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## History maker



The first reaction was shock, then a mixture of humility and surprise, followed by honor.

Gale Castillo '73 felt a range of emotions upon being informed she would be one of four 2019 recip-

ipients of the Oregon Historical Society's History Makers Medal. Past awardees include Nike co-founder Phil Knight, Columbia Sportswear board chair Gert Boyle and filmmaker Gus Van Sant. This year's winners will be honored at a ceremony in October.

Considering all she has accomplished – Castillo is co-founder and president of the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, the largest in the Northwest, as well as co-owner and president of Cascade

Centers Inc. – the Oakland, California, native couldn't help but reflect on where it all began. In McMinnville, nearly 50 years ago.

"I had lots of opportunities," says Castillo, a former Linfield trustee and the 2015 Commencement speaker. (Castillo is the current board chair at Portland State University, her other alma mater.) "What I tell people is you can have lots of opportunities, but you have to step up to them. I did step up and continued to learn and grow. Linfield was my first big stepping stone."

She encourages Linfield students to do what they love, and success will follow.

"It has to be something you really care about," she says, "to engage others to help support whatever vision you're creating."

– Jeffrey Martin

## 1950-59

**Dennis Crawford '56** of Port Townsend, Wash., and wife, Alta, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Ajijic, Mexico, Dec. 28. Both retired from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

## 1960-69

**Donald Simpson '60** of New Zealand is enjoying retirement, travelling with wife, Lorna, and celebrating 50 years together. Simpson regularly plays the church organ and is secretary for various groups.

## Refer a future Wildcat

Do you know someone who would make a great Linfield student? Refer them to Linfield this spring and you could potentially win some Linfield swag! This spring is a great time to refer:

- a high school junior
- a community college student planning to transfer to a four-year school
- a friend or colleague considering an online degree or professional certificate

Your part is simple – contact us at the link below and we will take care of the rest. To be entered in our drawing, referrals must be received by May 15.

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**Gordon Kaufman '62** of Spokane, Wash., joined 88 other Vietnam veterans, six Korean War veterans and 12 World War II veterans for the Inland Northwest Honor Flight from Spokane, Wash., to Washington, D.C. While visiting the Vietnam Memorial, he located the name of fraternity brother **Paul Eklund '63**.

**Richard Robbins '63** of Bend relocated to Oregon from North Carolina to be close to family.

**Frank Molek '68** of Victoria, Minn., has retired from a 45-year career in higher education external relations after serving the past 22 years as the director of development and membership at The University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum and Foundation. He was honored as the Outstanding Professional Fundraiser by the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2017.

## 1970-79

**Brian Stump '74** of McKinney, Texas, has been appointed to the TexNet Technical Advisory Committee by Texas Governor Greg Abbott.

**Karen (Wilson) Scott '74** of Idaho Falls, Idaho, is interim dean of the Graduate School for Idaho State University.

**Paula (Brostrom) Seeley '75** of Surprise, Ariz., retired in 2015.

**Lisa (Wakabayashi) Young '76** of Joseph retired July 1 as a senior financial examiner, after 26 years with the State of Oregon.

**Katherine (Seiler) Galagan '76** of Seattle, Wash., received a Lifetime Achievement award from the College of American Pathologists (CAP) for her commitment to laboratory medicine, and her work with the CAP in ensuring quality and safety and improving health care for patients.

**Jenny Ulum '78** of Eugene was named the 2018 Eugene Citizen of the Year.

## 1980-89

**Carmil (White) Ritchey '80** of Gresham is an insurance sales supervisor with AAA Oregon/Idaho, supervising sales and service personnel in Clackamas, Wood Village, Warrenton and Pendleton.

**Rick Hale '83** of Hillsboro owns BDE Manufacturing Technologies, a computer numerical control (CNC) business in Portland.

**Mike Glenn '84** of Sequim, Wash., CEO of Jefferson Healthcare Hospital, is the recipient of the Washington State Hospital Association's Joe Hopkins Memorial Award.

**Kayleen (Christie) Nelson '87** of Fulshear, Texas, launched Shark Eyes, a non-invasive, visual shark deterrent.

**Brad Perry '88** of Portland received the 2018 Peyton Shaner Award, given by the Association of Independent Printing Paper Merchants. Perry is the director of sales, merchant and converting for Boise Paper.

**Scott Brosius '88** of McMinnville is senior director of player development for USA Baseball. A three-time World Series champion, he will lead the development of on-field player programming for national teams.

## 1990-99

**Jim Bean Jr. '90** of Reno, Nevada, was named teacher of the year for Carson High School. He teaches astronomy and honors physics in addition to coaching freshman football.

**Susan Crosby '91** of North Plains wrote *My Heart Book*, a publication to help patients manage heart failure.

**Kathy (Stokke) Erwin '91** of Vancouver, Wash., earned an MBA in Information Management from Western Governors University in May.

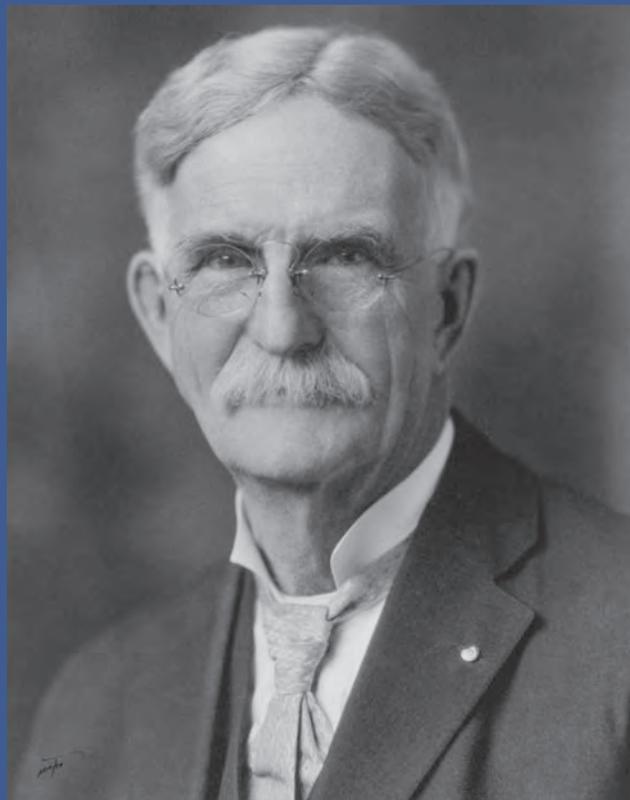


**HACKATHON**, *n*, an event where people come together for a limited amount of time to propose solutions to a difficult problem. (See hacking, *v*, creative problem solving.)

**WILDHACK**, *n*, a Linfield kind of hackathon, with Linfield students solving problems over a 24-hour period.

Seven interdisciplinary teams competed in early April 2019 to be crowned champions of the first Wildhack. They had a single day to survey the landscape in higher education and suggest proposals about how Linfield might rebrand and restructure itself. The winning team included **Mihretabe Gizaw '20**, **Calder Ifft '21**, **Cristina Ortiz Mateos '20** and **Luis Perez Morales '19**.

## From the archives



## Sometimes presidents didn't show up

In the early days of Linfield College – when it was still McMinnville College – presidential service was not quite the honor it is today. No one stayed more than a few years, and there were at least two times when presidents were hired by the Baptist Mission home office and never arrived in McMinnville. President Ep Roberts was a professor who stepped up in 1877 because the college couldn't secure a full-time president. School also started late that year because two professors didn't show up. Others pressed into interim presidential service because of the difficulty of finding a president included John Magers and Emanuel Northup (pictured above). Northup took over in 1906 after two candidates had turned the school down and two others agreed to terms and then never arrived.

– Rich Schmidt

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## Expanding the Linfield connection

A reorganized team within the Institutional Advancement Division will provide more opportunities for connecting Linfield College alumni and friends. The former offices of Alumni and Parent Relations and Annual Giving have merged into a new Office of Constituent Engagement.



**Debbie (Hansen) Harmon Ferry '90**, longtime director of alumni and parent relations, is taking on new responsibilities. As senior

development officer, Harmon Ferry will work with donors and prospects to facilitate unrestricted, endowed and planned gifts. She'll also coordinate milestone reunions (30, 40 and 50 years), and continue to lead efforts in parent relations.



**Joni Claypool '06**, former director of community engagement and service at Linfield, is now director of constituent engagement, a new position. Claypool and her team will create new and different approaches to connect the expanding Linfield community.



**Austin Dame**, alumni engagement officer, is also new to the role. Dame graduated from Northwest Christian University, and recently returned from a yearlong assignment with a non-profit in Kenya.

*Look for members of the team at an upcoming event or feel free to contact them at 503-883-2547, [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu).*

# Touch the future



The Class of 1942 established an endowed scholarship fund decades ago to support Linfield students. The fund is producing annual scholarships totaling \$27,000 and current recipients include (from left) Madeline Robert '20, Justice Wetter '19 and Claire Washburn '20. (Not pictured, Catherine Dirksen '19 and Jocelyn Newton '20.) Your generosity can have an impact on future generations, too. Learn how. Contact Craig Haisch '95, director of development, at 503-883-2675 or [chaisch@linfield.edu](mailto:chaisch@linfield.edu).

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## Honoring our alumni, friends

We are accepting nominations for the 2019 Alumni Awards. Deadline is May 1.

- Alumni Service Award
- Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award
- Walker Service Award
- Young Alumna/Alumnus Award

Awards will be presented at Homecoming Oct. 11-12. Submit nominations (and learn more about last year's winners) at [linfield.edu/alumni](http://linfield.edu/alumni).



2018 winners include, from left, Lindsay Walker '99, Distinguished Alumna; Chipso Dendere '08, Outstanding Young Alumna; Cinthia Manuel-Martinez '05, Alumni Service Award; Grace Evenstad, Walker Service Award; and President Miles Davis. (Not pictured, Ken Evenstad, Walker Service Award).

**Chris Nash '91** of Scottsdale, Ariz., was awarded the Legion of Merit for extraordinary conduct and retired from the United States Marine Corps after 32 years of service.

**Shaun Aguano '92** of Chandler, Ariz., is the running backs coach for the Arizona State University football team.

**Angela Kendall-Kern '96** of Portland completed her master of science in nursing degree at Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Ky. She is practicing family medicine at Wallace Medical Concern in Portland.

**JP Green '96** of Boise, Idaho, has joined Thornton Oliver Keller Commercial Real Estate's retail brokerage team. He specializes in retail leasing and tenant representation.

**Nissa '96 (Cockrell)** and **Jeff Roberts '97** live in Gearhart. Jeff is principal at Seaside High School and recently stepped down as head football coach after leading the team to the 4A state championship. Nissa is the finance and office manager at FosterClub.

**Susie Kuhn '97** of Swampscott, Mass., is the executive director of strategy and business development for URBN Inc. (Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Free People).



## Promoted

Rhiannon Ladwig '13 celebrated her promotion to Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy by returning to Linfield College for a pinning ceremony with Eric Schuck, professor of economics.

Ladwig, who graduated with a bachelor's in economics and business management, says Schuck was instrumental in her decision to pursue a Navy career. In addition to being a Linfield faculty member, Schuck is a commanding officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve and leads a Pacific Fleet Logistics Readiness Center.

"My eyes were really opened to the capability and opportunity of a military career during January Term Study Abroad to Hawaii," she explains. "Professor Schuck was the lead and we spent a month in the beautiful islands of Hawaii and Oahu, where we studied economic development of Japan and Hawaii and the economic lead-up to the attack on Pearl Harbor."

After graduation, she applied to the Navy Supply Corps, went to Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 2014. She has been deployed overseas on the USS O'Kane guided-missile destroyer and is currently stationed in Bremerton, Washington.

Watching alumni succeed after Linfield is one of the greatest joys of teaching, Schuck says.

"It's doubly special with Rhiannon because she's both an amazing alumna and also a stellar naval officer," he says.

— Christian Feuerstein

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## Pencil us in

May 1 **Giving Day**

May 5 **Soccer AlumniFest**  
Noon, Maxwell Field

May 8 **Annual 50-Year Club Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m., Jonasson Hall  
Melrose Hall

May 12 **Oak & Vine Spring Tasting**  
2 p.m., T.J. Day Hall

May 25-26 **Commencement Weekend**

June 20-23 **Ashland Shakespeare Trip**

Oct. 11-12 **Homecoming Weekend**

For more information contact us at 503-883-2547,  
[alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu) or [linfield.edu/alumni](http://linfield.edu/alumni).

## Tell us about it

### Have a favorite Commencement story?

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**Diane (McCoy) Searing '99** of Longview, Wash., published works on grief and loss through poetry in *The Oregonian*, *Woman's World* and *Sisters International Magazine*. Her work is scheduled to be explored at the next WordFest.

**Daniel Powell '99** of Jacksonville, Fla., wrote *Horror Culture in the New Millennium: Digital Dissonance and Technohorror*, published by Lexington Books.

## 2000-09

**Heather Chang '00** of Hilo, Hawaii, and husband Riz Mangaoang welcomed their second son, Avery Joe Kahiau, in January.

**Kate (McCarthy) Lott '00** of Tillamook is the director of farm engagement at the Tillamook County Creamery Association.

**Sara (Mansfield) Mosher '01** of Bend published a book, *Care Coordination in the NICU: Implementing Family Centered Nursing Care for Optimal Outcomes*.

**Rachel Bellacera-Arnold '01** of Austin, Texas, was promoted to partner at Vista Equity Products. She connects with executive teams to pursue investment strategies and operational improvement.

**Adam Ericksen '02** of Portland is pastor at Clackamas United Church of Christ.

**Matt Loehrke '02** of Missoula, Montana, is education director at the Missoula Children's Theater. In April, he received the Arts Educator of the Year Award from Arts Missoula.

**Jeff Woodard '03** of McMinnville and his wife, Mary, welcomed a son, Jameson Tyler, Dec. 22.

**Ben Pappas '04** of Tualatin is president of Bates Group LLC, the leading expert witness and consulting firm for the financial services industry.

**Jordan Hollern '05** of Great Falls, Mont., has been selected as the Montana state winner in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest. His proposed plan addresses water contamination using the method of silver nanoparticle filtration incorporating ultraviolet sterilization.

**Jenny (Eckart) Hoyt '05** of Columbia City welcomed a second child, Emmett Duke, June 29. Emmet joins big sister Winnie Jo.

**Krista (Moore) Berumen '05** of Boise, Idaho, and her husband, Dan, welcomed their second daughter, Isla, to their family on March 16, 2018.

**David Moore '05** of Yakima, Wash., was chosen as one of Yakima Valley's 39 under 39 – The Young Professionals who are energizing the Yakima Valley. He is a dentist at Moore Family Dental.

**Justin Samples '05** of Portland and his wife, Cara, welcomed a son, Elliot Alexander, March 11, their second.

**Brittany (Clark) Guthrie '06** of Portland welcomed a son, Jackson Peter, Aug. 29.

**Amber Nobe '07** of Portland is marketing manager at Hennebery Eddy Architects.

**David Sho Ly '07** of Seattle, Wash., is the in-house staff attorney in the legal department of a Seattle-based senior living referral service technology company.

**Matt Hanson '08** of Tigard and wife, Emily, celebrated the birth of their second child, Riley Rae, Oct. 23. Matt also celebrated 10 years working as a recruiter for Aerotek in Portland.

## *Veteran selected for ag econ work*



Four years of collaborative research and a lot of hard work are paying dividends for Wes Hanson '16.

Wes is an agricultural economist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Energy and Environmental Policy. The position is part of a Presidential Management Fellowship, the federal government's flagship leadership development program. He earned a master's degree from the University of Maryland, and was one of 6,040 applicants for the competitive fellowship program. Seven percent were chosen.

Both Wes and wife Leigh Ann '16, a social work associate with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, are U.S. Air Force veterans, and paid for their educations through the Yellow Ribbon Program — a program offered by Linfield that pays tuition expenses not covered by the GI Bill.

At Linfield, Leigh Ann studied psychology, which she says was a natural fit for her after serving as a mental health technician for six years in the U.S. Air Force. Wes, an environmental studies major, conducted collaborative research with Professor Nancy Broshot for four years and says the hands-on experience was crucial to his success.

"Many, if not most, of my grad school classmates didn't have as deep an understanding of the underlying science behind the environmental problems we were studying," says Wes. "The environmental studies program at Linfield was pivotal to my understanding of those complicated concepts and their implications for developing robust, ambitious environmental policies."

— Laura Davis

## 2010-18

**Kinara (Brocius) Fender '10** of Portland, organized a panel for Street Roots Vendors, which ended with Concordia University nursing students performing wellness checks, blood pressure measurements, giving foot baths, massages and nail care to vendors.

**Sarah Click '11** of Philadelphia, Penn., married Justin Harvey in June and is working as an anesthesia resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

A dark-themed advertisement for the Oak & Vine Society. At the top, it says "THE LINFIELD COLLEGE" in a serif font, followed by a logo of a grape cluster. Below that, "Oak & Vine" is written in a large, elegant cursive script, and "SOCIETY" is in a smaller serif font. A list of benefits is shown: "• Tasting fees waived at 20+ participating wineries", "• Events hosted by Linfield College", and "• A limited-edition Riedel glass for all new members". The bottom half of the ad features a close-up of a hand holding a Riedel wine glass filled with red wine. The glass has the Linfield College logo and name on it. At the bottom, the website "linfield.edu/oakandvine" is displayed in a white sans-serif font.

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**Maria Sandoval-Perez '11** of Dayton and her husband, Carlos Garcia Oliveros, announced the birth of their second child, Danilo Garcia-Sandoval, Dec. 18.

**Jesse Aerni '11** of Denver, Colo., is assistant director of donor relations at Metropolitan State University of Denver.

**Mitchell Edwards '12** of Costa Mesa, Calif., is finishing the last year of his internal medicine residency, and was named chief resident in quality and safety at the UC Irvine and Long Beach, Va., medical centers for the 2019-20 academic year. He plans to continue his career in Academic Medicine after the completion of his chief residency year.

**Jaydee (Baxter) Romick '12** of Sherwood is director of physical therapy at APEX Performance Wellness and Rehab. In addition to leading the division, she treats a wide range of sports injuries and chronic pain.

**Miriam Corona '13** of McMinnville and her husband, Jesus, welcomed a son, Ezra Benjamin, Dec. 1. He joins brother Jayden.

**Leanne McCallum '13** of New Orleans, La., created a resource guide to improve housing access for trafficking survivors in Louisiana.

**William McHenry '13** of Washington, D.C., published an article, "Why Won't the US Leave Afghanistan?" in *Small Wars Journal*.

**Alayna Martin '13** of Portland is marketing coordinator at Hart Crowser.

**Aaron Tanabe '13** of Hilo, Hawaii, is athletic director and head football coach at Seaside High School.

**Zachary Brandon '14** of Cottage Grove is the mental skills coordinator for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**Kaitlyn Bruno '14** of Vancouver, Wash., married **Steffan Schirle '14** July 7.

**Zachary Gulaboff Davis '14** of Salem, a doctoral candidate at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University, is the winner of the Colorado Piano Trio's Composition Competition.

**Mackenzie Green '15** of Albany married Andrew Wroblewski in June.

**Ian Coker '15** of Chandler, Ariz., was named the 2018 Student Doctor of the Year at the Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Laney Aydel '16** of Snoqualmie, Wash., received a master of arts degree in mathematics from Miami University of Ohio and has accepted a place in the

Ph.D. program in the Department of Mathematics at Temple University.

**M'Randa Aldrich '17** of Lakewood, Colo., married **Matthew Totaro '18** Aug. 12.

**Kellen Johansen '18** of Juneau, Alaska, published a thesis in the *Phi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Journal of Politics*.

**Natalie Kelley '18** of Kirkland, Wash., is founder of Plenty & Well, a holistic wellness company and online space focused on self-love. She is a certified personal trainer and holistic health coach, wellness blogger and recipe developer.

## In memoriam

**Jeanne (Moody) Brandrud '41** of Moraga, Calif., Dec. 15.

**Evelyn (Yungen) Elliott '41** of Dallas, Jan. 1. Survivors include daughters Jane (Elliott) McCormack '66 and Kay (Elliott) Hand '68.

**Evelyn (Stahely) Davis '42** of Kirkland, Washington, Dec. 23.

**Edna (Lehman) Williams '41** of Newberg, Oct. 12.

**Marian (Avery) Peterson '43** of McMinnville, Dec. 29. Survivors include sons Ross '70 and Mark '76, and grandson Todd '09.

**Bert Skaggs '43** of Chico, Calif., Dec. 20.

**Robert Kennedy '46** of Bremerton, Wash., April 20, 2018. Survivors include sons Robert '67 and Gene '68.

**Lansing Bulgin '48** of Salem, Dec. 2

**Melba Means '48** of Gladstone, Dec. 12.

**Helen (Farrand) Meves '48** of The Dalles, May 9, 2017.

**Warren Cochrane '49** of Lynnwood, Wash., Sept. 2. Survivors include sister Phyllis (Cochrane) Martin '46 and son Kevin '81.

**Cecil Golden '50** of Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 16.

**Hugh Morrow '50** of Orange City, Florida, Nov. 15.

**Ray Blum '51** of Tigard, Feb. 12.

**Don Fulham '52** of San Diego, Calif., Feb. 28. Survivors include sister Alice (Fulham) Willis '52.

## Inspirational classmates

We are proud of our alumni and the impact they have on their communities. Read the profiles of these and other alumni at [linfield.edu/alumniprofiles](http://linfield.edu/alumniprofiles). And submit your own!



**Sean Hoar '80**  
Partner and Chair, National Data Privacy  
& Cybersecurity Practice  
Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith LLP



**Dena Morales-Silberberg '99**  
Police & Fire Communications Specialist  
Port of Seattle



**Rob Gloeckner '00**  
Vice President  
Tarkett Sports



**Leslie (Nevins) Hui '94**  
Senior Vice President  
WE Communications

## Friends helping West African friends



When **Ruth Titi-Manyaka '69** graduated from Linfield, she had the option of staying in the United States. Instead, she opted to return to her native Cameroon to help improve impoverished communities there.

She ended up founding the Women, Environment and Health (WEH) non-profit — an organization in West Africa that supports women, orphans and families affected by AIDS by providing health care and covering school fees and supplies.

Funding the effort has never been easy. When Titi-Manyaka came back to Linfield to deliver the Commencement address in 2007, she reconnected with David Groff, then an associate vice president at the college (who happened to hold a Ph.D. in African History), and Carol (Smith) Hosler '68, Titi-Manyaka's college roommate. The two were moved by Titi-Manyaka's efforts and, with support of other Linfield alumni, created Friends of WEH (FWEH) to provide financial support.

"The Linfield community has been crucial in the support it has given to help orphans and vulnerable children — children whose parents may still be alive but one or both parents are HIV positive or have AIDS, meaning the parents will eventually get to the point that they will no longer be able to take care of their children," Titi-Manyaka said.

WEH has served more than 6,000 orphans in Cameroon. It assures children can attend school by paying for school fees and supplies, and it provides technical training.

"On behalf of those children, I would like to express my deep-felt gratitude to the Linfield community," she said.

Linfield has also supported WEH by sending January Term nursing classes to Cameroon, giving them hands-on practice while also providing vital support to the children of West Africa.

"Linfield leads by example by incorporating WEH into its educational experience," says Julie Plagenhoef '11, who serves on the FWEH board. "Linfield recognizes the importance of working with non-profits and helps inspire students to embrace service learning." Titi-Manyaka can't put into words how much the Linfield connection has meant over the years, for her and for the non-profit.

"These orphans and vulnerable children have given some meaning to my life," she said. "The impact of the Linfield community and FWEH support has gone beyond my expectation. I have pride and deep love for Linfield."

— Liam Pickhardt '20

**Denny Morlan '52** of Portland, Jan. 20.

**Mildred (Ferrell) Rasmussen '52** of Portland, Nov. 29. Survivors include daughters Bonnie (Rasmussen) Simons '74, Nancy (Rasmussen) Miller '81 and Rebecca (Rasmussen) Kemper Poos '86; sons Robert '76 and Daniel '77; granddaughter Audrey '11; and niece Jeanne (Petersen) Lounsbury '84.

**Irvin Hanville '53** of McMinnville, July 14.

**Crystal (Clemmons) Adams '54** of Des Moines, Wash., Nov. 5. Survivors include husband Bob '54.

**Marilynn (Hutchings) Hogrefe '57** of Bend, Oct. 8.

**Donald Schuster '57** of Yakima, Wash., Nov. 22.

**Ruhama Organ '58** of Portland, Sept. 30.

**Gail (Blush) Williams '58** of McMinnville, Nov. 24. Survivors include daughter Brenda (Williams) Westfall '82, son Brent '91, sister Shirley

(Blush) Siefarth '59 and grandson Colton Westfall '12.

**Ruhama Organ '58** of Portland, Sept. 30.

**Harold Tanaka '59** of Dayton, Jan. 29.

**Hazel (O'Donnell) Benson '61** of Bothell, Wash., Nov. 19.

**David Linden '61** of Redmond, Wash., Jan. 3, 2015.

**Carole (Barker) Stelman '62** of San Diego, Calif., Nov. 5. Survivors include daughter Catherine '87.

**Elaine (Scott) Robinder '63** of Austin, Texas, Nov. 22. Survivors include husband Ronald '61.

**Charlot (Pendergraft) Mills '64** of Bellingham, Wash., Sept.

**Phil Judson '65** of Carcassonne, France, Feb. 24.

**Jean (Mayer) Morrison '65** of Helena, Mont., Sept.

**Charles Coulter '67** of Boise, Idaho, Oct. 22.

**Cathy (Swogger) Gholson '68** of Portland, Feb. 8.

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## Stamp of approval



A postage stamp bearing the image of a Linfield College alumnus will carry letters to Indian mailboxes this year. The late **Rev. Dr. Tracy Gipson '39**, who served as a missionary in south India for the American Baptist Foreign Mission society, has been recognized for his work by the Christians of Kurnool and the government of India with a stamp in his honor. Gipson, along with wife **Rev. Marjorie (Lynch) '38** and **'65**, ministered from 1947 to 1960 and 1965 to 1981 with the Dalit people – the original inhabitants of India, also known as “untouchable” in the low-caste Hindu group – converting many to Christianity. Even in retirement, the Gipsons returned each winter to continue their work at Andhra Christian Theological Seminary. Of their six children, three daughters also attended Linfield: **Tracy Ann Gipson '64**; **Marcia (Gipson) Christian '65**; and **Carol (Gipson) Calkins '71**.

- Lon Madsen '68** of McMinnville, Feb. 8.  
**Patricia Jones '69** of Corvallis, Feb. 16.  
**Kristina (Thornton-Lindquist) Casebeer '70** of Bend, Nov. 5.  
**Bob Anderson '75** of Brownsville, March 7. Survivors include wife Cynthia (Reilly) '76 and sister Sandra (Anderson) Hill '74.  
**Linda (Marler) Fleming '77** of Madras, July 4.  
**Tonia (Compton) Golston '77** of Beavercreek, Jan. 2.  
**Ciandra (Hubbell) Hawkey '80** of The Dalles, Aug. 23.  
**Gordon Gates '82** of Coos Bay, Dec. 27. Survivors include wife Patricia (Breitkreutz) '84.  
**Janet (Towner) Morris '85** of Beaverton, July 22.  
**Mark LeClair '86** of Huntington Beach, Calif., Feb. 20.  
**James Summers '88** of Elgin, Aug. 12.  
**Nancy (Failor) Zurcher '88** of Beaverton, Jan. 2. Survivors include son Laurance '89.  
**Linda Cogburn '90** of Springfield, Feb. 2.  
**Arthur Truesdell '93** of Sparks, Nev., April 6, 2017.  
**Debbi Miyar '98** of Houston, Texas, Nov. 3.  
**Richard Thompson '00** of Cougar, Wash., Oct. 23. Survivors include daughter Andrea (Thompson) Wedewer '00.  
**Danielle Carr '06** of Sherwood, Aug. 4, 2017.  
**Allen Thompson '06** of Irvine, Calif., Dec. 19.  
**Louis Penn '09** of Gresham, June 29.  
**Austin Piert '17** of Canby, Feb. 2.

## Breaking down language barriers



**Virginia (Zander) Joplin '97** works with more than 200 languages per year, which means no two days are ever the same.

Joplin, founder and chief executive of the translation and international consulting company Verbio, credits her liberal arts education with helping her excel in an always-changing environment.

“You have to have a broad education to do work in this industry,” says Joplin, who was a French major and minored in Spanish and European studies. “Every day we learn, see and do new things.”

Joplin is also a sworn translator for the Consulates of France and Spain and was appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce to serve as an Export Advisor on the District Export Council.

“Translation is like a little window into every single industry out there,” she says. “The blend of multidisciplinary experiences I had while I was a Linfield student opened my mind to puzzling together how each facet of life and industry impacts and plays off another.”

– Liam Pickhardt '20

## Friends and family

- Glenn Camper** of Clackamas, trustee emeritus, Jan. 10, 2018.  
**Ray Fields** of McMinnville, Sept. 11. Survivors include sons Timothy '91 and Josh '95.  
**Scott Macy** of McMinnville, Oct. 26.  
**James Reimann** of Salem, Linfield Athletics Hall of Fame member, Dec. 20. Survivors include son Steve '89.

## Got News?

**Tell us about it.** Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Did you get married or have a child in the past year? Submit a class note at [linfield.edu/alumni](http://linfield.edu/alumni). For more information, contact the Office of Constituent Engagement at 503-883-2547 or [alumni@linfield.edu](mailto:alumni@linfield.edu).

# THRIVING

As the only female physics major in her graduating class, the odds are not lost on Morgan Chamberlain '20, a physics and math double major, who is thriving in the sciences at Linfield. She uses words like *advocate*, *perseverance* and *confidence* to describe her growth at Linfield. Chamberlain knows what Linfield has given her – faculty mentors, electron microscopy research opportunities and financial support. “As a first-generation college student paying for college on my own, the financial support I have received from Linfield has been the only way I have been able to continue with my education,” she says.



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