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Linfield College students got an inside look at Nike and other sport industry companies during the January Term course *Career Exploration: Through the Lens of Sport Management*. During the month-long class, students explored career possibilities, learned interview tactics and met with representatives – including many alumni – from adidas, Columbia Sportswear, Portland Timbers, Portland Trail Blazers, Seattle Mariners, Seattle Seahawks and other sport-related entities.

Exhibit honors School of Nursing

The rich history of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing is captured in the exhibit “Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing: A Legacy Empowering a Community” on display on the Portland Campus.

The items were collected by Rachael Woody, Linfield archivist, and the exhibit was created by Rosa Gimson '12. Since 1873, a strong and growing Good Samaritan Hospital and Nursing School has had a substantial impact on the Portland area as well as on the larger global community it has served. The exhibition highlights the legacy of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing. More than 250 images are also available for viewing at DigitalCommons@Linfield.

Quercus features student research

A new journal is showcasing student research at Linfield College.

Quercus: Linfield Journal of Undergraduate Research is Linfield's open access journal for Linfield student scholarship. The first volume was completed in the fall and editors are seeking submissions for volume two. The first issue includes four articles of student

research in diverse fields: computer science, math, biology and political science.

“Communication of one's findings is the final step in the research process,” said Chad Tillberg, assistant professor of biology and senior faculty editor for the volume. “The hope is that the outstanding work our students produce will live beyond the end of the semester, and be seen more widely.”

The journal is also an important professional development opportunity for student authors. The articles are peer-reviewed by alumni with relevant experience, which means students receive and must deal with external criticism of their work. Once the work is published, there will be a permanent link to it in DigitalCommons@Linfield, so student authors can point to it as a significant accomplishment as they move forward into graduate programs and careers.

Articles include “Simultaneous Localization and Mapping Using Stereoscopic Computer Vision for Autonomous Vehicles” by Robert Ferrese '11; “A Case for Undocumented Students in Higher Education: The Pursuit of Social Justice in Oregon Senate Bill 742” by Clara Martinez '14; “Tilings with T and Skew Tetrominoes” by Cynthia Lester '11 and “The Effects of Owl Decoys and Non-threatening Objects on Bird Feeding Behavior” by Leah J. Rensel '13 and Jannell D. Wilder '12.

In addition to Tillberg, editorial staff includes Michael Huntsberger, assistant professor of mass communication; Melissa

Buccola's book on Frederick Douglass finalist for Oregon Book Award



A book by Linfield College Professor Nicholas Buccola was nominated for an Oregon Book Award.

The Political Thought of Frederick Douglass: In Pursuit of American Liberty highlights the life and ideas of the self-taught slave who became one of the most influential activists and orators of the 19th century. Sometimes called the

“grandfather of the civil rights movement,” Douglass' ideas had a profound influence on later leaders such as Martin Luther King, Jr.

Buccola's book has garnered praise for its relevancy and insight. He contends that Douglass' case for equality is remarkable because

he combined the familiar language of rights and liberty with the less familiar vocabulary of responsibility and fairness.

Buccola, assistant professor of political science, has been at Linfield since 2007.

He teaches American politics and the study of law. This year he secured a grant from the Apgar Foundation to initiate the first year of the Douglass Forum on Law, Rights and Justice, a lecture and debate series and student fellows program enhancing the newly established minor in law, rights and justice.

The book is nominated for the Frances Fuller Victor Award for General Nonfiction. The winners of the Oregon Book Awards will be announced April 8.

Jones, assistant professor of nursing; and Reshmi Dutt-Ballerstadt, associate professor of English. Read student work at digitalcommons.linfield.edu/quercus/.

Student participates in genome project

Matthew Creech '14 attended the Genome Institute in January to take part in the Genomics Education Partnership (GEP) on behalf of Linfield College, the first school in Oregon to participate.

The institute is housed at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and the partnership provides opportunities for undergraduate students to engage in genomics research. Creech received a firsthand introduction to the field from geneticists and molecular biologists who worked on the groundbreaking Human Genome Project.

The biology major began doing research as a freshman and has served as president of the Biology Club and is active in the pre-med student club. He hopes to become a neurosurgeon.

"I've been able to travel all over the U.S. for professional conferences," he said. "It's been wonderful. You put in the time and effort, and your professors give it back."

Creech volunteers at the local hospital, assisting doctors and nurses with preparation for surgery, works in the emergency room, and interacts with patients.

He is mentored by biology Professor Catherine Reinke and also works as a marine ecology research assistant on the Oregon coast with Professor Jeremy Weisz.

President appoints diversity committee

In recognition of the richly diverse community at Linfield College, President Thomas Hellie has established a President's Advisory Committee on Diversity that will support individuals from every background.

Linfield's student body is more ethnically diverse: last year almost a

quarter of students on both campuses were Americans of color. The school sees other forms of diversity as well, with students varying in age, sexual orientation and economic class.

"Diversity provides opportunities for intellectual exploration and personal growth as students learn to negotiate complex social landscapes and befriend those from all walks of life," Hellie says.

"Our college is growing more diverse, which is great because of the rich insights and varied experiences this adds to our campus community," says Crystal Galarza '13, a member of the committee. "But it also means that we need to work together to better understand and integrate our differences. The demographics on college campuses are changing nationwide, so it's important to have an open dialogue about what this means."

The committee was created to promote the advancement of diversity and inclusivity in the Linfield College community. The 15-member committee includes students, faculty and staff who represent diverse constituencies.

New trustees join board

Julie McElrath

Senior vice president,
co-director

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Disease Division, Fred
Hutchinson Cancer Research
Center, Seattle, Wash.



Ken Stuart

President emeritus,
founder, Seattle
Biomedical Research
Institute, Seattle, Wash.



Jingsong Zhu '93

Professor, National
Center for Nanoscience
and Technology,
Beijing, China



Manager/partner, Plexera
Bioscience, Woodinville, Wash.



During Christmas break, 14 Linfield College students including Leticia Falcon '14 volunteered at a "Know Your Numbers" health awareness campaign for employees at Bailey Nurseries in Yamhill. Students, all members of Linfield College Latinas Adelante, a Latino mentorship program, measured height, weight, body mass index, blood glucose, blood pressure and caloric needs for more than 100 Bailey employees. The students' participation was crucial to the event, according to Rosalba Sandoval-Pérez, human resource generalist at Bailey Nurseries, who said they greeted employees, ran the screenings and reviewed the results with the participants. "The students did such a wonderful job," said Sandoval-Pérez. "They were friendly and professional and made our employees feel comfortable during the process."