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Pencil us in

In the Heights | Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy jazz, hip-hop, salsa and good old-fashioned Broadway razzmatazz during *In the Heights*, winner of four 2008 Tony® Awards including best musical.

Linfield Professionals Network | Nov. 2, 5:30 p.m.

Join Peter Fisher '95 for the upcoming Linfield Professionals Network event at Human Investing in Lake Oswego. Bring your business cards and come prepared to promote yourself or your business and socialize with fellow Wildcats.

Discover the French Riviera | Nov. 3-10

Explore the French Riviera including Nice, St. Tropez, Monaco and Cannes. Stay in the same hotel for seven nights while taking day trips to some of the most gorgeous destinations in the world.

Australia/New Zealand | March 17-April 5

Travel from the Outback to glaciers and take in spots like Melbourne, Sydney, Christchurch, Queenstown and the Great Barrier Reef. See the Franz Josef Glacier Region, eat dinner with a New Zealand family, tour Mt. Cook National Park and more.

Billy Elliot | April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Winner of 10 2009 Tony® Awards including Best Musical, *Billy Elliot* was called "The best musical of the decade" by *TIME Magazine*. It is a show that will delight the eyes, the ears and the heart.

For more information, contact Debbie Harmon '90, director of alumni relations, 503-883-2547, alumni@linfield.edu.

Partnering with parents

Things have sure changed since I was a student at Linfield. Our means of communication was the pay phone down the hall. Now every student has at least one cell phone, plus Internet connections in their room and throughout campus. Instead of arranging for weekly phone calls at that pay phone, students are in contact with their parents daily or – in some cases – even more frequently. With the proliferation of the web, that also means that parents are now far better informed about what is happening at Linfield.

As director of alumni and parent relations, part of my role is to make sure that the college is in touch with parents and keeping them informed of programs, policies and events. On the whole, increased contact with and by parents makes for a stronger Linfield and a better experience for Linfield students. Parents can be a great source of emotional and financial support. They provide ideas and leadership for the college – some even serve on important committees such as the Parents Council Leadership Team or the Board of Trustees. Jobs, internships and other vocational or service opportunities have been provided by parents. And who could possibly be better ambassadors for recruiting the next generation of Linfield students than satisfied parents who have seen their own sons and daughters mature, grow, learn, discover their passions and become confident adults ready to take their place in the world? Parents are an important part of the Linfield community and we are happy to serve and partner with them to make Linfield the best it can be.

*Debbie (Hansen) Harmon '90
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations with her son, Daniel Harmon '11*



Good eats

Whether it's a thick, juicy burger or a bowl of steaming broccoli cheese soup, we Wildcats love our food – and our local eateries. After McMinnville was recognized by *Bon Appetit* magazine as one of the “foodiest” towns in America, a question to Linfield College Facebook fans, “Where did you like to eat?” revealed tried and true favorites.

Choice restaurants include some no longer with us like Pop's Shop, and others such as Muchas Gracias, La Rambla, Crescent Café, Wildwood Café, Deluxe, Thai Country, Bistro Maison, Chan's, Antonio's (Lafayette), Golden Valley Brewery, Subway, Shari's, McMenamins, Sandwich Express, The Sage, Kame, Alf's and Oly's Wrap Shack.

Have your own favorite? Join the Linfield Facebook group at www.facebook.com to add to the conversation.



Speaking up for alumni

Linfield alumni have a voice at the college through the Alumni Leadership Council, which serves as the collective voice of Linfield's 20,000 graduates. The group meets three times each year and is the liaison to the Linfield administration and board of trustees. In addition to promoting Linfield and addressing alumni concerns, council members discuss issues related to alumni events, programming, services and communication. The group also reviews and administers the Alumni Scholarship Fund and the Alumni Awards.

MEMBERS INCLUDE

Bob Zuleger '53, Muriel (Hunt) Dresser '59, Nancy (Steinbach) Haack '69, Garlinn (Hansen) Story '69, Sonny Jepson '73, Nancy (Foster) McCollum '74, Sean Hoar '80, Lynn DeWard '83, Brian Petrequin '94, Brian Lawrence '99, Marsha (Cooper) Moore '99, **Jeanine Ishii '03, chair (pictured)** and Jason Little '07. The president of the Student Alumni Association also serves.



Refer a Wildcat

Doug Littlejohn '64 knows a future Wildcat when he sees one. He referred his grandson, Derek Littlejohn '14. You can help recruit the class of 2015. Call the Office of Admission to recommend a prospective student at 800-640-2287.

www.linfield.edu/refer_a_wildcat

Nursing grads snag residencies

Up against stiff competition, 14 Linfield nursing alumni were selected from among 699 applicants to fill 61 RN residency positions at Portland-area Legacy Health locations.

“We are incredibly excited about our Nurse Residency program,” says Mary Lyn Feldt, a patient care specialist at Legacy and the RN residency manager. Linfield alumni represent the largest group from any school in the resident cohort.

The residency program aims to increase RN competence and confidence, thus enhancing quality patient care and outcomes. Legacy partnered with Versant, which provides content, structure, process and evaluation as the new RNs transition to practice.

