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Daisy Rizo '17, MSW '18 majored in social work as an undergraduate at Pacific, but it wasn't until she pursued her master's in the subject at Pacific's Eugene Campus that she really found herself.

WATCH | See Daisy's story ▶ magazine.pacificu.edu

 **ROBBIE BOURLAND**

“I currently work at Providence St. Vincent's Hospital, for the cancer center. I got hired on as a social worker as soon as I finished my master's.”

— Daisy Rizo '17, MSW '18



letter from the president

As educators, we wait a long time to see the results of our work.

Teachers are pleased, of course, when students perform well on an exam or write an insightful thesis.

We relish in the “aha moments,” when a student suddenly grasps a new concept or idea.

We watch with pride as our students incrementally grow into themselves a bit more year after year.

But the true payoff rarely comes until decades later, when — if we are lucky — we get to see the amazing human beings that our students become and the lives they touch as a result, in part, of their educations.

This fall, we were thrilled to pay tribute to three alumni who represent some of the best of Pacific.

The Pacific University Alumni Association Awards are the highest honors we can bestow upon our graduates. Presented every other year, the awards recognize Pacific University alumni who are early leaders in their fields, who give back to the university and its students, and who dedicate their lives to making the world better for others.

In short, they recognize the alumni who best exemplify our mission to think, care, create, and pursue justice in the world. Among them:

- ▶ **Daintry Bartoldus '88**, who has spent her life supporting the most vulnerable members of her community, both professionally and personally, (page 14).
- ▶ **Peter Agbo PharmD '09**, who has sought education and training in healthcare and put that learning to work serving patients day-to-day here in the United States and in creating a nonprofit and providing direct care for those without access to healthcare in his home country of Nigeria, (page 16).
- ▶ **Steve Dustrude '73**, who has been a leader in education, a dedicated advocate for youth, and a benefactor of future generations of Pacific students, (page 18).

As we think about student success today, we recognize that success means something different to everyone. Financial and career success is, of course, one of our primary hopes for our students. But we expect more than that. We set out to give our students the tools and inspiration to be engaged citizens and neighbors who, in turn, support the success of others and make the world a better place.

We are so proud of this year's alumni award recipients — and of all of our alumni. You are the manifestation of what it means to be a Pacific University Boxer. You are an inspiration to our students today and all that we hope for their tomorrows.

Lesley M. Hallick, President
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History is a rich tapestry, woven from a variety of perspectives and voices.

But sometimes, we fail to notice important motifs in the pattern.

I've heard many stories from the late 1960s at Pacific. Though it was an era of intensive social dialogue and protest — perhaps not unlike today — the most prolific stories of the age are about the Boxer statue.

I've heard of its origins, the legendary flashes and tosses, the passionate memories of alumni who fondly remember their few chances to see, touch or even hold the statue.

I've heard how Boxer disappeared around 1969, many say captured by the Black Student Union, never to be tossed or flashed again.

But what I've rarely heard — or shared — is the rest of the story. The conventional wisdom is that members of the BSU said Boxer was a distraction from more pressing matters of the time. But that's a story long untold.

Where are the stories of our students of color in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement? What was Pacific's place in that moment in history?

Perhaps because we were so focused on a statue, and less on people, we missed a critical piece of the picture.

That's not a mistake we should repeat, and we hope this issue of *Pacific* takes a small step toward correcting the record.

As we celebrate the unveiling of Boxer III this fall, we are excited to honor school spirit and the alumni who so enthusiastically remember the camaraderie of their time as students.

But we also seek to share a broader story that includes the history of the BSU and its members then and now. We seek to continue facilitating dialogue around the experiences that all of our students and alumni have in the world.

We don't pretend that the article is complete; we hope others will choose to share their own stories in their own ways.

Because the intricate tapestry of our history isn't complete without all the threads — without them, we cannot see the full picture of who we have been and who we are today.

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► March 1, Forest Grove Campus

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► Forest Grove, Ore.
- 14 PUB Night with Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie
► Beaverton, Ore.

JANUARY

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After earning his doctor of pharmacy from Pacific, Peter Agbo PharmD '09 went on to receive a master of public health and a doctor of medicine degree. Today, he spends most of his time at the hospital where he works. But he's also founded a nonprofit organization and takes fellow healthcare providers back home to West Africa annually to serve those without access to healthcare.

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A retired educator and speech pathologist, Steve Dustrude '73 has invested in student success, in and out of the classroom. He's been a leader in Oregon's education system and an advocate for student support at Pacific University.



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- 9** Performing Arts Series: De Temps Antan
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- 12** Friends of Pacific Lunch
▶ Forest Grove, Ore.
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▶ Forest Grove Campus

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- 12** Friends of Pacific Lunch
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APRIL

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▶ Forest Grove Campus
- 9** Friends of Pacific Lunch
▶ Forest Grove, Ore.
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"I have that one-on-one connection with my teachers, and I know I can easily ask my peers for help when I need it."

— Pamela Lee '19



BOXER GIVING DAY RETURNS MARCH 13-14, 2019!

You make Pacific possible! Whatever area of Pacific you choose to support helps make a brighter future for our students — today and in perpetuity.

Plan to make a gift and share your Pacific story on Boxer Giving Day this spring!

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Keyed Up for Music

The Pacific University Music Department is flourishing.

Pacific topped 100 students majoring and minoring in music programs this fall, up from just 30 a mere decade ago.

One notable source of the increase has been the bachelor of music therapy program, opened in 2014 to provide a route to a credentialed profession serving healthcare and education needs through music. This summer, Marylhurst University closed, leaving Pacific as the only music therapy program in Oregon and resulting in the transfer of more than 20 students into Pacific's program.

But that's just a small part of the growth of the department. Pacific offers majors in general music, music performance and music education — and it is deeply involved in spreading access to music education throughout the community.

The Pacific University String Projects — an educational initiative in which college music students provide instrument lessons to K-12 students — was named the best in the nation for 2018. And in May, the Music Department hosted the 70th annual Music in May Festival, one of the longest running high school music festivals in the country.

Pacific recently unveiled renovations to its nationally renowned performance venue, Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center, adding practice and classroom space for its rapidly growing programs.

Music students — along with about 150 non-music students — perform in a wide variety of ensembles at Pacific, including the Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Symphonic Band and two a cappella groups.

The winter performance season wraps up Dec. 1 with the annual Holiday Concert, featuring several of the ensembles. ■

SAVE THE DATE!

The Music Department will present Gilbert & Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore* in concert style March 1–3. Opening night begins with a gala benefit for the department before the show. Plan to join us for a special dinner with department faculty and students.

Details coming soon!



line up



KIRA NEGRETE '19
WOMEN'S SOCCER

A senior from Lakewood, Calif., Kira serves as president of the Pacific University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and secretary for the Northwest Conference Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also is president of Pacific's Exercise Science Club. She is pursuing a double-major in exercise science-integrated physiology and Spanish.



NOLAN WRIGHT '19
FOOTBALL

A senior from Sandy, Ore., Nolan has been a four-year starter on the offensive line with the Boxers. As an education major, he also has done practicum teaching in Pacific University's Early Learning Community. He hopes to become a teacher and coach following graduation.



MACKENZIE BROWN '20
VOLLEYBALL

A junior from Klamath Falls, Ore., Mackenzie also serves as secretary of the Pacific University Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She spent Spring 2018 studying abroad in England. She majors in education and learning with a minor in communication sciences and disorders. For the past two years, the Pacific volleyball team has been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association for its efforts in the classroom with a team grade point average over 3.30.



AIREL FARLEY '20
CROSS COUNTRY AND
TRACK & FIELD

A junior from Glide, Ore., Airel is a music therapy major who participates in both women's cross country and track & field. She also plays the flute as a member of the Pacific University band and performs with the choir. She was named a Northwest Conference Scholar-Athlete in both 2016–2017 and 2017–2018.



RILEY STEWART '21
CROSS COUNTRY AND
TRACK & FIELD

A sophomore from Forest Grove, Riley recently moved into the 21st position in Pacific's Top 25 all-time 8K performer's in men's cross country with a time of 26:10.8 at the Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational. His twin brother, Garrett, is a fellow sophomore at Pacific and runner on the cross-country team.

briefly noted

BEST OF THE WEST | Pacific University is among the top universities in the west, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2019 Best Colleges rankings. Pacific tied for 21st in the "Regional Universities-West" category, which includes 140 institutions across 15 states, including California and Texas. Pacific also ranks among *U.S. News'* Best Value Schools in the region.

Meanwhile, the 2019 *Wall Street Journal/Times* Higher Education U.S. College

Rankings puts Pacific in the top half of its ranked institutions nationwide (less than a third of all four-year colleges and universities get ranked at all), and *Washington Monthly* calls Pacific a "Best Bang for the Buck" school in its western region.

Washington Monthly also recently recognized Pacific among its "Best Colleges for Student Voting," praising its Get Out the Vote effort and its commitment to civic engagement. ▶ pacificu.edu/rankings

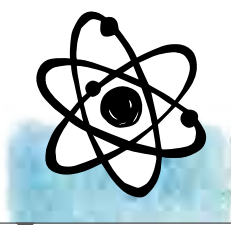
VISIONARY EXCELLENCE | The Pacific University College of Optometry has been named the 2018 School of the Year by the National Optometric Association for its ongoing commitment to providing vision care to underserved populations. Pacific was nominated by Dr. Larry Jones OD '85, a longtime NOA member and currently the organization's president-elect. Jones, who received the 2017 Kamelia Massih Prize for a Distinguished Optometrist from Pacific called out the support

honors & awards



Amber Dunn OD '13, Optometry, has been named the Oregon Optometric Physicians Association's Young OD of the Year. Dunn owns and operates Gatti Vision in King City, Ore., and is an assistant professor of optometry and head cheerleading coach at Pacific. Dunn is among five optometry alumni honored with OOPA's annual awards and one of five alumni elected to the eight-seat OOPA Board of Directors.

► pacificu.edu/OOPA-2018



Andy Dawes, Physics, has received a three-year grant from the National Science Foundation to fund undergraduate student research positions in his study of quantum optics. "Unlike big research universities, Pacific students are the primary researchers," Dawes said. "I'm proud we can offer a lab environment with the same cutting-edge equipment you would find at top-tier institutions like Harvard and M.I.T."

► pacificu.edu/NSF-Dawes



Lisa Rowley, Dental Hygiene, was one of two national recipients of the Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene, the American Dental Hygienists' Association's lifetime achievement award. Rowley, the founding director of Pacific's School of Dental Hygiene Studies, has overseen the education of more than 300 future dental hygiene practitioners, and has been an active leader and advocate for public health. She recently stepped down as director of DHS, succeeded by Amy Copen, but continues to teach in the program.

► pacificu.edu/ADHA-Rowley



Judy Sherman, Athletics, was honored for 50 years of service to Pacific University. The former softball coach and athletics director is a member of the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame. At 76, she continues to share game management duties. She was honored at halftime during Boxer Football's home opener in September.

► pacificu.edu/Judy-Sherman



Stacey Halpern, Biology, Nancy Neudauer, Mathematics, and Kevin Johnson, Chemistry, have all earned honors from the Fulbright program. Halpern, a Fulbright Scholar Fellow, is spending seven months studying invasive plant species in Japan. Neudauer has received her fourth Fulbright Specialist Award, continuing her work expanding math education abroad. And Johnson received a Fulbright International Education Administrators award to examine higher ed and international opportunities for students in Germany.

► pacificu.edu/fulbright

he received as a student of color at Pacific, as well as the work Pacific does to provide care for patients from underrepresented and underserved populations. ► pacificu.edu/NOA-2018-School-Year

IT'S OFFICIAL | Sarah Phillips has been named dean of the College of Arts & Sciences following a 16-month interim term. A member of Pacific's faculty since 1995, she has served as a professor of sociology, also teaching in anthropology,

gender and sexuality studies, public health, and social work. She was an associate dean in both the College of Business and College of Arts & Sciences, as well as director of the School of Social Sciences. As interim dean, she's focused supporting both students and faculty in a changing higher ed environment.

► pacificu.edu/DeanPhillips

NEW TO PACIFIC | Jim Langstraat has joined Pacific University as vice president of finance & administration.

Langstraat has spent the past 6 1/2 years at Portland Community College, including the last three as vice president of finance and administration. He previously held high-level financial positions in public school districts in Oregon and Iowa and was a senior auditor for the State of Iowa. He holds an MBA from the University of Iowa and a bachelor's degree in accounting from Central College in Pella, Iowa.

► pacificu.edu/VPLangstraat



BY MIKE FRANCIS

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historic references and photos

ARRIVING ALONE,

African American students recruited to Pacific University in the late 1960s discovered they had landed in an alien environment

The school's faculty, staff and student body were predominantly white, and all the on-campus clubs, events and programs were shaped to support a white population. There was little in place to make African Americans feel included.

If they were to have a community, the African American students realized, they would have to create it themselves. And so the Black Student

Union was born.

**"Forest Grove
wasn't ready
for us."**

Opal Chancler-Moore '70

"It wasn't about whites," said Phillip Miner '72, who was president of the BSU in 1970-1971, his junior year. "It was a bit of familial fabric.

We weren't interested in creating dissonance. It was to build greater solidarity."

to socialize with like-minded friends. That's because like-minded friends were in relatively short supply at Pacific in the late 1960s, even though the school actively recruited African American students in the Bay Area, the Los Angeles area and elsewhere.

Today, members of the Black Student Union would say it serves much the same purpose.

A *Pacific* magazine story written in 1969 suggested that, with 65 students, Pacific had had one of the largest populations of African American students in a private college in the Pacific Northwest. Some, like Miner, had never laid eyes on the campus when they accepted an offer to attend. At the time, the federal government was promoting diversity on college campuses as part of Lyndon Johnson's War on Poverty. The government funded grants for students to attend college through Upward Bound and other grant programs.

Pacific was an early and enthusiastic adopter of the federal initiative. That benefited Miner, who lived in the Bay Area, but wanted to leave California while staying on the West Coast. It didn't suit everybody — often, students quit before the end of their freshman years — but Miner said Pacific suited him.



Pacific Today, alumni magazine — Winter 1969

The Black Student Union was a place for African American students to hear one another, to support one another,



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"I was lucky Pacific worked for me," he said from Jacksonville, Fla., where he retired. College prepared him for his career as a college administrator.

No Welcome Mat

Nevertheless, the small wave of African American students who attended Pacific during that era landed at a college that had little experience of real diversity, in a Washington County town with even less. A cross had been burned on campus around 1950. Minstrel shows, featuring players in blackface, were still performed in next-door Cornelius as late as the 1940s. In the late 1960s, some were still actively hostile to the idea of African Americans in Forest Grove.

Opal Chancler-Moore '70, part of the group who founded the Black Student Union in 1967, said she and friends would meet ugliness any time they walked on the sidewalks on the edges of campus.

People in passing cars would "scream vulgar, racist language," she said. Often they threw things, including watermelon.

"Forest Grove wasn't ready for us," she said.

The indignities also occurred on campus, among students and faculty. "Kids from backwater towns in Washington and Oregon were afraid to go into the showers with us," Chancler-Moore said. "Some wanted to see if we had tails."

Miner, who arrived a couple of years later, says he didn't encounter that kind of overt racism. But he said racism was apparent nonetheless. White students, staff and faculty seemed to assume African American students were academically deficient or economically challenged and were surprised to find that they weren't.

"My greatest challenges came in realizing my white colleagues, the faculty and staff weren't prepared for the fact that black African Americans are as talented and smart as they were," said Miner. "It was most unsettling."

He said Forest Grove residents queried university administrators about black students driving new cars — in his case, a lime-green Plymouth Duster. Why did they need financial aid?

1969 BSU MEMBERS | LEFT TO RIGHT

FRONT ROW Phillip Miner '72, Debbie Neal '71, Howard Story '71, Linda Motley '72, Carol Rohr '73

MIDDLE ROW Brian Swan '70, Jackie Deckard '72, Miriam Shields '72, Brenda Foster '71, Willie Deckard '73, Linda Young '72, Linda Whitmill '72, Shirley Hamilton '73, Barbara Glover '72

BACK ROW Brenda Manley '73, Harold Bennett '72, Carol Hamlet '72, Steve Payton '73, Mercedes Billbrew '73, Karen Hennington, Fredy Perez '73, Mary Powell '72, Pat Calhoun '72, Alma King '72, Cliff Wood '72

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"I took great offense," said Miner, whose father was a janitor and his mother a domestic worker. "There was nothing affluent about us. But like other parents, mine would make sacrifices for me."

In this atmosphere, around the time former Attorney General Robert Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. were assassinated and as protests about the Vietnam War were multiplying, the Black Student Union began to organize itself. Pacific wasn't sure what to make of it.

A 1968 editorial in the campus newspaper, *The Pacific Index*, was apparently written as satire. But in referencing an organizational meeting for what became the Black Student Union, it spoke to the ambivalence of the predominantly white college about the self-organization of its black students.

"February 27 marks the day that it happened: all the campus Negroes met for dinner in the University Center and there were some other Negroes there to talk to them. Well, the majority of Pacific students, or at least a loud minority, seemed to know what THAT means. The Negroes were organizing, and when Negroes organize that means Black Power, and Black Power means a lot of killin' and rapin' and burnin' all sorts of horrible things."



Black Cultural Week, 1973 | Poster
Soul Food Dinners, 1970–1980s | Dinner

In 1968, the BSU brought comedian-activist Dick Gregory to campus. Chancellor Moore said the group sent two student delegates to Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral. The BSU also hosted "Soul Food Dinners" and dances in the Boxer Pause.

Meanwhile, white students were stirred up about such things as the dress code. And, as had been true for decades, they cared deeply about the Boxer toss.

The BSU and Boxer

Boxer, the Chinese-made likeness of a qilin, had become the object of much plotting, teasing, and physical skirmishing among Pacific students. (See story on page 12). Battles to capture the small statue left many exhausted and sometimes with injuries that required medical attention.

The tradition seemed very remote from the daily experiences of Pacific's black students. But in 1969, they intersected.

Boxer was tossed that year, and the scrum among students lasted for hours. Students were sprawled about, exhausted. The last time anybody reported seeing the statue was in a car that was speeding away. Within hours, fliers appeared on campus claiming the statue was in the possession of the Black Student Union.

There are reasons to believe that wasn't true, but it became a widely accepted Pacific myth. It led to decades of rumors about Boxer being thrown off a bridge or melted down, despite the lack of evidence. All that can be said with certainty is that Boxer was gone and somebody claimed the Black Student Union had him.

Boxer Disappears

In 1971, a story in *The Index* carried the headline "Boxer Flash is Dead." It quoted Miner, then president of the Black Student Union, as saying, "We're never going to flash it. The tradition of Boxer is defunct."

Miner recently said he has no idea who ended up with the statue and whether it is intact. But he acknowledges he was repulsed by the Flash-Toss-Capture tradition.

"I was shocked and appalled by the tradition, in which you beat the pulp out of everyone," he said. "I don't

understand why you fight for a statue. I couldn't wrap my mind around that."

Miner said he wished students competed for Boxer in a different spirit, in an "academically oriented way." That would herald a different kind of pride of ownership, he said. He said he welcomed the debut of Boxer III at Homecoming and was pleased to learn that the university plans to keep it under lock and key.

"I do believe in tradition," he said. "I hope it brings out the good angels in us all, rather than a brawl."

BSU Goes Dormant

With the decline in federal investment in college scholarships for underprivileged students, African American enrollment at Pacific declined. The university's 1977 self-study report reported to the accreditation body that "the once-large Black population has declined markedly," although it didn't offer numbers. Pacific "has not been as vigorous in recent years as it was in the early 1970s in recruiting Black students," the school acknowledged.

The Vietnam War had ended, the rage of the 1960s had cooled, and Pacific continued to be a bucolic haven of higher learning, centered in Forest Grove. The Black Student Union eventually faded away.

"It went dormant for 30 years," said Yashica Island, who was hired by Pacific in 2012 to be its director of student academic inclusion. Upon her arrival she looked around and realized "students of color at Pacific needed help."

The Group is Relaunched

Students of color, like all students, needed academic help, financial assistance, healthcare, residential accommodations and all the other things that make college challenging. But they also needed a way to navigate the culture at Pacific and in Forest Grove.

While local residents weren't throwing watermelon at black students in the 21st century, students found some of the same attitudes that animated African American students in the late 1960s. A barbershop told a student "We won't cut your hair," Island said. Another time, she said, African American students were

passing out fliers when they were met on a porch by a man holding a shotgun. Male students were apprehensive about encounters with police. And in the classroom, students of color still encountered demeaning behaviors, such as a professor asking an Asian American student how much rice she eats.

"Honestly, not much has changed," said Island, who is now director of diversity and intercultural engagement at Concordia University in Portland. "I was starting to get overwhelmed with all the needs."

So, after discussion, Island led an initial group of seven students to restart the Black Student Union in 2013. The university said any new club had to have at least seven members. It was a small, but promising start.

Then tragedy struck.

Two of the initial seven students were killed in April 2014 in an auto accident at the intersection of Verboort Road and Oregon Route 47. Kiden Dilla and Ayan Osman, two freshmen who graduated from Washington County high schools and met during Pacific's new student orientation, had become inseparable friends and popular on campus. Their shocking deaths sent the campus into mourning and sent public officials into discussions about how to make the intersection safer.

Today, a bench memorializing Dilla and Osman stands between Marsh Hall and the Tran Library. And drivers now enter a roundabout at Verboort and Route 47, rather than meeting in a four-way intersection.

"I don't understand why you fight for a statue."

Phillip Miner '72

For the Black Student Union in 2014, their deaths were devastating. The new club had been active, bringing in a black history play, hosting dances and soul food dinners, and having open mic poetry events. While Island has moved on to

Concordia, she worries that Pacific's BSU could fade away again.

Kia Addison '20 might advise her not to worry.

Addison is current president of the Black Student Union. As this school year was beginning, she said, 45 people turned out for its first meeting. The BSU plans a showing of a documentary about Vanport, the town of shipyard workers and others, many African American, that was destroyed in a flood in 1948. The BSU is also planning a poetry event. Its staff advisor is Tracy King of the university's Human Resources Department.

African Americans and other students of color unite "out of a sense of self-protection," Addison said. The BSU empowers students, telling them, in essence, "You are not alone. You deserve to be heard."

She credits the university's establishment of the Multicultural Student Center in Scott Hall with helping to support a sense of community among students of color students. And she said Narce Rodriguez, Pacific's chief equity, diversity and inclusion officer, "has been an invaluable resource."

At the five-year anniversary of the re-launched Black Student Union, current students honored early members from the 1960s and 1970s during Homecoming Weekend.

Addison, whose own block in Spanaway, Wash., was leafleted by the Ku Klux Klan shortly after her family moved in 11 years ago, says she likes Pacific's small class sizes and the ability to be heard without clamoring for attention. But she says students of color still need support, just as they did in 1967 and in 2013.

She often thinks, she said, that some of the ignorance and insensitivity should have been erased by now. But as head of the Black Student Union, she asks, "How can we lessen the burden?"

Miner, the 1970-1971 president, says his Pacific experience shaped his attitudes and behavior for the rest of his life. When he arrived at the university, he said, he was surprised to find that it was full of white people who had never been around black people.

By the time he left, he said, he was driven to show that "talent comes in all colors and ... genders." ■

Homecoming 2018 | photo by Alax Santiago '21



Three's a Charm!

BY MIKE FRANCIS

Boxer is back.

That is a central fact about which we can agree. Almost everything else in the tangled story about a mythical Chinese creature is a web of folklore, curious hiding places and campus bragging rights. Even the people best acquainted with the Boxer tradition get foggy about some of the details.

Like what?

Like what Boxer is, exactly.

Go on. What is Boxer?

It's a qilin, of course.

A what?

A qilin — a species of mythical animal with features that combine the head of a dragon, the hooves of a horse, the antlers (or antler) of a stag, and often, the scales of a carp. Chinese artists and sculptors emphasized different features depending on regional and dynastic preferences.

The name of Pacific's qilin reflects its confused history.

The original statue of the creature came to Pacific a little before China's Boxer Rebellion, when Chinese traditionalists trained in the martial arts — called "Chinese boxing" by westerners — fought to expel foreigners, especially Christian missionaries.

Wait, Christian missionaries? Like the people who founded Pacific?

Exactly. The fact that Pacific University reveres an object named for a violent historical spasm against the Christian West is abundantly ironic. Which brings us to your next question:

How did this oddball mashup of species come to be associated with Pacific University?

The short answer is that a Christian missionary named J.E. Walker bought a qilin statue in China for a reported \$5, sent it to his mother in Oregon, and she donated it a few years later to Pacific. That donation took place in 1896, a few

years before the actual Boxer Rebellion. Some people think the statue was 200 or 300 years old at the time, although nobody knows for sure.

At first the statue was a curio. But over the years, it developed a new kind of mythology — one associated with the students and faculty of Pacific. It became such a representation of school spirit that the school changed mascots in 1968, trading "Badgers" for "Boxers."

According to early accounts, the qilin was first displayed in Brighton Chapel, where it oversaw the coming and going of a dozen classes of Pacific students. But in 1899, somebody — or several somebodies — removed him from his pedestal and launched him on the storied next chapter of its existence. For the following 70 years, Boxer would be abducted, reappear, be swarmed over by panting students, then disappear again.

It became a revered Pacific ritual — the "flashing" of Boxer, when he would be briefly displayed, revving up a crowd, and then "tossed" into a sort of mosh pit of students, who wrestled one another to exhaustion in an effort to possess him. Photos and films from some of those occasions show ripped shirts, flailing elbows and bloody noses.

Why did students fight over it?

Spirit. Camaraderie. Competitiveness. Machismo. Because it provided a crazy departure from the usual life of a student.

Alumni who recall the scrums around Boxer often say they were motivated to participate in such a vivid illustration of "spirit." And it became a game of escalating stakes and risks.

Like what?

People sometimes got hurt grappling for Boxer. A wrestler sustained a head gash that became a lifetime scar. Bones were broken. Clothing was ripped. Boxer himself sustained considerable damage over the years, losing pieces that were later welded back together.

And those who held Boxer became more and more inventive about hiding, flashing and tossing him. He's been frozen into a block of ice, lowered by rope from a helicopter and held for a photo by Richard Nixon.

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Bob Dervedde '61 tells of the time his fraternity, Gamma Sigma, had procured Boxer. He said members of a rival fraternity jumped two of Dervedde's frat brothers, shackled them in the back seat of a car and interrogated them vigorously about the whereabouts of Boxer. Eventually, he said, they were dumped on a country road beyond Buxton, stripped of everything they had been wearing, including shoes, "which was hilarious in my view." After they wandered through the night, he said, they happened upon a farmhouse, where the farmer and his wife covered them up, fed them a meal and drove them back to campus.

Dervedde says his brothers never cracked under questioning.

Now we've unveiled Boxer III. What happened to Boxers I and II?

It's a mystery. The original, battered Boxer disappeared after the toss of 1969. Many legends have grown around its disappearance, but very few people know what really happened. Fliers appeared on campus claiming the Black Student Union had captured Boxer, but members of the group say they don't know where it went. (See *previous story, page 8*.)

The bottom line is that Boxer I was never seen on campus again. Many lament his disappearance. Many others don't.

Boxer II was a heavier version of Boxer I — 50 or more pounds, according to some who held him. He was returned to Pacific in 1982 after a student fundraising campaign raised \$1,000 to cast a new qilin.

Jeff Grundon, who graduated in 1980 but joined the Admissions staff afterward, said he was walking on campus in 1982 when he followed the upward gazes of two men and saw Boxer II, chained within the branches of a campus tree. "Oh my God, it's Boxer," he said. He enlisted a student with a pair of boltcutters, the qilin was cut loose, captured and tossed again.

Dean Croshere '07 may have spent more time with Boxer II than anyone taking the qilin on an epic trip across the country, in 2007, with documented stops at Wrigley Field, Mount Rushmore, the Hoover Dam and Niagara Falls. His extensive account and photos of the trip are still available online at www.roadtrip-life.com.

Croshere was passionate about the statue and the tradition, and he lamented that the ardor of an earlier generation of students had largely dissipated by 2007. As he wrote that year in *The Index*, "Boxer fervor had died to such a degree that Boxer was walked through the UC shortly after noon

to a reception of little other than disinterested glances and a couple of questions. Disinterested glances and an otherwise lack of interest are not passion: they are apathy."

Alumnus Bruce Bishop '68, who spearheaded the fundraising drive for Boxer III, said he heard that somebody jumped Croshere in the parking lot of a Forest Grove convenience store, and Boxer II was taken. The statue hasn't been seen since.

"I was really sad to hear Boxer II had been stolen again and disappeared," said Grundon, who now serves as senior associate director of admissions. "So I was really excited when I found out they were going to do Boxer III."

How did Boxer III come to be?

Bishop's fundraising campaign for Boxer III was intended to culminate at the 50th reunion of the Class of 1968 — the first class to graduate as Pacific University Boxers, rather than Badgers. The creation of the new qilin was a top-secret endeavor, with artist Pat Costello laboring in a location known to very few. The donor-funded statue was given to Pacific as a piece of art. Unveiled at Homecoming 2018, it is meant to be kept under lock and key. ■

READ | The background of Boxer
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WATCH | The live unveiling of Boxer III
► facebook.com/pacificu

WATCH | Alumni recall Boxer I
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1965



2005



2007



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 courtesy of Daintry Bartoldus*

Daintry



If she were choosing, Daintry Bartoldus '88 wouldn't have been in the spotlight Homecoming 2018, accepting the 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Pacific University Alumni Association. She wouldn't even have been nominated.

For the nomination, she can thank Professor-Emeritus Mike Steele. For the application, she can thank her mother, Jerry, who compiled letters of recommendation and forwarded them to the Alumni Association.

"You will never meet a more humble person," Jerry said by phone from Hawai'i. "She's doing something from the moment she wakes up until she goes to sleep."

Bartoldus dedicates her time to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities, both in her personal life

and in her work with the Hawai'i Council on Developmental Disabilities, where she designs and oversees support systems.

"I believe we are servants. I was put here to be the best I can be."

Her personal work alone is remarkable. Her government work has been pioneering. Taken together, they tell a remarkable story

of a woman who is alert to human needs and committed to addressing them, no matter the cost.

Listen to Bernadette Keliiaa, who served on the Council for Developmental Disabilities and whose son, Donovan, had autism. Keliiaa had been frustrated in her efforts to find meaningful support for Donovan. At the time, Bartoldus was an intern on the council.

When Bartoldus heard about the Keliiaas' situation, "She basically moved him into her house," Bernadette Keliiaa said. Then she helped him get an apartment.

"Thanks to Daintry, I was able to get him into independent living," Keliiaa said. "Without her, it wouldn't have happened."

Donovan died in 2014 at the age of 33 after suffering a heart attack. But Bartoldus helped give him a sense of dignity and independence, and Keliiaa considers her a close friend.

She cites how Bartoldus had made a difference in other lives. She helped establish and support a lunch cart staffed by people with disabilities. And when Bartoldus was just 26, she took in a disabled woman named Alice, who still lives with her.

"She's touched so many lives," Keliiaa said.

Bartoldus '88

Alice recently turned 80 and still lives with Bartoldus. "She's as spry as ever," Bartoldus said of Alice. "She's a hoot."

Doesn't Bartoldus feel as if she's sacrificed her own freedom to take care of Alice?

"I don't see her as a burden at all," Bartoldus said, while acknowledging that she didn't foresee signing up for 20 years of caregiving.

"I believe we are servants," she said. "I was put here to be the best I can be."

After taking in Alice, who was deinstitutionalized with no place to go, Bartoldus said, she simply made adjustments to her life and got help along the way from friends. She says she deeply enjoys sharing in Alice's life.

Leolinda Parlin, the president of Hilopa'a Family to Family, a nonprofit that guides caregivers of people with special needs, credits Bartoldus with guiding Hawai'i's canoe through the turbulent waters of court-ordered changes to the mental health services system in 1994. At the time, Parlin said, "There was no playbook."

Bartoldus helped create a model for independent living for adults with disabilities, who previously were forced into group living situations, Parlin said. Along the way, Bartoldus "mentored a generation of social workers and professionals," she said.

She has been a case worker, a supervisor of case workers and nurses, a liaison between the Hawai'i Legislature, Congress and the community, and now, executive administrator of the Developmental Disability Council, where she plans, oversees, evaluates and advocates for systems to serve the disabled.

"She's so understated," Parlin said. "She does her best work in the shadows. She's totally under the radar."

Parlin suggests that Bartoldus' professional skills are akin to her skills as a distance runner. When Bartoldus sets out to run, Parlin said, she practices "her ability to persevere, to muscle through anything and not tire. She can pace

herself." As someone working to shape the support system for developmentally disabled people, she regularly calls upon those skills to get things done, Parlin said.

That's not a bad metaphor, Bartoldus agreed. Government, she said, "moves like molasses."

Bartoldus has cared in her home for people at the end of their lives, including her own father, who had Parkinson's disease and dementia. It was demanding at times, she said, but "I just made it work."

When she recognized that people who emigrated from the Micronesian islands to Hawai'i were having difficulty becoming integrated with local laws and cultures, she went to the island of Chuuk to better understand the way the islanders lived. Back in Hawai'i in 2010, she helped an extended family from Chuuk rent farm land and register their children for school. Today, she said, the farm is thriving.

In 2017, she adopted a homeless family of five, putting a roof over their heads, helping the adults find jobs and the children register for school. For three months, she collected \$1,000 in monthly rent, then returned it to them so they could rent a home. Today all three adults are working, paying rent and taxes, and receiving no government assistance.

"I was just trying to do what any person should be doing," Bartoldus said. "If everybody did that, the world would be a better place."

She said she is grateful to Pacific for helping her find her way when she was young and somewhat directionless. She attended for a while, then left, but later reached out to people like former Athletic Director Judy Sherman, who said she would be welcome to return to campus. She did, and earned a degree in humanities.

And now, after being nominated and applying for the alumni award, Bartoldus is willing to stand in the spotlight, briefly. Plus, her mother wants her to.

"This is really important to her," Bartoldus said. "This is payback to my parents." ■



Bartoldus played softball at Pacific.



Alice, now 80, still lives with Bartoldus.



Donovan Keliiaa, right, poses with Bartoldus and her family.

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*Additional photos
 courtesy of Peter Agbo*

Peter Agbo



Dr. Agbo, with glasses, conducts his medical missions to west Africa.

When Dr. Peter Agbo PharmD '09 returns to his native Nigeria this winter, the trip will be different from his previous charity visits to Africa.

This time, the charity he co-founded, in partnership with Nissis Vessels Foundation and Mecca USA, will deliver medical care and services to people traumatized by war, as well as those who lack basic care. More than 20,000 people have fled to Nigeria from neighboring Cameroon, where "horrific violence" is ravaging the English-speaking part of the country, according to Amnesty International.

"Things are really bad there," Agbo said.

Agbo grew up in Nigeria and later earned his doctor of pharmacy degree (PharmD) from Pacific University. Later, he went on to earn a master's degree in public health (MPH) from the University of West Florida and a doctorate in medicine (MD) from the American International School of Medicine Guyana. Today, he is employed by Bayhealth Medical Center, which serves central and southern Delaware.

Each year since 2011, he has taken two weeks to return to west Africa with his charity, Raphas Hands — named for a Biblical phrase that translates as "Healer's Hands" — to deliver healthcare services and supplies to underserved people in and near his native Nigeria. Bayhealth and other organizations support by contributing supplies.

His passion for service has been an inspiration to his faculty and classmates back at Pacific, which is

why the Pacific University Alumni Association is honoring him with the 2018 Emerging Leader Award.

"You see these people smiling. It motivates you to do more."

"Dr. Agbo's aspiration to expand his knowledge and being a mission-driven life-long learner is commendable," said School of Pharmacy Dean Reza Karimi.

"His dedication

to advocate for underserved patients and improve patient care and public health ... speaks volumes about his emerging leadership in the healthcare community."

In December, Agbo and his childhood friend Dr. David Asuzu — now a Yale-educated neurosurgeon in residence in Maryland — will help lead a team of physicians and other medical personnel to provide free care to more than 1,000 people during a two-week visit to the city of Ikom, close to the border with Cameroon. They will conduct clinical evaluations, assess health conditions, educate patients on hygiene and disease, provide medications for patients with chronic illnesses, treat malaria cases and dispense vitamins. The team of physicians and surgeons will also perform minor surgeries for those who have been injured or haven't been served by the local medical system.

"They have limited resources," he said of the healthcare system in Nigeria. If a patient in rural part

PharmD '09

of the country wants to see a healthcare provider, the patient is usually asked to come in with a book to write in, a pen and a thermometer. And he must pay before being treated.

That's why so many poor people in this part of sub-Sahara Africa don't get regular medical attention. As a consequence, Agbo said, many have diabetes, high blood pressure or aren't receiving routine care while pregnant. These are the people who benefit from the annual visits of the Raphas Hands team, which Agbo and Asuzu estimate has served more than 8,000 people in Africa.

A paper published in 2016 in the *FASEB Journal*, a peer-reviewed biology journal, said the Raphas Hands team and others recruited 35 volunteer health care providers, including physicians, dentists, nurses, surgeons, lab technicians, pharmacists and nutritionists, to treat 1,520 people in Cameroon, where health disparities are great between urban and rural areas. The paper said the patients commonly suffered from malnutrition, malaria, sexually transmitted diseases, respiratory tract infections and diabetes, for which they received treatment and education about the importance of a healthy diet, good hygiene, exercise and moderate alcohol intake. The medical mission "demonstrated the prevalence of preventable diseases ... in rural communities in Cameroon."

Agbo said "people celebrate" when the medical team arrives. One woman comes back every

time the team returns to say thank you for removing her lipoma, an accumulation of fatty tissue. The same with a middle-aged man who was treated with alpha blockers for an enlarged prostate. And Agbo speaks warmly of a young boy whose undescended testes, a condition known as cryptorchidism, were brought down into a normal position, lowering his future risk of infertility and reducing a primary risk factor for testicular cancer. None of them would have received treatment on their own, Agbo said.

"There are so many testimonies," Agbo said. "You see these people smiling. It motivates you to do more."

Asuzu describes Agbo as a dear friend whose "constant hard work, compassion and willingness to help out those in need are virtually unmatched."

Agbo said he and Asuzu remain committed to the project to bring advanced healthcare to underserved people in the region where they grew up. The coming trip will bring new medical challenges and different kinds of patients, but, said Agbo, "I can't wait to see them."

"I have a big heart," he said. "I want to make the world a better place. I am a product of kindness and am humbled at any opportunity to pay it forward." ■



Dr. Agbo is surrounded by eager patients during one of his medical missions to west Africa.

BY MIKE FRANCIS
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 courtesy of Steve Dustrude*

Steve

From his first steps away from the farm in little Marcola, Ore., Steve Dustrude '73 has followed opportunities that became a career and, ultimately, a calling.

Dustrude, who's being honored with Pacific University's 2018 Outstanding Alumni Service Award, said his first inclination as a high-schooler was to get away from his home in unincorporated Lane County. That led him to Pacific, which he entered as a freshman in 1969.

"Pacific was a perfect fit for me," he said. "It was a small school, with small class sizes and excellent professors. That meant you could get a lot of individual attention."

He started with the idea of being a teacher, but came to recognize that his job prospects would improve if he specialized. So he switched in junior year to the speech pathology program.

While at Pacific, he was able to compete in baseball and track, and he and a friend ran ticket and concession stands at sports events for a couple of years. But, he said, "I was a student who needed to study hard," so he devoted most of his undergraduate years to academics.

After graduation, one thing led to another, years became decades, and Dustrude ended up going full circle, spending most of his working career as a teacher and speech-language specialist in the Springfield (Ore.) School District, where he was named Teacher of the Year in 1996.

As a speech and language specialist, he typically worked one-on-one or with small groups of students. That invested him in his students' success.



A newspaper photo shows Dustrude working with fourth-graders. He was named Springfield's Teacher of the Year in 1996.



Cyndy Dustrude, left, poses with Steve Dustrude, right, when he was honored by the Oregon Education Association in 2005.

Dustrude '73

"One of my best memories was working with an elementary-age boy who was a stutterer. He was just a great kid," Dustrude said.

The two worked together from about second grade through fifth, when the boy was promoted to middle school.

Dustrude had spent years helping him develop coping strategies, such as loosening his speech muscles for certain words, and anticipate situations when he might lock up when trying to pronounce a word. When the boy finished working with Dustrude, the job was unfinished. He still stuttered at times, and Dustrude felt "I didn't do enough."

Dustrude kept up with the boy through his parents, and one day attended an event in which his former student and others came back to the elementary school to tell the students what high school was like.

"He stood in front of two or three hundred kids and delivered a perfectly fluent speech," Dustrude said. "I was so proud of him."

He said that that "things finally kicked in" for the boy, who went on to become a coach and athletic director at a Portland-area high school. The two are still friends today.

Along the way, because of Dustrude's interest and his classification as a special needs teacher, he was increasingly called upon as a teachers' union representative.

"Pacific was a perfect fit for me. It was a small school, with small class sizes and excellent professors."

He served as president of the Springfield Education Association from 2000 until he retired in 2006, and was active in the

Oregon Education Association, the state's leading organization for educators. He also was active in the Oregon Speech and Hearing Association, an industry group that shares information and helps train professional speech and hearing specialists.

Now he and his wife Cyndy, a 1974 Pacific graduate, live in Springfield, not far from where he grew up. He remains active as a volunteer, giving time to Habitat for Humanity, the Ford Foundation and to Pacific, especially when the university conducts events in the Eugene-Springfield area. He also has served as president of the university's alumni board and has consistently advocated for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship, which is given to students who are children or grandchildren of Pacific alumni, is very important to Dustrude. As an alumni board member, he worked to involve other members in the selection process and to offer more scholarships to more students.

During his time as an active leader in the Alumni Association, "Steve has been an incredible supporter in multiple ways, and served as a wonderful model for others," said Martha Calus-McLain '03, Pacific's associate vice president of engagement & communications. "We are truly lucky to count Steve among our alumni."

Dustrude admits to feeling annoyed when Pacific dropped his speech pathology program. But the program has since been reinstated, and he is enthusiastic. He said the field needs young speech pathology professionals to serve in schools, as he did, and also in hospitals and other settings. And Pacific is producing them again.

Pacific, Dustrude said, has "enriched my life." It's done so in personal ways. It's where he met Cyndy and it's where his daughter, Erin Dustrude-Lampert '05, PT '08, her husband, Joel Lampert '05, MS '07, PsyD '10, and his brother-in-law attended school.

And now it is doing so in a very public way, by honoring him with the 2018 Alumni Service Award. ■



Steve Dustrude, right, poses with, from left, son-in-law Ryan, daughter Amy, wife Cyndy holding grandson Jackson, daughter Erin and son-in-law Joel, who is holding daughter Amaya.

class notes

1958

Will Loveall '58, OD '66 is enjoying retirement, fishing and relaxing. For 37 years, he owned and ran an optometry practice in Columbia Falls, Mont., where he served on the city council and as a member of the Columbia Falls Lion's Club.

1960

Judy Mason '60 was recently involved in a serious car accident. After weeks of hospitalization and intensive care, she made a steady recovery. She is a retired teacher and moved to Vancouver, Wash., in July 2018.

1963

Gary Hill '63 is a U.S. Navy veteran and former naval aviator who served alongside the late Sen. John McCain. He stands beside a young Sen. McCain in the cover photo of McCain's first memoir. Hill's story was featured in *The Bulletin* (Bend, Ore.), in addition to the weekly video series, "War Stories," broadcast by *Central Oregon Daily*. After his service, he was an engineer at NASA for 27 years, developing new technologies. He and his family moved back to Central Oregon after his retirement.

Richard LeBlond '63 is a retired biologist who found his calling as a writer. His essays and photographs have appeared in U.S. and

international journals and his work was once nominated for *The Best American Travel Writing* anthology series.

Bob Mahoney '63 and **Sherree (Wager) Mahoney '65** were featured in *Western Horseman* magazine's latest summer issue.

1967

Jim Silkenen '67 was chosen to be the Grand Marshall of the 2018 Memorial Day Parade and Memorial Day Ceremony held in Cranford, N.J. He spoke on his service in the U.S. Army, specifically during the Vietnam War, as his wife, **Candy (Wilson) Silkenen '69**, stood beside him.

1969

Elvis Kawahara '69 helped producer Fauna Hodel publish her autobiography, *One Day She'll Darken*. It was sold to the cable channel TNT as a six-part mini-series renamed *I Am the Night*. It is set to air in January 2019, starring Chris Pine and directed by Patty Jenkins, who also directed 2017's *Wonder Woman*.

Wilma Nakamura '69 is the founder and executive director of SharingAloha Maui, a nonprofit organization that champions sustainable practices. She is also the coordinator of Art of Trash, an annual exhibition of repurposed materials transformed into art by Maui County artists, including herself.

1970

Edna (Doar) Gehring '70, MSEd '72 known affectionately as "Aunty Edna," was honored at Pacific's 58th annual Lu'ua in April 2018 just before her retirement.

► pacificu.edu/AuntyEdna

1974

Trisha Degman '74 recently moved back to Forest Grove, Ore., where her adventures first began at Pacific. She was the first in her family to graduate college and has since enjoyed many things from being a swim instructor to conducting a women's singing group. She spends her time writing poetry and current events for Providence Elderplace Beaverton (Ore.) and volunteers her time teaching English to international students.

Sue (Judson) Hamly '74 retired after 27 years of pastoral ministry. She served the United Church of Christ, ministering to the congregations of Decorah, Iowa, as well as International Falls, Minn., where she and her husband, **Rowland Hamly '74**, reside.

1976

Florence (Holmes) Bracy '76 published a memoir, *Help Me Understand My Child*, about her experiences of advocating for her autistic son. The book highlights her struggles and presents resources and strategies on how

to navigate the complex system of securing services for people with special needs.

William Romley '76 retired as a high school administrator and football coach in Bakersfield, Calif. He now spends his time playing golf, fishing and traveling with his wife, Gail. They visited the British Isles and Alaska this summer.

1979

Jean Black-Groulx PT '79 is happy to announce the birth of her sixth great-grandchild this past July.

Gail Dudley PT '79 kicked off her retirement in May by spending her summer exploring and enjoying the state of Alaska.

Max Miura '79 was presented with the Oahu Interscholastic Association Official Service Award for his longtime involvement with wrestling. A wrestler at Pacific, an injury led him to a coaching career. Holding a bachelor's degree in music education, Miura has taught at many schools and recently retired after 33 years.

1980

Jeff Grundon '80 and **P.K. Higa '94** organized a free workshop, College Prep 101, that was held at King Kekaulike High School in Pukalani, Hawai'i. The workshop covered topics such as the college admissions process,

athletic recruiting and scholarships. *The Maui News* featured their story.

1981

Rick Snyder '81 became the new principal for Winchester (Ore.) Elementary School, the school he attended as a child. He spent some years in California in teaching administration before returning to Winchester.

1983

Frank Giardina '83, OD '86 is the optometric director of Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Inc. The non-profit network was recently approved to be a residency site for optometry in conjunction with the Southern College of Optometry (Tenn.).

1984

Katy (Bryans) Mount '84 retired in July 2017 after 31 years teaching middle school at Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. She also worked as a communication specialist with kindergarten through 12th-grade students with a speech and auditory training emphasis. She is looking forward to time off and traveling with her husband before jumping into another career.

1987

Cathy (Leong) Doyle '87, PT '89 moved to Salmon Creek, Wash., after living in Beaverton, Ore., for 30 years and working at Providence Home Services for almost 20 years. She

now splits her time working at 360 Physical Therapy and the Vancouver (Wash.) VA.

1990

Kathy (Svane) Schreck-Latto OD '90

has been practicing optometry for almost two decades since graduating from Pacific. She resides in Santa Clarita, Calif.

Jill White '90 has been teaching at the Guam Department of Education for almost three decades. She is also an adjunct professor at the University of Guam in Mangilao, Guam. She plans to retire in the next couple of years.

1991

Chuck Currie '91 is the director of Pacific's center for peace and spirituality, the university chaplain and a professor. He wrote an opinion piece that was published by the political newspaper *The Hill*.

1992

Tad Buckingham '92, OD '94 is an assistant professor and attending physician at Pacific as well as the division chief of Forest Grove (Ore.) Fire & Rescue. He recently appeared in the article, "Practical tips when disaster strikes," published on *The Financial*, a London newspaper and website.

Tyler Cuddeford PT '92 received the Mercedes Weiss Service Award from the Oregon Physical Therapy Association

for his outstanding contribution to the profession. He is the director of the physical therapy program at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.

1993

Neil E. Conlon '93 was promoted to division manager at DAS Companies, Inc. located in Palmyra, Pa. The company designs, imports and distributes automotive accessories, travel merchandise and mobile electronics.

John P. Lowery OD '93, MED '96 discussed the genetic components of nearsightedness and farsightedness in an article published by *EyeCare 20/20*.

Joseph Morelock MAT '93 has been named interim superintendent of the Newberg (Ore.) School District for the 2018–19 year. In the last 25 years of his career in public education, he has worked as a teacher, coach and administrator.

1996

Brooke Collins-Burke PT '96 started the pelvic floor rehabilitation program at St. Charles Health System in Bend, Ore. Her program has grown to three other sites serving the patients of Central Oregon. She has presented to cancer survivors and the general public on the benefits of pelvic floor health. She enjoys traveling with her husband, spending time with her teenagers,

hiking, gardening and playing with her dogs. She and her family currently live just outside of Bend, Ore.

Amber Fitzsimmons PT '96 was appointed department chair of the University of California San Francisco's Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science. She has been teaching at UCSF since 2013 and has received several awards including the UCSF Excellence in Teaching Award, the UCSF Teaching Scholars Fellow and the UCSF Interprofessional Humanistic Teaching Fellowship.

1997

Dorota Haber-Lehigh '97, MAT '98 is a Seaside, Ore. resident, artist and illustrator who recently taught a bird drawing class at the Seaside Library. She has self-published two coloring books, *ABC of Native Plants of the Coastal Pacific Northwest* and *Native Berries of the Pacific Northwest* and teaches community art workshops.

1998

Derek Brown '98, MAT '99 completed an apprenticeship in Granada, Spain, learning the art of Spanish classical guitar making. His love for the craft began at Pacific, when he built a classical guitar and used it to perform his undergraduate senior recital. He plans to bring back the knowledge and skills he acquired from

Spain eventually to open his own shop.

Christine Pollard PT '98 recently gave a presentation at Oregon State University's Science Pub, an event hosted by some of OSU's leading researchers. She is an associate professor of kinesiology at OSU-Cascades in Bend, Ore., as well as a biomechanist and physical therapist. She also serves as director of the FORCE Lab, a biomechanics lab where she oversees various research projects.

1999

Sara (Hewitt) Lachman '99 started Wannabe, a protein blend business. The supplements target primarily female athletes to boost energy and performance during workouts. Two products have been released with plans to expand and include additional items. An attorney at Miller Johnson in Grand Rapids, Mich., she continues to practice law as she grows her business.

Malorie (Fredde) McCaughan MS '99, PsyD '03 was welcomed into the International Association of HealthCare Professionals with her upcoming publication in the *Worldwide Leaders in Healthcare*. She is a licensed clinical psychologist serving patients at her private practice, Greater Things, LLC, in Boca Raton, Fla.

2000

Jeremy Kern PT '00 continues to enjoy working in the outpatient

environment at Providence Milwaukie (Ore.) Hospital, supporting his wife who just finished nurse practitioner school and his boys, a high school senior and an eighth-grader.

 **Denise (Price) Giesbers '00** and **Carole Golart '69, MST '76** quickly became friends while performing together in the musical *Oklahoma!* at the Theatre In The Grove in Forest Grove, Ore., this past April.

Cris Gwilliam '00, MAT '01 became the new principal at St. Helens (Ore.) Middle School. Formerly the assistant principal for St. Helens High School, he has worked as a teacher, coach, athletic director, dean of students, administrator and advocate for students during the last 18 years. He also helped to develop the high school's college and career readiness program, and implemented an approach to teaching and learning for staff through the school's program Advanced Via Individual Determination (AVID).

Scott Wallace PT '00 works in the outpatient orthopedic setting at Kaiser Permanente in Sacramento, Calif. He enjoys spending time with his wife, Theresa, and two boys, Reid and Neil, who will soon be entering high school and middle school.

class notes

2002

Brandi Baker-Rudicel '02 was featured in the Cottage Grove, Ore. newspaper for National Teacher Day. She began teaching in 2004 after receiving her bachelor's degree from Pacific. She also works with the Parent Partnership and directs the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance program for the school district.

Joe Balash '02 has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management. A former Alaska natural resources commissioner, he was nominated by President Trump. He now heads the Department of the Interior's management of all federal lands and waters, including mineral and non-mineral resources, as well as the regulation of surface coal mining.

Jarrod Karnofski '02, PT '05 recently celebrated 10 years working at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria, Ore. He is the vice president of the hospital's ancillary and support services. When he isn't working, he

coaches basketball and baseball and has been working toward a master's degree in healthcare administration. He volunteers as an athletic trainer for Ilwaco and Naselle high schools, where he recently implemented the ImPACT concussion assessment tool. He and his wife, Vinessa, live in Ilwaco, Wash., and celebrated four years of marriage this past July.

Katy Wagner '02, MAT '04 became the new St. Helens (Ore.) High School principal. A longtime resident of Oregon, she taught choir, physics and chemistry for 10 years in Beaverton and Portland before working in school administration.

2003

Corrine (Dignam) Bologna '03 accepted a new position as a pharmacy account manager with OptumRx for UnitedHealth Group in Tucson, Ariz. She has been with the company for more than five years.

Jose Reyna '03, PT '09 is an assistant professor at Pacific's School of Physical Therapy and Athletic Training, and

works at the Pacific Physical Therapy Clinic. He is also a lab assistant in human anatomy.

Joely Gutierrez '03, MAT '05 and Allan Felipe married on Jan. 18, 2018. She is currently a teacher at Waiakeawaena Elementary School in Hilo, Hawai'i.

2005

Lydia Chapman '05 and Jerry Shindelbower were married on April 21, 2018.

Amy J. Thomas OD '05 is a board-certified optometrist, vision therapist and owner of Arizona Vision Therapy Center. After Pacific, she joined the Army and worked with soldiers and airmen suffering from vision problems caused by brain injuries. Following her rotations, she moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she established her practice.

2006

Justin Arnold '06 became senior manager of communications at the Urban Land Institute in Washington D.C. He oversees the company's external media relations effort, along with creating and distributing its press releases.

Shelley (Rietmann) '06, PT '09 and Adam McCabe welcomed their second son, Alonzo Jack (AJ), on April 9, 2018. Shelley is the director of Pioneer Medical Physical Therapy in Heppner, Ore.

Jennifer McCallum

MAT '06 was chosen to be the Kalama School District's new middle school principal. She has previously worked as an athletic director, special education director and testing coordinator.

Mark Saito '06

released his debut album, *Live What You Love*, through his own independent label, Mark Saito Music. His album was nominated for the 2018 Na Hoku Hanohano Award for reggae album of the year. He is currently working on his second album collaborating with different artists. He performs a mix of various musical genres that include acoustic, soft rock, reggae, Hawaiian and easy listening. In the past, he has performed with many well-known artists, including John Legend, Richie Sambora and Keith Urban.

Justin Schweitzer

OD '06 was recently interviewed by and featured on KELOLAND News. He is an optometrist at Vance Thompson Vision in Sioux Falls, S.D., providing special care to patients undergoing vision surgeries. He is also an adjunct clinical professor at the Illinois College of Optometry.

Jennifer Wilhelm PT '06

presented at the Pacific University College of Health Professions' Faculty Seminar Series. She discussed her research on assessing

and treating patients with concussions. She is the lead neurology physical therapist in the outpatient rehabilitation department at the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) and works in its gait and balance lab.

2007

Aaron Cottam '07 is the new band director at Holyoke (Colo.) Schools, teaching fifth through 12th grade, as well as directing the school's pep band and jazz band. He graduated from Pacific with a bachelor's degree in music education and moved on to pursue his master's at the University of Northern Colorado. He was previously an assistant band director in Florence, Ore.

Lisa Galloway MFA '07

is a published poet and director of the Litquake Elder Project, a community initiative that offers opportunities for seniors to engage with one another and with their own creativity. The program began with Litquake, a literary festival held in the San Francisco Bay Area every fall. The program brings the energy and festivities of Litquake to elders who cannot attend the festival.

2008

MaryBeth (Shoemaker)

'08 and Marcel Bailey '09 welcomed their daughter, Kiara Drew, on Dec. 7, 2017.

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class notes

Amber Belaustegui

OD '08 recently merged her practice, Central Nevada Vision, with another practice, EyeZone Nevada. She is the optometrist in residence at the combined firm's new office in Fallon, Nev.

Crystal Bridges PT '08

works at Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies in Hillsboro, Ore. She is a lab assistant in Pediatric Neuromuscular System: Examination & Interventions, and is the program coordinator for Go Baby Go Portland.

Billy Gates '08

and Jessie Litteaur were married on June 9, 2018, in Kyle, Texas. **Sean Butler '07** was part of the wedding party.

Matt Hendryx '08

and Britnee welcomed their daughter, Harlow, in November 2017.

Adam Reinecker PT '08

is a physical therapist at Westside Physical Therapy in Beaverton, Ore., and a lab assistant in clinical biomechanics.

Trennda

Rittenbach OD '08 and Brian Le were married on Sept. 30, 2017, in Carmel, Calif.

2009

Nick Engelfried '09

published an article on Waging Nonviolence, a blog site that focuses on the struggles for justice and peace around the globe. His work sheds light on youth activism and the rise of student-led movements in the last two decades.

Ashley Henscheid '09

and Jason welcomed their daughter, Lainie Snow, on Jan. 9, 2018.

Bridgett Pride '09

earned a master's degree in library and information science and a master's degree of arts in history from Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She has served as the college's president of the Library and Information Science Student Association; the project manager of the 2018 Diversity, Equity, Race, Accessibility and Identity in LIS conference; and the co-organizer of the inaugural Massachusetts Feminist Zine Fest. She was awarded the 2018 Kenneth R. Shaffer Outstanding Student Award for leadership. She plans to remain in Boston while serving as the professional co-chair of the New England Archivists Roundtable for Early Professionals.

2010

Brett Bousquet '10,

PT '13 published "Post-operative criterion based rehabilitation of ACL repairs: a clinical commentary" in the *International Journal of Sports Physical Therapy* this past April.

Kaila Osmotherly

OD '10 is the associate dean of clinical affairs at Midwestern University's Arizona College of Optometry. She was listed in the "40 Under 40" section of the local newspaper that honors Phoenix's young leaders.

2011

Amanda Fink OT '11

co-founded Infinity Kids, a new pediatric therapy group in Lake Forest, Calif., that treats infants and children with special needs. She has worked as a pediatric occupational therapist for a number of years, helping kids who have swallowing disorders.

Chad Schobert '11,

OD '14 became the pediatric eye care specialist for Eye Care for You in Sandpoint, Idaho. He is passionate about pediatric optometry and hopes to work with local schools. His wife also joined the practice as the office manager.

2012

Tabitha Blankenbiller

MFA '12 was invited to discuss her debut novel, *Eats of Eden*, at Lunch in the Loft, a monthly lunch and book signing event hosted by Beach Books in Seaside, Ore.

Shannon Brown '12

and **Taylor Kane '12** welcomed their daughter, Juniper Jade Kane, on Jan. 1, 2018.

Sebastian Bannister

Lawler '12 has been promoted to contract review specialist at TTM Technologies. He was also elected vice chair of the Oregon Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee, which works with the state of Oregon to promote community involvement in land use policy.

Talina Corvus PT '12

is the outpatient service coordinator for Brookdale Hillside (Ore.) Therapy Services, lead instructor for Principles of Therapeutic Exercise and Motor Learning and a lab assistant in Physical Agents and Mechanical Modalities. She recently earned the Certified Exercise Expert for Aging Adults credential from the Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy.

Evan Liu '12, PT '15

traveled to Granada, Nicaragua, for a service trip with the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he recently finished his orthopedic physical therapy residency. In Nicaragua, he mentored graduate students and provided patient care in the local community. He is a staff physical therapist at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro, Ore., per diem physical therapist at Pacific Physical Therapy Clinic, and lab assistant in human anatomy and principles of therapeutic exercise and motor learning. He also plays a central role in Pacific's student success program as the tutor for clinical biomechanics.

Joseph Oelfke '12,

PT '15 is a staff physical therapist at Advance Sports & Spine Therapy in Portland, Ore., and is a lab assistant in human anatomy. He also recently completed the McKenzie Institute Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Residency program and earned

his certification in mechanical diagnosis and therapy.

Deborah Reed MFA '12

held a book reading and signing event for her sixth published novel, *The Days When Birds Come Back*, at the Northwest Authors Presentation in Cannon Beach, Ore. Reed has presented in several writing workshops throughout the U.S. and Europe and lives in Manzanita, Ore.

Leslie Schwartz MFA '12

is the author of two novels, *Jumping the Green* and *Angels Crest*. She published a best-selling memoir, *The Lost Chapters*, about incarceration and redemption. She has won several awards and fellowships throughout her writing career. She has been a past president of the board of directors for PEN USA and has published short stories, articles, essays and book reviews for *The Los Angeles Times*, *Poets & Writers*, *Teachers & Writers* and *Sonora Review*. She currently teaches private workshops and is a freelance editor.

Dewey Tucker MHA '12

was promoted to senior implementation manager at Austin (Texas) VA data center. He was also accepted to the OI&T Future Senior Leaders Academy.

Kari Wergeland MFA

'12 is an author and breast cancer survivor who has self-published two books of poetry, *Voice Break* and *The*

Ballad of the New Carissa and Other Poems. Finishing Line Press published her third book, *Breast Cancer: A Poem in Five Acts* this year.

2013

Alex Bell '13 led a team tasked with redesigning the Pacific University website. The team's goal was to make it more user-friendly for prospective students without detracting from the needs of current students, faculty and staff. Adobe featured her on its blog.

Luis Cisneros MAED '13

was welcomed as the new dean of students by the Nyssa (Ore.) Elementary School board. His story was featured in *The Argus Observer*, the daily newspaper of Ontario, Ore.

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Cynthia Neely MFA '13

had her poem, "Me Too – The Fall of Man," published on Women's Voices for Change, a news and opinion website that celebrates women's health, beauty and wisdom.

2014

Bri Castellini '14

is the director of a startup company called Stareable, a community of web series creators. She has released award-winning series and short films and is launching her fourth web series soon, with another short film currently

in post-production. She is the host of a new podcast series, *Forget The Box*, about making, marketing and monetizing web series. New episodes are posted every Tuesday at podcast.stareable.com

Jordan Siu '14

graduated from Western University College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, Calif., in June 2018. He is currently the resident physician of internal medicine at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, Mich.

2015

Bre Hall '15

kayaked the entire length of the longest river in Ireland, the River Shannon, to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Anne Jeffery PT '15 is on staff as a physical therapist at Therapeutic Associates in Salem, Ore., and a lab assistant in Musculoskeletal Examination and Intervention for the Spine and for the Extremities.

Chrystian Johnson '15

is serving in the Peace Corps in Malawi, Africa, as an environmental resource volunteer. He works alongside village members, helping with permaculture gardening, beehive construction, deforestation prevention, and malaria and HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness. He is also a diversity and peer support ambassador. He will stay in Malawi until September 2019.

Celeste Rizzo

PharmD '15 and her husband Mark welcomed their first son, Simeon Baldwin Rizzo, in May 2018. Their daughter, Bianca, loves helping mom and dad with her baby brother.

Tommy Yates '15

and **Ariana Emde '16** were married on March 24, 2018, in Makena, Hawai'i. Pacific alumni in the wedding party included **Samantha Burns '16**, **Brianna Johnson '16**, **Noah Maningo '15** and **Joey Nagler '15**.

2016

Natalie (Stewart) Kiefer

PT '16 received the Early Professional Scholarship from the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Currently, she is employed at Warm Springs (Ore.) Holistic Health.

Janae Rasmussen '16

was accepted into A.T. Still University's School of Osteopathic Medicine in Mesa, Ariz. She is a first-year medical student pursuing her doctor of osteopathic medicine.

2017

Nick Blight OD '17

has been welcomed to the Advanced EyeCare of Blackfoot team in Blackfoot, Idaho, where he was born and raised. He earned his optometry degree at Pacific and gained a wide-set variety of skills and experiences during his clinical rotations before moving back to his hometown.

Meaghan Conway '18

was the head swim coach for Team USA at the 2018 International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports (IWAS) Youth World Games that was held in Athlone, Ireland. She coached Adin Williams of



Gladstone (Ore.) High School to a gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle and a silver medal in the 50-meter butterfly. A former Pacific swimmer, she holds several swimming certificates and licenses, and is currently an instructor at VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa, giving both private and group swimming lessons. ► pacificu.edu/Conway

Jillian Ross '17 was inducted into the St. Helens (Ore.) Sports Booster Club's Hall of Fame. She played volleyball and basketball at Pacific.

2018

Teo Mungaray MFA '18

recently published a poem on *Glass Poetry Press*. More of his poetry can be found in *Assaracus: A Journal of Gay Poetry*, *Prelude*, and *The Bellevue Literary Review*. He is the co-founder and co-editor-in-chief of literary journal, *Cotton Xenomorph*.

Luke Olson '18 is the new and first-ever sports editor for South King Media, a network of six popular local blogs in the Southwest King County near Seattle, Wash. He was previously the sports editor for *The Pacific Index* and has written several articles for its sports section.

Emily Sernaker MFA '18

has published many of her writings in notable magazines such as *Ms.* and *The Rumpus*, including interviews with acclaimed poets and Pacific MFA faculty members, Vieve Francis, Marvin Bell and Kwame Dawes. She is a freelance writer whose works have appeared in the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Sun*, *The Huffington Post*, *New Ohio Review* and others.

Elona Wilson '18

was recently published in *The Oregonian*. Her letter to the editor, "Students Need Support to Thrive," addressed the need for better support and opportunities for students' academic and overall success as America's future leaders.

in memoriam

Friends

Ronald Everson died Aug. 3, 2018, at age 86. A former optometry faculty member and friend of Pacific, he attended Ripon College and Northwestern University where he received his PhD in optometry. He served at the Reserve Officer Commissioning Program before joining the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1957. He then taught at Pacific's College of Optometry for three years. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, James Elder. He is survived by his sisters, Carol Elder and Elizabeth Bette; and an extended family.

Arthur "Dick" Edwards died Dec. 1, 2016, at age 100. He established the Robert A. Edwards Scholarship for Pacific's College of Optometry in the year 2000. He served aboard the USS Maryland for three years during World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Eleanore; and a great-granddaughter. He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Barbara; children, Susan (and Richard) Schwartz and Robert (and Billie); five step-children;

five grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; and an extended family.

Niles Roth died Aug. 24, 2018, at age 92. He was a retired professor of Pacific's College of Optometry and husband of the late **Jean (Paskin) Roth '76**. He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by his son, Curtis.

Thomas "Tom" Sloan died March 18, 2018, at age 87. He was a former trustee at Pacific. Among his many achievements, he introduced fresh pasta to Portland through his business, Prima Pasta, served as president of the Board of the West Hills Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, helped lead the Neskowin Chamber Music Society and was the Human Resources Director at Tektronix for a couple decades. He served as an advisor to former Oregon Gov. Tom McCall and helped establish the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at Pacific. He loved to travel, visiting friends in Germany and Italy as often as he could. He is survived by his wife, Della; children, David and Beatrice; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

1942

Malcom R. Herd '42 died Feb. 1, 2018, at age 100. He was born and raised in Oregon City, Ore., and was a basketball star at both Oregon City High School and Pacific. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1941 and served in Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam and Iwo Jima. He was awarded a Bronze Star. He married Mary Pym in 1948, and together they raised four children. Following his time in the military, he established his own lumber company, Pacific Wood Products. He was an avid reader with a love for poetry and music. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and siblings. He is survived by his children, Kathy Masser, Chris (and Ted) Sessums, Julie Field, and Jeff (and Stacey); five grandchildren; and an extended family.

Mary Beth (Carpenter) Hurlocker '42 died Sept. 10, 2018, at age 98. She grew up in Forest Grove, Ore., where she attended high school and Pacific. She continued her education at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., earning a master's degree in

Christian education. She devoted much of her life to the Methodist Church through music and helping establish its church camp at Loon Lake (Ore.). After retirement, she enjoyed tutoring at the local high school and serving the "youngsters" lunch at the Senior Center. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul. She is survived by her sister, Janet Gannatal; children, Susan (and Tom) Sarbacker, Sanford (and Beth Ann), Paula (and Bill) Beck, Charles (and Lori), and Katie Carpenter; 25 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and an extended family.

1945

Catherine E. Heineck '45 died March 6, 2018, at age 95. She was born and raised in Portland. She attended St. Mary's Academy (Ore.) and then Pacific soon after. She married Joseph B. Heineck in 1946 and together they had four children. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Carolyn. She is survived by her children, David, Paul and Janet.

1949

Lorraine (Mortensen) Federman '49 died July 14, 2018, at age 89. After graduating from Pacific with a bachelor's degree in theater arts, she received a scholarship from the University of Oregon, where she earned a master's degree in education.

She taught at various elementary schools in Oregon for 30 years until her retirement. She had a lifelong love for theater and was an active member of the Portland Civic Theatre as an actress and stage director. She directed and choreographed many school plays and musicals and also taught ballet for several years. Even after retirement, she performed with the Northwest Senior Theatre across the Portland area. She is survived by her husband, Stan; and sons, David and Mike.

1950

Corrine V. Romero '50 died March 24, 2018, at age 89, after battling cancer. She was born and raised in Los Angeles until her family moved to Oregon, where she finished high school. She attended Pacific and met her future husband, **Ernest F. Romero '52, OD '53**. They married on Sept. 6, 1952, and raised three children together. She was an active member of PEO Chapter GC, an organization that provides scholarships to support women's education locally and internationally. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sister. She is survived by her brother, William (and Marge) Varitz; children, Claudia (and Wesley) Jones, Marguerite and Ernie; and an extended family.

Richard L. "Doc" Sickler '50, OD '51 died May 10, 2015, at age 88. He was born and raised in

Jim Currie died Aug. 25, 2018, at age 75. He was Pacific's distinguished professor of chemistry for more than three decades before retiring. Throughout his tenure, he was dedicated to the sciences and the university's growth. He played a significant role in bringing Pacific into the computer age, helping write and maintain computer aided molecular modeling programs for the chemistry labs. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Vicki; sister, Marcia (and Dale); sons, Nathan and Daniel (and Meghan); and two grandchildren. ▶ pacificu.edu/Give

Barberton, Ohio. He played and was active in baseball, football and basketball throughout his high school and college years. At Pacific, he lettered two years in basketball and also pitched for the baseball team. In 2001, he was inducted into the Barberton (Ohio) Sports Hall of Fame. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years before receiving his optometry degree from Pacific. He had a thriving practice in his hometown with his brother. He was preceded in death by his son, Richard L. Sickler Jr.; and brothers, Raymond and Edward. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Evelyn; children, Clifford (and Marianne), Gale (and Steve) Reyher, Sally (and Michael) Gilbert, and Lori (and Mike) Fick; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and an extended family.

1951

Iris Roy Little '51 died March 25, 2017, at age 87. She had a profound love for music and graduated Pacific with a bachelor's degree in music education. She also met her late husband of 62 years, **Kenneth Little '51**, while attending Pacific. They were married in June 1952 and raised three children together. The couple retired to Mason Lake, Wash., and enjoyed many years there. She was preceded in death by her husband and daughter, Kathy Little Howard. She is survived by her sister,

Janet Roy Norby; sons, Donald and Brian; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1953

Robert A. Baker '53, OD '54 died Dec. 1, 2015, at age 95. He served in the U.S. Army for three years before moving to Forest Grove, where he attended Pacific and received both his bachelor's degree and doctor of optometry degree. He established his own optometric practices in Brewster and Coulee, Wash. In 1973, he and his wife sold both his practices to become missionaries for the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was preceded in death by his wives, Edna and Doris; and his brother and sister. He is survived by his children, Donna Rae (and Jay) Riddel, Jeannie (and Mike) Scharbach; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and an extended family.

1954

Bruce R. Dabbling '54, OD '55 died Feb. 2, 2018, at age 96. He served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. Following the war, he received his optometry degree from Pacific and opened his own practice in Ogden, Utah, where he and his family lived for nearly 60 years. He helped pioneer the use of contact lenses and other innovative eye care procedures in his community. He and his wife, Helen, led several efforts to aid local schools, the

Bevin McCarthy died Aug. 13, 2018, at age 43, after an abrupt illness. She was the assistant director of Pacific's Center for Civic Engagement and facilitated civic engagement courses at the University from 2013 to 2018. She also served as interim director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion and was a part of the Social Justice Retreat planning committee. She was passionate about connecting people through service. A memorial and celebration of her life was held on Sept.

13 at the university, where students and faculty shared stories about her impact on the Pacific community. She is survived by her husband, Nic; and sons, Felix and Jasper. ▶ pacificu.edu/McCarthy



Presbyterian Church and individuals with disabilities. They were happily married for 58 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and daughter, Nikkie. He is survived by his sons, Charlie (and Jeri), Ralph (and Mary Jo), Paul and John; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Robert Guthrie '54 died Nov. 17, 2009, at age 78. He was devoted to his family and felt the most at home in the woods tracking game or casting a line. He is survived by his children, Donald, Wade, Boyd and Robin; siblings, Tom, Ben, Jerry, Linda, Bill and Alan; and an extended family.

Donald Kohlmeier '54 died June 13, 2001, at age 70. He is survived by his wife, Dianne; and children, Michael and Kamala Skipper.

1958

LeNell Jones '58, MAT '80 died May 16, 2018, at age 82. She earned a bachelor's

degree in elementary education from Pacific and later returned to pursue a master's degree in teaching. She taught at Peter Boscow Elementary School in Hillsboro for more than 20 years. She is survived by her children, Ellen (and Chris) and Matt Wrenn; and grandson, Max Wrenn.

1960

Jim Ferguson '60 died July 20, 2018, at age 80. After graduating from Pacific, he enlisted in the Marine Corps and served as an infantry officer. He served in Cuba and Vietnam, leading infantrymen in combat operations. He continued his service at the Pentagon, working as a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and was a member of the Oregon Air National Guard 244th Combat Communication Squadron. He was awarded numerous commendations during his military service, including the Navy Cross. He worked for

Portland General Electric until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Deb; daughter, Mary; brother, Tim; and six grandchildren.

1961

Neil Cawood '61 died July 25, 2018, at age 80. He served in the U.S. Army for a number of years before attending Pacific, where he received a bachelor's degree in journalism. He was an avid athlete throughout high school and college. He covered all of the major Oregon sports during his 40-year career, much of it for the (Eugene, Ore.) Register-Guard, including beat writing and traveling with the 1977 world champion Portland Trail Blazers. He enjoyed tending to his property on the McKenzie River, hosting many friends and family. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Liz; children, Matthew (and Cindy), Timothy (and Val), and Nathan (and Katie); and three grandchildren.

in memoriam

1964

Norma J. Oyler '64 died March 10, 2018, at age 75. She received her bachelor's degree in English at Pacific and moved on to complete a master's degree at the University of Oregon. She was a high school ESL and English teacher for several years. She was devoted to and involved in her community as a member of the NEA (National Education Association), OEA (Oregon Education Association), Tigard Education Association, historical association, and planning association. She was appointed mayor of Sherwood, Ore., in 1987 by the city council. She is survived by her sister, Letty Fotta.

1965

Violet (Shrock) Aandres '65 died March 27, 2016, at age 72. She had a deep love for life, art and gardening. Despite battling bone cancer for three years, she maintained a positive outlook and always had a smile on her face. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, Richard Deubel; siblings Edward (and Cindy) Schrock,

Bette Marsh, Monte (and Donna) Schrock, and Tracey (and Allen) Schrock; aunt, Eva Johnson; and an extended family.

1967

John Lounsbury '66, OD '67 died Oct. 24, 2016, at age 75. He honed and crafted a perfect pair of hand-lathed contact lenses. A visiting optometrist was so impressed by his skill that he invited Lounsbury to Novosibirsk, Russia, to share his craft. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his brothers, Lloyd Jr. (and Edith), George (and Bobbie), and Jim (and Lorna); children, John, Rachael (and Jeremy) Stark, Jeff (and Evelyn) Wright, Deline (and Keven) Laughlin, Candy (and Jim) Laiti, and Brent Wright; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1968

John Rulhman MA '68 died Aug. 9, 2018, at age 77. After graduating from Western Baptist College in Salem, Ore., he attended Pacific and received a master's

degree in sociology. He married Nancy Mehner in 1962, which was the start of their 56-year adventure, traveling the world including Israel, Egypt, Europe and China. He founded Calvary Baptist Church of Hillsboro (Ore.) in 1963 and remained there until 1968 when he and his family moved to Everson, Wash., to serve the Nooksack Valley Baptist Church. Overall, he was a pastor and teacher for 55 years. He served as chairman of the board of trustees of Western Baptist College (Ore.), president of the Mount Vernon (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Vernon. He also wrote *A History of Northwest Regular Baptists*, which was published in 1976. He is survived by his wife; children, Sheryl (and Eric) Rasmussen, John, and Bob (and Lee Anne); eight grandchildren; and an extended family.

1971

William Novotny '71, OD '72 died Nov. 19, 2017, at age 70. He earned his optometry degree from Pacific and opened the first full-time optometric practice in Buffalo, Wyo., in 1972. He became a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry a few years later. He served the local community until his retirement

in 2006, and was affectionately known as "Doc Novot." He was a trustee for the Lake DeSmet Conservation District and was a past president of the Wyoming Optometric Association, the Buffalo Rotary Club, the Buffalo Trap and Skeet Club, the Buffalo Outlaw Wrestling Club and was on the Johnson County Youth Camp board. He was a gifted craftsman who enjoyed woodworking and welding. He was preceded in death by his parents and two younger brothers. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Marilyn; children, Nicole (and Richard) Wonka, Tiffany and Bill III; grandchildren, John, Charles and Thomas; dog, Shadow; sisters; and an extended family.

Paul B. Ranslow '71 died April 9, 2018, at age 70, after battling cancer. He had a distinguished 40-year career in higher education as a professor, dean, vice-president and president at three colleges: Pitzer College (Calif.), Ripon College (Wis.), and Sierra Nevada College (Nev.). He also served at Pacific as the director of admissions. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Ida; and father-in-law, Fred Wilson. He is survived by his loving wife, Stephanie; siblings, Peter and Susan Solorzano; and an extended family.

1992

Denise A. Dalziel '92 died March 29, 2018, at age 48. She is survived by children Margo (and Terry) Klingenberg, Stacie Gray, Jim (and Mechelle), and Frank.

2001

Clare Midson OD '01 died in August 2018, at the age of 49. She earned her optometry degree from Pacific and practiced at the Tigard (Ore.) Optometric Clinic for more than 17 years.

2008

Tiffany E. Dillard PA '08 died Apr. 30, 2018, at age 44. After graduating from Boston University (Mass.), she worked in the film industry as an associate producer for several years before finding her passions in medicine and patient care. She earned her master's degree from Pacific and immediately began her new career as a physician assistant. She was preceded in death by her grandparents and uncle. She is survived by her parents; sister, Allison; and an extended family.

2018

Misty A. Triplett MAT '18 died June 16, 2018, at age 40. She battled cancer for three years before passing away peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her husband, **Andrew Hunt MAT '04**.

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Pacific honors alumni who have passed with a quarterly ceremony in Old College Hall, where the bell rings one time for each person. Find upcoming ceremony dates

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Jonas Hannah '18 is a just-minted business graduate who, with two friends, launched Bottle Bros., which markets insulated steel water bottles with custom designs. It's already on the shelves at Portland-area Made in Oregon stores and Hannah hopes to expand in the months ahead.

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 **ROBBIE BOURLAND**

“It’s a high quality water bottle
with a touch of local pride.”

— Jonas Hannah '18



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“Stories have to be
told or they die,
and when they die,
we can’t remember
who we are or why
we’re here.”

— SUE MONK KIDD