

July 2023

Linfield digest

Linfield Magazine Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/linfield_magazine

Recommended Citation

Linfield Magazine Staff (2023) "Linfield digest," *Linfield Magazine*: Vol. 17: No. 2, Article 4.
Available at: https://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/linfield_magazine/vol17/iss2/4

This article is brought to you for free via open access, courtesy of DigitalCommons@Linfield. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@linfield.edu.



First Scholars program recognized for student success

The Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities honored Linfield's First Scholars program this fall with a Beacon Award, recognizing a program's ability to be replicated and scaled to increase student retention and success.

The First Scholars program provides financial and mentorship assistance to first-generation students. It pairs incoming students with a current first-generation student, as well as a faculty or staff member, who provide mentorship and support. Events throughout the year aim to mitigate the culture shocks first-generation students might otherwise experience.

Outcomes have far exceeded Linfield's initial hopes. More than 81% of the inaugural First Scholars enrolled as sophomores, and program participation leapt 70% in its second year.



MSN program graduates inaugural cohort

The Linfield University-Good Samaritan School of Nursing graduated its first students from the Master of Science in Nursing program in August 2021. The five-person cohort was recognized in the inaugural Hooding and Pinning Ceremony on the Portland campus. The MSN program, which debuted in September

2020, marked Linfield's return to graduate-level programs after a nearly 30-year hiatus. The students, all working nurses, completed their studies amid pandemic and wildfires. Congratulations to Richard Thompson, Molly Pechacek, Malinda Close, Heidi Frawley and Kimberly Precord (not pictured).

HEDS offers insights into campus perceptions

Linfield worked closely with the Higher Education Data Sharing Consortium (HEDS) in 2021 to gauge campus climate and student views.

In spring 2021, Linfield students, faculty and staff participated in the HEDS Campus Climate Survey, used by colleges and universities nationwide to measure campus attitudes about diversity and compare results against peers. The nationally normed results were released to the Linfield community in the fall and are available on the university website for students or employees with a Catnet login.

Later in the fall semester, a HEDS team held focus groups with students on

Kondor appointed to statewide standards commission



The director of Linfield University's teacher education program, Carrie Kondor, received state Senate approval in November 2021 for a seat on the Oregon Teaching Standards and Practices Commission. TSPC

commissioners recommend changes to statutes impacting teachers, oversee licensing and certification standards and act as the deciding body on sanctions in response to complaints or misconduct reports. Her term runs until January 2024.

"I hope to join in the TSPC's commitment to a more

equitable education system," Kondor said. "As a commissioner, I will persist with a strong commitment to collaborative, culturally-sustaining and inclusive practices."

Kondor joined the Linfield faculty in July 2020. She teaches education courses focused on equity, literacy, child growth and development. She is researching and cowriting a book titled, "Calling White Allies to Step it Up! A Guide for Productive Anti-racism Facilitation Within White Power Systems."

Kondor was instrumental in helping Linfield start the first undergraduate teacher-preparation program in Oregon focused on secondary drama and a special education generalist endorsement for undergraduate and graduate students.

Celebrating new beginnings

This fall, Linfield University welcomed new members to its community and celebrated existing employees moving into new roles. Among them:



Virlena Crosley, an associate professor in the School of Business, has taught accounting courses at Linfield since 2009. Her new role as associate dean for the School of Business will focus on recruiting new students and improving student retention.



Denise Farag '88 was instrumental in launching Linfield's Master of Science in business. In her new role as associate dean of the School of Business, she is spearheading an online degree completion program. Farag has been an associate professor of business law since 2009.



Joe Latulippe is Linfield's director of academic advising. He leads Linfield's advising team, supports faculty advisors and works to enhance the student experience. He joined Linfield from Norwich University, where he served as an academic advising coordinator and associate professor of mathematics.



Tim Matz joined Linfield as the Domaine Serene Chair in Wine Business and director of the Evenstad Center for Wine Education. He oversees the wine education program, which includes educational programming, the Oak & Vine Society wine club and partnerships with local wineries.



Aaron Sloper started as manager of the Linfield Bookstore in December 2021. He supports the McMinnville and Portland campuses, as well as Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program with textbooks, supplies and Linfield gear.



Gennie VanBeek is the associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She focuses on student recruitment and student success through collaboration with other campus units, gathering and interpreting data, and creating and evaluating new initiatives.

both Linfield campuses to understand their views on what constitutes a successful life. The results of those focus groups were then presented to the community in a series of meetings.

Honoring Linfield's newest retirees

Seven faculty and staff retired between July 1 and Dec. 31, 2021. Individually and collectively, they had a profound impact on the university. The Linfield community extends its gratitude and appreciation for their 139 combined years of dedication and service.

Carol Gallagher, groundskeeper, retired July 30 after 24 years of service.

Anna Keeseey, professor in the Department of English, retired Dec. 31 after 14 years of service.

Deborah Lisk, administrative services supervisor for facilities, retired Dec. 31 after 15 years of service.

Shelly Sanderlin '83, administrative coordinator for music, retired Aug. 13 after 26 years of service.

Amber Simmons, bookstore manager, retired Dec. 31 after 20 years of service.

Cheri White, learning support services program manager, retired Dec. 31 after 12 years of service.

Vivian Wymore, accounts payable/purchasing manager, retired July 16 after 28 years of service.

Linfield recognized for social mobility of students

Linfield's commitment to improving the lives of its students was recognized this fall. For the third consecutive year, U.S. News & World Report magazine named Linfield one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation when it comes to

social mobility, and Washington Monthly named Linfield the No. 1 liberal arts college in Oregon for social mobility. Washington Monthly also named Linfield the top college or university in Oregon and No. 29 in the nation for graduate earnings.

The social mobility category measures how well universities graduate students who received federal Pell Grants. Students receiving these grants typically come from households whose family incomes are less than \$50,000 annually, with most money going to students with total family incomes below \$20,000. Of Linfield's nearly 1,400 undergraduate students on its McMinnville campus last year, 27% were Pell Grant recipients.



Jackie Winters Collection added to Linfield archives

A collection of documents and artifacts from Oregon State Senator Jackie Winters is currently on loan to Linfield University's Archives and Special Collections. Researchers and guests can view various records and articles pertaining to Winters' professional and personal life. This includes political campaign materials, speeches, press clippings and more.

First elected to office in 1998, Winters became the first African American Republican to serve in the Oregon Legislative Assembly and served until her death in

2019. Winters was elected Senate minority leader in 2017, becoming the first Black Republican Caucus leader in Oregon.

Individuals can view the collection by appointment. Contact 503-883-2734 or rschmidt@linfield.edu.

Nursing faculty receive inaugural innovation award

Professor Gary Laustsen and Associate Professor Kim Kintz were named the inaugural Cathy and Dave Haugeberg Leadership in Innovation and Excellence School of Nursing Faculty Award recipients. This new award recognizes faculty trailblazers, who are engaging students in their cutting-edge work.

Kintz has devoted a considerable amount of time teaching, service learning and building partnerships in Peru. Her connections have paved the way for new learning opportunities for Linfield students and the care of diverse populations.

Laustsen developed the university's new Master of Science in Nursing program, from brainstorming to recruitment and accreditation. He has led presentations at international conferences about its distinctive focus on environmental leadership, creating a model for other nursing schools on integrating nursing leadership and planetary health.

Online nonprofit management degree added

Linfield is accepting applications for its new online-only nonprofit management program. Classes begin in fall 2022. The nonprofit management program is designed to equip future leaders in the field with the tools they need to earn a competitive wage, think strategically and ensure nonprofit enterprises thrive for

generations to come, says Jennifer Madden, dean of Linfield's School of Business. Classes in the program include grant writing, managing nonprofit organizations, and social entrepreneurship and enterprises.



Linfield composer wins international award

In October 2021, Andrea Reinkemeyer, associate professor of music composition and theory, received the Alex Shapiro Prize for her composition titled, "Smoulder," from the International Alliance for Women in Music. The Shapiro Prize recognizes newly created works written for a large ensemble wind band. The award comes with a consultation with Shapiro, a composer of acoustic and electroacoustic concert music.

Reinkemeyer wrote "Smoulder" in 2019, and it premiered at the Oregon Music Education Association Conference in 2020. The song was also a finalist in the 2020 National Band Association William D. Revelli Composition Contest.

Reinkemeyer has been at Linfield since 2014. Her creative works explore the interaction of music with other disciplines. She regularly writes music for large orchestra and wind bands, intimate chamber ensembles and interactive electronics.

Listen to "Smoulder" at linfield.edu/magazine

Students present at regional science conference

Linfield students were well-represented at the Murdock College Science Research Conference in November 2021.

Two students gave oral presentations while seven more presented posters at the invitation-only regional event. Elise Bedford '22 gave a presentation titled, "A melanoma associated genetic variant disrupts melanocortin-1 receptor activity," and Joseph Murphy '22 presented his research titled, "Characterizing the electronic properties of 2D devices with KPFM."

Students participating at the conference were biology majors Andrea Quintana Morales '23 and Ariel Miyama '22; biochemistry and molecular biology majors Madeline Hedberg '22, Hanna Shields '22 and Bedford; chemistry major Tingting Zhan '24; Spanish major Vanessa Bowen '23; and physics majors Murphy and Alex Landry '23.

Ongoing COVID-19 efforts lead to recognition for health director



At the November 2021 Linfield University Board of Trustees meeting, the trustees approved a resolution citing the tireless work of Director of Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Patty Haddeland since January 2020. State and county health officials have consistently lauded Haddeland's efforts and Linfield's exhaustive planning to keep students and employees healthy throughout the pandemic.

Campus officials and the university's COVID-19 response team, which includes Haddeland, continue to monitor the pandemic and adapt its response based on close coordination with the Oregon Health Authority and public health officials in Yamhill and Multnomah counties. Linfield currently has a high vaccination rate on both campuses. More than 93% of employees, 94% of McMinnville students and 98% of Portland students are vaccinated against COVID-19.

 More information on Linfield's COVID-19 response can be found at linfield.edu/covid.

Level up your wine knowledge

The Wine and Spirit Education Trust is the largest and most respected wine education and certification program of its kind in the world.

Earn WSET Level 1-3 certifications online or in-person at Linfield, one of only two approved programs in Oregon.



Register at: linfield.edu/wset



HOMECOMING 2021

More than 500 alumni and their family members returned to Linfield's campuses for homecoming weekend in October, including a first-ever School of Nursing reunion on the newly opened Portland campus.

As part of the festivities, the 2021 Alumni Award recipients were honored at Linfield's Finest gala on Oct. 8 at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville. Congratulations again to Ashley (Russell) Blatchley '06, Sean Hoar '80, Ann (Sinclair) Klein '07 and Craig Ostbo '15.



**SAVE THE DATE
FOR NEXT YEAR'S
HOMECOMING
SEPT. 16-17,
2022**