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Morning Mist

Early-morning fog blankets campus before giving way to sun and patches of blue sky in the afternoon. A common occurrence this time of year, the tranquil haze, crisp morning air and vibrant foliage are all reliable reminders that fall is transitioning to winter, and soon the holidays – and for students, three weeks of winter break – will be here.

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Construction Roundup

University Sets Enrollment Record for 26th Time in 29 Years

Records were meant to be broken, and for the third consecutive year the George Fox admissions team did just that, enrolling a record 3,931 students.

All told, it's the 26th time in 29 years the university has established an enrollment record, dating back to 1986 when the total attendance was just 549 – less than the size of the 2015 freshman class. The 2015 total includes 2,276 traditional undergraduates, 1,340 in graduate programs and 315 in adult degree programs, and received a boost from 740 new or readmitting traditional undergraduate students, including 610 freshmen.

To accommodate the growing student population, construction was completed on the 146-bed Brandt Residence Hall in August, and a new 900-seat dining hall will be unveiled in the summer of 2016 (see page 5). Plans also call for the expansion of academic space for high-demand majors like cinema and media communication and engineering.



Canyon Bridge

Students living on the southeast side of campus can no longer complain about “walking uphill both ways” to class thanks to the construction of a new bridge spanning Hess Creek Canyon.

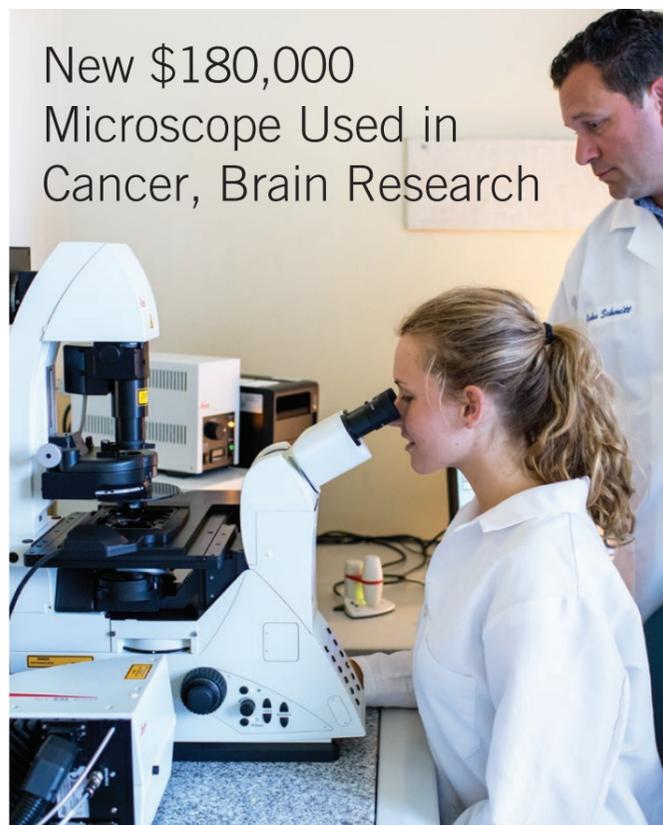
Rather than travel down and then back up the canyon to the west side of campus, students can now cross the bridge behind the Roberts Center (formerly Villa Academic Complex) and end up between Edwards Residence Hall and the tennis courts. The bridge will also provide easy access to the new dining hall being constructed on the east side of campus (see below).

The 220-foot clear-span timber bridge was installed Aug. 12. It took about two hours for two massive hydraulic cranes to lift the 29.5- and 36.5-ton preassembled bridge halves into place so they could be joined together.



▶ Watch aerial footage and a construction time lapse at georgefox.edu/bridge
View a 360-degree photo of the completed bridge at georgefox.edu/bridge2

New \$180,000 Microscope Used in Cancer, Brain Research



This summer the university's Department of Biology and Chemistry acquired a state-of-the-art confocal microscope, and already George Fox faculty and students are using it to perform cutting-edge research.

The microscope, manufactured by Leica Microsystems in Germany, typically costs approximately \$180,000, but thanks in part to a start-up grant from Leica the purchase was made possible. Confocal microscopy represents a type of microscopy that leverages laser physics to provide high-resolution data to uncover the relationships of molecules within a sample. The new microscope is highly versatile in that it allows users to make comparisons of specific genes, proteins and other molecules in living and developing biological systems in four dimensions, including time.

Already it is being put to good use. Recently, Lael Papenfuse, a biology major and pre-med student, generated a high-resolution image of an aggressive form of breast cancer cells that she and other students study in biology professor John Schmitt's research laboratory. One of the proteins identified is called “CaM Kinase” and is implicated in cancer growth. “We have never been able to ‘see’ these proteins together in cancer cells before,” says Schmitt. “It's truly amazing!”

Biology professor Jim Smart and his research students are also using the microscope, in this case to identify key cellular events needed for normal brain development during the periods before and following birth. “Understanding how the brain develops will provide insight into the molecular etiology of brain diseases and disorders like autism, schizophrenia, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and dyslexia,” says Smart. “The confocal is allowing us to see developmental pathologies in brain tissues that were otherwise undetectable.”

Brandt Residence Hall

Former university president David Brandt and wife Melva traveled from their home in Pennsylvania to be present Aug. 26 for the dedication of a new residence hall named in their honor.

Known affectionately by students as “H. Dave” during his time at George Fox from 1998 to 2007, Brandt returned the following day to help move in new students to his namesake dorm in a very hands-on way, carrying boxes and laundry baskets up three flights of stairs.

Construction began on the residence hall in December 2014 and was completed in August. Located on the east side of campus near the Coffin and Le Shana residence halls, the \$7 million building has the capacity for 146 beds and features study rooms on each wing of all three floors.



Dining Hall

Construction is well underway on a new dining hall overlooking the east side of Hess Creek Canyon. Groundbreaking took place this summer on the 30,000-square-foot facility, and already the exterior walls and the beginning of the roof structure are in place.

The new facility will feature large windows to showcase the beauty of its surroundings and expansive skylights to take advantage of natural light. The space will seat up to 900 and include a dining area, smaller meeting spaces and a cafe. Plans call for construction to be completed in summer 2016.



Women's Golf Team Honors Fallen Soldier

The women's golf team is paying tribute to a fallen serviceman throughout the 2015-16 season by carrying a golf bag at each tournament displaying the name of Mark Jennings Daily. A Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army, Daily was killed in Iraq on Jan. 15, 2007, by an improvised explosive device.

At each tournament a different member of the team will carry the bag bearing Daily's name, rank and branch of service. Daily, who had only been in Iraq for three months before losing his life, was posthumously awarded a Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart for service to his country.

The Bruins are honoring Daily as part of the Folds of Honor Military Tribute Program, but for coach MaryJo McCloskey the act is very personal. Daily's mother, Linda, was a roommate and Alpha Phi sister of McCloskey's at the University of Oregon.

"It is such a privilege to participate in this program and to honor Lieutenant Mark Daily," McCloskey says. "While honoring Mark is also personal, I hope Bruin golf and this golf bag will help make people aware of Mark's great story and legacy as well as bring attention to all the other servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice."



University Ranked Among 'America's Best Colleges' for 27th Straight Year

George Fox again received third-party affirmation in annual rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report* and *Washington Monthly*.

For the 27th straight year, the university was ranked as one of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News*, this year earning a spot in the publication's "Best Regional Universities - West" category. George Fox ranked 28th in its classification, consisting of universities that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs, but relatively few doctoral programs.

Washington Monthly, meanwhile, recognized George Fox as a "Best Bang for the Buck" institution, with ranking criteria based on three factors: "net" (not sticker) price, how well schools graduate the students they admit, and whether those students go on to earn at least enough to pay off their loans. George Fox was ranked No. 103 in the West category and No. 192 nationwide.

Professor Brings Computer Coding to Elementary School Classrooms

Last fall education professor Yune Tran launched an innovative program in which George Fox students teach local third-graders computer coding. A little more than a year later, the groundbreaking concept has continued to grow, resulting in attention from both local and national media like KATU News and The Huffington Post.

Tran was inspired to initiate the program by observing her own daughters, ages 6 and 7, who were often bored with routine schoolwork. So, she and her husband introduced them to a challenging computer coding curriculum at home.

After seeing her daughters develop a passion for coding, she decided to take it a step further by introducing the idea to local elementary schools. Ewing Young and Mabel Rush in Newberg both agreed to take on the project, allowing George Fox student-teachers and computer science majors into third-grade classrooms in the fall of 2014 to teach youngsters the basics of coding.

Today, the program has blossomed to include 15 classrooms in five schools, earning a visit in November from a KATU camera crew and a Q&A feature in The Huffington Post. For Tran, the impetus is twofold: to provide her student-teachers experience while also exposing young children to a discipline that is often overlooked and, for most, not even presented as a viable career path until high school or college. She is seeking a major grant to help fund the project, and would ultimately like to see the program expand into the greater Portland area.



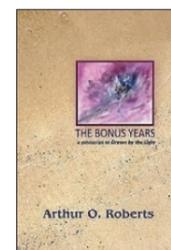
News Bits

IN PRINT



Melanie Springer Mock (English) coauthored a book offering "a fresh perspective on gender and the Bible" titled *If Eve Only Knew: Freeing Yourself from Biblical Womanhood and Becoming all God Means You to Be* (Chalice Press), published in August.

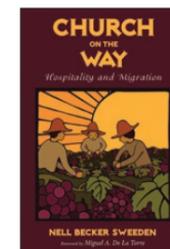
Patrick Allen's (education) new spiritual formation and discipleship book, *A Morning Resolve: To Live a Simple, Sincere, and Serene Life* (Cascade Press), will be published in late 2015/early 2016.



Arthur Roberts (professor-at-large) in June published his 15th book, *The Bonus Years: A Postscript to Drawn by the Light* (Barclay Press), which "opens the door to an enlightening view of productive retirement." It includes a forward by well-known author and George Fox alumnus **Richard Foster** ('64).

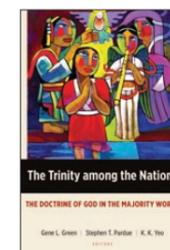
Joseph Clair (honors) coauthored a chapter, "Augustinianisms and Thomisms," that appeared in *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Political Theology*, published in November.

Nell Becker Sweeden's (seminary) new book, *Church on the Way: Hospitality and Migration* (Pickwick



Publications), was released in July. In addition, she contributed a chapter to the book *Embracing the Past - Forging the Future: A New Generation of Wesleyan Theology*, published in September.

Craig Johnson (business) in May published the 3rd edition of his textbook *Organizational Ethics: A Practical Approach* (Sage Publications).



Randy Woodley (seminary) contributed chapters to the books *The Trinity among the Nations: The Doctrine of God in the Majority World* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing), published in November; and *Strangers in This World: Multireligious Reflections on Immigration* (Fortress Press), released in August.

Chengping Zhang (business) coauthored a paper, "Structural Breaks and Portfolio Performance in Global Equity Markets," that appeared in the June 2015 issue of the journal *Quantitative Finance*. Another paper, "Using Excel's Data Table and Chart Tools Effectively in Finance Courses," was published in the November 2015 issue of the *Journal of Accounting and Finance*.

Kevin T. Jones and Jeff Birdsell (communication arts) published their essay, "Teaching At-risk High School Students Communication Competence Skills Through Facework and Improved Self-monitoring," in the October 2015 edition of the *International Journal of Education and Social Sciences*.

Mark McMinn and Rodger Bufford (PsyD) published articles in the summer 2015 issue of the *Journal of Psychology & Theology*. McMinn cowrote "Studying Wisdom: Toward a Christian Integrative Perspective," while Bufford cowrote "Preliminary Analyses of Three Measures of Grace: Can They Be Unified?"

Ed Higgins (English) published a poem, "Daffodils," in the October issue of *The Torrid Literature Journal*. He was also recently named assistant editor of the Irish-based award-winning international quarterly *Brilliant Flash Fiction*.

Eloise Hockett (education) published the results of her research, "Kenya Quaker Secondary School Peace Curriculum Pilot Project: Examining the Role of the Principal in the Successes and Challenges of the Implementation," in the summer 2015 issue of the *Journal of Research on Christian Education*.

Brenda Morton and Ginny Birky (education) coauthored an article, "Innovative School-University Partnerships: Co-teaching in Secondary Settings," that was accepted for publication in the fall 2015 issue of *Issues in Teacher Education*.

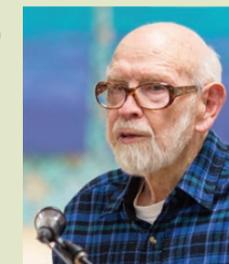
RECENT RECOGNITION



The Villa Academic Complex was renamed the Roberts Center at a dedication ceremony Sept. 28 in honor of longtime professor **Arthur Roberts and wife Fern**. Roberts' tenure at George Fox began in 1953 as professor of philosophy and religion and

included four years as faculty dean. His current position with the university is professor-at-large.

Keith Dempsey (counseling) received the Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Outstanding Leadership Award at the American Association of Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in October.



In October, the **George Fox women's golf team** received the 2015 Community Impact Award, given by the Oregon Golf Association. The OGA noted the team's volunteer work with special needs children and the Newberg food bank, among other contributions.





Bringing History to Life

Professor Caitlin Corning's new book provides context for key historical events in vivid detail

By Sara Kelm

When history professor Caitlin Corning was approached by Fortress Press to write *World History: A Short, Visual Introduction* as part of its Christianity in the Liberal Arts series, she did what some scholars find difficult: she asked for help.

Corning is certainly qualified. A medievalist who specializes in church history, she has taught at George Fox since 1996 and is currently a faculty fellow in the William Penn Honors Program. In 2006, Corning penned *The Celtic and Roman Traditions: Conflict and Consensus in the Early Medieval Church*. This new book, though, wouldn't be about church history – it would be about everything else.

Proposed as a companion to a church history textbook, Corning's latest endeavor covers the history that seminary instructors find they must explain in order for church history to make sense.

"With the Reformation, for example, I focused more on politics rather than religion, because religion is the type of material you would find in church history books," Corning says. "Instead, I addressed how the wider political and economic situation influenced religious events."

As a starting point, Corning considered two courses she has taught for many years: Western Civilization and Christian Foundations – familiar classes for many George Fox graduates. These classes helped her conceptualize the story of a world affected by Christianity. Another main goal was brevity, as *World History* is meant to be a supplementary textbook. Corning wanted to "honor students' time" by making it as short and clear as possible. "I needed to give people a historical context and do it in not many pages," she says.

To narrow the events included in this brief and specialized history book, Corning started asking around. She went to instructors at George Fox Evangelical Seminary and other seminaries and asked them what events they would prioritize – those that were not church history but students needed to understand. The list compiled by Corning's colleagues had some surprises. For instance, some instructors mentioned the French Revolution as a significant gap in student knowledge.

Corning also collaborated with illustrator Joseph Novak to represent key elements of the text in graphic form, from maps and timelines to the visual representation of ideas. The first chapter includes a multi-page visual that shows the spread of the Roman Empire in pink and gray, illustrating and emphasizing Corning's prose. The finished product is a readable and visually compelling textbook that comes in at only 136 pages in length.

She says the book can provide important context both for key moments in church history and current church issues. Ultimately, Corning's goal is that it helps students and readers develop empathy. "We need to have the empathy to understand the decisions people made and how those decisions made sense in their context," she explains. "People always want a better world for their kids. We don't always agree on how we get there, but that's what we want."

Ultimately, Corning's values of context and empathy are embedded in *World History: A Short, Visual Introduction*. It demonstrates that history – of the church and the larger political, economic and social world – is a complex story about making life better through community, collaboration and remembering what came before.



Shades of pink are used to illustrate key elements of Corning's text – from maps and timelines to the visual representation of ideas – in a simple yet memorable way.



Communication Breakthrough

Professor Kevin Jones and his students are giving at-risk middle schoolers communication tools to better cope in their world – one relationship at a time

By Sean Patterson

Two years ago, as communication arts professor Kevin Jones began planning for his sabbatical, he came to a crossroads. He could travel the usual route – do research, publish a paper or write some articles – or he could try putting some of his communication expertise to work in a real-world setting.

Jones opted for the latter, and he launched his plan by contacting Newberg High School and asking the question, "If you could have my services for one semester, what would you have me do for your students?" The answer: Volunteer to work with ninth-graders who are considered "at risk," in jeopardy of dropping out. Upon accepting the invitation during the 2014-15 academic year, Jones discovered proof of a long-held theory: There is a direct correlation between at-risk kids and communication deficiencies.

"Given that, I thought, 'Let's explore this. If we can correct these deficiencies, maybe we can bring down that at-risk category a bit,'" Jones surmised. "Perhaps, if we give these kids some communication tools for their toolbox, they will be less inclined to act out and will be able to better read others and interact with them, whether in a classroom setting or on a personal level."

Jones took his plan a step further in the spring, when he volunteered to teach 16 at-risk middle schoolers at the Springbrook Education Center, an alternative school in the Newberg School District. He was encouraged when, at semester's end, the class showed a 10 percent increase in communication skills based on an assessment test he administered.

But Jones wasn't quite satisfied. Fall was approaching, which meant a return to the classrooms at George Fox. What could he do to continue helping these kids? That's when the idea hit him: Develop a senior capstone course that would take his communication majors into Springbrook's middle-school classroom for one-on-one mentoring.

He gave his senior capstone students the option to write a

research paper or volunteer to mentor seventh- and eighth-graders twice a week for a semester. The vast majority chose to work with the youth.

"Not only are we coming in here to get to know kids and be a mentor for them, we're applying the communication lessons we're learning in class to a real situation," says senior communication arts major Morgan McGuire (pictured above). "This is ideal for me, because I hope to work with youth either as a youth pastor or perhaps a school counselor. Beyond that, you're there for these kids as they go through some pretty tough stuff in life."



Jones used his sabbatical to develop a practical program aimed at helping local youth with their communication skills.

During the fall 2015 semester, nine George Fox students are paired with nine middle schoolers. The mentors get to know the kids on a personal level while also testing them for communication deficiencies. The results will then be used to help Jones' students develop curriculum that outlines exercises and strategies to address students' communication struggles.

"At first some of our students were apprehensive, asking things like 'Why us? What's wrong with us?' But as they got to know Kevin and the students, they realized they were there to help, to engage, to care," says teacher Connie Rice, who gives up two 45-minute blocks of her class time each week for the George Fox visitors. "One thing the kids have

really resonated with is the idea of 'ice words' and 'fire words' – recognizing the importance of using affirming words that cool down a situation versus words that ignite a situation."

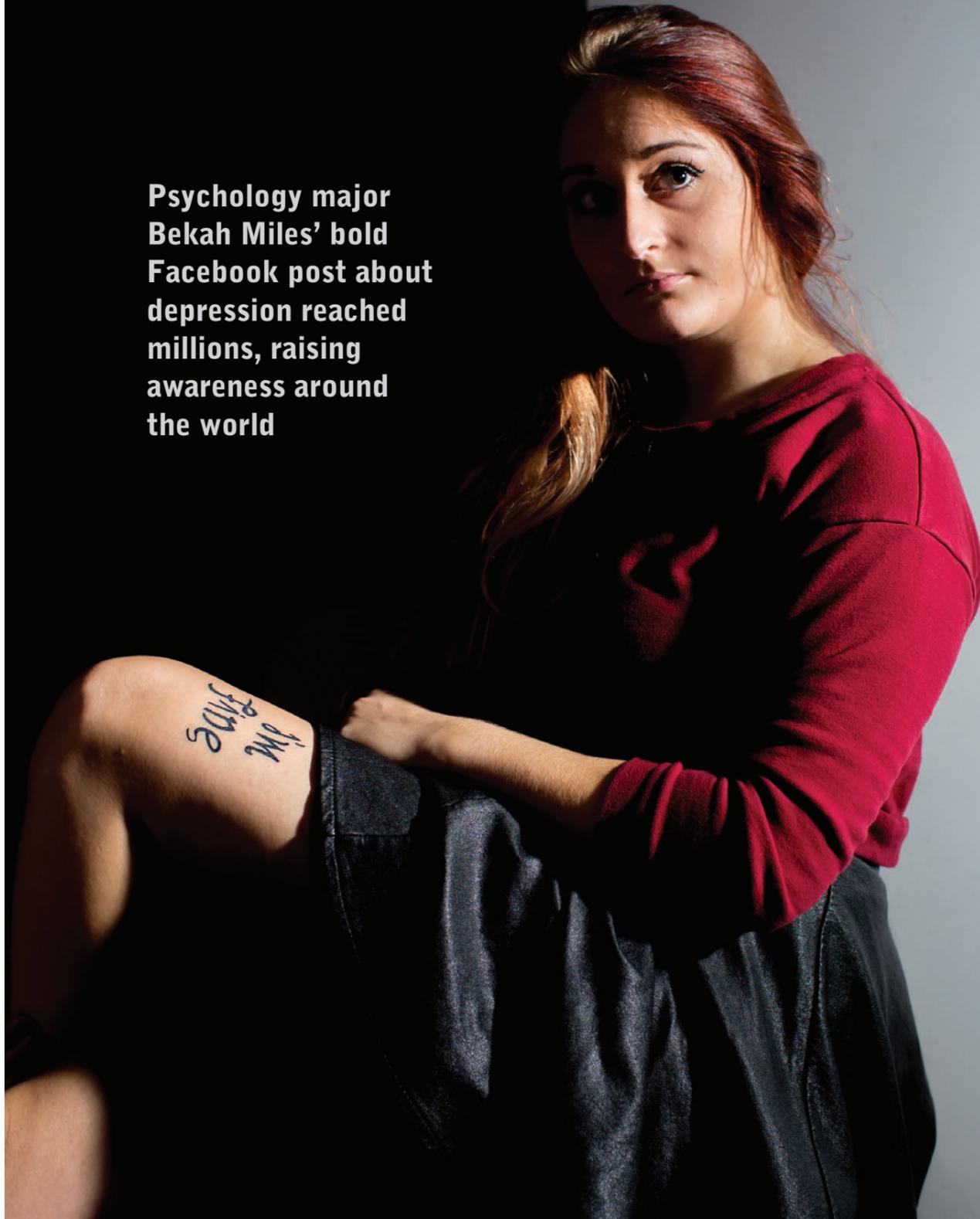
Ultimately, Jones hopes to continue the program and expand it. He is in the process of writing a grant proposal that would help fund a service-learning center in the communication arts department, opening up new avenues for mentoring.

"I'd love to see our students plug into the community and develop curriculum that will help these kids," he says. "It's a win-win situation, and it's really what George Fox is all about – educating our students while giving back."

'I'm Fine ... Save Me'

By Kimberly Felton

Psychology major Bekah Miles' bold Facebook post about depression reached millions, raising awareness around the world



Joe Back

Bekah Miles sat in her chair, staring. Could she do it? Would she do it? No. Yes. She was so tired of hiding, tired of pretending, tired of her illness. But since that wasn't going to change anytime soon, maybe it was time to change her approach. To take her life back, if she could.

Ten minutes of debate. Then she did what millions do every minute – she clicked the “post” button.

Then she walked away from Facebook, torn between chewing her fingernails down to stubs or shrugging her shoulders and insisting it was no big deal. It's just Facebook. Just a status update to friends and family.

Just a new tattoo she was announcing.

Just a mental illness she was revealing.

Just an irrevocable step for an intelligent, introverted psychology major at George Fox University who wanted to help others, but discovered she has her own monster to battle – a battle that would gain international attention within days of her online post.

Excerpt from Facebook: Aug. 23, 2015

Today, I am coming out with something that only a few of you know. I am ready to have a conversation about my mental illness.

Last year, I was diagnosed with depression. ...

To me, depression is the days I feel sad for no reason.

Depression is the sleeping too much, or sleeping too little.

Depression is the homework that I never completed, simply because I didn't feel I was capable.

Depression is the eating too much, or eating too little.

Depression is the nights I cry because I feel so overwhelmed, though everything is going right.

Depression is the need to constantly be distracted because I can't trust myself with my thoughts for longer than 3 minutes.

Depression is the hurtful thoughts and actions I have towards myself.

Depression is the tears I have because I don't know why I feel so worthless, when I know I should feel happy.

Miles posted two photos with her confession showing the tattoo, still swollen around the edges. Fashioned as an ambigram (displaying different messages from different perspectives), the script inked just above her knee reads “I'm fine” to those looking at Miles. But when she looks at the tattoo from her vantage point, viewing it upside-down, it reads, “Save me.”

Eight days later, nearly 300,000 people had shared her post on Facebook, reaching millions. Media outlets from the United States and the United Kingdom to Germany and Australia had told her story. Celebrities like Ashton Kutcher and Zooey Deschanel even mentioned it on their own Facebook pages.

Six weeks later the media buzz had quieted, but the number of people sharing her post had climbed to 357,844, with 42,360 comments. More than 42,000 *comments* – and that did not include the 1,000-plus messages in her Facebook inbox.

Though most comments are positive, lauding Miles for her transparency and courage, she has not read them. “I refuse to,” she says. “There's a bunch of good ones, but there's always the one or two negative ones I don't want to read, so I'm just going to steer clear of all of them.”

Professor's story builds courage

It's no easy thing for a psychology major to admit she needs mental help. Though Miles suspects that depression has affected her for several years, she was diagnosed only a year ago. “My best friend got me to go to the counseling center and take my first steps in the right direction,” Miles says. “Even then it was really difficult. Being a psychology major, I knew the tactics. It was really hard for me to get past that.”

Winter break came, and the stress let up for several weeks. “I'll be OK!” Miles thought. “Then spring semester started, and I just went back down. I didn't want to go back [to the counselor]. I needed to want to get better.”

That semester – the beginning of her junior year – Miles took a seat in Kristina Kays' psychology class. The two had limited interaction up to that point, so Miles was just as surprised as her classmates when Kays, a PhD and licensed clinical psychologist, shared her own journey of depression with the class.

“I never would have guessed that about her ... she's always so happy, it seems,” Miles says. “I just never would have thought she would have a mental illness like I do. When I saw Kris being so vulnerable in class – such an inspirational person that so many people look up to – I realized it's OK to talk about this.”

If a psychology professor wasn't ashamed of seeking help, perhaps a psychology student could, too. Miles met with Kays outside of class, gaining information and a dose of courage. “She had been through this, so I was asking her about getting medication, which is a pretty

“... it was terrifying in the best way. If by having my personal life exposed it helped so many others, it was worth every minute.”



Joel Black

scary thing to do – you don't know the effect it will have," Miles says.

This past April, in the midst of friendships and classes and homework, Miles began the trial and error of finding the right medication. "Really bad side effects for some of them, like constantly shaking or you can't sleep," she says. "It's terrible in the middle of class; I just can't keep my body still. It was really rough trying to concentrate." At the end of April, right before finals, one medication started to work for her rather than against her.

"I was going to go see a counselor starting this summer, but I chickened out again," Miles says. Instead, she researched graphics about depression that would translate well into a tattoo.

"[Kays] spoke out and it hit me: 'I want to do that.' That's why I got something permanent on my body, so people can ask about it, and so I will talk about it. I'm forced to talk about it. I'm forced to be vulnerable."

Chaos ensues

School had not started when Miles posted her status update, so she had no need for her computer. She nervously tracked her post on her phone. The 15 shares on Facebook she saw from friends reassured her. She was still loved, still accepted.

Her phone, however, does not show shares outside of friends and friends-of-friends. A few days later her brother called – did she realize what was happening with her post? "I don't think I've ever grabbed and turned on my laptop so fast," she says. The numbers of shares, likes and comments continued to soar each hour and each day. Her tattoo and status update had struck a chord – a chord few had ever played, because suddenly hundreds of thousands of people around the world were finding their voice in Miles' words.

A week later a university administrator called: Media outlets were requesting interviews – was she up for it? She gulped. Her original status update claimed, "I am ready to have a conversation about my mental illness." How ready was she?

Radio and television interviews piled one on top of the

other, as other media outlets posted her photos. BuzzFeed, BBC, local news affiliates for Fox and NBC, The Huffington Post, *Cosmo*, *People*. Miles always seemed poised, honest, open. "I have no idea how I appeared calm and collected, because I was screaming on the inside," she says. "I'm a hardcore introvert, so talking about my private life, knowing it was going to be seen and heard by so many people, was terrifying. However, like I said in quite a few of my interviews, it was terrifying in the best way. If by having my personal life exposed it helped so many others, it was worth every minute."

The price and prize of vulnerability

While Miles hopes the unprotected feeling of vulnerability eventually wanes, Kays cautions that this is part of the price they pay to help others.

"I have always felt vulnerable telling my story, and it's worth it," Kays says. "If it inspires and frees someone else, then whatever happens is worth the price of being laid open a bit. Where you can't guarantee the impact of your story, or the outcome of that, I have seen God do amazing things with the little pieces I offer up – of my journey, my story, my struggles. If it brings freedom and hope and the ability to keep that story going, we should be doing this a lot."

Miles' vulnerability brought freedom not just to others, but to herself as well. "I'm a lot braver and more courageous than I ever thought I would be able to be," she says. "I just want to hide, but I'm not going to. I would have considered that I *could* be a brave and courageous person, but 'could be' was the thing. I definitely can say I can and I have been."

As Miles took those brave steps, she discovered God in the midst of her experience. "For a long time, it was very rocky. I couldn't handle myself, so I didn't know how to handle my faith relationship with God. I had pulled back."

Then homework for Kays' class, close on the heels of the media blitz, gave her a new perspective.

"It was in *A Grace Disguised*, by Jerry Sittser, a book about grief



Miles' Facebook post was only intended for family and friends, but within days it had reached millions, starting a national conversation about depression.

Kays now meets with Miles on a regular basis after class to offer advice and support. They also discuss the research projects they are working on together focused on the use of social media in driving conversations about difficult topics, using responses to Miles' Facebook post as qualitative data.

and loss I was reading for class," Miles recalls. "He talks about his own experience: His family got into a car wreck, and he lost his mom, his wife and one of his daughters. He talks about what Paul writes in Romans 8:26-28. ... He says, basically, in situations sometimes we pull back from God, but he doesn't take that to heart. It's OK. He'll intercede, like a mother embraces her child in her arms."

"That's how I feel in this situation. He used this experience ... he interceded in my life and took this, and took off with it, saying, 'We're using your struggle to reach so many other people.' Like, 'I'm still here, and this is what I'm going to do to show you.' That was one of the coolest things; it just happened at the perfect time."

The legacy of a two-week media blitz

No textbook had told Miles that publicly admitting her depression would directly affect – and help – millions. Now she wants people to remember that there are millions just like herself.

"I want people to take away that they're clearly not alone," she says. "We talk about our physical health all the time, but we don't talk

about our mental health. We do yearly [physical] check-ups; why don't we do yearly psychological check-ups? A lot of times, fixing our mental health will fix our physical health. I want people to know it's OK to talk about, despite the stigma – because the only way it's going to end is if we keep talking about it, keep fighting it and finding the help we need, and keep sharing our stories."

For herself, Miles got back into counseling. If she could be brave enough to face the world, she figured, she could be brave enough to face her counselor again.

"I hope I keep doing what I did," she says. "It's OK to have something like this and not be afraid of it – not let it define who you are, or let it control who you are. It's not like I'm fixed, even with counseling and medication. It's still a daily struggle. So it's OK when I have bad days, and it's great when I have good days. Everyone has *something* wrong. But it's OK to have these faults. I want to continue to have this conversation."

▶ Watch a video with more details about Miles' story at georgefox.edu/Bekah

Rudy Takes the Field

By Sean Patterson

Rudy and his mom Shawn are all smiles after the football team defeated conference foe Lewis & Clark, 49-35.

When his mom faced a second bout with cancer, Rudy Hughes was there for his family – now they're cheering him on

Joel Bock

It had been nearly a year since his mom's seizures. These early signs that the brain cancer she seemingly beat a decade before was about to return turned Rudy Hughes' world upside down.

Now, as he entered his senior year at West Linn High School, he was in need of a big break – a turning point – to give him a reason to be excited about the future.

The previous year had worn him down. With his mom Shawn incapacitated and his father Corey working long hours as a stockbroker, Rudy was left to be "Mom 2.0," as his mother put it. That meant making sure his two younger brothers had lunches and were getting to school. It meant doing the grocery shopping, preparing dinners and taking his mom to medical appointments. And it required that he juggle the long hours of study and practice of a student-athlete with the demands of taking care of the family.

"Let's just say, junior year was a rough time, not only for me personally but because I had to watch my mom go through what she went through," he says. "She had a seizure and crashed the car, so she couldn't drive, and many days she wasn't able to get out of bed. My dad had East Coast work hours, leaving the house at 4 a.m., so he was gone, which left me to do the driving, shopping – pretty much everything. It was a struggle. I wasn't doing too well in school. I needed something to happen to give me a lift."

Hope came in the most unlikely of forms. For, as Hughes recalls, he wasn't even on recruiters' radars when a group of coaches from George Fox paid a visit to a football camp the summer before his senior year. They were there to scout another player when fate stepped in: A coach on the West Linn staff suggested they also consider scouting Hughes, a 6-foot-3, 180-pound strong safety with something to prove.

"They approached me and said they would be watching me," Hughes says. "It was my lifelong dream to play college football, and George Fox was the first school to show interest in me. It was an uplifting moment because a lot of stuff hadn't been going right. Finally that good thing came along and gave me a lot of hope entering my senior year. It motivated me. Up to that point I lacked motivation, thinking nothing was going to go right for me. That was a big moment in my life."

Inspired by the prospect of playing college ball, Hughes emerged as one of the best defenders in the Class 6A Three Rivers League, earning first-team all-league honors in helping his team reach the quarterfinals of the playoffs, its best season in more than 20 years.

The year also provided a moment of levity for the kid who shares the same first name as the title character from the football-themed movie *Rudy*. "Every time I meet someone new, they'll ask, 'You know there's a football movie with your name in it?'" he laughs. "I'll say, 'Yeah, saw it when I was a kid.' Well, I'd never heard that 'Rudy' chant until my senior year when I made a tackle in the backfield against

Lake Oswego. The whole crowd started chanting it. It was pretty cool. I'm not gonna lie."

After the season, Hughes was picked to play in the Les Schwab Bowl, an annual all-star game featuring the state's best players. And, upon committing to George Fox, he became the only senior from his West Linn squad to make the leap from high school to college football. Hughes has since made a smooth transition to the college ranks. One of only a handful of freshmen starters, he ranks among the team leaders in tackles and interceptions, and has played a big part in the Bruins' resurgent season.

"This is a perfect situation for me," he says of George Fox, where he plans to prepare for a career in sports marketing. "I liked how this school brought me in and made me feel known. They want you to branch out and be yourself here. I really fell in love with that. I feel like I won't get lost here like I might have at a bigger school."

He has also emerged as a team leader with maturity beyond his years.

"The thing I appreciate most about the Hughes family is their positive outlook on this whole situation," George Fox coach Chris Casey says. "They keep mom's cancer documents in a flowery, colorful pink box. Rather than seeing cancer as this enemy they have

instead chosen to put a positive spin on what they're going through.

"It's a testament to the attitude Rudy and his whole family have taken to handle all this. They're not bitter or negative. There's no self-pity."

Hughes confesses a deep appreciation for "the little things in life" and has a caring nature that belies his youth. Even his roommate at George Fox, also a freshman, sees him as an older brother.

It's a nurturing character trait rooted in

Hughes' childhood, when, as a 6-year-old, he was told his mom may not live more than four or five months. A brain tumor the size of an orange threatened to take her from his life, and he wanted to spend every spare moment with her, even if it meant standing by her side as she vomited from the chemotherapy – or assisting her in scrubbing the chemo smell from her skin.

Life-saving surgery and chemotherapy treatments rid Shawn's body of the tumor. For 10 years, she had a clean bill of health. Then came the news in December of 2014 that the cancer had returned, rekindling painful memories and sending the family scrambling to keep up with mounting medical bills and hectic schedules. Shawn's home chemo treatments fended off this tumor as well, and today she is able to watch her son play the sport he loves.

"Having her still here – she wasn't supposed to see me graduate, play college sports, or anything – makes me more appreciative of what we have and not take anything for granted," Hughes says. "I'm probably a little more caring than a lot of people I know. Our situation made me grow up a little faster than most people, I believe. It molded me into who I am today."

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Pushing Through Pain

By Sarah Reid

Something was wrong. Lauren Rodrigues was a few months old at the time and had hardly stopped crying since she was born. Her parents were concerned and took her to the doctor for tests. Following an MRI, Rodrigues was diagnosed with hydrocephalus, a condition caused by excess fluid in the brain that causes great pressure and pain. There is no cure – it can only be managed. At 9 months old, she had her first brain surgery.

During that first surgery as an infant, the doctors installed a shunt in her brain that drains the excess fluid into her abdomen. The shunt allowed Rodrigues to live her elementary school years as a normal kid, but in sixth grade things unraveled quickly. Her shunt failed three times that year, resulting in three brain surgeries. The second time, Rodrigues was slurring her words and nearly in a coma by the time her family had driven from their home in Eugene, Ore., to Oregon Health & Science University for immediate surgery. The third time, she was transported by Life Flight.

The MRIs from that year also revealed a brain tumor, which was likely the original cause of her hydrocephalus. It was non-cancerous, but in a location where it was also inoperable. Because it didn't present any immediate threat to her, doctors decided to observe rather than treat it.

During her freshman year of high school, Rodrigues began experiencing vision and balance problems and chronic headaches. "My tumor had started to grow," she recalls. "The doctors put me on an aggressive chemotherapy regimen that took a toll on me physically, mentally and emotionally." She was on chemotherapy for two and a half years to shrink its size, wrapping up treatment right before her senior year.

"Those years of chemo were so difficult, but I grew dramatically in my faith during that time. I had to lean on God because there was nothing else I could do," Rodrigues says. "I was blessed to also have a support system of people who reminded me that my health battles didn't define who I was then or who I am now."

Now a sophomore at George Fox, Rodrigues loves soccer and excels on the field, fueled by her competitive drive and natural athletic instincts. She's played since she was 5 years old. Soccer has powered her through medical challenges, and those challenges have in turn become a big part of the reason she plays. "Soccer allows me to share a piece of who I am," she says. "The reason I'm out there is to show people that you can pursue and strive for what you want to do, no matter what your circumstances are."

Rodrigues' doctors allow her to play the sport she loves, though her medical issues make recovery between games more difficult. She's as capable as anyone else on the field – it's just a matter of how much pain she is willing to endure. She has continuous muscle and nerve pain due to the surgeries and treatments she's undergone,

much of which has settled into her back. She combats the discomfort and stiffness with injections, tension-releasing therapy, postural restoration and many other treatments. There is no magic formula.

For that reason, Rodrigues is taking a year away from the George Fox women's soccer team to continue rehabilitating. Last season – her freshman year – took a toll on her body, and she recovers more slowly than most as a result of the years of chemotherapy. Her presence on the field is missed, but her leadership is still felt. The midfielder is instead the team manager this year, and her uniform sits untouched in head coach Cory Hand's office, waiting for her return next season.

Hand remembers the first time he watched Rodrigues play. It was during her junior year of high school while she was in the Olympic Development Program and still on chemotherapy treatments, unbeknownst to him and the Division II and NAIA coaches who were recruiting her.

"She had extra emotion and extra drive, and you could tell that there was something carrying her," Hand recalls. "There was no hesitation in the way she played. She had composure, she had direction and she had purpose."

When Rodrigues first visited George Fox, she was fielding scholarship offers from larger universities. But she was looking for something specific: a program that wouldn't see her medical history as a burden, but rather an integral piece of who she is and why she loves the game.

Hand vividly recalls that Rodrigues' questions were purposeful. "She was extremely sincere from the first moment I met her. There was significance to what she had to say." With tears in her eyes, she confided in him and shared her story – the first college coach she'd felt comfortable being vulnerable with. Shortly after, she turned down those athletic scholarships from other schools and became a Bruin.

Hand says that having Rodrigues as part of the team doesn't just make her stronger, it makes the team stronger because of who she is. "She is strong, bold and courageous in all aspects of her life, and soccer is just an expression of that," he says. And he's right. These days you'll find Rodrigues smiling as she walks through the George Fox campus with her friends and soccer teammates. She's pursuing a nursing degree with the end goal of helping and inspiring patients the way her medical team has done for her the past two decades.

"I am still living with hydrocephalus and a tumor, and I still battle with my health every day," she says. "My hope is that with medical advancements I won't have to deal with these things anymore. But I don't know what's going to happen in the future, because all of our futures are uncertain. I put this in God's hands because he knows what he's doing."

Lauren Rodrigues has overcome serious physical obstacles to play the sport she loves – inspiring others in the process

Jed Beck



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Call Me Grandpa Roy

Roy Hiebert has delivered flowers and friendship to four decades of George Fox students

By Jeremy Lloyd

Roy Hiebert paces the exterior of his home, located just a couple blocks from campus, stopping every few steps to explain the origin, history and purpose of various items. Lumber from houses torn down to make way for construction of the university's Stevens Center is arranged by length and ready for use as firewood. Aluminum strips from what used to be a student lounge near the Bruin Den now line a raised flowerbed. Steel grates removed during a remodel of the Ross Center serve as a trellis for grapes to climb.

"Everything is useful to someone like me," he says with a smile.

Around back is a garden with cucumbers, tomatoes, bell peppers and onions. Nearby there are apple and pear trees. And, of course,

flowers. Lots of flowers. Roses, dahlias, sunflowers, hydrangeas, and in the spring, daffodils and tulips. His favorites are the roses and dahlias.

"Both have long blooming seasons and they have many blooms for one plant," he says. That's an important characteristic for a generous green thumb like Hiebert, who estimates he gives away thousands of flowers every year.

Now 91 years old, Hiebert doesn't remember when exactly George Fox students began affectionately calling him "Grandpa Roy," or why he started dining on a regular basis in the university's cafeteria with young people a fraction of his age. But one thing is certain: He's been an important fixture in the university community

for 40 years and counting. A man whose kind smile and simple gestures transcend generational divides. A listening ear. A word of wisdom. A friend to sit and eat with. The gift of a flower.

"I don't have what I call friends my own age," he says. "I tell students that they're my friends, not older people."

In many ways Hiebert's routine hasn't changed much since he lost his wife to cancer in 1992 – just five years after he retired from his position as associate director of the university's plant services department.

On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays he heads over to the university cafeteria for lunch with his nearly 2,300 "grandkids."

"I usually sit at an empty table by myself if I can find one," he says. "I like to be up somewhere near the checker so that when students come in, they see me and they can decide if they want to come visit or they can go someplace else. It's totally up to them."

There are many reasons a student might decide to join Hiebert for a meal. To some, he's a surrogate grandparent. To others, a friend when they feel alone or out of place. To many, a trusted sage, always ready with a joke, old saying or Bible verse that can apply to any situation.

"Everyone is ignorant, just about different things," he often quips, paraphrasing an old Will Rogers quote.

"Often our disappointments are just an invitation to something better," he might say to a student who lost a job or did poorly on a test.

To another, he might quote one of his favorite Bible verses, like Psalm 84:11: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

"One of the girls who took a long time to find the right guy, I gave her that verse, and she hung onto that for several years before I went to her wedding," Hiebert recalls.

Whatever the motivation for sharing a meal and conversation with their Grandpa Roy, students are always greeted with a smile and often a rosebud from a greeting card box he carries with him – always a big hit with the young women who tend to make up the majority of his dining companions.

In the evenings, Hiebert turns his attention to delivering flowers on a larger scale. A couple times a week he'll load up an old cardboard box with all the flowers he can carry and leave them in the area outside the cafeteria where students drop off their trays, also distributing the fragrant gifts to food service workers and others he might encounter along the way. During the summer months when most students aren't around it's George Fox employees who are the beneficiaries of his routine deliveries.

But Hiebert has given a lot more than flowers to the university community over the past 40 years, starting back in 1975 when he left his position as a teacher and electrician at a school for missionary children in Ethiopia to accept a job at George Fox. A founding member in 1985 of "Greenroom," a volunteer student prayer and worship time that is still going strong, he also was recognized in 1996 as the university's Volunteer of the Year for the more than 240 hours he worked to construct a prayer chapel on campus. And in 1999 he accepted a Christian Service Award from the Northwest Christian Communication Foundation for his work on campus as "encourager and friend."

As much as he has had a positive impact on the people around him, Hiebert is quick to say that he has equally benefited from his unofficial role as campus grandpa.

"One of the things I tell students is you tend to become like the people you spend your time with," he says. "I feel like that's one of the things that has kept me from aging as much as I might have. Spending a lot of time with students, it has changed me. And hopefully it has changed some of the students a little bit, too."



Hiebert shares a meal and conversation with George Fox students in 1993 – a tradition he continues to this day.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

I trust you have enjoyed reading this issue of the *Journal*. In every issue we try to show how the Be Known promise is being fulfilled at George Fox University. I am very grateful for the support of former students, parents, alumni and people who share our commitments, because you consistently give us the ability to provide a Christ-centered education that is genuinely transformative. Thank you for your support and partnership.

In this 2014-15 Donor Honor Roll, you will see names of alumni, friends, foundations and corporations that share our vision through their support. Thanks to you, we are introducing new programs, welcoming ever-increasing numbers of students, updating and adding new facilities, and providing a broad range of on- and off-campus opportunities for students to participate in and to serve others. Thanks to you, George Fox is a key destination on the West Coast for students and is Oregon's premier Christian university.

There has been much to celebrate over the past year. Here are a few highlights:

→ The Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program received full accreditation and graduated its first class in May.

→ The William Penn Honors Program welcomed its second incoming class and is



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→ Our student population grew 4 percent over last year's record total, as 3,931 students enrolled.

→ We completed construction of a new wooden bridge that spans Hess Creek and unites the east and west sections of our campus.

→ Brandt Hall opened in August and provides excellent housing for undergraduate students.

→ We broke ground on a new dining hall that will replace Klages and provide seating for 900 students. It will be completed next summer.

→ We received a grant to enhance technology throughout the Newberg and Portland Center campuses.

→ Football completed its second year at George Fox after being absent more than four decades. In fact, in the first two years we led the Northwest Conference in attendance.

Again, it is thanks to you – alumni, friends, corporations and foundations – that we continue to grow and thrive, educating students in an exemplary way and helping further their relationship with Jesus.

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1930-39

Eilene (Kenworthy) Nordyke Mack Williams (n38) reached her 100th birthday June 11 with a public reception June 20 at her Friendsview Retirement Community residence in Newberg. For many years she was one of the organizers of the Foster Friends group, pairing interested senior citizens with George Fox women's basketball team members. Williams never missed a game until last season when she was not able to physically attend, so these days she watches the team on her computer.

1960-69

Juanita (Astleford) Johnson (G67) has completed her career as an educator, most recently as a reading specialist following 12 years as director of a migrant program for the Pasco (Wash.) School District and two years teaching English in Algeria. She and her husband, Allen, have lived in the Richland, Wash., area for 40 years.

Eunice (Womble) Valentine (G69) is senior staff/North Bay manager of Pacific Foundation Services, a company that provides customized management services for private foundations in Northern California. Previously, she served as executive director of the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County, Calif. In August she was one of seven new appointments to the board of directors of the Santa Rosa (Calif.) Symphony Orchestra.

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1970-79

Peggy (Wilson) Kilburg (G76) retired in September after 21 years as George Fox University's director of human resources. That followed 12 years of HR work with Hewlett-Packard. In addition to enjoying more free time, she plans to consult with organizations seeking the assistance of an HR generalist as well as perform Title IX, harassment and discrimination investigations.

1980-89

Don Kunkel (G81) has been named the new cross country coach for St. Paul (Ore.) High School. Now in his second year at the school, he teaches classes ranging from careers/personal finance to leadership, accounting and entrepreneurship. He previously taught at South Medford High School and Forest Grove High School in Oregon, and is now beginning his 17th year in education after 14 years in business in Southern California as a manager and business partner.

Gordon Martin (G82) and his team with Wycliffe Global Alliance (formerly Wycliffe Bible Translators) won the Enabling Writers contest for the best literacy software in the world, sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), World Vision and the Australian government. The contest searched for the world's most accessible software to assist writers in publishing books in their native language. Martin and his team, mostly based in Dallas, submitted their Bloom software, which was then tested in Jordan, Ethiopia, Cambodia and Bangladesh. The \$100,000 prize was awarded to SIL International to further the organization's mission to build the capacity of communities worldwide for sustainable language development.

Don Staples (G86), in a June ceremony, was named the Newberg School District's top administrator, receiving a Crystal Apple Award for his work as director of assessment. He was cited for initiatives changing the way the organization operates, including state testing, grade-level math and literary assessments. He won a Crystal Apple Award previously as a teacher, and in 2012 was named George Fox

University's Volunteer of the Year for his work as public address announcer for women's basketball, starting in the 1999-2000 season.

Nancy Olson (G87) is executive director for the Southern California Leadership Network in Los Angeles, a civic leadership organization with three fellowship tracks designed for working professionals. Participants - including elected officials and leaders from business, nonprofit and government sectors - over a nine-month span consider issues facing the region and state while they build leadership skills. She started in September after serving as executive director of Volunteer Los Angeles and, prior to that, as director at California Volunteers within the governor's office. She also served eight years in Haiti with organizations that included the U.S. Agency for International Development.

1990-99

Marilyn (Hawkins) Donnellan (ADP90) has authored a new book, *Two Faces of Me*, released in July. In it she explores the different aspects that make up an individual's life and self-esteem as she aims to inspire readers to focus on positive self-image and to understand self-worth in the eyes of God. Now in the Orlando, Fla., area for the last 16 years, she is an author, motivational speaker and management consultant following 21 years as a CEO with United Way.

Duane Larson (G90) is Oregon's 2014-15 Vice Principal of the Year. He was recognized by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators and honored in Washington, D.C., where he received the award and met with Oregon congressmen. Larson has been at Alice Ott Middle School in Portland since 2002. The award comes just a year after the school's principal was named Oregon's Middle School Principal of the Year. Together they have led the school to achieve Model School status for the last three years, accomplished by no other middle school in the state. Larson began teaching in 1991 as a sixth-grade teacher in the David Douglas School District, later becoming a math teacher for three years, then an administrative intern and community sports coordinator before being appointed to his current position.

University Recognizes 2015 Sports Hall of Fame Class, Honored Alumni

A groundbreaking women's basketball team, two all-time distance runners and generous philanthropists were among those inducted this fall into the 20th class of the university's Sports Hall of Fame Oct. 10 during homecoming weekend.

In all, four individuals, a team and a family were recognized for their contributions to athletics: **Jonathan Morse** (G93), an All-American in both track and cross country; **Jon Wright** (G93), a district champ and All-American in cross country; **Calvin Ferguson** (G68), a five-time school-record-breaker in track;



Steve Wilhite (G63), one of the most versatile football players (five positions) to ever don a Bruin uniform; the **2004-05 women's basketball team** (pictured), the school's first Elite 8 qualifier in the NCAA Tournament; and **Marilyn and John Duke**, whose generous gift of \$2.5 million in 2011 made possible the construction of the Duke Athletic Center.

Also recognized during the ceremony were two Honored Alumni Award recipients. **Rae Casey** (G98, MA01), who received the Outstanding Alumna Award, began teaching at George Fox in 2002. She developed a number of classroom and online courses in the adult degree program and recently earned a doctorate in education. **Bob** (G70) and **Camille** (n71) **Hadlock** were honored with the Christian Service Award. Bob passed away on a missions trip to Nepal in 1995, but not before establishing a legacy of Christian service with his wife Camille, a country director for K.I.D.S. in Uganda, a Christian orphanage and school.

Jennifer (Barnhart) Alvarado (G91) in July was promoted to associate director of creative services in the Office of University Communications at the University of Redlands in Southern California, where she has been on staff since 2009 as creative manager. In April she received a master's degree in management from the university's school of business, in which she now teaches a principles of marketing course as an adjunct professor.

Julie Gurczynski (MAT93) is in her first year as superintendent/principal at Prairie City School District in Eastern Oregon. She moved to the 150-student district after serving as principal at North Powder (Ore.) School for the last year. That followed two years in Gambell on St. Lawrence Island in the middle of the Bering Sea, where she was assistant and then principal for 200 Native Alaskan students. Previously, she was in Mt. Angel, Ore., for 18 years as a family and consumer sciences, health and careers teacher.

Mike McConaughy (G93, MEd09) this fall left his position as principal at C.S. Lewis Academy in Newberg to become the new theatre director at Newberg High School. He was with the academy for 21 years, starting as a language arts teacher before becoming princi-

pal, a position he held the last six years. After being active in George Fox's theatre program, he then founded the drama program at the Christian academy.

Jonathan Huwe (G94) this fall joined the Whitworth University faculty in Spokane, Wash., as assistant professor and clinical education coordinator in the Department of Health Services. He moves from a one-year adjunct assistant professor position at Pacific University following 13 years at Portland State University, where he was associate athletic trainer and affiliated assistant professor. He holds a master's degree from the United States Sports Academy.

Jodie (Howell) Barram (G95) in July became the new director of major giving for the Tower Theatre Foundation in Bend, Ore., the first to hold the position. She is responsible for procuring, soliciting and stewarding donors, sponsors and members at the \$1,000 level and above. The nonprofit foundation owns and operates a historic theater with the mission to provide cultural and education programs for Central Oregon. Barram was a Bend city councilor for six years, serving four as mayor pro tem. She also has taught special needs students as a substitute education assistant with the Bend-La Pine School District since 2008.

Donell Campbell (ADP95), after 30 years of nursing experience, is now associate professor of nursing at Biola University. She joined the faculty in 2012 after three years on the nursing faculty at the University of Great Falls in Montana. That followed 26 years with Providence Health & Services in Oregon, including positions as quality and education supervisor, medical and surgical department manager, and as an educator with the Providence Newberg Medical Center for five years until 2011.

Aaron Downs (G96, MEd97) continues his 16-year career in the West Linn-Wilsonville (Ore.) School District in a new role as assistant superintendent, leaving his position as principal of Wilsonville High School after four years. He started with the district in 1999 as a social studies teacher at West Linn (Ore.) High School (his alma mater), then became assistant principal before moving to the Wilsonville post. In the newly created position, Downs, who earned a doctorate in education in 2014 from Lewis & Clark College, is responsible for middle and high schools.

Andy DeBois (G97) has joined the Newberg School District to assist the new interim high school principal and assistant superintendent for the current school year. The two previously worked together in Hillsboro, Ore., at Brown Middle School where DeBois was activities director, and then at Liberty High School where DeBois was assistant principal. He also was assistant principal at Neah-Kah-Nie and Canby high schools in Oregon. Now he is overseeing Newberg's freshman class, working with the master schedule and helping

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- MA Master of arts
- MS Master of science
- MAT Master of arts in teaching
- DMgt Doctor of management
- DBA Doctor of business administration
- MBA Master of business administration
- GFES George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDiv Master of divinity
- DMin Doctor of ministry
- MEd Master of education
- EdD Doctor of education
- EdS Education specialist in school psychology
- PsyD Doctor of psychology
- DPT Doctor of physical therapy
- ADP Adult Degree Program



in planning long-term programs for freshman success.

Amber (Bliss) Calderon (G97) in September was promoted to senior instructor with the English Language Program at Portland State University. She also received a stipend grant for development of an open-access ESL reading textbook to be developed this fall and published through the university's open-access website.

Amy (Quarles) Nelson (G97) is a certified physician assistant with Carla Bauman Medical and Cosmetic Dermatology, a five-member medical clinic in Bellevue, Wash. She began that focus in 2007 after seven years in emergency medical practice before relocating from Phoenix to the Seattle area.

Jimmi Sommer (G97) has a new assignment in the Philippines as a transportation officer with the General Services Office at the U.S. Embassy in Manila following a one-year detail assignment as a duty officer in the White House Situation Room. Previously she was a business intelligence analyst with Technology Law Group in Washington, D.C.

Tim Hoffman (G98) in May received the Outstanding Employee Award for 2014-15 at Front Range Community College in Fort Collins, Colo., where he is an academic advisor.

Scott Edinger (G99) and **Natasha (Jabusch) Edinger (G01, MEd03)** are the leaders in planting the Journey Church in Sherwood, Ore. The new Free Methodist church began in September in a shopping center location with the assistance of several members of Northside Community Church in Newberg, where he has been associate pastor since they returned in 2013 from a missions trip to Rwanda.

2000-09

Sabrina Bailey (G00, MBA08) has joined Northern Trust Asset Management in Chicago as global head of defined contribution, a new position created to help the firm grow its retirement solutions business. She previously served two years with Mercer Investment Consulting following four years with Towers Watson, both located in Seattle.

Debora Herb-Sepich (ADP00, MBA04) is the new dean of the Vucurevich School of Business and Entrepreneurial Studies at the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota. As an entre-

preneur-turned-professor – including 10 years teaching in the College of Business at George Fox – she spent 25 years in the high-tech business world, including 12 as co-founder and executive vice president of Dolphin Software in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Dan Hochhalter (MDiv00) is the author of the book *Losers Like Us: Redefining Discipleship After Epic Failure*, published by David C. Cook. It is based on his experience of permanently failing his PhD studies in 2008 at a British university, leaving him with no refunds, no transferable credits and no recourse to appeal or retry. Then he lost his job. Devastated, he looked to the 12 disciples and discovered God still loved them despite their faults and used them to change the world. He uses that and his own life to show that Jesus loves “losers” and they can be used to further his kingdom. He is now a self-employed author in Portland.

Susan Rieke-Smith (MAT00) in April was named acting superintendent of the Springfield (Ore.) School District, promoted from the assistant role she had held for just a few months. That followed positions with the Salem-Keizer (Ore.) School District for five years as a principal and the last three years as director of instructional services. She now is guiding a district of 11,000 students in 20 schools. In 2011 she was named Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators and the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators.

Drew Coleman (G01) has been named by the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors its 2015 Master Circle Broker of the Year. He is principal broker at Hasson Company Realtors in Portland. Coleman also serves on the nonprofit trade association's board of directors, which oversees more than 6,500 members.

Megan (Luginbill) Fisher (G01) has returned to the George Fox campus to be associate director of parent programs after being a stay-at-home mom in recent years and working previously as a costume shop manager and designer at Rock Valley College in Illinois.

Josh Kaiser (G01) in April published a new book through Wipf and Stock, *Becoming Simple and Wise: Moral Discernment in Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Vision of Christian Ethics*. He is director of college guidance and a humanities faculty member at Trinity School at

Greenlawn in South Bend, Ind., in those roles for four years, while also serving for three years as an adjunct professor for Knox Theological Seminary in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He earned a PhD in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh in 2012.

Micheal McGeehon (G01, MAT03) is a home-room teacher for Oregon Connections Academy, joining the faculty in 2007. Headquartered in Scio, Ore., it is the state's largest tuition-free virtual public school for students in grades K-12. Founded in 2005, it has nearly 1,500 students statewide participating in online instruction.

Melissa (Mock) Rawat (G01) is in Dakar, Senegal, where she is employed as a theatre teacher with the International School of Dakar and also has been named chair of the visual and performing arts department. The private school has more than 500 students in preschool through 12th grades, representing more than 50 countries, for classes based on an American curriculum with instruction in English.

Ryan Dearing (G02) has released a new book, just published in October by University of California Press. *The Filth of Progress: Immigrants, Americans, and the Building of Canals and Railroads in the West* explores the suffering and survival of the workers who were treated as outsiders and whose labor created the infrastructure that turned dreams of a continental empire into reality. He is associate professor of history and history department chair at Eastern Oregon University, where he has been since 2009.

Heather (Doud) Goffrier (G02), a U.S. Navy pilot's wife of five years, is in Norfolk, Va., where she has started a blog to encourage and support military wives. Describing her job as a “blogger and digital influencer,” she started the blog Happy Fit Navy Wife in 2012 to encourage military spouses, girlfriends and fiancés, and now has expanded to share parenting stories and tips. Prior to her marriage in 2010 she was an elementary school PE teacher and high school basketball coach.

Scott Orth (ADP02) is founder of Thrive Business Marketing in Portland, started in 2013 to provide services that focus on business and profit growth through search engine optimization, pay-per-click, social media marketing, email marketing, e-commerce management and Web design development.



He also is president and managing partner of a sister agency, the Portland office of Luna Azul Media, a full-service marketing agency with an emphasis on Hispanic marketing capabilities. In addition, he is principal with Coyote Energy Drinks in Portland, started in 2014 with a focus on Hispanic flavors and all-natural ingredients. He is a frequent speaker/writer on the topic of high-tech, hospitality, e-commerce and communications trends and topics.

Erin (Gleason) Presby (G03) completed a master of public health degree at Oregon State University in June. She is now an intern with Mercy Corps.

Benjamin Gorman (MAT04) has authored *Corporate High School*, a young adult dystopian novel that asks readers to join in the struggle to save public education. Released in June, it is available in print or as an e-book. When he offered free copies to teachers for their classrooms, he was swamped with more than 1,000 requests in the first week so he created a GoFundMe account to secure financial support. He is an English teacher at Central High School in Independence, Ore., and his first novel, *Sum of Our Gods*, was published in 2013.

Rebecca Lavene (G04) in June completed a three-year dental specialty residency at the West Los Angeles VA Hospital. She has been certified by the American Board of Periodontology and is now a periodontist and dental implant surgery specialist in practice in Los Angeles. She received her DDS degree from Oregon Health & Science University in 2008.

Michael Owen (G04) and **Sarah (Jertberg) Owen (G03)** have established Owen Eye Care in Newberg, where he is the optometrist and she is the marketing and design coordinator. He obtained a doctor of optometry degree from Pacific University in 2009 and then worked in a corporate setting in Tigard, Ore., before opening their practice in May. She previously was a registered nurse. Also assisting the new business as finance manager is **Bethany Jertberg (G07)**, Sarah's sister.

Sabrina Walters (MA04) is owner, with her husband, of Core Values Counseling in Beaverton, Ore., and also her own Sabrina Walters Counseling, located in Hillsboro, Ore. She is a marriage and family therapist in her private practice, and together she and her husband lead two-day conferences for couples and churches. She is also the author of *Enticing Love, Real Hope for Real Relationships*, published in 2014.



Successful Thrift Store Fuels Youth Center Dream

Inspired by a dream and named after a combination of joyful expressions, Yeehaw Aloha is not your ordinary thrift store. **Laurel (Starr) DeLong (G02)** and her husband, Gabriel, wouldn't have it any other way.

Opened nearly three years ago in Walla Walla, Wash., the store is not just a business, it's the means to an end: helping youth. It's so successful that by the end of February the operation is doubling in size and moving into a two-story building across the street.

That's the latest step in the ultimate goal of establishing a youth center for the city of 31,000. The new center, to be called Stepping Stones Youth Adventures, will occupy the second floor and give kids a free, safe place to have fun, make friendships, get something to eat and even find shelter. Opportunities will include year-round activities such as video games, ping pong and pool, computer stations, homework sites, and chances to hear visiting speakers. “I never could have envisioned this,” she says. “God is the orchestrator.”

DeLong majored in fashion merchandising at George Fox, a degree that “fits perfectly” because her unusual store uses her training in apparel and visual design. Later she earned a second bachelor's degree in apparel design from the Portland Art Institute before working as a graphic designer for eight years in Walla Walla, where she is worship leader for Journey Church.

Yeehaw Aloha is the vehicle that will eventually make the youth center possible, but it's just the latest way the business is helping the community. Since its founding, 10 percent of each day's sales go to various nonprofits ranging from a children's museum to Young Life.

In fact, it's Gabriel's experience organizing yard sales for Young Life, which raised tens of thousands of dollars over the years, that first inspired the idea of opening a thrift store.

The DeLongs started out with a small space in an existing store and began asking for donations of “leftovers” after city residents held their own garage sales. While they still pick up some items on request, most donations now come directly to the store, which has an adjoining warehouse in the back.

The store averages more than 100 customers per day who come in to take advantage of low prices and make an impact on their community. Laurel and Gabriel also pray with and for customers, introduce them “to the atmosphere of his presence for the first time through worship music playing in the background,” give encouraging words, and acknowledge that customers are valuable contributors toward the youth projects, no matter how much they spend.

“More and more people are cheering us on as we share with teenagers our only hope to overcome the tragedies of this world,” she says.



Jody Weaver (G04, MAT07), a math teacher at Dufur (Ore.) High School, is in her first year as the new volleyball coach. An assistant for several years, she was promoted to the head position this summer after the school's longtime head coach retired.

Dwight Friesen (DMin05) is associate professor of practical theology at The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology and a frequent speaker and consultant for churches, denominations and missions agencies. He speaks internationally on issues of contextual ministry, post-modern culture, social systems and missional Christianity. He was the community-curate of an emerging simple church in eastside Seattle for more than 11 years, and also served for several years on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches.

Christopher Kliewer (G05) has won a \$2.5 million, five-year Early Career Research Program award from the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science for his fundamental science proposal to develop new optical diagnostic tools to study interfacial combustion interac-

tions that are major sources of pollution and vehicle inefficiency. His submission describes a way to examine the complex surface chemistry involved when gas-phase combustion interacts with solid or liquid interfaces. He is one of 44 winners nationwide, chosen through a peer-review process, with the program designed to provide support to exceptional researchers during their crucial early careers when many scientists conduct their most formative work. He has been with Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif., since 2001 after receiving a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of California, Berkeley.

Stephanie Steinhurst (G05) has been promoted to chief of interpretation and education at the Andrew Johnson National Historic Site in Greenville, Tenn. Maintained by the National Park Service, it was established in 1935 as a U.S. National Monument and consists of 16 acres, including two of the 17th U.S. president's homes, his tailor shop and his gravesite. Beginning in September Steinhurst moved from her four-year position

at the Andersonville National Historic Site in Georgia, where she was in the interpretation and education division as a park ranger. She was one of seven regional winners and a national finalist for the National Park Service's 2012 annual Freeman Tilden Award, the highest form of recognition for an interpretative ranger.

Rick McNeal (G06) has joined George Fox University's marketing communications department as digital marketing administrator. The last two years he was communications manager for Holiday Retirement, a national retirement living company headquartered in Lake Oswego, Ore. He previously was a writer for Mad Fish SEO and a content manager for MyBinding.com. He also has earned a master of worship arts degree from West Coast Bible College and recently completed the MBA program at Marylhurst University.

Tim Smither (G06) is a tennis pro at Sunset Athletic Club in Portland, which has six professionals and seven indoor and two outdoor courts. He serves as one of nine directors of

the Greater Portland Tennis Council, a member of the U.S. Tennis Association.

Brett Strohlein (MBA06) in June was announced as the new business development manager for the Oregon office of Rosendin Electric, Inc. in Hillsboro, Ore., responsible for customer and project development in the Northwest. He has 15 years experience in engineering and construction management, most recently as project manager with CH2M Hill in Portland, responsible for soliciting new business and overseeing new projects. Headquartered in San Jose, Calif., Rosendin is listed as one of the nation's largest private electrical contractors.

Jordan Stacy (G07) is the new director of institutional technology with Mission Increase Foundation in Portland, starting in August after eight years as IT manager with Delapp, LLP, an accounting/financial firm in Lake Oswego, Ore. Mission Increase Foundation offers a financial giving model that enables ministries to improve giving, training the ministries so they have new, sustainable fundraising and leadership skills to fulfill their vision.

Beth (Kostur) Burton (MAT08) is the new principal at Umatilla (Ore.) High School. She began in July as head of the 380-student school following a role as superintendent of the Imbler (Ore.) School District. Previously she was a high school athletic director, language arts teacher, college prep teacher and district test coordinator in the Molalla River and Arlington school districts in Oregon.

Scott Gragg (MAT08) is the new principal at Fort Benton (Mont.) High School, also overseeing the middle school. He previously was assistant head coach/co-offensive coordinator with the University of Montana football program for five years. He returns to the Grizzlies, where he was a standout offensive tackle, after a pro football career that included 11 seasons and 151 games in the NFL with the New York Giants, San Francisco 49ers and New York Jets. He was named to the NFL All-Pro team in 2002 and to the Grizzly Sports Hall of Fame in 2009. He also has a high school teaching background with four years as head football coach and teacher at his alma mater, Silverton (Ore.) High School.

Ashley Kamimae-Lanning (G08) is in Cambridge, England, on a postdoctoral fellowship with the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology. The fellowship involves methods for determining the three-dimensional structures of proteins and other macromolecules, the sequencing

of DNA and the development of monoclonal antibodies. She is a postdoctoral fellow at the Oregon Stem Cell Center at Oregon Health & Science University, from which she received a PhD in cell and developmental biology in 2013.

Teresa Marbut (MA08) in May received a PhD in humanities from the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. She is now an adjunct professor of philosophy at Pierce Community College in Lakewood, Wash. She authored the book *Spiritual Foodways: An Ecofeminist Perspective on Our Sacred Journey with Food*, published in July. She writes about food history and food degradation in the United States, and is currently researching the narrative ethnographic and spiritual history of the Coast Salish peoples of the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

Tiffany Behary (G09) is the new head girls' basketball coach at Westview High School in the Beaverton (Ore.) School District. The former Bruin player moves up from a season as assistant coach with Westview following two years as a varsity assistant with Lake Oswego (Ore.) High School and three years with the school's youth program.

Kimberly (Heiter) Walters (G09) is a fourth-grade teacher at Minter Bridge Elementary School in Hillsboro, Ore. Since her graduation she has taught in Lahaina, Hawaii; Eagle Point, Ore.; Kuwait City, Kuwait; Hillsboro; and Portland, where she most recently was at Bridges Middle School doing curriculum design, lesson planning and differentiated instruction.

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Todd Bloomquist (EdD10) in July began a new position as director of special services for the Grants Pass (Ore.) School District. He manages programs that provide direct services to students with specialized needs, including speech/language services, alternative education, transition-age programs and programs for homeless youth. The change follows 10 years with the Medford (Ore.) School District as director of secondary education for three years, director of human resources for four years and director of curriculum and assessment for three years.

Thomas Petey Crowder (GFES10) is one of four pastors of the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem, N.C., part of the new Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

organization. He is serving as associate pastor for missions, joining the staff in 2014 after six years on the staff at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

Keith Higley (MBA10) is the new administrator for DeLoach & Nostra, P.A. and Seminole Title Company in Seminole, Fla., responsible for day-to-day operations, human resources and accounting for the five-attorney firm. He moved from Hillsboro, Ore., where he also was in law firm management. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in organizational leadership through Grand Canyon University in Phoenix.

Jennifer Harrington (G11) and **Alyssa Ott** (G11) have teamed together to launch Temple Towels, headquartered in Los Angeles. Started in June, the company features retro-stylized towel designs that reflect their love for vintage design and belief that necessities should be beautiful as well as useful. Their business donates 10 percent of profits to selected nonprofits, with purchasers designating their choice. The two met while freshmen enrolled in family and consumer science classes and shared their ideas for starting their own business, which they now plan to expand to include swimsuits.

Kate Swanson (G11) is marketing and accounts manager with Art Impressions Rubber Stamps, based in Keizer, Ore. She works closely with the store owner/founder in the 28-year-old business that markets nationwide to those involved in stamping, paper crafting and party planning. She travels throughout the United States, leading workshops and demonstrating at craft and hobby association trade shows.

Robin Dummer (EdD12), after two years as interim president, has had the interim title removed and now is officially the 14th president of Simpson University in Redding, Calif. From 2005 to 2013 he served as associate provost and accreditation liaison for the university, also serving as dean of the School of Traditional Undergraduate Studies. He has been at Simpson, his undergraduate alma mater, since 1994 following 10 years as a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church near San Francisco.

Christie Petersen (EdD12) is assistant professor of education at Corban University in Salem, Ore., starting her fourth year after 12 years with the Hillsboro (Ore.) School District, her final two as principal of Groner Elementary School.

New Director of Alumni Relations Returns 'Home'

Since graduating from George Fox 13 years ago, **Kyle Pfeiffer** (G02) has run businesses and worked at resorts. He moved to Hawaii twice. He traveled on corporate jets. He was offered a job with Young Life in the Caribbean. And in between, he kept returning to Oregon.

With each move, Pfeiffer believed God had called him there, and he would stay, invest and grow. Each time, God then called him away.

Recently, it was his wife Rama who felt the call. She simply told him one day, "We are moving to Yamhill." So they sold their home in Beaverton, Ore., and moved 7-year-old Jaden and 2-year-old Soraya to Yamhill, less than a 20-minute drive from his alma mater. Once again, Pfeiffer and his family were drawn to a new place.

But this place felt like home. Since Pfeiffer graduated from George Fox in 2002 he had always longed to reconnect with the university and its surrounding community, but he was never sure how. Other alumni he spoke with felt a similar pull. So when he saw a job opening for the university's director of alumni relations, he knew it was his opportunity.

Now, only months into his new role, Pfeiffer is excited about creating relationships, both personally and professionally. He wants fellow alumni to know that George Fox isn't just a place to "be known" while they attend, but also to "stay known"

years after their college experience.

How can alumni "stay known?" First, says Pfeiffer, by sharing their stories about family, career and how God is working in their lives.

He also wants to provide opportunities for alumni to give their time, skills and resources to connect with current and future George Fox students, whether through networking, mentoring or simple conversation. The possibilities for relationships are endless.

Pfeiffer hopes alumni will invest in ways that reflect their passions. "This investment provides a great testimony to current students," he says. "George Fox University isn't just about a great experience while students are here; it's a lifelong relationship. It can always be a home for them. They can always come back here."

This sense of home is what Pfeiffer has been searching for since graduation. "God has been calling [my family] in this direction the whole time, to a small-town community, to a community like George Fox," he says. "It feels like exactly where God wants us. To be back here is just like coming home."

Connect with alumni relations by calling 503-554-2134, emailing alumni@georgefox.edu or visiting georgefox.edu/alumni.





Julie Russell (MA12) is using her degree in marriage, couple and family therapy in her own business, Julie Russell Family Counseling, in Tigard, Ore. In addition, she travels weekly to Corvallis, Ore., to meet with patients there and plans to start a similar practice in Vancouver, Wash. In her third year with the business, she has worked more than a decade as a counselor and an adoption/birth parent caseworker.

Dan Smith (EdD12) in July became the new principal of North Medford (Ore.) High School. For the last five years he was principal of Hedrick Middle School in the same district. In his 23 years as an educator he has been a special education, career and technical education teacher at South Medford High, vice principal and athletic director at North Middle School in Grants Pass, Ore., and principal of Lincoln Elementary and North middle schools in Grants Pass. In his new role he leads a school of 1,600 students and 133 staff.

Cathy Davis (DMin13) in July became new pastor of the Newberg First United Methodist Church. Previously, starting in 2011, she was pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Junction City, Ore., following several pastorates in North Carolina and a nearly 20-year career in speech language pathology work in schools, hospitals and nursing homes in the state.

Alma Grijalva (MA13), following a lengthy background in business and community involvement, is now in her fifth year as a counselor at the Wellness, Business and Sports School, one of four small schools within Woodburn (Ore.) High School. She started originally as a front office staff member in 2006 after a career that included involvement with Oregon Legal Services, the Salud Medical Center, the Woodburn Downtown Association, the Farmworkers Housing Development Corporation and work in the insurance industry. A past president of the Woodburn Area

Chamber of Commerce, she was recently featured in a Hispanic Heritage Month series in the *Woodburn Independent* newspaper.

Ethan Hughton (G13, MBA14) and **Kelly (Coolen) Hughton (G13)** live in Tigard, Ore., where she previously worked at Bull Mountain Orthodontics before returning to George Fox in April as visit coordinator for undergraduate admissions. He is part of the audit staff at Perkins & Co., an accounting firm in Portland, which he joined in 2014 after an internship with KPMG LLP in Anchorage, Alaska.

Kelly Watts (ADP13) is now vice president/investment officer with Washington Trust Bank in Meridian, Idaho. He moved to the position in February after nearly eight years as vice president/wealth advisor with Zions First National Bank, and has been in the investment industry since 2001, with previous experience at Morgan Stanley, U.S. Bancorp and Bank of America.

Reid Hornberger (G14) is marketing specialist with CUI Inc. in Tualatin, Ore., responsible for advertising, social media, content creation and distribution, event management and tracking effectiveness. CUI is a technology company focused on the development and distribution of electronic components.

Christine Mutch (DMin14) is coordinator of next-generation engagement for the Reformed Church in America, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Mich. It has the goal of helping local churches engage youth and emerging adults to intentionally develop future church leaders. Previously she served nine years as associate dean of discipleship at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids after working as a middle school teacher.

Ruth Rini (MDiv14) is combining her business interests and theological background in starting a new church in Eugene, Ore. She and her husband, who founded and operate Double "R" Country Inn Kennels in Springfield, Ore., have established Unleashed Community Church, holding its first service last January. The dog-friendly church grew from a vision to compare the unconditional love dogs have for their owners with the love God has for people. Attendees of all faiths are encouraged to bring their dogs with them to the Sunday evening services, held twice a month at the Hilyard Center in Eugene. Services include short sermons, videos and Bible verses as well as a time for socializing with pets.

Katherine (Fuller) Schmitt (G14) and her husband are in Jakarta, Indonesia, where she is an elementary teacher and he is a math teacher with Sekolah Pelita Harapan International, teaching in the small city of Lippo Cikarang. They are in their second year with SPHI, a Christian school group that has 1,700 K-12 students in five schools near Jakarta.

Bruce Sheppard (EdD14), who started his doctoral program at age 59, wrote his dissertation on past participants in the Boot Camp for New Dads program, offered in the Salem, Ore., area since 2002. This summer he began teaching the course at Salem Hospital's Community Health Center. It coaches new dads on what to expect before, during and after birth, covering topics ranging from mundane to life-saving. He is in his eighth year with the Oregon Department of Education as an education specialist, monitoring and giving technical assistance in the Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education programs.

Nolan Staples (G14), after serving nearly a year in an interim role, in May was named pastor of worship ministries at Newberg Friends Church. An accomplished upright bassist who has continued to perform, he has attended the church all his life. He replaces **Mauri Macy (G68)**, who retired after holding the position for more than 20 years.

Shawn Aldrich (n15) is a tennis pro and tennis director with Yuba City (Calif.) Racquet Club. He has taught for eight years, including summers throughout college when he would run the junior tennis program. He began teaching full time in Oregon at Stafford Hills Club then moved back to Yuba City, his hometown.

Josh Farrester (DPT15) is back in his hometown of Madras, Ore., working as a physical therapist at Apex Physical Therapy, the same clinic that treated him for a football knee injury his senior year when he played quarterback at Madras High School.

Amy Fast (EdD15) is having her doctoral dissertation published as a book later this year by Rowman & Littlefield under the title *It's the Mission, Not the Mandates: Defining the Purpose of Education*. The book conveys the need for a common vision for America's public schools, arguing that educators are aching for a more inspiring purpose than simply improving standardized assessment results. She is an instructional coach with the McMinnville (Ore.) School District and was given the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year award by the George Fox University School of Education.

Dylan Harris (G15) is the new full-time print services specialist in the George Fox University Office of Print Services after being employed there part time the last three years as a work-study student. He graduated in May with a degree in organizational communication.

Stephen Howell (G15) has stayed with his alma mater, joining the university's analytics team in May after receiving a degree in computer science. During his junior and senior years he was a computer science lab assistant, and in 2014 he was involved in research and development projects as an intern with A-dec in Newberg.

Emily (Deering) Jaspers (G15) and **Levi Jaspers (G15)** have both landed new jobs in their fields of study, with Emily teaching music at William Walker Elementary School in the Beaverton (Ore.) School District and Levi accepting a

position as an associate design engineer with Gunderson, LLC in Portland.

Ryan Ladner (DBA15) is the new head of the Donald G. Soderquist College of Business at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., in addition to his duties as associate professor of marketing. He moved from Palm Beach, Fla., where he owned Ladner Marketing Company and was assistant professor of marketing at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Previously he was at Bryan College for four years, where he served as director of online operations followed by positions as director of enrollment for the school of adult and graduate studies and assistant professor of business.

Heather (Kurtz) Lewis (G15) and **Josh Lewis (G15)** are living in Redmond, Wash., where she is an admissions counselor with Northwest University in Kirkland, Wash., and he is a sales representative for Pushpay, an app for online giving that churches use to collect tithes and donations.

Nathan Morris (MAT15) in June was named the new head boys' basketball coach at The Dalles (Ore.) High School. He is now coaching at the Class 5A level, moving up from IA Dufur (his high school alma mater) where he coached for four seasons, ending in 2012 after leading his teams to two championship berths. He is also a seventh-grade ELA teacher at The Dalles Middle School.

Keithen Schwahn (G15) is using his biblical studies major as a ministry apprentice with Countryside Community Church, an Evangelical Covenant Church in Sherwood, Ore.

Mikayla Sims (G15) this fall began as a first-grade teacher at Laurel Elementary School in Junction City, Ore. But this summer she gained attention in a feature article in Oregon's *Capital Press*, an agricultural newspaper, on summer jobs on the farm that offer more than a paycheck. She has spent her last eight summers driving a combine for Tydan Farms in Harrisburg, Ore. She characterized her experience as invaluable and a good way to earn money for school, and says that with summers off she may return to the farm.

Haley (Bellows) Toms (G15) is a domestic violence legal advocate with the Emergency Support Shelter in Longview, Wash. It provides free services to victims of domestic and sexual violence, also offering services to families and friends of victims and survivors.

Tissell Helps Find Homes for Families in Need

Elisabeth Tissell (G14) wants to be a university professor, but the recent political science graduate is taking a not-so-ordinary path to get there.

Instead of pursuing education in graduate school, she's now in Alamosa, Colo., gaining real-world experience as a volunteer with AmeriCorps while on a two-year assignment helping low-income families secure housing.

"I'm being taught so much about communication skills and working with people," she says. Those communication skills are enhanced by her knowledge of Spanish, her minor at George Fox. She is a case manager for five families, most of whom speak Spanish.

Tissell is serving her assignment with the Adelante Family Self-Sufficiency Program, the first rural transitional housing program in Colorado. She is responsible for serving families that need transitional housing, conducting weekly home visits and coordinating with local social service agencies. In a typical day she can be found both in an office and in client homes, problem-solving everything from child care to government benefits, providing transportation, advocating for clients in court or helping them with purchases. "I partner alongside them," she says.

Her clients are typically homeless because of domestic violence, overcrowding or poor living conditions. Her organization provides housing for 13



Tissell, shown here in Ronda, Spain, where she studied abroad for a semester while a student, uses her knowledge of the Spanish language regularly in her current position with AmeriCorps.

to 15 families in addition to locating other homes. Clients can stay in the provided housing for up to two years, with a six-month extension, although most of the individuals and families Tissell assists don't stay that long. Those who have an income through work or other assistance pay 30 percent of their net earnings on housing.

"What I like most is learning my clients' stories and seeing them grow, putting the pieces together, recognizing their strengths and seeing them empowered," she says. "It brings me joy."

Her biggest surprise? "The variety of issues I've not thought of," she says. "I've received a lot of training here."

The assistance Tissell provides to clients is an effort involving a stair-step of organizations. She was recruited by AmeriCorps but works specifically with La Puente Home, Inc., a nonprofit providing food, shelter and advocacy for the homeless in the San Luis Valley in Colorado, and its Adelante program, which provides transitional housing services.

Tissell, who grew up in the Seattle area, says she had an early interest in studying the Spanish language. "I always wanted to be bilingual, to be a well-rounded person," she says, adding that the semester she spent studying abroad in Spain while a student at George Fox inspired her interest in working with people.

As for her future as a professor, she's still deciding what graduate school she will attend and even her ultimate field of study, which could include politics, international affairs, conflict resolution or diplomacy.



Brett Vernon (G15) has been named head boys' basketball coach for C.S. Lewis Academy in Newberg. The former Bruin player, who plans to pursue a teaching career after completing a master's degree, moves up from coaching the private Christian school's fourth- through sixth-grade and middle school boys' teams last year.

JUST MARRIED

Ray Warner (G50) and **June (Knobel) May** (n51), July 18, 2015, in Newberg.

Gene Mulkey (G53) and **Tonna Way**, Aug. 1, 2015, in Newberg.

Jennifer Streger (G95) and **Joel Estrada**, June 6, 2015, in Oregon City, Ore.

Keelie Keown (G97) and **Eli Caudill**, July 23, 2015, in Cannon Beach, Ore.

Ryan Kirkpatrick (G01) and **Marie Meyers**, June 27, 2015, in Harrisburg, Ore.

Erin Gleason (G03) and **Michael Presby**, Aug. 31, 2014, in Newberg.

Jordan Stacy (G07) and **Kate Peterson**, May 24, 2015, in Portland.

Jill Lepire (G09) and **Erick Schlosser**, June 14, 2015, in Oregon City, Ore.

Kristen Shielee (G09) and **Jeremiah Cromie**, Aug. 15, 2015, in Portland.

Kristy Luther (G11) and **Cliff Rhoten** (G11), Aug. 2, 2015, in Mt. Hood, Ore.

Alexis Christopherson (G13) and **Joseph Truitt** (G15), July 31, 2015, in Kingston, Wash.

Kelly Coolen (G13) and **Ethan Hughton** (G13), June 27, 2015, in Canby, Ore.

Jessi Fink (G13) and **Daniel Freitag** (G14), May 23, 2015, in Newberg.

Bronte Nevils (G13) and **Reid Hornberger** (G14), May 16, 2015, in Newport Beach, Calif.

Erin Terry (G13) and **Luke Padilla**, Aug. 1, 2015, in Helvetia, Ore.

Shawn Aldrich (G14) and **Shannon Cassidy**, Oct. 3, 2015, in Yuba City, Calif.

Trevor Fekkes (G14) and **Rebecca Tegman** (G14), May 16, 2015, in Snohomish, Wash.

Katherine Fuller (G14) and **Andrew Schmitt**, June 6, 2014, in Salem, Ore.

Emma Hooley (G14) and **Tim Almquist** (G15), Sept. 12, 2015, in Newberg.

Kenton Miller (G14) and **Rebekah Baker** (G15), July 18, 2015, in Newberg.

Justin Weatherford (G14) and **Alexandra Kennedy** (G15), Aug. 28, 2015, in Newberg.

Mark Almquist (G15) and **Mackenzie Murray** (G15), June 27, 2015, in Newberg.

Haley Bellows (G15) and **Christopher Toms**, Aug. 15, 2015, in Longview, Wash.

Emily Deering (G15) and **Levi Jaspers** (G15), July 12, 2015, in Stevenson, Wash.

Heather Kurtz (G15) and **Josh Lewis** (G15), July 26, 2015, in Littleton, Colo.

Keithen Schwahn (G15) and **Celeste Rotholz**, Aug. 7, 2015, in Lander, Wyo.

Melissa Stoltzfus (MA15) and **Paul Winfield**, June 27, 2015, in Newberg.

BABY BRUINS

Jonathan Huwe (G94) and **Amber (Nice) Huwe** (G00), a boy, Travis Glenn, June 10, 2014, in Portland.

Nathan Sundgren (G96) and **Felicia Sundgren**, a girl, Piper Keanna, born March 19, 2006, adopted July 15, 2015, in Missouri City, Texas.

Wendy Brown (ADP97) and **Jason Brown**, two girls and a boy, Tirezah N., Naomi J. and Asher T., adopted July 1, 2015, in Nampa, Idaho.

Heidi (Dougherty) Johnson (G97) and **Abon Johnson**, a girl, Pendri Danae, Oct. 16, 2014, in Spearfish, S.D.

Brandi (Bamforth) Watne (G98), MAT99) and **Quentin Watne** (G98), a boy, Quillen Hayes, April 24, 2015, in Springfield, Ore.

Anne Achberger (n99) and **Francis Achberger**, a boy, Francis Augustine, June 19, 2015, in Seattle.



Sarah (Bowder) Kolodge (G99) and **Tommy Kolodge** (G99), a boy, Sutton Yohanan, Dec. 4, 2014, in Newberg.

Molly (Galbreath) McFadden (G99, MAT00) and **Scott McFadden**, a girl, Arianna Jo, April 19, 2015, in Kirkland, Wash.



Melissa Mock Rawat (G01) and **Rahul Rawat**, a boy, Mateo Tikekar, Sept. 25, 2014, in Phoenix.

Robyn (Chacko) Varghese (G01) and **Sony Varghese**, a girl, Ava Hope, June 4, 2015, in San Antonio.

Amy (Abel) Krueger (MAT02) and **Jaison Krueger**, a girl, Nadia Joy, June 30, 2015, in Salem, Ore.

Lindsey (Bennington) McDowell (G02) and **Brian McDowell**, a girl, Mirren Violet, April 14, 2015, in Portland.



Mindy (Venable) Hammond (G03) and **Chris Hammond** (G08), a girl, Ella Mae, June 22, 2015, in Portland.



Derek Dougherty (G04) and **Tori Dougherty**, a girl, Veena Beth, Feb. 25, 2015, in Medford, Ore.



Annalisa (Crabb) Kane (G04) and **Derek Kane**, a girl, Natalie Grace, Feb. 12, 2015, in Portland.

Mary (Livingston) Arana (G05, MAT07) and **David Arana**, a boy, Asher Alexander, April 10, 2015, in Salem, Ore.

Joann (Whittaker) Boswell (G05, MAT10) and **Matt Boswell** (G05, MDiv09), a girl, Renee Vienna, July 4, 2014, in Berkeley, Calif.

Fairlight (Ankeny) Morelli (G05) and **Aaron Morelli**, a girl, Annika Joy, Jan. 29, 2015, in Newberg.

Charity (Joecks) Rios (G05) and **Rene Rios**, a boy, Caden Isaiah, Sept. 24, 2014, in College Station, Texas.

Keli (Conroy) Smither (n05) and **Tim Smither** (G06), a boy, Theodore Sidney, April 4, 2015, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Danae (Dougherty) Moore (G06) and **John Moore** (G06), a girl, Freya Marie, Dec. 24, 2014, in Tualatin, Ore.



Brandon Wagner (G06) and **Andrea (Bryan) Wagner** (G07), a girl, Natalie Rose, June 4, 2015, in Independence, Ore.



Cherie (Beck) Foote (G08) and **Jesse Foote** (G08), a boy, Lucas Brennan, Nov. 3, 2014, in Seattle.

Cary Griffith (G08) and **Kayin (Mathae) Griffith** (G08), a girl, Amalea Lee, Aug. 4, 2015, in Newberg.



Alyssa (Hadley) Hobus (G09) and **Paul Hobus**, a boy, Robert Duncan, June 25, 2015, in Kalispell, Mont.

Shanna (Lesire) Rogness (G09) and **Casey Rogness**, a boy, Summit Asher, April 24, 2015, in Keizer, Ore.

Dana (Larson) Sullivan (G09) and **John Sullivan** (G09), a boy, Lewis Paul, June 5, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo.

Kimberly (Hieter) Walters (MAT09) and **Clayton Walters**, a girl, Lucia Jade, Oct. 7, 2014, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Kelsey (Budeau) Smith (G10) and **Austin Smith**, a girl, Raegan Lane, Aug. 18, 2014, in Newberg.

John Zaganiacz (G10) and **Jenny (Barram) Zaganiacz** (G11), a boy, Benjamin Michael, May 20, 2015, in Newberg.

Kamila (Kuhn) Krous (G11) and **Erik Krous**, a boy, Calvin Michel, May 19, 2015, in Tualatin, Ore.



Carissa (Hoffman) Gobble (G13) and **Andy Gobble**, a girl, Joelle Jeanette, Nov. 4, 2014, in Hillsboro, Ore.



Austin Nealeigh (G13) and **Chelse (Carroll) Nealeigh** (G13), a boy, Kanon Isaiah, May 19, 2015, in Portland.

IN MEMORY

Helen (Aebischer) Kusel (n42), Aug. 24, 2014, in Palm Desert, Calif.

Mary (Dixon) Johnson (n45, ADP97), June 8, 2015, in Dayton, Ore.

Vera (Jones) Evans (G47), Dec. 28, 2014, in Nampa, Idaho.

Everett Clarkson (n51), Sept. 3, 2015, in Newberg.

Paul Stanfield (n52), May 13, 2015, in Newberg.

Don Lamm (G56, MDiv72), Sept. 29, 2015, in Newberg.

Robert Smith (G58), Sept. 27, 2015, in Milwaukie, Ore.

Jesse Kennison (G66), July 30, 2015, in Lexington, Ky.

Muriel Ablard (MA81), Dec. 31, 2014, in Sheridan, Ore.

Charles Peters (MDiv81), June 17, 2015, in McPherson, Kan.

Stephanie (Nazareus) Landis (n85), July 31, 2014, in North Bend, Wash.

Earl Loree (MDiv87), June 11, 2015, in Boise, Idaho.

Ralph Fough (ADP89), May 25, 2015, in Salem, Ore.

Kevin Hall (MA93), Aug. 2, 2015, in Newberg.

Tara (Delp) Manitsas (G93, MA99), Sept. 8, 2015, in Newberg.

David Manitsas (PsyD00), Sept. 18, 2015, in Portland.

Rachel Macy (MA04), June 23, 2015, in Newberg.

Dana Anderson (MA08, EDD14), June 5, 2015, in Huntsville, Texas.

James Dinsdale (MA08), May 20, 2015, in Estacada, Ore.

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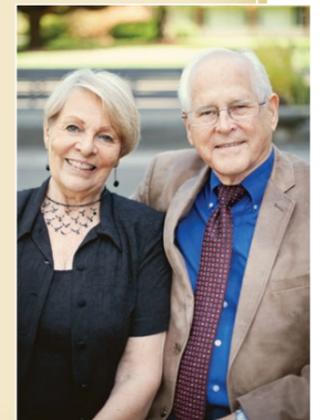
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Social
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The 'iWheel'
Goes Viral

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It all started with 36 cardboard boxes, a few rolls of packing tape and one big idea. For more than a year, systems administrator Mike Campadore had been stashing away iMac boxes whenever the university ordered new computers, noting that the slightly angled shape of the boxes could create a giant wheel if he collected enough of them. He thought it might make a fun toy for his daughter. The result, however, was something no one expected – a viral photo and video that would reach millions around the world.

It all started inconspicuously enough when, on a sunny Friday afternoon in July, Campadore asked IT coworker Rich Bass to help him complete the wheel and the two rolled it out on the quad for a spin. A photo shared by the university marketing department on Facebook quickly found its way to Reddit, Imgur, Tumblr and Twitter, where it went viral, viewed more than 3 million times within hours.

Soon Photoshop hobbyists began inserting what became known as the "iWheel" into a variety of scenarios, from running with the bulls to scenes from movies like *Ben-Hur* and *Interstellar*.

Online commenters asked to see the iWheel in action and the university marketing department seized the opportunity, creating a video that was viewed more than 250,000 times on YouTube and shared on high-profile

websites like CBS News, USA Today and Mashable. Local news station KATU sent a reporter to interview Campadore and Bass, and ABC's *Good Morning America* even requested footage, though the proposed segment never made it to air.

▶ Watch the video, see news coverage and more at georgefox.edu/iWheel

While interest in the U.S. began to wane the following week, the iWheel craze was just picking up steam in countries like Japan, Russia, Germany and even Saudi Arabia. Major Japanese network Fuji Television even featured it on the evening news.

By the end of its 15 minutes of fame the iWheel had been seen nearly 4 million times that can be verified, and hundreds of thousands or perhaps even millions of times more that cannot, making it the most wide-reaching – though at first unintentional – marketing effort in the history of the university.

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Senior running back John Shaffer celebrates in the end zone after punching in the winning touchdown against the University of Redlands in the Bruins' first home game of the season. The thrilling 39-35 come-from-behind victory would establish a high level of comfort in the friendly confines of Stoffer Family Stadium, as the team finished 3-1 at home in just their second season back on the gridiron after a 46-year hiatus.