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Charli Elliott ’19, valedictorian of the most recent undergraduate class, said Pacific University “checked all my boxes.” After all, how many places can you improve your Chinese and play basketball while majoring in creative writing?

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Letter from the President

In 2016-2017, 56 percent of all four-year college students in the United States were women.

That year, women earned 57 percent of all bachelor’s degrees, 59 percent of all master’s degrees, and 53 percent of all doctoral degrees.

For nearly 30 years now, women have outpaced men in attending and graduating from college.

But that was not always the case. Just 30 years before the gender ratios flipped — in 1950 — a mere 32 percent of college students were women.

Pacific University was one of the first in the country, and likely in the world, to offer a co-educational higher education experience.

Long before women in this country could own property, keep their own wages, or vote, they could earn bachelor’s degrees at Pacific. The first, Harriett Hoover Killin, graduated exactly 150 years ago.

At Pacific, one of the cornerstones of our mission is a commitment to justice in the world. Fundamental to that is the notion that education and opportunity are rights afforded to all — and we strive to ensure that Pacific is a place of equity, diversity and inclusion, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or any other demographic.

We as a people are not there yet.

Even as women achieve more education, they remain underrepresented in science, in mathematics, in elected office, and positions of leadership and in earnings.

And people of color, both women and men, remain woefully underrepresented in all of this and in higher education.

Yet I have hope.

The women featured in this issue of Pacific magazine — and so many others not named here — were pioneers in their time. They helped build the Pacific we know today and open new doors to those who would follow.

I know that our alumni and our students today are walking in their footsteps. They are breaking new ground, they are lifting one another up, and they are, like the women in these pages, step by step creating a more just and equitable world for us all.
Pop quiz: Name an influential woman in history.

Back to that in a minute.

My kids have this beautiful pop-up book called, “The Night Pirates.”

The artwork is gorgeous, and in reviews, it is often called out as a great children’s picture book with strong female characters.

But you know what?

It’s not.

The short story is actually about a little boy who has an adventure with a gang of child pirates who take on a crew of adult pirates and win. The boy’s name is Tom, and he is the beginning and end of the tale. The villain is Captain Patch.

The rest of the characters are simply “girl pirates.” It is supposed to be empowering and defy stereotypes — and yet, the girls don’t get names, identities, or dialogue. They are there to be cute.

So many of our stories — fiction and nonfiction alike — work this way.

Back to that pop quiz.

Did you answer Marie Curie?

I did.

But not necessarily because she was amazing (she was). It’s just that, throughout my education, she was heralded as the example of a female historical figure. As though she was the only one.

Women in history? We covered Madame Curie. Check.

(For what it’s worth, my education on influential people of color also was shockingly lacking.)

The stories we tell matter. They reflect what we see — and don’t see. They teach us what to expect from the world and what we expect from ourselves.

I was deeply moved by the stories in this issue of Pacific magazine. We won’t pretend that this is a list of all the influential women in Pacific’s history, nor even of the most influential women.

But their names matter. Their words and actions matter. Together, their stories transcend time and culture to teach us what Pacific people can do — what we can do.

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In some important ways, Pacific University was ahead of its time when it came to educating women. But in other ways, women who lived, learned and taught here had to blaze their own trails. We take a look at some of the important women who shaped Pacific in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. *Archery Class 1944 pictured*

Make Way for the Makerspace ........... 20

Pacific students have a new place to make their ideas take shape — the Boxer Makerspace. It’s an inviting new area on the second floor of the Tim & Cathy Tran Library where students can use 3D printers, a laser engraver, a vacuum formbox and other tools to create prototypes of their own design. The Makerspace is a collaboration between the Berglund Center for Innovation and the Pacific University Libraries.

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**OCTOBER**

11-12 Optometry Class of 1989 Reunions  
 › Portland & Forest Grove, Ore.

12 Performing Arts Series  
 An Evening with Jimmy Webb  
 › Forest Grove, Ore.

18-20 Homecoming  
 [pacificu.edu/homecoming](http://pacificu.edu/homecoming)  
 › Forest Grove & Hillsboro Campuses

**DECEMBER**

10 Friends of Pacific Lunch  
 › Forest Grove, Ore.

13 PUB Night with Professor Aaron Greer  
 › Portland, Ore.

**NOVEMBER**

9 Performing Arts Series  
 Al Stewart  
 › Forest Grove, Ore.

12 Friends of Pacific Lunch  
 › Forest Grove, Ore.

14 Alumni Remembrance Ceremony  
 › Forest Grove, Ore.
Your Voices

I am sending along my congratulations to Mike Francis for his superbly crafted article “A Tragic Collision of Cultures.”

The article is informative, educational, and superbly written. I have read it twice, and the second reading was as rich as the first.

JOHN MITCHELL, PHD
Former Professor, Pacific University;
Professor Emeritus, University Alberta;
Professor Emeritus, University British Columbia

Compliments to you for your courage and clout to approve and support the story “A Tragic Collision of Cultures” published in the Spring 2019 Pacific magazine.

Compliments to Mike Francis for his well-written, compelling, and honest account of a less than stellar piece of Pacific’s history.

Commendations to Eva Guggemos for her diligence in researching, documenting, and archiving the materials related to the Indian Training School. Eva’s insights and comments in the article were profound and worthy of serious reflection.

Finally, kudos to Pacific University for acknowledging its peripheral role in stripping the culture and history from local Native Americans. Hopefully, all in the Pacific family will learn, reflect, and take action to at least celebrate the history and contributions of all cultures represented at Pacific and in the country.

Well done!

ROGER L. CLOSE ’70

Congratulations on a great edition.
Stories, writing, graphics all excellent.

MINDY CAMERON ’65
Pacific University Board of Trustees

Continue the Conversation

The feedback on the Spring 2019 Pacific magazine article, “A Tragic Collision of Cultures,” was humbling. We were moved by the number of people who found the story meaningful and who thoughtfully took time to tell us so.

We encourage conversation around Pacific magazine stories, and we hope that you will continue to offer your thoughts and ideas on this issue, as well. We are well aware that this issue’s brief stories about the women who built Pacific are only a small sampling of the amazing contributions Pacific faculty, staff, students and alumni have made to this place and to the world.

We plan to continue publishing more online, and we would love to share your memories as well.

Please help us learn and share more about other women in Pacific’s past and present by emailing pacificmag@pacificu.edu or joining in the conversation by tagging @pacificu on Facebook or Twitter.

And look for the latest updates to this issue and more online: pacificu.edu/magazine
Three Degrees, No Separation

Breanne Davis ‘16, OT ‘19 completed a family hat trick on Aug. 10, when she became the third in a set of triplet sisters to earn a graduate degree from Pacific University.

Breanne earned her doctor of occupational therapy degree during the university's August Commencement, which celebrated the achievements of more than 300 students in the College of Health Professions.

She was presented her degree by her sister, Carmel Nichol ‘16, MSW ‘17, who now works in Pacific's Office of Graduate Admissions.

Carmel also surprised their third sister, Autumn Davis MBA ‘19, by presenting her degree in May.

“Our whole family is a Boxer family,” Carmel said.

Their parents also attended Pacific, with their mom Lea Mourich-Davis ‘90 studying teaching and their dad, Troy Davis ‘86, attending for a semester before being called back to the family business.

Growing up in neighboring Gaston, Ore., the three women didn’t originally have their sights set on their parents’ alma mater. All three started college out of state, but after a year were ready to come home.

“Some of us changed majors, and our schools didn’t have what we wanted,” Carmel explained. “Then we discovered that everything we wanted was 10 minutes from home.”

Breanne and Carmel chose Pacific, studying exercise science and social work, respectively.

After graduating in 2016, Carmel went on to the master of social work program at Pacific’s Eugene Campus, while Breanne entered the occupational therapy program at the Hillsboro Campus. Autumn joined the Boxer family for grad school, earning her MBA last spring.

“It’s like coming full circle,” Carmel said.
READ ALL ABOUT IT | The Forest Grove News-Times, the oldest continuously publishing newspaper in Washington County, Ore., recently moved its paper archive to Pacific University’s Tim & Cathy Tran Library in Forest Grove. The Pamplin Media Group-owned newspaper was downsizing its office but wanted to make sure that bound copies of its back issues — dating back more than 100 years and likely the only copies in existence — survived. The newspapers will be kept in the library’s archive-safe climate-control conditions, and the most sensitive copies will be placed in boxes for protection and they will be available on the library’s first floor for library patrons to view without appointment.

ON THE MAP | Pacific University and the Architectural Resources Group, which together produced a comprehensive report on the university’s historic buildings, was honored by the Forest Grove Historic Landmarks Board. “Not only is it an accurate accounting and a valuable resource for cataloging these precious historic resources,” the board said of the report, “it is written with care, concern, and compassion for the history of Forest Grove.” Campus buildings designated as Forest Grove landmarks range from Old College Hall, built in 1850, to McCormick Hall, built in 1924. More about the landmarks pacificu.edu/landmarks

SCRIPT YOUR FUTURE | Three students and two faculty members in Pacific’s School of Pharmacy received national recognition for their work
Run by the National Consumers League, in partnership with four pharmacy organizations, Script Your Future challenges teams to create campaigns that tackle issues of health disparity/underrepresented community outreach, media/communications outreach, or interprofessional collaboration. Pacific’s pharmacy team partnered with the university’s School of Graduate Psychology, School of Audiology, School of Dental Hygiene, and College of Optometry, as well as local organizations, to promote adherence to prescribed medications through six local events and a continuing partnership at a local clinic. “The robust outreach the student teams conducted to promote medication adherence in their communities was not only impressive, but also highlighted the integral role the entire health professional team plays in achieving positive health outcomes,” said Sally Greenberg, executive director of the National Consumers League.

**BON APPÉTIT** | Pacific welcomed a new food services vendor to its Forest Grove and Hillsboro campuses this summer. Bon Appétit is lauded for its dedication to providing fresh, healthy, local fare for students and businesses all over the world. The dining hall in Forest Grove was updated as part of the transition, including the installation of a new pizza oven, and both the Hillsboro and Forest Grove markets got refreshes as well. Bon Appétit takes over management of the Forest Grove Campus Starbucks, as well as catering at the university.
The Women Who Made Pacific

If it wasn’t for a hardy pioneer woman, Tabitha Brown, Pacific University might never have gotten off the ground in the mid-19th century. She was keenly interested in educating and caring for young people, and she was a partner in and contributor to the effort to start Tualatin Academy, which eventually became the university.

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Pacific was one of the first colleges in the world to offer co-educational higher education.

As the university’s first president, Sidney Harper Marsh, told the *Forest Grove Monthly* in September 1868, “We believe it is best for both sexes that they should … be associated together. There is no sacrifice of anything valuable.” This was not a conventional view.

That doesn’t mean that the playing field has been level through the decades. (While Pacific fielded a women’s basketball team soon after the turn of the last century, male spectators weren’t permitted. It was thought improper.)

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In general, though, women who attended and taught at Pacific during the first part of its existence were given space to succeed, at least in comparison to the standards of the time.

What follows is a sampling of women who attended or taught at Pacific during its 170-year history. It is not meant to be a collection of the most influential or prominent women, but rather an anthology of some of the remarkable people who have spent a portion of their lives here.

Read about even more Pacific women, including Edna (Doar) Gehring ’70, MSEd ’72, Judy Sherman and others online. magazine.pacificu.edu

Tabitha Brown

“THE MOTHER OF OREGON”
— AND OF PACIFIC UNIVERSITY

Tabitha Moffatt Brown was already an elderly woman when she came to the Oregon Territory in the late 1840s. She had been born in 1780 in Massachusetts, became a widow in 1817, then came with members of her family to the Oregon Territory, choosing to settle in the West Tualatin Plains, which she described as “the most beautiful of all” of the Oregon country.

She started in the area near the age of 70 with virtually nothing, using her single Spanish picayune — about 1/16th of a dollar — to buy sewing supplies, bartering with the native Kalapuya for buckskin, then producing and selling gloves. In California, gold was discovered, and many left children in Oregon to chase riches. In 1848, Brown, along with missionary-settler Harvey L. Clark, started “the Orphan Asylum,” to look after those children as well as those orphaned along the Oregon Trail.

The next year, she, Clark and newly arrived educator Rev. George Atkinson helped establish the Tualatin Academy, a school that would educate the children on land donated by Clark. Brown contributed $500 to the project, agreeing to convert the Orphan Asylum she had established into Tualatin Academy.

The Tualatin Academy charter was the first granted by the Oregon Territorial government. When it was established, the academy’s charter included a desire to add a collegiate department as soon as possible.

In 1850, Old College Hall was framed, and it opened the next year. College preparatory classes were held in the building under the name Tualatin Academy. Pacific University officially began offering college classes in 1854.

Tabitha Brown died in Salem in 1858 at the age of 78. In 1987, the Oregon Legislature designated her the “Mother of Oregon,” saying she “represents the distinctive pioneer heritage, and the charitable and compassionate nature, of Oregon’s people.”
Mary Richardson Walker
MISSIONARY AND MISSIONARY’S WIFE, GIVER OF BOXER, AND FOREBEAR OF PIONEERING GRANDDAUGHTERS

In mid-19th century America, most married women were subordinate to their husbands. That’s why many of the early histories about the Tualatin Academy focus most sharply on the men who led their families into the mission field in the region; men like Henry Spalding, Cushing Eels, Elkanah Walker and Asa Smith.

But Mary Richardson Walker seems to have been a vigorous participant from the earliest days of what became Pacific University. She was born in Massachusetts in 1811, married Elkanah Walker in 1848 after a brief courtship, then traveled 3,000 miles to the Whitman Mission that spring and summer. She was pregnant on the journey and, according to accounts, forced to ride sidesaddle the entire way.

Her journal during this time contains this much-cited entry:

“Rose about five. Had early breakfast. Got my house work done about nine. Baked six loaves of bread. Made a kettle of mush and have now suet pudding and beef boiling. I have managed to put my clothes away and set my house in order. At nine o’clock pm was delivered of another son” (Diary, March 16, 1842).

The event that became known as the Whitman Massacre, in which 13 white missionaries were killed by members of the Cayuse tribe in 1847 near present-day Walla Walla, Wash., led other missionaries in the area, including Elkanah and Mary Walker, to relocate to the southwest. The Walkers went first to Oregon City, then to the Tualatin Plains, where they helped found Tualatin Academy, the forerunner of Pacific University.

The Walkers donated a building and part of the land that became Pacific’s Forest Grove Campus. Elkanah Walker, who had been a pastor in Forest Grove, died in 1877. His widow Mary remained active in the early life of the school and the community of Forest Grove. In fact, the family of Mary Walker donated the original Boxer to Pacific sometime between 1896 and 1898. The qilin statue had been purchased in China and brought back to Forest Grove by missionary Joseph Elkanah Walker, Mary’s son. Later, most accounts say, it was given to Pacific in her honor.

Mary Walker was present in 1850 when the frame was raised for the still-extant building we today call Old College Hall. It was, she noted tartly in her journal, “a splendid monument to the folly of someone.”

She died in December 1897, according to an account in the June 1899 issue of Oregon Native Son and Historical Magazine, which said “She was widely known as ‘Grandma Walker,’ and when her death took place … the sad news was swiftly heralded all over the North Pacific coast.”

ELDA & LEVA WALKER

Mary Walker’s strength and resolve lived on in her family. Notable among her survivors were her granddaughters, Elda and Leva Walker, born in 1877 and 1878, respectively, who both graduated from Pacific in 1901.

They are believed to be the first women from Forest Grove to earn doctorates: Elda from the University of Nebraska and Leva from Cornell University, both in biology. Each taught botany at the University of Nebraska. A May 19, 1919, journal from the Nebraska Academy Sciences noted a report from Elda Walker on “The algal flora of some of the sandhill lakes,” and one by Leva Walker on “The development of Cyathus and Crucibulum.”

Leva and Elda Walker lived together until their deaths in 1970 and 1971, respectively.
Mary Frances Farnham was an important bridge from Tualatin Academy, the original educational institution in Forest Grove, to Pacific University, which educated scholars of both genders from around the world. For a while they coexisted, but when Tualatin Academy closed in 1915, Farnham transitioned from principal of the Ladies Department at Tualatin Academy to become dean of women at Pacific, where she was an imposing presence until her retirement in 1924. She also was a professor of English language and literature. While at Pacific, she also earned her doctorate in English literature from Mount Holyoke.

She had already accomplished much before coming to Pacific. She was a superintendent of schools in her native Maine and became principal of the Bloemhof School in what is now South Africa. You can still buy her books The Farnham Papers and Documentary History of the State of Maine, Vol. 8 on Amazon.

At Pacific, she was a popular figure on campus. Pictures in the archives show her on picnics with students; always in good posture, with a faintly sardonic smile. As the Faculty Yearbook put it, apparently around 1907, “Miss Farnham is a woman of the highest culture and refinement and the high social standard of our institution is due at least in a large measure to her influence.” Other yearbook references through the years describe her as “ten o’clock extinguisher of Herrick Hall lights,” and “a jolly chaperone.”

Even after retiring, she remained engaged in the life of the university, joining in the annual Christmas Wassail and writing a profile of many Pacific alumni.

When she died in 1943 at the age of 96, Pacific University President Walter Giersbach paid tribute by saying “there was hardly a matter touched by Mary Frances Farnham that did not show the handiwork of a lovely spirit, and a mind as sharp as a copper etching.”

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Mary Frances Farnham
TUALATIN ACADEMY PRINCIPAL, PACIFIC UNIVERSITY DEAN OF WOMEN

Harriet Hoover Killin
FIRST WOMAN GRADUATE

In 1869, when the nation was just beginning to heal from the Civil War, Harriet Hoover Killin became the first woman to graduate from Pacific, joining two men to make up the university’s fifth graduating class. While she illustrates the university’s pioneering commitment to providing a college education to both men and women, her experience at Pacific was different from her male classmates. She attended classes alongside men, but she earned a “ladies’ degree” instead of the “scientific” or “classical” degrees awarded to men. And at the graduation ceremony, she was not permitted to speak to the audience, as male graduates were expected to do.

After she graduated, she taught school and in 1873, she married Benton Killin and settled with him in Portland. She was active in the Oregon Pioneer Association and published an article on rose culture, “being quite an experimenter with roses,” according to a contemporary account. She died in 1937 at the age of 88.

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“... A MIND AS SHARP AS A COPPER ETCHING.”
WALTER GIERSBACH
Andrewa Noble

ALUMNA, PROFESSOR & MATHEMATICS PIONEER

In her college days at Pacific in the late 1920s, Andrewa Noble was active in a range of activities, from debating on the proposition that “The modern woman is ephemeral” to serving as editor-in-chief of *The Pacific Index*. She also played volleyball and baseball, served as scholastic secretary for the Kappa Delta sorority, and was involved in the Drama Club.

After graduating, she went on to earn a PhD in mathematics in 1936 at the University of California, making her a rarity in that era. Her thesis was “On the Enumeration of Uniform Squares.”

In their book *Pioneering Women in American Mathematics: The Pre-1940 PhD’s*, authors Judy Green and Jeanne LaDuke trace Noble’s teaching career: She went from being a school superintendent in Colstrip, Mont., to a high school teacher in the state of Washington, to an instructor at San Francisco Junior College, where she ran a remedial math program, to an assistant professor at Montana State. Then she came back to Pacific, where she was an associate professor of mathematics.

She left again to join the faculty of Mills College in Oakland, Calif., and Chico State in Chico, Calif., before returning for the last time to Pacific, where she taught six years, becoming chair of the Math Department before retiring in 1965. She was also chair of the chemistry, physics and math section of the Northwest Scientific Association.

Bill Turner ’63 studied under Noble when he attended Pacific, and he calls her his “hero.”

“If you had questions,” he told *Pacific* magazine, “she always had office hours posted and she would be in her office all of those posted hours, whereas a lot of professors would post the hours and they wouldn’t be there. Dr. Noble was always there to help the students.

“Also, on Tuesday nights, she would have tea at her house, like at 7 o’clock, right after dinner. If you had problems you could go over there anytime, you wouldn’t have to have an appointment or anything, she’d have sort of an open time with students and people could ask questions and sometimes the students would help each other.

“Even after I graduated, I came back and she was very interested in how her students … were doing in life.”

Barbara (Williams) Crandall ’66, who went on to be an early software developer after studying math at Pacific, called Noble “a great advocate for her students.”

Noble died Nov. 21, 1993, in Placer County, Calif., at the age of 85. 

Martha Rampton

HISTORY PROFESSOR, HEAD OF FEMINIST STUDIES, FOUNDER OF THE CENTER FOR GENDER EQUITY

When Dr. Martha Rampton arrived on Pacific’s campus as a history professor in 1994, female professors still were sometimes treated like secretaries, being asked, for example, to fetch coffee for their male colleagues.

A year later, Pacific had its first Feminist Studies program. And six years later, it had its first women’s center, which now is known as the Center for Gender Equity, or CGE. Neither would have happened when they did if not for Rampton.

The CGE, said Dr. Sarah Phillips, dean of Pacific’s College of Arts & Sciences, came into being because of Rampton’s “unbelievably endless devotion to it.”

Phillips said the center has not only helped attract students to Pacific, but it has given them the balance and support they needed when they were evaluating their places in the world and felt confused or alienated.

“It’s absolutely not an exaggeration to say that some students are alive today because of the Center for Gender Equity,” she said.

Rampton helped guide the university’s efforts to become a more diverse, more inclusive, more broad-minded place. Now, she is turning it all over to the next generation as she and her husband step into retirement.
"It’s killing me,” she acknowledged in a conversation in a CGE meeting room in late July, her eyes filling. “It’s so hard to leave the students.

Students are at the center of the CGE’s mission. “I know how important it is to give students a place to talk, a place where they can push the envelope, where they can be outrageous,” Rampton said. “If not in college, when will they?”

This has meant, for example, students wearing penis-shaped suits, or massive strap-on breasts — initiatives intended to encourage screening for testicular and breast cancer, said Rampton.

The center started as a place devoted to women’s issues, but has expanded to cover orientations of all kinds, including bisexual, transgender, and lesbian and gay people. And it connects to the community, welcoming pre-college students and others from around the area.

The goal, Rampton said, has been to educate, not offend. And in the course of carving its own path, it has gained an international reputation. Rampton and Phillips said the CGE fields queries from around the world, asking for information or resources.

Of course, it took many like-minded people to help launch the era of gender equity at Pacific University — or, if not exactly like-minded, at least tolerant.

**DR. FAITH GABELNICK**

Among them was Pacific’s first female president, Dr. Faith Gabelnick, who read Rampton’s initial proposals for a feminist studies program and the creation of a women’s center. She signed off on the proposals, giving Rampton the freedom to move ahead with the blessing of the administration.

Gabelnick had a challenging tenure as president. But Rampton said she also helped launch a women’s leadership lunch for women who lead departments, agencies or companies.

Pacific’s current president, Dr. Lesley Hallick, credits Rampton and the CGE for making the university an increasingly safe space for LGBTQ+ students.

“Some students have said, ‘I wouldn’t have stayed here if not for the CGE,’” Hallick said. “It has played an incredibly important role in supporting diverse students who are marginalized.”

Over the years, the center’s budget and staff of student workers have grown, and Rampton was allowed to reduce her teaching load so that she could continue to pour her energy into the CGE.

But there is one thing Rampton said she won’t miss. In retirement, she said, “I’m not going to have to carry heavy boxes around.”

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— MARTHA RAMPTON

Male students have joined women for CGE-sponsored “Step in Her Shoes” events to call attention to the plague of sexual and domestic violence. As Rampton told the Forest Grove News-Times in 2014, “The CGE position is always that men and women are allies in working against social injustice.”
Among the interruptions were deportation from Japan to the United States in 1914, when her husband was interned as an enemy alien, and fleeing Germany in 1936 as the Nazis increasingly restricted and threatened Jews.

Some of her most noted papers and lectures included studies of the Japanese tea culture, perceptual issues that affect results of Rorschach tests, the aesthetic judgments of schoolchildren, the distortion of straight and curved lines in geometrical fields, the "atmospheric influence" of fonts in advertising, and "the psychological field as determinant factor in vision."

"She made distinguished contributions to three different fields of knowledge and she reported them in three different languages," noted M. Alpern, who delivered the first Anna Berliner Lecture at Pacific in 1978.

Born in 1888 in Halberstadt, Germany, Berliner lived a remarkable life. Her own typewritten CV covering the years up to 1946, which lists her student days at universities in Freiburg, Berlin, Leipzig, Tokyo, Berkeley, New York and Columbus, Ohio, along with professional experiences in Newark, New York, Tokyo, Columbus, Maywood, Ill., includes this note: "Interruptions in the chronological list of professional work are due to two wars, a revolution, the Japanese earthquake and research work."

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— M. ALPERN

DR. JENNIFER COYLE

Pacific University’s College of Optometry is led today by Dr. Jennifer Coyle, herself a highly respected and much honored educator. She is connected to Berliner through College of Optometry Professor Emeritus Willard "Wid" Bleything ’51, OD ’52, MS ’54, who was one of Berliner’s students.

Coyle, received the Clarence G. Carkner Oregon Optometrist of the Year award and a Theia Award of Excellence in Education from Women in Optometry. She was the first woman to become president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, was chair of the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association Advocacy Committee and of the Association of Contact Lens Educators, and serves on the board of the American Academy of Optometry Women in Optometry.

Dr. Coyle also established The Smythe Fund in 2008 to support optometry students faced with hardships while enrolled at Pacific. It has supported 11 students since that time.
Berliner was named a Lifetime Fellow of the International Council of Psychologists in 1963 and received the Apollo Award, a high honor from the American Optometric Association, in 1971.

She came to Pacific as an associate professor in psychology in 1949, the university’s centennial year. She became a full professor and dean of the department before retiring in 1963. After retiring, she taught German to schoolchildren in Forest Grove.

Shockingly, she was murdered in her Forest Grove home in 1977 by a Cornelius teenager who had been going door to door to collect money in a fundraising scam. It appears from accounts that emerged from the murder trial that Berliner refused to give him money and threatened to call the police. He went inside her house and beat and stabbed her to death. The teenager was convicted of murder in 1979 and sentenced to life in prison, though he was later released.

“Always she taught,” Alpern said. “She taught by her example, by discussing what she had read and by how she responded to one’s reply to her discussion. Her criticisms were always sharp and hard, though never unkind, but her standards were high.”

Berliner, who also served on the College of Optometry’s Faculty Committee, taught College of Optometry Professor Emeritus Willard “Wid” Bleything ‘51, OD ‘52, MS ‘54.

Berliner brought a valuable perspective to the study of optometry, Bleything said. She didn’t teach about the biology of the eye, nor the craft of optics; rather, she focused on the study of visual perception, or how the brain understands and processes the images delivered by the eyes.

“We learned a ton,” said Bleything, who recalled the way Berliner’s mind sometimes raced faster than her accented English. She would speak rapidly in English, pause, mutter in German, then ask “Eh?” to see if the students had understood. Often, said Bleything, they didn’t.

She and her husband sometimes joined students on a ski bus to Mount Hood, where they skied rings around the Americans. They were a classically European couple, he said.

Was she a pioneer?

“She didn’t know that, but she was,” Bleything said. “She stimulated a lot of good thinking about behavioral vision. She was a really good fit.”

Frances Clapp

MUSICIAN, TEACHER AND MISSIONARY

Frances Clapp ’08 — that is, 1908 — was a revered figure from the turn of the last century. She was a skilled pianist who appeared in many musical programs from the era, playing Chopin, Beethoven, Grieg, Rubinstein, Bach and other composers. Her playing was “splendid,” according to a letter to Pacific from Spanish maestro Alberto Jonas, under whom she studied for a year. Her senior thesis was titled “Early Church Hymns: The Latin Compositions up to the Middle Age.”

She was an energetic student, known for her musicianship and for her poetry, some of which was comic verse.

After graduating, Clapp taught music at Pacific for a year. And then she set sail for more distant ports. She spent a year in Germany, taught piano at Pomona College from 1912 to 1916, then was sent to Japan by the Missionary Board of the United Church of Christ in 1918. She was named to Pacific’s Missionary Service Roll around 1921.

Her desire always was to be a missionary, and she did it with her music, teaching in Japan through the first half of the 20th century. She was in Japan until war tensions arose, then went to Hawai’i, where she witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor. According to materials for a 2012 exhibit of Japanese art and artifacts at the Petterson Museum of Intercultural Art, she was one of the first American civilians to return to Japan when the war ended.

She taught for 30 years in three stints at Doshisha College in Kyoto, retiring in 1957. She was presented to the empress and was awarded Japan’s Fifth Order of Sacred Treasure, a high distinction.

She was adventurous, she was committed, she was talented. She never married and lived her life as she wanted to; not the way others expected.

Born in 1887 in Indiana, she died in California in 1977 at age 89.
By the time she came to Pacific in 1960, Claire Argow already was well known for her work to abolish the death penalty and reform the penal system. She had been active in crime prevention, psychology of prisoners, and social work in New York and Florida before coming to Oregon and spending 15 years as executive director of the Oregon Prison Association. In that role, she visited prisons, lobbied public officials, sent letters and gave speeches. She campaigned successfully for the repeal of the death penalty in Oregon in 1964, drove the state to separate youthful offenders from adults, and to establish separate prisons for women. Two wings of the Multnomah County (Ore.) Juvenile Detention Center were named the Claire Argow Center.

She was driven by the belief that people convicted of crimes still deserve to be offered opportunities and treated humanely. Society also benefits when it treats a prisoner well, she told an interviewer in 1983. "If we do nothing for him in the prison, he’s going to come out worse and worse and worse than he was the first or the second or the third time that he went. He is more of a threat to you … when he comes out than he ever was before he went in.”

To the editor of The Oregon Statesman newspaper, she wrote: "Confinement without treatment will only embitter, not rehabilitate.”

She paid hundreds of visits to people in prison and sometimes brought students with her. Linda Marvel ’65 of Olympia, a retired social worker for the state of Washington, recalled a visit to the Oregon State Penitentiary in which the men in the class who visited the men's wing encountered an inmate who broke down in tears when he saw Argow.

"He was supposed to be one of her successes," Marvel said. But he had re-offended and returned to prison. "He was so ashamed," she said.

Marvel said Argow was an inspiration to her and others, especially women.

"She was a very strong woman," Marvel said. "She was years ahead of her time. The Oregon Prison Association was not a place you’d find a woman in the 1950s.”

At Pacific, she was an associate professor in the Sociology Department. The university archives contain some of the term papers she graded, with titles like “The History of Capital Punishment in Oregon” and “Comparison of Capital Punishment with Homicide Rates in Multnomah County.” She even gave an A-minus to a student who submitted a paper on “Points for Capital Punishment.”

For four years, she also directed the university's Upward Bound program, intended to help low-income and rural high school students prepare for college.

She earned her bachelor’s degree from Vassar in 1924, a master’s in psychiatric social work from Simmons College in 1925 and a law degree from Yale in 1930. She and the two other women in her class were the first three women to graduate from Yale Law School.

In a 1977 oral history online at the Oregon Historical Society, she explained that after attending law school and returning to what she called “psychological social work,” she was drawn to those who were convicted of crimes.

"I found I could identify with criminals," she told the interviewer. "I recognized how very human they are.”

An interviewer who spoke to her for Oregon Public Broadcasting’s "Front Line" program in 1983 asked her what she thought when people called her “a starry-eyed liberal do-gooder.”
Replied Argow: “I’m proud of that title.”

“You don’t get rich when you do the kind of work I’ve done all my life, but you get a satisfaction. I have a gal who still writes to me, who came to us as a murderer in the penitentiary, who tells me that she could never have made it, in or out, if it hadn’t been for me. Now where do you get rewards like that?”

In 1991, she created the Claire Argow Endowed Scholarship Fund to support students planning a career in social services or law enforcement. Argow died in 1997, and her memorial was held in Pacific’s Old College Hall.

Since her death, her son Keith has continued to generously support the scholarship fund, and he was inducted into the Pacific University President’s Circle this month.

Cecilie Froehlich

HOLOCAUST REFUGEE & PIONEERING ENGINEER

A 1942 headline in The Campus, the undergraduate newspaper of City College of New York, set the tone: “First Female Invades Tech School Faculty,” it blared. It was that way for much of the accomplished career of Cecilie Froehlich. She was the first female faculty member of the City College School of Engineering, then the first female department chair, not just at City College, but in the country, according to New York press accounts. And after a 23-year career at City College, she was lured to Pacific University, where university president M.A.F. Ritchie was looking for a new Math Department chair to succeed Andrewa Noble (page 12). She led Pacific’s math department until retiring in 1970.

A Jewish woman, she had fled from her native Germany as Nazism was taking hold. While her father and brother made their way to California, she went to Belgium to work for an industrial company there. As German forces invaded the country, she fled to France, hiding and laboring on farms — an experience she acknowledged while telling an interviewer in New York, “You don’t want to hear about it and I don’t want to talk about it.”

Her prominence and her continuing experiences as the “first woman to …” made her an outspoken advocate for recruiting more women in the field.

“In most instances,” she is quoted multiple times as saying, “no one bothers to tell female high school students about engineering careers. As a result, the girls frequently fail to elect adequate preparatory courses in mathematics and science. When they get to college, they find they don’t have the necessary qualifications to study engineering.”

At the same time, she bemoaned the lack of career opportunities for female engineers. She wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, saying the United States could address its much-discussed shortage of engineering talent by bringing more women into the field, a subject Roosevelt discussed on the radio. And as for the companies that employed engineers, Froehlich said, most hired women only as assistants.

“We are not an inferior breed,” she told a reporter for the New York Herald Tribune. “We don’t want to be secretaries. We want the same job for the same ability.”

After she retired, she remained an active volunteer, teaching children German, among other pursuits. She was honored by the American Association of University Women with the creation of a fellowship in her name.

She died in Forest Grove in 1992, just short of her 92nd birthday.

She gave generously to Pacific, and upon her death, her estate — along with friends and alumni — created the Cecilie Froehlich Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund to support deserving math and science students.
Varina French
ALUMNA, COACH AND PT FOUNDER

Even if she had done nothing else at Pacific, Varina Heinrich French ’56, MS ’65 would have been remembered for her 17 years spent coaching women’s volleyball, softball, track and field and gymnastics, and for becoming the first female physical education department chair in the West.

Beyond the university, she was a prominent advocate for the sport of gymnastics and played a national role in certifying gymnastics judges. She was a spotter for ABC’s television coverage of the sport in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, spending hours in close proximity to the finest gymnasts in the world, including Mary Lou Retton, who won the gold in the all-around.

“I got so excited watching,” French told Pacific magazine in 2004. “When Mary Lou Retton threw that 10 vault, that was something else.”

In 1974, she was elected vice president of the U.S. Gymnastics Federation Women’s Committee and continued to play a prominent role in the sport, even after retiring from Pacific. She worked international gymnastics meets and became international media coordinator for the federation.

“She was a pioneer,” said longtime Pacific Athletic Department leader Judy Sherman, another of Pacific’s notable women (see magazine. pacificu.edu). “She was an advocate for women in sports and women in education.” French had “lots of energy” and was very forward-thinking.

Sadly, French’s gymnastics career ended 10 years after the Los Angeles Olympics, when she was severely injured in a traffic accident that put her in a coma. When she awakened, she suffered memory loss and other impairments.

Varina French and her husband Dan were both inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame; she as a coach and educator, he as a standout athlete in the 1950s, men’s basketball coach and athletic director. She was honored with the Outstanding Alumni Service Award in 1986.

She died this spring; Dan French died in 2012.

AN EDUCATIONAL LEGACY

French made another, longer-lasting contribution to Pacific — one that influences the university’s direction to this day and into the future.

Her interest in athletics, and helping athletes recover from sports injuries, led her to help set in motion a plan to create a new school to train physical therapists. In the early 1970s, she, along with David Malcolm, PhD, then-dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, started planning for the program with the cooperation of the Oregon Physical Therapy Association.

The school was launched in 1975, a time when Oregon had no other programs to train physical therapists.

DR. JEAN BALDWIN

Heading the new program was Jean Baldwin, a physical therapist and PhD, who steered the program through its fledgling years. She oversaw the arrival of the first 16 physical therapy students in the fall of 1975 and their graduation two years later.

Baldwin retired in 1984. The next year, the program was redesigned to confer a master’s degree following three years of undergraduate study and three years of professional work. And in 2000, Pacific became one of just 14 accredited physical therapy educational programs to offer the doctor of physical therapy degree.

Baldwin died in Idaho in 2010. The Dr. Jean Baldwin Physical Therapy Endowed Scholarship Fund was created in her memory in 2014 by a group of alumni to support students studying physical therapy.

The School of Physical Therapy became one of the initial members of Pacific’s College of Health Professions, now located in Hillsboro. And last year, the school changed its name to the School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, reflecting its growing master’s program in athletic training.
Nevertheless, Kurahara says she is not bitter, and she was concerned that this article would “glorify” her as a victim. She said her family was luckier than many: Their orchards were looked after by kindly neighbors, and the family was able to return to them later. The belongings they left behind suffered some breakage and loss, but she noted she also met the man she married during her detention. He was also interned at Tule Lake.

The war interrupted college for both Kurahara and Sumoge, who hoped to follow Madeline Yamane Bose, the first Japanese-American woman to graduate from Pacific, in 1941. She had a “lovely singing voice,” Kurahara said.

Kurahara was unable to attend the 2007 Commencement ceremony in which she and Sumoge were awarded honorary bachelor’s degrees, but Sumoge was there. “There’s no way I can express my gratitude and appreciation and pride that Pacific has honored me,” Sumoge said at the time.

“I have no words to explain it. It was certainly the fulfillment of a dream.”

Kurahara said she was grateful, too. She said she encountered a great deal of kindness along the way, including gifts of furniture and books from her sisters in Kappa Delta Sorority. Nobody was angry with her, personally, she said.

“You couldn’t be bitter,” she said this summer.

“Life is too short to bear grudges.”

But, she added, “I hope it doesn’t happen again.”

Famed photographer Ansel Adams visited the Manzanar Relocation Center in California in 1943 to capture these and other scenes from the lives of interned Japanese-Americans. His photos are available online at the Library of Congress website, loc.gov.
Perhaps the most prominent improvement on the Forest Grove Campus this summer is the new Boxer Makerspace, where students will be able to use advanced equipment to design and build projects of their own. The glassed-in space on the second floor of the Tim & Cathy Tran Library includes open work areas and meeting rooms.

The Boxer Makerspace is made possible in part by a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.
FORMLABS 3D PRINTERS
The Boxer Makerspace contains three machines used in printing three-dimension objects.
- A resin-based 3D printer makes models created in Sketchup, Fusion, Tinkercad or any other 3D modeling software.
- The Wash & Cure machine cleans and readies printed forms for use.
- The Autodesk Ember resin printer is suited for building tiny, intricate objects, such as jewelry.

MAYKU FORMBOX VACUUM FORMER
If you have a solid object, including those you created on 3D printers like the ones in the Boxer Makerspace, the FormBox lets you mold a thin shell of plastic around it. It creates molds for anything pourable — such as chocolate, or soap — as well as making shells for masks, miniature cars and other objects.

EINSCAN-PRO 3D SCANNER
For scanning larger objects, such as a human arm or leg, the Einscan-Pro captures data that can be converted into a digital 3D model. It works with all popular CAD and 3D modeling and printing software.

1891 GOLDING PEARL LETTERPRESS
This vintage letterpress was gifted to Pacific by a local business in the 1960s. It has been relocated several times, repaired, and is now ready to use for letterpress printing, one sheet and one color at a time.

SQUINK MULTILAYER CIRCUIT BOARD PRINTER
Students can use the printer to build printed circuit boards with multiple layers, using conductive or insulating inks, conductive glues and placing surface-mount components. If a student imagines an electronic device, the printer can create a prototype.

pictured
Alssie Casayuran ‘20
Class Notes

Which way do you read Pacific magazine?
Front to back or back to front? Anecdotal evidence suggests that most readers start with class notes.
Help us keep you connected with your classmates by submitting a class note (or, unfortunately, an in memoriam) for the next issue of Pacific magazine. You will even get a gift from the Alumni Association in honor of marriages, births and adoptions, or new jobs! We honor those who have passed with the quarterly Alumni Remembrance Ceremony. pacificu.edu/alumni-events.

Send Us Your Updates
Email classnotes@pacificu.edu or online form pacificu.edu/magazine
We publish class notes and in memoriam online all year, and submissions received by Oct. 3 will be published in our Winter 2019 edition.

Homecoming
In 2020, Pacific University celebrates milestones for members of class years ending in -0 and -5. Look for the flag designating your reunion year and contact the Alumni Association to get started planning your 2020 reunion today!

Golden Guard Celebrations REUNION
We would love to celebrate reunions for existing members of the Golden Guard. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

1966
Calvin Ryan-Mosley '66 retired as vice president of admissions and financial aid at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University. He started his career in the Pacific University Admissions Office and worked 22 years at Harvard University. At Pacific, he played baseball and football and is in the Athletic Hall of Fame.

1970 50th
The Class of 1970 will celebrate its 50-year reunion and induction into the Golden Guard in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

Rick Hill ’70 and his wife, Joyce, traveled from their home in Helena, Mont., this summer to visit Pacific’s Forest Grove Campus for the first time since he graduated. He holds the longest standing track and field record on the board at the Stoller Center—a 53 foot, three-and-a-half-inch shot put he achieved in a 1969 meet. Hill, a retired school superintendent, said he checked the Boxer website for a few years because he was curious if his record was still standing. When it hit the 50-year mark, he and his wife packed the car and drove to Forest Grove for what he called “a one-man celebration.” He is glad to still be the record holder, he said, but “it confuses me. Athletes today are so much bigger and stronger,” he said. He would have assumed someone on Pacific’s team would have surpassed him by now. “Records are made to be broken,” he said.

Edward Kame’enui ’70 retired in August 2018 from the University of Oregon, where he was Dean-Knight professor in the College of Education, as well as the founder of the Center on Teaching and Learning. Before teaching in Eugene, he taught at Purdue University and the University of Montana; co-wrote 20 college textbooks; published more than 200 articles including 100 refereed research publications and 50 book chapters; directed more than $80 million of federal and private research grants; worked for the U.S. Department of Education; and spoke at the White House. He also served on the original advisory boards for the PBS television show Between the Lions and WETA’s Reading Rockets.

1971
Lois (Burchett) Blackwood ’71 was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award in January 2019 by Marquis Who’s Who, the publisher of biographical profiles, for her contributions to the teaching and consulting professions. She has received several other teaching awards, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Elementary Mathematics Teaching by the state of Colorado, the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the Longmont Chamber of Commerce, and a Sustained Superior Service Award from the U.S. Army in Frankfurt.

1974
Loren Cordain ’74 was featured on the “Primal Blueprint Podcast.” He has been featured on Dateline NBC, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Times as an expert on the evolutionary basis of diet and disease. He has written several books and more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts. He was a professor in the department of health and exercise science at Colorado State University from 1982 to 2013.

1975 45th
The Class of 1975 will celebrate its 45-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion today!

Carl Boeck ’75 graduated from the Southern California College of Optometry at Marshall B. Ketchum University after Pacific. Since then, he and his classmate established their practice, Drs. Boeck & Schisler, in Santee, Calif. After 9/11, he joined the Air Force Reserve and served for 13.5 years as an optometrist and subject matter expert for the International Health Specialist Program. He traveled to Africa, Central and South America, and Southeast Asia and he also provided medical logistics information for the Defense Intelligence Agency after receiving training at the Pentagon and Defense Institute of Security Cooperation Studies. He and his wife, Josie, live in San Diego, Calif., and they enjoy traveling.

1979
Steve Paranto ’79, MAT ’84 recently started the podcast series “Pickleball Talks with Steve Paranto.” Paranto, a retired physical
education teacher, has been playing pickleball for more than 40 years.

**1980**  40th
The Class of 1980 will celebrate its 40-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

**1983**
Frank Giardina ‘83, OD ‘86 is the program director of Community Health Centers of the Central Coast. He also became the first certified optometrist in California to administer vaccinations.

**1985**  40th
The Class of 1985 will celebrate its 35-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

**1988**
Karla Fox ‘88 has published her second novel, Seconds Café. The book is intended to be part of a series about launching businesses that raise money to support foster care programs, homelessness and adoptions.

**1990**  30th
The Class of 1990 will celebrate its 30-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

**1993**

**1995**  25th
The Class of 1995 will celebrate its 25-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

**1996**
Guy Takahashi ’96, MAT ’04 was hired by Forest Grove High School as its wrestling coach after coaching for Hillsboro’s Century High School. During his tenure at Century, his teams produced multiple individual and team champions. He is in Pacific’s Athletic Hall of Fame and was a two-year NAIA All-American in the heavyweight wrestling class. He had a career record of 67-24. He will also teach physical education at Forest Grove.

**1997**
Bede (Lefore) Murphy ’97, also known as Catherine Bede, had her works exhibited at the Hillsboro Civic Center’s Shirley Huffman Auditorium. Bede has been showcasing her art throughout Washington County, Ore., since 1999. She is the owner and director of the Catherine Bede Gallery in Hillsboro. The gallery won the 2017 Best of Hillsboro Award in the art gallery category and is an anchor of Hillsboro’s First Tuesday Art Walk event.

**1998**
Rob Felix ‘98, MAT ’00 has completed his first year teaching high school math of the Science and Math Institute in Tacoma, Wash. He is spending most of this summer in Park City, Utah, to participate in the Teacher Leadership Program at IAS/Park City Math Institute. He taught middle school in Federal Way, Wash., for 15 years. Rob and his wife, Katie (Shields) Felix ’01, live in Tacoma with their two children.

**2000**  20th
The Class of 2000 will celebrate its 20-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

**2002**
Michael Gable MSPT ’02, DPT ’03 is the author of Beyond Tape: The Guide to Climbing Injury Treatment and Prevention, which was recently featured in Rock and Ice, a magazine devoted to rock and ice climbing and mountaineering. He runs his own private practice, Eastern Sierra Physical Therapy Health and Wellness, in Bishop, Calif.

**2003**
Kelly Carmody MAT ’03 was the recipient of the 2019-2020 Bob Sack Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches sixth grade at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Manhattan, Kan., and has been with the district for eight years.
Rob Hesia ’03, MAT ’04 was selected as the coach of the year by the Hawai‘i Wrestling Coaches Association. He coaches the boys and girls teams at the Kamehameha Schools’ Honolulu campus. He led the Warriors to state team titles for both the boys and the girls, the first state sweep by a single school in four years. Hesia is the second Pacific alumnus coaching at Kamehameha to be honored as the state’s wrestling coach of the year.

Allison (Osterberg-Deisz) Huffman ’03 and Isaac Huffman ’03 live in Mount Vernon, Wash. Allison Huffman runs a couple’s therapy practice in Bellingham, Wash. Isaac is the library director at the Mount Vernon Library. They have three children: Elliot, Emmala, and Eliza.

Anahita (Nemat) Renner ’03 and husband, Christopher, welcomed their son, Christopher Waldo Renner, on March 9, 2019.

2004

Sarah Brown Cowan MAT ’04 was featured in KATU-TV’s “Leaders in Learning,” a series that recognizes exceptional teachers. She has taught at North Salem (Ore.) High School for 15 years and undertook a new role this past year in the school’s pilot program that helps at-risk students graduate on time. The goal of the program was to increase the graduation rate by 10 percent in four years and it was achieved in just one year. She now has 23 freshmen under her wing.

Amanda Paschall ’04 and Taddrick Ferguson welcomed their first baby, Sadie Faith Ferguson, on April 26, 2019.

2005

The Class of 2005 will celebrate its 15-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion today!

Paul Gutzler MAT ’05 was selected to be the next principal of Methow Valley Elementary School in Winthrop, Wash. He has been assistant principal at Mount Baker High School in Deming, Wash., and was previously the dean of students at Wade King Elementary School in Bellingham, Wash.

Andretta (Journey) Schellinger ’05 published her most recent book, The Men Beyond the Stones, a look into the lives of the 14 service members who are immortalized at the Maryhill Stonehenge in Goldendale, Wash. She is also the author of From Knights to Skulls: The Cultural Evolution of Nose Artwork and Aircraft Nose Art: American, French and British Imagery and Its Influences from World War I through the Vietnam War. She lives near the Columbia Gorge in Oregon with her husband, daughter and pets.

2006

Steve Abang ’06 and Amy (Fenton) Abang ’08 welcomed son Elijah Michael Abang on Oct. 5, 2018.

Loren Bullard ’06 and Colin Hosking ’06, both of Honolulu, were married on April 27, 2019, at the Kokokahi YWCA in Kāne‘ohe, Hawai‘i. In attendance were fellow Boxer alumni Richard Guzzerro ’04, Donald Geyer ’05, Nicole (Goodrich) Geyer ’05, Michael Lee ’06, Cherylin (Izuo) Lee ’05, Jake Lovell ’05 and Dan O’Malley ’06.

Angela Mart OT ’06 has worked at Wallowa Memorial Hospital in Enterprise, Ore., as an occupational therapist for the last three years. She helped establish the hospital’s first ever occupational therapy program and is currently working to add a pediatric program.

Jayme (Ing) Wong ’06 and Jesse Wong ’07 welcome son Jalon Kapiliawahapau‘ole Wong on April 2, 2018.

2008

Benjamin Elliott ’08 and his wife, Michelle, moved to Bellevue, Wash. He has started a new job as a software engineer at Amazon, where he works on the Last Mile Team, which develops ways to optimize deliveries. They are accompanied by their cat, Hazel.

Samantha Frank MFA ’08 was selected for an artist’s residency at Mineral (Wash.) School. Her work has appeared in Grow Northwest Magazine, Ms. Magazine, Yes!, and Cotton Xenomorph. She is at work on her first novel, Speaking Rabbit, set in 1916 Everett, Wash.

Caitlyn Tateishi ’08 is a 2020 Olympics marathon trials qualifier. She runs marathons regularly, placing first in both the Hilo to Volcano 50k run and the Baltimore Marathon in 2016. She ran cross country and track at Pacific, but took a break when she taught English in Japan through the JET program. After Japan, she lived in Zambia as a Peace Corp volunteer where she began running again. When she is not running, she is either working as a legal operations business analyst or exploring the outdoors with her husband and dog.

2009

Alissa (Nielsen) Hattman MFA ’09 was recently published in the online literary journal, Gravel. Her fiction has appeared elsewhere in Propeller, Prick of the Spindle, Ellipsis, and Voice Catcher, and her short story, “Beyond the Bay,” won WORK’s fiction of the year contest in 2011. She teaches writing at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore.

Kathryn “Kitty” Jospé MFA ’09 was recently featured in The Ekphrastic Review, an online journal, for her poem “Where Do You Go?” She has written five books and her work has appeared elsewhere in numerous local and national journals. She gives tours in French and English at the Memorial Art Gallery in Rochester, N.Y., and offers weekly poetry appreciation courses at the local public library.

Abby Murray MFA ’09 was chosen by the Tacoma (Wash.) Arts Commission as the city’s Poet Laureate of 2019 to 2021. Over the next two years, she will participate in and host public poetry readings, workshops and other community events to advance the literary arts in Tacoma. She won the 2019 Perugia Press Prize for her debut poetry collection, Hail and Farewell, forthcoming in September 2019. She also edits Collateral, a literary journal focused on the impact of violent conflict and military service.
Submit your class note and photo for the next issue of Pacific magazine by Oct. 3.

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The Class of 2010 will celebrate its 10-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion today!

Zachary Isoma MS ’10, PsyD ’14 recently held an educational forum at the Sun City Center (Fla.) Chamber of Commerce on dealing with loneliness and coping with a traumatic event.

2011

Melodie (Barker) Bolt MFA ’11 was recently invited to speak at a monthly event for Witches Tea Flint in Flint, Mich. Afterwards she spoke and facilitated a workshop on “Poetry and Praise of the Divine.” Her writing has been featured in various publications and she serves as the president of Flint Area Writers.

Douglas Neill MAT ’11 explains in words and pictures how he became one of the sketchnote educators on the Verbal-to-Visual website, verbaltovisual.com.

Stacy Strauss ’11 and her husband, Jaron, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, in January 2019.

2012

Jason Allen MFA ’12 is the author of the novel The East End, forthcoming in May 2019. He is also the author of the poetry collection A Meditation on Fire. After Pacific, he earned his PhD in literature and creative writing from Binghamton (N.Y.) University. He lives in Atlanta, Ga., where he teaches writing.

BriAnna Rosen ’12 and wife, EM Fuller, founded the Fuller Rosen Gallery in southeast Portland in 2018 as a collaborative curatorial project. The gallery exhibits regional and national artists who address urgent, contemporary issues. The gallery was highlighted by the Portland Mercury as part of its coverage of Pride Month.

2013

Norris Burkes MFA ’13 is the recipient of the 2019 Will Rogers Humanitarian Award sponsored by the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Burkes, of Auburn, Calif., writes on charitable causes and activities. Burkes started writing his column, “Spirituality in Everyday Life,” in 2001 for Florida Today. He has written national columns for Gannett and later Gatehouse and is now a self-syndicated columnist in about 35 newspapers. He served as an U.S. Air Force chaplain for 28 years, including time as a combat duty chaplain in Iraq. He has a B.A. in religion and journalism from Baylor University, a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and a master of fine arts in writing from Pacific.

David Hagerty MFA ’13 released They Tell Me You Are Cuning, the fourth book in the Duncan Cochrane mystery series this summer. The book, about a politician and anti-crime crusader who is brought to disgrace, was published by Evolved Publishing.

David James MFA ’13 had his latest collection of poetry, Surreal Expulsion, published by The Poetry Box of Beaverton, Ore. He has written seven previous poetry collections. He is an adjunct associate professor of English at Hope College, in Holland, Mich., where he received his undergraduate degree.

Tara Velarde ’13 was cast for The New York Times bestselling-turned-musical The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors presented by the Oregon Children’s Theatre. The show ran this spring in downtown Portland.

2014

Shane Feuerbach ’14 was sworn into the Ceres (Calif.) Fire Department on March 20. After Pacific, he earned his teaching credential from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., and traveled the country teaching underprivileged children. He also taught at the high school level in Texas and managed a homeless shelter in Oregon before settling in Tracy, Calif., with his wife and son.

Andrew Wagner ’14 received his doctor of occupational therapy degree at Belmont University in Nashville.

2015

The Class of 2015 will celebrate its five-year reunion in 2020. Contact the Alumni Association at alumni@pacificu.edu or 503-352-2057 to start planning your reunion!

Bre Hall ’15 had her essay Locomotive Wonder published as a featured rare flash on the literary site Cease, Cows.

Shaun Keylock ’15 was commissioned to create a world premiere dance performance by White Bird, a Portland-based performance advocacy organization. Keylock graduated from Pacific University in 2015 with majors in dance and art history. One of three artists to win the Barney Creative Prize from White Bird this year, Keylock will create a piece that will be performed in White Bird’s 2020-2021 Uncaged series. He leads the Shaun Keylock Company, a troupe that creates works “that are at once technically sound and radically subversive.”

Jason Pederson ’15 and Steven Childress ’17 host “Pacific Novel Project,” a podcast about their writing and publishing process from first drafts and revisions to rejections and publications.

Chelsea (Van Dyke) Reich PA ’15 recently joined the Essentia Health-Moorhead Clinic team in Moorhead, Minn., as a physician assistant.

2016

McKenna Davidson ’16 was recently featured in The Irish Times, for the efforts she has invested in pursuing her dreams playing soccer. After spending a year studying abroad at the University of Limerick, she returned to Ireland in July 2018 to play for Wexford (Ireland) Football Club.

Tyler Stewart ’16 was one of five Columbia County, Ore., residents named Hometown Heroes by the Columbia County Sheriff’s Office. The sheriff’s office led an effort to send him and the four other service members a personalized care package overseas. While at Pacific, Stewart played football for a time, and in 2015, enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He is serving aboard the USS Donald Cook, a guided missile destroyer that patrols in the Mediterranean and Baltic Seas.
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2017


Paulette Perhach ’17, the author of Welcome to the Writer’s Life, was featured on the “12-Minute Convo” podcast with host Engel Jones.

Taylor Swanson OD ‘17 was recently welcomed to the Brainerd (Minn.) Eyecare Center team, joining his wife, Alicia Archibald-Swanson OD ’17, who has been practicing there since June 2017.

2018

Matthew “Teo” Mungaray MFA ’18 was featured in an interview conducted by Sundress Publications. He is the co-founder and co-editor-in-chief of online literary journal, Cotton Xenomorph. His work has been published by or is forthcoming from Sycamore Review, Five:2:One, Cosmonauts Avenue, and Glass: A Journal of Poetry. He is pursuing his doctorate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Danielle Parker OT ’18 and Brad Parker welcomed their daughter, Skylar Parker, on Jan. 29, 2019.

Natalie Treece MFA ’18 had a story, “The End of Summer,” featured as a Story Sunday Editor’s Pick on the British literary website Litro.co.uk.

Friends

Caroline Locher-Stein, former Pacific instructor, died Nov. 15, 2018, at age 75. A graduate of Reed College in Portland, she moved on to the University of Oregon to earn her master’s and doctorate of comparative literature. She was also a Fulbright Fellow at the University of Marburg in Germany. She taught German and English at Pacific before returning to Reed College, where she served as director of alumni relations for over a decade. In retirement, she pursued her passions for painting, drawing and printmaking, which she exhibited in Portland, eastern Washington and Italy. She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Daniel and Kaspar. She is survived by her stepchildren, Cornelia and Felix; siblings, Michael (and Valerie) Horner, Judith (and Juergen) Horner, Stephen (and Susan) Horner, and Terry (and Elizabeth) Horner; two step-grandchildren; and an extended family.

Leonard Levine, former Pacific instructor, died April 8, 2019, at age 90. He attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., and then Columbia University in New York City, N.Y., to earn his Ph.D. He was inducted into the army during the Korean War and served as a medical researcher at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. In 1960, he was the recipient of a postdoctoral U.S. Public Health Service Fellowship and studied under Nobel Prize winner Sir Bernard Katz, in London. Upon returning from England, Levine taught at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and became one of the youngest tenured professors. His love for the Pacific Northwest lead him to eventually teach at Pacific’s College of Optometry in 1966, and he spent the next 28 years there. He became a distinguished professor and was presented with the first Outstanding Teacher award by his students. Following his retirement, he volunteered at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Nira; children, Laurie (and Mike) and Ron (and Connie); two grandchildren; and sisters, Florence, Loretta and Eleanor.

Bonnie Witkin-Stuart, former assistant professor of education at Pacific’s Eugene, Ore., Campus, died March 15, 2019, at age 58. She married Brandt Stuart in 1991, and they raised two children together. She was a researcher, psychologist and founder of Pacific’s former Master of Arts in Counseling program. She was also the co-founder of the Eugene Center for Mindful Living, an organization that offers psychotherapy, consultation and education services. She is survived by her husband, Brandt; children, Alani and Noah; siblings, Lynn, Steven, Stanley, and Harry; and an extended family.

Marie Olive Farr, former secretary to Pacific’s dean of the College of Optometry, died March 18, 2019, at age 100. Born and raised in Forest Grove, she married Byron Farr on June 18, 1938. They raised three children together. She worked at Pacific for 30 years, having served four different deans. She received many awards, including Honorary Member of the THETA Chapter Phi Theta Upsilon International Optometry Fraternity. She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Byron; son, Byron “Richard” II; parents, Ervin and Ethel Bailey; and sisters, Eleanor Stout and Marilyn Reynolds. She is survived by her son, Harry Farr ‘68 (and Beverly); daughter-in-law, Betty; five grandchildren; and an extended family.

1951

George Edwin Johnson ‘51 died April 5, 2019, in Missoula, Mont., at the age of 95. He went to high school in Havre, Mont., and served in the Coast Guard during WWII. After his service, he finished his education at Pacific University. He became an optometrist and took over his father’s practice in Havre. While attending school, he met and married Vivian Van Cise. They were married for 27 years and had three children. After their divorce, he met and married Loretta Jean Jaquette. They were married for nine years until Jean passed away. Johnson later married Marjorie Long. They were married for 29 years until her death in 2015. He practiced optometry in Havre for 30 years, moved to Bigfork with Jean and opened a small practice until he started Fishing Fever Charters on Flathead Lake. He was preceded in death by Jean, Marge, his parents, and his brother Melvin Johnson. He is survived by his three children, Sharon and Eric Traber of Spokane, Greg and Leslyn Johnson of Laurel and Loree and Jack Dark of Missoula. He had six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ann Reynolds ’51, retired professor in the Department of Cell Biology at Duke University, respected for her work on cell membranes, died at home April 24, 2019. Dr. Reynolds was 88. She graduated from Pacific University in 1951 and moved with her husband to Washington state where she worked at the McChord Air Force Base Post Exchange while raising four children. After her first divorce in 1960, she became the first female graduate student of Dr. George Halsey at the Department of Chemistry at the University of Washington. She completed her PhD in three years, and then she was hired by IBM. After her second divorce in 1969, began working at Duke University, in tandem with Dr. Charles Tanford, who was her life partner until his death.
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in 2009. She was the first female member of Duke’s Academic Council. She is survived by three children, Ben Reynolds, Deborah Jackson and Rebecca Newton; and by six grandchildren.

Elaine Pritiken Smith ’51 died May 6, 2019. From the age of 4, she took dance, eventually focusing on adagio. She excelled in school and left for Pacific University at the age of 17. There, she met the love of her life, Bernard Smith ’50, a bass fiddle player and avid bridge player, a game that he taught her and that they shared a love of throughout their marriage. Within three months of meeting, they were engaged and shared an adventurous life together, living as far north as Alaska and as far east as New Jersey. She was a loved and loving mother to Robin J. Smith, Jeannine A. Limpahan, Laura L. Staffa, and Roxana H. Glenn. She will also be missed by her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1952

Dr. Donald Behrends ’52 of Vancouver, Wash., passed away on March 21, 2019, at the age of 94. He was born on June 22, 1924 in Riceville, Iowa, the youngest of eight children. In 1943, at the age of 19, Don joined the Army and served in the infantry in Europe in WWII. While stationed at Camp Adair, Ore., he met Jean Jones and they were married in 1946 in Salem, Ore., after his tour of duty. From there, he attended Pacific University and obtained his doctor of optometry degree. In 1954, he opened his solo optometric practice on Evergreen Boulevard in Vancouver, where he practiced for 30 years, working an additional 10 years after selling his practice. Behrends was very active in the Vancouver Lions Club for more than 40 years. He loved hunting and was a member of Clark Rifle Range Club for many years. He is survived by his son, Dennis Behrends; daughter, Becky and Rick Morcom; and grandchildren, Brianne and Alex Behrends and Samantha and James Morcom. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean Behrends in October 2017, after 71 years of marriage.

1959

Robert George Davidson ’59 died peacefully at home in Prescott, Ariz., on April 28, 2019. He was born in Loma Linda, Calif., in 1935, grew up in Alhambra, Calif., and graduated from Pacific University in 1959. He continued his education at Claremont School of Theology, where he earned a master’s degree in theology. He was ordained in the Congregational Church which later became the United Church of Christ. He served UCC churches in Riverside, Calif., Wellesley, Mass., Appleton, Wisc., and Lakewood, Ohio. He decided to leave the ministry and become a book publisher, forming Educational Ministries, Inc. (now EMI PrintWorks), which published Christian education materials for mainline Protestant churches for 35 years. He also published two monthly publications, Church Educator and Church Worship for many years. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, Linda; his two children, Mark Davidson and Cheryl Uresti; and his granddaughter.

1960

Jennifer (Kornmann) Wolfman ’60 died March 15, 2019, at age 80, surrounded by her family. She attended Pacific, where she met her future husband, Elias Wolfman ’57, OD ’58, who was an optometry student at the time. They married and raised three children together, settling in Fort Bragg, Calif. She owned and operated The Bookstore on Redwood Avenue for 30 years while her husband operated The Bookstore on Redwood Avenue for 30 years while her husband operated a local optometry practice. She was a hardworking gardener and naturalist, world-class cook and loving mother, spouse and friend. She was preceded in death by her brother, John. She is survived by her children, Aaron, Melinda Posner, and Sonia; two grandchildren; siblings, Richard, Jim, Frances, Mary, and Lianne; and life partner, Tom Quinn.

1962

Kirk Horn ’62 died Feb. 10, 2019, at age 79, surrounded by his family. He was born in Eugene, Ore., and grew up on the family farm. He attended Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., before transferring to and graduating from Pacific. He pursued his graduate studies in biology at the University of Arizona. He worked summers at Crater Lake National Park in southern Oregon, where he met his wife, Beth. He was a biology teacher at Heppner (Ore.) High School, forest biologist for the Mount Hood National Forest, regional wildlife biologist in Portland, national threatened and endangered species coordinator in Washington D.C., and regional director of wildlife and fisheries in Missoula, Mont. He and Beth retired in 1999, and they spent their time hiking, camping, fishing and doing other outdoor activities together. Even after retirement, he served as president of the board of directors of the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center at Yellowstone, Mont. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Beth; daughter, Frances Malcolm (and Greg) Charnesky; and two grandchildren.

1972

Willard Henry “Hank” Butzlauff ’72 died May 1, 2019, at the age of 84. After graduating high school in Wolf Point, Mont., he attended Pacific University for three years. He married in 1956. For the next 13 years, he worked for the Montana State Highway Department. In 1969, he packed up his family and moved to Forest Grove to finish school. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology two years later, and then returned to work for the Highway Department in Helena, Mont. He retired in 1994 as supervisor of the Safety Division. He spent his retirement doing what he loved, golfing, sailing and traveling, visiting almost every country in the world. He is survived by his daughter Deborah and sons Michael (and Corliss), Ronald, and Dennis; three grandchildren and their spouses; five great-grandchildren; and former wife Thelma.

1993

Janet Hopkins PsyD ’93 died Feb. 28, 2019, at age 69. After graduating from Pacific, she dedicated the following 24 years of her life to serving her patients as a member of Swedish Family Medicine in Seattle. She eventually became a solo practitioner in West Seattle until her retirement in August 2018. One of her greatest accomplishments was her tireless advocacy of her son, Ben, as she confronted physical challenges during her last months. She is survived by her son, Benjamin Hopkins Parnass.
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