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## Alumni News

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## Pencil us in



### French Riviera webinar

**March 8, 7 p.m., online** Learn more about this eight-day trip to the French Riviera, set for Nov. 3-10, during a live online presentation.

### Palm Desert event

**March 15, 4 p.m.** President Thomas L. Hellie and Dave Hansen, dean of students, will meet with Linfield alumni and friends for a social hour.

### Life After Linfield

**May 4, 5:30 p.m., Jonasson Hall** An annual tradition at Linfield, this dinner gives graduating seniors the opportunity to enjoy a four-course meal in the company of fellow graduates and alumni who share their interests.

### 50-year luncheon

**May 5, 11:30 a.m., Jonasson Hall** Celebrate with those who graduated from Linfield 50 years ago or more.



### Ericksen last lecture

**May 13, 7 p.m., Jonasson Hall** Kenneth Ericksen, professor of English, will retire after more than 45 years at Linfield. Listen to his "last lecture" and wish him a fond farewell at the reception following.

### Lion King

**June 20, 6:30 p.m., Keller Auditorium** Don't miss this Tony® Award-winning Broadway sensation – a treat for the eyes and the ears. The Linfield seats are on the orchestra level near the aisle where the animals enter. Tickets are \$70.



### Oregon Shakespeare Festival

**July 8-10** See five productions and gain insights during pre-show discussions by Ken Ericksen, professor of English. Plays include *Twelfth Night*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Henry IV*, *Hamlet* and *The Merchant of Venice*.

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[www.linfield.edu/alumni](http://www.linfield.edu/alumni) **on the Web**

## Connect with a 'Cat

A new program is linking Linfield students with alumni professionals. Cat Connections allows students – and young alumni – the opportunity to connect with Linfield alumni who have expertise in a field, knowledge of a geographic area and/or experience with a graduate course of study. Connections can take place face-to-face, via phone or even using Skype, depending on what is best for individuals. Alumni can serve as invaluable resources for students preparing to enter the job market. For more information, go to:



[www.support.linfield.edu/cat\\_connections](http://www.support.linfield.edu/cat_connections) **on the Web**

## Get a Linfield ringtone

Longing for the sounds of Linfield? Download a Wildcat ringtone to your cell phone. Choose from the Fight Song or the Alma Mater, both played by the Linfield pep band. Download free songs at:



[www.support.linfield.edu/ringtones](http://www.support.linfield.edu/ringtones) **on the Web**

## Mark your calendars

### Homecoming, Oct. 15-16

#### Know an award-worthy alumnus or community member?

Share your recommendations for Distinguished Alumnus, Alumni Service Award, Outstanding Young Alumna and Walker Service Award. Nomination deadline is June 1.

[www.support.linfield.edu/award\\_forms](http://www.support.linfield.edu/award_forms)

**Questions?** Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 503-883-2547, [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu), or go to:



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## East Coast, West Coast: Linfield connections abound

Linfield connections stretch far and wide, as I was again reminded during a recent trip to New York City. I had the opportunity to accompany Professor Scott Chambers and a group of students who were taking a January Term course on the financial industry. As a part of the trip, the students and I met with several alumni on the East Coast. I am not sure who impressed me more – the students taking the class or our alumni who live and work in the Big Apple. Both groups were poised, articulate and excited to learn and share their expertise.

It was an enlightening trip for me. Linfield alumni in New York City are hardworking and successful. They face more challenges getting that first job because Linfield isn't well known on the East Coast. However, once companies hire Linfield graduates, they soon learn that they are just as capable and smart as graduates from Ivy League institutions. Although I am heartened that our alumni are finding great success in New York and other East Coast locations, I am disappointed that Linfield is not better known. I hope over time we can change that.

Working together, Linfield alumni can create



a powerful network to increase the visibility of the college and enhance the value of their own degrees. One of the ways you can do that is by joining the Cat Connections program (see page 24). Whether you are on the East Coast, the West Coast or halfway around the world, you can lend a helping hand to Linfield students, and boost the ever-growing Linfield network. I hope you will join us!

– Debbie (Hansen) Harmon '90  
Director of Alumni Relations

## Alumni share January Term memories

As Linfield students scattered across the globe for various January Term classes, we asked alumni Facebook members to recall their own January memories. Here are excerpts:

### Kelly (Ingram) Wooten '83

Music, art and culture; France:

The most unusual event of all was when a heavy closet door broke and fell on the toe of the professor, necessitating surgery. The learning and cultural experiences were invaluable and had a much greater impact than ever could have been obtained sitting in a classroom in McMinnville.

### Karin Lamberson '02

Backcountry skiing, Steens Mountain, Oregon:

It was like another planet up there in all that snow and unearthly terrain, and the view from the top was like we were on top of the world. I always tell people about it when they ask me about Linfield, and I think that Jan Term is one of the best things Linfield has to offer.

### Julie Knight '87

South Pacific (New Zealand, Tahiti, Hawaii and Fiji):

Anyone remember trying those Cava leaves?! – a mouth-numbing experience. Great memories of various cultures, places... AND we were able to come back to a cold Linfield at the end of January with an amazing tan.

### Lisa (Eccles) Taylor '04

China:

The whole trip was very interesting and memorable. But the strangest event occurred in Wuhan. We were put up in the nicest hotel in town, which also happened to be the locale for the “ladies of the evening.” Being naive, I didn't realize the beautifully dressed women were working girls.