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# Connecting you to Linfield and each other

By Debbie Harmon Ferry '90, director of alumni and parent engagement



When I was young, I watched the 1970s sitcom “The Bob Newhart Show.” Newhart later starred as an innkeeper in the simply titled “Newhart” during the 1980s. The series finale of “Newhart” was perhaps the cleverest series ending ever imagined. In it (spoiler alert), Newhart is seen with actress Suzanne Pleshette, who played his wife on the 1970s show, and wakes up to find that the entire eight years as an innkeeper was simply a dream.

I suppose with this announcement, I feel a bit like Bob Newhart. After nearly three years of serving Linfield in a variety of roles, as a gift officer and the special assistant to the president, I am back in the role of director of alumni and parent engagement.

Of course, we did not simply dream the last three years. Joni Claypool '06 served Linfield admirably as director of constituent engagement during that time. She is a Hall of Famer for her Wildcat athletic exploits and for her service as an employee since.

With apologies to Newhart, this is a dream job for me. I am thrilled to return to a role I love and to keep connecting you to each other and Linfield.

## 1930-49

**Joseph Medicine Crow '38** was posthumously honored at the University of Southern California, where he earned his master’s degree in anthropology in 1939. A building to be named the Dr. Joseph Medicine Crow Center for International and Public Affairs will be dedicated in a ceremony in spring 2022. The school also announced a scholarship program for Native American students in his name.

## 1950-59

**Howard Morris '58** was posthumously honored at the Oregon Institute of Technology, where he served for decades in roles including coach, professor and athletic director. The athletic department announced the introduction of the Howard Morris Hall of Fame in August 2021, with its inaugural class being inducted on Oct. 30, 2021.

## 1960-69

**Bob Ferguson '67** of Vancouver, Washington, was featured in the Nov. 11, 2021 edition of The Columbian. Ferguson, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, has self-published three books, including “Pearls of Wisdom?: Lessons Learned, Scribbled Genius, my Published Pontifications” in August 2021.

## 1970-79

**Mac Wyckoff '70** of Eugene has retired after a 30-year career as a historian with the National Park Service.

**Harold Tu '71** of Omaha, Nebraska, retired from the University of Minnesota, where he was most recently an associate professor and chair of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

**Brian Stump '74** of McKinney, Texas, was appointed to the TexNet Technical Advisory Committee by Gov. Greg Abbott in November 2021. Stump is a professor of geophysics at Southern Methodist University and a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and the American Association for Advancement of Science.

## 1980-89

**Glen Giovannetti '84** of East Harwich, Massachusetts, was appointed to the Revolo Biotherapeutics Board of Directors on July 1, 2021.

**Randy Reason '86** of Salem is the owner of Reason’s World Taekwondo Academy and is the head cross country and track and field coach at Scio High School.

**Shawn Deal '88** of Skamokawa, Washington, published his seventh play in 2021 titled, “Senior Year Ghost Story.”

## 1990-99

**James Hiu '90** of Gresham was named interim superintendent of Gresham-Barlow School District on July 2, 2021. He has served as deputy superintendent of human resources since 2017.

**Dan Town '90** of Sweet Home was named athletic director for Sweet Home High School on Aug. 30, 2021. He has taught math at the school since 1990 and coached various sports throughout his tenure.

**Bandana Shrestha '91** of Happy Valley was named the new state director of AARP Oregon on July 11, 2021.

**Kevin Curry '92, Scott Bernard Nelson '94 and Devon Lyon '98** are co-creative directors of Relium Media, LLC, which published the first two novels in its Angel Punk Saga in October 2021. These alumni and **Jake Rossman '04** created the fantasy world for the novels and a comic book series, which has been sold to Dark Horse Comics.

**Troy Pade '92** of Los Angeles, California, started a new job as managing director at the Aster Union Hotel and Members Club in Hollywood.

**Becky (Cady) Rude '92** of Battle Ground, Washington, was appointed assistant city attorney III for the City of Vancouver in May 2021.

**Naomi Ulsted '92** of North Bend was named executive director of Bob Belloni Ranch in August 2021, a non-profit residential and outpatient treatment facility in Coos Bay. She also published her debut novel, “The Apology Box,” in December 2021.

**Jim Good '94** of Yucaipa, California, was named head football coach of the University of Redlands on July 1, 2021. Good has been part of the Redlands’ coaching staff since 2011.

**Brent Barry '96** of Jacksonville was named the 2022 Oregon Superintendent of the Year by the Oregon Association of School Executives and the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators. Barry is superintendent of the Phoenix-Talent School District.

**Joe Welsh '96** of Seattle, Washington, accepted a role as senior sales director for Samsung Semiconductor after 21 years at Intel Corporation. He also looks forward to visiting his oldest daughter, **Olivia Welsh '25**, who is in her first year at Linfield.

**Amy (Bick) Jackson '97** of Spokane Valley, Washington, was promoted to director of digital operations at ENGIE Impact.

**Virginia (Zander) Joplin '97** of Beaverton expanded operations of Verbio, her Oregon-based consulting firm, into Spain and named **Jennifer Mosley '97** chief operating officer of Verbio Europa S.L.

**Bobbi Ewing '98** of Seattle, Washington, earned a Master of Arts in psychology with a counseling specialization from Saybrook University in December 2018. She launched her private psychotherapy practice in March 2019.

**Jennell (Yost) Haulbrook '98** of Oregon City was recently promoted to commercial strategic manager with Farmers Insurance Group.

**Joanna Tobin '99** of Sherwood was announced as the new principal of Ninety-One School in Hubbard on July 16, 2021.

# Nursing alumnus elected to National Academy of Medicine



Jessica (Saling) Gill '98, a leading researcher on traumatic brain injuries and the Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in October 2021.

The National Academy of Medicine advances knowledge and progress in science, medicine, policy and health equity. Members are elected by their peers for outstanding contributions to research.

Gill has spent decades investigating the effects of traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) in military personnel, athletes and other patients. She specifically looks at biomarkers to better understand why some patients recover better from TBIs while others are left with long-term neurological and psychological symptoms. She was awarded the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 2012 for her work on brain injuries, the highest scientific accolade awarded by the United States government. She has also served as a Lasker Clinical Research Scholar with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and in leadership positions within the National Institute of Nursing Research.

After graduating from Linfield with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a minor in biology, she earned her master’s degree at Oregon Health & Sciences University in 2001 and her doctorate from Johns Hopkins in 2007. She has published over 100 research papers while an investigator at the NIH and has served as a professor at Johns Hopkins since summer 2021.

“I am excited to be part of the NAM and to join in its cross-disciplinary efforts to advise national and global responses to advancing science and health equity,” Gill said. “It’s another opportunity to share my work and improve health around the world.”

2000-09

**Scott McGrath '00** of Missoula, Montana, accepted the project manager role for ACTIVATE, a telemedicine and remote patient monitoring project for CITRIS Health at UC Berkeley.

**Connie K. Nguyen-Truong '00** of Portland was inducted into the 2021 Class of Fellows for the National League for Nursing Academy of Nursing Education. She was also promoted to associate professor with tenure at Washington State University.

**Dan Roth '00** of Alexandria, Virginia, joined Nacha as their senior director of communications.

**J.T. Bushnell '02** of Eugene published his first novel, “The Step Back,” available from Ooligan Press.

**Rick Crager '02** of Salem started as chief financial officer for Benton County, Oregon, on Oct. 1, 2021.

**Heidi (Blaine) Bell '03** of Newberg was named Sheridan city manager on July 19, 2021.

**Jenny (Eckart) Hoyt '05** and her husband Tyler of Columbia City started Willamette Pizza Company, a wood-fire mobile oven catering company in Portland.

**Kandice (Kleiber) Marshall '05** and her husband Tim of Keyport, Washington, welcomed a baby girl, Ida.

**Seth Prickett '05** and Grace Le Chevallier of Portland are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Truman Fischer Prickett, on June 14, 2021.

**Chris Barker '06** and wife Annie of Portland, welcomed their second child, Caylum John, on Nov. 21, 2021.

**Brittany (Clark) Guthrie '06** of Portland, along with husband Doug and big brother Jackson, welcomed a baby boy, Miles Stephen, to their family this summer.

**April (Kelly) Huggler '06** of Portland welcomed a baby girl, Evalyn “Evie” Augusta Kelly, on April 29, 2021.

**Casey Shultz '06** of Minneapolis, Minnesota, was named director of investment relations at the Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation.

**Cara Weaver '06** of Eugene joined the Nurse Residency Competency Development Team at PeaceHealth after serving 13 years with the organization in various roles.

**Krystal Moore '08** of Pahoia, Hawaii, completed her master’s degree in education from Concordia University in fall 2020.

**Dan Haag '09** of Manzanita joined the Tillamook Coast Visitors Association as the trails and outdoor recreation coordinator on Sept. 15, 2021.

**Lacey Beth (Peck) '09** and **Bo Lockhart '06** of Portland welcomed their daughter, Saylor Ramsey, on May 18, 2021.

**Colin Rowles '09** of Banks welcomed a baby girl, Madison Jane, on March 29, 2021.

2010-19

**Hillary (Winkler) Lange '10** of Tigard welcomed a child, Brooks Wagner, on Sept. 5, 2021.

**Sara (Marroquin) Tanabe '11** of Coos Bay finished a five-year general surgery residency at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine and is now a surgeon at Avera Medical Group Brookings.

**Hope Fredregill '12** of Boise, Idaho, along with her husband, Christopher Patch, welcomed their first child, Violet Ruth, on Nov. 17, 2021.

**Kyel '12** and **Holly (Hasha) Lambert '11** of Kirkland, Washington, welcomed their first child, Brooklyn, on April 15, 2021.

**Tori Walker '12** and **Paden Tufts '10** of Portland were married in Hawaii on July 10, 2021.

**Keith '12** and **Lindsay (Sterksin) Mader '13** of Lynden, Washington, announced the birth of their son, Knox, on June 4, 2021. Knox was welcomed home by his two older sisters, Liesl and Prim.

**Andrew Carpenter '13** of Ridgefield, Washington, finished his Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Oregon in 2020 and is a National Science Foundation MPS-Ascend post-doctoral fellow at Oregon State University.

**Ivanna Tucker '15** of Portland married Randy Miller on July 17, 2021.

**Brenna (Stinson) Gomez '16** of Bend graduated from Oregon State Carlson College of Veterinary Medicine with her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine. She now works as an associate veterinarian for equine and small animals in Silverton.

**Alex Ogle '16** of Banks is working as a test engineer for Waymo, a self-driving car company.

**Grayson Lein '17** of Renton, Washington, completed his master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling and opened a private practice in partnership with Envision Counseling, LLC.

**Meg Schwehr '17** of Boise, Idaho, graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine with her Doctor of Medicine. She will continue training at the Family Medicine Residency of Idaho.

**Sam '18** and **Kelly (Ackerman Mertz) Beyer '18** of Wilsonville welcomed their daughter, Yamile “Millie,” on Oct. 19, 2021.

**Tenzin Yangchen '18** of Atlanta, Georgia, accepted a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

2020-21

**Molly Danielson '20** of Beaverton continues her basketball career with the Team Solent Kestrels in the United Kingdom.

Friends and family

**Eugenia Keegan**, general manager and vice president of Oregon winery operations and business management for Jackson Family Wines, was named Wine Executive of the Year as part of Wine Enthusiast Magazine’s 2021 Wine Star Awards. Keegan is a member of the Strategic Planning Board of the Linfield wine studies program and the Evenstad Center for Wine Education.

In memoriam

**Dorothy (Hart) Hoff '43** of Mill Creek, Washington, May 13, 2021.

**Hulda (Beckley) Fitzsimons '44** of Milwaukie, April 21, 2020.

**Betty (Groves) Jackson '48** of Vancouver, Washington, March 22, 2021.

**Jen (Moen) Barnhart '50** of Delta, Colorado, April 16, 2021.

**Duffy Reynolds '51** of McMinnville, Aug. 22, 2021. Survivors include nieces **Karen Sele '85** and **Linda Cothren '97, '09**.

**Robert Graves '51** of Billings, Montana, March 2, 2020.

**Rosalee (Guy) Bingham '52** of Port Angeles, Washington, April 30, 2021. Survivors include son **David Bingham '84**.

**Jan (Larson) Gassaway '53** of Vancouver, Washington, Aug. 28, 2021.

**Bob Hallmark '53** of Vancouver, Washington, June 21, 2021.

**Carl Marrs '53** of Redmond, Washington, March 31, 2021. Survivors include spouse **Patricia (Cardwell) Marrs '52**.

**Ellen-Irene Montgomery '53** of Santa Barbara, California, July 10, 2021.

**Virginia (Schreiber) Bender '54** of Seattle, Washington, Sept. 12, 2021.

**Paul Winkler '54** of Birmingham, Alabama, July 23, 2021.

**Donald 'Don' Nicholson '55** of Tracy, California, Aug. 16, 2020.

**Dorothy Davy '57** of Portland, Oct. 7, 2021.

**Clifford 'Cliff' Engel '57** of Canby, Oct. 29, 2021.

**Lavelle (Baltimore) Hofrichter '57** of McMinnville, July 21, 2021.

**Ray Warren '57** of Santa Rosa, California, April 30, 2021.

**Ginger (Nelson) Blackburn '58** of Garden City, Idaho, Jan. 1, 2020.

**Beverly (Clark) Nelson '58** of Oak Harbor, Washington, July 17, 2021.

**Marian (Butcher) Weaver '58** of Tamarac, Florida, Nov. 13, 2021.

**Rick Hintz '59** of Carlton, April 22, 2021.

**Orin Gilbertson '60** of Carson City, Nevada, July 18, 2021. Survivors include spouse **Clare (Johnson) Gilbertson '62**.

**Harold John '62** of Portland, June 22, 2021.

**Sue (Alderman) Nelson '62** of Pendleton, July 1, 2021. Survivors include children **Laurie Nelson '92** and **Michael Nelson '91**.

**Myrna (Buoy) Butler '63** of Portland, July 2021.

**Linda (Pope) Knotts '64** of Hillsboro, July 6, 2021.

**Dick Ruhlman '64** of Helena, Montana, May 14, 2021.

**Jack Kiekel '65** of Vashon, Washington, Aug. 21, 2021. Survivors include daughter **Kathryn (Kiekel) Downs '82**.

**Ken Lummus '65** of Indio, California, Aug. 9, 2021.

**Barbara (Murdock) Olson '66** of Spokane, Washington, Nov. 11, 2021. Survivors include son, **Hans Olson '96**.

**Nancy (Davis) Stephens '67** of McMinnville, Sept. 18, 2021.

**John Irwin '68** of Wilsonville, July 8, 2021.

**Gail (Ormond) Manary '68** of Portland, June 22, 2021. Survivors include spouse **Jim Manary '67** and daughter **Michelle Manary '92**.

**Bill Reid '68** of McMinnville, Aug. 9, 2021.

**Jeanne (Macomber) Butcher '69** of Beaverton, Aug. 11, 2021. Survivors include spouse **Paul Butcher '66**.

**Tom Leatherwood '69** of Yorba Linda, California, Aug. 27, 2021.

**Les Paull '70** of San Marcos, Texas, Sept. 29, 2021.

**Bette (Wienburg) Widder '76** of Portland, Dec. 13, 2020.

**Kathy (Sievers) Ralston '79** of Portland, June 11, 2021.

**Liz (Hatfield) Hatfield-Keller '84** of Portland, Sept. 13, 2021.

Filmmaker, Linfield alumnus, takes his shot

By Kaden Gass '22



When Ryan Welch '01 graduated from Linfield, he jumped right into careers in print design, web design and photography. Eventually Welch started his own company, moving from sports media into film production. Now, he is the owner and creative director of AO Films in Eugene.

In 2017, Welch and director/producer Jeff Harasimowicz flew to Alaska to create a documentary about a small-town basketball team. They spent an entire season in Ketchikan, where Welch used his storytelling experience to create the film, “Alaskan Nets.” The movie highlights the power of sports to lift up a community – in this case, Metlakatla, the only Native reserve in all of Alaska. “Guardians of the Galaxy” star Chris Pratt and his production company Indivisible Productions eventually signed on to executive produce the project.

The documentary has received international recognition since its release in 2021. “Alaskan Nets” was selected for the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, where it won the audience choice award in a field that contained more than 100 films. The film has gone on to win awards at the Middlebury New Filmmakers Festival (Best Documentary Feature) and the Bend Film Festival (Special Jury Award for Indomitable Spirit). It has also been selected for the Gig Harbor Film Festival, which was postponed in 2021 due to the pandemic.

In hindsight, Welch reflects back on how his Linfield experience helped him find the heart of the story.

“The small, personal school experience and being able to experience more than one area of expertise gives a broad perspective on life,” he said.

**Charlie Carveiro '85** of Hanapepe, Hawaii, Aug. 1, 2021.

**William Staudenmayer '85** of Waldport, Oct. 31, 2021.

**Richard Langan '86** of Eugene, May 21, 2021.

**Dan Ponso '86** of McMinnville, April 11, 2021. Survivors include wife **Linda Ponso '93**.



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**Petra (Johnson) Williams '86** of Anchorage, Alaska, Sept. 11, 2020.

**Ted McCagg '87** of Portland, June 20, 2021.

**Alan Phillips '89** of McMinnville, June 21, 2021.

**Paul Noll '93** of Orlando, Florida, Sept. 18, 2019. Survivors include son **Landon Noll '83** and granddaughter **Jessica Noll '06**.

**Judy Button '95** of Seattle, Washington, Sept. 12, 2018.

**William 'Billy' Walker '00** of Canby, Aug. 29, 2021.

**Tracy Stephens '02** of Redmond, Sept. 13, 2019.

**Paul Holden '03** of Portland, July 1, 2021. Survivors include spouse **Jacqueline (Duvoisin) Holden '03**.

**Wolfgang Schulenburg '16** of Medford, Sept. 18, 2019.

## Friends

**Virginia (Ginny) Lee Harvey Bowden**, former registrar in the School of Nursing, Aug. 7, 2021.

**Joanne DeMay** of Salem, former associate director of Linfield's Online and Continuing Education program from 2001-2009, Oct. 30, 2021.

**Maria Stuart** of McMinnville, member of the Business Advisory Council and 2015 Walker Service Award recipient, Oct. 13, 2021.

## Got news?

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## Putting her best foot forward

By Mercedes Rose



In November 2021, Foot Locker Inc. created a quartet of new leadership positions as part of a major organizational shakeup. Among them was Susie Kuhn '97, who was promoted to president of the company's Europe, Middle East and Africa operations and general manager for Foot Locker Europe.

Kuhn started working for the company in February 2020, as senior vice president and general manager of Foot Locker Europe. Her new role oversees both the Foot Locker Europe and Sidesstep brands.

"Twenty-five years after graduating from Linfield College and saying yes to my first 'real' job, it feels good to get an opportunity to lead a large and complex business like Foot Locker EMEA," Kuhn said. "I have achieved this moment because I was a corporate entrepreneur. I said 'yes' to opportunities that

sound interesting, grow and expand my scope, and where I can visualize the impact I will have. A lot of that thought process and approach started at Linfield."

Before joining Foot Locker, Kuhn was the executive director of strategy and business development for URBN, which represents Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie Group, Free People and Nuuly. She previously worked at Nike for more than 14 years, serving in leadership positions for Nike in the Asia-Pacific region and for Converse.

Kuhn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in history from Linfield in 1997. She went on to earn an MBA from the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business in 2014.

While at Linfield, Kuhn served as vice president of the Associated Students of Linfield College, participated as a member of Alpha Phi sorority and was the president of Panhellenic Council. Linfield recognized Kuhn as its Outstanding Young Alumna in 2010.