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When I was in high school, I was deeply torn between my loves of journalism and science. I dreamed of becoming a marine biologist, and I looked at the hours spent in the school newspaper lab as perhaps a fallback, maybe more of a hobby.

I loaded up on all the life science courses my school could offer, then I talked my biology teacher into designing an independent study course for college credit my senior year.

That, however, proved my downfall. Though I mentally had little problem with dissections, I quickly found an unrealized physical problem. The combined aroma of deceased shark and formaldehyde set my eyes watering and my normally strong stomach reeling. Day after day I tried, but I could not overcome the involuntary reaction.

I had visions of suffering through undergraduate and graduate school, running to the nearest trashcan in every lab. It just didn’t make sense. I finished the course, graduated and declared a communications major in college.

I’ve never regretted the choice. I have had amazing experiences, and I believe I’m where I’m supposed to be. What’s more, I’ve come to realize that what I loved about both science and journalism was likely their shared process of asking questions and sharing answers.

Still, the chance to go out in the field with real scientists and write about their work always gives me a little thrill. That’s why this issue of Pacific magazine has been so much fun: tagging and tracking birds of prey, visiting a microbiology lab to learn about antibiotics in soil and groundwater, and learning what Pacific University students, faculty and alumni are investigating about our world.

I hope you readers enjoy their process of discovery as much as I have.
READERS’ WORDS | FROM FACEBOOK

“Eva (Forrester ’14) is such an amazing person, and her boys (Ethan and Judah) are taking after her with every step. So proud of you, lady!”

PRISCILLA RADER

“Eva (Forrester ’14) is awesome! It’s great to see a nice story about her in our magazine.”

PROFESSOR RAMONA ILEA

“Just kicking back and reading his Pacific University Boxers alumni mag,” posts Kristopher Glover ’02. He later wrote in December, “This was all his own doing. Oliver is 14 months old and already thinks ‘reading’ books/magazines is the coolest.”

KRISTOPHER GLOVER ’02

“Maika‘i kau hana e Tyler Oshiro! Ha‘aheo mākou iā ‘oe!! We all knew you would do great things!”

MALIA PURDY

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Pacific University Trustee Lisa Carey Hargis’ class year was misidentified in an “in memoriam” piece in the Fall 2013 issue of Pacific magazine. Hargis was a member of the Pacific University class of 1975.
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Four years ago, Pacific University football was reinstated with a team of freshmen. Those freshmen took a brand new team from start-up to a winning season in 2013. As the founding players prepare to graduate, they look back at four years of perseverance, growth and success. ➤ goboxers.com

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Kestrels are disappearing worldwide — except in Forest Grove, where they thrive. Through the Pacific University undergraduate research program, one professor and his students are studying the healthy population to find out how they can protect the species elsewhere. Watch Rich Van Buskirk take students on a kestrel tagging trip and talk about his research ➤ pacificu.edu/boxertales

See More pictures of the kestrel tagging process ➤ pacificu.edu/magazine/kestrels

‘I was more prepared’ | Pacific University’s science curriculum and faculty put this alumna on a path to a career in immunology research.

Supporting research at Pacific | Grants and private donations are key to giving students hands-on experiences in science and research. Read online | Microbiologist and professor Gyorgyi Nyerges offers students the opportunity to study the tiniest signs of antibiotic resistance and climate change through Pacific University’s research programs ➤ pacificu.edu/magazine/microbiology

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Judy (Zimmerman) Glenney ’71 is a pioneer in women’s weightlifting, moving the sport to the international arena and winning along the way. Watch Glenney talk about weightlifting ➤ pacificu.edu/boxertales

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From student to mother to teacher to traveler, Del Judy ’46, MAEd ’73 shares a life of adventure and activity that started with Pacific University

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Pacific University’s collection of alumnus Ellis Lucia’s writing, notes and photos offers a scholastic look at Oregon history.
This issue is dedicated to a theme of discovery.

Considering that, I have asked myself how my own opportunity to participate in undergraduate research impacted me. It is not an overstatement to say that it determined the course of my professional life.

I had the good fortune to be mentored by wonderful teachers in high school and by faculty in college and graduate school who opened my eyes to new worlds neither I, nor my parents, knew existed. Inspired and assisted by a high school chemistry teacher, I spent a summer working in an organic chemistry lab at nearby Chapman College.

I ended up going to Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., an environment quite similar to Pacific University. The faculty knew your name from the first week, and they served not only as academic advisors, but often helped you find that extra job to make ends meet.

Contrary to the advice I now give students, I tried to avoid all but science courses. Fortunately, a strong general liberal arts curriculum prevented me from disappearing entirely into the laboratory and exposed me to everything from conflict resolution to economics, skills that would prove invaluable later in life.

Thanks in part to the availability of federal grants supporting undergraduate research, I was able to work on several different research projects. My last summer at Pomona, I was invited by the chair of the Chemistry Department to work in a lab in Munich, Germany. The experience there, combined with inspiring guest lectures and another faculty member who taught a virology course using only primary journal articles, sealed my fate. It is no coincidence that I decided to become a molecular virologist in order to understand how viruses caused disease.

My undergraduate experience was an ideal mix of a comprehensive liberal arts education, exposure to nurturing faculty members, and hands-on research opportunities.

And that is exactly what our students experience today at Pacific University.

As a student, I was lucky to have faculty members who inspired me to believe that science would allow me to understand disease at a molecular level, and from there how to make a difference in people’s lives.

Our students have that same conviction: In everything they study, they believe they have the chance to improve the quality of life, the health of our planet, and the way people interact with one another.

And I believe they will.

Warmest Regards,

Lesley M. Hallick, President
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news & notes
BY BRI CASTELLINI ’14

It was a dark and stormy night

STUDENTS AND FACULTY BOND during the twice-annual residency portion of Pacific University’s master of fine arts in writing program. Ranked third in the country, the MFA program draws published and aspiring authors from around the United States.

It’s the third day of Pacific University’s Seaside, Ore., residency for students and faculty in the master of fine arts in writing, or MFA, program. At 7:45 p.m., in the middle of a faculty member’s reading, the lights flicker, then extinguish entirely, victim to a storm that’s blown wind and rain sideways for days.

Interns take the stairs to the lobby and return with an arsenal of flashlights, but the crowd, comprised of 98 MFA students and various faculty members, hasn’t moved. They’re silent, listening as fiction professor and noted author Jack Driscoll continues to read. The wind, beating thunderously against a metal sign outside the hotel windows, punctuates Driscoll’s fishing tale.

When the electricity powers back up, the crowd sighs in disappointment; they were starting to enjoy the darkened ambiance.

Rated one of the top low-residency programs in the nation, Pacific’s MFA program draws students and faculty from around the world, including Israel, Ghana, France and every region of the United States. Faculty members are comprised of published authors — specializing in fiction, nonfiction, or poetry — and range from decorated poet Kwame Dawes to novelist Bonnie Jo Campbell.

Students work remotely with faculty mentors, and the whole group meets in person just twice a year for a pair of 10-day residencies. In January, the residency is in Seaside, while the June conference takes place on Pacific’s Forest Grove Campus.

This winter, the informal theme of the meeting seems to be community. At the end of her welcome speech, Director Shelley Washburn emphasized the importance of students connecting with one another, despite their short times together in the program. And, during a panel discussion on Day 1, guest speaker Barry Lopez, a best-selling nonfiction writer, noted that, “the impulse to write is a social impulse.”

As, apparently, is the impulse to share in the story, an impulse evident as storytellers and poets read their words by flashlight to a rapt crowd on an otherwise dark and stormy night.
Small private universities aren’t always known for their research programs, but undergraduates at Pacific University have the opportunity to spend lots of time in the lab and in the field. Pacific’s student research opportunities have more than tripled in the last decade, expanding out of the natural sciences to include social sciences as well, and student applicants for summer research positions continue to soar. Read more, page 16.
huddle

CHELSEY CHAMBERLAIN ’12 MOVES UP TO DIVISION I | After a year-and-a-half as Pacific University’s assistant sports information director, Chamberlain has been hired by the athletic communications office at the University of New Mexico. She will work with the Lobos’ volleyball, skiing and softball programs.

FRANK JOHNSON ’91 LEADS START-UP PROGRAM | After years of success at Forest Grove (Ore.) High School, Johnson will become the head coach for Warner Pacific College’s start-up men’s and women’s wrestling program. Johnson served as Pacific University’s head wrestling coach from 1997 to 2002.

FOREST GROVE’S NEW COURT NAMED FOR JOE MORAN ’51 | Forest Grove (Ore.) High School dedicated its new gymnasium floor in December for the late coach and teacher. A Badgers basketball player from 1949 to 1951, Moran led the Viking boys’ basketball program from 1962 to 1974 and was a longtime science teacher in the district.

line up

JORDAN FUKUMOTO ’14 FOOTBALL
The wide receiver from Mililani, Hawai’i, was named to the All-Northwest Conference First Team for the second time and to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII Football Team. Fukumoto led the Boxers and the NWC with an average of 18.7 yards per catch and was ranked fourth in the NWC with an average of 71.2 yards per game.

KARA LANKEY ’17 WOMEN’S SOCCER
Lankey was named to the All-NWC Women’s Soccer First Team as a freshman. The dynamic forward from La Canada, Calif., led the Boxers and finished second in the NWC with 12 goals, seven assists and 31 points. She led the Boxers to a 9-8-3 overall record.

TYLER SHIPLEY ’16 CROSS COUNTRY
For the second straight season, Shipleys represented Pacific at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. The sophomore and Forest Grove native placed second at the NWC Championships and was named NWC Men’s Cross Country Student-Athlete of the Week an unprecedented four times.

UNA ARETA ’17 VOLLEYBALL
After being pushed into the starting lineup due to injuries, the freshman outside hitter surged to earn Second Team All-NWC honors. Areta, from Kent, Wash., led the Boxers and finished fourth in the conference with an average of 3.47 kills per set.

BRANDON HARMS ’15 FOOTBALL
The cornerback/punt return specialist was selected to the Capital One/CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII Football. The Second Team All-NWC pick from Canby, Ore., ranked 12th among NCAA Division III players with an average of 12.4 yards per punt return.

MUSIC THERAPY OFFERS NEW ROUTE TO SERVICE | Pacific University’s College of Arts & Sciences will begin a new bachelor of music therapy program starting in Fall 2014 in Forest Grove. The bachelor’s degree will require an intense five-year program that will give students a path to board certification in a growing field that melds the arts with health professions. Students will develop their music proficiency while also taking coursework in psychology, neuroscience, anatomy, and healthcare ethics and philosophy. The program is pending accreditation by the American Music Therapy Association, and Pacific will become just the third university in the Pacific Northwest to offer the degree.
CAMPUS TRANSFORMATION

Construction is well underway on Pacific University’s newest residence hall. The four-story building on the Forest Grove Campus is progressing quickly as crews work to a Fall 2014 opening date. The new hall will offer 200 beds in one- and two-person rooms, as well as four-person suites. It also will feature engaging community areas, ranging from shared kitchens, study areas and laundry areas to an indoor-
outdoor patio and fireplace. This is the third residence constructed at the Forest Grove Campus since 2006 in response to a growing student population that topped 3,600 university-wide in 2013-2014. Meanwhile, the Washburne University Center will get a refresh this summer, including new paint, carpet, entryways and food service options on the first floor. The Pacific University Bookstore will move into the UC, as will a full-service Starbucks and a new quick-service food vendor, complementing the complete dining hall. The refresh is expected to be Phase 1 of ongoing work in the UC and will be complete by Fall 2014.
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PACIFIC EARNs ACCOlaDES
Pacific University has been ranked 13th in the country by the national magazine Washington Monthly. The ranking compared schools based on their contribution to the public good. Pacific University also tied for 20th among U.S. News & World Report’s “Regional Universities West Region” and was named as a “Best Value School” in the West by the publication. Forbes ranked Pacific among its list of “America’s Top Schools,” which includes only 20 percent of the nation’s undergraduate institutions, and the Princeton Review named Pacific a “Best Western College” among institutions in 15 western states.

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question & answer

“What is the greatest discovery or invention of your lifetime?”

HEATHER MIRONAS OD ’16
OPTOMETRY STUDENT
“I would say probably the Internet or email. It just really opened up lines of communication with people. I’m in contact with people all over the U.S., including relatives that I might not be otherwise.”

PAMELA PIETRAS
ELECTRONIC RECORDS SPECIALIST
“I’m amazed at how much technology there is in every area. … For instance, the grocery store, we do self-checkouts ourselves. It’s affected every aspect of our lives.”

next q&a ➤ What’s the best thing about Pacific University?
Watch some of our favorites in a new video at pacificu.edu/magazine/QA, then tweet your favorite things about Pacific with #pacificufaves

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PARTNERS IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION | A new agreement with Kapi’olani Community College in Hawai‘i will allow international students who graduate from KCC a clear pathway to continue their undergraduate studies at Pacific University. KCC international students who complete their associate degree in liberal arts and sciences with a minimum GPA of 2.70 will be eligible to enter Pacific as juniors. Those with a cumulative GPA of 2.90 or higher will also qualify for merit scholarships at Pacific.

The agreement is a second for Pacific University, which also signed an agreement with Hawai‘i community colleges last year to allow a seamless transition for community college students to earn their bachelor’s degree at Pacific. ➤ pacificu.edu/hawaii

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MAIL SERVICES
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BIOLOGY STUDENT
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One hundred forty freshmen. That was our team in 2010, most of us straight out of high school. Guys from Oregon, California, Washington, Hawai’i, Arizona, and even Texas came to play football at Pacific University. We bought into what the coaches were telling us, and many of us took the unique vision they had to heart. Come fall camp, we began working hard. Our progression was amazing, and guys were getting better every day.

The guys who didn’t belong began to weed out, and the Pacific football team started to come together. We were excited to play our first game and couldn’t wait for the opportunity to show our young talent against some of the bigger and older opponents in the league.

I guess you could say it didn’t work out the way we wanted. We went 0-9 that first season, and it was very discouraging. We got manhandled in every single game we played. We were run down, and a lot of guys left the team. The ones who stuck around were the guys who saw the potential we always had.

Building a football program is a long process, and, to be successful in the future, a team must face hardship. We faced this hardship and embraced it. The adversity we overcame in that first season set the tone for a bright future. 

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During our second season we experienced one of our biggest highs when we won our first game. We beat the University of Puget Sound at home, and the feelings that accompanied that win were amazing.

While Puget Sound was the last-ranked team in our conference, beating them gave us a taste of what we all came to Pacific for in the first place: to win.

And win we did. We won four games in 2012, the third year of the program. We were happy with our success and were slowly working our way up into the conference.

We began to reiterate a saying that has ingrained itself forever within the football program at Pacific: Championship Level Expectation or CLE was our way of life.

We lived it, breathed it, and followed it. This mindset led us into our senior season, a season that will go down in history.
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It all started with Adrian College, a nationally ranked team out of Michigan. We beat them on the road, and, after that win, we wouldn’t stop. We went on to have a very successful senior season, losing three games by a combined 11 points and winning seven. It was the most success we had seen in our four-year tenure as Boxers, and we broke multiple records. Yet, the numbers we put up this season don’t really tell the whole story.

The real story lies within the players, coaches and fans who embody the Pacific University football team. Four years ago, that group of 140 freshmen walked onto Pacific’s campus ready to win. Four years later, only 38 of those original recruits finished their senior season at Pacific.

These 38 guys have grown very close over the past four years. They endured the losses in the first two seasons and bonded together when things were difficult. They listened to the coaches when things got tough, and they trusted in each other that success was just a few practices away. This class founded a culture within the football program and, with the help of some amazing fans, led the team to success in the 2013 season.

The younger players who have joined the team since that first year have adopted this mindset and are exactly the type of guys this program needs to find success after we seniors depart. While the story of the first class will be remembered, the Boxer football team will continue to strive for success in our absence.

I know I speak on behalf of every senior and coach when I say that we are excited to see the future success that the younger guys have ahead of them. The legacy we aim to leave behind as a senior class can already be seen in the talent and proficiency that these young Boxers have displayed. While many of us are sad to go, we know that this program will only grow.

Because of the coaches and players who stuck it out with me over the past four years, my commitment to Pacific University has been an experience that I will remember for the rest of my life. I will miss my Pacific family dearly, and I will always remain loyal to the Boxer Nation. ■

SEAN DALTON ‘14 is a senior from San Jose, Calif., majoring in sociology.

"... All the adversity we faced helped us to grow as a team. We always fought together and stayed the course.

"... The success that we have had this year has just made the whole journey worth it. The experience I have had at Pacific has helped me be humble in our successes and give God all the glory. I am a better man now than I was when I first got here. I have learned lessons that I will take away from here and implement them in my everyday life.

"... The most important thing that I take away from this experience is all of the brothers I have made. Fighting day in and day out on the gridiron with these guys has helped us all forge bonds that will last forever.

"... I will never forget the times we spent battling together."

— T.C. Campbell '14

"As I look back on my football career at Pacific, I cannot help but smile knowing we will leave Pacific as champions.

"... At the end of the day, being a true ‘champion’ is about more than football. It’s about being a person you can look at in the mirror and know in your heart you have made a positive impact on someone other than yourself. We have done this as a program. We are champions."

— Bryce Kershner '14

Oct. 6, 2012

Oct. 12, 2013
Pacific moves to 5-0, the best start in program history.

Oct. 26, 2013
Pacific secures the program’s first winning season since 1987 with a 21-6 home victory over the University of Chicago.

Nov. 4, 2013
Pacific earns its first ever NCAA Division III national ranking, emerging at No. 25 on the American Football Coaches Association Division III Coaches Poll.
ANDREW WALKER '92 has traveled the world taking photos. But his first foray into the art of photography didn’t go well.

He failed his first assignment as a high school newspaper photographer in Alton, N.H. “I was given three rolls of film to photograph the varsity basketball home games,” he said. “They came back from the lab completely blank. This happened two more times, and I was summarily relieved of my photography duties.”

When he enrolled at Pacific University, though, Walker found a mentor in Jim Flory, assistant professor of art. Flory “took pity on me and encouraged me, taught me the rules of photography, and challenged me to make strong images,” Walker said.

Walker originally intended to become a physical therapist, but “the science got in the way,” he said. The first semester of his sophomore year ended in a 0.00 grade point average.

“I’m not kidding,” he said. “Obviously, I got my act together, but it was a long and winding scholastic road.”

Walker graduated from Pacific University with a degree in creative writing and counts his best experiences in a list: “Clark Hall, the UC, my Gamma Sigma brothers, my soccer team brothers, my Outward Bound brothers and sisters, Professor Mike Steele (English professor emeritus), and, of course, Professor Flory.”

He spent two years in the Peace Corps in Poland, then a year in Bolivia and six months in Nepal with a non-governmental agency, One World.

By 1998, he said, “I felt that I could be done with living out of backpacks, so I moved to New York.”

He tended bar, worked for the Children’s Aid Society and became a creative director for a small entertainment company. After 9/11, he was laid off and decided to try to make a career as a photographer.

Today, he is a fashion and celebrity photographer with the well-known stock photo agency, Getty Images. He’s traveled the world, attended “smashing Hollywood affairs,” and met all sorts of people. If he’s not particularly enamored with celebrity, he at least takes pleasure in knowing he’s accomplished his goal of becoming a professional photographer.

“Ever since studying under Professor Flory, I had wanted to be a professional photographer. The urge never left me,” he said. “I continued saying yes to everything and, just as the old adages go — ‘never give up’ and ‘it’s all about who you know’ — I began to see success.”
KESTRELS ARE DISAPPEARING WORLDWIDE — except in Forest Grove, where they thrive. Through the Pacific University undergraduate research program, one professor and his students are studying the healthy population to find out how they can protect the species elsewhere.

THERE ARE MICE IN THE CAR.

Two of them: Quiet little rodents in a shared cage, sipping at a water bottle and running on a brand new red exercise wheel.

Little do they know, they are bait on this early morning in July.

Less than a mile from Pacific University’s Forest Grove Campus, we’re in the heart of Oregon farmland. Houses sit nestled in small groves of trees, separated by acres of crops. To the east are rows of berries; to the west, recently cut hay fields. The horizon is broken by small stands of old growth forest.

All of which, it appears, makes this prime habitat for the American kestrel, a once plentiful small falcon seen throughout the continent. The birds, Van Buskirk explains in a soft nature-documentary voice, are one of the smallest species of raptor, measuring about the size of a robin. A favorite of farmers, these “sparrowhawks” feed on mice and voles in the fields. But despite their popularity with human landowners, their numbers have been on the decline for several decades.

Except here, in the countryside just outside of Forest Grove.

Kestrel populations here are thriving. Bird pairs near the Pacific University campus are hatching as many as five young in a season, while in Sherwood, not 20 miles away, as the, well, kestrel flies, a good year means a brood of one or two young.

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Van Buskirk and the two undergraduate research students working with him want to know why.

“What about this landscape is successful?” Van Buskirk asks. “When you work with endangered species, it’s hard to identify what’s missing, what’s caused the population collapse. If we can see what works here, we might explain the decline elsewhere.”

JUST MINUTES INTO THE DRIVE,
Brown raises a pair of binoculars and announces a kestrel perched on a nearby powerline. Van Buskirk stops the car, and we stare for a few moments before Brown pulls a trap from the back.
It’s called a bal-chatri, a common means of catching falcons. But like all the equipment they use, Van Buskirk and his team have had to modify the design for the kestrels, which are much smaller than their hawk and eagle cousins. This one is a metal bicycle wheel with a cage fastened in the center. The outside of the cage is covered with fishing line nooses.
Brown opens a small hatch and sets a mouse inside. Van Buskirk creeps from the driver’s seat to lay the trap in some brush off the road.
We back up to give the bird some space, but she’s not shy. She immediately swoops down, intent on a mousy snack. On her fourth dive, she’s caught in one of the snares but quickly escapes. Surprisingly, she keeps trying.
“She's more cautious than the first time, but she keeps coming back in,” Van Buskirk says. “These mice are just too much of a draw. They can’t resist.”
It takes a few more tries, a different trap, and a site several yards up the road, but it’s a lucky day. The waiting game has been short, and we have a bird within 30 minutes.
The team springs into action. The kestrel is gently removed from the trap, a blanket is spread on the roadside dirt berm, and the process of weighing, measuring and tagging begins. (The mouse is returned to its cage in the car, no worse for the experience.)
A falconer’s hood covers the bird’s eyes and a soft jacket wraps its wings. It seems docile, but when the hood slips, the bird almost bolts.
Van Buskirk catches it in his hands, “like a ninja!” Brown exclaims.
“We’re lucky this is a young bird,” the professor replies. “An adult would have been gone. They just kind of wait for that moment when the person who has them isn’t quite paying attention.”
It takes 35 minutes for the team to finish their business, tagging the bird with a radio transmitter. That’s incredibly fast, Van Buskirk says, especially since the tagging process is still a matter of trial and error. Like the traps, the radio transmitters
always dreamed of becoming a primatologist. They’re hoping to continue conducting more research and getting field experience before exploring graduate school to pursue their scientific careers.

Kestrels, Van Buskirk said, give students solid wildlife tracking experience they might not have in relation to a study of bigger animals. Even in the falcon world, hawks and eagles are more dangerous and require more field experience before handling (an eagle’s beak can sever a human finger). High-profile projects, such as local work with extremely endangered condors, take years of experience.

“This is really great for students. They love the ability to work with animals directly,” he said. “Students can get out and learn wildlife tracking techniques. It gives them really good research experience that’s often hard to get in other settings.”

I made it!

Nikk Novero ’14 maps land use in kestrel habitat near Forest Grove, Ore.

The kestrel spreads her tail feathers for just a moment, showing off brown-red plumage, then she takes flight. Brown and Novero watch her through spotting scopes, then grab their telemetry gear — handheld antennae and radio transmitters — to try to pick up her signal.

Tagging the birds is exciting, but it’s only the beginning of the project. They will now spend hours tracking the birds’ activity, documenting the vegetation in various sectors of land, and mapping all of the data on computers back at Pacific.

The information will be added to Van Buskirk’s ongoing research, which will require years of data. This is his fourth year studying kestrels, with different undergraduate students each summer. The ongoing study is supported in part by a Murdock College Science Research Program grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

While Brown and Novero won’t be present for the final outcome of the long-term research, they stand to gain from the experience.

Both will develop their senior projects out of the summer of research. Brown has been looking specifically at kestrel nesting sites. Kestrels are cavity dwellers, often building their nests inside abandoned woodpecker holes. She has been examining nest sites in ash and oak groves to identify the conditions that seem to work best. Novero, meanwhile, is interested in the land characteristics that appear to contribute to nesting success and is running a toxicity study on addled eggs to see how the mother bird’s diet might impact breeding success.

Both said the fieldwork has given them insight for the future. Novero hopes to work outdoors, perhaps with Fish & Wildlife or the Forest Service, while Brown said she has
“He pretty much started my love of immunology, and it’s just never gone away.”
— Kondilis-Mangum ’03

‘I was more prepared’

Pacific University’s science curriculum and faculty put this alumna on a path to a career in immunology research

Undergraduate research opportunities were part of what originally brought Hrisavgi (Chrys) Kondilis-Mangum ’03 to Pacific University.

Those same opportunities are what helped her go on to earn her PhD at Duke University and to become an immunology researcher at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

“From first grade on, science was one of my favorite subjects,” she said. “I wanted to figure out problems: Why is something broken? How does it work normally? Those are the questions that get me up in the morning.”

After growing up in Portland, she was looking for a small learning community where she could get her hands into research. Pacific University fit the bill.

“It was kind of the best of both worlds for me: a small school with access to expensive instruments, and I got to do research as an undergraduate,” she said.

Kondilis-Mangum majored in chemistry, conducting undergraduate research with Professor Jim Currie and helping form a small chemistry society.

She conducted two years worth of research alongside Dr. Currie, as well as a summer of research, and she spent another summer working at a biotech company. She also took an immunology course with Professor John Schnorr and fell in love with the subject.

“He pretty much started my love of immunology, and it’s just never gone away,” she said.

By the time Kondilis-Mangum applied for graduate school, she had far more hands-on experience than many of her peers.

“A lot of my friends entering grad school were amazed at how many instruments I had actually run myself and knew how to fix, just because that’s what we did. I definitely got more hands-on learning experience at Pacific.”

At Duke, Kondilis-Mangum earned her PhD while studying T-cell development with Dr. Michael Krangel and learning different aspects of immunology and molecular biology. Today, at the NIEHS, she’s on a team investigating B-cell development and DNA methylation. Basically, they are studying how the cells work properly to try to understand why mutations.

“People are sequencing more and more cancers, and we’re starting to learn all of these different proteins that might be involved in cancer development,” Kondilis-Mangum said. “So, going back and trying to figure out how they work normally will help us understand why they mutated in cancer cells.”

Her work today started, she said, with the opportunities presented by her experience at Pacific University.

“Even though Pacific is small compared to other universities, the faculty really take the time and effort to get the best instruments to learn on, to teach you to most current techniques,” she said. “I was more prepared than other people, just because I had been exposed to so many different types of science when I was at Pacific.”

— Kondilis-Mangum ’03
SUPPORTING RESEARCH AT PACIFIC

GRANTS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS ARE KEY TO GIVING STUDENTS HANDS-ON EXPERIENCES IN SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has provided nearly $1 million to Pacific University over the past several years to support the undergraduate summer science and research program. Today, Pacific seeks private support to build an endowment to continue support for this program once the trust funding concludes.

The trust, created through the will of the late Jack Murdock, co-founder of Tektronix Inc., helped Pacific ramp up its undergraduate research opportunities, and, in 2009, the university was invited to join the College Science Research Program, which provided additional support to expand summer research opportunities for students and faculty.

Now that the program is well underway, Murdock has challenged the university to create a self-sustaining summer research program. Pacific University will seek to secure at least $300,000 per year toward an endowment for summer research.

“Without this endowment, it would be impossible to keep this program going at current levels,” said James Butler, director of undergraduate research and physics professor. “We already have more than twice as many students applying to participate in the program than we are currently able to accept.

“This is a great opportunity for alumni, parents and friends to invest in a program that is absolutely transformative to our students.”

— Professor James Butler

Some dedicated funds are already in place to support undergraduate research and scholarship in the School of Natural Sciences, and additional gifts to these funds will help in the goal of creating a permanent funding stream in support of the sciences at Pacific University.

CURRIE CHEMISTRY ENDOWED FUND
Established in 2008 by Chemistry Professor Emeritus Jim Currie, and supported by many of his former students and friends, the fund provides support to enable Pacific University chemistry students to travel and present papers at regional and national conferences, to provide stipends for visiting chemistry lecturers, and to enable the Chemistry Department to periodically host symposiums.

GRIFFITH, FEHRS AND BROSING SUMMER PHYSICS RESEARCH ENDOWED FUND
Established in 2013 by Physics Professor Emeritus W. Thomas Griffith (pictured), the fund will provide ongoing financial support for the Physics Department to conduct summer research opportunities.

DR. HAROLD SCHIMKE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Established in 2007 by the children of late Professor Harold Schimke and his wife Martha, as well as his students and friends, the fund provides ongoing scholarships for chemistry majors who aspire to become teachers.

To learn more about contributing to an existing fund or establishing your own endowed, annual or current use fund, please contact Associate Vice President of Development Jan Stricklin at 503-352-2890. pacificu.edu/giving
Judy (Zimmerman) Glenney ’71 is a pioneer in women’s weightlifting, moving the sport to the international arena and winning along the way

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

She may look petite, but Judy (Zimmerman) Glenney ’71 packs a big punch in the world of women’s weightlifting.

Glenney is considered the trailblazer who pushed the sport to allow women to compete on the worldwide stage.

In October, the International Weightlifting Federation honored Glenney at the 2013 World Championships in Wroclaw, Poland, for her three-plus decades of promoting and competing in women’s wrestling.

She won gold at the first women’s national championship in 1981 and went on to win three more women’s national championships and five Master’s National champions. Twice she took home the gold trophies at the World Master’s Championship. She also has officiated at many events, including the first Olympic women’s weightlifting event in 2000.

Glenney was always passionate about athletics, but not necessarily weightlifting.

A physical education major, she came to Pacific University after growing up in Bend, Ore. She had looked at bigger schools, but, she said, “I knew I was going to get lost,” at larger universities.

A major factor in her decision was the opportunity to participate in several sports at Pacific.

“I wanted to compete in everything,” she said. “Basketball, volleyball, track and field. If I were going to have to go to a bigger university, I would have probably had to pick just one and focus on that.”

Glenney competed in as many sports as possible with now retired athletic director Judy Sherman serving “pretty much as a mentor.”

“She was just an amazing person,” Glenney said. “She had everything I truly did admire in a person, a coach, a teacher. So encouraging … If I could be half the person she is, as a person and as a professional, I would be delighted.

“She connected with us not just as athletes, but she connected with us as people, and I really admired that.”

While at Pacific, Glenney became involved in Campus Crusade for Christ. The summer between her junior

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and senior years, she went to California to work in the organization’s headquarters, which also ran the Athletes in Action program, a ministry in which teams travel the world competing.

Her duties included cleaning the weight room. So, a member of the weightlifting team, Gary Glenney (now her husband) showed her around.

“He asked, ‘Do you want to learn some things about weightlifting?’” Glenney said. “He introduced me to some weightlifting exercises, and I was enthralled. I was just hooked with the whole thing.”

The couple kept in touch and, after Glenney graduated in the spring of 1971, they married and started touring the country with his Athletes in Action team.

“During this time, wherever we would go, he would teach me more about the lifts, and I just took to it like a duck to water, and I just wanted more all the time,” she said.

In particular, she was drawn to the snatch and clean-and-jerk lifts.

“I was so impressed by the speed and athletic movement of those,” she said. “That’s what drew me to weightlifting. Those two moves are so quick and athletic. You need a lot of technique to do weightlifting.”

Glenney began competing in men’s events because there were no competitions for women. Her husband suggested she start one. He introduced her to people in the U.S. Weightlifting Federation and, through the efforts of several people, the federation hosted the first national championship for women with 28 lifters in 1981. Glenney earned a gold that year, as well as the next three years. She also lifted a national record snatch in 1982.

But she also was focused on helping other women.

“I knew right then and there that there were definitely other women … who wanted this as much as anything,” Glenney said. “I expanded my horizons: If we can do this on a national level, why not on an international level?”

She served as the chairwoman of the USWF Women’s Committee from 1983 to 1989. In 1986 and 1987, she served as a coach and official for women in the Pannonia Cup Tournament in Budapest, Hungary. She became the first woman to referee an international competition at the first women’s weightlifting world championship in Daytona Beach, Fla., in 1987. She also served as a referee representing the United States at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, the first to include women’s weightlifting.

Glenney spent four years on the technical committee of the International Weightlifting Federation, an assignment she is especially proud of, because she felt her approach helped in getting the women’s sport accepted by men. She focused on making sure women followed the correct techniques and also ensuring the official uniforms were feminine but also served their purpose.

“That was one of the things I’m more pleased with,” she said. “The women have shown great technique; they have kept their femininity, but yet they’re strong competitors.”

Today, Glenney teaches physical education, mostly weight-training classes, at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash. She also is involved with Stonecroft Ministries, which is geared toward women, and her husband is pastor of the Portland Bible Church.

She has traveled to 17 countries with international women’s weightlifting, and her faith has been a cornerstone of that work, she said.

“I am so thankful that God allowed me to be at the right place, the right time to use my God-given abilities and talents,” she said. “I never dreamed in my wildest imagination that I would be an international competitor. God more than fulfilled that dream … and to be part of other women’s dreams, I think that’s what I am most satisfied with.”

“‘I just took it to like a duck to water, and I just wanted more all the time.’”

– Judy Glenney ’71
When I pull up to her Tualatin home, Del Judy ’46, MAEd ’73 is lugging boxes from her trunk to another car in the driveway.

Later, as we head inside, she sighs and says she may have pushed a little hard the previous day, with two hour-long yoga classes.

It doesn’t take long to realize that this diminutive 90-year-old woman, with her white hair and thin bifocal glasses, could, quite likely, knock me flat, if she wanted.

Luckily, she seems too sweet to do so.

Del is one of the original residents of Tualatin, moving to the now fast-growing Portland suburb in the late 1950s, when it was home to just 300 people. Today, she is a quiet community leader, working with Meals on Wheels and the local community center. In 2012, she was awarded the Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award by the city.

She’s also a great-grandmother, a candy-maker, a teacher, an adventurer — and a proud Pacific University alumna. 

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Del — that’s short for Delilah — was Del Wheeler when she first came to Pacific University. Born in Kansas, her family had moved west when she was a child, buying land and building a house near where the Pacific University Abbott Alumni Center now sits.

“She was the first in my parents’ family to go to college,” she said. “Pacific gave me such an opportunity.”

She lived off-campus as a freshman, then in Herrick Hall her sophomore year. When she was a junior, the university turned MacCormick Hall co-ed (rare at the time, of course), because the war had taken so many men from campus.

“Their boys cut a hole in it. We had great fun.”

All above board, though, as the housemother lived just under Del’s dorm room.

It was at Pacific University that she met her future husband, Clayton Judy. After she graduated with a degree in speech and drama, they married, and she spent the next several years as a dedicated wife and mother.

“It was the kind of man who enjoyed having his wife at home,” she said.

Together, they bought six acres in Tualatin, a small farm where their family could grow.

“I thought I’d died and gone to heaven,” Del said.

Her father, an old Kansas farmer, thought they were crazy. Her oldest daughter, then in sixth grade, thought the new rural setting would be her “ruination.”

But, that was the beginning of the family’s life in Tualatin. Over the years, Del has watched it grow from a community of 300, where her children rode horses next to what is now I-5, to more than 26,000. Soon, the community will celebrate its centennial, and Del has been asked to join some other early residents in writing down memories for a time capsule.

“There aren’t many of us who have been here that long,” she said, chuckling. “It will be interesting to see who can come up with the biggest lie.”

Del serves takeout lunch on real plates with cloth napkins. There are candles on the table and glassware in a hutch in the small dining room. The house is a mishmash of formal and casual — the home of a woman who’s tidy, but not fussy, who likes her things but doesn’t sit at home much.

A wood stove churns out waves of heat that keep the house warm on a cold day. In the back, a sunroom is filled with thriving plants, including a soon-to-bloom bird of paradise. The small backyard attracts avian visitors with big trees hung with bird feeders.

It’s not the house she shared with Clayton, but it’s on the same property. The original farmhouse still stands, but Del divided the land years ago, putting up several houses that have turned into a small subdivision.

She moved into hers about 1980 — though her transition from farmhouse wife and mother started earlier with a coincidental meeting at the airport.

“It was one of these happenstances that you later wonder, ‘Why?’” Del said.

She and Clayton were dropping their daughter off at the airport, when they ran into Fred Scheller ’43, MA ’54. Del had been considering going back to school, and Fred told her about a new program starting at Pacific, one in deaf education.

“I immediately put it out of my mind, but my husband picked up on it and encouraged me to call,” she said.

She waffled. Her parents had moved to the farm, and she was caring for them, but her kids were mostly grown.

“My husband said I should look into it,” she said.

She did, and when a student dropped out of the program, she was given the spot. Soon thereafter, both her parents passed away.

“My father died on Sept. 15, and my mother died on Sept. 16, ” she said. “It was the end of a beautiful love story. They were married more than 60 years.
“I remember thinking 30 was old,” she said, laughing.

She continued — and a month later, Clayton was diagnosed with lung cancer. He pushed her, though, to keep going and plan for her future. Her family supported her while she studied, and Clayton moved with her when she got a job teaching in Grants Pass, enjoying the warmer weather until he, too, passed away.

Soon, Del realized she needed a change.

“I could see the kids were going to mother me to death,” she said.

Then-President Jimmy Carter’s mother, Lillian Gordy Carter, had just published a book about her own experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in her 60s, and Del was inspired.

“I talked to the kids,” she said. “‘Try it,’ they said, which was good, because I had already sent the application.”

She put the farmhouse on the market, covered for other teachers during leaves, and prepared to head overseas.

Del was one of about 60 Peace Corps volunteers who trained together in San Francisco to work in Thailand. The group included maybe five volunteers who were, like her, outside the traditional volunteer demographic.

“I remember thinking 30 was old,” she said, laughing. “Now I’m 90, so 50 wasn’t old at all!”

The experience, she said, was tremendous. She remains friends with some of her fellow volunteers, and she believes the more experienced members of the group were able to provide perspective for the younger members.

She enjoyed the opportunity to live in a different part of the world and experience a new culture, and she believes the work she did made a difference for people there.

She was assigned to a demonstration school in Bangkok, one of the first of its kind in Thailand to actually teach deaf and hearing-impaired children. At the time, Del said, children who were deaf might be sent to the United States or the Philippines, but more often their families “got rid” of them, putting them to work as servants or even slaves.

The demonstration school served just 100 children, but provided an education they might not otherwise receive. Del worked with students, performed audiology screenings and taught other teachers about how to work with children with a myriad of disabilities. (She’s thrilled Pacific now offers a doctorate in audiology.)

Classes weren’t necessarily easy but she hopes they imparted something. “I taught in what I called ‘Tinglish,’ a little Thai, a little English. The teachers would tease me: ‘You speak as a first-grader.’ And I’d say, ‘I am a first-grader.’”

“Then-President Jimmy Carter’s mother, Lillian Gordy Carter, had just published a book about her own experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in her 60s, and Del was inspired.”

“They were going to go back to their village and maybe have a smattering of what deaf education or education of a handicapped child could be.”

Ten years later, Del took her daughter, who had volunteered with the Peace Corps in the Philippines, back to Bangkok to visit.

“The teachers thought that was marvelous. They thought I was an old lady at 55, and here I was in my 60s,” she said. “Oh did we party.”

Del returned to the United States in 1980, the day before Mt. St. Helens exploded, and moved into one of the houses built on the old farm.

She started looking for ways to stay active and connected with the community and was drawn to the Meals on Wheels program at the local senior center, where she’s been involved for more than 25 years now.

She helped re-name the center the Juanita Pohl Center to attract a broader audience and to reshape the kinds of activities offered there (like the yoga she so enjoys). Last year, she spearheaded the installation of raised vegetable beds at the center.

In 2012, she received Tualatin’s Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award, though she’s characteristically humble and a little self-deprecating about the recognition.

“I’ve outlived everyone,” she said. “Who else do they have to give it to?”

She spends a lot of time with her family, including her four children and seven grandchildren. And, she often takes time to return to Pacific University, which is still one of her homes.

“The campus looks so different. I love it out there, though. I love Pacific,” she said. “They gave me such an opportunity.”

When Delilah Wheeler married into the Judy family, caramels were already a tradition.

Her mother-in-law, Iva R. Judy, made and sold the candies to supplement her husband’s minister’s income and support their six children in Douglas, Wyo. When the family moved to Walla Walla, Wash., Judy’s Cream Caramels became a door-to-door and mail-order business that helped get the family through the Great Depression. Del married Iva’s son, Clayton, in the 1940s, and Iva taught Del the secret to making rich, creamy caramels. She also turned the mailing list over to Clayton. Del kept making and selling the candies, adding her own touch — chocolate coating — in 1984. She also followed in the family tradition, passing the skill on to her own daughter-in-law, Debbie, who heads up the business today.

Del Judy still helps out making caramels during the busy holiday rush seasons, but the business end has mostly moved to the next generation. Del Judy is still a delectable caramel confectioner, though, and often keeps a stash of caramels on hand — and they’re delicious.
Some 42 boxes of notes, photos and memorabilia from prolific Pacific Northwest writer Ellis Lucia ‘44 are now part of the Pacific University Archives.

A graduate of Jefferson High School in Portland, where he edited the student newspaper, Lucia was a member of Alpha Zeta Fraternity at Pacific University and served as editor of The Pacific Index, which earned national honors under his leadership.

After graduating, he became an intern in 1945 at the Washington County News-Times (now the Forest Grove News-Times), rising to editor by 1953. He later moved to Portland to become a freelance writer and photographer. His work was published in The New York Times, The Nation, The Washington Post, Life magazine and The Oregonian.

He also produced some 17 books and booklets related to Northwest history, including Tillamook Burn Country: A Pictorial History, The Big Woods: Logging and Lumbering and Klondike Kate, 1873-1957: The Life and Legend of Kitty Rockwell, The Queen of the Yukon.

Lucia was a meticulous writer, keeping copies of everything from notes to query letters to rejection letters, said Eva Guggemos, Pacific University archivist. He died Nov. 20, 2002, at age 80, and his wife, Elsie, recently donated his works to Pacific University.

His collection is a treasure trove for understanding how writing was done in the days before computers and online editing. It also provides a rich source of material on Pacific Northwest environmental history, including the Tillamook Burn and the conservation movement.

The Lucia Collection is open for research and classes. Anyone interested in seeing the material may contact the Pacific University Archives. archives@pacificu.edu

An example of the transcripts that would travel via U.S. Postal Service between Lucia and his editors.
1962
IrV Zenmrau '62, OD '63
and his family received
the Mary Fitzgerald Award
for 2013 in “recognition
of outstanding support for
Prosper Place Clubhouse
and its members.” Prosper
Place Clubhouse in
Edmonton, Canada, offers a
safe place where adults with
mental illness participate in
their own rehabilitation and
function as independently
as possible.

1963
Richard “Dick” Beers
and his wife, Ann
(Bernheim) Beers ’65,
celebrated their 50th
wedding anniversary June
29, 2013, in Eugene, Ore.

Ed McQuary has published
a book, 100 yards of
Memories: Memorable
Players and People of an
Old Coach, detailing nearly
50 years coaching high
school sports. A retired
history teacher and school
counselor, he coached at
St. Helens, Banks, Lakeridge
and Riverdale high schools
in Oregon after graduating
from Pacific University,
where he played football.

1967
Dave Pump recently
retired as executive director
of Sequoia Mental Health
Services in Beaverton, Ore.

1973
Steve Dustrude is the president of
the Pacific University Alumni
Association.

Art Kalahiki
is the owner of APK
Entertainment in Hawai‘i,
specializing in providing
services for weddings,
corporate events, and hotel
and restaurant shows.

1974
Lynn (Fishman)
Hellerstein ’74, OD ’77
is owner of Hellerstein
& Brenner Vision Center,
which was voted in the
Top 5 in the vision category
in Colorado Parent
magazine’s annual “Family
Favorites” edition.

Robert Hersman ’74,
OD ’75 and Aaron
Mjielstad ’98, OD ’00
regularly treat football
and baseball players
from the Minnesota
Vikings and Minnesota
Twins pro teams in their
practice, Hopkins Eye
Clinic, in Hopkins, Minn.

Former Pacific University
optometry faculty
member Al Reichow ’78,
OD ’81, MAEd ’95 was
instrumental in helping
secure the arrangement
between the clinic and
the professional athletes.

Reichow’s father, Jerry
Reichow, was a former
Vikings player.

1975
Oliver Gruter won six
gold medals in swimming
events in the 34th annual
Nebraska Senior Games in
Las Vegas this fall.

1982
Craig Eyestone now
teaches math at Ilwaco
(Wash.) High School, after
earning a master’s degree
from Phoenix University,
a six-year stop in Moses
Lake, Wash., and a 20-year
career in television.

1984
Sandy Young ’82, OD
is a writer of Visionary
Kitchen: A
Cookbook for Eye Health.
The book includes more
than 150 recipes with
photos, a chapter on
important eye nutrients,
food charts, and how to
maximize nutrient retention
during cooking.

1983
David Wolf OD was named
the 2013 Optometric
Physician of the Year by the
Oregon Optometric Physicians
Association in recognition of
his service to the optometric
profession and his community.

He is the owner of Lake
Oswege Vision Clinic in Lake
Oswege, Ore.

1987
Hanna Vaandering is
featured in an article in the
October 2013 edition of
Today’s OEA, a publication
of the Oregon Education
Association. Vaandering
is president.

1988
Ken Kondo captured
five medals in August at
the 2013 State Games of
America, a biennial
Olympic-style competition.
Kondo won a gold as a
member of the 200-yard
freestyle mixed relay, silvers
in the 50-yard backstroke,
and 50-yard breaststroke,
and a bronze in the 50-yard
butterfly. Kondo competed
in the State Games of
California prior to attending
the national meet. He
owned seven school records
while a member of the
Boxer men’s swimming
team from 1985 to 1988.

1990
Bill Blevins is the new
head boys’ basketball coach
for Sherman High School in
Wasco County, Ore.

Sand Brown MAT
principal at Seaside
High School in Seaside, Ore.

She was principal at Gearhart and Cannon
Beach elementary schools,
both of which are also
in the Seaside School District. Two of her sons,
Gavin Brown ’14 and
Garrett Brown ’17, are
current students at Pacific
University.

1991
Aaron Fentress,
a sports reporter for
The Oregonian for the
last 22 years, is now a
reporter for Comcast
SportsNet on cable TV. He
is a panelist for the studio
show Talkin’ Ducks and
also reports for Comcast’s website.

1992
Barbara Briscoe OD
is working to help place
nurses in Rwanda’s
schools after she and
her family traveled to
the African country last
summer on a two-week
medical mission trip. She
shared her experiences
at a presentation in
West Linn and is
fundraising to place
nurses in five schools.
Welcome home Pacific University will host its 2014 Homecoming & Reunion celebration Oct. 3-4. The Class of 1964 will be inducted into the Golden Guard this year, and we also will host reunions for several classes who graduated in years ending in “4” and “9.” There will be an all-Greek gathering for members of Pacific University fraternities and sororities, a cheerleader reunion, a choir reunion and a variety of other activities for alumni coming home to Pacific University. Tailgate with us at the Boxer Nation Celebration, and cheer on the Boxers as they face Whitworth on Saturday, or spend the afternoon enjoying fall in the Pacific Northwest with a pumpkin patch visit for families and a winery tour for adults. Check back soon as we add more activities and finalize plans for the celebration! pacificu.edu/homecoming

Share the Boxer spirit Pacific University alumni can help introduce a whole new generation to their alma mater by encouraging high school students to consider Pacific and waiving application fees for prospective Boxers. All alumni can waive the application fee for undergraduate applicants in the College of Arts & Sciences. The applicant should choose “Pacific University Oregon” as one of their “My Colleges” on the common application, then indicate an alumni reference when answering the fee waiver sources offered under “member questions.” Alumni also can help spread the word about Pacific University by talking with young people about the university. Start with those you know, or contact the admission counselor for the region where you live (or for your hometown) and offer to help by reaching out to prospective students email, telephone or at college fairs to share your experience. pacificu.edu/admissions
Shades of Venice.

Therapy and Rehabilitation

Stealing Lucifer’s Dreams, 30 artists from eight states. 2014 school year at Bear Sciences and the Department at a book release party at a of Anatomy at the University chief operating officer at as assistant professor in of California, San Francisco.

Anissa Wiseman MAT was named interim principal for the 2013-2014 school year at Bear Creek Elementary School in Bend, Ore.


Amy (Hlyton) Nelson is a board member of Financial Beginnings, a Portland nonprofit that provides financial education programs. Nelson is the co-CEO and chief operating officer at Point West Credit Union in Portland, where she oversees human resources, technology, marketing and member services.

1996 Amber Fitzsimmons MSPT recently accepted a position as assistant professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences and the Department of Anatomy at the University of California, San Francisco.

Tonya Macalino celebrated the debut of her science fiction book, Stealing Lucifer’s Dreams, at a book release party at a Hillsboro, Ore., bookstore in December. The book is the second in her series, “Shades of Venice.”

1997 Wendy DeBrock recently opened an art gallery, DeBrock Galleria, in Geneseo, N.Y., representing the works of 30 artists from eight states.

Jennifer Gibson Chambers earned a medical degree from the University of New England.

Julia Oliver and husband Justin welcomed son Everett John Oliver on Sept. 28, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He joins siblings Asa, Avaigil, Eden and Evangeline.

1998 Greg Sherry MAT retired from teaching in June 2013.

1999 Trisha Haskins is a nursing supervisor at Kaiser Permanente and is enrolled in the family nurse practitioner program at St. Joseph’s College of Maine, where she expects to graduate in 2015.

2000 Ross Mattis recently took a job as a wine merchant with Mad Rose Group.

Audrey Owens MSPT and husband Neville Kodkani welcomed son Kian on Nov. 12, 2013.


2001 Ben Bertrand PT is working at Northeast Oregon Physical Therapy in La Grande, Ore.

Melissa (Morris) Kam and husband David welcomed triplet sons, Connor, Logan and Mason, on Sept. 17, 2013.

Bron Rowley and wife Kellie welcomed son Camden James on June 18, 2013.

Ramil Sapinoro married Aaron Olden.

Michael D. Thompson PsyD, president of the Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, was named an independent task force, the Safe Environment and Ministerial Standards Task Force.

2002 Sadie Bliss and husband Laughlin Chanler welcomed daughter Juno Priscilla on Aug. 19, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and joins big brother Marvin.

Aiimée Ault Elliott recently accepted a full-time tenure-track position in culinary studies at University of Montana. She and husband Jonah welcomed son Lennon Sage Kealimahiai on Oct. 14, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Melanie (Bethscheider) Pedersen co-owns Your Perfect Bridesmaid, which was recently featured in the Portland (Ore.) Bride & Groom magazine.

Jill (Nuhu) Shih and husband Vincent welcomed a baby boy in August 2013. The couple married Aug. 21, 2011. She earned a master’s degree in teaching position from the University of Southern California in 2012.

Ryan Stanley and wife Rebecca welcomed son Hunter Ryan Stanley on Aug. 21, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 inches long.

Kara Yedinak recently accepted a job as a wine merchant with Mad Rose Group.

2003 Claire Delamarter and Greg Gadbois ’97 were married Sept. 21, 2013.

Randall J. Kemper ’03, OD ’06 was named Young Optometrist of the Year by the Minnesota Optometric Association at its 2013 fall meeting. His primary practice is with InVision Eye Care in Fergus Falls, Minn.


David Perez married Katie Noble on Aug. 10, 2013.

Laura Tillman married Brian Henley in June 2013.

Jill (Remitcicado) Uyeda and husband Howard welcomed daughter Sidney on Oct. 11, 2013.

2004 Kamu Dunahoe and Janet Domingo welcomed son Ka’ihe Jax Domingo Dunahoe on July 16, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 5.2 ounces and measured 19.75 inches long.

Josie Vu married Jared Lewis on Sept. 21, 2013, in St. Helena, Calif.

2005 Alison (Buccat) Kawaozo and Braden Kawaozo ’06 welcomed daughter Addison Fern Kawaozo on Sept. 16, 2013. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Perfect Bridesmaid, which was recently featured in the Portland (Ore.) Bride & Groom magazine.

2006 Alec Barron and wife Tabitha (Compher) Barron ’06 welcomed daughter McKenna Paige on May 28, 2013. She joins big sister Delaney, 4.

Mike Bryan and wife Poesi welcomed son Thornton “Chase” Bryan on Dec. 6, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

Jill (Winger) Gregg welcomed son Kevin Martin on Oct. 3, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

Kelsey Herstad married David Fox on Sept. 8, 2013.

Shannon (Janes) Hess and husband Jordan welcomed daughter Amelia Faith on July 3, 2013. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and joins two older sisters, MacKenzie and Caydence.


Lisa (Kjorstad) Roche and Marc Roche ’05, MAT ’07 welcomed son Caden William Roche on Oct. 2, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

Chase Webb and wife Yuki welcomed daughter Mika Webb on Oct. 31, 2013, in Osaka, Japan. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 20 inches long.

2007 Margaret (Nuesca) Barajas ’07, OT ’10 and husband Caesar welcomed son Micah Leonel Nuesca Barajas on Aug. 13, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured about 20 inches long.

Lindsey (Mullens) Blem and Dale Blem ’07, MAT ’10 welcomed a son, Murphy Lynn, on June 29, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20.25 inches long.
Kristin Bone graduated in March 2013 from the University of Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom with a master’s degree in modern literary cultures. She is now in a PhD program in literature at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. Her husband Cameron (Bardwell) Bone ’08 graduated from the University of Hertfordshire with a master of science in business management in March 2013.

Isaac Ciula and Mary (Miller) Ciula OD ’07 welcomed daughter Olivia on Sept. 23, 2013.

Heather (Jones) Eoff ’07, OT ’10 and Ryan Eoff ’09 welcomed son Asher Jones on May 27, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds and measured 19.5 inches long.

Eric Foote ’07, PA ’08 and his wife, Lora, welcomed daughter Olivia on Jan. 21, 2012. Eric and Lora were married in October 2011. After graduating from Pacific, Eric spent two years as a National Health Service Corps scholar physician assistant in Christmas Valley, Ore., followed by a year and a half as a neurosurgical physician assistant at Providence Portland Medical Center. Since 2011, he has served as a member of the PA faculty at Pacific University.

Mandy Littlewood ’07, OT ’11 married Mike Garber on July 27, 2013, in Tualatin, Ore. Eric Forgeron OT ’11, Angella Chown ’07, and Lonnie Anderson, associate director of graduate and professional admissions, took part in the wedding.

Jeff Plowman is a senior retail financial analyst at Oakley, Inc., in Foothill Ranch, Calif.

Jordan Sharp and his wife, Sarah, have moved to California, where he works at the Los Angeles Veterans Administration.

Kapua Torres Keefe and Michael Keefe welcomed daughter Mia Jordan Kapiallohanohokai Keefe on Aug. 6, 2013. She weighed 8 pounds and measured 19.75 inches long.

2008 Lena Aloysius welcomed son Liam Ray Hoblet on Aug. 4, 2013. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21 inches long.

Myron Dang OT is in private practice in a multidisciplinary pediatric therapy clinic in Mountain View, Calif. He is involved in a creative skills group known as Ninja Skills for the Youthful Soul, which aims to develop self-confidence and self-control in young persons.

Shannon (Tanabe) Fong and husband Jordyn welcomed a son to their family on Oct. 9, 2013.

Jennifer Jennings earned a doctor of physical therapy degree from Chapman University in Orange, Calif., in 2012.

Amanda Tripp Johansson is a graduate assistant in the Sustainability Leadership Center at Portland State University.

Kim (Whittaker) Odman and Matt Odman ’07 welcomed daughter Kerzie Nicole Odman on Nov. 15, 2013. She weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.


Katey Schultz MFA presented Where Research Meets Imagination and discussed her writing process at the Shambhala Meditation Center in Asheville, N.C., in December. Her book, Flashes of War, won the 2013 Gold Medal Book of the Year for literary fiction from the Military Writers Society of America.

Lehua Watanabe and Bryson Vivas ’10 welcomed son Bryden Gerald Keomakalani Vivas on July 14, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 0.7 ounces and joins big brother Ryder, 3.

2009 Megan Beattie graduated in May 2013 from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix with a master’s degree in special education. She is a high school special education resource teacher in the Ketchikan (Alaska) Gateway Borough School District.

Kurtis Childers received a doctorate of medicine degree from Pacific Northwest University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2013. He is working on his five-year general surgery residency at Pinnacle Health Systems in Harrisburg, Penn., where he lives with his wife Aubrey and two children, Kael and Lillian.

Frankie Guro earned a master of science degree in psychology from Portland State University in August 2013.

Kelsey Owens, a former All-American runner at Pacific, was the featured speaker at the national 2013 NCAA Division II cross-country awards banquet in Spokane, Wash., in November 2013. She spoke about her efforts to help underprivileged children in Uganda through a physical education program focused on introducing Ugandan children to healthy workout habits and providing education regarding fitness.

Shanna (Rietmann) Sallee graduated from the Oregon State University College of Veterinary Medicine and works at Hermiston (Ore.) Veterinary Clinic.

Leanne Santella married Justin Barden ’08 in Maui on Oct. 27, 2013.

Ashley Schalow married Perry Kent ’10 on Sept. 22, 2013, in Seattle aboard a Washington State Ferry vessel. Michelle Lawrence ’10 and Jaeme Klever ’10 were attendants.

Rochelle Schwartz ’09, MA ’13 opened her private practice in mental health counseling in Portland, Ore.

Hala’i Topp is a staff accountant at Pacso in Honolulu.

Mark Trux has moved back to his home state of Colorado as an account manager for PacWest Communications and will lead its new Denver office. PacWest is owned by Paul ’78 and Nancy (Knop) Phillips ’77, MAT ’82, also a Pacific University trustee.


Kasey (Stroud) Webber PT and husband Jeff welcomed son Grady Ray on June 27, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

2010 Kimberly O’Rourke recently completed a degree in nursing at Concordia University Irvine in California.

Robbie Parker PA donated six children’s books to the Hillsboro Main Library in August to honor his daughter, Emilee Parker, one of the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in 2013. Parker also spoke at a commencement ceremony for the 2013 graduating class of Pacific University physician assistant studies students.

Courtney Hirsch and Bryant Rohloff ’07 were married Aug. 31, 2013, in Auburn, Calif.

Elisabeth Whiting married Cameron Turner in Phoenix on May 5, 2013. They live in Anchorage, where Elisabeth works for Alaska Premier Dental Group as a dental hygienist. Cameron is the assistant men’s basketball coach at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

2011 Lana Carter and Nolan Booth ’12 were married in the summer of 2013.


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Allison (Rickert) Wagner and husband Jeff welcomed daughter Aylah Josephine on Oct. 22, 2013. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

2012

Kristen Dever married Matt Watson on July 20, 2013. They currently live in Texas while they continue their education.

Larry Feign MFA and his work-in-progress novel, Pirate Queen, were shortlisted in the Novel-In-Progress category of the Faulkner Society’s 2013 Faulkner-Wisdom Creative Writing Competition. His article on dialogue in historical fiction, “Hearke, Ye Raskal! Hear Me, Sirrah! The Conundrum of Dialogue in Historical Fiction,” appears in the October 2013 edition of the AWP Writer’s Chronicle.

Emily Lux MAT was the featured artist in December at Summa Real Estate Group in Hillsboro, Ore. She is a muralist, painter and maker of books, as well as a teacher in special education.

Rachel Seibert works at Community Home Health and Hospice in Vancouver, Wash.

Travis Stine, Alex Taimanov ’10, J. Jury ’12 and Dane Lum Ho ’14 are four of the seven members of DK Band, which won “Yahoo! A-Paloqua,” a national YouTube battle of the bands video contest. DK Band, which rehearses twice a week in an industrial building in Portland, also was the opening act for the December 2013 Yahoo! Year-End Party.

Sarah Swanhholm OD has joined the eye-care team at Bogan Stridrin Vision in Fargo, N.D. After graduating from Pacific, she completed a hospital-based rehabilitative optometric residency at the Kansas City (Mo.) Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Sarah Hope Mills Voelkel MFA welcomed daughter Nola Marie.

2013

Alexa Block is a reporter at KOTA, an ABC news affiliate in Rapid City, S.D.

Jacob Bollman OD joined the practice of Granite Falls Family Eye Care in Granite Falls, Minn.

Ashley Cantrell MAT teaches a third- and fourth-grade class at Gaston (Ore.) Elementary School.

Jessica (Sweeney) MacLean and husband Eric welcomed daughter Georgia Lynn MacLean on Nov. 30, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long.

Haley Menge OD works in optometric practices in Shelby and Chester, Mont.

Josh Olson OD joined the staff at Family Eyecare in Aberdeen, Colo.

Yuliya Panfilova married Kevin Duffey on July 20, 2013, as age 80. He was born in Talala, Okla., and entered the U.S. Army in 1953. He married Mary Simmons in 1962, and they later divorced. He retired from the military in 1973, as a staff sergeant. He married Frances Ann Martin in 1974, while both worked at Pacific University. He later worked at George Fox College. He was a member of the Cherokee Nation. He is survived by his wife and stepdaughters, Laurie Skoog and Kathy Hays.

1928

Trixie (Johnson) Wortham died Feb. 13, 2013, at age 105. She was born in Tillamook, Ore., and attended Pacific University, before earning her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Oregon. She taught in several Oregon schools, then moved to California, where she met her husband, Jim Wortham, and continued teaching. She is survived by a niece, a nephew and many great- and great-great-nieces and -nephews.

1940

Howard F. Horner, recipient of the 2008 Pacific University Alumni Achievement Award, died Aug. 12, 2013, at age 94. He earned honors in high school as the state champion tuba player. At Pacific, he played football and was an all-league fullback. After graduation, he taught at The Dalles (Ore.) High School before being drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for five years before retiring as a first lieutenant. He went on to become principal at Estacada (Ore.) High School, then at David Douglas High School in Portland. In 1968, he became superintendent of the David Douglas School District, where the auditorium is named in his honor. He retired in 1981. He is survived by his sons, James, Robert and Gregory; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his brother, George Walter Horner ’44. His wife, Grace (Boyles) Horner ’41, died Dec. 20, 2013.

1949

David R. Walt OD died July 1, 2013, at age 87. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sue; three children, Wendy Thingvold, Cindy Kirchem and Scott Walt; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Harold Whitbeck died Sept. 7, 2013, at age 93. He enlisted in the Army Air Forces during World War II, serving in Africa and Europe. He served more than 50 missions, was shot down twice, imprisoned once and earned a Purple Heart. He attended Pacific University after the war. He taught science and coached at Springfield (Ore.) High School for 27 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Leona. He is survived by four daughters, Glenna Johnson, Barbara Whitbeck, Sally Donovan and Kathy Cotton; sons, Rob; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

1951

James Hudson died July 25, 2012, at age 87. He held several baseball records at Pacific University from 1947 to 1950. He was a very successful coach at Mcloughlin Union High School in
George W. Burlingham
Pacific University Trustee Emeritus George W. Burlingham died Jan. 28, 2014, at the age of 79.
Burlingham was born and raised in Forest Grove and married his childhood girlfriend, Ruth, in 1956. They spent 57 years as best friends, partners and parents of three daughters.
He earned his degree in economics from Stanford University in 1957, then served in the U.S. Army for two years, much of it at the National Security agency. In 1959, he returned to Forest Grove and joined the family grass seed business, E. F. Burlingham and Sons. He was president and chairman of the board from 1970 to 1995, as well as chairman of several affiliated companies and president of Burlingham Seeds from 2000 to 2013. He also served on several local boards and commissions in Forest Grove and Washington County.
From 1988 to 2012, he served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Pacific University, following in a family tradition of support of the university. He was an active member of the property committee and an enthusiastic supporter of the reinstated football program. Before him, his mother, Doris, served as one of the first female trustees at Pacific, and she and his father, Charles, were instrumental in the restoration of and donation of furnishings for Old College Hall. Before that, his great-great-aunt Cora was married to Henry “Prin” Liberty Bates, one of the first principals of the Tualatin Academy. His sister-in-law, Ruth Burlingham Loomis '25, attended Pacific, later taught P.E. while coaching women’s field hockey, basketball and softball, and is honored in the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame.
George Burlingham received the Pacific University Community Service Award in 2005, and he and his wife received the Pacific University Harvey Clark Award in 2003. Burlingham Hall is named in honor of the family’s long-time support of Pacific.
George Burlingham was preceded in death by his daughter, Dori, and parents, Gordon and Doris. He is survived by wife Ruth; daughter Sheri and son-in-law Randy Schneider; daughter Karen and Dori Bland; great-grandchildren; and sister and brother-in-law Katharine and Don Epstein. Memorial donations may be sent to Pacific University, 2043 College Way, Forest Grove, OR 97116.

Edward Rooney died Aug. 21, 2013, at age 86. He played football and basketball at Pacific University, where he also met his future wife, Delores Moon ’52. They were married in 1949. He taught school and coached at Jacksonville and Beaverton, Ore., then coached at St. Helens (Ore.) High School and Grant High School in Portland. His basketball teams were involved in several state tournaments, winning state championships in 1956 and 1969. He also was the head women’s basketball coach at University of Portland for two years. He was elected to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic District II Hall of Fame in 1966 and inducted into the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. He is survived by daughters, Alice Brown, Anne Frey and Megan Rooney; sons, Steve, Mike, Pat, Tom, Ted and James; 23 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Alice O’Donnell.
1963
Virginia Bushong died June 27, 2013, at age 94. She was raised on a homestead in the Sacramento Valley. She attended college for a year and half at Linfield College, then married Jack Bushong in 1938. He started Bushong Logging Company in 1940, and they spent 12 years in Tillamook, Ore., before moving to Idaho. They returned to Forest Grove in 1961, and she finished her bachelor’s degree at Pacific University. She taught elementary physical education in Portland elementary school, then taught junior high school in Sheridan, Ore. She earned a master’s degree in physical education at the University of Oregon, then substitute taught in PINEVILLE and John Day, Ore. She later became the office manager for the U.S. Forest Service in John Day. After retirement, the couple spent the winters in Yuma, Ariz. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary. She is survived by daughter, Jacqueline Shumway; sons, Fred and Charles; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

1964
Larry Allen Williams ’64, OD ’66 died July 3, 2013, at age 81. Born in Rochester, Minn., he spent his youth in Iowa. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and married Dorothy Newton in 1952. They later divorced. He married Marilyn Graf in 1968. He established his optometric practice in Sioux Falls, S.D., serving the community for nearly 40 years. He was a member of the South Dakota Air National Guard, retiring with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn, and infant son, Bryan Daniel. He is survived by children, Winston Williams and Laura Kadlee; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Paul Berman OD ’75
Berman died Nov. 10, 2013. He was honored in 2012 by the White House as a “Champion of Change” for his work as founder and global clinical adviser of the Special Olympics Opening Eyes and Healthy Athletes program, which he developed in 1991 as president of the American Optometric Association’s Sports Vision Section. Berman was the owner and founder of Focus Eye Health and Vision Care in Hackensack, N.J., a member of Lion’s Club International and received many awards for his humanitarian work. He was named the New Jersey Society of Optometric Physicians’ OD of the Year in 1998, and also received the society’s most prestigious award, the 2010 E.C. Nurock Award. He also received the society’s Public Service Award in 2010 for his service with EyeCare4Haiti Program. He was an international lecturer and former faculty member of the State University of New York College of Optometry, a consultant for Head Start, preschool facilities, and professional and Olympic athletic teams. He also was the team optometrist for the New Jersey Devils of the National Hockey League. He served on numerous state, national and international boards related to eye care. He is survived by his wife, Diane Berman; his children, Brent, Seth and Rebecca Berman, Jamie and AJ Bianco, Matt Lilien, Brian and Chelsea Lilien; and two grandchildren.

George Tall Chief MAEd ’58
Tall Chief died Aug. 11, 2013, at age 96. He was the oldest known member of the Osage Nation, as well as former chief of the Pawhuska, Okla.-based tribe. He was born Nov. 21, 1916, in Arkansas City, Kan., and, at age 9, he survived the murder of his father during Sage County’s “Reign of Terror,” in which numerous tribal members were slain for access to their land and mineral rights. As a result, he and his four younger brothers were placed in boarding and military schools. An accomplished athlete, he earned a football scholarship to Northeastern A&M College in Miami, Okla., and was a Golden Glove boxing champion for two years in college. He later transferred to the University of Central Oklahoma, where he received his bachelor’s degree. He served as Pacific’s first wrestling coach, leading the program from 1954 to 1963, during which time he also earned a master’s in education degree. He also coached baseball, was an assistant football coach, and taught nutrition and physical education. He served as a scout for the Baltimore Colts and was a liaison representative between Pacific University and the Dallas Cowboys when the Cowboys held a training camp at Pacific in 1960. He spent half a century in education, as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in Oregon, Idaho and Oklahoma. After serving eight years as chief, he became president of the first Osage National Council. He was also inducted into the National Native American Hall of Fame and received the Peace Chief Award.

1967
Dayton F. Arruda died Nov. 3, 2013, at age 71. He was born in Hilo, Hawaii, the 10th of 16 children. He was active in sports and, after high school, toured Japan for a year as a sumo wrestler with four of his brothers and his father as their coach. While attending Pacific University, he was a “sleeper” with the Hillsboro Fire Department. After graduation, he played professional football with the Victoria Steelers, then returned to Hillsboro Fire Department. He married Susan Beall in 1972, and they divorced in 1998. He served as the chief of the Hillsboro Fire Department from 1972 until his retirement in 1997. He also played the ukulele and sang with the Tualatin Valley Harmony Masters. He is survived by his children, Carrie Aleshire, Jonathan Arruda and Kimo Arruda; 10 grandchildren; and his former wife.

1975
John T. Farrell died Aug. 29, 2013, at age 60. After he graduated from Pacific University, he worked for Hanks grocery for 30 years, beginning in retail sales, then later becoming a partner in the organization. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two sisters.

1977
Lyle Arthur Galdeira died Nov. 25, 2013, at age 59. While at Pacific, he interned with KUIK Radio in Washington County. He later became the news anchor there, then went to KYXI, an all-news radio station in Portland. He joined KGW in Portland, where his on-air name was Lyle Arthur. He and his wife Kathy returned to Hawaii in 1987. He was chief political reporter for three Hawaii television news departments. He also anchored morning and evening newscasts and hosted a program called Cheap Eats, which focused on restaurant reviews, as well as segments Does It Work. He left news after a 30-year career and worked for Prudential Locations as a realtor beginning in 2006. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Emma; and his mother, Ann Duncan.

1983
Karl Cloyd ’83, OD ’85 died Oct. 16, 2013, at age 59. He practiced optometry in the Portland area then moved to Medford, Ore., in 1990. Together with his wife, Frances Cloyd ’76, OD ’88, he formed Riverside Vision Care in Medford. He was an active member of the Greater Medford Rotary Club. He was preceded in death by a son, Kevin. He is survived by his wife and his children, Kelley, KC, Ilana and Kathryn.

2009
Shannon (Blacklidge) Brahmer MAT died Aug. 13, 2013, at age 27. She graduated in 2008 from Oregon State University with a bachelor’s degree in sociology. She taught at elementary schools in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. She enjoyed traveling and outdoor activities. She is survived by her husband, Erik Brahmer; parents, Gary and Marie Blacklidge; sisters, Brienne and Raeme Blacklidge; and brothers, David and Jeremy Blacklidge.

2014
Omar Matthew Horani died Aug. 17, 2013, at age 21. He was born in Portland and graduated from Tigard (Ore.) High School in 2010. He played football at Pacific University as a freshman. He later transferred to St. Andrews University in Laurinburg, N.C., then to Adams Sate University in Alamosa, Colo., where he played lacrosse. He was a pre-med student. He is survived by his parents, Samer and Laura Horani, and his sister, Sohayla Horani.

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The beginning of knowledge is the discovery of something we do not understand.

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