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Pacific changes lives**

Research enhances discovery  
and trains future scientists  
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*Najma Cheema '16  
teaches new generation*



*Phil Dickie '63 and Jim Hennig '65, OD '66 are among alumni, students and friends who braved rain and wind in October to celebrate Homecoming 2016 in Forest Grove.*

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**SAVE THE DATE NOW FOR HOMECOMING 2017,**  
Oct. 4-6. Class years ending in -2 and -7 will mark milestone reunions, and the weekend promises days of fun and fellowship in the Grove!





## letter from the president



**You help give Pacific students  
the tools and opportunities  
to go out and improve their  
world – and ours.**

– LESLEY M. HALLICK

At Pacific University, we encourage students to get involved. Civic engagement is a cornerstone of a Pacific education, and our students do not live or learn in an isolated bubble.

This fall has been a challenging period for our country, and we feel it here at Pacific. There is a sense of uncertainty, and even fear, in the air for some. We do all we can to ensure that all our students are supported and that they have a safe place to learn.

At the same time, we also encourage them to step outside of their own comfort zones to engage in exciting discussions and respectful debates. This is a place where they meet new people, challenge their own perspectives, and interact with a wider community.

More than anything, I think our students share a passion for improving the world around them. Regardless of their background, they are here to gather the skills and experiences that will prepare them to make a difference — as teachers, health professionals, scientists, business leaders, public servants, community activists, artists, writers and much, much more.

Your gifts help us extend the opportunity to attend Pacific to students across the economic spectrum, creating alumni who are shaping the world around us. You support people like Iain Culp '09, who took his theatre major to Asia to work with children and refugees (page 16). Or Najma Cheema '16, who is exceeding her own dreams and teaching the next generation (page 18). Or our physical therapy and occupational therapy students who are changing lives for children in our own neighborhoods (page 12).

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Thank you for joining me in supporting Pacific University.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesley M. Hallick".

Lesley M. Hallick, President  
president@pacificu.edu



## editor's letter

### I am passionate about food access and hunger relief.

I want veterans to have healthcare. I want refugee children to have safe places to live and learn. And I want my own children to attend world-class schools where they are challenged and loved.

I contribute to many different organizations to advance the causes I support — and I give to Pacific University, because I believe an investment in education is the best way to create a better world in the future.

Almost two-thirds of all Pacific University employees give back to the university. No one says we have to. We do it because we, perhaps more than anyone, see firsthand the value this place contributes to our world.

Every day, I have the privilege of sharing the stories of students and alumni whose lives were changed by the people they met, the subjects they studied, and the activities they participated in at Pacific University.

I meet first-generation college students who have exceeded their parents' wildest dreams with the opportunity afforded by an education.

I meet brilliant researchers who are looking for solutions to humankind's biggest challenges.

I meet passionate teachers, social workers, artists and entrepreneurs who are empowered to bring their ideas to life because of what they learn and do at Pacific.

The gifts we make to Pacific University support student success today through scholarships, faculty fellowships, research grants, facilities and much more. But those students, in turn, also go out and serve others, making a perpetual difference in the world.

This issue of *Pacific* magazine shares just a few of those stories — and I assure you, there are many, many more. I hope that you will see these stories as thanks for your tremendous support of Pacific University in the past and that you will join me in continuing to support student success with a gift to Pacific University.

*Jenni M. Luckett*

JENNI M. LUCKETT

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After students in the 1960s voted to make Boxer the official Pacific mascot, they held a funeral for Benny the Badger. Recently unveiled: original video footage from the ceremony.

**WATCH** | Watch the badger funeral, and find a new documentary about Boxer by local historians online ▶ [magazine.pacificu.edu](http://magazine.pacificu.edu)

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**SHARE** | Keep in touch with your classmates — send in a class note today!

▶ [magazine.pacificu.edu/submit](http://magazine.pacificu.edu/submit)

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**REMEMBER** | Pacific hosts quarterly Alumni Remembrance Ceremonies to honor those who have passed. Join us at Old College Hall on Feb. 9 and May 11.

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## ▶ events calendar

### january

- 19 Student Teacher Alumni Reception (STAR)  
▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 21 Book Club  
▶ *Tanasbourne Town Center Starbucks*
- 21 Boxer 'Ohana Reception  
▶ *Kapaa, Kauai, Hawai'i*
- 22-28 Island Eyes Optometry Conference ▶ *Kauai, Hawai'i*

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**WATCH** | Alec Lugo '16 brings his passions to life on and off stage. ▶ [magazine.pacificu.edu](http://magazine.pacificu.edu)

**SEE** | We celebrate all our supporters in our online donor honor roll. ▶ [pacificu.edu/donors](http://pacificu.edu/donors)

**12** ..... empowering action

Students and faculty in physical therapy and occupational therapy came together to build customized cars for children with limited mobility as part of Go Baby Go. Pacific programs offer students real-world career experience — while they transform lives in their communities.

**WATCH** | Go Baby Go empowers children with limited mobility to explore their worlds.

Check out a mini-documentary on the Pacific University build. ▶ [magazine.pacificu.edu](http://magazine.pacificu.edu)

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Record-setting jumper Shannon Hammond '19 couldn't pass up the opportunities in her own backyard. The Forest Grove native is exploring the world through Pacific on her way to a medical career.

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Iain Culp '09 is using drama to teach and heal children around the world. The theatre major attended Pacific with the aid of scholarships that now allow him to pass on education to others.

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Najma Cheema '16 always wanted an education. Pacific helped her become the first in her family to complete college and launch a career, and today she is doing the same for a new generation of children.

**20** ..... advancing research

Pharmacy Professor John Harrelson has earned significant grants to advance his research into tobacco cessation treatments. His work is not only uncovering new options for patients to improve their health, but also training future scientists along the way.



### february

- 9 Alumni Remembrance Ceremony ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 11 Performing Arts Series: A Night with Craig Fuller & Son ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 13 Friends of Pacific Lunch

### march

- 12 Performing Arts Series: Altan ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 14 Boxer Giving Day
- 14 Friends of Pacific Lunch

### april

- 9 Lu'au ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 11 Friends of Pacific Lunch
- 15 Performing Arts Series: BeauSoleil ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*
- 26 Senior Projects Day ▶ *Forest Grove Campus*

▶ [pacificu.edu/calendar](http://pacificu.edu/calendar)

## readers' words



### On Spirit of Survival

"Go Doug! You are such an inspiration."

— DELWYN BRESLAU

"I did not know Doug's father, but I do know his mother and I know she was a very important part in making Doug the man he is today. Her love for her boys is only one of the qualities she gave Doug and his brothers! Her constant prayers and selflessness have had an impact on who Doug is today!"

— DOL WILLIAMS

"Well done Doug. Nice recap."

— SHIRLEY KELLER

### On And Justice For All

"That's a good kid, Rick Carnaroli."

— RON SHORTS '79

### On President's Letter

"Thank you for recognizing the veterans."

— ROGER WHITHILL

### On Boxer Voices, Episode 2: Pacific Heroes

"@pacificu LOVE this!!! Three that shine to me: H. Joe Story, Alice Hoskins, and Russ Dondero."

— CHRISTY ALECKSON '95

## Sharing Veteran Stories

In the wake of the Summer 2016 issue of *Pacific* magazine, which focused on stories of alumni who are veterans or serve veterans, several others reached out to share their stories. Here are a few samples. Read more and share your own stories online. ▶ [pacificu.edu/veterans](http://pacificu.edu/veterans)

### Pacific Salutes Veterans

I recently received the *Pacific* magazine and was pleasantly surprised to see that the current issue focuses on veterans who attended Pacific. ... The university was instrumental in my joining the Air Force as it maintained an open relationship with the AF Health Professions recruiters. I'm still currently serving on active duty and am in my fifth year as a military psychologist. Thanks for dedicating the focus of the magazine to military service. In a nation fatigued by years of war, it is reassuring to see that the university values our service and Pacific's military heritage.

— MAJ. MARK NOAKES PSYD '12  
Osan AB, Republic of Korea



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— Maj. Mark Noakes PsyD '12

I graduated from Pacific and its optometry school in 1964. I was immediately (drafted) into the Army as an optometrist and given the rank of second lieutenant. My career was uneventful until May 1966, when I was sent to Vietnam as the first Army optometrist. It was exciting and I felt I was really contributing to my country and its war efforts. I was discharged later in 1966. My best army buddy then and still was Col. John Pyle, who went on to become chief optometrist in the Army. He was also a 1964 optometry graduate from Pacific.

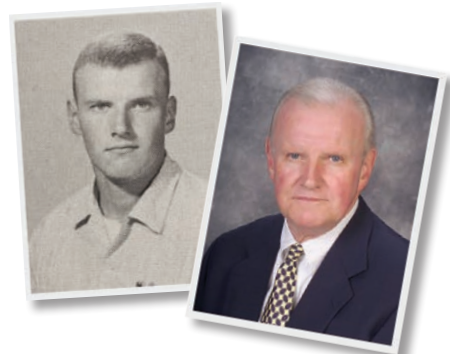
— STEVE ANDERSON '64, OD '64

I thoroughly enjoyed your Summer 2016 edition of *Pacific*. It brought back memories that I had not thought about in many years. The summer I graduated from high school (1960) and before I left to go to Pacific, I spent six weeks in Quantico, Va., attending the first of two

sessions in the Marine Corps PLC Class (Platoon Leaders Class — the Marine Corps version of the Army's OCS) that ends with being commissioned a second lieutenant after graduating from college. I have attached a photo that shows off my USMC hair starting to re-grow on campus.

After 4+ years in the Marines, I joined the Army for two more years, but that's another story. Also attached is a photo of me today. Thanks for all you do for those we lost while serving their country.

— BOB DEGRILLA '64





## news & notes

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# Future Vision

We are in the midst of renovating our Pacific EyeClinic on the Forest Grove Campus and creating a brand new EyeVan to expand services. We have received generous support from foundations and corporations and from individuals — including \$5,000 from student groups for the EyeVan. Your gifts can help us complete our vision.

► [pacificu.edu/give](https://pacificu.edu/give)

SEE | Find photos from a mobile eyecare visit to migrant workers this summer online ► [magazine.pacificu.edu](https://magazine.pacificu.edu)



## lineup



**LEYTON THOMASSEN '18**  
**MEN'S SOCCER**

Junior goalkeeper Leyton Thomassen of Des Moines, Wash., picked up Second Team All-Northwest Conference honors for the third time in his career. The three-time NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week was the conference leader in saves, save percentages, wins and shutouts. Thomassen is a business major with a focus in accounting.



**STEPHENIE SPENCER '18**  
**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Junior Stephenie Spencer of Bothello, Wash., earned Second Team All-Northwest Conference honors for the second year, making her just the fourth woman in school history to earn multiple honors. She placed ninth at the 2016 NWC Cross Country Championship and fifth at the NCAA West Regional before making her second appearance at the national Division III meet. Spencer is majoring in exercise science and psychology and hopes to become a sports psychologist.



**JACK PEREZ '17**  
**FOOTBALL**

Senior linebacker Jack Perez, of Petaluma, Calif., is the NWC Defensive Player of the Year and made First Team All-Conference after a record-setting senior year. He had double-digit tackle efforts on seven occasions and was named the Northwest Conference Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week twice. Perez recorded 123 tackles to set a new Pacific single-season record. A politics and government major, Perez aspires to a career in law enforcement.



**TIARE KAOPUA '17**  
**VOLLEYBALL**

Senior outside hitter Tiare Kaopua of Nanakuli, Hawai'i, was named First Team All-Northwest Conference. In her final season she led the Boxer with 358 kills in 26 matches, one shy of the single-season record. Kaopua is a public health major who hopes to become a health administrator.



**SERENA WALLACE '19**  
**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Sophomore Serena Wallace, of Centralia, Wash., earned Second Team All-Northwest Conference honors, finishing 11th at the 2016 NWC Cross Country Championship with the sixth-fastest time in program history. That mark was a career-best for Wallace, beating her own time by nearly 41 seconds. Also a track and field athlete, Wallace is majoring in exercise science and is a clarinetist in the university band.

## brieflynoted

**10-YEAR MARK** | The Pacific University College of Health Professions celebrates 10 years on the Hillsboro Campus this spring. Mark your calendars for May 6, 2017, for a special anniversary celebration and continuing education opportunities for alumni.

► [pacificu.edu/10YearsInHillsboro](http://pacificu.edu/10YearsInHillsboro)

**NEW LEADERSHIP** | Pacific University alumnus Gerald C. Yoshida '73 has been elected chair of the Pacific University Board of Trustees. He is the first Hawai'i resident to hold the post. Yoshida is a shareholder, director and officer of Char Hamilton Yoshida & Shimomoto Attorneys at Law in Honolulu. Yoshida has been a trustee since 2010.

**ISLAND TRADITION** | Pacific celebrated a nearly 70-year tradition of partnership with Hawai'i in September with a series of historic events. The Boxer football team beat Occidental 45-22 in what is believed to be the first-ever NCAA Division III game held in the state. Additionally, Pacific hosted its first-ever Board of Trustees meeting in Hawai'i, along with a fundraiser golf tournament, special evening reception



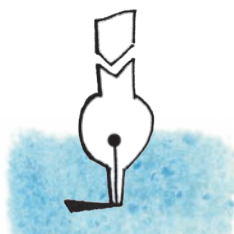
## honors & awards



### Jon-Michael Kowitz MSF '15, MBA '16 is the 2016-2017 Entrepreneur

in Residence in Pacific University's Berglund Center. As director of business support and development for the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce, he has helped grow more than 2,000 small businesses in the Portland area. He teaches an after-school high school business program and community college courses, and supports Pacific students in bringing their innovative ideas to fruition.

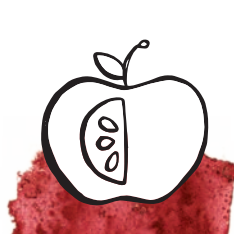
► [pacificu.edu/business](http://pacificu.edu/business)



### Marvin Bell & Pete Fromm, Writing,

each recently published new books. *After the Fact: Scripts and Postscripts* is a conversation of 90 prose poems written back and forth between poets Bell and Christopher Merrill. *The Names of the Stars* is the newest wilderness memoir from Fromm. Bell and Fromm are among the acclaimed authors who teach and mentor students in Pacific's low-residency Master of Fine Arts in Writing Program.

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



**Leif Gustavson, Education,** was among several Oregon educators who weighed in on the federal government's Every Student Succeeds Act on a local NPR affiliate, championing the need for a sustainable teaching workforce. The Pacific University College of Education offers undergraduate and graduate teacher preparation programs on three campuses, along with advanced programs for working teachers.

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



**Richard London, Optometry,** received the American Academy of Optometry's Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award, for his outstanding and sustained contributions to the academy's lectures and workshops program, in which he has presented annually for more than 35 years, and for his clinical expertise. London is an early leader in the area of neuro-ophthalmic disease disorders and has been instrumental in spreading clinical information to optometrists to improve patient care.

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



**Jim Moore, Politics & Government,** provided in-depth political analysis throughout the election season. Director of the Pacific University Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation, he appeared on several of Portland's television news stations and wrote analysis for major newspapers in the region. He offered a class for alumni at Homecoming and also has hosted post-election forums in the past month. Find upcoming events through the Tom McCall Center online.

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

drawing more than 400 guests, and a pre-game party. Representatives from several undergraduate and graduate programs traveled to the Islands to connect with prospective students, to build partnerships with schools in Hawai'i, and to provide continuing education for alumni. About 17 percent of the university's undergraduate students hail from the Islands, and more than 1,500

engaged alumni call Hawai'i home. Trey Kodama '17, an All-Northwest Conference senior linebacker from Pearl City, said the university's commitment to inclusion and diversity is readily apparent by what it does to make Hawai'i residents feel welcome in Oregon. "Ohana over everything — taking care of each other — is the hallmark of Hawaiian culture," he

said. "What Pacific does for those of us from Hawai'i is make the environment as inviting and friendly as it is on the Islands. From the food service — where rice is provided at every meal and SPAM and bento Fridays are the norm — to all of the learning services and activities, Pacific truly embodies the 'Ohana over everything' principle."

► [pacificu.edu/Hawaii2016](http://pacificu.edu/Hawaii2016)

# By the Numbers

## Annual Report

### 3,942

total enrollment

undergraduate  
1,946

graduate  
1,996

### 22.5%

of all students  
are the first  
in their family  
to attend college

### 26,627

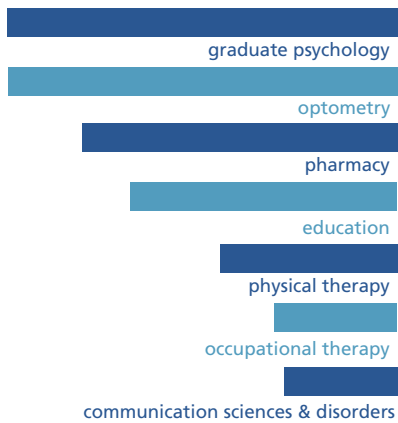
total alumni

### 14%

earned  
more than  
one degree

## what we do

### Largest Graduate Programs



### Largest Undergraduate Majors



### \$1,243,103

in grants awarded  
to Pacific in 2013-2014

UP 395%

### \$4,920,131

in grants awarded  
to Pacific in 2015-2016

## how you help

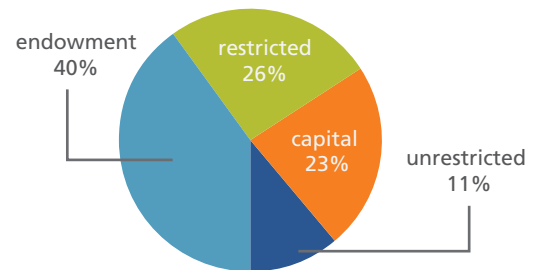
### \$4,223,338

in total gifts & pledges

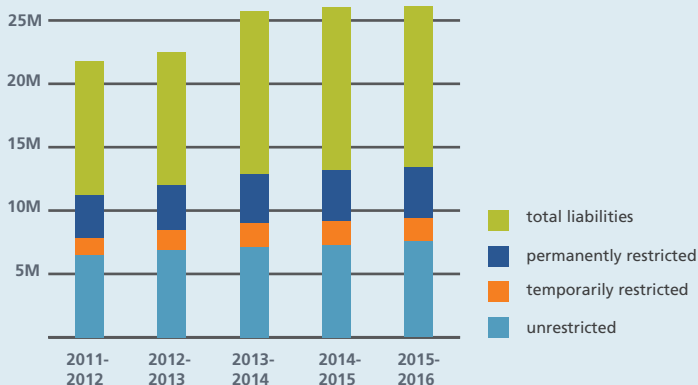
### 48%

increase in five years

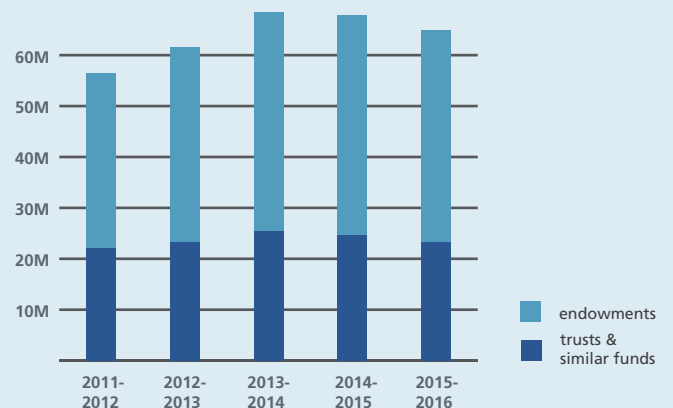
### kinds of gifts



## bottom line



University Balance Sheet



Endowments & Investments





## philanthropy

# Acts of Generosity

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**Alec Lugo '16 was about 11 when he saw his first live stage performances.**

*Little Shop of Horrors* was a Halloween production in his community that year: "There was gore and blood and singing, and it's happening right in front of me. It's a spectacle," he said. "I told my dad, 'I want to do that.'"

By Christmas of that year, Lugo had landed a role as Bob Cratchit in a community production of *A Christmas Carol*. More than a decade later, the acting bug persists.

At Pacific University, Lugo double-majored in theatre and media arts. Today, he is performing professionally and works as a graphic designer, videographer and media consultant for Portland area theatre companies.

"I thought of (my two majors) as two sides of myself. The media side was the business aspects of my life. Theatre was the creative," he said. "Now, they've kind of merged into one.

"I couldn't ask for a better job. It's a combination of everything I studied at Pacific."

That education, however, wouldn't have been possible without tremendous support, Lugo said.

"We could not afford to send any of us to school without scholarships," said Lugo, who grew up as one of three children in a lower-middle class family in Hawai'i. "Pacific was really generous."

*continues* ►



*Candy Hardin & Lesley Hallick*



*Irene Price*

### **DONORS ARE INSTRUMENTAL**

in supporting the work of Pacific University. Generous supporters contribute to scholarships, fund faculty positions, enhance cocurricular opportunities, and grow Pacific's four campuses through capital campaigns.

Pacific recognizes its most generous donors with membership in the 1849 Society, honoring those who have contributed at least \$1 million, and the President's Circle, honoring those who have given at least \$100,000.

This year, Pacific is proud to induct seven new members into the President's Circle.

### **IRENE PRICE**

Alec Lugo's Pacific University education was funded, in part, by five endowed scholarships at Pacific. Among those was the Henry F. Price Memorial Scholarship, which covered much of his senior-year tuition.

Henry Price was a faculty member who taught mathematics and engineering at Pacific from 1920 to 1953. The current mathematics building on the Forest Grove Campus is named for his legacy — as is the scholarship that his granddaughter Irene Price has largely funded.

A retired tax attorney, Irene Price has made significant contributions to Pacific as a former trustee and through the scholarship.

"Scholarships are an incredibly powerful way of supporting our students and affording them new opportunities," said College of Arts & Sciences Dean

Lisa Carstens. "We are so grateful for the generosity of people like Irene Price."

### **LOREN & DOTTIE WALTZ**

Longtime Forest Grove residents Loren & Dottie Waltz are active members of the community, particularly the United Church of Christ congregation just across the street from Pacific's campus.

And, they are tremendous supporters of the university.

The Waltzes have fostered a lifelong interest in promoting peace, endowing a fund to support the Pacific University Center for Peace & Spirituality.

They also have a generous history of supporting the Pacific Excellence Fund, Boxer athletics, the Performing Arts Series and Pacific's music program.

"Support from Loren and Dottie Waltz has provided the Center for Peace and Spirituality, Pacific's newest center, the ability to hit the ground running," said the Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie, university chaplain and director of the center.

"With their help, we have brought in nationally known speakers to discuss religion, peace and justice. Without their giving, we would be far behind in a time when our center is so needed."

### **LESLEY HALLICK & CANDY HARDIN**

Dr. Lesley Hallick has been president of Pacific University for seven years. During that time, she has overseen significant growth in enrollment and in programs in the arts and sciences, education, health professions and optometry, as well as the establishment of the College of Business.

Dr. Hallick and her partner Candy Hardin have made key gifts to many campus priorities. Almost a third of their gifts have supported student success through the Pacific Excellence Fund.

In addition to her contributions to Pacific, Dr. Hallick serves on several area boards, while Candy operates a small farm with a menagerie of cattle, Icelandic horses, chickens and ducks, Australian shepherds, and sundry rescue critters.

Dr. Hallick is the first Pacific president to be inducted into the President's Circle for her philanthropic contributions.

"The level of Dr. Hallick's contributions to Pacific University, in terms of her vision, leadership and commitment toward moving Pacific forward as an institution of higher learning, are without question second to none," said Jerry Yoshida '73, chair of the Board of Trustees.

"What is perhaps less known, and what we recognize by her induction into the President's Circle, are her very generous financial contributions to Pacific, for which we are extremely grateful."

### **BI-MART CORPORATION**

The Bi-Mart Corporation is an employee-owned chain of retailers in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Since 2006, the corporation has supported Pacific University through the Bi-Mart Pharmacy Scholarship Fund, providing merit-based scholarships to pharmacy students who exhibit an interest in community pharmacy practice.





Loren & Dottie Waltz

## CAMBIA HEALTH FOUNDATION

The charitable branch of the Portland-based Cambia Health Solutions, Cambia Health Foundation partners with organizations to transform the healthcare system to be person-focused and economically sustainable. Cambia has provided philanthropic support for Pacific's Interprofessional Diabetes Clinic, where students and faculty from the colleges of Health Professions and Optometry provide comprehensive care for underserved patients.

## ELSA U. PARDEE FOUNDATION

Created to "promote the control and cure of cancer," the Elsa U. Pardee Foundation often directs its nationally competitive grant funding to organizations such as the Mayo Clinic or Harvard Medical School. In 2016, however, the foundation granted Pacific University School of Pharmacy Assistant Professor Ashim Malhotra \$108,000 to support his promising research into the treatment of pancreatic cancer.

## SPIRIT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY FUND

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund is the charitable foundation of The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, focusing on improving the quality of life in Northwest Oregon through community investments consistent with the tribe's culture and values.

The fund has supported several Pacific initiatives since 2004, including the Library, the Pacific EyeClinic in Cornelius, and the College of Optometry's Community Outreach EyeVan. ■

## 1849 Society

*The 1849 Society honors those individuals and organizations who have given at least \$1 million over their lifetimes*

### Platinum Level

Elise Elliott†

### Gold Level

James '29† & Laura Baker†  
Herschel '36† & Amy Spelbrink Beaupré '33†  
James OD '60 & Mary Fair Berglund '58  
E.P. Binney Charitable Fund  
A.E. "Gene" & Evona Harford Brim  
Kenneth '41† & Ellen Arnold Bump '40†  
George† & Ruth Burlingham  
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Wyllis Johnson '41†  
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Helen Propstra†  
William '74 & LaRue Stoller  
Douglas† & Cleo Strain†  
Joseph Vandervelden '37†  
& Joy Snead Hammond†  
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## President's Circle

*The President's Circle honors those individuals and organizations who have given at least \$100,000 over their lifetimes*

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Henry Victor Adix†  
Alcon Laboratories, Inc.  
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry  
Doris Zook Andrews '30†  
Anonymous  
Edwin '52† & Lois Ball†  
Bausch & Lomb Inc.  
Louis P. & Lela E. Busch Foundation  
Bi-Mart Corporation  
Charles† & Eloise Connor Bishop†  
Anne Bricknell '30†  
Bernard '49, OD '50 & Selma Brown  
The Estate of Sally A. Brown†  
Helen Brunner '41†  
Merle '47† & Lois Bryan†  
Maude Bunday†  
Doris Wells Burlingham†  
Louis† & Lela Busch†  
Cambia Health Foundation  
Kathrin Cawein†

Ben B. Cheney Foundation  
Timothy Choy '64  
CIBA Vision Care  
DCI International  
Robert OD '59†  
& Genevieve De Vleming '59  
Bruce† & Grace Denney†  
Dan & Sallie Dutton  
William '50, OD '51†  
& Marjorie Gustelius Emhoff '48  
Gloria Menduni Evans '44†  
Wendell '60, OD '61† & Derra Force†  
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Fuji Optical Co., LTD  
Stephen & Kris Gregg  
Lesley Hallick & Candy Hardin  
Kenji OD '72 & Lillian Kiyota Hamada '70  
Richard & Joy Hanson  
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Detleff '38† & Lila Jans†  
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## **“The best part is giving these kids some form of independent mobility.”**

– Crystal Bridges PT '08

### **Harper Costa doesn't walk yet.**

At 2½, she can army-crawl across a room in no time, but her legs aren't strong enough to stand. She sits up on her own, but she can topple without added support.

Harper has spastic diplegia cerebral palsy, which renders her joints stiff and inhibits her muscle control and balance.

Because young children learn through exploration, her cognitive development also has been delayed, her mom said.

But in November, Harper was unhampered by her CP. She raced around the hallways of Pacific University's Hillsboro Campus as her 4-year-old sister jogged to keep up.

Harper was among 16 young children with limited mobility who received custom motorized toy cars through a Pacific University Go Baby Go build. The car, which her family received for free through the program, will allow Harper a little more freedom to move, explore and learn like her peers.

And, the process of building that car will give the future occupational therapists and physical therapists working toward their doctorates at Pacific University deeper experience and skill in the fields they hope to practice.

Like so much of what happens at Pacific University, the Go Baby Go build benefits not only today's students, but also the people they will serve with their education and training.

Go Baby Go started at the University of Delaware, where a physical therapist came up with the idea of hacking toy cars to provide mobility solutions for children. Today, people complete “builds” all over the world using step-by-step instruction guides for adapting specific models, along with their own ingenuity in retrofitting the cars to meet individual needs.

At Pacific, students and faculty from the schools of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy teamed up with some whizzes from Glencoe High School's robotics

team in Pacific's first official Go Baby Go build. They spent an afternoon meeting with families and children then customizing cars.

Harper's car was outfitted with a giant push-button instead of foot-operated pedals. A little arm pressure triggered the accelerator, while a PVC-pipe frame, cushioned with foam pool noodles, helped hold her upright.

Other cars were outfitted with slanted seats, chest harnesses, and even an accelerator button on a headrest for a child with limited use of her arms.

Sandra Rogers, an occupational therapy professor who helped organize the build, said the event gave students exposure to emerging practices, as well as an opportunity to work together interprofessionally.

More, though, students were doing real work that benefited real people as part of their education.

Because of Pacific's students and programs, which contributed the money for the cars and materials for the build, 16 local children have more independence and mobility, said Crystal Bridges PT '08, a Pacific alumna and faculty member who also is a leader with the local Go Baby Go Chapter.

“The best part is giving these kids some form of independent mobility.”

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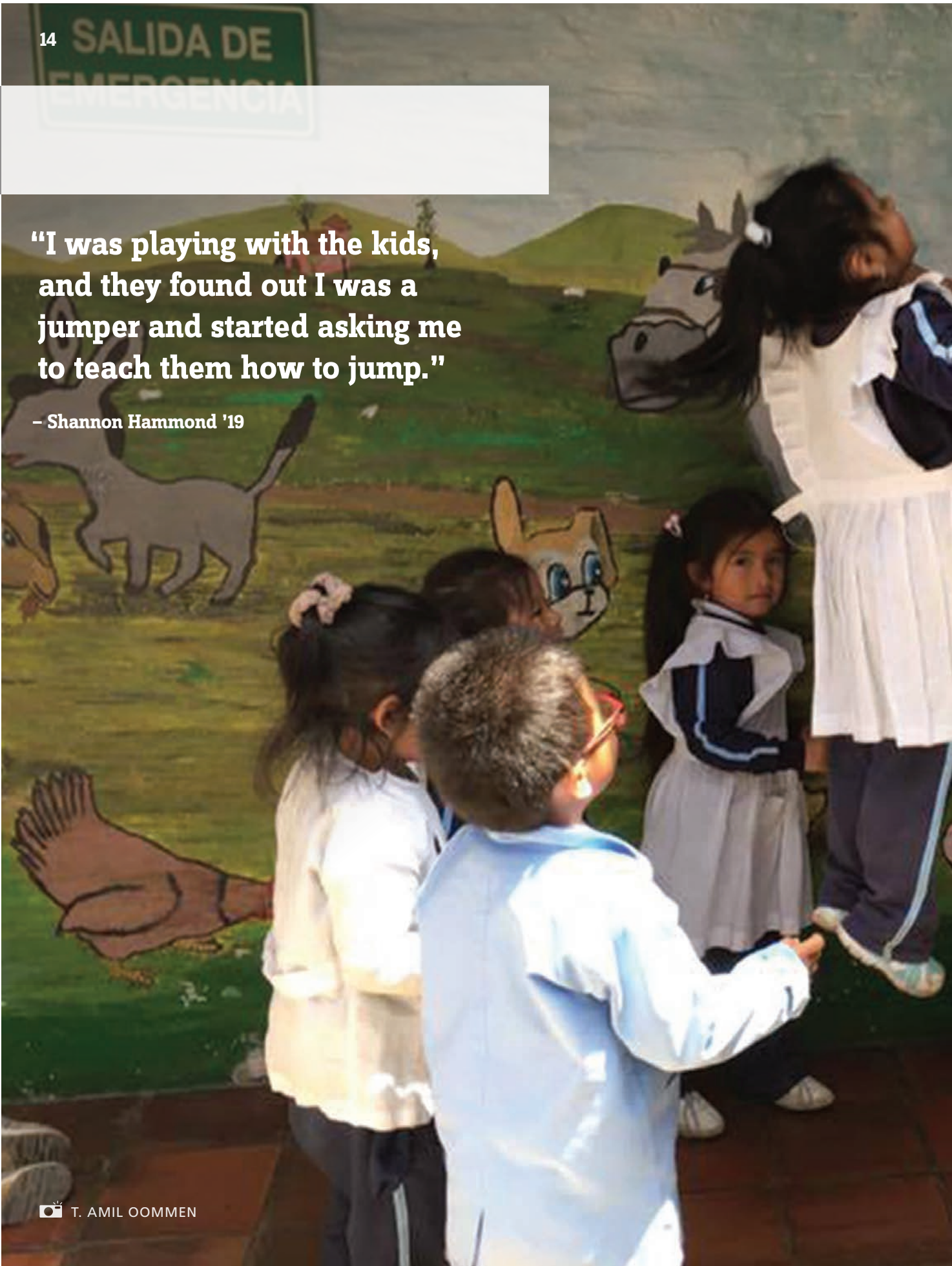






**"I was playing with the kids,  
and they found out I was a  
jumper and started asking me  
to teach them how to jump."**

– Shannon Hammond '19







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## **Shannon Hammond '19 didn't really plan to go to college in her backyard.**

But when you grow up in Forest Grove and want to be a doctor, Pacific University's stellar reputation in the health professions is pretty tempting.

Hammond has been interested in healthcare since junior high, when a friend's brother was diagnosed with brain cancer. She's volunteered at Doernbecher's Children's Hospital, and she hopes that her biology major and chemistry minor will lead her to graduate school and a career helping people.

In the meantime, Pacific is letting her broaden her horizons, even while she lives at home.

She took part in an education travel course to Ecuador, where she got to immerse herself in another culture, study her Spanish (a second minor), and provide some community service along the way.

As part of the class, she volunteered at an elementary school in Quito, where she played with kids from low-income families and taught them about her other passion: jumping.

Hammond, who competes in the heptathlon, hurdles and other jumping events on the track and field team, holds Pacific's record for women's indoor high jump, long jump and triple jump, as well as for the women's outdoor high jump.

"They would get super excited to have all this attention," she said. "I was playing with the kids, and they found out I was a jumper and started asking me to teach them how to jump."

Hammond says she is lucky to have her parents' support in pursuing her education, but an academic scholarship and Pacesetters Scholarship were both instrumental in bringing her to Pacific — where outstanding academics, athletics, and the opportunity to travel and give back are getting her ready for tomorrow.

**YOUR GIFT TO PACIFIC UNIVERSITY can support students like Shannon Hammond '19 in expanding their horizons through valuable, outside-the-classroom experiences. Make a gift today to support student travel, athletics and other cocurricular activities.**

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**"I think drama as a method  
of teaching a foreign language  
is pretty powerful."**

**– Iain Culp '09**





## Iain Culp '09 ran away to join the circus.

But only after he finished his degree at Pacific University and headed to China to pursue dreams of teaching.

"It's been one heck of an adventure," he said.

Culp came to Pacific planning to major in chemistry. But even then he knew he wanted to be a teacher like his mother.

During his freshman year, he found himself drawn to the stage. He switched to a double major in English literature and theatre and spent a term abroad in England, practicing the technical side of theatre.

But his end goal never changed.

"My original intention was that I was going to end up teaching ... which is kind of what I've done, because I'm teaching abroad in ESL."

After graduation, Culp went overseas to teach English with Teach in China. But the passion for the stage still called and, as he put it, "I ended up running away and joining the circus."

Spark Circus is an organization devoted to bringing joy and healing to children through play and performance. Culp had taken up fire spinning in England and further developed those skills through Pacific's Lu'au. In China, he added in clowning as he joined the 2010 Spark Circus, spending his January vacation on the border of Burma and Thailand with refugee children.

"I was basically the emcee for the group, as well as one of the performers," Culp said. "We would take toys and teach these kids circus skills ... then we would donate some toys to the schools so the kids could continue playing year-round."

Since then, Culp has been involved with "social circus" in several countries, including China, Thailand and now South Korea, working with North Korean refugees, as well as students with disabilities and autism.

He supports himself by teaching English in South Korean schools, where he uses drama and song to help 5- and 6-year-olds develop their bilingual skills.

He also works with two ex-patriat theatre groups, Seoul Shakespeare and Seoul Players.

Next year, Culp plans to return to the United States and pursue a master's degree in teaching. But ultimately he'd like to return overseas to continue teaching.

"I have a friend who has started up a youth theatre and ESL education program in China," he said. "I think drama as a method of teaching a foreign language is pretty powerful."

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**"I'm the first one in my family to actually graduate and have a career. I'm blessed to have the opportunity to go to Pacific."**

**– Najma Cheema '16**





## Najma Cheema '16 knows a little something about her students' experience.

Like many of her second-graders in Woodburn, Ore., Cheema moved to the United States as a child and had to learn English from her peers in the classroom.

Her parents, who had moved from India, didn't speak English, didn't have all of their immigration papers, and struggled financially to send her to college for a better life.

"Ever since I was little, I knew that I wanted to go to school and be educated," Cheema said.

She enrolled in Chemeketa Community College with a scholarship, planning to become a dental hygienist, when a career exploration class pointed her toward teaching instead. A counselor connected her with the Pacific University Woodburn Campus, where a brand new partnership program was offering Chemeketa students a pathway to a bachelor's degree and teaching license.

"I was one of the first ones in the program," she said. "It was very hard. I was always that student who sat in the back, but at Pacific I had to be very involved. My teacher really cared about us, and I learned to speak up because it was a small group of students. This experience taught me confidence, and I learned to communicate better."

Within weeks of finishing her bachelor's degree, Cheema was offered a job teaching second grade at Washington Elementary School, an English-Spanish bilingual immersion school where she had done her student-teaching. She co-teaches 42 students who split their time between her instruction in English and her teaching partner's instruction in Spanish.

For Cheema, the decision to attend Pacific was a risk: "I was super scared: How am I going to pay for this? Before I started going to Pacific I used to cry because I knew I wanted to be educated but I wasn't sure how it was going to happen. My family wasn't able to send me to a university financially.

"I'm the first one in my family to actually graduate and have a career. I'm blessed to have the opportunity to go to Pacific. I got a lot of great scholarships and great support. My next step is to get my master's degree and teach at the same time."

In the meantime, she can use her career to empower other children. While she teaches her students to read, to tell time, and to explore other cultures, they are teaching her bits of Spanish — to go along with her fluent Punjabi and Hindi.

She can respect, and relate with, their experiences.

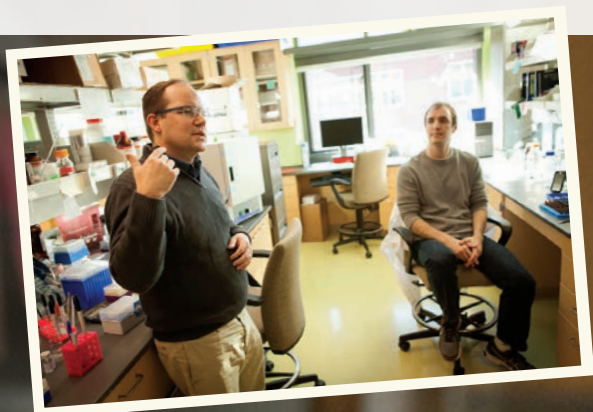
"I've gone through a similar experience. I understand their home life and everything that goes with it," she said.

"So I can give back and help these kids."

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**"The science  
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than the students."**

**– Dr. John Harrelson**  
School of Pharmacy

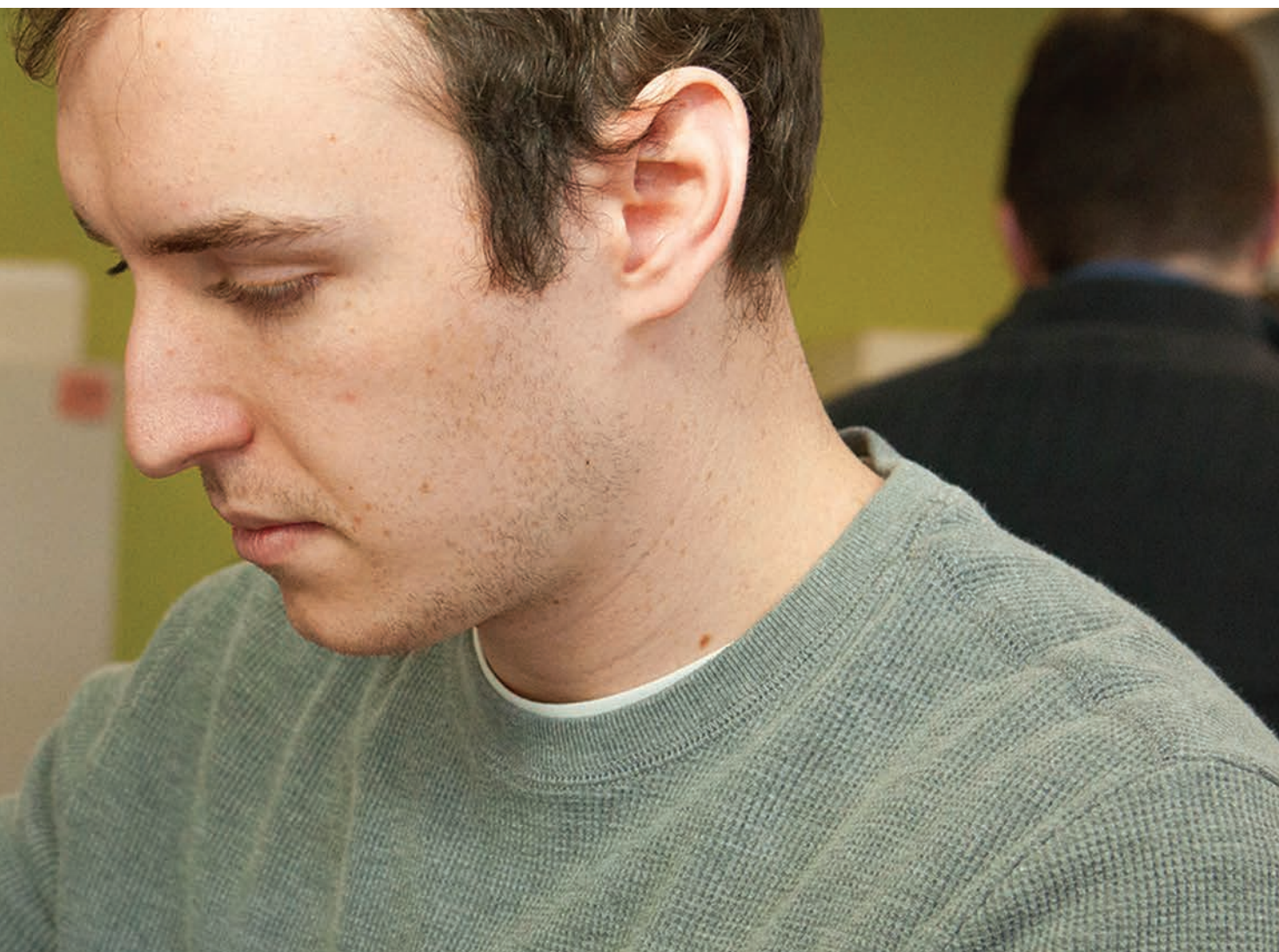
**Stephen Black '15  
worked as a  
research assistant  
during college.**

A chemistry major at Pacific University, he spent his time in the School of Pharmacy research lab, where Professor John Harrelson has been investing a new tobacco cessation option.

Today, Black continues that work as a full-time lab technician at the School of Pharmacy, still building on the work he began as an undergraduate and developing scientific research skills he will carry throughout his career.

For Harrelson, that's about as rewarding as the research he is undertaking.





Like all Pacific faculty members, Harrelson's first priority is teaching.

Yes, his research is promising — so much so that he received a National Institutes of Health grant to continue it earlier this year. That grant is specifically designed for organizations building their research infrastructure — organizations like Pacific, where developing future scientists is the primary goal.

In 2008, Harrelson first began looking for a natural compound that could inhibit nicotine metabolism. Genetic research, he said, had found that people who metabolize nicotine more quickly felt the need to use more and had a harder time quitting.

He started screening compounds and soon found a compound in cinnamon oil that seemed effective. Now, he is exploring how and why the compound

slows the metabolism process and how that may be used as a cessation option.

He's not doing it alone, though. Harrelson has partnered with several faculty members in the School of Pharmacy and the undergraduate Chemistry Department, and students from both programs get hands-on research experience as part of the project.

Undergraduates have the opportunity to work alongside third-year doctorate candidates in the lab and to gain experience using high-tech equipment that they likely wouldn't touch in a large research university. Pharmacy students, meanwhile, build their research credentials, present their work at national and international conferences, and build a network of future research partners.

"The science doesn't become more important than the students," Harrelson said.

Rather, the science gives students the experience to further their careers. Black, for example, has established a molecular modeling program for the project and teaches current students how to extend research and save resources through computer models.

"I like that I'm building these different skills to bring to market," he said.

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Boxer is the latest subject of *History Revealed*, a documentary series chronicling Washington County's past. The episode, hosted by Cindy Dauer, explores the origin, mysteries and manifestations of Pacific's beloved mascot.

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## Bye Bye Badger

In 1968, Pacific University students voted to change the university's mascot from a badger to the Boxer. To mark the transition, students staged a funeral for Benny the Badger, burying the mascot costume. Benny, along with his female companion, Betty the Badger, is still on display in the university museum in Old College Hall.

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# class notes

## 1966

**Barbara (Williams) Crandall** has retired after a career in computer systems design and implementation for the Lincoln County School District, where she received the superintendent's award twice. She also has received the Lincoln City Community Involvement Award in 1989 and the Lincoln City Woman of the Year Award in 2012. She enjoys reading, kayaking, and involvement with her church and homeowners association.

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**David Crist '66, OD '67** practices optometry at University Hills Eye Center. He was a captain in the U.S. Air Force Westover Regional Hospital from 1971 to 1973. He has served as president and legislative chair of the Colorado Optometric Association and received the American Optometric Association Distinguished Service Award in 1998. He also was president of the Denver Tech Center Rotary Club in 2006.

**Jon Elston '66, OD '67** is owner and president of Sweet Home Properties.

**Inez (Bondurant) Griffels** is keeping busy in retirement, enjoying golf, serving as a 4-H horse leader, and writing a book on the history of the Washington County Fair.

**Neal Halousek '66, MSED '74** is president of Estele NB Inc.

**Lin Howell** is retired after a career as a teacher and administrator.

He won the Oregon Biology Teacher of the Year Award in 1991. He enjoys spending time with friends, working in the garden, traveling and building furniture.

**Mike Inouye** is retired from a career as assistant general manager of transportation for the City of Los Angeles. He enjoys golfing and spending time with his grandchildren.

**Sallie (Cox) Jones** retired from a career as librarian for Orange County Public Works. She enjoys quilting, working in her garden, and spending time with her granddaughters.

**Riley Kaneshina** is retired from a career as a principal in the Hawai'i State Department of Education.

**Richard Melberg** is enjoying retirement and his seven grandchildren. After Pacific, he earned a master's degree from Arizona State University before embarking on a career with IBM, Loral and Lockheed-Martin.

**Al Nettleton** retired from a career in research and information technology, social services and public health.

**Paul Owens '65, OD '66** was the first optometrist to be employed by the U.S. Public Health Service. He earned his MD from the University of Washington Medical School in 1974 and went on to an impressive career in optometry and medicine. He and

his partner were the first same-sex couple to marry in Monroe County, Pa., and they split their time between homes in Pennsylvania and Argentina.

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**Joe Pomrink** worked for Sunoco Inc. for 31 years and is now a personal financial advisor, guardian and member of the volunteer crime patrol. He enjoys traveling and big game hunting.

**Lee Ann (Williams) Prielipp** taught in Washington for 27 years. She was involved in the local teacher association, serving several terms as president, was on the National Education Association Board of Directors and was Washington Education Association President. She now serves as chair of the Washington Education Association-Retired Legislative Work Team and is a trustee for Seattle's Harborview Hospital.

**Rex Reed** worked for IBM for 30 years on the deep space and Apollo programs. He also founded and ran a program at Washington University for nonprofit children's agencies. He has lived in the U.S. and Australia and worked in Europe. He enjoys traveling, vacationing at his beach home, and spending time with his grandchildren.

**Jim Sumner** was an admissions counselor at Pacific before working for seven different colleges and universities over a 46-

year career. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is now a retired university dean and vice president.

**Nat Webb** earned an MBA after Pacific, then worked for Shell Oil Co. and the City of Newark before becoming a wheat farmer. He is former chair of the Walla Walla County Planning Commission, past director of National Legislation for the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, past board member of the National Association of Wheat Growers, past chairman of the Washington Grain Commission, and past board member of the U.S. Wheat Commission. He has also served as a member of the Pacific Business Council and as chairman of Pacific's College of Business Advisory Committee.

## 1967

**Jim Weyrich '67, OD '68** served in the U.S. Navy shortly after graduation then went on to private practice for 28 years. He was active in the Washington Optometric Association, served on the National Council on Migrant Health and National Advisory Council for the National Health Service Corps and volunteered with Mercy Ships. He later founded the EyeCare WeCare Foundation. He received the Washington Optometric Association Doctor of the Year Award in 1979, the National Junior Chamber of

Commerce Outstanding Young Man of America Award in 1978, the Universal Peace Federation Ambassador for Peace Award in 2011, the Aberdeen Washington Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellowship Award in 2011, and the Lions International President Sid Scruggs Lions Club International Foundation Letter of Commendation in 2011.

## 1968

**Lissy (Dolezal) Currie** earned her RN after Pacific then worked in in-patient and out-patient jobs and in community nursing. She lives in Cheyenne, Wyo., near her grandchildren and enjoys walking her dogs, sewing, gardening, photography and involvement with her church.

## June (Waters)

**Stovall** hosted **Marty Muncie '68** and **Jane (Peeples) Middlebrook Sappington '68** at her Florida home in April 2016 for a mini-reunion. They visited the Gulf of Mexico beaches, kayaked with alligators on the Wekiva River and ate out for "gator bites."

## 1970

**Raymond Mans '70, OD '72** was featured in the September 2016 issue of *Focus*, the magazine of the American Optometric Association, as part of a piece on preparing for retirement. Mans has paved the way for the future of his practice by bringing in fellow alumni: his son, **Justin Mans OD '07** and his nephew **Robert Mans OD '94**.

## class notes

**1971**

**Kerry (Michel) Bassett** worked as a greenskeeper for the City of Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course for years before launching a career as a victim advocate, emergency response investigator and women's shelter director. She wrote *My Very Own Special Body Book*, then completed master's degrees in conflict resolution and teaching adult learners. In retirement, she continues to consult and write for *Peace Voice* magazine.

**1974**

**John Crotty '74, OD '76** spent 20 years in private practice with his father and another 20 years in practice on his own before retiring. His son, Russell, joined his practice in 2013. John served as president of the Nebraska Optometric Association in 1992.

**Benjamin Kister '74, OD '76** is an optometrist at Kister Eyecare PC in Riverton, Wyo.

**1979**

**Clair Costello** works in physical education and coaches at Riverside High School in Boardman, Ore.

**1982**

**Brenda (Heinke) Montecalvo '82, OD '85** was featured in the September 2016 issue of *Focus*, the magazine of the American Optometric Association, as part of a piece on traumatic brain injury. She is immediate past chair of the AOA's Vision Rehabilitation

Section and a survivor of a TBI shortly after her Pacific graduation.

**1983**

**Kathleen (Cary) Adams PT** has joined Upper Hand Orthopaedics in Corvallis, Ore. She has more than 25 years experience working with upper-extremity injured patients, most recently at Samaritan Health Services. She obtained her certified hand therapist designation in 2004.

**1984**

**Laurel Ann (Carter) Clifton** recently retired after a career as a teacher in the Forest Grove School District, mostly at Cornelius Elementary. She took up English dressage at 40 and enjoys sewing costumes for Manuel Ramos and the Los Nuestrros Ballet Folklorico.

**Steve Paranto '79, MST '84** recently was featured in the *Forest Grove News-Times* as a pickleball enthusiast. He is a physical education teacher in Hillsboro, Ore.

**1986**

**Greg Thielen OT** has joined Upper Hand Orthopaedics in Corvallis, Ore. He has been a certified hand therapist for the past 24 years, working in both clinical and management positions.

**Stephen Taylor '82, OD '86** was recognized in April when the Mayfair Optometric Clinic was named 2016 Business of the Year (11 to 25 employees) by the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

**1987**

**Beatrice Michel OD '87** and **Eric Halperin OD '86** are preparing for retirement from the practice they have shared in Tillamook since 1989. The couple was featured in the September 2016 issue of *Focus*, the magazine of the American Optometric Association, as part of a piece on retirement preparation.

**1988**

**Rich Burk** took a hiatus this summer from his role as the voice of the Hillsboro Hops baseball team to announce Olympic events for NBC Sports. He covered games from NBC Sports' headquarters in Connecticut, offering play-by-play mostly on the networks new 4K channels, as well as for standard TV.

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**1990**

**Sande Brown MAT** has retired as principal of Seaside Heights Elementary School in Oregon after more than 25 years. She worked for Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District before taking classes at Clatsop Community College then finishing her teaching degree at Pacific. She has taught English and journalism and also served as principal of Broadway Middle School, Gearhart Elementary School and Cannon Beach Elementary School.

**1991**

**Nancy Smith '91, OD '93** has joined 20/20 EyeCare in Glenwood

and Carbondale, Colo. She specializes in medical eye care, including LASIK, dry eye and allergy symptoms, emergency needs and injuries. She previously practiced in Greeley, Colo.

**1992**

**Tad Buckingham '92, OD '94** was featured in the cover story of the September 2016 issue of *Focus*, the magazine of the American Optometric Association. A paramedic, optometrist and firefighter, Buckingham discussed the impact of wildfire smoke and irritants on the ocular health of communities as a result of climate change.



**Hilary Hawthorne OD**

shared insight about the optometric profession with *The Atlantic* magazine in August 2016. She practices at Community Eye Center Optometry in Los Angeles and has maintained certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry since 2011.

**1993**

**Summer (Zumwalt) Catino MAT** is junior/senior high school principal at Gaston School District. She was featured in an article in the *Forest Grove News-Times* which highlighted her new position and her other activities as a goat farmer.

**1995**

**Amy Nelson '95** is CEO of Point West Credit Union, where she

enjoys the opportunity to employ fellow Pacific alumni. The Point West Credit Union team recently partnered with the Human Access Project to build awareness about sustainability of the Willamette River. On the team were **Ivette Heredia '17**, an intern; **Ethan Dung '16**, marketing coordinator; **NiKole Gebhart '13**, marketing event contractor; and **Kami Kugler '14**, financial generalist (not pictured). **Christy Aleckson '95** is a member of the Point West Supervisory Committee.

**1998**

**Will Wright** and Joe Monahan published "Recalibrate, Retune, Rebalance" in the June 2016 issue of *College Planning & Management* magazine, detailing commissioning steps that led to improved performance of HVAC controls at Rowan University. Will Wright is the founder of Wright Commissioning.

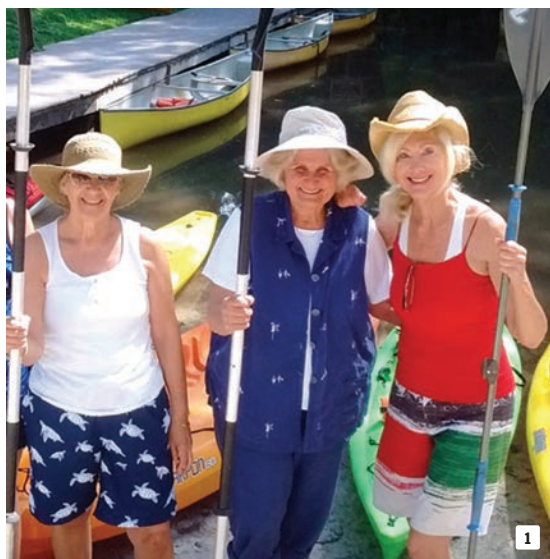
**Heather (Smith) Yount**

**MAT** was named Oregon Principal of the Year at the elementary level. Young is principal in the Three Rivers School District in Grants Pass., Ore.



**Rebecca Weaver** married Katherine Ostrom in May 2016. They live in Decatur, Ga., with their two cats. She teaches English at Georgia State University Perimeter College-Clarkson, and Katherine teaches Spanish and Portuguese at Emory.





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## class notes

### 2000

**Peter Kopp** recently published *Hoptopia: A World of Agriculture and Beer in Oregon's Willamette Valley*. Kopp is an assistant professor of history and director of public history at New Mexico State University.

**Erin (Moylett) Miles MAT** is principal of Fir Grove Elementary in the Beaverton (Ore.) School District. Previously, she was principal at the district's Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School.

### 2002

**Amanda (Miller) Iverson** is a shareholder at Pinnacle Plan Design, a national provider of retirement plan design and actuarial consulting services. She has served as the firm's chief operating officer since 2010.

### 2003

**Denny Yap** and Jim Jarvis were married Aug. 21, 2016, in Seattle.

### 2005

**Ariel Salzman PT** married Brendan Andrew Robinson on April 23 in Sister's, Ore.

**Andi (Journey) Schellinger** recently published a nonfiction military history and culture book, *Aircraft Nose Art*. The program started as her thesis for her master's program in military and diplomatic studies at Hawai'i Pacific University. Schellinger lives in The Dalles, Ore.

### 2006

**Hannah Johnson** completed a master's degree after Pacific and ran for office as a Washington state representative. She is now a program manager for SAIC, running a program that develops and runs analytic simulations for federal agencies.

**Stephanie Kraft-Terry** earned a PhD in neuroscience from the University of Nebraska in 2011, then moved to Hawai'i for post-doctoral research at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawai'i, where she is an assistant specialist and advising and assessment coordinator. She married in 2007 and is expecting her second child.

**Sarah (Shelton) Reese** is a stay-at-home mom who has worked in a variety of fields, including on her family's tree farm, on an organic berry farm, and as a caddie at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort.

**Chelsie (Bake) Rice** worked for Marriott and for Tuality before becoming a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband have two children.

**Lisa (Kjorstad) Roche** worked at Frye's Action Athletics, U.S. Bank and later at the Veterans Hospital in Portland. She then returned to Pacific as an undergraduate admissions counselor. She is now a private

photographer and an independent consultant for Perfectly Posh. She has run three marathons, married and had two children since graduating from Pacific.

**Randall Shinn '06, MAT '07** and his wife Ashley welcomed daughter Kaylie Michiko Shinn on July 23, 2016. She weighed 7.1 pounds and measured 20 inches. Randall is a teacher on Oahu.

**Kristina (Brown) Thornton** completed a master's in biology from Adelphi University then went to medical school as St. George's University. She is in her third of five years as an internal medicine/psychiatry resident at the University of Kansas Hospital. She and her husband have one son.

**Crystal (Gillingham) Ventura '06, OT '08** worked as an occupational therapist for Providence Healthcare before leaving to take care of her son's health needs. She opened an allergy-safe home preschool for children who could not otherwise attend preschool. She enjoys traveling and adventuring and organizing community groups.

**Chase Webb** and his wife Yuki welcomed daughter Mai Webb on March 21, 2016. She joins older sister, Mika. The family lives in Osaka, Japan.

### 2007

**Laura Hoskins MS '03, PsyD '07** was named director of the Department of Neuropsychology at Shepherd Center, a rehabilitation hospital in Atlanta, which *U.S. News & World Report* ranked in the Top 10 for brain and spinal cord injury. She also serves as the training director for the Shepherd Center's APPCN post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology and is the consulting neuropsychologist for the Atlanta Falcons.

### 2008

**Jess (Dunkin) Hamlet** graduated with a master of fine arts degree in Shakespeare & Performance from Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. She is now working on a PhD at the Hudson Strode Program in Renaissance Studies at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

### 2009

**Rachael Burbank** is assistant director of development for

Charles River School, an independent pre-K through eighth-grade school in Dover, Mass.

**Mandi Feucht '09, MED '14** and **Jordan Fisher '09** were married Aug. 6, 2016, at Persimmon Country Club in Gresham, Ore.

### 2012

**Chelsea Chamberlain** has been named associate communications director at the University of New Mexico, where she will work with softball and men's basketball. She is the first woman to head publicity efforts for the Lobos' men's basketball team.

### 2016

**Daniel Alletto OD** has joined International Eyecare Center in Centerville, Iowa.

**Walker Olis** is an outfielder for the Gulf Coast Marlins, a minor league baseball team in the Miami Marlins franchise. He was a 19th-round draft pick by the Miami Marlins after his stellar career at Pacific. ■

## keepintouch

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## in memoriam

### Friends

**Jeffrey G. Barlow,** longtime Pacific University history professor and Berglund Center founding director, died Oct. 12, 2016. Dr. Barlow received professor emeritus status upon his retirement in 2012, after serving as the Matsushita Chair of Asian and International Studies at Pacific for many years. He was active in the U.S. China Peoples' Friendship Association and worked for normalization of U.S. relations with Vietnam. The Northwest China Council honored Barlow in 2010. He is survived by his wife Christine; son Lewis; former spouse Janelle; stepson Bret; daughter Clare; and brother Charles. Memorial donations may be made to the Pacific University History Department.

**Professor Emeritus Leigh Hunt Jr.** died June 26, 2016, at age 93. He joined the Pacific University faculty in 1964 after earning a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a master of arts and PhD from the University of Minnesota. He also taught at Lewis & Clark College and Seoul National University in Seoul, South Korea. In the mid-1980s, he was granted faculty emeritus status, and he remained connected to the many students whose lives he influenced. He was preceded in death earlier this year by his wife of 37 years, Dorothy Arlove Hunt, who he married in 1978 at Old College Hall.

### Former Professor B.J.

**Seymour** died May 22, 2016, at age 86. A social worker, poet, activist and educator, Barbara Jean (Jacobson) Seymour spent eight years as social services director for Pacific University's optometry clinics and later returned to the university as a part-time assistant professor of social work and English. She was a social worker, lobbyist, and public relations professional in her career. She enjoyed poetry and drama, and was active in public service throughout her career. She is survived by her sons, Colin and Leif; two grandchildren; and a cousin.

### 1938

**George E. Barkley** died March 20, 2016, at age 98. A business administration student at Pacific, he was a member of Gamma Sigma Fraternity, played basketball and served as class treasurer. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II as navigator of Landing Ship Tank 889. After the war, he moved to Tracy, Calif., where he partnered with his cousin to form Hanson and Barkley Farming. He was a member of the American Legion, San Joaquin Hay Growers Association and the County Farm Bureau.

### 1945

**Peter Saunders Ford** died Aug. 17, 2016, at age 91. He met his future wife **Barbara Ruth Phillips '45** at Pacific before going on to the University of Oregon School of

Medicine. He served in the military during World War II and the Korean War, then established a career as a family physician. He served on the medical staff of Providence, Emmanuel and Woodland hospitals and completed a fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. He also published a book, *The Healing Trinity*. He was preceded in death by his wife and daughter Anne Matthews. He is survived by his children, Bronwyn (and Robert) Rhoades, Marcus (and Sandra Lubarsky) Ford, Eric (and Laurie) Ford, Paula (and Michael) Ciesielski, and John (and Sommer Schwanke) Ford; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

### 1946

**Helen J. (Johnston) Goldstein '46, MA '53** died May 1, 2016, at age 91. After Pacific, she earned a master's in library science from the University of Washington. She married Milton Goldstein in 1962. She worked as a teacher and head librarian in the Newberg School District, with a leave of absence to teach two years in Panama. She was a member of the PEO Chapter L and enjoyed traveling, reading, gardening, cats and time with family and friends. She was preceded in death by her brother **George "Bud" Johnston '50** and by her husband. She is survived by her brother **Richard "Dick" '53**, and his wife Lois, Johnston; sister-in-law Margaret Johnston; and many nieces and nephews.

### 1949

**Francis T. Lynch** died June 2, 2016, at age 94. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Seabees, after high school and was stationed in the Solomon Islands during World War II. He met his future wife, **Jeanie Packer '49** at Pacific. He worked for 20 years as a title examiner before finishing out his career as a tax appraiser for Multnomah County, Ore. He enjoyed collecting cars, watching races at Alpenrose Dairy, and garage-saling. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2013. He is survived by his children Francine (and Jon) Read, Jenine (and Dennis) Treskey, and Bill Lynch; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

### 1957

**Alice J. (Streitwieser) Morgan** died March 23, 2016, at age 80. She was a member of Phi Lambda Omicron at Pacific, where she earned her education degree. She taught for 34 years in Portland Public Schools. She was known to purchase books, toothbrushes and combs for students out of her own pocket. She enjoyed traveling, cooking, gardening and spending time with family. She was a member of the Oregon Historical Society, the Portland Art Museum and the Multnomah Athletic Club. She was preceded in death by her husband, David. She is survived by her son Philip Morgan; daughter Emily (and Paul) Ehl; and grandsons Taylor and Cody Morgan and Simon and Matteo Uhl.

### 1959

**George "Joe" M. Alexander** died June 15, 2016, at age 81. He earned a speech pathologist degree from Pacific. He married Martha Lee Brinkman Ziska in 1964 and he adopted her daughter, Dalla Lee, before the birth of Darin George.

### 1960

**John W. Gansner '60, OD '61** died April 20, 2016, at age 90. He practiced optometry in Comox Valley and Campbell River in British Columbia, where he was well loved by his patients. He was a past president and member of the Courtenay Rotary Club. He is survived by his wife Margaret; sons Jim (and Myra), John (and Linda) and Mike (and Valerie); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### 1961

**Wade O. Doerfler** died Sept. 10, 2015, at age 77. He worked in the Central Linn School District in Halsey, Ore., from 1965 until his retirement in 1991, serving as teacher, principal and administrator. He also served as council member and mayor of the City of Halsey over a 30-year span and worked on behalf of many community organizations. He is survived by his wife **Marianne (Rettig) Doerfler '61**; sons Damon, Eric and Todd Doerfler; daughter Hollis Schneider; nine grandchildren; and brother Bun Doerfler.

## in memoriam

### Douglas G. Stewart

**'61, MSEd '69** died June 26, 2016, at age 76. He played basketball, track and football at Pacific University before earning a master's at the University of Oregon. He taught biology at St. Helens High School, where he also coached basketball, track and football. He retired as a school administrator. He was an active member of the Elks and Moose and enjoyed golfing, fishing, skiing, boating and watching westerns. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Frances; his children Bradley Stewart and Katrina Shiroma; and his brother Homer Stewart.

### Jack D. Worden '61,

**OD '62** died June 3, 2016, at age 76. He practiced optometry in Pomona, Calif., for 46 years. He was a Rotarian with 27 years of perfect attendance. He served as Rotary president in 1988-1989. He also served as president of the California Optometric Association. In addition to his practice, he also owned and operated Christmas tree farms. He is survived by his brother, William Worden; children Susan (and Steve) Churchick, Robert Worden, Melanie (and Mike) Hill, and Lisa (and Michael) Hubbell; and four grandchildren.

### 1962

#### Marvin L. Bensen

died April 17, 2016, at age 76. He was a parts manager for a number of car dealerships and auto parts stores and enjoyed

genealogy, railroading, fishing and community activism. He is survived by his daughter Karen (and Nathan) Lomboy; son John (and Rhonda) Bensen; and four grandchildren.

### 1967

#### Donald E. Bigelow

**OD '67** died May 1, 2016, at age 73. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army before attending Pacific for optometry school. He spent seven years as an Army optometrist and attained the rank of captain before transferring to the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. He was the first optometrist with the Indian Health Service in Alaska. In 1985, he retired from the USPHS at the Navy-equivalent rank of captain and went on to develop an optometry program for Southcentral Foundation, an Alaska Native health corporation. He retired in 1998 and moved to Florida. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, and fishing. He is survived by his wife Susan H. (Elder) Vallejo; sons Andrew Ellsworth (and Tina) Bigelow and Christopher Niles (and Jennifer) Bigelow; sister Dorothy Ellen (and Louis) Pomplin; brother Derald Ellsworth Bigelow; three grandchildren; and an extended family.

### 1968

#### Judith (Meinke)

**Bronson** died Nov. 12, 2015, at age 69. After attending Pacific, where

she met her first husband, **David Simpson '65**, she moved to Connecticut, where the couple worked with the youth programs, leading to the creation of the Interfaith Social Action Corporation. She completed her bachelor's and master's degrees in education, teaching for several years before becoming director of the Interfaith Day Care Center. She later went on to work for the Litchfield County Head Start Program and as an evaluator of other school programs. She enjoyed participation in the Unitarian Universalist Church, bird watching, gardening, kayaking and hiking. She was preceded in death by her son Timothy David Simpson. She is survived by her husband, Fred Bronson; daughter Sarah (and Harold) Parks; stepdaughters Gay and Beth Bronson; grandchildren Noah and Anna Parks; sisters Cindy Shallit and Nancy Bell Morgan; and an extended family.

### 1972

#### Duane E. Chesnut

died Nov. 26, 2014. He attended Pacific for two years, worked in auto repair, and eventually found his niche as a bartender. He enjoyed rock cutting and polishing, as well as hunting and fishing, darts and pool. He is survived by his son Michael (and Camille) Munoz;

grandchildren Gracie and Mason; brother, Ed (and Judy) Chesnut; and an extended family.

### 1976

#### Carmon Cunningham

died June 20, 2016, at age 62. While studying economics at Pacific, he started the Concerned Black Students Organization, of which he was president, and served as a DJ for the campus radio station. He worked at Xerox Corp., and later Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), which eventually took him to Boston. He earned an MBA from Boston University in 1991 and became director of alumni relations for the Sloan School of Management at MIT. He went on to become vice president of communications and technology for the Boston nonprofit Jobs for the Future. In Boston, he was involved in Concerned Black Men of Massachusetts, president of the Boston Chapter of

the National Black MBA Association, and a board member of Thompson Island Outward Bound and the Big Brothers Association. He later opened a dry-cleaning business in Wilmington, Va., where he served as president and then as a board member of the Chamber of Commerce. He is survived by his wife, Paula; son Dante Cunningham (and Rathana Bun); stepson James Hammond; mother Melvia Cunningham; and brothers Gerald and Derwin Cunningham.

### 1978

#### Cathie (Schneider)

**McPherson** died July 18, 2015, at age 63. She spent her career in the medical field, living and working in Bremerton, Wash., since 1998. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer McPherson. She is survived by her parents, Edwin and Meredith Schneider; and brother Claude Schneider. ■

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