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## AUG

## SEPT

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*1910 Main  
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*Eugene*



editor's letter

**Parenting is full of tough conversations.**

“How long do people live?”

“Why doesn’t everyone have enough food?”

And, most recently, “How did my baby sister get into/out of your tummy, Momma?”

I had my second child between this issue of *Pacific* magazine and the last, so our home has been full of questions. Even before that, though, as I was writing for this issue, I was thinking about hard conversations.

On page 23, Melissa Lowery '09 shares the story of creating a documentary about the experience of black women in a predominantly white suburban society. On page 20, Tristin Jarmer MAT '12 talks about teaching in a bilingual classroom in Hillsboro, where many of her students are the children of recent immigrants.

Their stories can help all of us, I think, step outside our own experiences in some way and broaden our perspectives. That’s why we share stories — and that is why Pacific University is striving to recruit an increasingly diverse student population: Because the more we share our stories with one another, the broader our understanding of the human experience becomes.

These stories encouraged me to think about some of the hard conversations that I should, perhaps, start having with my children, even early on.

How can I help make sure they are not blind to diversity but embracing of it?

How do I teach them to empathize with people who are different from them in all kinds of different ways?

How do I encourage them to stand up against injustice, be it bullying on the playground or later in life?

Maybe then we can tackle that question about where the baby came from.

*Jenni M. Lockett*

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## READERS' WORDS

*"I would like to thank you for the lovely article on American kestrels. My family has a ranch in Central Oregon and kestrels have nested for years in a hollow tree near our barn. They have long been my favorite bird, and I was happy to read that they are now thriving around Forest Grove.*

*Although I was only at Pacific for one school year (1960-61), it was a happy year in my life, and I still keep in touch with the good friends I made there."*

BARABARA COLLINS FERENSTEIN

*"I enjoyed the Pacific magazine Spring 2014. I recognized three names!"*

FROM MS. EDREY ANKER '47

*"I greatly enjoyed reading about the Lifetime Adventure of alumna Del Judy, a fellow Returned Peace Corps Volunteer. She is amazing! I have noted information about her family's caramel-making enterprise and plan to order some of these delicacies for folks on my 2014 Christmas gift list."*

CHERON (MESSMER) MAYHALL, PHD '64



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— John Jensen '60, MS '65

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LESLEY M. HALLICK, PHD  
PRESIDENT

**At Pacific University, we are transforming the student experience**, while protecting those things that are sacred to the Pacific “high-touch” environment.

The number of college-ready students graduating from high school has plateaued across the country and in some regions is even declining. Each year we are successfully recruiting in an ever more challenging and diverse market.

One of the reasons for our success is the combination of learning opportunities and supportive environments that we offer: small communities, personal attention, excellent faculty, a rich liberal arts and sciences undergraduate tradition that prepares students for whatever may come next in their journey, alongside an expanding array of graduate professional programs that prepare students for professions — jobs — that are seeking qualified graduates.

We are incredibly excited this summer to be completing work on a brand new residence hall and a refresh of the Washburne University Center (page 28). These living, dining and leisure amenities are sought by our applicants and their families. After all, our undergraduates in particular are not simply choosing the institution to provide their degree; they are selecting a home for the next four years.

We are always seeking new cohorts of students who will benefit from the unique education

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— LESLEY M. HALLICK

provided at Pacific. These include increased attention to the recruitment of community college transfer students, drawing in students who may even be working adults seeking weekend-based undergraduate and graduate professional programs like the new master of science in finance and master of business administration, as well as the all-online undergraduate program in health sciences.

And, we continue expanding the support systems for the students who do choose Pacific University. As our student body becomes more diverse, so, too, do their interests and needs. We are thrilled that students have led the move to start a Hispanic Heritage Student Association and to re-form the historic Black Student Union on the Forest Grove Campus (see page 26).

Even as higher education evolves, a Pacific University education is a great value for students who are preparing to think, care, create, and pursue justice in a global society. We look forward to continuing to assure that it will be relevant and meaningful to a new generation of students.

Warmest Regards,

Lesley M. Hallick, President  
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news & notes

BY BRI CASTELLINI '14



# The Final Word

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENT** *the culmination of their Pacific University experiences with public presentations at Senior Projects Day each April.*

**I was not worried about Senior Projects Day.**

While watching my friends stress over their PowerPoints or vocal inflections, I silently thanked the six years I spent competing in speech and debate. Most of my fellow creative writing majors, naturally, prefer writing to speaking, and the prospect of presenting our capstones to a crowd of faculty, friends and family members was not a particularly exciting one. That said, even those writers uncomfortable with public speaking were anxious to show those around us what we'd been slaving over for the entire school year.

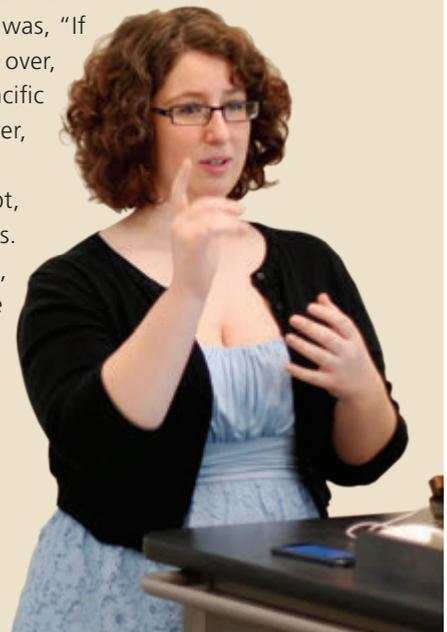
I actually wrote my senior thesis, a young adult epistolary novel, or a novel written in a series of documents, the fall of my junior year, during an event known as National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. For the entire month of November 2012, I wrote around 1,667 words a day, ending with a 57,000-word manuscript I was incredibly proud of. Though I only got to fully revise the first three chapters for my capstone, it is the most proud I've ever been of any piece of writing. It's deeply personal, equal bits funny and dramatic, and something I think I would have enjoyed reading at my protagonist's age.

*The Secret Life of Jane* is a story written in blogs, emails and Facebook posts about a teenage girl who defines herself by her relationships with other people. When those relationships change or go south, she struggles with how her identity has to or shouldn't

have to change as well. She's melodramatic, silly and impulsive. Hailey Jane Harper may not be the most ingenious or insightful or deep protagonist, but she's genuine, and that's all I've ever wanted to write.

I should finish with a round of "thank yous." Thank you, to my thesis adviser, my writing group, my friends, and everyone who attended my senior capstone presentation and laughed at my jokes. There were a lot more people listening to me talk about blogs than I expected, and I cannot fully express how humbling an experience that was.

Recently, I filled out one of the senior exit surveys about my time at Pacific University, and one of the last questions was, "If you could start all over, would you pick Pacific again?" The answer, I can say with no hesitation or doubt, is a resounding yes. Thank you, Pacific, for your incredible faculty, top-notch student body, and the best four years of my life. ■



## transitions

### Rev. Chuck Currie

The Rev. Chuck Currie will join Pacific University this fall as university chaplain and director of the Center for Peace & Spirituality. Currie attended Pacific in the 1980s and is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He earned his master of divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in 2006. He is well known in the Portland area as a minister and leader in interfaith social services and nonprofit work. He helped found two shelters for homeless youth and families in the Portland area and has assisted in the development of the Multnomah County Interfaith Outreach Office. He has received numerous awards, both locally and nationally, for his involvement in social services. In his role at Pacific, he plans to expand the Center for Peace & Spirituality to further support students' spiritual pursuits, including the possibility of coordinating worship and service opportunities for various faiths on campus.



### Andy Soria

J. Andy Soria, former faculty member at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, is the new director of the Berglund Center. The center is now in the College of Business at the Hillsboro Campus. The scope of the Berglund Center has expanded to incorporate all types of innovation, Soria said. The stated mission is to "support multidisciplinary creativity, scholarship, entrepreneurship and the development of leadership skills through the incubation of ideas, products and services." Soria is an expert in thermal chemical conversion that can transform waste material and biomass into fuels, chemicals, plastics, resins and other items. Prior to coming to Pacific, he held a joint appointment at the University of Alaska Fairbanks in the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences and in the School of Engineering. He holds a doctorate in natural resources from the University of Idaho, a master's degree in environmental studies from Baylor University, and a bachelor's degree from Ball State University.



## by the numbers SATISFACTION

86

percent of first-year students say their peers are friendly, supportive and give them a sense of belonging

88

percent of first-year students feel Pacific University provides substantial support for their academic success

82

percent of first-year students say faculty members are available, helpful and sympathetic

71

percent of undergraduate students participate in community service or volunteer work

82

percent of recent undergraduate alumni said they were working within six months of graduation



## brieflynoted

**NEW PROGRAMS KEEP COMING** | The College of Business will launch a master of business administration program in Fall 2014. Like the master of science in finance program now underway, the MBA track will offer classes every other week, meeting Friday afternoons and all day on Saturdays. Courses are taught by

full-time Pacific University professors, as well as visiting faculty. The new MBA program is designed for working professionals and can be completed in 15 months. Also for working professionals, the master's in finance is a 10-month program. Both are offered at Pacific's Hillsboro Campus, in

downtown Hillsboro on the MAX line.  
▶ [pacificu.edu/mba](http://pacificu.edu/mba)

**GROWTH IN HILLSBORO** | Pacific University has expanded its Hillsboro Campus with new offices in the ground level of the Intermodal Transit

## huddle



**Greg Bradley stepped down after 19 years** leading the Pacific University baseball program. His record of 328 wins is second best in school history (behind Hall of Famer Chuck Bafaro) and the third most of any Pacific coach.

Bradley coached the Boxers to the 2012 Northwest Conference championship and to six seasons of 20-plus wins, including a school record 25 wins in 2002. Bradley coached more than 50 All-NWC performers, including 2002 conference player-of-the-year Kevin Roth. Bradley's career ended with an 8-6 home victory over Puget Sound on May 4, in which his son, Donnie, drove in the final run. Bradley will remain on staff as the athletic facilities manager.



**Softball Coach Tim Hill announced his retirement** in March after 11 years leading the Boxers and more than four decades of coaching at the club, high school and college levels. He led the 2014 Pacific squad

to a 26-12 overall record and a second-place finish in the NWC. He finishes his career with 263 wins at Pacific and 289 wins in 13 years as a college coach. Hill's teams finished with 20 or more wins eight times, and his programs have yielded more than 60 All-NWC selections, topped by 2014 NWC Player-of-the-Year Rachel Roberts. Hill and longtime assistant Paul Sabah are members of the Oregon Chapter of the American Softball Association Hall of Fame.

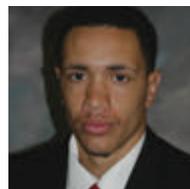
## line up



**RACHEL ROBERTS '16**  
**SOFTBALL**  
The sophomore from Oregon City became the second Boxer to be named the NWC Player of the Year. Roberts led the conference with a .468 batting average and set Pacific single-season records with 58 hits and 47 stolen bases. She finished the season leading Division III with 1.24 stolen bases per game.



**CALEB MALYCHEWSKI '14**  
**MEN'S WRESTLING**  
The senior became Pacific's first men's wrestling All-American in 12 years, finishing fifth in the 184-pound weight class at the NCAA Division III Championships in March. The Camas, Wash., native finished the season with 31 wins. He was also named a NWCA Division III Scholar All-American for the second time.



**DANIEL ZITANI '14**  
**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
The Berkeley, Calif., native was named First Team All-NWC and to the D3Hoops.com All-West Region Third Team. Zitani led the NWC in scoring, averaging 19 points per game. He also led the league in rebounding and was in the top 10 in free throws made and field goal percentage.



**TROY ZUROSKE '14**  
**MEN'S TENNIS**  
Zuroske became the first Pacific men's tennis player to be named First Team All-NWC all four years of his career. The Richland, Wash., native finished with a 9-5 record in singles and a 9-5 mark in doubles. He helped lead Pacific to a 15-4 overall record and a second-place finish in the NWC.



**KAITLYN LOMARTIRE '17**  
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**  
The Portland native capped a solid freshman season by earning First Team All-NWC honors. Lomartire finished the season with a 12-4 record at No. 1 singles and a 7-9 mark in doubles. She won her first four singles matches of the season and five of her final six.

► [goboxers.com](http://goboxers.com)

## quickfact



### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

*Pacific University alumni and friends celebrated the start of summer June 21 with reserved field box seats at Ron Tonkin Field, where the Hillsboro Hops took on the Vancouver Canadians.*

► [pacificu.edu/alumni](http://pacificu.edu/alumni)

Facility. The space houses the administrative offices of the College of Business, as well as the administration and faculty of the School of Healthcare Administration and Leadership. With 7,500 square feet, the space also includes high-tech classrooms that accommodate up to 60 students.

The College of Business offers its master of science in finance courses in the new space, and the new master of business administration program will open there in Fall 2014 as well. The new offices and classrooms join the two-building Hillsboro Campus.

**FOREST GROVE FACILITIES** | The Washburne University Center is getting a refresh this summer, with new paint, carpeting, décor, bathrooms and entryways on the first floor. The refresh will bring expanded dining and lounge areas, as well as an expanded kitchen

*continues* ►

## question & answer

### “What is the best thing about Pacific University?”

#### quickfact



PACIFIC UNIVERSITY WILL HOST *its annual Homecoming and Reunion celebration Oct. 3-5, 2014. Alumni whose class years end in 4 or 9 are especially invited for reunions, and the Class of 1964 will be inducted into the Golden Guard. Also planned are special activities for alumni of Greek groups, soccer, cheerleading and choir.*

► [pacificu.edu/homecoming](http://pacificu.edu/homecoming)



**COLTON MARKHAM '14**  
PSYCHOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY STUDENT

“The professors. All of the professors in my experience have gone out of their way to be supportive of me and make sure I understand the material.”



**KELLY CHASTAIN '13**  
CREATIVE WRITING ALUMNA

“As an alum, once you graduate, it’s not like the school just says, ‘See you later!’ It’s like a web you’ll always have a strand in. It’s all-encompassing, from a community perspective.”



**ALLISON BLAKELEY '15**  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY STUDENT

“The best thing about Pacific is the faculty. As a graduate student it is amazing to be able to take classes from professors who not only love teaching, but are passionate and knowledgeable about speech-language pathology.”



**BRENT JOHNSON**  
ENGLISH PROFESSOR

“Intellectual freedom. I’ve never felt restricted here as far as what I can teach and how I teach it.”

We asked students and employees about their favorite things at Pacific University, too! ► **Watch their answers at [pacificu.edu/magazine/pacificufaves](http://pacificu.edu/magazine/pacificufaves)**

## brieflynoted

and food serving stations. A fully licensed Starbucks will open in the student center, and the Boxer Bistro convenience store will be transformed into a corner store with grab-and-go food. The Pacific University Bookstore, operated by Barnes & Noble, will move into the

east side of the building. Meanwhile, construction continues on Pacific’s newest residence hall, Cascade Hall, a sustainable and high-tech living and learning community, on the Forest Grove Campus. The growth of the Forest Grove Campus is designed to

meet the needs of Pacific’s increasing enrollment, now topping 3,600 students on four campuses. Cascade Hall and the refreshed University Center are on track to open for students for Fall 2014.

► [pacificu.edu/new-construction](http://pacificu.edu/new-construction)

## honors & awards



Lois Hornberger, director of Conference and Events Support Services, and her team received the 2014 Outstanding Institution Achievement Award from the Association of Collegiate Conference and Events Directors-International. The award recognizes the department's role in staging Legends, hosted by Tommy Thayer, Pacific's signature event supporting student-athletes. ACCED-I is comprised of members of more than 500 colleges and universities in North and South America, Europe and Asia.



Lorelle Browning, professor of English, has won her second U.S. Scholar Fulbright grant to conduct research and teach American drama in Vietnam during the 2014-2015 academic year. Browning has visited Vietnam 25 times over the past 19 years and has co-produced several collaborative programs featuring Vietnamese and American actors performing together in both countries. She plans to write a book about actors who performed war propaganda plays during the French and U.S. wars there.



Denise Giesbers '00, director of the Pacific Information Center, was recognized as a Transfer Champions Award recipient by the National Institute for the Study of Transfer Students in February. The award recognizes individuals who demonstrated exceptional advocacy and leadership in the development and implementation of transfer-focused activities that have made significant contributions to the improvement of transfer student access, persistence and success.



Dijana Ihas, assistant professor of music education and director and master teacher of the String Project, has been accepted to a two-year research seminar sponsored by the Elon University's Center for Engaged Learning in Elon, N.C. She is one of only 36 participants selected and the only one from the Northwest. She will join other scholars interested in collaborating on the study of evidence-based, high-quality undergraduate research mentoring practices.



Gail Aamodt, associate professor of dental health science, has been named the 2014 Educator of the Year by the American Dental Hygienists' Association. The award recognizes and honors a full-time dental hygiene faculty member who contributes to and is dedicated to providing high-quality education to dental hygiene students. Aamodt is also president-elect of the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association and has more than 25 years experience as a clinical dental hygienist.

### quickfact

**PACIFIC UNIVERSITY LAUNCHES** a new website in August. The mobile-ready site will be more user-friendly for our alumni, prospective and current students, employees and others. Sneak a peek. ▶ [pacificu.edu/sneakpeek](http://pacificu.edu/sneakpeek)



**CROSSING THE STAGE** | Pacific University celebrated its May Commencement on May 17. More than 340 students received bachelor's degrees, including 44 students who received the first set of degrees bestowed by Pacific's College of Business. Meanwhile, more than 320 students earned

graduate-level degrees in education, optometry and health professions. Among them were 33 students in the first graduating class of the master of speech-language pathology program. At the graduate-level ceremony, Kirk Smick '66, OD '67 was presented with

the fourth annual Kamelia Massih Prize for a Distinguished Optometrist. Pacific also celebrates the commencement of students in the master of fine arts in writing program on June 28.  
▶ [flickr.com/pacificuniversity](http://flickr.com/pacificuniversity)

## giving 'MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN MY LIFE'

### "We try to do things to be supportive of music."

That is how John Jensen '60, MS '65 views his many gifts to Pacific University's Music Department over the years. Jensen received sustained applause April 4 when he was inducted as the 25th member of the Pacific University Music Hall of Fame.

Jensen and his wife, Emily Jo, have supported music at Pacific in a variety of ways, including the creation of an endowed fund to provide support for tours by the choir, orchestra and jazz band on a rotating basis.

He has also donated musical instruments, including a harpsichord and a cello, to the Music Department. And he has donated time — hundreds, maybe thousands, of hours.

For 10 years, he has been chair of the Friends of Music, a volunteer alumni group that supports the Music Department. Prior to that, he worked with Pacific's annual Music in May program, which brings in several hundred teenagers for a three-day music festival.

Jensen has been a teacher ever since he started studying at Pacific. He taught music to children at local grade schools, beginning as an 18-year-old. After his graduation from Pacific, he continued teaching music to schoolchildren, retiring from the Portland School District in June 1993.

"Music has been in my life all along," said Jensen.

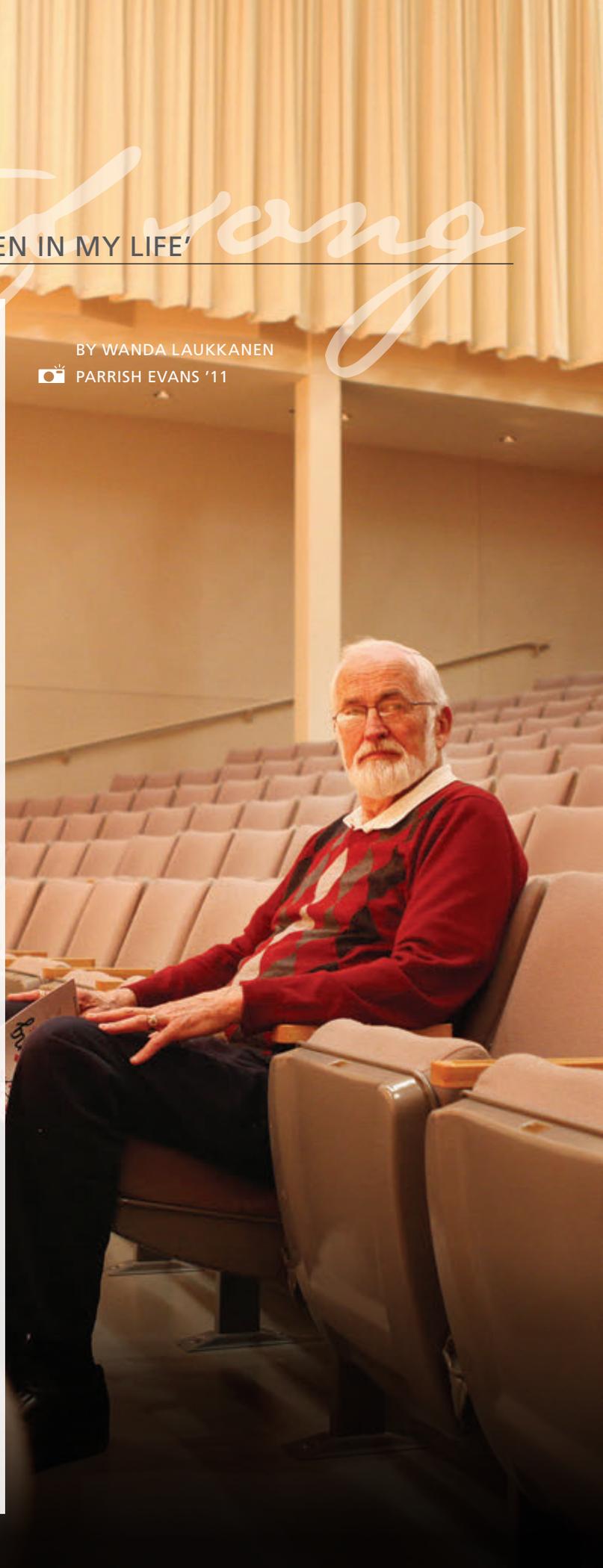
And through his gifts, it will be in lives of many others to come. ■

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BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

 PARRISH EVANS '11





## voices

BY CORBY MAKIN '12

# Medical Mission

**CORBY MAKIN '12** combined the civic spirit he learned at Pacific University with his medical school skills in a mission to Kenya last summer.

### Jambo!

That's Swahili for "hello," and it is a phrase I relied on last summer as I visited Bungoma, Kenya, on a medical mission with three other students from Western University's College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific Northwest.

We planned the trip between our first and second years of medical school, excited to pursue our passion to help others and to learn about another culture.

We got more than we ever hoped.

We worked at Machwele Friends Clinic alongside a doctor and nurses providing family care and planning for the more than 20,000 residents of Bungoma. A typical day at the clinic consisted of vaccinating newborns, educating mothers, and caring for patients with a variety of ailments. ▶



We treated patients with diseases ranging from malaria to HIV and dressed the wounds of those with cuts, burns or tropical ulcers. In one day, I cleaned and dressed the head wound of a man with polio who was hit by a bus; I cared for a feverish infant with

**“I never imagined that I could travel halfway around the world and find myself right at home.”**

— CORBY MAKIN '12

severe malaria; and I comforted an elderly woman with chronic abdominal pain.

Gaining the trust of patients in their most vulnerable moments and offering treatment, guidance, or just a listening ear, was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life.

We also had the chance to visit the Makutano primary school, which serves 1,200 kindergarten to eighth-grade students. We joined in games of soccer and answered students' questions about the United States. And, we were swarmed by a sea of happy, energetic children as we joined them at their one shared recess.

Along the way, we also had the chance to experience life in Kenya. Our host family, the Nasiombes, made us comfortable in every way, especially with meals of fresh chicken, corn and millet that still make my mouth water in memory.

The father, Meshak, was our interpreter at the clinic, our guide when we hiked, and our muscle when we bargained at the local markets. He was crucial in breaking down the language barriers and allowing us an authentic experience in his home country.

He also showed me the agriculture that sustains Kenya's economy. He started out as a



butcher but now makes a living on his farm. I grew up on a cattle ranch in eastern Oregon and saw many similarities between Meshak and my father. I never imagined that I could travel halfway around the world and find myself right at home.

My fellow students and I hope to continue visiting our new friends in Kenya and to start a nonprofit organization that would collect medical supplies for the clinic in Bungoma and would create an opportunity for other medical students to volunteer abroad.

Immersing myself in Kenyan culture was a humbling experience, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to provide care for these people. The experience solidified my desire to become a physician and has motivated me to keep serving both my local community and those around the world. ■



**“Kusafiri ni kujifunza –  
Traveling is learning”**

— KENYAN PROVERB



**CORBY MAKIN '12**

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

- ▶ Chemistry major
- ▶ Baseball and handball player
- ▶ Volunteer with SMART (Start Making A Reader Today)
- ▶ Special Olympics bowling coach

“My time at Pacific was jam packed with a variety of educational opportunities that comprised an incredible four years of my life. In the classroom, I took advantage of the passionate faculty that helped guide me through my arts and sciences courses that I later utilized for my entrance exam into medical school. The knowledge I gained at Pacific has been the foundation of my post-graduate career.”





## gallery

# The Poetry of Life

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

**POETRY AND PROSE** have helped playwright Jill Kimie Sadoyama '74 express the loss of her childhood best friend.

THE LYRICAL, HAUNTING MUSIC of a lone flute resounds over a darkened stage. Then Jill Kimie Sadoyama '74 speaks:

*"Bird song hums  
Sweet harmony of homelands  
Fragrant with perfumes  
That drip like honey"*

So opens Sadoyama's original play of poetry and prose, performed at Kaua'i Community College in Hawai'i in November 2012.

The play, *Savior in Search of a Modern Dream*, explored Sadoyama's journey from Kaua'i to Portland, where she lived after graduating from Pacific University, and then back to Kaua'i.

The play features Sadoyama's writing, both prose and poetry.

However, she didn't set out to be a writer.

Sadoyama came to Pacific University as a student in 1969, thinking she would major in elementary education. However, she changed her mind and went on to be an art major, influenced in large part by former Pacific art professor Jan Shield.

After graduating from Pacific, Sadoyama lived in southeast Portland. She later traveled abroad, married and moved to Denmark, lived in New Mexico and Arizona, then finally returned the Islands.

Her first story, she said, was written in Portland. Titled *My Favorite Clown*, it was about her childhood best friend, who died during the summer before middle school.

"I was so devastated by it," Sadoyama said. "It was my first experience with death, so that kind of set the stage for my writing a book.

"Writers have an epiphany, a trigger," she added. "Just living on my own in Portland, not having my old pals around, I could sit there and write clearly."

The one-night performance of her play featured Sadoyama reading her poems, as well as harp, flute, drums and dancing, all performed by her friends. It was produced in association with the YWCA and the Office of the Mayor of Kaua'i. Proceeds from the performance benefitted local community nonprofits. ■



**"Bird song hums  
Sweet harmony of homelands  
Fragrant with perfumes  
That drip like honey"**



alumni gallery

Jill Kimie Sadoyama '74, draped in purple, and cast perform *Savior in Search of a Modern Dream*.



# Behind the Badge



BY CLARA HOWELL '17

📷 PARRISH EVANS '11

## Music brought Jeffrey Williams '93 to Pacific University. Liberal arts took him to his dream job as a police officer.

### JEFFREY WILLIAMS' FIRST CALL ON THE JOB WAS A BURGLARY IN PROGRESS.

Sirens off, he and his field-training officer pulled the patrol car up to the house and quietly exited the vehicle.

Then, Williams slammed the door, shattering the silence.

"All of the officers looked at me, and my field-training officer says, 'Oh, that's right, you don't know anything,'" recalled the 1993 Pacific University alumnus.

Another time, Williams said, he arrived at the scene of a bad crash and was ordered to block an intersection. He turned on the overhead lights and turned off the engine – until the car battery died.

"Police officers go through different stage in their careers," he said. "You start to build this repertoire of experiences, like, 'Oh, I've seen this, I've seen that, and I know if I say this it will evoke a violent response.' You get more confident because you've experienced different things."

Now a captain with the Beaverton (Ore.) Police Department, Williams has had a chance to gain many of those experiences. He also is one of many Pacific University alumni who have pursued law enforcement, taking their liberal arts educations to careers as police and parole officers or forensic scientists. Soon, even more may follow, as the university considers a new undergraduate major in crime, law and society.

"The Pacific experience broadens your scope of the world and what's out there, like different options, social issues and cultures," he said. "[In the police world], we are immersed in our communities and deal with all kinds of issues we talk about in sociology classes, psychology classes and even political science classes."

**"As a police officer, you're entrusted with authority that you can really go out and advocate for the weak and the oppressed."**



**WILLIAMS ALWAYS LONGED TO BE A POLICE OFFICER.** He remembers badges and blue uniforms from when Officer Friendly programs visited his schools when he was growing up in Portland.

“They would pop the trunk and would have Blazer cards and talk to you about school safety,” Williams said. “I remember thinking it was so cool, and I just always wanted to be a police officer.”

It was music, not law enforcement, though, that brought Williams to Pacific University. He played the trumpet and, at a high school band competition, was introduced to Pacific.

“I didn’t even realize anyone from Pacific University was at the event, but a week or so later, I received a call from one of the music professors,” he said. “I had never considered a private university and was flattered they wanted me to help build the music program back up.”

He received a music scholarship and enrolled in 1989, participating in the pep band, concert band, jazz band and orchestra, and performing in *West Side Story* with the theatre program.

In the meantime, he explored. He was attracted to politics, social science classes and creative writing. In

his junior year, he opted to leave the music coursework behind, majoring in political science with a minor in creative writing.

*Creativity* is perhaps frowned upon in writing police reports, but Williams said there’s a connection.

“Learning the concepts of clarity and brevity and finding the right words to convey what it is you’re trying to say [helps],” he said. “I lean on what I learned in the writing classes to make sure I’m writing a professional, concise and clean product.”

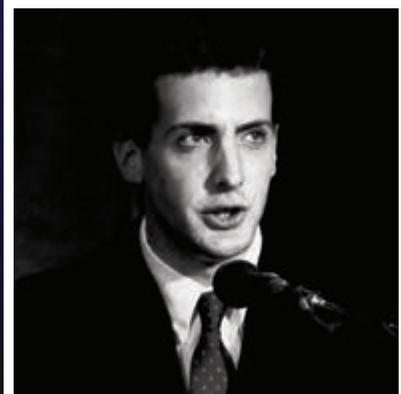
**“The Pacific experience broadens your scope of the world and what’s out there, like different options, social issues and cultures.”**

**IN THE SUMMER OF 1992**, Williams joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He attended boot camp in New Jersey and came back to his senior year at Pacific serving one weekend a month and two weeks each summer.

After graduation, he went to Virginia on active duty for two months. Later, he worked in retail loss prevention at Fred Meyer in downtown Portland and was promoted to a manager position in Oregon City.

Then, in 1994, he learned the Forest Grove Police Department was hiring, and soon after, he began his dream job.

Williams’ field-training officer, Mike Herb, remembers Williams’ early days on the job. During their first investigation of a drunk driver, Williams stood by while



Now a police officer, Jeffrey Williams '93 studied politics and government at Pacific and played music. Above: Williams holds Boxer II (left); Williams performs a trumpet solo (top right); and Williams introduces a speaker at the Tom McCall Forum (bottom right).



Herb administered field sobriety tests. Williams was puzzled as an intoxicated passenger in the car began sliding out of the car and onto the ground, slowly crawling away from the scene.

“I will never forget Jeff’s concern and the bewilderment in his voice as he repeated, ‘Uh ... Officer Herb? Officer Herb? Uh ... Officer Herb?’ as he frantically inquired as to what he was supposed to do,” Herb recalled.

Herb says Williams quickly learned to overcome challenges and excelled in all aspects of police work.

Williams was promoted to sergeant in 2001 and captain in 2008. The same year, he earned a master’s in administration of justice and security. In 2011, he took a job as a lieutenant at the Beaverton Police Department, a step down but with more opportunity to grow in a larger department.

“These kinds of opportunities don’t come along all the time,” he said.

In July 2012, he became a captain, and today he works as an administrative bureau commander, hiring people in the department, dealing with budgets, overseeing professional standards and training, and reviewing policy.

Most importantly, though, he says that his work allows him to serve others, “advocating for people who otherwise cannot advocate for themselves.

“As a police officer, you’re entrusted with authority that you can really go out and advocate for the weak and the oppressed,” he said.

**MEANWHILE, WILLIAMS BALANCES THE DEMANDS OF HIS JOB** with family life. He has been married to his wife, Stephanie, for 15 years, they have three sons, ages 7, 11 and 13. The family enjoys camping throughout the Northwest and attending church on the Sundays he doesn’t work.

“Some weeks I have to work a lot,” he said. “Sometimes it interferes, but at the end of the day, if I’m faced with work or family, 99 percent of the time I will go with family.”

He’s coached winter basketball, T-ball and Little League teams for his boys, and he holds onto that love of music that once brought him to Pacific. Last summer, for example, he played the national anthem at a Hillsboro Hops baseball game.

And, he remembers the opportunities that helped him along the way. He reminds today’s students to keep their options open and explore as much as they can.

“Take your time,” he said. “Enjoy the journey and don’t be so focused on graduating, because there’s so much here to take in, and you won’t realize what opportunities you passed up.” ■

### Coming Soon

As Pacific considers future new programs, others are just kicking off.

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BY JENNI LUCKETT

 PARRISH EVANS '11



**DAAN JAVIER SOLIS WANTS TO BE A SCIENTIST WHEN HE GROWS UP. TODAY, HIS PARENTS WORK IN A NURSERY.**

**FERNANDA BENITO LOZA DREAMS OF BECOMING A TEACHER. HER MOM CLEANS HOUSES, WHILE HER FATHER WORKS AS A LANDSCAPER.**

**THEIR CLASSMATES DREAM OF CAREERS AS DENTISTS, DOCTORS, ARTISTS AND POLICE OFFICERS.**

**THE THIRD- AND FOURTH-GRADERS IN TRISTIN JARMER'S CLASS AT REEDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HAVE BIG DREAMS. AND JARMER, A 2012 GRADUATE OF PACIFIC UNIVERSITY'S MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING PROGRAM, HOPES TO HELP THOSE DREAMS COME TRUE.**

**REEDVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS ESTABLISHED** in 1847 and later became its own one-school district in what is today Hillsboro, Ore. In the mid-1990s, the school was incorporated into the Hillsboro School District, but it still retains its own sense of identity and community.

Today, the school is home to a population of students who would be classified as "high need." More than 95 percent of students come from economically disadvantaged homes, and more than two-thirds are designated as English language learners.

Jarmer's class, specifically, is a mixed-age group of third- and fourth-grade students all from

primarily Spanish-speaking homes. The vast majority of her students' parents hail from Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador, and the class is taught in both English and Spanish — a dual language model designed to ensure that students are developing their language skills and also getting the age-appropriate instruction they need in other subjects.

The school also is lucky to have tremendous community support, from area churches that donated playground equipment and iPads to Intel engineers who visit weekly to volunteer and to talk to the students about science and technology.



**JARMER'S CLASS HAS ADOPTED PACIFIC UNIVERSITY** as its college partner this year, in part because it is Jarmer's alma mater. Boxer sweatshirts and bumper stickers hang on a bulletin board outside the classroom, just down the hall from similar boards boasting swag from Oregon State and the University of Oregon.

In class, Jarmer wears a red Pacific sweatshirt. One student wears a Pacific T-shirt he received as a prize, while another shows off black and red sneakers matching Pacific's school colors.

The students, prompted by questions from Jarmer, talk openly about their visions of college life. It's hard, they say, with lots of paperwork and essays to write. It's fun, because you can study what you like and learn lots of new things.

It's expensive, some add, and it will require hard work to earn a scholarship and to save up for tuition.

Mostly, though, it's opportunity.

"I plan to go to college because I want to have a better future," says Chamilie Aguilar Garfias.

"I want to go to college because I could make my dreams come true, and I

Sometimes, though, academics come second to the realities of students' lives. At least nine of Jarmer's students have parents or close family members who have been deported. Many guardians work multiple jobs. Some live in multifamily housing, or homes filled with extended family.

"I know which kids' parents and family members have been deported, which need a backpack [of weekend food] on Fridays, who needs the school to buy them winter coats," Jarmer said. "I think we

talk a lot in this class about immigration, deportation, language barriers, those struggles and obstacles."

They also talk a lot about the future.

Reedville has adopted No Excuses University as a model for college and career readiness. As part of a nationwide network of schools in the program, each classroom selects a college or university as its sponsor. Students learn about the university, its location and its programs, they try to take a tour if it's nearby, and they collect shirts and stickers from

the school. Each class presents what they've learned about their selected university at a schoolwide assembly some time during the year.

In the meantime, their teachers talk — regularly — about college not as an abstract idea but as a reality for the students' future.

"Really, the focus is academic potential. You *will* go to college," Jarmer said. "The more odds are stacked against them as young people, the more it's my job to make sure they know it's possible."



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But the great thing about elementary kids is ... even if you’re not your best, they think you’re the greatest thing. They love you.”

want to have a job of being a dentist,” says Leslie Villatoro.

“My mom never had a chance to go to college, and I want to make her proud,” Daniella Lopez adds.

Almost every student in the class says that their parents expect them to go to college — it’s not an *if*, it’s a *when*.

“That’s probably their No. 1 goal for you,” Jarmer tells her students. “For you to have more opportunities than they did.”

**JARMER KNOWS THAT WAS HER OWN PARENTS’ DREAM.** Her father went to college on a football scholarship but dropped out before graduating. She said he always expected his children to finish.

But she didn’t always know what she wanted to do.

As a student at Beaverton High School, she spent her senior year studying abroad in Santiago, Chile.

“My mom always called me an old spirit. I was just done with high school and ready to do something different. I was shocked my parents even let me go,” she said. “It changed my life to go there and learn I could be independent.”

She earned a liberal arts degree from Portland State University (again spending time abroad in Chile), then worked for the Washington County District Attorney’s Office as a victim advocate for five years before turning

to Pacific, where she went to part-time classes in the evening for more than a year to earn a master’s degree in teaching.

“I loved Pacific,” she said. “The professors were so real, so laid back, talking about real things that happen, not an idealized world.

“It was a very small cohort, which was excellent after PSU ... and we had great student teaching placements.”

She was able to complete an international placement, again in Chile — what she calls her “go-to place” after four trips abroad — and also to earn an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), which allows her to teach in the dual-language program at Reedville.

She credits Pacific, her master’s degree and her bilingual skills for having a teaching job right after graduation, first in the Salem-Kaiser School District and now at Reedville.

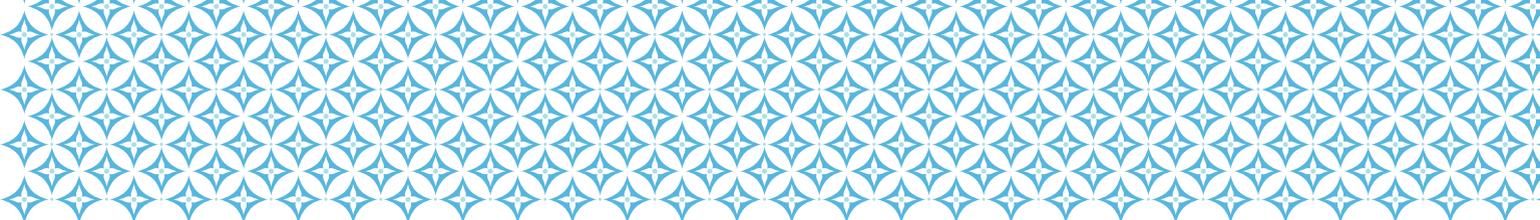
“Teaching is really hard. It’s way, way, way harder than I thought it would be. But the great thing about elementary kids is ... even if you’re not your best, they think you’re the greatest thing. They love you.”

And, she said, she knows she is making a difference.

“The parents are so appreciative to have a program like this. I’m fortunate I can communicate directly with them without an interpreter. As a parent, I can imagine that’s a huge relief.

“It can be intimidating for parents to come in and register their children, especially if they fear their immigration status will be an issue. With the dual language program, the community perceives (the school) to be so much more welcoming.

“We just make sure it’s a safe place they can bring their kids.” ■



# Black Girl in SUBURBIA

**MELISSA LOWERY '09 WAS IN THIRD GRADE WHEN SHE FIRST REALIZED HER SKIN COLOR MIGHT SET HER APART.** A little boy in her class refused to use the water fountain after her, fearing that her darker skin would “rub off” on him.

Lowery’s oldest daughter, Jayla, was about the same age when she started asking her own questions, like why she was the only “brown kid” in her class who didn’t speak Spanish and, a few years later, why people commented on her hair.

“We had a conversation about where we live, how to handle yourself, that it’s OK to just be you,” Lowery said. “But I started looking back at my own experience and thinking, ‘Huh, this is a good opportunity to dig into this experience a bit more.’”



The result: Lowery, a media arts graduate from Pacific University, just released her first feature-length documentary, titled *Black Girl in Suburbia*, about the experience of growing up as an African-American woman in the predominantly white suburbs of Oregon and elsewhere in the United States.



BY JENNI LUCKETT

 PARRISH EVANS '11



**Melissa Lowery '09** chose to attend Pacific University when her husband, Jason Lowery, was working as the men's basketball coach. She had spent a semester at Portland Community College after high school and took some online courses when the couple lived in California, but his job gave the mother of two a chance to complete her degree.

*"I knew I wanted to major in something related to media," she said. "I got into video production and took a documentary class, and I was like, 'Oh, this is it!'"*

*The idea for Black Girl in Suburbia struck in the months just following her graduation.*

*"I told [my mentor at Pacific] that I had this idea. She said, 'That's great, kind of like, 'You just graduated, give it time,'" Lowery recalled, laughing. "But I was like, 'I'm going to do it.' I started the process and got a little crew together."*

*She raised money for the project through a crowdfunding campaign and started interviewing first friends, then acquaintances at her daughters' schools and elsewhere in the community.*

*The project she first envisioned as a six-month hobby has taken more than three years, but it's resulted in a full-length documentary that debuted June 7 in Hillsboro. In the meantime, Lowery works as a facilities supervisor at Hillsboro Parks & Recreation and also as a dance and Zumba teacher. Her husband now is a counselor and women's basketball coach at Jesuit High School. Their daughters, Jayla, 11, and Ché, 9, attend school in Hillsboro.*

OREGON IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE "WHITEST" STATES IN THE COUNTRY, a dubious legacy created by decades of racist policies and laws that, literally, forbade African-Americans from living in the state.

Today, less than 2 percent of Oregon residents are African-American, and the numbers drop even lower outside the major cities. In West Linn, the suburb where Lowery grew up, only .07 percent of today's residents identify as black.

The community is one of the wealthiest in the state, boasting Oregon's fifth-highest per-capita income. It's also been named to national "best places to live" lists twice in recent years and is often thought of as the home of members of the Portland Trailblazers.

Lowery is quick to point out, though, that she didn't grow up "on top of the hill with the Blazers."

"My mom was a single parent raising three kids," she said. "There were times we were eating ramen. We didn't have the big luxury set-up. That was not my experience."

Lowery said she was always a minority in school and in her neighborhood, one of only a couple of black kids in the entire community. At the same time, though, her zip code made her an outsider among other black children she spent weekends with in Portland, where her mother ran a performing arts center.

"We talked different," she said. "I was told, 'You talk white.' I don't know how that is."

It's a tension that Lowery has heard time and again as she interviews other black women in predominantly white suburban America — in communities where they defied expectations.

"There are a lot of assumptions about what you're like, who you're supposed to be," Lowery said. "There are lots of different experiences like that we talk about in the film."

A group of teenage girls in the film talk about the stereotypes they deal with on a daily basis.



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"Everyone just assumes that I know how to dance," says one young woman. "I used to be able just to dance freely ... but I just don't want to dance anymore. I basically stopped dancing, like, three years ago."

"I choose not to do certain things that are associated with black people," says another. "I honestly don't drink Kool-Aid, because it's a stereotype."

Older women in the film say they've dealt with the same struggles — trying to figure out how to be themselves amid assumptions about who or what they should be.

"You can't act a color," says one of the interviewees.

"There's no one black experience," adds another. "There's no one suburban experience. There's no one female experience."

Lowery sums it up on camera: "*Black Girl in Suburbia* is an experience shared by many, but not in the same way."

IN SEPTEMBER 2011, LOWERY POSTED A TRAILER FOR THE DOCUMENTARY ON YOUTUBE. The first email comment was short and hateful.

"I was like, 'Oh, OK.' I don't know why I wasn't thinking of opposition. I know there are people out there who take pleasure in that," she said. "There were a few more like that, then

all the comments were of support from women all over."

Lowery had set out to tell a story that would help her young daughters see that they weren't alone. But she found that she had tapped into an untold experience shared by women across the country.

"This is my story," said some.

"I can't believe you're talking about this," others wrote. "I've never shared this experience."

Her hope, now, is that the film can start honest dialogue, starting in her own community in Hillsboro, where her family now lives. The film premiered June 7 at the Walters Cultural Arts Center in Hillsboro and her daughter's school expressed interest.

Already, she said, she's found new angles and audiences she never imagined: The mother of a biracial child who didn't know what challenges her daughter faced at school. A young woman who was adopted from Africa by a white family and who felt disconnected with her heritage.

"Now it's out there, and people are wanting it and needing it," Lowery said. "The purpose of the film now is really to make people aware of things they might not be aware of from people of different backgrounds.

"To start a dialogue, just to talk, became my goal." ■

#### MORE ONLINE

*Black Girl in Suburbia* premiered in Hillsboro on June 7.

**WATCH** | The trailer for the film at ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine/BGS](http://pacificu.edu/magazine/BGS)

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## Student Groups Support Diversity

**PATRICE FULLER '16 GREW UP IN OREGON.** Her school and community have always been mostly white, so Pacific University didn't come as a huge surprise.

For Ashlee Rivers '14, though, the Pacific Northwest was something of a shock.

She grew up in Los Angeles and chose Pacific on the strength of its pre-med reputation and the financial aid package she was offered. She came to Forest Grove as a freshman without visiting in advance.

"I got here and I was, like, 'Whoa, what's happening?'"

Pacific University is home to about 25 undergraduate students who identify as African-American, and that includes an influx of about 15 freshmen in 2013-2014.

Though the university has a history of a strong black population in the 1960s and an active Black Student Union into the 1970s, both Fuller and Rivers have struggled to re-start the club in the past several years.

This year, though, they have found success, supported by Yashica Island, director of the Pacific Leadership Academy and adviser for the club, as well as a core of about eight student members in the newly reinvigorated BSU.

This spring, the club hosted several activities for Black History Month in February, including movie screenings and an on-campus presentation of "Who Am I; Celebrating Me," a play about black history.

Members also started a monthly discussion group called "Hoodie Happenings," inspired by their first topic of discussion, the Treyvon Martin case.

*"I feel like we needed a group. We have something in common. I know we have different cultures within black culture, but it's good to have a place to feel comfortable."*

Fuller said her goal is to give herself and other black students a voice on campus and to raise awareness of Pacific University among prospective students of color.

"I want them to know this is a good school with a good education, a lot of one-on-one with teachers," she said. "This is a great option."

And, she said, she wants students to have a place where they can share culture and experiences.

"It feels like you're kind of alone," Fuller said. "Everyone expects you to be a spokesperson for all black people."

"I feel like we needed a group. We have something in common. I know

we have different cultures within black culture, but it's good to have a place to feel comfortable," she said.

That sentiment also recently inspired other students on campus to start their own organization, the Hispanic Heritage Student Association. There are about 183 undergraduates on campus who identify as a Hispanic ethnicity — certainly a minority, but a population that's growing quickly.

Bianca Maldonado Ramirez '16 is the president of the new campus group and said that her Hispanic heritage comes with some unique challenges.

"My parents are first-generation," she said. "For a lot of Latinos, parents want you to go to school, but you shouldn't go far because of family obligations. They expect a lot from you. ... They don't understand the college experience."

At the same time, she said, a tradition of close family relationships and activities can make the transition to college lonely for some students. Though she chose Pacific because it was close to her home in Beaverton, she still found herself missing home a lot in her freshman year. She was used to spending weekends at large family gatherings, enjoying her grandma's cooking.

"I felt so alone," she said.

The Hispanic Heritage Student Association gives students a family away from home and a place to share their culture, Ramirez said.

"Students needed a support system, a space that felt comfortable," she said.

# class notes & profiles

WANDA LAUKKANEN | CLASS NOTES EDITOR

## 1953

**Samuel Arbutal** celebrated the 55th anniversary of his home-office practice fitting of contact lenses in Plainview, N.Y.

## 1954 REUNION

**2 Robert Casteel** and his wife, **Barbara Pelton Casteel '56**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary March 23, 2014. They received the Pacific University Outstanding Alumni Award in 1986. Bob is a professor emeritus in speech and hearing sciences at Portland State University. Barbara is a retired insurance company executive.

## 1958

**Chuck Olson** was part of the featured barbershop quartet, The Aliens, at the 68th annual All-Northwest Barbershop Quartet Contest in Forest Grove in March. The Aliens have competed in the barbershop quartet contest 32 times and have performed all over the United States and Canada.

## 1959 REUNION

**Jerry Kalapus** was named to the Reynolds School (Fairview, Ore.) District Hall of Fame in November 2013. Kalapus taught at Reynolds High School from 1961 to 1965 and still substitutes in the district. His boys' tennis teams won numerous conference titles over several decades. In 2012, he was named Oregon's Substitute Teacher of the Year. He is married to **Suzanne (Richards) Kalapus '60**.

## 1964 REUNION

**Patricia (Laws) Conrad** has resumed playing her clarinet after 50 years. She has joined the Portland Community Winds Band. She is a retired high school math and English as a second language teacher.

**Jerry Greenfield** has been appointed to a four-year term on the Wilsonville Planning Commission. He previously was a member of the Wilsonville Development Review Board. He is also a member of the Southwest Portland Metro Community Advisory Group for the Oregon Passenger Rail Project. The city recognized him as the "Heart of Wilsonville" Volunteer of the Year in 2013. He is married to **Kathleen (Bolster) Greenfield '64**.

## 1969 REUNION

**Jarunee (Toktaeng) Chantraparnik** and her store, Toys Unique, which closed in February, were featured in a story in the *Washington Post*. The Potomac, Md., store offered a variety of specialty toy items — no toy guns — and catered to a wealthy clientele.

## 1971

**Kathleen (Morgan) Ferrando** retired as a principal and is now working at a San Francisco area university supervising student teachers and teaching an online class. She and her husband Al run a church thrift shop and volunteer at the Petaluma Visitors Center

one day a week. They enjoy walking their dog, Dante, and enjoying the area near their home in the Petaluma Hills north of San Francisco.

## 1974 REUNION

**Gordon Woods '74, OD '75** is now retired in Jacksonville, Fla.

## 1979 REUNION

**8 Max Miura** retired from the Department of Education of Hawai'i in June 2012 after more than 33 years teaching. He wrestled for Pacific University from 1975 to 1977 and still officiates high school wrestling in Hawai'i and occasionally in Oregon.

## 1982

**Carol (Pritchett) Riggs** has signed a contract with Strange Chemistry/ Angry Robot Books for her debut sci-fi novel, *The Body Institute*, to release in January 2015. It explores society, body image and identity and involves a teen whose mind is downloaded into overweight clients to help them lose weight.

## 1983

**Frank Giardina '83, OD '86** is the optometric director at Community Health Centers of the Central Coast, Inc. He also is an adjunct professor of optometry at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., and his clinic serves as an externship site. He was appointed to the California State Board of Optometry by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2013.

## 1988

**Terry J. "TJ" Lantz OD,** a colonel in the U.S. Army, is relocating to the San Antonio Military Medical Center, where he will be stationed in the Office of the Chief, Medical Service Corps. He has served 25 years in the Army in postings including Korea, Germany and several bases in the U.S. He is assistant corps chief for clinical sciences for the Medical Service Corps, chief of Army optometry and consultant to the Surgeon General.

## 1989 REUNION

**Shaun Hearn** earned a master's degree in library and information science at Drexel University.

**Deb Park** is a learning strategist at Medicine Hat College in Alberta, Canada, and is a doctoral candidate in education at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore.

## 1990

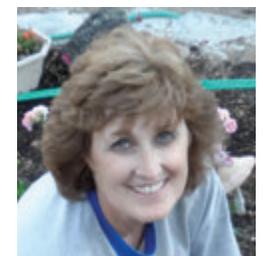
**Frank Johnson,** former Pacific wrestling coach, is the coach of the men's and women's wrestling program at Warner Pacific College in Portland. Johnson coached at Pacific from 1997 to 2002 and is credited with starting the women's wrestling program. He later worked at Forest Grove High School, where he coached six state champions. He is married **Tammara R. Johnson '91, MAT '92**.

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## Christy Aleckson '95

*has been named one of the Portland Business Journal's "Forty Under 40," as well as a "Five Star Wealth Manager" by Portland Monthly. Aleckson is a financial advisor at Single Point Financial Advisors. She is on the board of directors of Women in Insurance and Financial Services, Portland Metro Chapter and she serves on the board of directors of Women in Insurance and Financial Services. A proud season-ticket holder to Pacific's football games, Aleckson serves on the Boxer Club Board of Directors.*



## Kathy Miles MAT '95

*was honored by the Lakeview (Ore.) Soroptimist Club with the Ruby Award. Miles heads the Lake County Youth Mentor Program. She is branch director of the Treasure Valley Community College and a member of the National Council for Economic Education. She teaches at Lakeview High School.*

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## A Look Back

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### What do you remember about the Washburne University Center?

Share your memories. We'll pick several to include in our next issue this fall!

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**As a Pacific University** trustee for more than 20 years, I have spent a lot of time on campus during the university's exciting growth years, often thinking about how the "new" Pacific seldom evokes memories of my time here as a student.

Yes, I remember Carnegie Hall when it was the Carnegie Library. And, do you ever forget your dormitory (as we called them back then)?

Walter Hall was fairly new, and I made wonderful friends there, sheltered from unseemly invasions by the "other sex." I remember one of my boyfriends bypassing the official call procedure in the main entry by whistling for me under the window of my third-floor room.

So it was a gentle shock during a visit to campus last fall when I was reminded of how long ago that all took place.

I was sitting in on a meeting to get a first peek at ideas for transforming the Washburne University Center. One of the architects noted that our conversation was taking place 50 years after the opening of the building.

"Holy cow!" I thought. "I was here then."

Suddenly, a light bulb turned on, illuminating dim memories of that time. The UC's primary function now, like then, is food service. But my most vivid memories of campus food is from the pre-Washburne days, when I worked on the serving line in the dingy basement cafeteria in McCormick Hall.

## community



**BY MINDY CAMERON '65**  
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My job consisted of holding a glass under the lever on the front of a large chrome refrigerator, filling it and handing it to students at the end of the serving line.

It wasn't as boring as it sounds: What flirts those upperclassmen were! There are many ways to meet people on campus and, back then, serving milk was one.

In Washburne, it is the dancing, not the dining, that I recall. The building was a grand new space for the few fancy dances held each year. That's where I learned to do "the twist," probably with one or two of those flirty boys from my freshman year in the basement food line.

Looking around the UC today, it is clear how much has changed in 50 years — and how much the building needs to change again to take it through the next 50 years.

Students today are very different. Like most of my friends, I was happy just to be in college and away from home. We didn't shop around much. We didn't compare dorms and student centers. Parents were not very involved, partly because college was more affordable, and partly because the lives of students and parents were less entwined back then.

The decision was more about Big Public or Small Private. I knew I wanted Small Private, and a nice scholarship from Pacific settled it.

Today's undergraduate students and parents are in this together. Facing a major investment, they research. They visit numerous campuses, and they

compare. It means colleges and universities have to compete, not just in quality faculty and programs, but in all aspects of campus life.

At Pacific, new residence halls and significant upgrades to the University Center are strategic investments to remain competitive and to achieve our goal of growing our undergraduate population.

Upgrades to the University Center will evolve over time, but some exciting changes are happening this year — changes that will transform Washburne Hall, a squat and sturdy campus workhorse for five decades, into a beautiful gathering place for Pacific's next 50 years.

And surely a fine spot for flirtations of the future. ■



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## community

alumni news



Brian O'Driscoll '89 talks about career paths with Jessie Wachter '03, Shani Moser '94 and Jamie Lucero '98. The panel also included Clare Richardson-Barlow '08, Jack Trummer '97 (who hopped a plane from China to attend) and Jen Baker '00.

**Alumni Success** | Over the past year at Pacific University, nearly 100 alumni have returned to the Forest Grove Campus to participate in a variety of career events. These events, presented by the Career Development Center, offer current students with possible career pathways.

In the fall, alumni gathered at the Arts & Humanities Expo to discuss how sometimes a major doesn't lead to a specific career path. The panel included alumni, like Carol Pott '86, whose liberal arts education started a journey including everything from working in post-genocide Rwanda to singing French yé-yé music.

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In March, a group of athletics alumni returned to campus for Career Launch, where student athletes had an opportunity to ask questions about how team building and networking can sometimes lead to a dream career. Brian Pan '09, the digital media video producer for the

Seattle Seahawks and Sounders FC, gave and inside scoop from the sidelines at the 2014 Superbowl.

Alumni also returned for the International Careers Expo and Health Professions Expo in the spring for students seeking more specific advice.

#### Want to participate?

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Career Development Center select alumni for these career opportunities based on employment information on the Pacific University group on LinkedIn and through updates to their records.

If you want to be more involved with these activities, please send us your business card or an email with your employer information and title so we can keep you in mind for career advising opportunities with students. ■

### LOOKING FOR CAREER ADVICE?

The Career Development Center has resources available for all former students of Pacific University including:

- ▶ Assessing interests, values and skills relating to academic and career interests
- ▶ Researching and exploring occupations, professions, industries and employers
- ▶ Researching and applying to graduate programs
- ▶ Preparing for interviews
- ▶ Completing résumés, cover letters and job applications

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Career Development Center at [careercd@pacificu.edu](mailto:careercd@pacificu.edu) or 503-352-2877. ■



**1991**

**Rachel (Fennimore) Glancy** recently moved with her husband, Patrick Glancy, and son, Caleb Clancy, to the Sunshine Coast of Australia. She earned a doctor of dental medicine degree from Oregon Health Science University in 1995 and a certificate in orthodontics in 1998.

**1994 REUNION**

**Kimberley (Dodson) Andresen** is the owner and marketing account manager for The AndresenGroup, a graphic and print design company in Eagle Point, Ore.

**1995**

**Stephen Kelson** completed a master's of divinity degree and is now a hospital chaplain at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland. He lives in Beaverton, Ore. with his wife, **Jennifer (Roberts) Kelson '94**, and four children.

**1996**

**Aaron Ross** and **Dina Trueheart** welcomed daughter Skylar on Dec. 17, 2013. Ross is an ergonomics specialist at Boston's Partners Healthcare.

**1998**

**Katie (Putnam) Cole '98, DPT '01** and husband Shad welcomed daughter Jessie Lynn on May 2, 2013. She joins brother Morgan.

**Rena Dunbar MAT** and **Marty Smith MAT** were awarded the Peace Educator of the Year Award in May by the Nobel Peace Laureate Project. The grassroots organization, based in

Eugene, Ore., promotes peace by honoring and inspiring peacemakers. Dunbar teaches at Spencer Butte Middle School and Smith teaches at Roosevelt Middle School, both in Eugene.

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**2000**

**Denise Giesbers** received the Bonita C. Jacobs Transfer Champion Award at the National Institute For Study of Transfer Students conference in February 2014.

**Erica (Long) Sawyer** is a counselor at Riverside Living in Wood Village, Ore., where she practices art therapy.

**2001**

**Stephanie (Zimmerman) Davis** and husband Jacob welcomed son Eric Joseph on Dec. 18, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 21 inches.

**4 Audrey (Fields)**

**Grube OD** and husband Thomas J. Grube welcomed son Thomas James David Grube on Nov. 25, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and measured 20 inches. He joins big sister Anabelle Eva Marie, age 2. Annabelle was born Oct. 4, 2011, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measuring 19 ¼ inches.

**Mike Okouchi** was recently interviewed on the Lifetime Channel about the Better Body System. He is a chiropractor in Irvine, Calif.

**2002**

**Joe Balash** is the youngest member ever appointed commissioner of

the Alaska Department of National Resources. He was featured in the March 2, 2014, edition of the *Alaska Journal of Commerce* for his role working for the state of Alaska on a prospective multi-billion dollar gas project.

**11 Sara (Thornton)**

**Hendricksen** and husband Matthew welcomed daughter Quinn Emmerie Hendricksen on Jan. 18, 2014. She weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

**10 Dustin Kochis**

and his wife Darcy welcomed son Jude Vincent on Feb. 11, 2014.

**Sauna Schissler '02, OD '05** and husband Matt Schissler welcomed Son Carter Matthew Schissler on Jan. 17, 2014.

He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 22 inches. He joins a brother, Ethan.

**2003**

**T.J. Blair** and wife Reanna welcomed daughter Isabella Katharine on Dec. 16, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 19 inches.

**7 Corrine Dignam**

married Marc Bologna on March 19, 2014.

**2004 REUNION**

**Leah Harrison** and husband Morné Husselman welcomed son Morgan Jacob Husselman on Jan. 11, 2014. He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. The family lives in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Leya Wood** welcomed daughter Joelle Annalyse Woods on Dec. 14, 2013.

**2005**

**Randi Strickland** is business manager and district clerk for the Three Forks Public Schools in Three Forks, Mont.

**Sarah (Myers) Ward**

welcomed daughter Sophia Andie on Feb. 27, 2014. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 19.25 inches. She joins 2-year-old sister Olivia.

**2006**

**Samantha Collins** and her partner Bronson welcomed daughter Bailey on March 31, 2014. She weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 21.5 inches.

**Kristin (Cook) Sickler '06, MAT '07** welcomed son Ian Daniel Sickler in November 2013.

**2007**

**Julie (McNee) Bruce MA** and husband Erik welcomed a daughter in August 2013.

**Molly Fischer** has earned a master's degree in aeronautical science with an emphasis in human factor engineering in aviation systems from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

**Jeannine Hall Gailey MFA**

served as poet laureate in Redmond, Wash. Her third poetry book, *Unexplained Fevers*, was published in 2013 by New Binary Press. A fourth book, *The Robot Scientist's Daughter*, about growing up in Oak Ridge, Tenn., in the shadow of a nuclear site, will be published next year by Mayapple Press.

**Jessica Ley Metcalf MS '05, PsyD '07** is in her second year as assistant director of counseling and psychiatry at the University of Vermont. Her work includes directing the intern training program in clinical and counseling psychology and clinical mental health. Metcalf lives just outside of Burlington with her husband and son.

**Tony Turin '07, OD '10** opened Mt. Hood Eyecare in Sandy, Ore., this spring. His recently returned from military service as an Army captain and won \$15,000 in a business competition sponsored by CitiBank investors to help start his clinic.

**2008**

**Charnae (Little) Decker** and husband Adam welcomed daughter Emerie Kay Decker on Feb. 16, 2014. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 ½ inches. She joins big brother Miles.

**Meghan Fredette** married Bobby Balzarini in the fall of 2013.

**Billy Gates** covers high school sports for *The Oregonian* and OregonLive.com.

**Faren (Clarambeau) Leader** earned a master of arts degree in teaching from Lewis & Clark College in 2009.

**Katey Schultz MFA** was awarded the 2013 Gold Medal for Literary Fiction Book of the Year by the Military Writers Society of America for her book, *Flashes of War*.

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1 Decker '08 2 Casteel '54 3 Beck '14/Wilson '15  
 4 Grube '01 5 Ritenour '10 6 Ginsberg '10  
 7 Dignam '03 8 Miura '79 at left, with former Pacific wrestling Coach Mike Clock and Mark Massey '82 9 Ross/Truehart '96 10 Kochis '02  
 11 Hendricksen '02



**2009 REUNION**

**Rachael Burbank** has returned to her hometown in Massachusetts and is working at a Cape Cod nonprofit supporting commercial fishermen.

**Garold Howe** and **Rochelle Howe '11** welcomed their second child, Harper May, on March 28, 2014. She measured 20.5 inches and weighed 7.4 pounds.

**Nick Locke** opened his own chiropractic clinic in West Linn, Ore. in March 2013.

**Thuy Nguyen OD** is now working in the Warrenton, Ore., Costco Optical Department.

**2010**

**Bret Andre MS** and wife Mijeong K. Andre, research coordinator in Pacific's Vision Performance Institute, welcomed daughter Ha-Yoon Andre on Dec. 23, 2013.

**Pamela Booth** is attending the University of Rhode Island to earn a master of science degree in environmental and natural resource economics in May 2015.

**Jessica Garcia** recently graduated from Oregon Health & Science University with a nursing degree and is now a trauma nurse at OHSU.

**Arthur Ginsberg MFA** read from his book *The Anatomist* at the Mountain Writer's Press Club in Portland, in February.

**Katie Gutierrez** was recently hired as the catering director at Bon Appétit at Lewis and Clark College in Portland. She was named Chairperson of the Year by the Oregon City Chamber of Commerce at its annual award dinner. She is also the owner of Portland Event and Design, a wedding and special events planning company.

**Nikki Mangiboyat**

married Landon Kursata on March 29, 2014.

**Heather Ritenour**

married Dylan Sorber on Dec. 14, 2013. Heather is scheduled to graduate from National College of Natural Medicine, Portland, in June 2014.

**2011**

**Greg Belliveau MFA**

has had his novel *Go Down To Silence* published by Random House in Kindle format.

**Dalton Douglas '11, MHA '14**

earned his credentials as a certified professional in healthcare quality in January 2014.

**Kase Johnstun MFA**

has been hired to write a monthly column for the Top of Utah lifestyle section of the *Ogden (Utah) Standard Examiner*.

**Brooke Toy** is the softball coach and a health and physical education teacher at Marshfield High School, Coos Bay, Ore.

**2012**

**Chelsey Alea Chamberlain**

is the assistant director of communications, at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M. She was assistant sports information director at Pacific from August 2013 until January 2014.

**Natalie Kollross MS '07, PsyD '12**

is now licensed to practice psychology in Oregon. She completed a year of residency at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland and an internship at Children's

Institute, Inc., in Los Angeles. She now works at Psychological Services of Pendleton, Ore.

**Alexander Nguyen**

and Marissa Bricker welcomed son Kaymien Mekhai Nguyen on March 18, 2014.

**2013**

**Erin McElhone** will attend medical school at Toro University in Henderson, Nev., on an U.S. Army medical military scholarship.

**Shane Robinson MAT**

was featured in an article in the *Daily Astorian* in December 2013, noting his change of career from a firefighter to teacher at Astoria High School.

**Tess Schurter** was featured as "Today's Young Professional" in the *Statesman Journal* (Salem, Ore.) in February. She is a human resource specialist at Cascade Cardiology in Salem.

**Sid Slom** is a residential youth counselor at St. Mary's Home for Boys in Beaverton, Ore.

**Megan Brittney**

**Ujakovich-Gometz** is the bulk mail driver for Portland (Ore.) Community College. She is married to **Ron Gometz '13**, and they have two children, Trenton, 9, and Charlie, 6.

**Reeve Woodward MEd** is the new softball coach at Gaston (Ore.) High School. He is also the school's football coach.

**2014**

**Ryan Beck '14** and **Melissa Wilson '15** were married Aug. 4, 2013.

**in memoriam**

**1932**

**Roma R. Leuthold** died Feb. 9, 2014. She earned a bachelor's degree in art and education from Pacific University. She married Clarence Leuthold in 1945. She was a substitute teacher at Cedar Mill and Sunset Valley elementary schools west of Portland. She also was an artist and taught at the Oregon Society of Artists and Village Gallery in Cedar Mill, and she operated a ceramics studio. She played piano and violin and was a member of the Oregon Society of Artists and Cedar Mill Garden Club. She is survived by her sons, Marcus, Daniel and Norman, and two grandchildren.

**1947**

**Ruby Mae (Alexander) Anderson**

died Nov. 9, 2013, of a heart condition at age 87. She served as an editor of the campus newspaper when she attended Pacific. She left college to marry Guy O. Anderson. She was a homemaker and co-owner of Guy's Trailer parts in Longview, Wash. She is survived by her husband, Guy; two daughters, Gail A. Ricciuti and Jan Anderson; and an "adopted" daughter, Marci Massoni.

**1949**

**Margaret Jessie Huggett MA '56** died Jan. 31, 2014, at age 85. She earned both an undergraduate degree and a master's degree in history from Pacific University. She taught school for 32 years, retiring from Brown Junior High School in Hillsboro

in the early 1990s. Her passion was music, and she was a bell ringer who traveled throughout the world performing. Survivors include her husband, Burton; daughter, Julie Brownhill; and two grandsons.

**Elmer Brown** died March 18, 2014, at age 89. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1943 and served in the Military Police Corps. He married **Mildred Pullen '49** in 1945, and they both enrolled at Pacific University in 1946. He joined the Portland Police Bureau in 1950, serving 14 years as a street officer, then nine years as a desk officer. He later transferred to the personnel division and retired in 1981 as the senior background investigator. He is survived by his daughter, Peggy Hendon, grandsons and great-granddaughters.

**Jerome Henry Rauscher** died Feb. 1, 2014, of a stroke at age 89. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1944. He was discharged after receiving an injury during training. He married Patricia Hickenbottom in 1946. Over the years, he worked for Miller's Hardware, Mayflower Dairy, Davidson's Sunbeam Bread, Langendorf Bakery and Franz Bakery, retiring in 1984. He was a member of the Forest Grove United Church of Christ for more than 65 years. He sang in the church choir and with the Westside Singers (formerly the Forest Grove Gleemen and Girls) from 1946 to 2011. He is survived by his wife, Pat; children, Beth Armstrong, Nancy Stites, Ken Rauscher and Terri Clay; eight

grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**1951**

**Frank H. Wolf** died Dec. 9, 2013, at age 87. He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater from 1944 to 1946. He married Margaret Hipple in 1947. He graduated from Pacific with a degree in mathematics and earned a master's degree in teaching from Reed College in 1966. He taught and coached for 38 years at several Oregon schools. He retired in Manzanita and served on the Manzanita Planning Commission, city council and other committees. He and his wife were selected as citizens of the year for Manzanita in 2005. He is survived by daughter, Nancy Gowen; sons, Tom, Richard, Jon and Jim; and five grandchildren.

**Ted Martin '51** died Sept. 30, 2013, after a short illness at age 85. He graduated from Pacific University with a degree in physical education. He married Shirley Mae Bedortha in 1952. He taught physical education at Waldport (Ore.) High School from 1953 to 1965 and served also as the football, basketball and baseball coach as well as the athletic director. He moved to Salem in 1965 and taught science at Walker Junior High and South Salem High School until his retirement in 1988. His first wife died in 1982, and he married Barbara Jean Richie in 1988. He is survived by her; daughter, Gayle Yost; son, Craig; stepdaughter, Linda Dougarian; and stepson, Jack Richie.

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**Paul Moore** died Feb. 16, 2014, at age 87. He served in the armed services during World War II, then enrolled at Pacific University, where he earned a degree in business administration. He met and married **Doris Kraft '51**, while at Pacific. They later divorced. He earned a master's degree in business administration at the University of Denver. Survivors include his son, Steve, and daughter, Kim; two grandchildren; and companion, Marci Wolfard.

### 1952

**Thomas David House** died June 17, 2013, at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army Airborne Division stationed in Japan. He played on the Airborne football team. He graduated from Pacific with a degree in physical education and history and was a member of the Pacific Badgers football team. He met his wife, Donna, while both were teaching in Knappa, Ore., schools. They later lived in Seaside, Ore., and the couple purchased a restaurant and bar in nearby Astoria. He returned to education in 1972 at the Banks School District as a

teacher, basketball coach and athletic director. He later worked at the Forest Grove School District. He is survived by his wife, Donna; son, David; daughter, Brenda Lobbato; and four grandchildren.

### 1954

**Ronald G. Haworth** died Dec. 29, 2013 at age 85. He taught math and assisted the athletic department at Neah-kah-nie (Ore.) School District for five years, then worked at Sunset High School in Beaverton, Ore. for 26 years as a math teacher and an assistant in its athletic department.

### 1957

**Larry L. "Bill" Roff** died Jan. 26, 2014, at age 79. He played football at Pacific University. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959, then built homes for several years in Oregon and Alaska. He is survived by his former wife, Kathleen Parks; sons, Steven, Douglas and Bryan; daughter, Kathy Mobley; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

### 1960

**Hans Gronnemoose Dinesen OD '61** died Oct. 10, 2013, at age 82. He immigrated to the United States from Denmark in 1952 and served four years with the U.S. Air Force. After he graduated from Pacific University in optometry, he practiced in South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota. He was given the North Dakota Optometrist of the Year award. He moved to Washington in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Farvardin; stepdaughter, Ariana; former wife, Dorothy Dinesan; children, Wanda Neviasser, Sonja Solaro and Aron Dinesen; and five grandchildren.

**Joan Elizabeth Krahmer MED** died Feb. 24, 2014, at age 78. She earned a bachelor's degree in social science from Portland State University in 1958, before earning a master's in social science from Pacific. She wrote a column, "Taking Charge" for many years for the *Hillsboro (Ore.) Argus*. She taught seventh-grade students from 1958 to 1960, then taught at

Hillsboro Union High School for seven years. She was a research project coordinator for the Beaverton (Ore.) School District, then became an advocate and preventive care specialist for the Washington County mental health department. She served as executive director of Oregon Life Belt, which advocated statewide law for mandatory safety belts. From 1988 until her retirement in 1998, she worked for the state of Oregon as a program coordinator developing the first statewide Children's Injury Prevention program. She also served on numerous task forces, including the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health, the Governor's Advisory Committee on Medical Assistance for Underprivileged, the Oregon Bicycle Helmet Coalition and many others. She is survived by her husband, John Van Grunsven; children Michael Krahmer, Kriste' J. Eros, and Donald Krahmer Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

### 1963

**John R. Lofgren OD '65** died Jan. 6, 2014, from complications of a form of

Parkinson's disease at age 73. He worked in Tacoma, Wash., for one year as an optometrist, then was drafted by the U.S. Army in 1967. He was the first optometrist ever drafted in Washington state. He served two years at Fort Jackson, S.C. He lived for 33 years in Springfield, Ill., where he was a partner in a group eye practice, Sangamon Eye Associates. After retiring, he and his wife moved to Bainbridge Island, Wash., and he worked part time as an optometrist for Seattle Vision, the Shelton Correctional Center and the Naval Hospital in Bremerton, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Lawrence; daughter, Jennifer Bowe; and two grandchildren.

### 1964

**Raymond Kamiya** died Dec. 15, 2013, at age 72. He graduated from Pacific University with a degree in physical education. He married Barbara Jean Holscher in 1964. He was a firefighter for the city of Hillsboro for 32 years and retired as a lieutenant in 1992. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Kae Kamiya; and son, Kenneth.

## Kiden Dilla & Ayan Osman

Pacific University students Kiden Dilla, 18, and Ayan Osman, 19, died April 7, 2014, in an auto accident near Forest Grove. The students were honored April 14 at Pacific with a remembrance ceremony, followed by a candlelight vigil at the Spirit Bench. Bouquets of flowers and photos of the two students adorned the bench.

Dilla was a 2013 graduate of the International School of Beaverton and was involved with the school's Amnesty International chapter and Model United Nations. A visit to Africa in 2005 inspired Dilla to pursue an education in public health at Pacific University, where she also was an active member of the Black Student Union. She was active with children at

her family's church. She is survived by her parents, Samuel and Susan Dilla, and brothers, Lowaliya, Marsuk and Moi.

Osman was a 2013 graduate of Westview High School in Beaverton. She chose Pacific for its small community feel and wanted to be a doctor. She also was an active member of the Black Student Union on campus. She is survived by her parents, Mohamed Osman and Farah Mohamoud, and by her sister Jamila Osman MAT '14.

The accident that took Dilla and Osman's lives has prompted a community outcry and promises of changes to the intersection where they died.



Kiden Dilla, 18, and Ayan Osman, 19

## The end of a Pacific love story

By Jenni Luckett

*Their story was a Pacific University classic. Howard Horner '40 and Grace (Boyles) Horner '41 were among the first to share their tale with Pacific Love Stories, a tradition since 2007, when the Office of Alumni Relations began collecting the stories of people whose relationships began on campus. The couple later was featured in The Oregonian, sharing the secrets of their successful marriage.*

*The Horners' story came to a close late last year, as the couple passed away, just months apart, after more than 70 years of marriage.*

IT WAS 1937, and the a cappella choir was brand new to Pacific University. About 60 students signed up. Among them were sophomore Howard Horner, the state champion high school tuba player and football player, and a local freshman, Grace Boyles, who sang soprano and was "a real beauty," according to Howard.

"I walked her home after a concert on campus, kissed her goodnight, and was really enraptured!" Howard recalled in 2007. "We 'went together' from that time on."

"I couldn't get rid of him," Grace joked to *The Oregonian* in 2012.

He quipped back: "And she pursued me relentlessly ever after."

Their college years were an ongoing romance. When Howard graduated cum laude in 1940 and began teaching at The Dalles High School, the couple exchanged letters and made rare visits until Grace finished her degree. She graduated cum laude, as well, in 1941, after earning a letter as "song queen" for her voice.

Then, Howard was drafted into the Army and sent to Camp Roberts, Calif., where he was assigned to the 56th Battalion.

"We planned to be married in December 1941, but those plans went up in smoke on Dec. 7, when Pearl Harbor was bombed," Howard recalled. "All military leaves and furloughs were cancelled."

Instead, they were married in California by an Army chaplain on Valentine's Day 1942.

The Horners made a temporary home in Paso Robles, Calif., where their first son, Jim, was born in 1942. He would later be joined by two brothers, Robert and Gregory.

AFTER HOWARD'S ARMY SERVICE, the family moved back to Oregon, where Grace was a homemaker and substitute teacher, while Howard began an extensive career in education. He taught at Estacada High School and eventually became principal there. In 1954, he was appointed principal of the then-new David Douglas High School in Portland, and he was named superintendent in 1968.

Throughout the 1960s, Howard kept busy with an exceptional professional career. He served on the Governor's Committee on Children and Youth and on the Multnomah County Juvenile Advisory Committee and chaired the National Council for National Honor Society. He was chair of the Oregon Education Association Building Committee, president of the Oregon Association of Secondary School Principals, and president of the Inland Empire Education Association. The National Association of Secondary School Principals named him one of the five outstanding principals in the nation.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Oregon, followed by a doctorate in education from the University of Puget Sound. In 2008, he received the Pacific University Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award. He retired in 1981.

Grace, meanwhile, worked as a substitute teacher in language arts and music, enjoyed gardening, sang in multiple choirs, served on the board of the Cherry Park Methodist Church, where they were members, and most of all, raised a family. In 1961, the David Douglas High School Girls League named her "Mother of the Year."

Together, they also helped establish the David Douglas Historical Society and wrote and edited *The History and Folklore of the David Douglas Community*.

Family — and music — were always at the core of the Horners' relationship.

"Music has just been a major part of our family," Howard told *The Oregonian*. "[Our sons] all play instruments, and they all can vocalize if they want to."

The couple sang in the church choir, and family gatherings were filled with song —



Grace on piano, Howard on tuba, Jim on trombone, Rob on clarinet, and Greg on trumpet, and everyone singing along. Long after the boys left home, they would return for visits with horns in tow for family sessions.

As late as 2000, Howard continued playing tuba in the Gresham Senior Orchestra and in a seven-piece ensemble, and he served as master of ceremonies in the Forest Grove Gleeman Barbershop contest.

**THE SECRET OF THE HORNERS' LOVE STORY IS REALLY NO SECRET AT ALL.** It comes down to kindness, communication and honesty, they said in 2012.

"You just have to communicate, and you don't always have to agree, but you do have to communicate," Grace told *The Oregonian*.

"Be kind. Be kind to your beloved," Howard added. "And it goes both ways. The man needs to be kind to his wife; his wife needs to be kind."

"Our marriage has been incredibly good," he said. "Our lives have been blessed by the greatest love and respect for each other humanly possible."

Howard and Grace Horner celebrated their 71st wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day 2013, unaware it would be their last. Howard died Aug. 12 at the age of 94, and Grace followed on Dec. 20, at age 95, bringing an end to what Howard once called a "wonderful married life together, all of which can be traced back to our participation in music at Pacific University." They are survived by their three sons, James, Robert and Gregory, by seven grandchildren, and by five great-grandchildren (one born after Howard's passing).



### **Wilberta W. Teeter,**

a long-time employee of Pacific University, died March 25 at age 93. She was known to many alumni, particularly the optometry community, as "Mrs. T."

She was born in Clarkston, Wash., then moved as a young girl to Enterprise, Ore., where she graduated from high

school. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon, and then also earned the equivalent of a master's degree in library science in 1965 from UO.

She met her husband, Truman E. Teeter, while working at the library at the Sacred Heart Hospital School of Nursing in Eugene, Ore. They married in 1949 and moved to Forest Grove in 1965, where her husband joined the Pacific University faculty as a chemistry professor.

Willie Teeter worked as the librarian and media specialist at the College of Optometry, retiring in 1990, and was awarded an honorary degree by the college. An avid baseball fan, she attended as many of Pacific's home baseball games as possible. She also volunteered many hours as a docent for the Old College Hall Museum.

In 1992, The Willie Teeter Endowed Technology/Scholarship Fund was established to honor her.

Her husband, Truman, and a daughter, Ann Marie, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sister, Donna Shira; daughter, Martha McGuirk; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**William Russell Baldwin OD '51,** a former dean of Pacific University's College of Optometry, died Feb. 13, 2014, at age 87. He was born in Danville, Ind., and attended Indiana University for one year before enlisting in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After the war, he returned to Indiana, married Honey Fisher in 1947 and earned an undergraduate degree in 1948 from Butler University in Indianapolis.

He earned a bachelor's degree in vision science and an optometry degree in 1951 from Pacific University, then returned to Indiana. He operated an optometric practice in Bloomington and taught at the Indiana University School of Optometry. He also earned a master's and a doctorate degree in physiology.

Baldwin served as dean at Pacific's College of Optometry from 1963 to 1969. He was president of the New England College of Optometry in Boston from 1969 to 1979 and then served as dean of the University of Houston College of Optometry from 1979 to 1990. He also established optometry schools in Nigeria, Israel, Poland and Sri Lanka.

His many awards included Outstanding Young Man in Bloomington, the Distinguished Alumni Service Award from Indiana University, induction into the National Optometry Hall of Fame, and four honorary degrees. He was chosen to be the first optometrist to serve on the USS Hope.

He also served as a board member of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and was its president from 1974 to 1976. He founded the River Blindness Foundation in 1989.

Baldwin was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda M. Smith. He is survived by his wife, Honey; daughter, Leslie Ann Bloom; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.



## **1972**

**Jimmy Crossland** died Jan. 19, 2014, at age 64 of cancer. After graduating from Pacific, he played professional basketball for the NBA's Baltimore Bullets and in Denmark. He later became a deputy for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He retired in 2007 and worked as a part-time NBA scout. He refereed basketball in the Portland metropolitan area.

## **1976**

**Duane Michael Swanz '76, OD '78** died March 7, 2014, at age 60. Optometry was a family tradition started by grandfather. Duane practiced with his twin brother, Dennis, at the

Billings Vision and Contact Lens Clinic, which they started and their brother David managed. They retired to Arizona in 2010. Duane was a pilot who enjoyed flying his gyrocopter, and he also enjoyed many fishing trips and visiting the tropics. He is survived by his mother, Noreen; brothers, **Donald Swanz '69, OD '71** and wife **Cathie (Reynolds) Swanz '73**, Dennis Swanz, and David Swanz; two nephews; and one niece. His cousins **David Beigel '87, OD '88** and **Kevin Beigel '89, OD '91** also attended Pacific.

## **1983**

**Susan E. Ivey OD** died Jan. 24, 2014, at age 61. She married **Dean**

**Reynolds '75, OD '78** in 1988, and they founded City of Vision Eye Care in Rio Rancho, N.M. She was an avid reader and enjoyed round dancing, scrapbooking, skiing and traveling. She served as an elder in her church and on various church committees. She is survived by her husband, Dean; children, Erin, Christopher, Jeffrey and Brianne; and two grandchildren.

## **1980**

**Christy Stephen Novacoff Jr.** died Feb. 2, 2014, at age 57. He attended Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College for two years, then graduated from Pacific University, where he played football. He was

a distribution supervisor for Nike and Fujitsu and lived in Beaverton. He is survived by his daughter, Christina Novacoff-Higbee; son, Brandon; and four grandchildren.

## **1989**

**Lennice Irene (Popken) Farnham MS** died Feb. 28, 2014, of pancreatic cancer at age 72. She graduated from Westmar College in Le Mars, Iowa, then earned a master's degree at Pacific University. She taught school, substituted and worked in doctor's offices, but her love was working at the Cornelius Public Library. She is survived by her husband, Don; sons Scott and Terry; and two grandchildren.

## **2006**

**Brent A. Bullock OD** died March 4, 2014, of complications associated with an illness at age 42. He graduated from the University of Utah with a bachelor's degree, then earned his optometry degree from Pacific University. He practiced optometry in Tucson, Ariz. He is survived by his wife, Melanie, and daughters, Emily, Jane and Olivia.

## **2012**

**Scott Pitts OD** died Jan. 31, 2014. He was an associate of EyeCare Focus in Eugene. He is survived by his wife, Brianne, and three children.

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