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Two named Fulbright scholars



Gabrielle Nygaard '13 and Keith Welch '12 have been selected for upcoming experiences abroad through the Fulbright Program.



Nygaard will spend next year teaching in South Korea, and also plans to work with

youth to highlight common ground between the cultures of South Korea and Japan. Welch will serve as a teaching assistant in Germany and volunteer with a nongovernmental organization or nonprofit working with immigrant or refugee populations. Both are part of the English Teaching Assistant (ETA) program.

Faculty recognized with annual awards

Four Linfield College faculty members have been recognized for outstanding contributions to the college.

- Nick Buccola, associate professor of political science – The Allen and Pat Kelley Faculty Scholar Award recognizing outstanding scholarly achievement for a faculty member who has received external editorial validation for their work and a guarantee to publish the research in question.

- Patrick Cottrell, assistant professor of political science – The Marvin and Laurie Henberg International Scholarship Award recognizing a faculty member whose scholarly activity on an international topic or theme has passed peer review and has been or is slated for publication.

- Mike Jones, Harold C. Elkinton professor of accounting – The Edith Green Distinguished Professor Award made to a senior faculty member who demonstrates sustained excellence in the classroom and has worked creatively to enhance Linfield's commitment to academic excellence.

- Tanya Tompkins, professor of psychology – The Samuel H. Graf Faculty Achievement Award recognizing a faculty member who has made an outstanding contribution to the life of the college that extends beyond his or her regular duties.

Kozy to head nursing school



Mary (Mallie) A. Kozy has been named dean of the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Kozy has more than 30 years in the nursing profession including 18 years in nursing education. She has served as chair of undergraduate nursing studies at Lourdes University in Ohio since 2008. She previously taught both undergraduate and

graduate courses at the Medical University of Ohio College of Nursing, and was twice honored for excellence in teaching. She has experience in public health and community care, and is board certified as an adult psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist. In addition, she has maintained a small practice focusing on women recovering from domestic violence.

Kozy has a bachelor's in nursing from Duke University, a master's from the Medical College of Ohio (now University of Toledo) and a Ph.D. in nursing from Duquesne University.

Evitts puts math skills to work



Kyle Evitts '14 spent last fall studying at the Budapest Semester in Mathematics program, a prestigious and highly

competitive study abroad math program. Evitts tackled rigorous undergraduate and graduate-level courses.

Evitts, a mathematics major with a computer science minor, continued his academic growth as a member in the NSF-funded Willamette Valley REU-RET Consortium for Mathematics Research program at Lewis & Clark College over the summer. He was selected to participate in the program that immerses undergraduates in a challenging research experience. Evitts was assigned to create computer artificial intelligence that could win at Go, one of the

USC recognizes Linfield mentor, professor

At USC, Jim Diamond is known as an excellent mentor to students and ambassador for Linfield College.

Diamond, professor of chemistry at Linfield, recently received a 2013 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Southern California



Department of Chemistry for his work in recommending and guiding outstanding Linfield chemistry students into the graduate program at USC. Diamond, at Linfield since 1991, was a postdoctoral research associate in quantum chemistry at USC from 1979-84.

Curt Wittig, Paul A. Miller Professor of Letters, Arts and Sciences at USC, spoke of the remarkable strengths demonstrated by Linfield's chemistry graduates who have attended USC. Linfield students, he

noted, have made their mark. Since the Michael J. Dulligan Memorial Award for outstanding graduate research in physical chemistry was established in 2003, four Linfield students have received the award: Amy (Germaine) Moskum '98, Cody Schlenker '04, Chris Rivera '04 and Lee Chiat Ch'ng '07. Zhu Jinsong '93 also studied chemistry at USC, but received his degree before the award was established.

Diamond said he was overwhelmed with the award and the opportunity to speak in front of some 250 distinguished colleagues and students at the awards ceremony in April.

"It's a real tribute to the quality of our faculty who mentor them in undergraduate research," Diamond said, pointing to chemistry colleagues Bob Wolcott, Tom Reinert, Elizabeth J.O. Atkinson and Brian Gilbert.

world's oldest board games. This task is one of the remaining challenges in creating artificial intelligence since no computer has ever been able to beat the human counterpart.

Evitts presented his research project at the Mathematical Association of America meeting for the Pacific Northwest. In addition, he was a member of Linfield's team for The Mathematical Contest in Modeling.

Rodriguez hones leadership skills



A passion for Hispanic rights advocacy earned Paulina Rodriguez '15 a prestigious scholarship and a seat at a national leadership conference.

Rodriguez was one of 20 students awarded the 2013 Dr. Juan Andrade Scholarship and she attended the National United States Hispanic Leadership Institute's national conference Feb. 14-17 in Chicago, Ill. Rodriguez met determined Hispanic leaders who paved the way for many Latinos in the U.S.

Rodriguez is a member of Hawaiian Club, Upward Bound and Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (M.E.Ch.A.).

Ostrander chosen for advancement division

David Ostrander, vice president for university advancement at Saint Leo University, has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Linfield College effective July 1, according to President Thomas L. Hellie.

Ostrander replaces Bruce Wyatt who is retiring from the position after 11 years. Wyatt will remain at Linfield as assistant to the president.

Ostrander has nearly 30 years of experience in college and university fundraising. He has spent most of his career at independent liberal arts colleges, including Coe College and Wartburg College. Most recently, Ostrander has served as vice president at Saint Leo University in Saint Leo, Fla. He recently completed the university's first-ever

campaign, which had a goal of \$15 million and raised a total of nearly \$19.5 million.

The Linfield division Ostrander will lead was previously known as College Relations. The name has been changed to Institutional Advancement to reflect the most commonly used term in higher education. The division will continue to coordinate fundraising activities, alumni, parent and community relations, and communications to internal and external constituencies of the college.



In the future, Rodriguez plans to volunteer with the Peace Corps or Teachers Without Borders. She also hopes to attend graduate school and pursue a degree in either public policy or public administration.

"I hope to make policy changes to better society and make a real difference," said Rodriguez.

Correction: In the story "Teaching always comes first" in the winter 2013 issue of Linfield Magazine, the book Missionary Impositions: Conversion, Resistance, and other Challenges to Objectivity in Religious Ethnography was co-edited by Hillary Crane and Deana Weibel 2012 (Lexington Books).



The Linfield College Concert Choir headed to Costa Rica for a 10-day concert tour in March. Students, under the direction of music Professor Anna Song, shared music, offered service and engaged in cultural exchange. The choir was accompanied by President Thomas L. Hellie and Ronni Lacroute, Linfield College trustee and major supporter of the choir tour.