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We've got the beat

Linfield will launch a marching band in fall 2018, making it the first NCAA Division III team in the Northwest Conference to have a full marching band. The band will support the entire Wildcat community, including the football team notable for its string of 62 consecutive winning seasons.

“College marching bands let students continue doing what they enjoyed in their

high school days while building confidence and rigor for the college experience,” says Faun Tiedge, professor of music and department chair.

The college’s previous marching band ended before World War II, and the program wasn’t revived.

For students interested in studying music, Linfield offers both a Bachelor of Arts degree and a minor in music – although marching band students will study a wide variety of majors. The college also

offers multiple performance opportunities outside of the marching band, including wind symphony, woodwind ensemble, jazz band and brass choir.

Linfield in the rankings

Linfield continues to be ranked highly by national news outlets.

The latest *U.S. News and World Report* ranking of colleges saw Linfield College



Campus, community come together in path of totality

More than 2,000 people gathered on Linfield’s McMinnville Campus and looked to the sky Aug. 21 to watch the solar eclipse. Linfield, located in the path of totality, hosted a free community event and distributed eclipse glasses. Prior to the eclipse, Michael Crosser, professor of physics and chair of the physics department, presented an eclipse talk. Throughout the morning, he and Christopher Gaiser, professor of biology, emceed the event in the Oak Grove and answered audience questions. They are the co-hosts of the podcast “crisscrossing Science.” In addition to the many campus guests, Jeff Gianola, KOIN-TV news anchor, broadcasted live throughout the day.

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tied for the No. 1 spot among Pacific Northwest liberal arts colleges for “Best Ethnic Diversity.” This is the second year in a row Linfield has held this position. The magazine uses a formula to create a diversity index based on the proportion of students of color to the overall mix of the student population. Nationally, Linfield is 34th among all liberal arts colleges and universities.

Also for the second year in a row, *Washington Monthly* recognized Linfield as the top liberal arts college in Oregon and Washington in its “Best Bang for the Buck” list. The publication rates schools based on their contribution to the public good: recruiting and graduating low-income students; producing cutting-edge scholarship; and encouraging public service. The list ranks schools that help non-wealthy students attain “marketable degrees at affordable prices.”

Researchers from Cal-Berkeley, Stanford, Brown and the U.S. Treasury Department reported earlier this year that Linfield outpaced virtually all private colleges in the Pacific Northwest at admitting students from disadvantaged families and helping them move up the economic ladder.

BestValueSchools.com ranked Linfield’s online RN-to-BSN program at No.15 in its list of the top 30 most affordable online programs. The ranking only considered schools with average tuition and fees of less than \$20,000 a year. The website cited the program’s “globally-minded” curriculum that sits “squarely in the 21st century” and gave particular kudos to the annual International Service Learning Program for BSN students.



Linfield’s newest class – made up of leaders, volunteers, athletes and travelers – arrived on campus in August. Of the 466 students, 36 percent are students of color and 24 percent are the first in their families to attend college. Many are from Oregon – 61 percent – while others come from around the United States and abroad. Linfield hosted its third Spanish-language orientation this fall to better support Latinx students and their families.

Jones named director of wine education

Greg Jones, known globally as a pre-eminent wine climatologist, is Linfield’s new director of wine education.

“I’m excited to come to a small, private liberal arts college that is student-centered and regionally engaged, and in the heart of the Oregon wine industry,” Jones said.

Jones replaced Ellen Brittan, the founding director of wine education at Linfield, who returned to Brittan Vineyards full time.

Jones was named one of the Top 50 Wine Industry Leaders by *Wine Business Monthly* in 2016, one of the 100 most influential people in the U.S. wine industry in 2012 and 2013 by *intowine.com* and the *Oregon Wine Press* Wine Person



of the Year for 2009.

Linfield is the first college in the country to offer an interdisciplinary liberal arts degree in wine studies. It currently offers a wine studies minor that can be paired with a wide selection of majors, and is in the process of developing a wine major.

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