FOX 12 Anchor Shauna Parsons Returns as ‘Legends’ Emcee
Pacific University’s Legends Hosted by Tommy Thayer is Sunday

FOREST GROVE (August 22, 2013) – For the second straight year, award-winning journalist and KPTV- Fox 12 news anchor Shauna Parsons will lend her skills as master of ceremonies for Pacific University Legends, hosted by Tommy Thayer. The “2013 Legends” event is this weekend, Sun., Aug. 25 at Waverley Country Club in Portland.

“Shauna Parsons is a fan favorite and we are grateful that she will be joining us again,” said Tommy Thayer, lead guitarist for the legendary rock band KISS, who created and started hosting the event seven years ago. “Shauna is one of those people who lights up a room and puts people in the mood to enjoy a fun evening.”

For more than a decade, Parsons has co-anchored the Portland station’s Emmy award-winning “10 o’clock News” on FOX 12, before taking sole command of the anchor desk for the 5 and 6 p.m. newscasts this Spring. Parsons began her career in Utah where she produced and anchored a daily newscasts for college television and radio stations before joining the Salt Lake City Fox affiliate, working her way up in the newsroom from intern to anchor. Parsons’ work has been recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Utah Broadcasters Association and won an Emmy for her story on animal euthanasia.

“Shauna Parsons is an active and strong supporter of community events in the Greater Portland Area, and we are thrilled to have her return as emcee,” said Lesley M. Hallick, Ph.D., president of Pacific University.

Always on the go outside of work, Parsons volunteers her time to several organizations, spends time with her family, and is often cheering at her kids’ sporting events.

The Legends event began in 2007, and with the help of Tommy Thayer, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the university’s 24-sport NCAA Division III athletics program. Each year, Thayer invites fellow musicians and professional athletes to Portland for an evening of fine dining, silent and live auctions and a unique concert featuring all-stars of the music industry.

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This year, Thayer has invited two-time Grammy award winning singer-songwriter and keyboardist, Bill Champlin, formerly of Chicago, Danny Seraphine, the original drummer and founding member of Chicago and California Transit Authority (CTA), Bobby Kimball, former lead singer of the six-Grammy award winning band Toto, CTA arranger, producer and keyboardist Ed Roth, infamous rock manager Doc McGhee, and Oregon's Grammy nominated saxophone jazz musician, Patrick Lamb. This year’s celebrity list also includes Amber Prange and Perry Swenson who will share stories from their days on the LPGA Tour, PGA golf instructor Tommy Masters, and legendary golfer David Graham, winner of two ‘majors’ championships.

Legends 2013 begins Sunday evening with a reception, silent auction and dinner presented by Pac/West, a West Coast public relations and government affairs firm based in Wilsonville. A live auction follows, and an unforgettable concert presented by Lease Crutcher Lewis caps the festivities.

Founded in Oregon in 1849, Pacific University is one of the oldest schools in the west and is consistently named one of America’s Best or Top Colleges. Pacific University serves nearly 3,500 students on its campuses in Forest Grove, Hillsboro and Eugene.

To learn more about Pacific University Legends, hosted by Tommy Thayer, please visit www.pacificu.edu/legends.

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