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Pencil us in

Pike House celebration | March 5, 4:30 p.m.

Check out the new renovations in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity house. Alumni and guests are invited to attend a no-host dinner following the celebration.

Tucson event | March 16, 5:30 p.m.

Join Linfield alumni and friends at the home of Steve '74 and Ann Pickering. Meet other Linfielders in the area, visit with President Thomas L. Hellie and hear news from the college.

San Diego event | March 16, 5:30 p.m.

Expand your personal and professional networks by meeting other Wildcats in the San Diego area at Dave & Buster's.

Los Angeles event | March 17, 6 p.m.

Join Linfield alumni, parents and friends for appetizers and networking at La Grande Orange Café in Pasadena.

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

Palm Desert luncheon | March 18, noon

Catch up on life at Linfield when you join other Wildcat fans at the home of Lloyd and Hansi Swenson.

Australia/New Zealand | March 17-April 5

Linfield alumni and friends will travel from the Outback to the glaciers including Melbourne, Sydney, Christchurch, Queenstown and the Great Barrier Reef.

Portland event | April 19, 5:30 p.m.

Alumni and friends interested in health care will gather at the Mercy Corps headquarters in Portland. Dr. Neal Rosenberg, from Goldfarb School of Nursing in St. Louis, Mo., will discuss his research on HIV health care workers in Cameroon.

Baseball reunion | April 23, noon

The 1971 championship baseball team will reunite following the Linfield vs. George Fox baseball game.

Creating new traditions

Plans are under way to launch two new activities in conjunction with Spring Commencement – events that we hope will become part of the tradition at Linfield College.

Graduating seniors and their parents will be invited to gather Commencement eve, following Baccalaureate services, to celebrate before receiving their diplomas on Sunday. Several students will give toasts of gratitude to the parents and families who have supported them, to the faculty who have mentored them, and to the fellow students who have shared the journey.

A second event will honor "The 50 Year Club," alumni who graduated 50 and more years ago. They will be invited to robe and participate in the Commencement ceremony, alongside our 2011 graduates. This is a way to honor and celebrate an important milestone for our alumni, to thank them for their loyalty to the college and to provide a model of a lifelong relationship with Linfield for our newest grads.

Traditions are important because they can help cement memories, give alumni a greater sense of identity and belonging, and are a great way to hand down values from one generation to the next. We look forward to the 2011 Commencement weekend and the beginning of what we hope will be new traditions. Please join us.

Debbie (Hansen) Harmon '90
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations with Bob Zulegar '53



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Let us entertain you

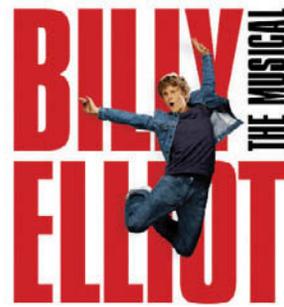
Billy Elliot | April 17, 6:30 p.m.
Keller Auditorium, Portland

Billy Elliot is a triumphant musical about one boy's journey to find his calling and acceptance. Winner of 10 2009 Tony® Awards including Best Musical, *Billy Elliot* was called "The best musical of the decade" by *TIME Magazine*.

Disney's *Mary Poppins* | July 3, 6:30 p.m.
Keller Auditorium, Portland

Mary Poppins, a hit Broadway show, features the irresistible story and unforgettable songs from one of the most popular Disney films of all time, plus brand new dance numbers and spectacular stage craft.

Billy Elliot the Musical and Disney's *Mary Poppins* are presented as part of the Fred Meyer Broadway Across America Portland series.




Save the date!

Relive your Linfield memories during Homecoming 2011

Oct. 7-8

Celebrating the classes of 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2001; rededication of Northup Library (now T.J. Day Hall).

Nominate an exceptional individual for an alumni award – deadline is June 1.

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Explosion rocks Pike house

It takes more than a blast to slow a Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity project. Despite a propane explosion in early January that shook the fraternity house undergoing renovations, the Pikes will unveil the revamped facility this spring.

The Pikes will host a Founder's Day and reopening ceremony Saturday, March 5, at 4:30 p.m. at the house. A brief program will be followed by a tour of the facility. Pike alumni and their spouses or guests are invited to attend a no-host dinner following the celebration.

According to McMinnville Fire Department officials, the explosion was caused by loose connections on a propane heater in the basement of the house. Leaking propane pooled and ignited, triggering the blast. The explosion blew out framing between the foundation and first floor on the southwest corner of the building, but didn't damage the foundation itself. No one was inside the house at the time of the blast.

The house was built around 1920 and became home to the fraternity more than 50 years ago. Two years ago, alumni closed the house for renovation and began raising the \$450,000 needed for renovation.

For more information on the ceremony, contact Joe Welsh '96, head of the Pike alumni group, pike.deltarhoevents@gmail.com.



And the survey says

Linfield College will conduct an informational survey this spring and approximately one-third of alumni will be contacted, specifically those who graduated in the early 1980s and before. The college is hoping to bolster the alumni database to better connect the Linfield community. The survey will include biographical and employment information, and link relatives within the database. Each returned survey will be included in a raffle to win a Kindle electronic reader. Watch your email or mail box.

Honoring service and leadership

Brian Gerritz '98
Alumni Service Award

*President and founding principal
Pavilion Construction*

“Dean Hansen demonstrated that you could live it all, provided you put forth the effort. His influence in student life was one committed to the development of leadership, citizenship and stewardship. He is a role model for his personal standards of excellence and commitment to the larger community.

“My senior year was filled with memorable Dean Hansen events. Most notably was a student government retreat to the Oregon Coast, when his humor and outrageous personality emerged from behind the title of dean.”

Brian Gerritz on Dave Hansen, dean emeritus and professor of economics

Susie Kuhn '97
Outstanding Young Alumna

*Apparel and accessories business director
Converse/Nike, Shanghai, China*

“When I was a sophomore, Barbara gave me personal support and academic advocacy at the exact point I needed it. She displays incredible passion for the subjects she teaches – her style really taught me that the positive, committed approach is usually the best one if you want to have impact.

“The day I graduated, I introduced her to my parents and she referred to me as her ‘closet literature major.’ It was a humble way of saying I took a lot of her classes without actually majoring in her department, when really I just had a secret major of ‘Seidman’ – she was that good a professor!”

Susie Kuhn on Barbara Seidman, professor of English



They have been guides, leaders, mentors, colleagues and friends. Relationships forged at Linfield between students and faculty, administrators and staff help shape and mold future careers. Students learn to follow their passions and their paths can take them around the world.

Each year, the Linfield Alumni Association honors dedicated alumni for their hard work, innovation and generosity of spirit. We asked each of this year's award winners to select an individual who was influential during their Linfield Experience. Here are their responses.

Theresa Betancourt '91
Distinguished Alumna Award

*Professor at the Harvard School of Public Health
Director of the Research Program on Children
and Global Adversity at the FXB Center for Health
and Human Rights*

"Linda is a tremendous teacher and deeply thoughtful person. Now as a professor myself, I also encourage my students to take risks and pursue their scholarly passions. Linda was always in my corner, even when the path became unorthodox.

"Linda encouraged us to take our scholarship seriously while remaining open to synergies across disciplines. I recall her inviting an expert in Eastern philosophy and psychology to give a talk at Linfield and inviting several students to join in a dinner conversation. She also encouraged me to consider working with the Upward Bound program, which would later become my first experience in working with refugees...a passion that remains today."

Theresa Betancourt on Linda Olds, professor emerita of psychology



Shawn Chen '87
Distinguished Alumnus Award

*Chairman and Founder
Sias International University, China*

"Dr. Walker was the first college president I met in the U.S. The relationship and friendship with Dr. Walker certainly changed me and influenced what I am doing now. His personal attention and care made me feel so welcome at Linfield. His personal guidance and teaching helped me to grow. His experience and being a respected president made me work hard to be like him. That is why I said the award was due to Dr. Walker and his teaching. The seed he planted in my heart now has bloomed in international higher education.

"When I was at Linfield, Dr. Walker took me to Seattle to give a talk to the Linfield board. That was a memorable experience, meeting so many people who were interested in me. It was one of the best trips I have had in my life."

*Shawn Chen on Charles Walker, president emeritus
of Linfield College*

