If it hadn’t been for a cross-cultural conversation between a young professional Russian volleyball player and a University of Alaska Fairbanks volleyball coach in 1992, Tatiana Piatanova might not now be at Pacific University.

Piatanova played on a professional volleyball team in the city of Khabarovsk, on Russia’s far eastern border — a seven-hour plane flight from Moscow — when she was in her late teens.

The daughter of a Russian air force father, she grew up as a “military brat,” in Russia and the former Czechoslovakia, she said.

Around 1992, a volleyball team from the University of Alaska Fairbanks journeyed to Khabarovsk to play her team as part of the thawing in relations between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

“I was the youngest on my team and my coach told me to ‘say something to them.’ I didn’t speak a word of English,” she said. “What do I say? My coach told me to say ‘My name is Tatiana, and I want to come to America.’

“I had no idea of what I was saying. I shook a hand and didn’t think anything of it,” she said. “A month later, I got a letter from them inviting me to come study with them at UAF and play on the team.”

Thus began Piatanova’s education in the United States. She played volleyball for two years on a full scholarship at the UAF, then spent two years completely on her own.

“I wanted to go back to Russia, but I had no money,” she said. “It wasn’t even a choice, because financially, I couldn’t. So, I stuck around, got some student jobs and under-the-table jobs, paid my way through school. And then, my third year there, I fell in love, got married and all that stuff.”

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The Russian teenager, who originally spoke no English, earned a bachelor’s degree in English in 1998, then a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting and computer art in 2000 from UAF.

After graduating, she found a job at Alaska Sea Grant, part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Working with scientists, Piatanova designed books, did scientific illustrations and got to travel all over Alaska.

After few years of doing graphic design, she decided to continue her education in art at Parson School of Design in New York City. The move lasted two years.

The new residence hall will support the University undergraduate population, which is expected to grow from its current enrollment of approximately 1,700 to 2,000 by the year 2020.

With the aid of the Inici Group, Mahlum Architects and Walsh Construction have been selected to design and construct the new building, which will have a focus on sustainability, open spaces and technology. Mahlum helped design the university’s two newest campus residences, Burlingham in 2006 and Gilbert in 2008, both of which are LEED-certified.

Walsh Construction also built Berglund Hall, another LEED-certified building, on the Forest Grove Campus in 2007.

The new building will feature both single- and double-occupancy rooms, as well as small suites, shared kitchens, study spaces and lounge areas. Other amenities include outdoor patios, an indoor/outdoor fireplace, bicycle parking and environmentally friendly gardens to capture stormwater runoff for irrigation and reuse.

Follow the construction process and news online. pacificu.edu/newresidencehall

Piatanova: Designer creates technology solutions

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“I didn’t finish because I missed Alaska,” she said. “I found myself going back every chance I got … so I just moved back.”

She worked for a nonprofit art association, then for her alma mater in the field of instructional design.

In her new position as instructional designer at the Center of Educational Technology and Curricular Innovation, housed in the Library, Piatanova helps faculty and students with technology now available for education.

Her roles including working to implement technology in the classroom, helping train students and staff to use the technology, and making suggestions as to what technology to use for different needs.

“Mainly, we’re working with blended and flipped classroom models,” she said.

In the flipped model, students watch lectures on their own time. In class, they have discussions and do problem-solving, “they actually do what they would normally do in homework,” she said.

“That model has been found to be really successful for a number of reasons, not the least of which is the instructors’ presence and guidance in the classroom when the students experience problems does lead to a deeper understanding of concepts,” she said.

Piatanova also is a professional artist, a reader, a knitter and a hiker who loves the outdoors and looks forward to exploring Oregon’s trails.
MEGAN DRAKE, Library, will present a talk at the annual Charleston Conference on Acquisitions in South Carolina in November. Her topic is *How Is That Going to Work? Rethinking Acquisitions in a Next-Generation ILS.* She will also speak in November to the deans and directors of OhioLINK, the Ohio Library and Information Network consortium of Ohio’s colleges and university libraries. Her talk will be about Pacific University Library’s experience in migrating to a new system being utilized by Summit, a combined catalog of Pacific Northwest academic libraries belonging to the Orbis Cascade Alliance. The program is sponsored by the Ex Libris 2013 Executive Briefing Series and the State Library of Ohio.

JAMES KUNDART, Optometry, earned academic fellowship in the College of Optometrists in Vision Development at the 23rd annual COVD conference held in Orlando in October.

HANNU LAUKKANEN, Optometry, presented a poster, *Brain Injury Vision Symptom Survey (BIVSS): Preliminary Comparison Data and Rasch Analysis,* at the annual College of Optometrists in Vision Development meeting. He also lectured on *A symptom survey for brain injury & 3 alternates.*

JOSEPH MILLAR, MFA, will be at Flagler College, St. Augustine, Fla., in the writers-in-residence program to tell about his life as a poet, creative writing teacher and other endeavors.

BOB NEE, Physical Therapy, co-authored a paper with Annina Schmid and Michel Coppieters, titled, “Reappraising entrapment neuropathies – Mechanisms, diagnosis and management,” that was published online in *Manual Therapy* in September.

CONNOR PRINCIPE, Psychology, and her research as the lead author on a study that indicated that identical twins judge each other by relative beauty was featured in an article, “Who will fight the beauty bias?” in the *Boston Globe* in August.

REZA KARIMI, Pharmacy, has been named interim dean of the School of Pharmacy while a search for a permanent dean is underway. He has been faculty member since 2006 and has also served as the assistant dean for academic affairs and the associate dean for academic affairs and assessment at the School of Pharmacy.

WILBUR RAMIREZ-RODRIGUEZ DHS ’10, Dental Health Science, is the 2013 recipient of the Oregon Public Health Institute Emerging Leader Award. The honor is part of OPHI’s “Genius Awards” program, designed to recognize outstanding Oregonians who have made significant contributions to improving the health of the public.

ELLEN REULER, RIK LEMONCELLO, KERRY MANDULAK, ERIC SANDERS, AMANDA STEAD and PETER FLIPSEN JR., Communication Sciences and Disorders, will present at 12 oral or poster sessions at the American Speech Language Hearing Association national convention in Chicago Nov. 14-17.

SHUN-NAN TANG, Optometry, provided analysis for an article, "Is Apple iOS7 Making Users Sick?" in the online publication *InformationWeek.*

DOYLE WALLS, English, presented a paper, *The Sacred Imperative to Teach the Erotic in Literature, Despite the Restrictions — Legal and Tribal — that Bar the Door and Demand the Veil,* at the eighth Global Conference on Exploring the Erotic at Mansfield College, Oxford University in the United Kingdom in September.

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Pacific University is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday starting at noon Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Friday, Nov. 29.

TAKE A BREAK WITH BOXER BOOST
Pacific University staff members are invited to join staff senators for coffee and light refreshments from 3 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 in the Alumni Room in the University Center in Forest Grove and in Room 430 of HPC2 at the Hillsboro Campus. The monthly event is sponsored by ARAMARK and the Staff Senate.

PUB NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS WITCHCRAFT
History Professor Martha Rampton will discuss witchcraft as part of human culture during a PUB (Pacific University Boxers) Night at 6 p.m. Nov. 6 at BJs Restaurant and Brewhouse in Hillsboro. Cost for the event is $25 per person and registration is required.

TARGET GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE
Applications for Teaching Advancement and Research Grants in Educational Technology (TARGET) for Fall 2014 are being accepted until Dec. 1. Awards will be announced Jan. 15, 2014.

The program provides structured support, funds technology costs, and offers stipends or course release time for projects that pilot or develop a compelling use of online technology to deliver or enhance courses across Pacific University. For a list of requirements and expectations of the grants, see the call for proposals.