later, doctors discovered colon cancer – likely a secondary cancer caused by radiation – and the lymphoma was back. This cancer no longer made sense.

"That was the hardest for me," Bellows says. "I thought, 'Really, a third time?'" Her aunt held her in the hospital room as she cried.

### **All-league and MVP**

Bellows grew up in Kalama, Wash., a town with one public school and 70 in her graduating class. As a high school freshman she stepped onto the varsity team as starting shortstop, and her star rose to claim first team

all-league and MVP the next three years. As a senior at the world regionals tournament, she made the all-worlds team.

She earned the same honors in volleyball and basketball: all-league and MVP.

Busy with school and sports, home was “often just a place to sleep, and I was pretty OK with that back then,” she says. Her dad was in prison. Her mom took care of basic needs but was largely uninvolved.

A PE teacher stood as a buffer between Bellows and her probable future. “He would ask if I thought I was making good choices. Very convicting,” she says. “He thought I could do better and go on to college.”

College was neither known nor considered in Bellows’ family, “which made it feel as if I just shouldn’t go,” she says. Yet she wanted to play softball, so she applied to schools that offered the sport and waived the application fee, assuming her family could not afford the expense.

Softball scholarships came in. But as graduation loomed nearer, softball slid into second place. She wanted a school “where I wasn’t fighting for my faith.”

### Finding a home

Faith was a non-issue in Bellows’ life until freshman year of high school, when a last-minute, paid-in-full invitation to a church camp introduced her to a “heavenly father.” It grated on her; who were they kidding? She returned to friends and a lifestyle that ignored the divine, while hoping that the God who loved her was really true.

After sporadic attendance at church youth group the next three years, Bellows attended a church retreat and walked with her counselor – “it must have been three hours, in the woods” – where she decided to follow Jesus.

Her youth pastor’s wife, a George Fox alumna, spoke highly of the school, but Bellows decided upon another college until a softball tournament introduced her to a George Fox softball player.

“After praying and thinking about it more, I felt this was the right move even though I had visited George Fox only once when I was an eighth-grader,” she says. “Three days before freshman housing deposit was due, I switched to GFU.”

The financial aid department helped her secure federal loans and grants. Her parents contribute when they can. Babysitting and summer jobs bridge the crucial gap left in her finances. “I was one of the people that thought I could not afford college, especially going to a private school. Choosing Fox was a saving grace; this has become my home.”

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Every time Bellows looks down she sees the word “Courage” tattooed on her left wrist along with a multicolored ribbon. Green represents lymphoma, the cancer she currently battles; orange represents leukemia, which her friend Sheraya succumbed to after accepting Christ.

### Cursing at cancer

“What do you want? I’ll buy you anything.”

Bellows huddled on the floor of Rachel Marrion-Morell’s office, stunned and depleted. The women became friends through Marrion-Morell’s husband, an area coordinator at George Fox, the previous year when Bellows served on his staff as a resident assistant.

Now the two processed, as well as they could, the news of Bellows’ third cancer diagnosis.

“I’ll make a T-shirt for you,” Marrion-Morell, a screen printer, offered. “What do you want it to say?” Bellows’ mind was blank, save for an angry epithet.

A couple weeks later, a friend texted Bellows; she wanted a shirt, too. Puzzled, Bellows checked Facebook. Marrion-Morell was making Bellows – and the cause forced upon her – famous.

Bright pastel T-shirts now populate campus, with “EFF cancer” emblazoned across the front. Take your pick of meanings: the gently encouraging “Every Family Fights cancer” or the phonetic spelling of a curse word.

The first run of 20 shirts sold within hours. Six months later, the shirts are a campus-wide movement and are selling to a national and international audience, with nearly 600 sold since April.

“I understand people not liking the shirt,” blogged Amy Wolff, a George Fox alumna and close friend to Bellows. “But here’s what I know: I hate cancer. I want to throw every curse word at cancer. [If] I get the opportunity to do that AND help my friend fight it, then I will. Proudly. Boldly.”

Marrion-Morell had orchestrated a double-play. The shirts are a visible encouragement, and profits cover the cancer copay. While hospital insurance pays most of Bellows’ treatment – her step-dad’s company cut benefits, including her medical insurance – she’s responsible for the \$100-\$500 copays, twice a month.

“The shirts are literally saving my life,” Bellows says. Babysitting just doesn’t cover the cost of cancer.

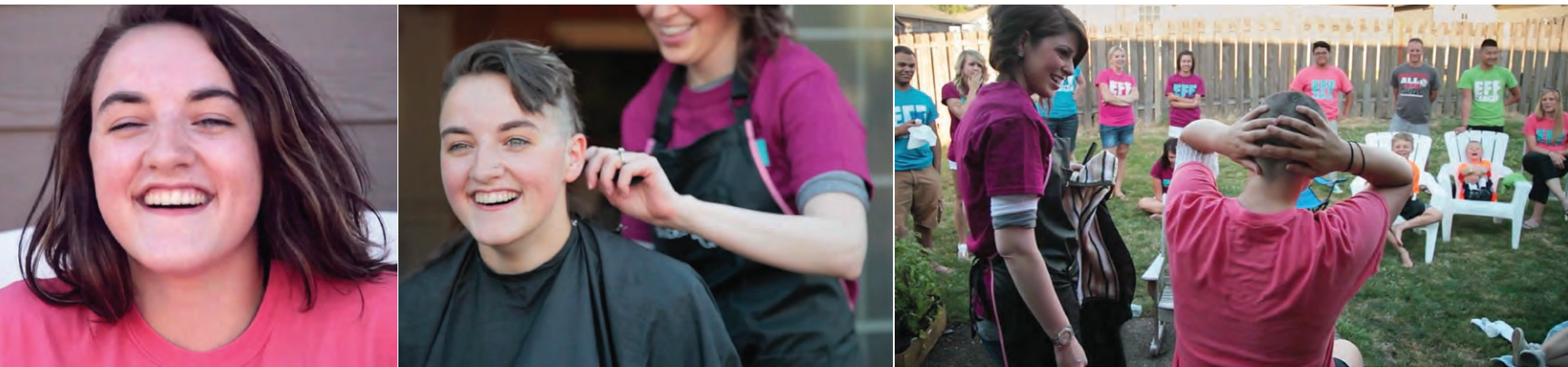
### Decisions of courage

Softball would not, in the end, define Bellows’ college career. On the last day of fall practice freshman year, she hit a wet spot diving for a ball. Her legs flew over her back, bending it in a way it should not. She was out for the year. Sophomore year she could play again, but needed a job more.

Now Bellows is “the girl with cancer.” If students know nothing else about her, they know this. And they know those bright shirts.

George Fox students and staff sporting “EFF cancer” shirts encircled Bellows in July 2013 as her hair was cut short a second time – this time right down to her scalp. Bellows alternately smiled and bit her lip, laughing as she caught someone’s eye, then glancing at the ground when someone wiped a tear. This was her family standing around her,





When Bellows decided to increase her cancer treatment after her most recent relapse, she took matters into her own hands and shaved her head. Visit [georgefox.edu/courage](http://georgefox.edu/courage) to watch the video.

loving her in her courage and fragility.

With the third cancer diagnosis, Bellows opted to attack the enemy as ferociously as it attacked her, choosing aggressive treatment. And this time she decided to chop off her locks with friends surrounding her.

It was three hours before Bellows could look in the mirror at her shorn reflection. “I know hair isn’t my identity, but –” she pauses – “I really liked my hair. It was hard.”

This was one of many courageous decisions. “Anytime I move on to a new treatment, I tell myself, ‘This is one step closer to healthy.’ That’s how I view losing my hair; it’s just one step closer to healthy.”

She has chosen to walk a public journey, draining in itself, especially when well-intentioned comments hurt. That courage allows others to rejoice with her in hope and struggle with her through anger and tears.

“It has made me ask questions of God I have not asked before,” says Jamie Johnson, associate pastor of Christian leadership at the university. For Johnson’s family, Bellows is the favorite babysitter who became family and joins them weekly for dinner. “Perhaps what I’ve seen the most in my interactions with her is a quiet confidence that she would make it through this, no matter the hell it wreaked on her body.”

Bellows chooses to continue school in the midst of treatment, including simultaneously taking an exam and retching in a bucket. Yet she gives credit elsewhere. “My professors are honestly what make it possible to stay in school while going through this cancer journey. They are flexible and willing to extend deadlines when I am not feeling well enough to get the work done.”

She chooses to allow anger while at the same time trusting God’s love for her. “Many days I get frustrated that I feel so crummy, and the only logical thing to do is get those words off my chest so I can start my day, knowing God can handle every emotion I have,” she says. Thus began her “journal of lament.”

“There have been so many times that I truly do not believe it is fair that I have cancer, and I thought about throwing in the towel because ‘obviously God wants me to have cancer since he won’t take it away from me.’”

And yet she chooses to follow Jesus right back into the same hospital wards that contain so much of her pain, volunteering to

help others face cancer. Others like a 4-year-old boy she knew from group chemotherapy, who one day adamantly refused treatment.

“I don’t want to do this anymore,” he cried to her. Swallowing her own tears, Bellows crawled onto his bed and held him gently. “I know, buddy. I know.”

Knowing his family talked about Jesus, Bellows asked, “If Jesus were here with you right now, where do you think he would want to take his medicine?”

“In a castle!” he said.

“The closest thing to a castle I could think of was a fort,” she recalls. So she rigged up a blanket and chairs and then asked him, “What if Jesus joined us in the castle today to take our medicine?” He immediately agreed to the treatment.

That was the day Bellows discovered what she wants to do for the rest of her life: be a child life specialist at a hospital, working with families in trauma.

### Choosing thankfulness

Bellows doesn’t try to make sense of her cancer. Instead, she thanks God that Sheraya knows Jesus. She writes lists with a friend for “why bald is better.” She shares her journey in *Prodigal*, an online magazine, and corresponds with a stranger in the throes of insomnia due to chemo, who doesn’t know what is ahead, who is scared.

“I’ve really clung to Romans 8:30,” Bellows says. “Jesus was a suffering servant, and if we’re predestined to be that, there shouldn’t be a question of whether we’re serving through suffering. That’s our goal, to be a suffering servant. The way we do that is by loving God and loving others, with all our heart, soul and mind.”

Bellows does not know what’s around the next corner. As far as doctors can tell, her current treatment is working. What she does know, and she will tell you with absolute conviction, are these three things: 1) God did not give her cancer; 2) no one deserves cancer – but then, no one deserves health, either; 3) no matter what, she is predestined to be conformed to the image of God’s son.

While Bellows waits for her miracle, she focuses on the last.

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Visit [georgefox.edu/courage](http://georgefox.edu/courage) for an update from Haley with the very latest on her battle with cancer.

# A Passion for His People

Seminary graduate Joseph Marufu risks his own safety to care for the physical and spiritual needs of more than 30 churches in his native Zimbabwe

By Sara Kelm

Joseph Marufu sits on a bus, five boxes of anti-malarial medication on the seat next to him. He's been down this remote road many times before, and he knows they will be approaching a roadblock any moment now – the first of three that are normally set up along this route.

A pastor who serves more than 30 churches in the Binga and Jambezi districts of Zimbabwe, Marufu wonders what he will say to the government officials who will certainly question where he got the tablets, how he paid for them and if he is authorized to handle them. Only the answer to the final question really matters, and it's "no" – not officially, at least.

But that doesn't matter to Marufu. The hospitals and clinics in his ministry area desperately need this medicine, which people in the community have come to nickname "Marufu tablets." More than half the population of Zimbabwe is at risk for malaria, especially communities located far outside larger cities, and getting authorization to handle and distribute the tablets is difficult.

Marufu himself suffers from malaria, but he still takes the bus into the city of Bulawayo to buy the tablets from Chidamoyo Christian Hospital, using money donated by American churches. So despite being unable to obtain the paperwork necessary to legally conduct his ministry, he proceeds anyway, confident that he is sanctioned by a higher power.

"I believe God has authorized me because of the great compassion I have for people suffering from malaria," says Marufu. "I have no fear of handling and delivering the tablets because I know that the God who entrusted me with this work will surely protect me."

The bus passes the spot where Marufu expects to see the first roadblock and keeps moving. Then it passes the second location, and the third. Miraculously, there are no roadblocks, no government officials, no one to keep him from completing his mission.

"God is always great and amazing to me!" Marufu exclaims as he finishes the story. On this day, he is in the clear, and the people who desperately need medication will get it.

## A higher calling

Marufu was raised in Binga District, not far from where he now ministers. He was born into the Tonga tribe and became a Christian at age 8. He began evangelizing with his brothers at age 14, and that

year they planted a church that is still 90 members strong.

Beyond his work transporting anti-malarial medication, he is also involved in hunger relief, water work and discipleship training. Marufu has a heart for pastors and the spiritual needs of his community, as many in Zimbabwe are spiritually imprisoned by their tribal animistic beliefs. But often before he can address their spiritual needs, he must first meet their physical needs.

After studying at Zimbabwe Christian College, Marufu was a full-time pastor for 14 years before he felt "a higher calling." He saw "a great need to biblically train lay pastors and plant churches." Jim Fitch, a friend who Marufu met when Fitch visited Zimbabwe on a missions trip, offered to sponsor him so he could attend George Fox Evangelical Seminary to become better equipped for this mission.

So, in 2009, Marufu, his wife and three children came to America. The transition was difficult, mostly because of the weather and the language.

They were often sick and always cold.

Communication was also a challenge. "Most Americans were very fast in speaking and we were slow in understanding," recalls Marufu, who often felt uncertain of his English skills.

After a year, Marufu's family returned to Zimbabwe to live with his brother while he continued his studies, but not before the children discovered pizza and Marufu discovered the supportive seminary community. "Joseph didn't speak much in class, but when he did speak, others listened because of his very important words," says Darla Samuelson, Marufu's academic advisor during his time at the seminary.

And as his confidence, biblical knowledge and leadership skills grew, so too did his spiritual life. Marufu became a prayer warrior. "There is nothing impossible with God through faithful prayers," he says. This has been proven time and again in his ministry.

***'I know that the God who entrusted me with this work will surely protect me.'***





# Stories of Courage

## ***Back home, back to work***

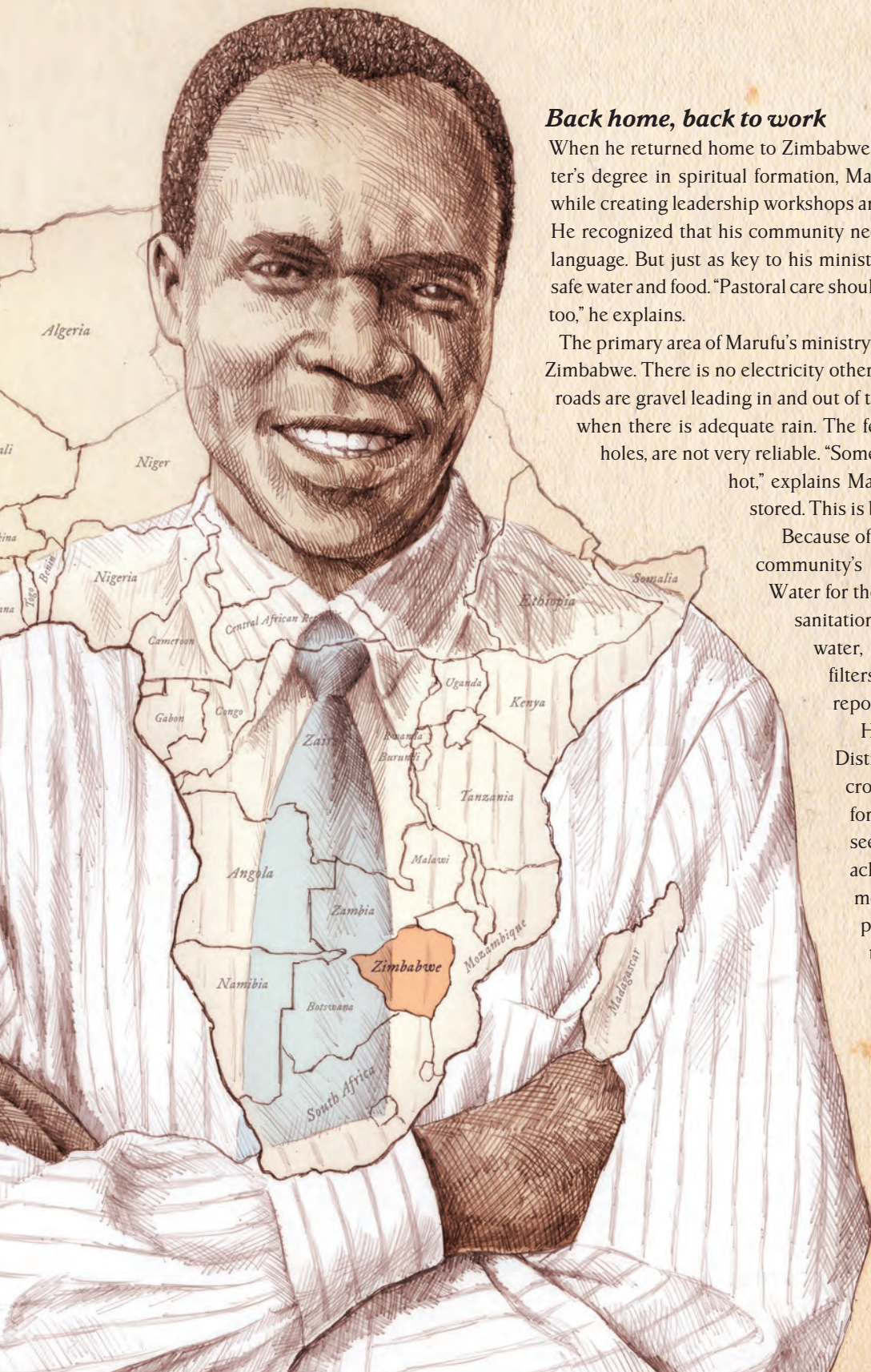
When he returned home to Zimbabwe in 2011, enabled and emboldened with a master's degree in spiritual formation, Marufu began to rebuild some of his ministries while creating leadership workshops and discipleship training for pastors in the area. He recognized that his community needed to be given Bibles in their own Tongan language. But just as key to his ministry were the provision of anti-malarial tablets, safe water and food. "Pastoral care should not only be expressed in words but in action, too," he explains.

The primary area of Marufu's ministry is located around Siadindi Village in northern Zimbabwe. There is no electricity other than the power solar panels provide, and the roads are gravel leading in and out of the village. The area is good farmland, but only when there is adequate rain. The few additional sources of water, such as boreholes, are not very reliable. "Sometimes they dry out in summer when it is very hot," explains Marufu. "The water forms brown crystals when stored. This is because of minerals underground."

Because of this, bio-sand filtration has become key to the community's health. Marufu has partnered with Friendly Water for the World, which provides training on filtration, sanitation and hygiene. About 50 households now have water, including a clinic and school. "Families with filters rejoice and enjoy drinking friendly water," reports Marufu.

He is also concerned about hunger. The Binga District receives little rainfall. Harvesting enough crops to last until the next harvest is a challenge for the community. "I was so much troubled to see God's people going to bed with empty stomachs for several days," says Marufu. "That made me be a beggar, asking for funds from donors to purchase [corn meal] and beans and distribute them to the hungry people."

Marufu's ministry has grown as he ministers to both the spiritual and physical needs of the people around him. In the last year, 141 people have been baptized as a result of food projects and crusades. While finances are tight, the Lord continues to bless him. Pastor Joseph Marufu is not afraid. After all, he has been authorized by God to do amazing works.



When tragedy struck on the battlefield, George Fox alumna Heidi Olson ('10) relied on her instincts and faith to save lives

By Jeremy Lloyd

Stories of  
Courage

Heidi Olson holds a baby while interacting with a family in Afghanistan as part of her unit's Female Engagement Team. "It was awesome to sit down and talk to those women and engage in their culture," she says.

# GRACE UNDER FIRE

The date was May 8, 2012, and Army Specialist Heidi Olson was with her platoon conducting routine operations in a small village outside Kandahar, Afghanistan. But in this war-ravaged part of the world there's no such thing as routine, and Olson felt uneasy.

"We were getting really bad feelings in the village," she says. "We just knew something was going on. Nobody was out, and the Afghan uniform police who were with us were talking kind of weird. It was very suspicious."

Olson, a combat medic, on this day

was serving as part of her unit's Female Engagement Team, tasked with meeting the needs of the country's largely marginalized female population and at the same time gathering valuable intelligence on the Taliban.

She waited with half her platoon just outside the dusty village behind a "grape row" – a wall made of mud covered by grape vines – while the rest of the unit cleared the area. Then, an explosion. Olson had only been deployed to Afghanistan for five months, but she knew this sound well – it was an IED.

"Dear God," she thought. "I hope it's not one of my guys."

## 'Dirt and blood were everywhere'

Olson ducked down as dirt and rock cascaded over the mud wall. Then, in an instant, training and instinct kicked in as she rushed into the village and right into the heart of the chaos. "There was tons of debris; it was hard to see," she recalls with vivid clarity. "You could smell the chemicals that they used to make it. Dirt and blood were everywhere."

Her worst fears were confirmed – her

unit's interpreter, part of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force, had been critically wounded.

It's military protocol to first clear an area of secondary IEDs before moving in, but Olson knew there wasn't time. Disregarding her own safety, she immediately went to work stabilizing her fallen comrade using the medical supplies she always stashed away in her assault pack, just in case.

As her hands worked, she prayed.

"In this job ... you are potentially seeing someone on their worst day," Olson says. "After someone has been seriously injured, it gives me an opportunity not just to physically patch them up, but to also pray over them and to pray with them."

Soon others, including another medic, rushed in to help secure the man and transport him to a helicopter for medical evacuation. Though badly injured, Olson would later learn that the man made it out alive. She had done her job.

### **Fade to black**

As the helicopter lifted off, Olson and two other soldiers started back to meet up with the rest of the platoon. "There was a lot of dust around so I bent my face forward to shield myself from it," she says. It was the last thing she would remember before the second blast. One of the soldiers with her had set off another IED, and Olson was hit. Peppered with shrapnel, she lay unconscious on the warm dirt.

"The next thing I know I'm laying on my back and there's a lot of dust around me," she recalls. Her first thought after recovering consciousness: "Dear God, I just lost my legs." A quick self-assessment alleviated her worst fears. Legs, check. Hands, check. Teeth, check. Then a prayer: "I said 'Thank you God,' because it could have been a lot worse."

Olson knew her face was badly damaged – she could only see out of her right eye. She asked one of the nearby soldiers if her left eye was still there. He said yes, but Olson wasn't convinced. "Don't sugarcoat it!" she barked. "Is my eye there?" He again answered in the affirmative.

"Of course I didn't believe him," Olson says, "but at this point I had no life-threatening injuries – what needs to be done?" She saw that the other two soldiers who were hit were being attended to but no one was pulling security, so Olson picked herself up and grabbed a rifle. Once the area was secure, she turned her attention to assisting in the treatment of the two critically wounded men. In the chaos, no one noticed Olson's injuries for nearly 15 minutes. "I tried to sneak away because I didn't want to get medevaced out, but a flight medic snagged me up and made sure I got on the bird," she says.

Olson didn't go quietly. "I knew my guys were still in harm's way," she says. "I didn't want to leave them vulnerable like that."

### **Hesitant hero**

Now stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Fort Lewis, Wash., after being treated for her injuries at the San Antonio Military Medical Center, Olson continues to work and train, leading a crew of medics in simulations and field exercises.

Her injuries included shrapnel and burns to her face and left eye, and shrapnel to her left hip, left shoulder, left arm and chest. "Other than that, I'm pretty lucky," she says.

She still suffers from some vision loss and nerve damage to her face that makes her hypersensitive to weather changes and spicy foods, but you get the feeling Olson would much rather deal with those ailments than be recognized yet again for her courage on that fateful day in Afghanistan.

In addition to receiving a Purple Heart for the wounds she sustained in battle, in February 2013 Olson was awarded a Bronze Star for her heroic actions. Then, in July, there was an invitation to the White

**Olson doesn't think she's a hero, but others would disagree. In February 2013 she was awarded a Bronze Star for her courageous actions in Afghanistan, and then in July there was an invitation to the White House, where the president told her, "I'm proud of you."**



House to meet President Barack Obama, where the commander in chief told Olson, "I'm proud of you." The president also mentioned Olson's bravery in his Fourth of July address as she stood in the audience. "I had a deer in the headlights look," she recalls. "What do I do? Do I wave? Do I smile?"

"I'm not big on the spotlight," she says. "Honestly I don't feel like I deserve it. I did what any competent medic in that situation would do. I did my job that day."

### **'A light in a dark place'**

A self-described "history nerd" who during her time at George Fox studied

under the likes of professors Kerry Irish, Caitlin Corning and Paul Otto on her way to a degree in history in 2010, Olson almost pursued a career as a teacher before making the decision to enlist in the military. "I decided I'd rather be a part of history than teach it," she says.

She credits her professors for inspiring her to pursue her passion for service. "Their passion for what they do ... inspired me to pursue something that I love," she says. "It's more important to love what you do than to be wealthy."

Olson, who reenlisted in November, is ready as ever to be deployed, even as U.S. forces continue with the planned draw-down in Afghanistan. Wherever she's called to serve, Olson believes the need for strong Christians in the military is greater now than ever.

"In the military, especially over the last 12 years we've been at war, there's a lot of need for the understanding of God's grace," she says. "There's a lot of anger there, a lot of hurt. ... I have an opportunity to work side by side with these guys in dangerous situations and share God's grace and God's love, to be a light in a dark place."

# SWIMMING WITH THE SHARK



## **"SHARK" FACTS:**

Age: 35

Home: Camas, Wash.

Family: Wife Shayna (married 11 years), daughter Mia (5) and son Kyrie (2)

Favorite Teams: Trail Blazers, Ducks (football), Miami Dolphins, Toronto Blue Jays

Favorite All-Time Basketball Player: Gary Payton

# THE UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM ENTERS A NEW ERA WITH THE HIRING OF MACO "SHARK" HAMILTON

By Sean Patterson

Maco Hamilton is a self-described "laid-back dude" who becomes a different person at tip-off. Suddenly, this reserved, mild-mannered father of two finds himself fist-pumping and chest-bumping his players, leaping for joy after a nail-biting win. A state-championship-winning coach at the high school level, "Coach Shark" presses for an up-tempo, frenetic style of play on the court and a commitment to good citizenship off it.

The *Journal* sat down with Hamilton to hear his basketball story, get his thoughts on why he came to George Fox and find out what's up with that nickname.

## **Tell me your basketball story. How did you get involved in the game?**

My earliest memory is, as a 2-year-old, shooting at a mini Nerf basketball hoop. We had a curtain rod with a gap, and I'd take a sock and put tape around it and shoot it into the gap. Basketball was innate with me, and I was fortunate enough to play it all through college. I played D-I [Eastern Washington], community college [Mt. Hood Community College] and small college [Eastern Oregon].

## **Why do you love the game so much?**

It requires everyone to play together and be in sync with one another. When that happens, it's such a beautiful thing to watch.

## **What was your favorite basketball moment?**

Without question, when I won a state championship (in 2010, as head coach at Union High School of Camas, Wash.). Those four days in Tacoma were magical. We won the final 52-51 when our best player hit two free throws with eight seconds left. We beat Enumclaw, who was undefeated and ranked No. 1, so it was a monumental upset. We became the first non-metro (Seattle area) team to win it. You could say it was a Washington state version of *Hoosiers*. It was the pinnacle for me.

## **In light of your success at Union, why make the move to George Fox?**

It was an agonizing decision. I had no reason to leave. ... But I was blown away by everyone I met at George Fox and the commitment to athletics here. You could just sense there is a genuine desire to see the basketball program take off. And lastly, the institution itself. The values of the school match up with who I am.

## **What are your goals for the 2013-14 season?**

First and foremost, to establish an identity – a culture – of what I want to see. That's even more important than how many wins we get this year. The goal is to build a great program that competes on a national level, and there has to be a foundation. I want this group of guys to be that foundation. When that is established, the winning and losing will be a byproduct of that.

## **What are your long-term goals?**

I never set goals in terms of intrinsic values and awards, like "We're going for this number of wins." Yes I want to compete for a league title and be a national contender each year, but my ultimate goal is to build a sustainable program – one in which we're consistent in the way we play and the way kids carry themselves in the community.

## **Describe your coaching style.**

We get up and down the floor, we attack defensively, press the entire game, play a style that's fun to watch and fun to play. As a person, I'm a laid-back dude. As a coach, I'm enthusiastic. You'll see me on the sidelines, jumping up and down, animated – but not in a negative or derogatory way. I just get excited.

## **What is your coaching philosophy?**

My philosophy is simple: Connect and build relationships with young men and help in their development. Ten years from now, unless we win a national title, people aren't going to remember what the 2013-14 team did. What they'll remember is if the guys from that team made an impact on society. I want guys leaving the program feeling like they've grown, matured, so they can be great husbands, fathers, employees and leaders.

## **What role does faith play in coaching?**

Faith is huge in my life and is the reason I coach. For me, this is my ministry field. It's where God has called me to be impactful and help change lives. We all have gifts, and I think the Lord uses those gifts to better our world and advance his kingdom. We often think ministry is just being in a third-world country, handing out Bibles or serving in a church. I don't agree with that. Whatever you do you can impact people's lives and show God's love. Coaching is that for me.

## **What's with the "Shark" nickname?**

It got started at Mountain View High School, where I coached, and a couple guys started calling me "Shark" because Mako is a type of shark. All of a sudden, it became what everyone called me. Coaches started calling me that. Teachers did, and then students. To be honest, now when someone calls me "Maco," I think to myself, "That person doesn't know me very well."

## **What are your first impressions of George Fox?**

The people here have been great to me. ... My hope is that we can generate a lot of excitement not only on campus but with our alumni – and particularly among those guys who played here. We want to bring them back and for them to proudly say, "That's George Fox – that's where I went to school and played ball."

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Visit [georgefox.edu/CoachShark](http://georgefox.edu/CoachShark) to read the full interview.



## 1960–69

**Barbara Morse** (G62), who began her work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in 1977 after 13 years teaching in the Northwest and in South America, continues her work with Wycliffe and its affiliate, SIL (Summer Institute of Linguistics), but now on a “reduced assignment.” With her home near SIL offices in Tucson, Ariz., she works part time locating and communicating with Hispanic church pastors in the U.S. and Canada via the website ScriptureEarth.org about resources available to their churches.

## 1970–79

**Peggy (Stands) Fowler** (G73) is chair of the board of Umpqua Holdings Corp., which announced in September it is buying Spokane-based Sterling Financial Corp in a \$2 billion transaction, making it the largest bank headquartered in Oregon. Fowler was president of Portland General Electric until her retirement in 2009 after 35 years with the company, eight as CEO.

**Jim Jackson** (G74), after 14-plus years as a development officer with George Fox, now is with Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate in Newberg as a real estate specialist and broker. He joined the firm in June. He continues as a fundraising consultant for Camp Tilikum and as a member of the Guardian Council for Faith in Action/Providence Newberg Health Foundation.

**Frank Kyte** (G75), after 20 years as assistant athletic trainer for the Kansas City Royals baseball organization, is now assistant athletic trainer at Park University in Parkville, Mo. He began his association with the Royals with 10 seasons in the minor leagues, serving as athletic trainer for teams in Eugene, Ore.; Baseball City, Fla.; Memphis, Tenn.; Wichita, Kan.; and Omaha, Neb., then spent four seasons as the Royals’ major and minor league rehabilitation coordinator.

**Paul Fodge** (G77), after 33 years teaching high school mathematics in the Yamhill-Carlton (Ore.) School District (ending in 2010), has moved to the dual role of teaching math and providing carpentry work at George Fox University. He has served in both those roles part time for the last eight years. He has a master’s degree from Western Oregon University.

**David Shawa** (G78) is medical director of SHARP Treatment of South Bay in Torrance, Calif., a pain management health center. A board-certified physician licensed to practice pain management and anesthesiology, he also holds hospital affiliations at Torrance Memorial Medical Center and Little Company of Mary Medical Center. He specializes in trigger point injections, epidural steroid injections, spinal cord stimulation and radiofrequency denervation.

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## 1980–89

**Doug Linscott** (G80) and his wife, Wendy, are in South Africa working with Ethembeni (Zulu for “Place of Hope”), an HIV/AIDS ministry near the town of Howick in the Kwa Zulu Natal Province. They are working with victims and families, many refugees from Zimbabwe, on a three- to five-year assignment with World Outreach Ministries. Their work includes evangelism, teaching Bible classes and helping feed those in need.

**Jeff Getsinger** (n81) has been named senior pastor at Northside Community Church in Newberg. He became administrative pastor at the Free Methodist-affiliated church 12 years ago after years directing Boyes Janitorial Company in Newberg.

**Kenneth Altman** (G85) is in Chesapeake, Va., where he is head of the new Virginia offices of Cine’ Foundry Production Services. The company specializes in film and television production services. He is a producer and production manager and also provides services such as camera rentals, electric and grip gear rentals, staffing and crewing. He has a 20-year background in media production, including work with network and cable television programs.

**Jeff Bieker** (n85) is owner/president of Assurety NW Insurance in Portland, a full-service property casualty, bonding and employee benefits agency. He is in his 32nd year as an insurance agent.

**Sally Freeman** (G86) was honored in September by the Clatsop County (Ore.) Board of Commissioners for her volunteer work with Classy Canines. She is leader of a dog club that trains both dogs and the youth involved. Among the club’s projects was raising funds to provide pet oxygen masks for local fire departments. She has been a park ranger at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park in Fort Clatsop, Ore., since 1989.



## Horton Earns Reputation as ‘Concierge of the Valley’

Most people would get nervous sharing the red carpet at the Emmys with the likes of Carson Daly and Tina Fey, but for **Paul Horton** (G94), it was all in a day’s work.

After all, Horton is the morning host for CBS 5 News on KPHO in Phoenix, and interviewing is part of his daily routine, from government officials and civic leaders to athletes and entertainers visiting the city. He’s billed on his station as “Concierge of the Valley” after appearing on the air in more than 1,000 live shots in the metro area.

“At first, I was really nervous,” says Horton, who started at the station in 2007 as a meteorologist. “But now I’ve had more practice and there is no reason to be nervous; I do a lot of prep work.”

A native of Portland, Horton started college with a music scholarship and also took business classes. “That was not clicking,” he says. That’s when he noticed and was intrigued by students he saw with cameras and microphones moving around campus for interviews as part of communications courses. He decided to try some broadcast classes and was hooked.

A microphone in hand is how many of his George Fox classmates may remember Horton. For two years he was the volunteer public address announcer for Bruin basketball games. “I was interested in broadcasting,” he says. “And, I was a good talker.”

Horton parlayed that experience into becoming the rink voice of the Portland Winterhawks ice hockey team. He then secured a job with a Portland radio station and later became an intern at Portland TV station KGW, helping out as a teleprompter operator, floor director and weather producer.

That wasn’t his first brush with weather. While in the Virgin Islands in 1989, he survived Hurricane Hugo, huddled with his father in the bathroom of their small home. He realized the importance of a meteorologist’s job and that stuck with him. After graduating from George Fox he went to

Mississippi State University and earned his meteorology certificate. That led to jobs in Kennewick, Spokane and Seattle, Wash., and Cincinnati before landing in Phoenix in 2007.

Now a local celebrity in his own right, Horton is using his notoriety to promote an annual car wash that has raised more than \$400,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Arizona.



### KEY

- G** Traditional graduate
- n** Traditional nongraduate
- MA** Master of arts
- MS** Master of science
- MAT** Master of arts in teaching
- DMgt** Doctor of management
- 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
- ADP** Adult Degree Program

**Curtis Kimbrough** (G87) is pastor of Unity Church in Vancouver, Wash., and also CEO of Unity Center, a nonprofit agency. He shares his story and positive message in person across the country as a motivational speaker and teacher. His book, *It’s Okay to Climb the Mountain*, details his struggles and successes coming from a family of seven children raised by a single mother in inner-city Indianapolis.

**Polly (Meyer) Peterson** (G89, MEd06) is visiting assistant professor of English for this academic year at George Fox University, where she has been serving as an adjunct instructor for the last 11 years. She has helped develop and teach courses for

the university’s Educational Foundations and Leadership program and has previous experience as an English teacher in Newberg public schools.

### 1990–99

**Andrea (Dorr) Maurer** (G91) and **Jonathan Maurer** (G92) have returned to Oregon after 17 years in Greenwood, Ind. They live in Keizer, where she works with First Call Home Health agency, after 12 years with Community Home Health Care in Greenwood. He is now minister of music at Salem Evangelical Church after previously serving 15 years as director of worship min-



istries at Glens Valley United Methodist Church in Indiana.

**David Simonsen (G92)** is a marriage and family therapist in Olympia, Wash., where he has established Creative Solutions Consulting. After George Fox, he received a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Seattle Pacific University, then a PhD in family psychology from Capella University in Minneapolis.

**Eldred Brown (G93)** in July began a one-year term as the downtown division governor for District 7 Toastmasters, part of the international organization with the mission of empowering members to develop communication and leadership skills. He supervises a team of area governors within the division that encompasses parts of Oregon, Washington and California. He works as a software validation engineer, most recently with Kelley Services.

**Alan Fletcher (MBA95)** in September was formally appointed executive director of Commonwealth Utilities Corp., based in Saipan. It provides power, water and wastewater services to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota. Fletcher joined the corporation in 2011 as deputy executive director. He has 30 years experience in the field, previously working in districts in Washington and Oregon.

**Lisa (Wilson) Graziano (ADP95)** has released a new book, *Parallel Dimensions*, a paranormal suspense novel fictionally based on her own experiences. It was published by her own company, Graziano Productions, in Pipe Creek, Texas, where she lives. In 2005, New Dominion Pictures picked up a ghost story she had written for a website and produced "Ghost Soldier," which aired on Discovery Channel's *A Haunting* series.

**Tricia Gates Brown (G96, MA97)** published the essay "The Eighth Sacrament" in the spring 2013 issue of *Portland Magazine*, and "Written Off" in the spring 2013 issue of *Geez Magazine*. She is the author of *Jesus Loves Women: A Memoir of Body and Spirit*, published by DreamSeeker Books.

**Karen Humber (MAT96)** and her husband, Fred, started July 1 as new co-pastors of Peninsula Church of the Nazarene in Long Beach, Wash. She previously was an associate pastor (for administration) at Celebration Tabernacle in Portland for 17 years. They plan to strengthen the outreach of the church, which currently feeds more than 200 meals weekly to those in need.

**David Parker (G96)** has joined Alexander Street Press in Alexandria, Va., as publisher for business products. He has 14 years of experience in e-learning and library products, founding Business Expert Press in New York in 2008 and serving as its president after being editor-in-chief at Pearson Education in New Jersey. In his new position he will pair traditional business materials with previously undiscovered content to deliver digital teaching and learning products to faculty and students.

**Todd Payne (G96)** and **Rebecca (Martin) Payne (n97)** are working to bring theatre to the rural Palouse region of Northern Idaho and Eastern Oregon, establishing APOD Productions, a nonprofit theatre group, in 2010. They have produced nine main-stage productions with Todd as artistic director and Rebecca as producer and costume designer for the shows. They also teach acting classes and workshops to local children and teens in their hometown of Potlatch, Idaho. They moved to the Palouse area in 2005 after performing and producing in the Portland area, founding Twilight Theatre Group and producing with Family Theatre Productions.

**Tim Goodfellow (G97)** has been promoted to the position of executive director of institutional technology at George Fox University. He moves up from the position of programmer analyst.

**Jason Ogden (G97)**, a 15-year veteran with the Sweet Home (Ore.) Police Department, has been promoted to sergeant of the patrol division. For the last four years he has served primarily as a detective, mostly in drug and property crimes. He also is one of four pastors at the Valley Life Church in Lebanon, Ore.

**Berkeley Shorthill (G97)** is visiting assistant professor of chemistry at George Fox University for the fall semester. Previously, for two years, he was an English teacher with Candlelight Language and Vocational Training Center in Vientiane, Laos, where he and his wife served with Marketplace Ministries of Colorado Springs, Colo. He earned a PhD in organic chemistry and molecular recognition in 2004 from Penn State University.

**Desiree McCullough (G98)** was one of 500 teachers across the nation selected to attend a five-day program this summer at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The session was designed to show participants how to navigate online offerings and incorporate them into lessons. An English and creative writing teacher at Warden Middle School in Central Washington, she plans to work with fellow teachers to show them how to take full advantage of national library offerings.

**Jack Hardy (MBA99)** has joined the broadband communications company Charter as senior manager of field communications, responsible for media relations, external communications and community outreach for the firm's Northwest and Mountain States markets. He is based in Vancouver, Wash. Previously, Hardy was communications manager for the Port of Camas-Washougal, Wash., for four years. He also operates his own public relations consulting agency.

## 2000-09

**Timothy Ewest (MBA00, DMgt09)** is in his fourth year as visiting research fellow at Princeton University's Faith and Work Initiative, working with director David Miller. They have published chapters this year in two edited volumes: *Handbook of Faith and Spirituality in the Workplace: Emerging Research and Practice* and *Dimensions of Teaching Business Ethics in Asia*. He lives in Waverly, Iowa, where he is associate professor of business administration at Wartburg College.





**Erin (Oates) Johnson (G01)** this year is assistant professor of social work at George Fox after serving as an adjunct in the social work program since 2009 while also working as a family play therapist. Previously she was a family therapist, an individual therapist intern and a community support case manager, all in Beverly, Mass. Her husband, **Jamie Johnson (G00)**, is associate pastor of Christian leadership in the George Fox Office of Spiritual Life.

**Daniel Schmoll (MA01)** has authored *More: A Better Life Than You Dreamed Of*, published through Xulon Press, the world's largest Christian self-publisher. Emphasizing that God desires His children to live abundantly, he provides tools to allow readers to rise above circumstances. He is in his 13th year as pastor of Scappoose (Ore.) Foursquare Church.

**Bree Stairs (G01)** is back on campus as an area coordinator for George Fox University student housing. For the last two years she was a youth pastor at River Life Covenant Church in Sacramento, Calif. She has previous experience as a resident director at North Park University in Chicago (2006-08), while earning a master's degree in Christian formation from North Park Theological Seminary.

**David Kilian (G02, MAT03)** has been named head coach for cross country and track and field at Warner Pacific College in Portland. He moves from head boys and girls track and field coach at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore., where his girls won three straight Mt. Hood Conference championships and finished runner-up in this year's 6A OSAA championship meet. His boys squad won four consecutive conference championships from 2009 to 2012.

**Jeff Kirksey (G02)** has been named vice president for student development and retention at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, Mass. He began July 1 after serving two years as dean of admission and retention at Houghton College in New York, and the two prior years as director of major gifts at Houghton. He started his academic career in admissions at George Fox, then

## Buckner-Webb Breaks Down Barriers

When **Cherie Buckner-Webb (ADP97)** was 7, the Ku Klux Klan burned a cross in her family's front yard. Refusing to give in to scare tactics, her mother retrieved it and put it on the fireplace mantle in their Boise, Idaho, home to keep it as a visible reminder.

That hostile start is far from where Buckner-Webb now finds herself in relationship to her fellow Idahoans. Claiming a landslide victory each time she's been up for election, she is Idaho's first African-American state legislator.

In her first try at politics in 2010, she was elected to the state's house of representatives by a 70 percent margin. Last year, she handily won the race for an open senate seat. One of just five women in the 35-member senate, Buckner-Webb was elected minority caucus (Democratic) chair in her first year.

In addition to her government service, Buckner-Webb works full time as founder and principal of Sojourner Coaching in Boise. As a certified professional coach, she assists and supports professionals in career development and also serves as a consultant for business, education and community organizations.

She started Sojourners in 2007 after spending five years as culture and diversity global program manager for

Hewlett-Packard. Earlier, she spent 11 years with Boise Cascade as Idaho region procurement manager. During that time, she decided to finish her college degree in George Fox's adult degree program in Boise. "[My degree] had to be completed," she says. "George Fox's adult degree program was a godsend to me."

After earning her degree and a new job, Buckner-Webb became heavily involved in civic activities, including helping found the Idaho Black History Museum. She also serves on several boards, ranging from the Silver Sage Girl Scouts Council to the

Idaho Human Rights Education Center. Her hours of community service won her the Idaho Jefferson Award for Public Service in 2010.

The recognition doesn't stop there. This spring, she was named Idaho's 2013 Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc. That ceremony followed an appearance the same week in which the accomplished gospel, jazz and blues vocalist sang "America the Beautiful" at the celebration of the sesquicentennial of the Idaho Territory.

"It's never dull," Buckner-Webb says of her many activities. "I believe we should leave a legacy."



moved to Baylor University and Geneva College. He has begun doctoral studies in organizational leadership at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa.

**John Knox (MAT02)** is visiting assistant professor of biblical studies at George Fox this year after serving for the last 10 years as an adjunct professor. For the last three years he also has been teaching online graduate theology courses for Liberty Seminary, and since 2006 he has served as an adjunct professor of humanities at Multnomah University in Portland. This fall he pub-

lished a short Christian history novel, *The Letter of Alon*.

**Rachel (Miller) Aichele (G03, MAT07)** was hired this fall as a special education instructional assistant at Middleton Elementary School in Sherwood, Ore.

**Mindy (Venable) Hammond (G03)** and **Chris Hammond (G08)** live in Newberg, where she is junior varsity girls soccer coach at Newberg High School and a nanny and he is an electrical engineer with TZ Medical, designing heart monitors.



**Benjamin Gorman** (MAT04) is an English teacher at Central High School in Independence, Ore. He also has four short stories available as Kindle editions on Amazon, and his first novel, *The Sum of Our Gods*, is scheduled for release in November by his own publishing company. He is a member of Willamette Writers and attended the Oregon Writing Project, part of the National Writing Project.

**Brian Cottrell** (G05), after spending time in Boise, Idaho, has returned to China for a ninth time, this year teaching English at the Nanchang University School of Software. His first trip was with George Fox's China Studies Program.

**Nancy Kelly-Culbertson** (G05) is a registered nurse at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica, Calif., after earning a nursing degree from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

**Ana Moroshan** (ADP05) is the new manager for the Nampa, Idaho, branch of Home Federal Bank. She has 13 years experience in banking, the most recent as branch manager at Key Bank in Nampa. She is responsible for branch operations, increasing core deposits and loans, and managing client relationships.

**Scott Simmons** (MBA05) has been named vice president of manufacturing and global supply chain for Leupold & Stevens, Inc. in Beaverton, Ore. The optics company's products include rifle, handgun and spotting scopes, binoculars, rangefinders and trail cameras. He previously was vice president of engineering, quality and operations for Climax Portable Machining and Welding Systems in Newberg.

**Nick Chapman** (G06) has been named head women's soccer coach at Beloit College in Wisconsin, moving from Bay Path College in Longmeadow, Mass., where for two seasons he was head women's soccer coach and assistant athletic director for recruiting. Previously, he was an assistant women's soccer coach at Regis University in Denver and Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, N.Y. Before entering college

## Meeko Combats Suicide with Comics

In a nation that has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, **Andy Meeko** (DMin02) is coming to the rescue with, of all things, a comic book.

Meeko is in Japan with Campus Crusade for Christ and also directs Family Life Japan. He was in the country two years ago when the devastating 9.0 earthquake and tsunami struck, launching 30-foot waves, wiping out villages,

killing an estimated 15,883 and causing damage estimated at \$300 billion.

Suicides in Japan jumped 21 percent in the two months after the disaster. In the city of Fukushima, which took the brunt of the damage, suicides increased 40 percent in the weeks following the catastrophe. Although not at the same level today, suicide rates continue to be high.

"After the disaster, there was a growing sense of gloom in Fukushima," Meeko says. "Giving people books to help survivors did not make sense because many people could not comprehend them in their current state of shock."

That's when he came up with the idea to create his own "manga," a popular Japanese-style comic book. He has teamed up with Medical Teams International and CRASH Japan to start the life-saving suicide prevention program, which has helped train more than 1,100 volunteers who provide "soul care" to disaster victims coping with their sadness.

The manga encourages readers to view the Japanese My Last Day website and a nine-minute anime-influenced film of the same name. The graphic story follows two friends as they journey across Japan on motorcycles, one man trying to change his suicidal friend's views on life.

Meeko, a second-generation missionary in Japan whose parents arrived in 1947, has been ministering there since 1986. "We train people as community caregivers, reaching the depressed, anxious and suicidal – plus we train them to share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ," he says.

He, his wife and four children rode out the earthquake in Tokyo. He says they were "barely able to stand up." Their summer home in the tsunami zone still stands, but the surrounding neighborhoods were obliterated.



coaching, the four-year Bruin soccer starter was head girls soccer coach at Newberg High School.

**Bryan Cobb** (G06) was the lead author of a new study published in the *Annals of Biomedical Engineering* in July titled "Head Impact Exposure in Youth Football." The study, which was recently featured in *The New York Times*, showed that youth football players are not more vulnerable to head hits in games if they take part in fewer contact drills during practices.

Cobb, a graduate research assistant at Virginia Tech for the last year, works with the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest Center for Injury Biomechanics.

**Saurra (Olesen) Heide** (G06, MEd09) returned to George Fox University this summer as associate director of clinical practices in the College of Education, where she manages teacher candidate and practicum placements, matching candidate and school needs. She also coordinates communication between K-12 schools and



the College of Education. Since 2007 she was with the Greater Albany (Ore.) Public School District as a second- through fourth-grade teacher and coordinator of the Talented and Gifted program.

**John Hossler (G06)** is in his second year as assistant professor of mathematics at Seattle Pacific University. In 2012 he received a PhD in mathematics and statistics from the University of Montana, where he also was a pre-doctoral teaching assistant.

**John Middleton (G06, MBA07)** is right at home in his new location – Middleton, Mass., near Boston – where he relocated after being promoted to director of eCommerce at Appleseed's. He also leads eCommerce programs for The Tog Shop and LinenSource, all part of the Orchard Brands portfolio. Previously, he was with Orchard Brands in Tucson as eCommerce marketing manager.

**Steve Fulton (MAT07)**, a computer science and information technologies teacher at Tigard (Ore.) High School, has created a new program that allows his students to become certified in their field of interest. In cooperation with Mentor Graphics of Wilsonville, Ore., his program helps students overcome limited work experience and show their potential to prospective employers. He is in his seventh year at Tigard since retiring in 2004 from the U.S. Navy after 24 years.

**Daniel Bennett (G08)** is a lecturer at the University of Washington/Tacoma, teaching courses in law and American politics. He began Sept. 1 after receiving a PhD in political science at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Ill. His doctoral field was public law and his research interests are in religion and politics, law and society, and social movements. He was a four-year graduate teaching assistant at SIU Carbondale.

**Brian Ross (DMin08)**, founding pastor of the Koinos Community Church in Sinking Spring, Pa., has a new church facility for his 275-member congregation. The

church, now located in what used to be a graphic plant, held its opening service in September. Established in 2004, the church is about 70 miles from Philadelphia and is part of the Anabaptist Brethren in Christ denomination.

**Corina (Warner) Burke (G09)** is an enrollment and career services assistant in the George Fox University Career Services department. She started on a temporary basis in February. Previously she was a project coordinator with Spirit Media of Happy Valley, Ore., where she managed multimedia production, website development and marketing/market research for the marketing agency. She joins her husband, **Ethan Burke (G10)**, who began at George Fox in 2011 as a media production specialist.

**Glenn Miller (ADP09, MBA11)** in May was elected to the Hillsboro (Ore.) School District Board of Directors, becoming one of seven members guiding Oregon's fourth-largest school system. He is a senior business systems analyst with Viasystems, a manufacturer of printed circuit boards and electro-mechanical solutions in Forest Grove, Ore. He defeated two other candidates for the four-year position.

**Allison (Spotts) Vesterfelt (MAT09)** is author of a new book, *Packing Light: Thoughts on Life With Less Baggage*, published by Moody Publishers. The memoir-style, first-person narrative describes quitting her full-time job, selling all her possessions and visiting all 50 states to achieve her dream of writing a book. She lives near Minneapolis, where she is managing editor of *Prodigal Magazine*, an online platform for storytellers. She is also a freelance writer and editor.

## 2010–13

**Shanette Owen (G10)** is the first resident of Lebanon, Ore., to enroll in the city's College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest, which enrolled its third class this fall. It is her first step toward becoming a doctor of osteopathy. She is also co-pastor, with her husband, Trevor, of the

Lebanon Free Methodist Church. Her interest in medical school grew as she pastored church members, many at bedside in the hospital, and realized she could blend ministry and medicine.

**Downen Raynor (MBA10)** in May became engineering sales manager for Houston Structures, based in Hubbard, Ore. He is responsible for global field sales activities for the company that supplies cast, forged, machined and fabricated structural support products worldwide. Previously he was global project manager for ESCO Corporation for one year after 10 years in the advance management development program with Precision Castparts, both in Portland.

**Greg Tardieu (EdD10)** in July became principal of George Washington I Middle School in Alexandria, Va. A former history teacher, he previously served three years as principal of North Middle School after two years as principal of Fleming Middle School, both in Grants Pass, Ore. At both schools he received recognition for his work in closing the achievement gap for students and raising academic rigor.

**Libby Boatwright (DMin11)** was associate pastor at Lake Grove (Ore.) Presbyterian Church for 10 years before leaving in August to attend Stanford University, where she plans to become certified as a chaplain. In the years leading up to her departure, she was heavily involved in the creation of Oakridge Park, an apartment building for seniors on fixed incomes that opened in Lake Oswego, Ore., in 2011. The facility has allowed many seniors to continue to live in their city and not leave churches and friends.

**John Stumbo (DMin11)** has been elected the 12th president of The Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination in the United States, heading more than 2,000 churches with 417,000 members. He has served the Alliance for more than 30 years, including as pastor, administrator and district superintendent. He has been a frequent contributor to *Alliance Life* maga-



## 'How I Got Stephen King to Hang Out at My School'

That was the title of **Kristina (Mattox) Peterson's** (MAT08) blog post after the prolific author of 50 novels volunteered to visit her high school English class in Exeter, N.H. "I never thought I'd ever write that line," wrote Peterson, whose blog post was picked up by the website *The Inspired Classroom*. "The prolific Stephen King, a man so ingrained in our cultural consciousness, popped into my high school yesterday for a visit. No fanfare. No press. Just Steve, rolling up in his Ford, a new book, *Joyland*, in hand, clad in a baseball hat and T-shirt."



King's visit was a tightly kept secret from the students and the public. Peterson communicated with King's secretary a year ago last fall, asking if he'd like to come for a visit. He was intrigued; Peterson was centering her entire semester around his 1978 novel *The Stand* in her class. In May, Peterson received a call back to work out visit details. "We bought him lunch – a roast beef sandwich and a Diet Pepsi. ..." she wrote. "We chatted for 40 minutes. He signed a few books and took some funny pictures. He was amazing. Humble, funny, down-to-earth."

After lunch, King, whose books have sold more than 350 million copies, visited Peterson's Great Works class for a private session with her students. "I had lied to them for the past few months," Peterson shared on her blog. "They thought we were having an end-of-the-year party and thought King had agreed to answer questions through email."

"He shook all their hands, amidst tears, screams, and sheer, unadulterated joy," Peterson continued. After the hour with her class, Peterson led King to the school's auditorium, where gathered students thought they were going to hear from a local writer. The reaction as King entered? "The screams from the crowd were enormous," she wrote. He spent 15 minutes reading, then the rest of the hour answering questions.

"I still can't believe he came," she wrote. "I don't think anything will ever top spending the day with Stephen King."

zine and has authored two books, *In The Midst* and *An Honest Look at a Mysterious Journey*.

**Keisha Gordon** (G12) is visit coordinator for the undergraduate admissions office at George Fox. She joined the department this fall after spending the last year with Chehalem Youth and Family Services in Newberg as a mentoring hub program manager. She is also assistant coach for the George Fox women's basketball team after

playing for the Bruins from 2009 to 2012 and finishing her career as the university's all-time leader in points and steals.

**Jessica Magill** (G12) is in her first year of medical school at Loma Linda University in the Riverside, Calif., area. She is excited and passionate about pursuing the medical school's mission "to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ."

**Julie Russell** (MA12) in August opened Compassionate Counseling Center in

Tigard, Ore., rehabbing a dental office abandoned for more than a decade. The four counselors focus on cognitive behavioral therapy. Before receiving her degree, Russell reared her children through high school then was a travel agent, adoption counselor and counselor for LDS Family Services. She specializes in individual, couples, teens, children and family therapy.

**Paul Smith** (MBA12) in August became director of marketing for Intercorp, based in Los Angeles (Orange), Calif. The firm, with seven distribution centers nationwide, is a leading distributor of fasteners (woodworking, drywall, concrete and cement board screws). Previously, he was a management consultant in Southern California and worked with several firms in the Portland area, building new websites.

**Kelsey Bennett** (G13) has stayed at her alma mater after graduating in May from George Fox. She is an accounting specialist II in the office of financial affairs/human resources. She was an accounting clerk as a student worker in 2012 and 2013. Her degree is in both accounting and finance.

**Sean Jany** (G13) and **Whitney (Helikson) Jany** (G13) live in Beaverton, Ore., where he is a shipping and distribution assistant at Columbia Sportswear in Portland and she teaches third grade at Life Christian School in Aloha, Ore.

**Kate (Freiheit) Mann** (G13) is with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Portland as Westside south area representative. She joined the six-member staff this fall and has been involved with the organization since 2008. She continues to train and race in hopes of qualifying for the 2020 Olympic Marathon Trials.

**Rebecca (Kinzig) Williams** (n13) has returned to George Fox to serve as enrollment manager at the Portland Center. As a student employee, she previously worked in the George Fox registrar's office from 2009-11. She graduated this spring from Harding University in Searcy, Ark., where she also worked in its registrar's office, advising students, maintaining files and helping plan graduation events.



## JUST MARRIED

**Monica Schreffler** (G96) and Alexander Seidel, Nov. 4, 2012, in Kirkland, Wash.

**Erin McKinney** (G00) and Stephen Moreno, July 27, 2012, in Hillsboro, Ore.

**Margaret Potter** (G02) and Donald Lowe, March 9, 2013, in San Diego.

**Rachel Miller** (G03, MAT07) and Thomas Aichele, June 29, 2013, in Snohomish, Wash.

**Mindy Venable** (G03) and **Chris Hammond** (G08), May 26, 2013, in Keizer, Ore.

**Fairlight Ankeny** (G05) and Aaron Morelli, July 20, 2013, in Yamhill, Ore.

**Nancy Kelly** (G05) and James Culberson, July 21, 2013, in Portland.

**Kaylene Phillips** (G11) and Michael Durfee, May 25, 2013, in Carlton, Ore.

**Corey Clark** (G12) and Courtney Doherty, Aug. 2, 2013, in Vista, Calif.

**Jenna Dohren** (G12) and **Daniel Kuiper** (student), Aug. 10, 2013, in McMinnville, Ore.

**Mary Lane** (G12) and Craig Minkler, Aug. 17, 2013, in Bandon, Ore.

**Whitney Helikson** (G13) and **Sean Jany** (G13), July 20, 2013, in Terrebonne, Ore.

**Kate Freiheit** (G13) and **Preston Mann** (student), July 12, 2013, in Dallas, Ore.

## BABY BRUINS

**Donna Ramsey** (G97) and Keith Ramsey, a boy, Zachariah Richard, June 5, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash.



**Michelle (Harper) Little** (G99) and Josh Little, twin girls, Carson Audrey and Harper Annabelle, Jan. 13, 2013, in Longmont, Colo.

**Molly (Galbreath) McFadden** (G99, MAT00) and Scott McFadden, a girl, Aleksandra Grace, July 26, 2013, in Kirkland, Wash.



**Shawn Beebe** (G00) and **Nicole (Sasaki) Beebe** (G00), a girl, Eva Nicole, May 23, 2013, in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

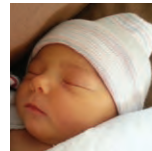


**Kari (O'Kelley) Billette** (G01) and Tony Billette, a boy, Josiah Joseph, Feb. 27, 2013, in Steamboat Springs, Colo.



**Rich Brown** (G01) and **Davida (Ankeny) Brown** (G02), a boy, Bennet Thomas, May 13, 2013, in Tualatin, Ore.

**Holly (Keeney) Webster** (G01) and Brett Webster, a girl, Isabella Mae, June 20, 2013, in Seattle.



**Brenda (Andersen) Edmunds** (G02) and Garrett Edmunds, a boy, Nathan Dean, May 7, 2013, in Clackamas, Ore.



**Heather (Johannessen) Hughes** (G02) and Jason Hughes, a girl, Leah Elise, April 1, 2013, in Roseburg, Ore.

**Janell (Hampton) Woods** (G02) and Eric Woods, a girl, Emmarie Ann, Oct. 31, 2012, in Newberg.

**Benjamin Weinert** (G03) and Kimberly Weinert, a boy, Casen Blane, March 21, 2013, in Longview, Texas.

**Michael Bean** (G04) and **Alyssa (Schaad) Bean** (G10), a girl, Moriah Marcy, March 30, 2013, in Portland.

**Stephanie (Selid) Ostrom** (G04) and Andy Ostrom, a boy, Evan Mark, Aug. 21, 2013, in Portland.

**Andrew Englen** (G05, MAT06) and **Alexa (Walker) Englen** (G08), a boy, Xander Kal-El James, April 30, 2013, in Portland.

**Leanne (Madore) Ernster** (G05) and Matthew Ernster, a girl, Selah Grace, May 16, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash.



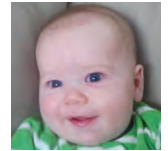
**Amy (Endicott) Wolff** (G05) and Jake Wolff, a girl, Harper Kate, June 26, 2013, in Newberg.

**John Hossler** (G06) and Jenny (Brown) Hossler, a girl, Sophia Love, Aug. 12, 2013, in Seattle.

**Danae (Dougherty) Moore** (G06) and **John Moore** (G06), a girl, Karris Marcella, May 19, 2013, in Clackamas, Ore.



**Cherie (Beck) Foote** (G08) and **Jesse Foote** (G08), a boy, Nathan Guillaume, April 26, 2013, in Seattle.



**Deanne (Kastine) Sinclair** (G08) and Robert Sinclair, a boy, Robert Michael, March 24, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash.

**Dania (Salgado) Behrens** (G08) and **Tyler Behrens** (G08), a girl, Eliana Grace, May 21, 2013, in Portland.

**Michelle Bourret-Belkot** (G04) and **Dennis Belkot** (G12), a boy, Drew Christian, April 12, 2013, in Berkeley, Calif.

## IN MEMORY

**Wayne Roberts** (n44), Aug. 19, 2013, in Newberg.

**Wilma (Archambeau) Fish** (G45), Nov. 4, 2012, in Tillamook, Ore.

**Margaret (Shattuck) Lemmons** (G51), Aug. 8, 2013, in Newberg.

**Lois (Burnett) Miller** (G55), Sept. 22, 2012, in Newberg.

**Wayne Cole** (G58), May 27, 2013, in Hagerstown, Ind.

**Dorothy (Wise) Killian** (G65), June 8, 2013, in Waldport, Ore.

**Allen Kerr** (n66), July 18, 2013, in Albany, Ore.

**Jeanne Saeger** (MA87), Jan. 1 2013, in Shelton, Wash.

**Christmas Concert**

**December 13-15**

The George Fox Concert Choir, Men's & Women's Chorale, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band & Strings, and musicians from the local community will all perform at the university's annual Christmas concert. One of the most popular events of the year, the concert will feature traditional Christmas carols along with narration, congregational singing and Scripture reading. Visit [boxoffice.georgefox.edu](http://boxoffice.georgefox.edu) to purchase tickets.

*Tell the Good News*



**Broadway Across America**

George Fox continues to offer discounted tickets to Broadway Across America performances in Portland to anyone in the university community. Upcoming performances include *Evita* (Jan. 8), *Blue Man Group* (Mar. 7) and *Sister Act* (April 2). Visit [broadway.georgefox.edu](http://broadway.georgefox.edu) for more information and to purchase tickets.

**Bruin Madness IV**

**January 25**

Throw on your blue, gold and white and bring your family to



Bruin Madness IV! Alumni, students, parents, community members and other fans will all come together for some delicious tailgate fare and family-friendly activities at the Indoor Tailgate Party Dinner and KidZone. Then, everyone will head off to Miller Gymnasium to cheer on the Bruins! After the basketball games, young alumni (those from the past 10 years) are invited to head over to Abby's Pizza to continue the celebration. For more information, e-mail [alumni@georgefox.edu](mailto:alumni@georgefox.edu) or call 503-554-2134.

**Winter Musical: Parade**

**Jan. 30 - Feb. 8**

Based on historical events in Atlanta (1913), *Parade* dramatizes the racially charged trial of Leo Frank, a Jewish factory manager who is wrongly accused of murdering a 13-year-old girl under his employ. As the press and the public call for his execution, Leo learns to rely on the power of love in the midst of injustice. Winner of the 1999 Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Original Musical Score, *Parade* is a dynamic and powerful musical that will take your



breath away. Visit [boxoffice.georgefox.edu](http://boxoffice.georgefox.edu) to purchase tickets.

**Dinner for Eight February 2014**

Do you remember what it was like as a student to wonder what life would bring after graduation, or how much you craved a home-cooked meal? Dinner for Eight allows you to connect with current students and share lessons learned from your life. Will you consider hosting four to eight students in your home for dinner and conversation? Visit [alumni.georgefox.edu/events](http://alumni.georgefox.edu/events) to sign up.



**Classic Bruin 50-Year Reunion**

**May 2-3**

Class of 1964, it's almost time for your 50-year reunion! Come back to campus this May to catch up with old friends, enjoy some good food, laugh, reminisce and march in the commencement ceremony. Visit [classicbruins.georgefox.edu](http://classicbruins.georgefox.edu) or call 503-554-2134 for more information.



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— Orville and Marilyn Winters

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- **Living Trusts**           → **Property Disposition**

Have questions? Contact Dave Adrian at **503-554-2113** or e-mail him at [dadrian@georgefox.edu](mailto:dadrian@georgefox.edu).



# STOFFER FAMILY STADIUM



## GET IN THE GAME

### *Support Stoffer Family Stadium*

Construction has begun on a new facility for Bruin athletics – Stoffer Family Stadium. More than \$6 million has already been committed, but we still need your help to reach our \$7.2 million funding goal.

#### **Why Give**

- Support Bruin athletics, including the track and field team and the new football program
- Invest in a facility that will be home to a variety of university and community events
- Every gift, big or small, makes a difference

#### **Ways to Give**

- Make a multi-year commitment or a one-time gift
- Provide a legacy locker with a \$1,500 gift
- Be recognized in the new stadium and receive two inaugural season tickets with a \$5,000 gift
- Receive exclusive game-day privileges with a leadership gift

#### **How to Give**

For more information about making a gift to Stoffer Family Stadium, contact Robby Larson, director of gift development, at 503.554.2130 or [rlarson@georgefox.edu](mailto:rlarson@georgefox.edu).

*“There’s no better lab for teaching life skills that help people in family, church and work than team sports and athletics.”* – New head football coach Chris Casey



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← The logo design team went through scores of variations before the final design was chosen.



↙ One of several prototypes of the new Bruins football helmet features the GF logo.

### ***This Logo Has Teeth***

This fall, George Fox introduced a unique new logo designed to put the bite back in Bruin athletics. The new GF logo is classically collegiate, yet has an aggressive, modern edge. The Bruin bear logo, meanwhile, got a facelift of its own, complete with a sharper fang and a more stylized feel.

The design was done in-house by the university's marketing communications office, with input from students, athletic staff and coaches. A custom athletic font was also created. The logos and font share some design elements: clean, angular shapes, and the fangs on the Bruin logo show up on the GF and as notches in the letters. What do these new logos say about George Fox athletics? Simple: Mess with a Bruin, and you get the fangs.

# GO BRUINS

The GF logo and typeface borrow a design element from the Bruin bear logo: the "fang." The fangs on the GF logo and typeface imply movement and aggression, and visually tie all the George Fox athletics brand elements together.



→ Visitors to Wheeler Sports Center will see the new logo and typeface on banners.

