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Linfield College students created 14 cozy fleece blankets for the McMinnville community as part of Operation Snuggle. The activity was an example of the innovative programming offered during January Term on campus this year, both academic and recreational. All first-year students took a January Term course as a prerequisite for graduation.

Online program ranked in top 100

Linfield's accredited online college is ranked in the top 100 for the second year in a row as one of the "Best Online Bachelor's Programs" in America. Linfield stayed at 63rd in recent rankings released by *U.S. News & World Report*, up from a ranking of 136th just three years ago.

Linfield received its highest marks for student engagement, where it ranked 48th, and student services and technology, where it ranked 54th. It is the highest ranked online college program among private, liberal arts colleges in Oregon. Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program shares the 63rd spot with Eastern Oregon online and is second only to Oregon State University among all Oregon colleges.

"People looking to enhance their career by earning their degree are increasingly recognizing the value of a degree from Linfield College," said Laura Brener, OCE director.

Hellie heads CIC Board of Directors



Thomas L. Hellie, president of Linfield College, was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Council of

Independent Colleges (CIC) Board of Directors on Jan. 4.

With over 700 institutional and organizational members, CIC is the only national higher education association that focuses solely on providing services and a broad range of initiatives directly to independent colleges and universities to help improve the quality of education and strengthen institutional resources.

Hellie, president of Linfield College for nearly 10 years, joined the CIC Board in January 2012. He served on the Awards and Investment Committees as well as the Programs Committee. He has chaired the Programs Committee since January 2014 and served in that role on the Executive Committee of the CIC Board of Directors. Hellie will help to oversee the planning

and execution of CIC initiatives and operations, and will serve as spokesperson for the Council.

"I am deeply honored to be elected chair of the Board of Directors of the Council of Independent Colleges," Hellie said. "I believe that this is, in part, a recognition of the growing prominence and quality of Linfield College. Our form of education is personalized and transformational, and the CIC helps make that possible for independent colleges everywhere."

Linfield hosts 'Changing America' exhibition

A traveling exhibition, "Changing America: The Emancipation Proclamation, 1863 and the March on Washington, 1963," will run Feb. 10 through March 25 at the Linfield College Jereld R. Nicholson Library.

The exhibit will showcase the relationship between two great movements that resulted in the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, and the March on Washington in 1963. Some 100 years separate the Emancipation Proclamation and the March on Washington, yet the two events are linked together in a larger story of liberty and the American experience. Both events were the result of people demanding justice. Both grew out of decades of bold actions, resistance, organization and vision. And both provided inspiration for the future.

Two speakers will be featured during the exhibit. Clayborne Carson, professor of history at Stanford University, will present "Martin's Dream: My Journey and the Journey of Martin Luther King, Jr." on Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in Nicholson Library. Waldo Martin, professor of American history and citizenship at University of California Berkeley, will present "Ready for the Revolution? History and the Black Panther Party" on Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in Nicholson Library.

The traveling exhibition is presented by the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture and the National Museum of American History in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The exhibition is made possible by the

National Endowment for the Humanities. The events are sponsored by the Linfield Department of Political Science, The Frederick Douglass Forum on Law, Rights, and Justice, the Elliot Alexander Fund for Political Science, the Dean's Speaker Fund and Nicholson Library.

Batchelor receives Gilman Scholarship



Brooke Batchelor '16 of Visalia, Calif., is spending spring semester immersed in South Korean culture after

earning a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

The scholarship enabled Batchelor, a communication arts major, to study the Korean language, international communication and taekwondo at Yonsei University during spring semester. She also hopes to have the opportunity to visit different Korean companies and to gain insight into how organizations work in different cultures.

Linfield honored by Chamber of Commerce – twice!

Linfield College's Office of Career Development earned two awards during a celebration of the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce's 100th birthday last fall.

Linfield received the Business Education Award, acknowledging the strong relationship the local business community has with the college in helping to prepare students to advance their careers through local jobs and internships.

The second award was the Outstanding Partner Award, which honors a person or organization for their special contributions and support of McMinnville Economic Development Partnership's development efforts. The work that Linfield has done in support of this program includes assisting with the McMinnville Works internship program and hosting National Manufacturing Day tours with local businesses.

OCE launches enrichment program

Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program will offer several enrichment programs this spring geared for working professionals or personal enjoyment.

PERSONAL ENRICHMENT:

- Writing the Great American Novel (*or maybe just a short story*) April 9, 23, May 7, 21
- Whole Life Yoga: Creating Holistic Health: April 2, 9, 16, 23
- Making Sense of Social Media: April 9
- Wine 101: April 23
- Social Media for Productivity: May 21

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT:

- Spanish Healthcare Interpreter Training online, April 4 through June 17
- Successful Winery Practices; three topics
 - Creating and Telling Your Winery's Story, April 5, 12
 - Wine Club Management: Best Practices, May 3, 10
 - Winery Financials, April 19, 26
- Unleash the Power of Social Media For Your Business, four topics:
 - Finding the Right Platform for Your Business, April 21
 - Strategies and Tactics: Best Practices, April 28
 - Managing Social Media: How to Make it Work for You, May 5
 - Measurement and Analytics: How do I Know if it's Working, May 12

For more information, go to linfield.edu/dce/enrichment or email enrichment@linfield.edu

Linfield receives several grants

Linfield College faculty and staff have been awarded several grants that will have an impact on educational efforts at the college.

Joyce Betita, Experiential Learning Center director, has received grants to acquire nursing simulation lab equipment from the Hillside Foundation (\$6,000), The Jackson Foundation (\$3,500) and The Samuel S. Johnson Foundation (\$5,000).

Michael Hampton, director of Career Development, earned a \$5,000 grant from the Mountain Pacific Association of Colleges and Employers in support of a conference exploring how curiosity is an important component of the career exploration process.

The National Science Foundation awarded **Jeremy Weisz**, assistant professor of biology, a grant of \$128,416 for collaborative research with faculty from the University of Richmond for a three-year project evaluating the molecular genetic pathways responsible for stable host: symbiont interactions in sponge: algal association.

Archivist **Rachael Woody** received a grant of \$12,000 from the Oregon Heritage Commission in support of transcription of videos for the Oregon Wine History Archive (OWHA). The Oregon Wine Board also awarded Woody a grant of \$11,021 to support the development of short videos using oral histories contained in OWHA for use by the wine industry and in wine education.

Linfield Gallery coordinator **Josephine Zarkovich** secured a grant of \$1,500 from the Yamhill County Cultural Coalition in support of a contemporary Native American art exhibition to be featured in the Linfield Gallery in September.