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1940-49

Don Rea '49 of Albany was honored for 47 years of community volunteer service and leadership. Rea served in leadership roles with Fish of Albany, Waverly Elementary School, Habitat for Humanity, Boys & Girls Club of Albany, Friendship Force, Albany Peace Seekers, Albany Kiwanis Club, Jackson Street Youth Services and the church.

1950-59

Jesse Thurman '56 of Coquille was inducted into the Coquille High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

1960-69

Ken Scales '66 of Lake Oswego was inducted into the Portland Interscholastic League Hall of Fame.

Rich Schroeder '67 of Portland was inducted to the Seaside High School Hall of Fame

Jeff Senders '68, MEd '70 of Albany has created, repaired or restored 89 church windows in his career, plus dozens of residential and commercial windows. He retired last year but still works part time from his home. He was recently contacted about his availability to help restore the windows at Notre Dame in Paris.

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an arrangement to meet or be present at a specified time and place; the action of engaging or being engaged.

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Dave Finster '69 of Castle Rock, Colorado, recently exhibited art work at Inner Connection Yoga and Wellness.

1970-79

Judy (Bowerly) Luse '72 of Redmond, a retired dental hygienist, facilitates a periodontal study club for local hygienists. She also led a medical mission team to South Africa training 52 AIDS/TB caregivers in the post-aparatheid settlement of Finetown. She and her husband enjoy traveling, their 14 grandkids and hiking all over Central Oregon.

Bruce Lundquist '78 of McMinnville is co-owner and managing member of Rack & Riddle Custom Wine Services.

1980-89

Michelle (Houle) Zistel '85 of Culver is assistant principal at Barnes Butte Elementary School in Prineville.

Sean Germon '89 of Puerto Rico develops sustainable boutique hotels. **Beth (Davison) Mickelson '89** of Florence, Kentucky, is a fifth-grade teacher at Burlington Elementary School.

1990-99

Don Don (Shaw) Williams '92 of Cedar City, Utah, is head softball coach at Southern Utah State College.

Jason Hoff '93 of Birmingham, Alabama, has been appointed head of quality management at Mercedes-Benz Cars worldwide in Stuttgart, Germany. He previously served as Mercedes-Benz U.S. International CEO.

B.J. Van Look '94 of Grants Pass was inducted into the Order of the Laurel in the Society for Creative Anachronism, for research into Bronze Age Aegean women's dress

Chase Gillson '95 of Wheeler was inducted into the Neah-Kah-Nie High Athletics School Hall of Fame.

Michelle Johnston-Holthaus '95 has been promoted to executive vice president at Intel. Johnston-Holthaus is the general manager of Intel's Sales, Marketing and Communications Group and works from company headquarters in Silicon Valley.

Kirsten (Jensen) Aird '96 of Lake Oswego was elected to serve on the Lake Oswego School Board.

Jake Capdeville '97 of Reno, Nevada, was inducted into the Wooster School Hall of Fame.

Ron Peck '97 of Waterville, Maine, received tenure and has been promoted to associate professor of biology at Colby College.

Robert Vaughn '97 of Salem won the Portland Area Musical Theatre Awards 2019 Outstanding Set Design for Broadway Rose Theatre Company's production of *A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol.* Vaughn is technical director and sound designer at Linfield Theatre.

Brian Bailey '99 of Tigard is principal of Tigard High School in the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

Marissa Rathbone '99 of Tacoma, Washington, is director of operations at Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.



50 marathons in 50 states

It took 11 years, more than 60 pairs of running shoes and a whole lot of pain and suffering – not to mention travel. But Randy Grant, Linfield professor of economics, has run a marathon in all 50 states.

Grant ran his 50th marathon (26.2 miles) in Hartford, Connecticut, in October, crossing the finish line in Linfield gear with Darcy (Gard) Miante '08, his former trainer. Also running were Grant's wife, Susie, and Miante's husband, Bill. Marci Klimek '10, a Linfield cross country record-holder, finished first in the women's category at the race and qualified for the Olympics Trials.

Grant's journey started in 2008 during a January Term class in Australia when he expressed his ambition to improve his health. Miante, an athletic training major, offered to train him. A decade later, the two have remained friends and Grant has

incorporated running into his research and book projects. In addition to the marathons, Grant has run a few ultramarathons, more than 60 half-marathons and numerous shorter races.

"Your brain is telling your body to quit," says Grant, who has run 59 marathons in total, achieving his fastest time, 4:02:36, during the 2011 Portland Marathon. "You have to convince yourself that you're not going to die and continue to push yourself."

Next up is the Boston Marathon in April. Grant is working to raise \$10,000 to earn his Boston running bib as part of Team Red Cross. Learn more by emailing rgrant@linfield.edu.

– Alexandra Feller '21

Pencil us in

Dec. 17

Fireside Chat with President Miles Davis

Youtube.com/linfieldcollegeOR

Jan. 25

TEDxMcMinnville

Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium, Melrose Hall

Jan. 30

Pubs and Profs: "Decisions and Dilemmas"

Brittany Teahan, assistant professor of economics, and Jennifer Nordstrom, professor of mathematics 6 p.m., Lucky Labrador, Portland

Feb. 26

Teaching Life on Earth in Two Semesters

J. Christopher Gaiser, professor of biology 7 p.m., Fred Meyer Lounge, Riley Hall

March 18 Building Bridges Through Collaboration

Kimberly Kintz, associate professor of nursing 7 p.m., Fred Meyer Lounge, Riley Hall

April 8

Carbohydrates: A Public Health Perspective

Janet Peterson, professor of health and human performance

7 p.m., Fred Meyer Lounge, Riley Hall

May 6

Giving Day

May 31

Commencement

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2000-09

Jeff Crapper '00 of Dayton has been named the National Teacher of the Year for the Health Sciences Division by the Association of Career & Technical Education. He teaches at the Health and Science School in the Beaverton School District and was recently featured as a Leader in Learning on KATU.

Brian Larsen '00 of Los Alamos, New Mexico, is the space and atmospheric burst reporting system (SABRS) chief scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Scott McGrath '00 of Missoula, Montana, earned a Ph.D. in biomedical informatics from the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Lynsey Farrell '01 of Alexandria, Virginia, joined the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania as a senior lecturer at the Lauder Institute of Management and International Studies. She will be leading their Africa program of concentration, designing immersion experiences and teaching interdisciplinary courses, among other things.

Amy (Anderson) Fast '01 of McMinnville is the first female principal at McMinnville High School.

Laura Gibson '01 of New York, New York, was inducted into the Coquille High School Hall of Fame.

Emily (Laing) Merrell '01 of Corvallis has written a children's book, Whirl of a Girl.

Rob Schlegel '01 of Walla Walla, Washington, has published a new book, In the Tree Where the Double Sex Sleeps, winner of the 2018 lowa Poetry Prize.

Wendy Polzin '02 of Clackamas married Bill Ruthruff Oct. 20.

Jiawen Shi '02 of Seattle, Washington, is director of client engagement at Rational Creative, where she spearheads the Microsoft account relationship.

Kathleen (Fraser) Burbank '02 of Nyssa and her husband, Jake, celebrated the birth of their third child, Finley Michele, July 9.

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.

Kitri (Culbertson) McGuire '03 of McMinnville is director of marketing for Visit McMinnville, which earned the Overall Oregon Tourism Marketing Program Award presented at the 2019 Oregon Governor's Conference.

Erin Tannock '03 of Hillsboro earned a J.D. from Lewis and Clark College in May. Jan Olson '04 of Colton is a district nurse at Molalla and Colton schools, and was named the Oregon School Nurse of the Year.

Birch '04 and Julia (Putintsev) '06 Barron live in Eagle, Colorado, with their two children. Birch is the emergency manager for Eagle County.

Ben Mahon '04 of Portland was named one of Portland Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for 2019. He is a senior investment officer for the Oregon State Treasury.

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. For more information, contact the Office of Constituent Engagement at 503-883-2547 or alumni@linfield.edu.



Ben Pappas '04 of Tualatin was named one of *Portland Business Journal's 40 Under 40 for 2019*. He is president of Bates Group LLC.

Kiffanie Urness '04 of The Dalles recently launched Campbell Phillips PC, a law firm delivering personalized legal services to people and organizations in the Columbia River Gorge.

Amy Bernards '05 of Lake Oswego and her husband, Kyle, had a daughter, Madison Louise. Jan. 19.

Chris Boock '05 of Salem and wife Corrie welcomed their first child, Eliana Grace, May 3.

Gene Cossey '05 of Kingsport, Tennessee, is the executive director of Tri-Cities Airport in Blountville.

Andy Galpin '05 of Long Beach, California, is associate professor and director of the Center for Sport Performance at California State University, Fullerton.

Jordan Hollern '05 of Great Falls, Montana, earned the Dufresne Award and was named Teacher of the Year for 2018-19 at Simms High School. This is the second time he has won the award.

Matthew '06 and **Megan (Appledoorn) Hodges '08** of Keizer welcomed a son, Oliver Michael, April 15, their second.

Stefanie Israel '06 of New Orleans, Louisiana, received the Kellogg Institute Award for Outstanding Doctoral Student Contributions at the University of Notre Dame in May. She is a post-doctoral fellow at the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research at Tulane University.

Dani (Bielenberg) Miles '06 of McMinnville was inducted into the West Albany Sports Hall of Fame.

Erin (Fleming) Novak '06 of Olympia, Washington, and her husband, Casey, welcomed their second child, Eleanor 'Ellie' Jolie, July 16.

From the archives



The beat goes on

A drum major leads the Linfield College Marching Band during a practice in 1935 on what is now the Intramural Field, near Grover and Jane Failing Halls. Clifford Elliott, Linfield band director from 1933-38, inherited the college's marching band, which grew to 45 members before dissolving some years later. Linfield's marching band program was reignited last year. See page 38.

Homecoming award winners



Three alumni were honored at the Oct. 11 Linfield's Finest awards reception as part of Homecoming weekend including, from left, **Matt Davies '10**, Outstanding Young Alumnus; **Elaine Romero '84**, Distinguished Alumna; and **Ben Pappas '04**, Alumni Service Award.

For more information on this year's recipients, go to linfield.edu/homecoming. Nominate someone for the 2020 awards at linfield.edu/alumniawards.

Tayler Brisbin '07 of McMinnville is the communication and events manager at the McMinnville Downtown Association.

Monica (Nelson) Devlin '07 of Palo Alto, California, has been promoted to administrative lead with the Stanford Medicine WellMD Center, a national consortium collaborating on the wellness and professional fulfillment of physicians and other medical staff.

Adam Howard '07 and **Julia Vaughan '13** of McMinnville were married July 6.

Kelsey Lyle '07 and her husband **Joshua Johnson '04** welcomed a baby boy, Arthur, on Oct. 27. Joshua works for the U.S. State Department in Mexico City, Mexico.

KC Marold '07 of McMinnville has been promoted to national sales manager at Winderlea Vineyard and Winery.

Shayna (Clark) '07 and **Jake Eastman '08** of Lynnwood, Washington, welcomed a daughter, Harper Nichole, July 20.

Laura (Penland) Fisher '07 of Portland and her husband, Donald '06, welcomed their first child, Charles David, Feb. 21.

Heather (Harding) Miller '07 of McMinnville has been selected as the Distinguished Service Award Outstanding Junior Citizen. She owns Local Flow restaurant, serves on the McMinnville Downtown Association Board and recently completed a stint as president of the McMinnville Kiwanis Club.

Daniel Clausen '08 of Lexington, Kentucky, married Natalie O'Neal Jan. 26 in Lexington. In May, Daniel received his Ph.D. in English from the University of Nebraska and is a visiting assistant professor of English at Transvlvania University.

Katie (Kaufman) Exum '08 of Oregon City and her husband, Kyle, welcomed their first child, Kole William, Aug. 27, 2018.

Alia Moore '08 of Tucson, Arizona, married Daniel Bruner May 15 in Lahaina. Maui.

Tricia Castaneda-Gonzales '09 of Seattle, Washington, married Phillip Guevara July 27. She also earned an MFA from the University of Washington School of Drama

Zach Mitlas '09 of Clermont-Ferrand, France, maintains a window-front exhibition space called "Off the Rail." Over the past year, his art has been featured in a traveling exhibition organized by the CreArt network, supported by the European Union. "The Third Space" opened in Zagreb, Croatia, in May and will finish in Lecce, Italy, in January. Together, 15 artists from 10 European cities created displays that show their interconnectedness.

Brett Smedley '09 of Vancouver, Washington, is head football coach at Columbia River High School in Vancouver.

2010-19

Steve '10 and **Sami (Keim) Arnst '12** of Corvallis welcomed a son, Jordan Todd, May 10.

Evan O'Kelly '13 of Portland is director of athletics communications at Concordia University.

Zachary Gulaboff Davis '14 of Salem won the 2018-19 American Prize in Composition, vocal chamber music professional division, for his piece *Opaque Etchings*.

Amber Hay '14 of Ellensburg, Washington, received the Excellence in Advising Award at Central Washington University in June.

Sasha Meyer '15 and **Josef Komarek '14** of Happy Valley were married July 6. **Lauren Card '15** of Eugene married Hugo Nicolas June 9 in Salem. Lauren works at Columbia Bank.

Casey Thein '15 of Burns graduated from Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry and practices dentistry in Eugene.

Maddy Dunn '16 of Lake Oswego has been accepted into the Physical Therapy program at University of Southern California. She joins former softball teammate **McKenna (Spieth) MacKintosh '15**, who is midway through the program.

Ilhani Kamaka '15 and Eli Biondine '16 of McMinnville married Oct. 12.

Morgan Gerke '16 married Mike Nardoni '16 Sept. 1. They live in Sherwood.

Marq Randall '16 of Roseburg earned a bachelor's of science degree in operations management from the Oregon Institute of Technology.

Ehren Cahill '17 of Glastonbury, Connecticut, completed an MBA from the University of Hartford, Barney School of Business.

Sara Levering '17 of Silverton married Weston Zander Aug. 3.

Hayden Cooksy '18 of Cameron Park, California, graduated from Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, and began flight training as a naval aviator at Naval Air Station Pensacola.

Alleta Maier '18 of Madison, Wisconsin, was awarded the UW-Madison College of Letters and Sciences Teaching Fellowship.

In memoriam

Julia (Leatherman) Ranta '37 of Ocala, Florida, March 22.

Dorothy (McKey) Fender '41 of McMinnville, July 23, 2018. Survivors include daughter Laura (Fender) McMasters '75.

Annabelle (Jernstedt) Brucken '46 of Santa Cruz, California, Sept. 3 **Roberta (Andrew) Huget '46** of Seattle, Washington, July 15.

Cathie (Holmes) Olcott '46 of Salem, June 23.

Ted Lehman '47 of McMinnville, Aug. 27. Survivors include daughter Shirley (Lehman) Libby '78 and granddaughter Anna '09.

Dorothy (Brace) Lutes '47 of McMinnville, July 15, 2018.

Gladys (Dalke) Welty '47 of Tucson, Arizona, April 7.

Flo (Cardwell) Edwards '48 of Cottage Grove, May 27. Survivors include daughter Cindy (Edwards) Vogel '73, sister Patricia (Cardwell) Marrs '52 and brother-in-law Carl Marrs '53.

Bob Gibbs '48 of Seattle, Washington, July 26, 2018. Survivors include son **Gerald '77**.

Shirley (LaBrenze) Holtz '48 of Mooresville, North Carolina, Oct. 7, 2018. **Lucille (Heckathorn) Tyler '48** of Portland, May 9.

Patricia (Davis) Burkhart '50 of Pocatello, Idaho, Aug. 17. Survivors include husband Phillip '50.

Jean (Anderson) Flittie '50 of Portland, Feb. 23, 2018.

Julanne (Justin) Killinger '50 of Port Orchard, Washington, Feb. 6, 2017. **Irma Lady '50** of Salem, April 22.

Muriel (Morgan) Lynn '50 of Gresham, March 19.

Harriet (Martin) Mays '50 of Hillsboro, Aug. 12. Survivors include grandson **Martin '08**.

Charlotte (McDonald) Smith '50 of Eugene, April 12.

Pat (Prewett) Struxness '50 of McMinnville, April 23. Survivors include husband Howard '50.

James Apperson '51 of McMinnville, March 27. Survivors include sister **Eloise (Apperson) Zwald '54**.

Ann (Baker) Coughenour '52 of St. Louis, Missouri, April 6.

Mary Jean (Wilson) Gano '52 of Claremont, California, Aug. 2. Survivors include son **Roger '82**.

Elky (Elkinton) Keiffer '53 of McMinnville, July 6, 2018.

Ralph Beebe '55 of Newberg, May 27.

Gordon Buslach '56 of Vancouver, Washington, June 22.

Barbara (Holtum) Edquist '56 of Lacey, Washington, June 12.

Al Cave '57 of Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 8.

Sam Stewart '58 of Rickreall, June 9. Survivors include wife **Kay Rene** (Wiseman) '62.

Florie (Wood) Truax '59 of Buckley, Washington, June 7. Survivors include husband Roger '60, daughter Melissa (Truax) Reid '96, son Anthony '89, granddaughter Kayla '14 and brother Emerson Wood '70.

Reba (Goss) Powell '60 of Madras, April 19. Survivors include husband **Vincent '61** and daughter **Karen (Powell) Zurcher '89**.

Georgia (Cornwell) Rutledge '60 of Hillsboro, Oct. 2, 2017.

John Bell '61 of Cleveland, Tennessee, June 23.

Jim Fairchild '61 of Dallas, May 1.

Larry Jones '62 of Chico, California, May 6.

Judy (Sadler) McElwain '62 of Gresham, Jan. 7.

Gene Gilbertson '63 of Seaside, June 12. Survivors include wife

Larkin joins engagement team



Caylee Larkin '19, alumni engagement officer, has joined the Office of Constituent
Engagement. Larkin earned a degree in mass communication with a visual studies minor.
As a Linfield student, she was active in the International Programs Office and served as president of Zeta Tau

Alpha sorority.

Larkin's primary duty is alumni story teller, sharing information about alumni accomplishments and success stories. Do you have an accomplishment or story to share? Let her know! You can also visit Linfield Connect, a Linfield-only online community which provides access to relevant news, resources, mentorship opportunities and an alumni directory.

Sign up for Linfield Connect at Linfieldconnect.com, or submit updated alumni information and stories at linfield.edu/alumni.

Beverly (Bryson) '64.

Elaine (Scott) Robinder '63 of Austin, Texas, Nov. 22, 2018. Survivors include husband **Ronald '61**.

Jim Watson '63 of Gig Harbor, Washington, May 22.

Jeff Wright '63 of McMinnville, Aug. 1.

Charlotte (Taylor) Alexander '64 of Raleigh, North Carolina, Sept. 7.

James Puetz '64 of Idaho Falls, Idaho, April 2. Survivors include wife Margie (Donnell) '66.

Kathy (Jones) Miller '65 of Sacramento, California, Oct. 15, 2018. Eldon Schrock '65 of Albany. Oct. 21.

Eldoli Schlock US of Albahy, Oct. 21.

Dick Brown '66 of Tigard, Oct. 18. Survivors include daughter **Valeri '94** and granddaughter **Katie Rice '21**.

Cecil Taylor '66 of Tualatin, May 11. Survivors include daughter **Kelly '99**. **Carol (Anderson) Lynch '67** of Wenatchee, Washington, June 30.

Michael Donaly '68 of McMinnville, Sept. 7.

David Neils '68 of North Bend, Washington, Aug. 16.

Alan Pearson '69 of McMinnville, Aug. 10. Survivors include daughter **Anami '96**. **Carolyn (Mowe) Zwaschka '69** of Portland, July 29. Survivors include

husband Ken '71. **Stephen McHarness '70** of Salem, April 11.

Kim Hawksley '72 of The Dalles, July 15.

Castillo partners with Legend to support entrepreneurs



Gina Castillo '14 knows firsthand the stigma of life on the street.

Growing up, she cycled in and out of homelessness and incarceration. At age 26, as a single mother with an eighth-grade education, she earned a Ford Family scholarship and looked to Linfield.

"Learning to code and techadjacent skills changed my life,"

says Castillo, who received a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in computer science at Linfield before pursuing graduate studies at Washington State University.

Now, as executive director of Unloop Studio, a Seattle-based non-profit, Castillo is part of a cohort working with Unlocked Futures and award-winning artist and activist John Legend, founder of FREEAMERICA, to support social entrepreneurs impacted by the criminal justice system.

Unloop Studio assists individuals with criminal records to re-enter the work force and succeed in the technology industry. Castillo and her team work with individuals nearing release to connect them with resources, including industry mentors, to launch their careers.

At Linfield, Castillo was named a Kemper scholar and started Kernel of Hope, a program to teach victims of domestic violence how to repair computers.

"Linfield was the place where I learned what was possible, where I could turn all of my experiences into leverageable lessons to build a career and give back," Castillo says. "The faculty and staff at Linfield lifted me up and allowed a pathway to realize my full potential."

– Laura Davis

Become a first-gen mentor

Wildcat alumni, our students need you. Whether you were the first in your family to attend college, or the tenth, your perspective is valuable. Share it with our first-genera-



tion students. Learn more about how you can help with the Linfield First program by emailing alumni@linfield.edu. See story on page 8.

David Lemire '72 of Klamath Falls, July 13.

Linda (Agnew) Stephenson '74 of McMinnville, June 29. Survivors include husband **Rob '75**.

Stan Peterson '75 of Portland, Sept. 8.

Jim Yurovchak '77 of Yakima, Washington, July 07, 2018. Survivors include son **Wesley '13**.

Gerald Brown '88 of Walterville, May 1.

Beverly (Lundeen) Jernstrom '92 of Chinook, Washington, Aug. 21.

Diana Ewing '93 of Prineville, June 12.

Carrie (Sneed) Huff '95 of Lakeside, April 26.

Keith Ayers '98 of Dallas, Oct. 17.

Christine Kish '98 of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Nov. 14, 2018.

Marsha (Hayhurst) Shutz '00 of Salem, Aug. 15, 2017.

Dave Haverstock '01 of Eugene, April 24.

Leila Elliott '05 of Lake Oswego, July 8, 2018. Survivors include son Brett '05.

Liberty (Lowarch) Eisenhart '06 of Ripon, California, April 4.

Joey Ensign-Lewis '08 of Newberg, March 30.

Joel Mills '19 of McMinnville, July 17. Survivors include father Ron, professor emeritus of art, and brother Ruben '18.

Friends and family

Jack Alin of McMinnville, professor emeritus of math, June 8. Survivors include wife **Susan '78** and daughter **Annika '01**.

Kurt Hein of McMinnville, former adjunct faculty, July 21.

George Keillor of McMinnville, former copy center operator, April 13.

Larry Marsh of McMinnville, professor emeritus of music, April 28. Survivors include son Jack '93 and daughters Janie '14 and Mary (Marsh) Roller '98.

Becky Swenson of McMinnville, former assistant director of human resources, July 4.



Going viral

Nearly 1 million viewers have watched Garry Killgore, Linfield athletic director, and cheerleaders dance the Cotton Eye Joe, thanks to a viral post on TikTok, Linfield's newest social media channel. TikTok is a video platform gaining popularity. Linfield's first TikTok video paid homage to the hit television show *The Office*, featuring Linfield residence advisors. The account

has more than 12,000 followers, which is the highest of any college in the Pacific Northwest. Other videos feature football, President Miles K. Davis, Pioneer Hall and Mack the Wildcat. Find us on TikTok, as well as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Sustainable in Astoria

When **Samuel McDaniel '18** started Linfield's online sustainability certificate program, he had one goal in mind: reduce the carbon footprint of his family business, Astoria Downtown Market.

Even while working 72 hours a week as a business owner, this goal – and the support of his professors – kept McDaniel motivated as he learned how to turn his ideas into business practices.

"The faculty members were awesome," says McDaniel, who took advantage of

every spare moment at home and work to complete his assignments. "Every professor had a different perspective on environmentalism that was persuasive and reasonable in helping to redevelop my own perspectives."

After swapping plastic bags for paper, McDaniel is exploring other environmentally friendly practices at Astoria Downtown Market. These include opting into Northwest Natural's Smart Energy program which sources methane as a biogas from cow dung and collecting a couple hundred pounds of cigarette butts at the store which will be composted and recycled into new products.

"The sustainability certificate helped guide my business endeavors to decrease my environmental impact," he says, "and hopefully, redevelop environmental services and create a more equitable social environment."

- Kristie (Patterson) Rickerd '97