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Linfield acquires 20-acre Portland campus

Linfield College has agreed to purchase the University of Western States campus in Northeast Portland.

University of Western States will lease back the facilities until May of 2020, when Linfield will take possession. The Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing has been located at Northwest Portland's Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center since 1982, and the nursing program will continue to operate in that location for the remainder of this academic year and the next.

"This was a once-in-a-century opportunity for us to expand in Portland," said Miles K. Davis, Linfield College president. "It guarantees that our school of nursing will have a secure home, and it gives us additional opportunities to expand in the state's largest metropolitan area."

The facilities at the existing Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing are at full capacity, leaving the college's nursing programs with long waiting lists.

"Our new campus will allow us to significantly expand to meet the health-care needs of Oregonians. The timing of our new campus is critical as one quarter of Oregon's registered nurses and one half of Oregon nursing faculty plan to retire in the next decade," said Kim Dupree Jones, Linfield's dean of nursing.

This investment represents Linfield's most significant expansion since 1998, when Linfield acquired 115 acres next to its McMinnville campus through a gift-and-purchase agreement with the Hewlett-Packard Corporation. The University of Western States campus has 10 buildings, including a new lecture hall and a state-of-the-art anatomy laboratory, and is zoned for educational purposes and student housing.

 [linfield.edu/fall-2018-videos](https://www.linfield.edu/fall-2018-videos)

New program aids first-gen students

Linfield is offering a new program for students who are first-generation college students. The Linfield First Scholarship program aims to address the unique challenges first-generation students face. It includes scholarships, mentoring, early-arrival programs and more. Learn more at [linfield.edu/first-scholarship](https://www.linfield.edu/first-scholarship).

Linfield earns accolades

Linfield received top rankings from national news outlets this fall.

Money magazine released its rankings for the "Best College for Your Money" in 2018, and Linfield occupies the No. 1 spot among liberal arts colleges in Oregon.

For the third year in a row, Linfield holds the top place among Pacific Northwest liberal arts colleges for "Best Ethnic Diversity," according to the 2019 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings.

Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program earned a designation as one of the "25 Best Bachelor's in Project Management Online" in the United States for 2018 by *TheBestSchools.org*.

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Rain or shine

A new weather station began posting real-time atmospheric conditions from Linfield this fall.

The station, located on the south end of the McMinnville campus, records temperature, dew-point temperature, relative humidity, wind, rainfall, atmospheric pressure and solar radiation, and calculates a UV Index.

The station is maintained by the Evenstad Center for Wine Education, and will be used campus wide to learn about climate, says Greg Jones, director of the center and a research climatologist in the Department of Environmental Studies. Learn more at linfield.edu/weather.



Combined bachelor's-master's degree in wine offered

The U.S. college with the first interdisciplinary wine studies degree will now be the first U.S. college with a five-year program leading to both bachelor's and master's degrees in wine studies.

Linfield is teaming up with Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture (ESA) in Angers, France, for the initiative. Students who complete the program will receive a bachelor's degree in wine studies from Linfield and an international vintage master's degree from ESA.

"This program provides an accelerated pathway for students to gain both a bachelor's and master's degree, and to gain important work experience in the heart of Oregon's wine country and in three or more European countries," said Greg Jones, director of the Evenstad Center for Wine Education at Linfield.



What happens when scientific revolution meets human depravity? The Linfield Theatre Program, in its 99th season, explored that question with *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* in early November. The production included a post-show question-and-answer session with the designers and director along with a roundtable on "Monstrous Psychology and Biology" featuring faculty from the departments of English, biology, psychology and theatre. Professor Janet Gupton directed the 13-member cast.



Gubernatorial candidate Nick Chen, right, and political science Professor Nick Buccola answer audience questions.

Civic engagement

Linfield hosted two gubernatorial candidates to discuss civic engagement and political participation in October, one week before election day. Students and community members met with Nick Chen, Libertarian Party candidate, Oct. 29 and Rep. Knute Buehler, Republican Party candidate, Oct. 30. All of Oregon's gubernatorial candidates on this year's ballot were invited, including the incumbent, Gov. Kate Brown.