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Juan Vidal '17

SPORT: Swimming | **HOMETOWN:** Portland | **MAJOR:** Nursing

WHY LINFIELD? I wanted to finish my nursing degree while having the opportunity to swim at the collegiate level. The idea of a small school was very appealing and gave me the opportunity to become integrated into a cohesive community.

FAVORITE ASPECT OF LINFIELD: The amount of support from faculty is incredible. I've been challenged and grown as a person in my time here, and feel confident in whatever direction life will take me.

LESSONS LEARNED FROM SWIMMING: Being a competitive swimmer has taught me to commit to my passions and to focus on the details to achieve my goals. If you put in the hard work and stay focused, it will pay off.

BALANCING NURSING SCHOOL AND SWIMMING: There isn't much room for free time, so prioritizing and time management are important. I have great support from peers, professors, coworkers and family to keep me balanced.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: I take part in volunteer opportunities through the college, mostly doing health screenings for migrant children. I'm also a swim coach for Mt. Hood Aquatics.

FUTURE: I plan to start my nursing career in mental health. My eight-week clinical at the Legacy Emanuel Adult Behavioral Unit erased the stigma I had about mental disorders. I have found my calling in health care.



Three earn All-America honors



Kennedy Johnson '17 and **Stephen Nnabue '17** were each named third-team All-America players by D3football.com.



Nnabue was named as a second-team All-American and Johnson a third-team All-American by the American Football Coaches Association.



Sam Riddle '17 was named a third-team All-America player by the Associated Press and a first-team All-America quarterback and Division III Offensive Player of the Year by D3football.com. He also received a first-team All-America citation from the AFCA.

Growth, achievement mark first winning season in a decade

The Linfield men's basketball team earned its first winning season in nearly a decade with an overall record of 15-11. The Wildcats climbed from seventh place in the Northwest Conference last season to third place this year, earning one of four berths to the NWC playoff tournament.

In recognition of his team's tremendous growth, head coach **Shanan Rosenberg** was chosen as the NWC's Coach of the Year, becoming the first Linfield basketball coach in 16 years to receive the league's coaching award.

Kyle Maloof '17, who led the team in scoring and rebounding, was picked as a second team NWC all-star and guard **Riley Bruil '19** received honorable mention acclaim.

"The team set out with goals of posting a winning record, making the conference playoffs and being in a legitimate fight for a championship," said

Rosenberg. "These were all accomplished."

The Wildcats' achievements went deeper than awards and statistics.

"Our most significant accomplishment was our competitive maturation, our personal and emotional growth, and the galvanization that occurred in our relationships," Rosenberg added.

New leadership in athletics



Garry Killgore has worn many hats during his 27 years at Linfield – professor, department chair, entrepreneur and longtime cross-country and track & field coach.

Beginning July 1, he will take on a new role as Linfield's director of athletics, succeeding **Scott Carnahan '73**.

At an institution known for the longevity of its coaches and the success of its teams, Killgore becomes just the fifth athletic director at Linfield since 1949. He follows Carnahan (1996-2017), Ad Rutschman '54 (1973-96), Roy Helser '36 (1968-73) and Paul Durham '36 (1949-68).

"Garry Killgore is a rare combination of entrepreneur and collaborator," said President Thomas L. Hellie. "He understands and

embraces Linfield's proud tradition, and I'm confident that he will be an effective athletic director."

Killgore has served as Linfield's chair of the Health, Human Performance and Athletics department since 2010 and taught in the department since his arrival in 1989. He coached Linfield track & field and cross country for 21 years and holds a doctorate in exercise physiology and biomedics from Oregon State University.

Applying his background in exercise science, Killgore founded AQx Sports Inc., a land- and water-based training and rehabilitation system for athletes.

Killgore was named Linfield College's "Edith Green Distinguished Professor" for 2010 and was recognized as the College/University Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the State of Oregon in 2008. He was inducted into the Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame in 2013.

Manley to lead Wildcat baseball



Stan Manley '82 has been named head baseball coach effective next season.

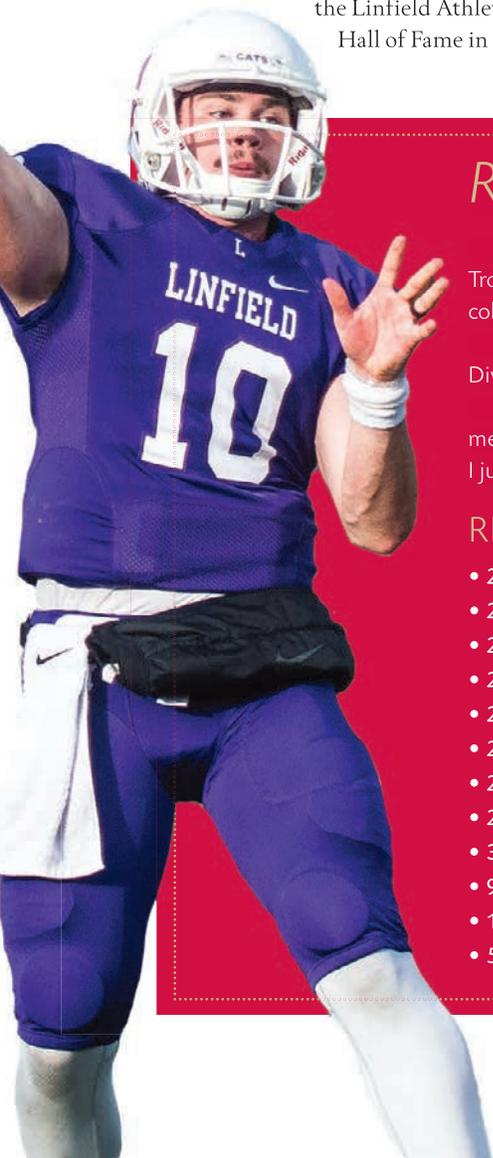
He will replace Scott Carnahan '73, who is retiring in June after 26 seasons as baseball coach. Manley served as an assistant to Carnahan beginning last season, working primarily with the infielders and behind the scenes as the program's recruiting coordinator.

Prior to joining the Linfield staff, Manley was a coach at Sheldon High School, leading the Irish to Oregon Class 6A state championships in 2013 and 2015 and five Midwestern League titles. In 14 seasons at the Eugene school, he compiled a win-loss record of 241-140, including a 22-9 record in playoff games. Twice he was named the Class 6A Coach of the Year by

the Oregon Schools Activities Association and in 2015 was honored as the ABCA/Diamond Regional Coach of the Year.



Dallas Edge '17 registered her second career All-America performance in the 60-meter hurdles in March at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships. Edge placed third overall in 8.70 seconds, providing Linfield with its highest national finish in a women's indoor running event since Hall of Fame inductee Amber Larsen '01 took third in the 400 meters in 2001.



Riddle finalist for Gagliardi Trophy

Linfield signal caller Sam Riddle '17, husband and father of two, was runner-up for the 2016 Gagliardi Trophy honoring the best all-around student-athlete in NCAA Division III football. The award, the small-college equivalent to the Heisman Trophy, went to St. John's University linebacker Carter Hanson.

Linfield football coach Joseph Smith '93 said Riddle is the embodiment of what Division III is about – the holistic person.

"He's a good, strong student, and yet he's taken the role of being a strong family member, putting his family first," Smith said. "He's been there for so many people. I just can't think of someone more deserving."

RIDDLE BY THE NUMBERS:

- 2016 Gagliardi Trophy Runner-Up
- 2016 D3Football.com Offensive Player of the Year
- 2016 First-Team All-American
- 2016 West Region Player of the Year
- 2016 Northwest Conference Player of the Year
- 2015 Second-Team All-American
- 2015 West Region Player of the Year
- 2015 Northwest Conference Player of the Year
- 30-4 Win-loss record as a starter
- 9,617 Career total offensive yards – Linfield Record
- 118 Career touchdowns – Linfield Record
- 593 Career completions – Linfield Record

