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Kim Dupree Jones named new Dean of Nursing

Kim Dupree Jones, professor of nursing and medicine at Oregon Health & Science University, will assume the role of dean at the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing in August.

“Kim’s commitment to nursing education in a liberal arts setting, research expertise, experience as a family nurse practitioner and focus on the future of nursing make her a perfect fit for Linfield,” said Susan Agre-Kippenhan, vice president for academic affairs.

Jones will replace interim dean Joanna Rowe, who retires June 30.

College adds new majors

Linfield faculty members approved the addition of three new majors and three new focus areas starting in the fall of 2018. Students will now have the option to major in Global Cultural Studies, Sport Management and Wine Studies, in addition to 51 existing majors.

The new majors represent growing fields based in Linfield’s core liberal arts curriculum, and will prepare students to pursue professional opportunities and/or graduate studies.

The faculty also approved Environmental Humanities, Engineering and Materials Science as new focus areas within existing majors.

Linfield ‘Best of the West,’ says *Wall Street Journal*

In the recent *Wall Street Journal/Times* Higher Education College Rankings, Linfield was named the top college in the west in a rural or small-town set-

ting, outranking Washington State University, George Fox University, the University of Wyoming and the University of Idaho, among others.

The publication ranked Linfield No. 166 nationally, out of more than 1,000 schools. Linfield was also ranked No. 66 nationally for “Best Liberal Arts Colleges,” receiving high marks for graduate outcomes and academic resources.



\$6 million gift to revolutionize wine education

Domaine Serene Winery founders Grace and Ken Evenstad have pledged \$6 million to Linfield, the largest gift in Oregon history in support of wine education. The gift is also one of the largest donations in Linfield’s history and will allow the college to expand its wine education program, which offers the first interdisciplinary liberal arts bachelor’s degree in wine studies in the United States.

The gift will endow the Grace and Ken Evenstad Center for Wine Education at Linfield and an endowed faculty position, the Evenstad Chair in Wine Studies. It will also fund the construction of the Evenstad

Correction

Linfield Magazine inadvertently omitted Larry Doty '79, associate professor of health and human performance and former head basketball coach, from the list of “Linfield’s Top 10 longest-serving head coaches,” on page 39 of the fall issue. Doty coached for 26 years and is tied for second on the list of longest-serving head coaches. We regret the error.

Letters and address changes

We welcome your thoughts. Letters may be edited for length and clarity, and should include name, address, email address and telephone number. Linfield Magazine, 900 SE Baker St., McMinnville, OR 97128-6894

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Wine Laboratory as part of a new science building under development.

 linfield.edu/spring-2018-videos

Linfield a top producer of Fulbright scholars

Linfield is among the top American colleges and universities when it comes to producing Fulbright Scholars in 2017-18, the U.S. Department of State's

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs recently announced.

Four graduates from Linfield received Fulbright awards for the academic year 2017-18. Linfield tied with Lewis & Clark College and Reed College for the highest number of Fulbright awardees among private liberal arts colleges in Oregon. Linfield, though, had a higher acceptance rate than its fellow Oregon colleges.



Ty Marshall, retiring this year as professor of theatre arts, inspects the set for the spring play Silent Sky. In addition to teaching classes since 1987, he is the resident designer for Linfield's Marshall Theatre.

Wishing them well

Eight faculty members with a combined 230 years of teaching experience will retire this year. Some are giving "Last Lectures" as a farewell to the community. See page 45 for dates and times.

Retiring faculty include Peter Richardson, professor of German since 1980; Tara Lepp, professor of health and human performance since 1982; Barbara Seidman, professor of English since 1983; Bev Epeneter '66, professor of nursing since 1984; Bill Mackie '72, professor of physics since 1987; Ty Marshall, professor of theatre arts since 1987; Jan Selliken, associate professor of nursing since 2000; and Joanna Rowe, professor of nursing since 2011.

Letters



Cupola signature

Timothy D. Sofranko, I want to give you a big THANK YOU for your article Worth 1,000 words. When dad sent me off to Linfield in the fall of 1963, he told me that sometime during my time there I was to go up to the cupola at Pioneer Hall and see if his signature was still there. In my four years, I never made it and had to tell him that when he attended my graduation. Now, 50 years later, your article confirmed to me that it is still there. I just wish he was still here so I could tell him.

Thanks again and Linfield will always hold a special place in my heart for all the memories.

Roy Gronquist '67

(Editor's note: Roy Gronquist's father was Einar Budd Gronquist '41.)

