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letter from the president



**Care is a way of life for
many in the Pacific University
family. It is who we are.
It is who you are.**

– LESLEY M. HALLICK

A few years ago, we updated the Pacific University mission statement. We strive, it says, “to inspire students who think, care, create, and pursue justice in the world.”

The use of the word *care* was intentional: It represented our tradition of excellence, particularly in optometry and in the health professions.

But *care* extends even beyond the health programs at Pacific. It is embedded in how we teach and in the experiences we provide students.

Our students are deeply engaged in the communities around them, both through their coursework and in their cocurricular activities. They spend, on average, 8.5 hours a week in community engagement.

In 2014-2015, our students contributed 434,266 hours of service to the community. More than half was College of Health Professions students providing care, while some 66,000 hours were Optometry students working through outreach programs and the nonprofit AMIGOS organization.

But College of Education students also spent nearly 96,000 hours in local schools, and undergraduates in Arts & Sciences served food, cleaned up beaches, supported nonprofit organizations and so much more.

Care is a fundamental part of everything we do at Pacific.

Care is alive in the legacies of our faculty, people like retiring Philosophy Professor Dave Boersema (page 6).

Care is apparent in the work of our teaching alumni, who have changed lives in and out of the classroom — people like Fran O’Brien ’65 (page 16).

And yes, *care* is fundamental in the work of our many alumni in the health and helping professions, who are working together to transform how we take care of each other as human beings (special section).

Care is so much more than a mere four letters in our mission statement. It is a way of life for many in the Pacific University family.

It is who we are.

It is who *you* are.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley M. Hallick".

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editor's letter

If you spend any time on social media, you've probably seen the term all the feels. It's the slang reaction for when something evokes an intense emotional response.

This issue of *Pacific* magazine gives me all the feels.

I choked up writing about Zoey Mendoza Zimmerman '95 (page 12). Her children were just 3 and 5 when they were killed. My own children are 2 and 6. When I look at her photos, I see my babies.

But here she is, standing up to share her story, to tell other grieving parents, "I'm here. I survived. Let me be with you through this."

I knew shamefully little about the 1964 Freedom Summer before I met Fran O'Brien '65, who risked her young life to teach and fight racism during the Civil Rights Movement — and who went on to spend a career working for the rights and opportunities of children with special needs (page 18).

She taught me about history — and she made me wonder what I would stand up for, at what cost.

At Pacific, we talk about interprofessional education and practice, particularly in the health professions. The alumni in our special section bring that term to life — they are literally putting their Pacific educations to work transforming lives.

Pacific University is a pretty amazing place — but the people who have passed through here in the past 165-plus years are even more amazing. Their stories have the power to make us laugh and cry, to teach us about ourselves and about each other.

They give us a glimpse into a world that, as one alumnus put it in his memories of Dave Boersema (page 6), is "a whole big, dumb, absurd, important, amazing, wonderful, silly thing."

In short, they give us all the feels.

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Zoey Mendoza Zimmerman '95 lived through the worst a parent can imagine. In 2010, her husband shot and killed their two children and then himself. In the past five years, she has struggled to live with grief and open her heart to the future — while holding on to her children's memories and helping other grieving parents do the same.

15 6 things to learn from the class of 2016

In April, Pacific University seniors presented the culminating projects of their undergraduate careers in a whirlwind day of PowerPoint slides, speeches, and demonstrations. Take a sneak peek at some of the takeaways from students' scholastic endeavors.

READ | Senior Projects Day was April 27. Find more stories and photos online ▶ pacificu.edu/SeniorProjects

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Jeremy Parkinson's senior project was no tiny endeavor. He and his girlfriend, fellow student Camie Westfall '16, built a tiny house to live in as the culminating project of his sustainable design major at Pacific.

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Fran O'Brien '65 spent the summer before her senior year at Pacific in Mississippi, part of a group of white college students working to empower black citizens to vote. The lessons of Civil Rights never left O'Brien, who went on to become a special education teacher working to help children reach their potential.



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special section

People are at the heart of Pacific University — and our alumni live that mission as so many of them dedicate their lives to careers to health and helping professions.

In a special pull-out edition of *Pacific* magazine, inside this issue, we explore how Pacific University and our alumni are leading the charge for interprofessional education and practice, and ultimately better care for people.

transforming care | Pacific University's interprofessional focus puts the university ahead of the game in preparing for the future of healthcare

rachel seibert BSW '12 | As a medical social worker, Seibert supports children and families in times of trauma

janelle jones '08, OT '11 | An occupational therapist at Oregon State Hospital, Jones helps people prepare for a return to independent living

malea johnson DHS '12 | Johnson is expanding patient care in rural Colorado, helping integrate dental and medical care





I GIVE BECAUSE ...

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... Pacific allowed me to pursue my aspirations as a student-athlete, provided the opportunity to enter the coaching profession, and has become my second home.

P.J. MINAYA '14

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**BOXER
GIVING DAY**

On March 15-16, Pacific University hosted its second annual Boxer Giving Day, sponsored by Willamette Dental Group. The 24-hour challenge inspired our alumni, students, employees and friends to support the university with a charitable gift. The results were tremendous! Thank you for your support of Pacific University students!

24 HOURS
1,365 DONORS
\$226,647

**UP
37%
FROM 2015**



news & notes

Not a big basketball fan, but a jazz lover, Smith bonded with Michael Jordan over music to help design Air Jordans!

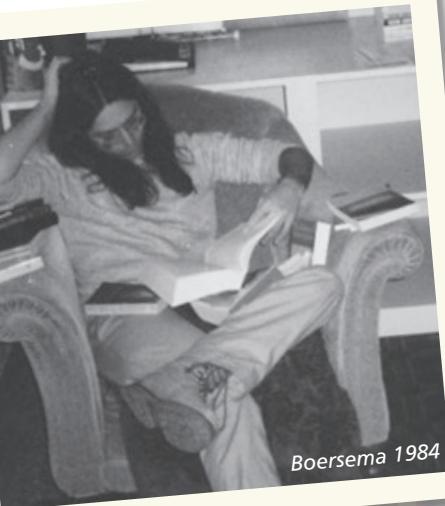
Business With Style

Nike Design Director Wilson Smith III speaks at a Pacific University College of Business workshop in downtown Portland in February. Smith designed shoes for tennis star Andre Agassi and worked with Michael Jordan on the 1990s line of Air Jordans. The workshop was one of several innovative offerings by the College of Business to support Pacific students and local entrepreneurs looking to launch and expand their careers. The College of Business also offers flexible, one-year routes to an MBA or master of finance, with classes meeting every other weekend in Hillsboro.

► pacificu.edu/business



SARAH CREEDICAN



Boersema 1984

"Dave's knowledge, humor and communication style make learning and discussing philosophy fun. It seems the amount of truth and reason in this world would increase if more people could learn the critical thinking skills Dave teaches so well."

— AARON ROSS '96

"Dave was probably the biggest influence on my academic life at Pacific. Dave's passion for philosophy and for teaching philosophy inspired me. I had the pleasure of calling Dave a friend after graduation, and I count our leisurely discussions of everything from Quine to Star Trek, often over cigars, as some of my favorite memories."

— BJORN PAIGE '91, MAT '94

"Dave is a lifetime friend. He taught me to laugh at myself and to enjoy simple things. I will forever hear his 'mischief laugh' in my head when contemplating shenanigans. 'Hee hee!' Thank you my friend for so many moments of simple joy!"

— COLLEEN COURON SMITH '89

"Dave is a scholar, peace builder, and Star Trek geek. Live long and prosper. I have been, and always shall be, your friend."

— REV. DR. CHUCK CURRIE '91

"To be a great philosophy professor, one must be filled with an essential quality of Glub. Dave Boersema is a truly great philosophy professor. Therefore, Dave Boersema is essentially full of Glub."*

— CHRIS DILLON '95

glub (n): Any abstract quality we are attempting to understand on a conceptual level.

Origin: Boersema

► Read more, magazine.pacificu.edu and share your memories in the comments.

Philosophy of Glub

Philosophy Professor

Dave Boersema has been among the most popular undergraduate professors at Pacific since the 1980s. As he retires this spring, Pacific University pays tribute to his career and influence on our students.

Help continue his legacy with a gift to the Dave Boersema Philosophy Book Fund.

This fund will provide selected philosophy books to noted students in the Philosophy Department for years to come.

Make a gift today!

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line up



BAILEY MARTINEZ '16 WOMEN'S WRESTLING

The senior wrestler came one match short of earning All-American honors for the second time in her career. In her final match at the national tournament in Oklahoma City, she actually tied her opponent 4-4, but lost on criteria. The Oak Harbor, Wash., native finishes her Boxer career with a 26-17 record.

K.C. HARRISON '17 MEN'S BASKETBALL

A transfer guard and Las Vegas native, Harrison led the Boxers in scoring at almost 14 points a game. He also provided one of the most memorable moments of the season when his 18-foot jumper at the buzzer found the net to give the Boxers a 65-63 upset over playoff-bound University of Puget Sound in the final home game of the year.

STEVE LUCAS WOMEN'S SOCCER COACH

Former Boise State head coach Steve Lucas has been named the new leader of the Pacific women's soccer program. Lucas led the Bronco program for 13 seasons, directing them to the conference tournament 10 times. He was named the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2003, and his team won the WAC tournament in 2009.

SARAH CURL '17 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The 6-foot junior from nearby Westview High School was named First Team All-Northwest Conference, the first Boxer to be named to the first team squad since 2009. She averaged just over 18 points a game and seven rebounds a contest. She had a near school record 38 points against the University of Puget Sound.

RACHEL ROBERTS '16 SOFTBALL

Roberts hit .571 in six games during Pacific's southern California trip, helping the Boxers jump out to an undefeated start (5-0-1). She also hit a home run, scored seven times and stole four bases — including the 100th theft of her career. A three-time All-NWC selection, Roberts plays second base and hails from Oregon City.

brieflynoted

FOUR-YEAR GUARANTEE | In Fall 2016, Pacific University will introduce the four-year graduation guarantee to incoming freshmen. Students who graduate in four years, as opposed to five or six years, save significantly on tuition and other expenses and are in the workforce and graduate programs faster than their peers. The four-year graduation guarantee at Pacific means

that students who sign up for the plan at the beginning of their freshman year and follow certain guidelines are guaranteed to be eligible for graduation in four years. Otherwise, Pacific will cover the cost of additional coursework for up to one year. Pacific students already graduate "on time" at a higher rate than their peers at public institutions.

► pacificu.edu/GraduationGuarantee

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS |

About 20 percent of Pacific University undergraduate students are the first in their families to attend college. First-generation students tend to be at a higher risk of dropping out of college, in large part because they may not have the insider knowledge from parents who have already navigated the college process.

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honors & awards



Jack Driscoll, MFA in Writing, received a \$25,000 Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts. He is the author of four books of poetry, two collections of short stories, and four novels, and the recipient of numerous grants and awards. Driscoll is a faculty member in Pacific's low-residency MFA in Writing Program.



Jules Boykoff, Politics & Government, will publish a new book, *Power Games: A Political History of the Olympics*, available in May 2016. The story-filled account explores the Games' political history along with alternative movements. Boykoff is a former member of the U.S. Olympic soccer team and has published extensively on the politics of sports and dissent. He also will present at PUB Night, July 29 (details on page 23).



Pacific is among just 13 colleges or universities to receive a 2016 Pittsburgh Conference Memorial National College Grant. Funds are awarded to science departments of colleges with less than 5,000 full-time students to purchase scientific equipment, teaching materials, and library materials for undergraduate science instruction. Pacific is the only university west of the Mississippi to receive the award.



Sarah Bowen, Professional Psychology, is a co-investigator on a team studying the use of mindfulness-based relapse prevention therapy to treat women with post-traumatic stress disorder who also have developed substance use disorders. The team recently received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.



Ashim Malhotra, Pharmacy, has received a \$108,000 grant from the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation for his research on overcoming the resistance of pancreatic cancer to chemotherapy. Pancreatic cancer kills more than 40,000 Americans each year, with a high mortality rate due in large part to its resistance to chemotherapy. Dr. Malhotra's research focuses on how pancreatic cancer resists treatment, with the potential to inspire new and more effective treatments.

brieflynoted

This spring, Pacific reached out to a group of first-generation students to provide extra support by connecting them with faculty and staff members who were, themselves, first-generation college students. If you were a first-generation student, we invite you to share your story online. You also can support students with a gift to help fund scholarships to Pacific University.

► magazine.pacificu.edu/FirstGeneration

SEEING IS BELIEVING | The Pacific University College of Optometry will replace its mobile eyecare unit and expand its services thanks to support from several philanthropic organizations. The Pacific EyeVan allows optometry students, supervised by doctors of optometry, to provide comprehensive vision screenings for children and other underserved populations throughout the state.

The current unit — a modified delivery van that has been in operation since 2008 — will be replaced by a modified RV, which will provide the ability to offer more services and to expand the service area. Private support for the new EyeVan has come from the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, the Juan Young Trust, the Hamada Family Trust, students and other donors. ► pacificu.edu/EyeVan



voices

BY PROFESSOR JIM MOORE

It's Election Time

PROFESSOR JIM MOORE IS WELL KNOWN FOR HIS POLITICAL ANALYSIS. *He brings that expertise to Pacific as a teacher, director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation — and advocate for student involvement in the political process.*



By the first week in November, it will all be over.

We will have a new president-elect, we will know which party controls the U.S. Senate, and we may even have hearings on a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

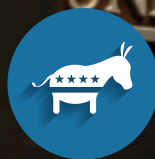
But getting there is going to be quite a ride.

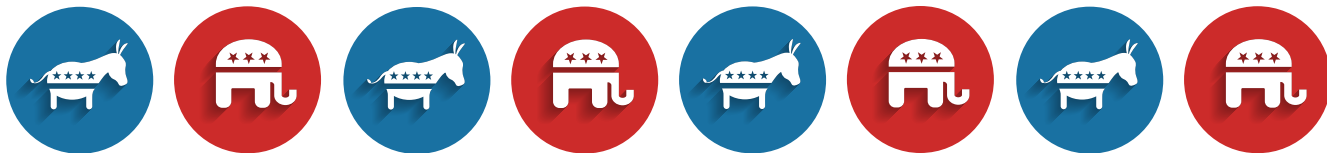
After almost two years of speculation about elections — and the heavy media coverage of polls, presidential primary debates, and fundraising — everything moves from the hypothetical to the real once we actually get votes cast in the election.

I keep a running set of graphs on my office door during the presidential election years to show how the candidates are amassing delegates toward the number needed for the nomination.

National candidates begin to make visits to the far-off West, to places like

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Oregon and Washington, in search of the elusive primary caucus-goer or voter.

I pay attention to whether the candidates say anything that has to do with Oregon or Washington — most of the time they do not.

This shows me that Oregon and Washington voters will probably be responding to national campaign themes, not necessarily local political issues that they may pay attention to in their own state elections.

While my work with the media is, in effect, just teaching to a wider audience, my work in the classroom is helping to create engaged citizens.

The fall of the election season is my favorite political time of year. I always teach a class, *Political Parties and Elections*, in which all the students must volunteer with a campaign. The best campaigns for them to work for tend to be the smallest — they get to meet the candidates, work in a variety of tasks, and be involved in setting out some of the strategy of the campaign.

But students are always attracted to the big campaigns during the presidential year, so that's where most of them will spend their time.

I have to increasingly balance my life as a political analyst with my life in the classroom. I get a lot of calls from the media, and I travel to Portland for a lot of live radio and television. It's always handy to have a full tank of gas during this part of the season. If it works out, I bring my students along.

In 2008, three of my students ended up working election night at the television station I was working with. They took information about election results from different counties in the area so that we could get an up-to-date statewide count on the candidates and the ballot measures.

Even if something like that doesn't work out, my students are required to be with their campaigns on election nights. Will there be a happy party? Will there be more of a funereal quality to the gathering?

On election night itself it's my job to call the elections for whichever media outlet I am working with, to

look at broader returns and formulate questions for reporters in the field to ask of candidates at their own election night parties, and to be on top of any developing patterns and results that are somewhat surprising.

It used to be that the day after the election was my busiest time. After being up past midnight on election night, I'd get up early to be on live radio and television from 5 to 7 o'clock the next morning.

For the last several election cycles, however, Election Day is just the beginning of the public speaking season.

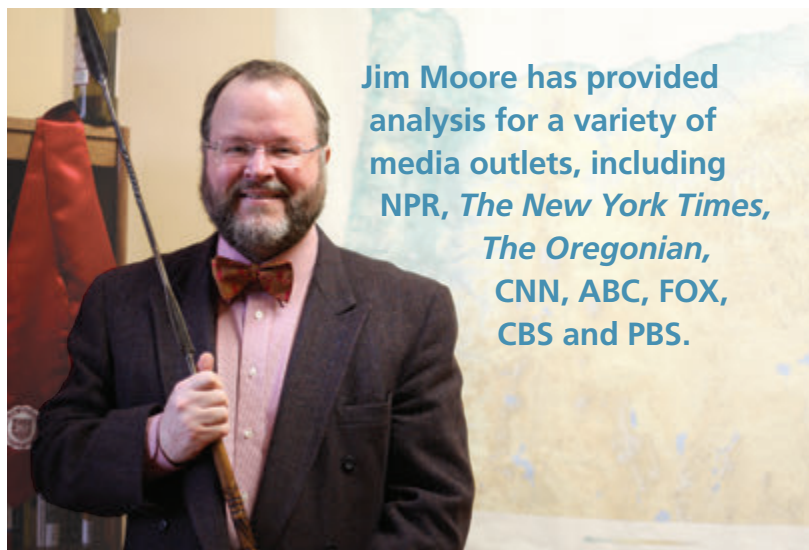
In 2014, I ended up giving about 15 talks to various groups about what the elections meant, and what they might mean for the future — both in terms of future elections, and the ideas for governing that might occur in Oregon and at the national level.

In all of this process, one of the great joys is to introduce my students to systematic ways to understand the election, to go beyond being one of those voters who can be influenced by a commercial with an ominous voice and instead become critical thinkers about the election process and what it means to the governance of our country.

It is incredibly rewarding to see them actively engaged in the political process, and then put that engagement into a firm analytical context through their academic work.

While my work with the media is, in effect, just teaching to a wider audience, my work in the classroom is helping to create engaged citizens.

And it's a blast. ■



Jim Moore has provided analysis for a variety of media outlets, including NPR, *The New York Times*, *The Oregonian*, CNN, ABC, FOX, CBS and PBS.



THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

**Second Annual Boxer 'Ohana
Golf Tournament**

FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

Boxer 'Ohana Reception

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

**Tailgate Celebration
Pacific Football vs. Occidental**

FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS, Pacific University has had a special relationship with Hawai'i. This fall, we celebrate that connection with a one-of-a-kind weekend.

In September, the Boxers will host Occidental College in the first-ever NCAA Division III football game to be played in Hawai'i. In the days leading up to the game, we invite all of our Boxer 'Ohana to come together in a series of special events.

More than 3,000 Boxer alumni, parents and friends live on the Islands, and nearly a quarter of each incoming undergraduate class of students hails from Hawai'i. We are excited to celebrate this part of our community and help keep our aloha connection strong.



Pacific University in Hawai'i

Golf Tournament | 'Ohana Reception | Football vs. Occidental

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BY JENNI LUCKETT

Life After Death

Zoey Mendoza Zimmerman '95 lost her children. She hasn't lost her hope or passion to help others.

"I want the world to know my children. I understand the kind of sensationalistic nature of the way they died, but I don't want that to be why people know who my children are."

Zoey Mendoza Zimmerman '95 has gone through one of the most dramatic traumas a parent can imagine. In October 2010, her husband, in an inexplicable act that changed her life forever, shot and killed their two young children and himself.

In the five-plus years that have followed, Zoey has lived with grief, fighting to find ways to move forward in her life and help others who have experienced similar losses — and also to honor the lives of her children.

"Jada was unlike any other child I've ever met in my life. She was the most charismatic,

verbal, articulate, sweet thing you've ever met," Zoey said. "If you walked into a room of 2-year-olds, your eyes would go to Jada."

Zoey grew up in Ashland, Ore., and attended Pacific University, where she doubled-majored in social work and psychology. She always knew she wanted to work in human services, helping people, and she ultimately went on to earn a master's in social work from Portland State University.

She met her first husband, Kurtis, while she was in graduate school, and they moved to his home state of New Jersey. They struggled to conceive, eventually turning to in vitro fertilization to have Jada.

"Even in the womb, we seemed to have an incredibly interesting connection. Whenever I would think, 'Jeez, she hasn't moved,' she would immediately start moving. We always just knew each other."

Jada was a high-energy, inquisitive little girl who never wanted to miss out on anything.

"She had a real hunger for learning everything she could while she was here," Zoey said.



Two years later, when her brother was born, he became Jada's world.

"Her entire focus really became Jordan," Zoey said. "It was like he belonged to her."

Jordan was different: active and athletic, but more introverted than his sister. He was comfortable entertaining himself and loved to create stories in his head.

Their young lives were happy and full of love.

"That's always something I feel strongly about," Zoey said. "Based on how they passed away and the violent nature of their deaths, there are a lot of assumptions that, 'Jeez, there must have been a lot of domestic violence.'

"There just wasn't," Zoey said. "They were both secure and nurtured and loved by both of their parents. They grew up in love."

What came next, then, is impossible to understand.

Zoey and Kurtis had their problems. They were discussing separation. But, she said, it wasn't a violent, or even yelling, end to the marriage.

"We were in marital therapy together. He was in individual therapy. He was prescribed an antidepressant. He didn't want the marriage to end, but he recognized that my desire to leave was because of his actions.

"He was despondent, apologetic and sorrowful ... but we weren't a screaming, yelling kind of couple.

"I thought I was doing it the right way. I didn't hate him by any means. We were co-parenting every day."

The last time Zoey saw her kids, she was dropping them off at school on her way to work. Kurtis had stayed home to meet a crew installing new carpet in their home.

They talked about whether Jordan needed to see the pediatrician for a cough.

"It was just a normal day. He asked me to bring him McDonald's for lunch, and I did. We talked to the carpeting guy, then I had another session," Zoey said. "The last time I saw Kurtis, I gave him a kiss on the cheek."

Fifteen minutes later, her cell phone rang. The mood had changed completely.

"He was sounding very erratic: 'Why can't you just love me again?'

"I said, 'I'm going to cancel my session and come home so we can have this talk,' but he left before I got home.



He never answered his phone after that."

Zoey didn't know immediately that he had picked up the kids from daycare. Kurtis drove Jada and Jordan to his parents' abandoned home, where he apparently shot them and then himself.

Jada was 5. Jordan was 3.

"My babies lived a beautiful, adventurous, wonderful life.

"And then it's just over one day."

Zoey considers herself blessed to be surrounded by an incredible support system of personal friends and family, as well as an international community of people with whom she has connected via social media.

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"People have been unbelievably compassionate and giving and loving and patient and kind with me," Zoey said. "That had a lot to do with not only the acute phases of grief — literally having an army around me — but also in the long-term."

Living with the grief — and the anger, and guilt, and confusion, and more — has taken intense therapy and effort.

"I want people to know that I'm here and I'm alive, and there is a way to navigate through the craziness."

She spent the first 18 months working with a PhD-level clinician in intensive, 6-hour-a-week therapy.

"I was a therapist. I am a therapist. I've been trained in the stages of grief and loss. I needed somebody who could think beyond what I already knew," she said.

"She met me wherever I was, whether sobbing and unable to be consoled, or furious and raging at Kurtis, or wanting to show her videos of my children. That was life-saving for me."

One of the biggest struggles has been trying to forgive herself for not anticipating the unimaginable.

"Kurtis' decision to kill my kids before he killed himself was not an escalation in violence. He'd never displayed violence. I'd never seen him hold a weapon," Zoey said. "It was very much a mental break."

Still, the questions plagued her: "How could I be so trained in mental health issues and human behavior and not recognize how deep his pain was that he felt as though his best option was to kill my kids and himself? How did I not know he was capable of that?"

"That's been a big element of forgiveness: my forgiving him and forgiving myself as well," Zoey said.

More, though, holding onto the memory of Jada and Jordan has kept Zoey moving.

"My mom can remember me saying, after two days or so, 'Where are they? I know physically they died, but I know they're not gone. Where are they?'"

She found herself reading and researching everything she could about child loss, faith and the afterlife and developing her own faith — one in which she could know her children beyond their death.

"I developed this amazing relationship with Jada and Jordan that is outside of what we as humans know," she said. "I've had to learn to relate to my children through intuition and through feeling, learning how to feel them."

Like many parents, Zoey's Facebook page is awash with pictures of children.

But hers never age.

She doesn't stop posting them, though.

For her, Jada and Jordan are still a central part of her life — even as she has kept her heart open and moved forward.

"I just decided a very long time ago to be an active participant in my grief, to learn about myself, learn about my kids and learn about where they are," she said. "I feel like my life is in a beautiful place. I met my husband now — Curt — who has saved my life and given me purpose again."

It's an interesting balance, she said.

"You have one foot here and one foot where your kids are," she said. "I feel very grounded here in my life with Curt and my stepchildren and my family and friends. But I always feel challenged to find ways to honor my children."

She also wants to be a resource for the other parents — unfortunately, she knows too many who have shared similar losses — in their own journeys.

"I don't ever claim to have the answers. Everybody's experience is so much their own," Zoey said. "But I am somebody who has continued to live through traumatic bereavement, and it doesn't have to be the end of the story."

"I want people to know that I'm here and I'm alive, and there is a way to navigate through the craziness." ■



6 Things TO Learn FROM THE Class of 2016

► Find more photos and stories from Senior Projects Day online



1 Computer science is a form of magic. “In a fantasy story, with the right runes, a wizard can do anything. With the right codes, a programmer can do anything,” says computer

science major Alex Shinsel '16. She is designing a video game in which a bat flies through various landscapes in the dark. Her game uses light to mimic echolocation: The bat has to send out a sound to light up the environment and see obstacles to avoid. “Echolocation is cool, and I’m pretty sure it’s never been used in game play.”

2 People burn out on tragedy. Nicole George '16 is an environmental science major with a political science emphasis. She’s studied compassion fatigue — typically a term used in relation to healthcare fields — in regard to public attention and fundraising post-tragedy. The results: High-impact stories about individuals lead to more public support than death tolls. “People can’t see the abstract numbers,” she said. People also need a step-by-step guide for how they can be part of a solution. “I feel like this would help nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations to help the general public.”

3 Students need the chance to conduct hands-on experiments with industry equipment.

Chemistry major Breanna Miranda '16 developed a lab activity that will allow future chemistry students to analyze kombucha tea using two different methods. The lab gives undergraduates a rare opportunity to use HPLC chromatography. “It’s important for undergraduates to interact with bigger instruments.”



4 Access to healthy food isn’t enough.

Public health major Sara Davidson '16 developed a plan to help the nonprofit St. Vincent de Paul organization in Forest Grove get winter produce from Pacific’s B Street farm and offer cooking classes to help people incorporate healthier food into their diets.



5 Affordable, sustainable housing is not only possible, it’s critical to addressing homelessness in communities.

Environmental studies major Isabella Barcellona '16 investigated the conditions necessary to create affordable sustainable housing in the Portland Metro Area and found that political will and a long-term investment approach are key. The vast majority of homeless individuals lack affordable housing. “The idea that it’s all drug abuse or mental illness is false,” she said. If affordable housing was taken out of the equation, help for drug abuse and mental illness could be more effectively provided, she said. Barcellona presented her findings at a Forest Grove symposium on housing in March and hopes to keep working locally to promote the development of affordable, sustainable housing.



6 Music really is math. Computer science majors Nicole Lewey '16 and Jacob Lundren '16 are designing an Android app that will take an input melody and create accompanying chord patterns. *Chordinate* will use an algorithm to create chords around the notes in the melody and the composer’s preference of major or minor key, Lewey said. Future incarnations might bring common chord progressions into the equation to help make the music sound a even more human-generated, Lewey said.





TINY BY DESIGN

The 230-square-foot house was built in Forest Grove, but the couple moved it to Montana this spring.

Jeremy Parkinson '16 suspects that his senior project may have been one of Pacific University's most expensive.

At nearly \$8,000, the tiny house that he built as his sustainable design capstone came in under budget — but still well above what most students invest in their projects.

Then again, he and his partner, environmental biology major Camie Westfall '16, got a home out of it.

"We both needed a place to live. I needed a capstone," Parkinson said.

"This was cheaper in the long run than getting an apartment or living on campus."

Parkinson and Westfall spent Fall 2015 building the house with support from friends, family and the knowledge they gained in classes and from watching the DIY television shows devoted to the tiny house craze.

Built in large part with repurposed materials, the 230-square-foot house features a rainwater catchment system to feed the shower, propane-powered

hot water and heat, bucket composting, and a careful design that maximizes space and minimizes consumption of resources.

Eventually, it will feature solar panels that will allow the couple to live completely "off the grid."

It took some adjustment for the couple — and their two cats — to live in the small quarters, but they say it's worth it.

"I had to severely reduce the clothes I had," Westfall admits. "You have to really think about life and what you need. But it feels good to recycle and be sustainable." ■



Clockwise:

- ▶ A solar-powered pump flows captured rainwater through a propane heater for the shower.
- ▶ Canned goods perch on a high shelf in the kitchen.
- ▶ A bucket compost system turns human waste into dirt.
- ▶ Artwork is tucked into small spaces.
- ▶ Human and cat ladders lead to a sleeping space in the loft.
- ▶ Guests can sleep on the fold-out bench that doubles as storage.



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FAITH IN ACTION



Historic photos including, at right, Fran O'Brien '65 displaying children's artwork in Mississippi.

FRAN O'BRIEN '65 was never particularly political. Slight and a little shy, O'Brien wanted to be a teacher, spending her days with children. She wasn't one to demonstrate on a street corner or shout at a rally.

But in the upheaval of the early 1960s, O'Brien found an unexpected passion — not political so much as religious.

A deeply involved member of Pacific University's Student Religious Council, O'Brien had a fundamental belief in social justice. It was that belief that led her to become the only Pacific University student to participate in the Freedom Summer of 1964.

The idea was to send white college students to Mississippi — then the heart of America's racial inequity — to help black citizens navigate the murky, and often dangerous, process of voter registration, to supplement the education of

students whose schools were still separate and far from equal, and to bring white America's attention to the burgeoning Civil Rights Movement.

It was an idealistic — and controversial — idea, and not one that immediately appealed to O'Brien.

"I thought, 'It's a good cause, but not for me.'"

She didn't have the knowledge to teach Mississippi's constitution to adults or to give black high-schoolers the physics or algebra lessons they needed, she told herself.

Then, she heard they needed teachers to take care of younger children too, to run recreation programs and art and crafts.

"That was right up my alley," she said. "I'd been doing that since I was 13."

Still, she hesitated — an application completed, but waiting to be submitted.

It was the film *Judgment of Nuremburg* that changed her mind.

"In one scene, an American judge is talking to a German housekeeper, asking about life under Hitler. She got defensive: 'We did not know what was happening, and we couldn't do anything!'

"And I thought, 'What would I do if someone asked me?'

"It would be one thing if I didn't know, but I had in my hand the opportunity to do something. If a door is locked and you don't go through, that's one thing. But if it's wide open and someone says, 'Come in,' that's different.

"That took my excuses away."



IT WAS NEVER supposed to be an easy job. Volunteers for Freedom Summer were carefully screened to keep out anyone who might not be able to follow the principles of complete nonviolence. And, volunteers were required to come with money for transportation and living costs — plus a fund for bail, if and when they were arrested for their efforts.

The costs became apparent quickly. O'Brien was in the second wave of volunteers to go to Oxford College in Ohio for training before riding buses south to Mississippi.

"We arrived on Sunday afternoon. On Monday, we heard that three of the men who had gone down the week before were missing.

"Bob Moses (director of the Freedom Summer project) waited until one of the men's wife was out of the room before he told us, 'They're dead. They've been missing overnight in Mississippi. They're dead.'

"Six weeks later, he was proved right."

O'Brien didn't flinch.

In an essay, *Faith and Activism*, 40 year later, she wrote:

At no time did I doubt I should have been there. Sometimes I wondered why; often I wondered what I would do and how on earth I could possibly be useful; but never did I use the question word "IF." It did not occur to me that I might have made a mistake in coming. I KNEW I was meant to be exactly where I was. That is faith. In my case, it led to a unique type of activism.

O'Brien spent the rest of her week-long training gathering ideas for simple art projects for her students and learning how to drop into the fetal position to protect her vital organs if attacked.

She'd need both skills.

O'Brien was assigned to Vicksburg, a relatively safe — by Mississippi standards — community, where she found many people welcoming, if cautious.

"Many of the older black people, they liked what we were doing, but they were stiff, formal. They couldn't get past the fact we were white. You could almost see the conflict between their head and heart: 'We agree with what you're doing, but we can't have anything to do with you.'"

The retired schoolteacher with whom she lived, Mrs. Garrett, was different.

"She was a remarkable person to make that transition and to teach me."

O'Brien taught arts and crafts, led games, played the piano, and started a children's chorus. But when the children started asking about the American history lessons their older siblings were learning, she paused. There were no children's history books.

"Mrs. Garrett said, 'Fran, I didn't have books. If you know the material, you can teach it.' The problem was, I didn't know the material. I was minoring in history at Pacific, but I'd never heard of Fredrick Douglass or Harriet Tubman.

"She said, 'Well, the kids can't read the high school books, but I hope you can!'"

And so O'Brien did, helping her young students discover their role in American history, smiling as they added verses to songs like *America the Beautiful*, and helping inspire them to put on their own American history pageant.

Her work even drew the praise of Martin Luther King Jr., who visited the Vicksburg site in July 1964.

Ever humble, O'Brien doesn't volunteer this memory — but hers and other stories from the



Freedom Summer project are chronicled in the book *Freedom Summer* by Bruce Watson:

At first, Fran thought it must be someone who merely looked like (King), but when a friend asked whether she was just going to stand there gawking, Fran jumped in the back. All the way to dinner, other volunteers fell over themselves to tell King about their summer work. Fran sat in silence. Finally, King turned around. "And what about you, young lady?" he asked. "What do you do in the project?"

"Nothing," Fran managed to say. "I just work with the kids."

"What do you do with the kids?"

Shyness stifled Fran, but another volunteer burst in and told King what a great teacher she was, doing arts and crafts, backyard games, and now a chorus and piano and sewing lessons. ... Fran smiled weakly. King studied her, then asked, 'Do you call that 'nothing'?'"

"No, sir."

Then, getting serious as only Martin Luther King could get serious, he said, 'Young lady, don't you ever say you 'just work with the kids.' Our children are the future and you are forming it.' After dinner, King spoke to a boisterous crowd, but Fran O'Brien would not remember a thing he said that was more important than what he said to her.



IF KING'S WORDS would leave an indelible mark in her heart in the years to come, another experience would leave a shadowy reminder of the Freedom Summer, one that would trigger nightmares and denial for years to come.

"There was a lot of violence, and I did have one violent incident," O'Brien says now, almost as an aside. "I was attacked by four members of the KKK."

It was a rainy night, and she was waiting for a ride at the bottom of a hill in front of the Vicksburg Freedom House. When the car arrived, there wasn't room for everyone, so she offered to stay behind for the next car.

"(The driver) was black and had grown up in Mississippi. He assumed 'wait' meant get the Sam Hill up the hill to the house. I took it literally, though, and just waited there. Sure enough, another car came around, but it was four Klansmen with robes and hoods."

"Many times in the years since Mississippi I have caught myself thinking, 'I can't do this!' only to find out that 'I can.'"

The men took O'Brien to a vacant lot nearby — or so she believes. At the time, fear distorted her senses. She had no idea where she was or how long she was gone.

"They said, 'We're going to make you sorry you came here. We're going to make you get on your knees and say it.' They bent me over the hood of the car and beat me with rubber hoses until I fainted."

When she woke up, she was back at the Freedom House. She thought she'd been gone for hours, but in reality it was only about 30 minutes. She hadn't even been missed. In shock, she blamed herself, thought herself foolish.

"We'd been told a hundred times, 'Don't be alone,'" she said. "At some point, I decided I wasn't going to tell people."

She carried the secret for the next 25 years.



WHEN O'BRIEN RETURNED to Pacific University for her senior year, she struggled to express what she'd seen and experienced.

"It suddenly seemed like everybody had changed. People who had just seemed to have a different opinion from mine were suddenly horribly racist and bigoted," she said.

"The most difficult were the people who I thought asked very stupid questions: 'Can't it just change gradually?' I'd forgotten that three months earlier I had thought the same thing.

"Then there were the people who would say, 'I know there's a lot of violence, but they're asking for it.' That would just set me off, but people didn't know why."

Nightmares would follow her for years.

But so, too, would her renewed passion for teaching.

O'Brien had suffered polio when she was 12 and was drawn to teaching children with disabilities after volunteering at a summer camp shortly thereafter.

"I was still using a cane then, and the kids would come to me first, because to them, I was 'normal,'" she said. "That's what happens when you segregate."

After graduating from Pacific, she went on to earn a master's in special education from San Francisco State University and spent some 36 years teaching.

Her Freedom Summer experiences have been written up in two books and a variety of articles, but it's likely the three and a half decades working with children that have made the most difference in the world.

"A lot of the issues (in special education) were very similar to the Civil Rights Movement," she said.

She remembers one young boy who had suffered a hand injury when he was 4.

"His first-grade teacher thought his hand was too unsightly to be in school and had put him in a special education class," she said. "He had gradually been doing less and less academically, because at the time, special ed had very low expectations.

"Maybe it was my lack of experience at the time, but I thought, 'If somebody just expects these kids to learn, they will.' That's not always the case, but it often is."

That's what she had seen in Mississippi.

"The black kids in the south had been told they were not as bright, and many believed it. But as long as the expectations are not unreasonably high, kids will respond."

O'Brien retired 10 years ago, unable to keep up with the physical demands of working with children with disabilities. But she continues to tutor and teach Sunday school — and neither the lessons of Mississippi or the faith that took her there have faded.

"Many times in the years since Mississippi I have caught myself thinking, 'I can't do this!' only to find out that I can," O'Brien wrote in 2004. "Not everyone can do the same things — and how boring it would be if we did! But everyone can do something. God planned it that way." ★



Fran O'Brien '65 helped plan her 50th reunion at Pacific in 2015.



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AZ is for Life

Membership in the Alpha Zeta Fraternity at Pacific University is a lifetime affair. Just ask these members (to the right) from the 1960s, an era of Boxer tosses, hijinks and serious Greek pride.

In the top picture, Alpha Zetas Norm Scott '63, Rich Roskam '68, Gary Hill '63, Steve Anderson '67, Bob Barrett '66, Steve Donahue '66, Tom Love '68, and John Stachelhause '64 — plus a few other hiding AZs — pose with the original Boxer statue, which was lost in 1969.

Below, several of the same AZs gathered at Hilton Head with their wives for a special reunion in October 2015. Pictured are Bob Platt '66, Taber Hersum '64, Bill Ott '66, Bob Barrett '66, George Long '63, Norm Scott '63, Dave Schibler '63, and Mike Inouye '66. Also at the reunion, but not pictured, are Betsy Barrett, Lynne Hersum '67, Gary '63 and Debbie Hill, Linda Inouye '68, Pete '63 and Ginger Mellinger, Carmen Ott, Loraine Schibler '64, and Cheryl Scott '65.

The Alpha Zetas will reunite again — this time in Forest Grove — for special festivities as part of Homecoming 2016, Oct. 14-16.



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- 10 Friends of Pacific Lunch
The Venetian, Hillsboro
- 12 Alumni Remembrance Ceremony
Forest Grove Campus
- 21 Commencement
Forest Grove Campus

JUNE

- 11 College of Optometry
Class of 2006 Reunion
Forest Grove Campus
- 14 Friends of Pacific Lunch
The Venetian, Hillsboro
- 17 Puget Sound PUB Night
with Professor Mike Steele
Pyramid Ale House, Seattle
- 25 MFA in Writing Commencement
Forest Grove Campus
- 30 Hops Night at the Ballpark
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class notes

1951 **REUNION**

Dean Greenstreet retired in 2015 after years in the accounting field. He has published three e-books. He fondly remembers his time at Pacific University, particularly becoming a member of the Blue Key Honorary Fraternity, living off-campus with friends, and learning from great professors and coaches. After graduation, he served in the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

1962

Frank Mossman OD enjoys building and restoration work. Among his life achievements are rebuilding his office, building two homes, a mountain cabin, a beach cabin and two old cars, including a '34 Ford, which he still drives. He also enjoys flying RC model planes. He spent 17 years working with his father, an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, followed by 31 years in private practice. He fondly remembers living in McCormick and Herrick Halls and considered **Dr. Don West** his favorite professor.

1964

Dale B. Dawson and his wife Kendra spent three weeks in Northern Italy in April and May 2015 and look forward to returning in 2017. In the meantime, their five grandchildren keep them happy and busy.

1969

Karen Muramoto Prevo, Bonnie Bohlig and **Sharon Michimoto**

recently reunited at Sharon's home in Oregon City. The three were roommates at Pacific.

Ken Sylvester recently published a book, *Negotiating in the Leadership Zone*.

1971 **REUNION**

Mapuana de Silva recently was featured on the cover of *Ka Wai Ola*, a magazine published by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. She celebrated 40 years as a kumu hula, and performed in concert Jan. 30 at The Hawaii Theatre.

1972

Barbara Glover Turner is enjoying retirement after teaching grades three, four and five. She and her husband, Ballard, recently took a three-week tour of Italy.

1974

Patrick Fisher recently retired after 35 years with Case New Holland, a farm and construction equipment manufacturer. He has moved back to Oregon from Chicago and is living in Pendleton with his wife, Marianne. He says, "Hello," to all fellow Alpha Zetas.

1981 **REUNION**

Arla Squibb Hains married John Washington on Oct. 10, 2015, at Dolce Hayes Mansion in San Jose, Calif. They are both employed with the U.S. Forest Service and make their home in Carson City, Nev.

1983

John Brunelle '83, former Pacific University sports information officer, connected with a group of Pacific alumni and Pacific athletic director **Ken Schumann** in Boise in September. Schumann was in town with the Boxers, when they faced the College of Idaho. The alumni are a Boise-based group who work together at Foothills Physical Therapy and continue to cheer on the Boxers. Pictured are **Jim Hammer PT '08**, **Jojo Brunelle PT '85**, **Ken Schumann**, **John Brunelle '83**, **Brooks Aberg PT '01**, and **Nick Woods PT '13**.

1987

Matt Groshart OD has retired after 30 years as an optometrist in Sheridan, Wyo. In 1991, he took over the practice his father founded in 1948.

1988

Susan Kuenzi married Jerry Sabin on April 18, 2015, in Salem.

1991 **REUNION**

Mark Beck has been appointed president and CEO of JELD-WEN. He previously was executive vice president of water quality and dental platforms at Danaher Corporation and before that spent 18 years in management positions with Corning Incorporated. He earned his degree in business management from Pacific and a master's of business administration from Harvard.

1994

Kim Dodson-Andresen and her husband John Andresen were featured in two articles in the December issue of *International Camelid Quarterly* magazine. The Andresens opened a marketing firm, The Andresen Group, in 2001 and, in 2005, got involved in the alpaca industry. The recently launched Livestock of America, an online marketplace for those in the livestock industry. She and her husband have four children.

1998

P.K. Runkles-Pearson has been added to the Oregon State Bar Judicial Administration Committee, which advises the Board of Governors on judicial selection and administration issues. She is a partner with Miller Nash in Portland.

Will Wright is president of Wright Commissioning, the Philadelphia region's first independent building commissioning firm, which recently opened new offices in University City's technology district. Formerly Brooks + Wright Commissioning, the firm's goal is to ensure that building systems of new and existing facilities function efficiently, effectively and sustainably.

1999

Garrett Calcaterra has a new young adult fantasy novel, *Souldriver*, releasing from Diversion Books in September 2016.

2003

Veronica Russell is working as a development specialist for Providence Seaside Hospital's Foundation, including as coordinator of the Providence Festival of Trees fundraiser. "I love my job and I can't believe how much my creative writing skills have helped me in my various jobs since graduation. I love and appreciate Pacific!"

2004

Maria (Gilleece) '04 and David Bednar '07 welcomed son William "Collins" Bednar on Oct. 17, 2015. He weighed 9 pounds, 12.5 ounces and measured 22 inches. He joins sister Randilyn.

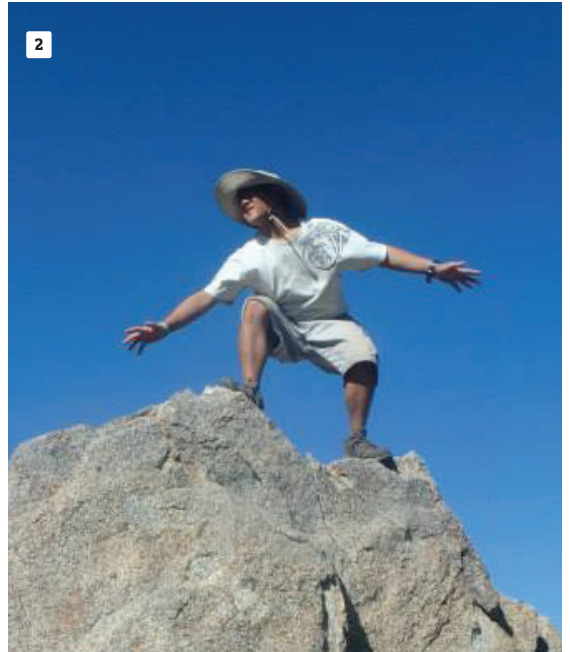
Teresa (Wutzke)

Brown and husband Tony welcomed their first child, Jacob Anthony Brown, on March 12, 2015. Teresa is the office coordinator and wood purchaser for JELD-WEN Windows and Doors in Bend.

Andrea (Groetzing)

Nicolayeff and husband Nick welcomed a son, Nicolas Kayne Nicolayeff, on Nov. 7, 2013. He joins sister Avery Michelle, 4. The family lives in the Seattle area, where Andrea is a co-organizer for a local workout franchise, FIT4MOM, a freelance designer, and recently began homeschooling.

Jennifer Kalez is the public affairs and outreach coordinator for the Oregon Department of Energy.



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class notes

 **Jennifer (VanCleave) Lee** is a pediatrician in Gig Harbor, Wash. She attended medical school in Yakima, Wash., and completed a residency in Tulsa, Okla. She and her husband, Ed, were married in July 2014 and had a son, Ethan Chung-Xiang Lee, in November 2015.

2005

Brad Evans MS '02, PsyD '05 has established his own practice after seven years of military and civilian federal service. Pathfinders Counseling and Consulting opened in Killeen, Texas, in 2012, and has expanded to San Antonio. The practice offers psychological services to active duty military, veterans and their families across central Texas with a new clinic planned to open in Colorado in 2016.

2007

John Moody recently won "Best Urban Design Film" at the New Urbanism Film Festival in Los Angeles for his film, *The Cerebral City*.

2008

Kevin Spangler earned his doctor of pharmacy degree, with honors, from the Colorado Scaggs School of Pharmacy in May 2015. He started his career with Walgreens in the Denver area.

Callie Vandewiele

was invited to present a Tedx Talk at the University of Cambridge's March Tedx Conference. Her presentation, *Learning Through Unschooling*, is available online.

2009

 **Charles Lee** is an educator at Hawai'i Nature Center in Honolulu and is pursuing his master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program. He spent Summer 2015 studying the ecosystems of the Bahia de los Angeles UNESCO World Heritage site with Miami University's Earth Expeditions global field course.

Jodi (Herbert) Murray

DHS is local president of the Washington County Dental Hygienists' Association and an Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association trustee. She is a mother of two. "Thank you Pacific U for allowing me to achieve success!"

Mark Truax has been named senior director of political affairs for PacWest. He leads the company's Denver office.

2010


Whitney Osborn graduated from Yale School of Nursing in May 2015, earning a master of science in nursing with a specialty in midwifery and women's health. She

is working as a certified nurse-midwife at the Physician and Midwife Collaborative Practice in Alexandria, Va.

Maggie Wigness earned a PhD in computer science from Colorado State University in December. Her dissertation research focused on applications in computer vision, and she has accepted a position with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory's robotics research group.

2014

Bri Castellini moved to New York in 2014 for graduate school. Since then, she has written, produced and starred in a web series called *Brains*, about love, friendship, neuropsychology and zombies. Watch it online.

 **Jonathan Wilson MHA '14** and Shannon Wilson welcomed Henry Arden Wilson on Dec. 8, 2015. He weighed 8.11 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

2015

 **Kathryn Onley '15** and **Jacob Davison '14** were married Nov. 6, 2015. They met in organic chemistry at Pacific and were anatomy lab partners. They also were both resident assistants in Gilbert Hall. Jacob recently was accepted into Pacific University's School of Physician Assistant Studies.

Briana Springer is an assistant account manager at PacWest and was recently also named a lobbyist.

in memoriam

FRIENDS

Albert Freedman, professor of music, died Oct. 8, 2015, at age 97. He taught at Pacific from 1966 to 1984 and was active in the annual Music in May festival. He took great joy in teaching and sharing with his students and gave private music lessons from the time he graduated from high school at age 16 until the age of 85, when he moved back to his hometown of Chicago. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judy, in 2001, following 61 years of marriage. He is survived by his children Richard (and Linda) Freedman, Carol (and Jay) Karol, and David (and Cathy) Freedman; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Sharon Ludtke died Sept. 21, 2015, at age 72. She served as a custodian at Pacific University from 1987 to 2009, when she retired. She was an active member of the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom in Forest Grove, and she enjoyed league bowling at Rainbow Lanes in Forest Grove. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her husband, Larry. She is survived by her children Judy (and Daryl) Davidson, Holly Ludtke, and Mary Ludtke; brother Jack (and Margaret) Akerill; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1933

Sylvia Bryan died Oct. 31, 2015, at age 104. She was a teacher who retired from North Thurston School District in Washington. She enjoyed being outdoors, golfing and hiking. She was a long-time member of Friends of Timberland Library and was a member of Eastern Star for more than 50 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Irvin Bryan '33**. She is survived by son Russell; daughter Marcia; and two grandsons.

1942

Verle Frances Bell died June 17, 2015, at age 95. She earned a degree in music education from Pacific University, where she was a member of Phi Lambda Omicron and Oak Leaf Honorary, but she taught everywhere she was needed during World War II. In 1943, she married college sweetheart **LaMar Bell '41**, and they were married for 32 years. She was active in Tigard, organizing and directing the Carillon Singers, and later moved to Unity Village, Mo., where she became editor of *Wee Wisdom Magazine*, directed the Unity choir, wrote poetry, and enjoyed life with her partner Stahr Pope. She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, and son Ray. She is survived by her daughter **Bonnie (Bell) Willcox Moore '73**; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

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Jeri Lynn Dobbs '58 died Oct. 15, 2015, at the age of 80. An orphan raised by his aunt, he began his college education at Long Beach City College then Long Beach State before enrolling at Pacific University. He planned to be an optometrist, but changed his mind and left Pacific to work at OHSU and UCLA. He later returned to Pacific to finish his degree in chemistry and biology before pursuing graduate studies at OHSU. He taught chemistry at Multnomah Junior College and continued to conduct research at OHSU before

going to work with Dr. Albert Starr, a pioneer in cardiovascular surgery. He worked with Dr. Starr for 35 years, doing research on the Starr/Edwards heart valve and the Starr/Edwards pacemaker, then becoming a cardiac perfusionist on Dr. Starr's surgical team. He was among the first five physician assistants licensed in Oregon and participated in the first heart transplant in Oregon, as well as the first liver transplant ever. He was a founding member of the American Academy of Cardiovascular Perfusion and American Society of ExtraCorporeal Technology. In retirement, he was an active volunteer at the Oregon Food Bank, Start Making A Reader Today, and Pacific University. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia; son Kevin (and Camie); daughters Mary (and Forrest) Dyer and Ann (and Rob) Torrence; grandchildren Clayton, Parker and Holden Dobbs, and Connor, Griffen and Grace Torrence; brother Joe; and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Paul died Sept. 20, 2015, at age 95. She earned a master's degree from Linfield College and became the next in a long line of educators in her family. She taught in Forest Grove and at Willamina Grade School, where she was principal before retiring in 1976. She was active in PEO Chapter Forest Grove and First Presbyterian Church in McMinnville, and she enjoyed gardening and her beloved dog, Missy. She was preceded in death by her husband Jim; brother George; son Johnny; and grandson Tom. She is survived by son Tom (and Nancy); seven grandsons; and 12 great-grandchildren.

1949

Francis "Primo" Brusco died Jan. 14, 2016, at age 93. He attended Penn State and Boston College

for master's degrees. He was a World War II veteran who served in World War II. He was selected to play on the U.S. Navy inter-Allied All-Star Basketball Team, and he carried his championship medal in his wallet throughout his life. An outstanding athlete, he also boxed at Madison Square Gardens and signed with the Buffalo Bills but left due to a knee injury. He is in numerous halls of fame. He dedicated his life to teaching throughout Oregon and Washington and loved to referee basketball. He was preceded in death by his first wife Rose, daughter Sandra Lee, and son Anthony Arthur. He is survived by his wife Sandra Miller Brusco and brother Eddie (and Stella) Brusco.

Bobbie Maurine

Roberts died May 15, 2015. She is survived by her sister, Nita Roberts Bixler, and nephew Brian Bixler.

1950

James "Jim" T. Johns died Aug. 18, 2015, at age 88. He served in the Navy in World War II and later earned his business degree from Pacific before returning to his hometown of Vernonia. He was drafted into "filling in" as a teacher at Washington Grade School, where he found his calling, eventually earning another degree in teaching. He also met his sweetheart Ginger at the school, where they both taught through their careers. He retired after 34 years of teaching and enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially with his

son, Tim, and traveling with his wife. He is survived by his wife, son, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1951

Thomas Hibbard died Feb. 11, 2016, at age 86. He was a mathematician and computer scientist who helped pioneer the field of analysis of algorithms. He earned a master's in mathematics from the University of Illinois, Urbana, and a PhD in mathematics from UCLA. He was a scientific programmer at the RAND Corporation, working on one of the earliest computers, and he was a member of the research staff of the System Development Corporation. He spent three years as a visiting faculty member at the Catholic University of Salta, Argentina, before joining the UCLA computer science faculty. In 1976, he joined the staff of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, working on the Voyager, IRAS and Galileo projects until his retirement in 1986. In 1989, he returned to Argentina, where he was living and teaching at the time of his death.

Glenn Ison died Dec. 10, 2015, at age 87. He joined the Army at age 17. After returning to civilian life, he attended Pacific, where he graduated cum laude with a major in English. He rejoined the Army to serve in Korea in 1952. During his Army career, he attended the Defense Language Institute, studying Arabic,

and the Army War and Staff College. He retired in 1970 as a colonel and moved to Port Townsend, Wash., with his family. He was active in the community, was a founder of Jefferson National Bank and served on the city council, hospital board and in Kiwanis and other organizations. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marge. He is survived by his wife Dorothy Martin; children Stuart (and Deborah), John, Bill, and Casey (and Tim); stepdaughter Janet Kelley; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Alice Ruth "Ruthie" Casteel Manley

died Dec. 7, 2015, at age 86. She earned her degree in elementary education at Pacific, where she also met her husband, **Don Manley '52**. She worked in various capacities in educational television in Whitewater, Wisc. After they divorced in 1990, she returned to Eugene, where worked with the Jazz Station, ushered at The Shedd, supported young jazz musicians, and attended as many musical events as she could. She also volunteered as a chauffeur for the Bach Festival. She is survived by her sons Scott (and Jennifer), Steven (and Anita), David, Marc and Tobin; her former husband; her sister; four grandchildren; and an extended family.

in memoriam

LaDaryl "Duke" Markeson '51, OD '52 died Sept. 4, 2015, at age 88. He practiced as an optometrist in Minnesota for 59 years, and his compassion and caring demeanor will be remembered by many. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, son Marc, and daughter TJ. He is survived by his wife Maryls; son Greg (and Joni) Markeson; and two grandchildren.

John Steinbacher died Oct. 9, 2015, at age 89. He continued his graduate studies at several locations. He was CEO and founder of the Cancer Federation in Banning, Calif., a television and radio commentator, a teacher, social worker, and investigative reporter. He wrote movie scripts, magazine articles, and 11 books, including the critically acclaimed *Wayfarers of Fate*. His biography appears in *Notable Americans* and *Who's Who in America*, and he received the 1988 Pacific University alumni award for his philanthropic endeavors.

1956
Lyle Mack '56, MAED '65 died Oct. 10, 2015, at age 93. He served in the Marine Corps from 1942 to 1946, making four combat landings in the South Pacific, and later serving in Peking, China. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education and was a beloved teacher in Portland, then Longview, Wash. He was a Fulbright

Exchange Teacher to England in 1959-1960, and in his retirement he led community classes in travel and world news discussion at Lower Columbia College. He was active in Longview Community Church, Rotary and Men's Discovery Club, of which he was a co-founder, and he enjoyed photography, travel and reading. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Claudia Zediker. He is survived by his wife, Dolphine VanZanten Mack; son Grant Mack; sister-in-law Gwen O'Bryan; brother-in-law Philip Zediker; and beloved nieces and nephews.

1964
Gerald "Jerry" Ray Westerholm died Jan. 21, 2016, at age 75. He was a three-sport athlete at Pacific, where he lived at the Forest Grove fire house while completing his bachelor of science. He worked as a history teacher and coach at Seaside High School and was later hired as athletic director. He developed the Seagulls' athletic program and was honored with state and regional athletic director awards and as a finalist for National Athletic Director of the Year in 1995. He was an outdoor enthusiast who loved fishing and hunting. He also was a Gearhart volunteer firefighter for 25 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carlote; children Kirsten (and Keith) Richards and Bill (and Jeannine)

Gerald "Jerry" Schimke '59 died Jan. 8, 2016, at age 78. He studied physics and pledged Gamma Sigma at Pacific, where he met some of his lifelong friends. He studied physical oceanography at the University of Washington and later served as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. He worked at a consulting firm in Massachusetts and later with the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, where he helped develop hazardous materials regulations and mitigation programs. He retired in 1997 and continued to lead an active life, enjoying paragliding, windsurfing, kayaking, skiing, biking, hiking, studying languages, playing guitar, singing, traveling and much more. He was preceded in death by his parents, Pacific professor Harold Schimke and Martha. He is survived by his wife Kay; daughter Margaret (and Rick); son Karl (and Katrin); grandchildren Maja, Olivia, Cece and William; sisters **Anita '60, Myra '62** and **Dorothy '64**; and many other friends and family members.



Westerholm; five grandchildren; brothers Jon (and Ina) and Jay (and Connie) Westerholm; and many other friends, family and former students.

1966
Geoffrey Lorne Hiscock died Nov. 16, 2015, at age 75. Following a successful teaching career, he took over his family jewelry business in 1973. He was an active volunteer, serving as president of the Atlantic Provinces Jewellers' Association and Canadian Jewellers Association. He is survived by his wife Carla; sons Stephen (and Karen) and David (and Michelle); daughters Catherine (and Rick), Martha (and Greg) and Rebecca (and Byron); several grandchildren; a sister; and extended family.

1968
Patricia-Anne Kaulani (Boyd) James '68 died Oct. 26, 2015. She was valedictorian at Pacific University in 1968 and was chosen queen of the Lu'au and Homecoming princess as a student. She married **Donald James '70** and they went on to live in Ankara, Turkey, Rhein Main, Germany, Sunnymead, Calif., Rocklin, Calif., Lewiston, Idaho, and San Diego. She is survived by her husband and by her daughters, Robin Kozub and Leolani Kirkendall.

1993
Al Dufur OD died Dec. 5, 2015, at age 50. He started practicing with his mentor, Robert Osborne, following his graduation from optometry school and eventually took over the practice. For the last 20 years, he served patients with exceptional

eyecare, attended patients' needs, and developed relationships with his patient family. He loved to tinker, was a youth football coach, and donated his time to various schools and fundraisers. He enjoyed the outdoors, riding his motorcycle, and spending time on the water. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother Esperanza Dufur; sons Jacob and Matthew; partner Kerry Crisp and her children Colby and Kyle; sister, brothers, and extended family.

2006
Kane Renner died Jan. 30, 2016, after a traffic accident in Taiwan, where he taught at an American school. He was an Alpha Zeta at Pacific, and friends remember him as a traveler who loved to kick back with his friends. ■

Professors Don Schweitzer and Aaron Greer led a group of students on a short travel course to Trinidad and Tabago in January. Students study the history and contemporary culture of the Caribbean island nation and complete an anthropological or social work research project on site. ► magazine.pacificu.edu

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