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## LETTERS



Thank you for “Forced to leave” (Spring 2019), the story of Linfield Japanese-American student Mitsue (Endow) Salador '45, a U.S. citizen born in Oregon.

After World War II started in 1941, Oregonian Japanese-Americans, including Salador, and Japanese nationals were incarcerated in the Portland Assembly Center, a detention camp that had been a livestock exposition facility. Salador and another Linfield student, **Mary Kazuyo Wakai '43**, left, were incarcerated at the camp.

Wakai, a brother and parents moved from Japan, where all were born, to Hawaii in 1921. Five other brothers – all named for U.S. presidents – were Hawaii born. Her parents founded the United Church of Christ in Kapa'a, Kauai, in Hawaii, where her father was the first pastor.

Her father died in 1936 and the Wakai family moved to Honolulu, where she graduated from McKinley High School in 1937. She was a University of Hawaii economics and business major before transferring to Linfield, where she was a member of Delta Rho Delta service group.

Due to the war, Salador and Wakai were forced to leave Linfield. Both transferred to William Jewell College (WJC) in Liberty, Missouri. Before becoming a WJC student, Wakai was imprisoned in Minidoka Internment Camp, Hunt, Idaho, where she was a Girl Scout leader and recreation staff member in charge of music. At WJC she was a sociology major and a Glee Club/Chapel Choir member. Leaving the college, she was a Chicago regional government secretary. In 1962, she became a naturalized U.S.

citizen. She returned to WJC, graduating in 1965.

Wakai was a welfare caseworker in Liberty with the state of Missouri Dept. of Public Health & Welfare. Later, she moved back to Honolulu, where she died in 1975. When named Hawaii's “Mother of the Year” in 1960, Wakai's mother proudly noted her daughter's government job and sons' occupations: minister, two dentists, physician, research scientist and bank supervisor. Some brothers were in mainland internment camps before serving in the U.S. Army during the war.

I appreciate Mitsue (Endow) Salador and a member of the Wakai family for reviewing this letter.

- Tim Marsh '70

Writing just to tell you I have really been enjoying the Linfield Magazine of late. The spring issue, starting with the enigmatic cover photo of Dr. Davis, is a good sustained read. The historic material is interesting. I'll have to ask my dad, **Don Rea '49**, if he knew **Bruce Stewart '49**. Also, the article on **Mitsue Endow Salador** was a treat: I happen to know members of her family. An enlightening piece.

I learned a great word and fascinating historic culture note – “Campustry.” Never heard or read it, and twice it was used. I appreciate learning a new thing.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

- Kirby Neumann-Rea '80

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## Linfield Board requests university proposal

The Linfield Board of Trustees took a preliminary vote Nov. 9 asking college leaders to create a plan to change Linfield College into Linfield University. After reviewing the plan, the Board will vote at a later date on whether to make the change.

A task force, led by David C. Haugeberg, Linfield trustee, and consisting of trustees, faculty, staff and alumni is drafting the plan.

If the change is ultimately approved, President Miles K. Davis said Linfield will remain a small, intimate, high-quality institution with a core foundation in the liberal arts. Yet it would be able to expand by having more schools and colleges within the university, starting with nursing and business, the majors of 65 percent of Linfield students. The university would also offer master's degrees, meaning more students could stay at Linfield to continue their studies.

Davis said the switch would make Linfield more attractive to international students, as many languages don't have a direct translation for "college," yet do for "university."

A fall survey of Linfield alumni overwhelmingly supports changing from a college to a university.

## Science programs receive grants from Murdock, NSF

Two Linfield science professors recently received grants totaling \$120,000 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to support cancer therapy research. Sreerupa Ray, assistant professor of biology, will research whether gene

mutations affect chemotherapy treatments. Andrew Baggett, assistant professor of chemistry, will study a new way to stop or slow the spread of certain kinds of cancer in the body.

Further, the National Science Foundation-Improving Undergraduate STEM Education grant, featuring a budget of \$1.99 million over five years, began Oct. 1. Catherine Reinke, associate professor of biology at Linfield, co-authored the successful proposal to land the grant for the Genomics Education Partnership, a collective of 100-plus schools that introduces and supports research opportunities for students and faculty at diverse and underrepresented institutions.

## College standings favor Linfield

Linfield earned praise in a number of college rankings this fall.

For the fourth consecutive year, Linfield is No. 1 among Pacific Northwest liberal arts colleges when it comes to "Best Ethnic Diversity," according to the 2020 *U.S. News and World Report*.

Linfield was also named a top Oregon college for adult learners by *Washington Monthly* and the No. 1 liberal arts college in Oregon by *Money* magazine.

In addition, Zippia, a California-based website helping people find employment, recently released its list of the 10 best colleges in Oregon for job placement after graduation, and Linfield claimed the top two spots. The School of Nursing and the McMinnville campus ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively.



## Entrepreneur-in-residence named

Jazz musician and business executive Marcus Johnson is serving as an entrepreneur-in-residence at Linfield this academic year. Johnson's mission is to help students, faculty and staff become the "CEOs of themselves and

### Correction

*Linfield Magazine* listed an incorrect surname when referring to Roberta (Schmalz) Campbell '49 in the Editor's Note of the Spring 2019 issue. Campbell lived in President Harry Dillin's personal residence when WWII veterans returned and housing was in short supply. Her memories were captured in an oral history project, "World War II as Experience and Memory." We regret the error.

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potentially the CEOs of our communities,” he says.

Johnson, an expert in marketing and branding who holds an MBA and a law degree, has worked in the wine, music and publishing industries. He is guest lecturing and hosting clinics for students to explore ideas and draft business plans. While Johnson has worked with other universities, Linfield is the first college to host him as a resource for the entire school.

## Two new majors added

Two majors, a minor and two new areas of focus were introduced this fall. Students now have the option to major in public health promotion and secondary education, bringing Linfield’s total number of majors to 50. The new majors represent emerging fields based

in Linfield’s core curriculum, preparing students for professional opportunities and/or graduate studies.

The college also approved a data science minor, language proficiency certificates and graduate ESOL endorsement in education as areas of focus.

In 2018, Linfield added majors in wine studies, sport management, global cultural studies, and law, rights and justice, as well as an engineering concentration.

## Buccola book one of Whoopi’s favorite things

Praise and recognition are rolling in for *The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate Over Race in America*, the latest book from Nicholas Buccola, the Elizabeth

and Morris Glicksman chair in political science at Linfield.

The book has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, among others. In addition, Buccola has given numerous talks and book readings across the country, including an interview with writer Jonathan Rauch and an appearance on *PBS NewsHour*.

Whoopi Goldberg, co-host of *The View*, included it as one of “Whoopi’s Favorite Things” in November, giving a copy to every audience member.

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## Wine program expands

The Evenstad Center for Wine Education at Linfield continues to ripen on the vine.



**Zion Armstrong, left, president of Adidas North America, shared his personal and professional story and offered students his perspective on the sports apparel industry during an October visit to Linfield’s McMinnville campus. In addition to giving a community talk, he met with business and sport management students and faculty.**

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**Meet our newest class – Linfield’s incoming class is 37 percent larger this fall than it was a year ago, as 520 students began their quest toward degrees. After a campus-wide recruiting effort, retention rose as well, to 84 percent from 79 percent. First-generation students comprise 42 percent of the new class on the McMinnville campus. [linfield.edu/fall-2019-videos](https://www.linfield.edu/fall-2019-videos)**

In addition to offering both a major and minor in wine studies, Linfield recently became a Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) approved program provider. WSET provides level 1, 2, 3 and 4 awards to more than 94,000 people worldwide every year, making it the global leader in wine-industry certifications. Linfield will begin offering level 1 and 2 awards immediately, and plans to expand to level 3 and 4 later.

Linfield is also 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.

## The Linfield Tuition Commitment

A new initiative will enable high-achieving students to enjoy the small college experience at the cost of a state school.

The top 5 percent of Linfield’s

admitted students will receive scholarships ensuring they pay no more than \$12,000 in tuition for their first year. Students from throughout the country are eligible. The top 5 percent will be determined on or by March 20, based on Linfield’s calculation of weighted grade-point average.

To be considered for the Linfield Tuition Commitment, applicants must submit their applications no later than Feb. 1. Transfer students are ineligible. For more information, contact the Office of Admission at [admission@linfield.edu](mailto:admission@linfield.edu).