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The Linfield Theatre's fall production of *Neighborhood 3: Requisition of Doom* was one of three shows selected to be presented at the Region VII Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) in February. The play was chosen from 30 eligible productions presented by colleges and universities from nine Western states. The play, by Jennifer Haley, explores the impact of technology on identity and human relationships and delves into the ethics encountered in virtual reality. It was directed by Janet Gupton, associate professor of theatre arts.

Linfield faculty, friends and students.

"This is one of the pleasures of visiting the schools," Furusawa said. "I am able to have a dialogue with the students. It's rewarding, to say the least."

Since 1976, Linfield's long-standing partnership with sister university Kanto Gakuin University in Yokohama, Japan, has flourished. In addition, Linfield has established partnerships with Doshisha University in Kyoto; and Rikkyo University, Aoyama Gakuin University, Kokugakuin University and Rissho University, all in Tokyo.

## *Brittan named director of wine education*



Ellen Brittan

Ellen Brittan, owner of Brittan Vineyards, is the new director of wine education at Linfield College.

Brittan is working with Linfield's Division of Continuing Education (DCE) to develop a wine education program that could include a variety of courses offered online or during the summer.

"Ellen's extensive experience in the wine and hospitality industry will be invaluable in helping us create courses that can serve the local wine industry, as well as provide educational opportunities and experiences for individuals interested in learning more about wine," said Linfield President Thomas L. Hellie. "Ellen's primary role will be to develop a wine education program through DCE, but she will also play a major role in advising and creating wine education programs for our traditional students."



Nils Lou

## *Studio gallery dedicated*

The life and career of the late Nils Lou, professor emeritus of art, is being honored this spring with an exhibit of his work and the naming of a studio gallery in his honor.

"The Play Spirit," featuring selected pieces on loan from Lou's extensive catalog of ceramic vessels, sculptures, paintings and drawings, is on display through March 14 in the James F. Miller

Fine Arts Center at Linfield College. An exhibition space, the former studio gallery, was dedicated in February. In conjunction with the dedication and show, a second art exhibit featuring work by Linfield faculty in honor of Lou, is on display in the Linfield Gallery.

## *Japanese program earns commendation*

The Linfield College Japanese Studies program earned a commendation and praise for its success during a personal visit from the Consular Office of Japan in Portland, a branch office of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dec. 1.

Linfield was one of 48 institutions across the West Coast region to receive the commendation, presented by Hiroshi Furusawa, Consul General of Japan in Portland. A reception in honor of the consul and recognizing Linfield's long tradition of Japanese education and study abroad programs followed, attended by

Brittan, who holds bachelor's degrees in French language and literature and Spanish language and literature, spent 20 years in the financial services industry, working her way up from a bank teller to executive vice president. She later moved into the wine industry serving as general manager of Rudd Vineyards and later executive director of the Rudd Group. She also served as executive director of the Rudd Foundation. She and her husband, Robert, own a vineyard near McMinnville. Ellen Brittan serves on the board of the International Pinot Noir Celebration, and is currently the chair of the Oregon Wine Board and president of the Oregon Winegrowers Association.

## Sanchez receives Gilman Scholarship



Stephanie Sanchez '16

Stephanie Sanchez '16 of Salem is studying abroad in Quito, Ecuador, this spring after receiving a \$4,500 scholarship from the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.

At Linfield, Sanchez is majoring in health education and minoring in Spanish. She is also active on campus as a colloquium peer advisor, Linfield College Latinos Adelante mentor, Wildcat Intercultural Network mentor, Latinos Organizando Comunidades con Obras y Servicios member and more.

While in Ecuador, Sanchez hopes to learn about the culture and how health care is different in South America compared to the U.S.

## Faculty recognitions



Michael Huntsberger

**Michael Huntsberger**, associate professor of mass communication, was invited to join the Radio Preservation Task Force of the Library of Congress. He will survey libraries and other collections of historic radio materials in Oregon, including program transcriptions and artifacts from radio history.



Joanna Rowe Kaakinen

**Joanna Rowe Kaakinen**, professor of nursing, and her co-authors, received the first place Book of the Year award from the American Journal of Nursing for *Family Health Care Nursing: Theory, Practice and Research* (5th edition). Rowe was the lead editor and wrote six chapters. Other nursing faculty who authored chapters were Laura Rodgers, Vivian Tong, Jeannette O'Brien and Kathleen Bell. Rowe also won an award from the Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nurse Faculty Program for creating the family case study in the chronic illness chapter, which discusses how to work with families living with Parkinson's Disease.



Lissa Wadewitz

**Lissa Wadewitz**, associate professor of history, is the recipient of the 2014 Albert B. Corey Prize for her book *The Nature of Borders: Salmon, Boundaries, and Bandits on the Salish Sea*. She previously received the John Lyman Book Award from the North American Society for Oceanic History and the Hal K. Rothman prize from the Western History Association for the same book.

## In their own words



Vivian A. Bull

Watch oral history interviews of some who have helped shape the Linfield story. *In Their Own Words: Remembering Linfield College History*, located in the Linfield College Archives, captures the history of Linfield through the eyes of the people who saw it firsthand – students, alumni, administrators, staff and others.

The series launched with interviews featuring two former Linfield presidents – Charles U. Walker, who served from 1975-92, and Vivian A. Bull, who served from 1992-05. A third interview spotlights

Dave Hansen, professor emeritus and former dean of students and daughter, Debbie Harmon Ferry '90, director of alumni and parent relations.

Watch the interviews at [digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lca\\_interviews/](http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lca_interviews/).