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One Wild Day sets giving day record

An outpouring of generosity made Linfield University's One Wild Day 2022 one for the record books.

On May 4, more than 500 donors rallied to raise in excess of \$630,000 to support Linfield students through the university's annual giving day campaign. Alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends made donations to a wide variety of causes over the course of the day. It was the most successful giving day campaign in Linfield's history, said Joseph Hunter, vice president for university advancement.

"We are so very thankful to the entire Linfield community for the incredible generosity," Hunter said. "Our focus is on the students, and our giving day efforts are all about raising the vital resources that ensure they thrive."

Academic programs adapt and grow

Faculty expertise and student demand continue to create opportunities for new academic programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels. Cohorts started in fall 2021 for the Master of Science in business with tracks in sport leadership and design and innovation, and Master of Science in sports sciences and analytics. The university also started a major and minor in sport economics.

Starting in fall 2022, three new programs will be available at Linfield. These are a new track in wine business leadership for the M.S. in business, an online-only bachelor's degree in nonprofit management and a minor in critical ethnic studies.

The School of Nursing is continuing to develop innovative ways to educate and graduate nurses in a timely manner. The popular RN to BSN program evolved from a 15-month to a 12-month program to help working nurses earn their degree more efficiently. For those with a previous bachelor's degree outside of nursing, the Accelerated Bachelor of Science program (ABSN) moved from a 16-month to a 12-month completion. The school also created a new pathway for students with a non-nursing degree to enter the field with a master's degree. The Master's Entry to Professional Nursing program, or MEPN, allows students to earn a Master of Science in Nursing degree – without having a BSN first – in just 15 months.



Journalism student, Linfield Review receive regional honors

Maddie Loverich '22, the outgoing editor of The Linfield Review, was recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists for writing one of the best pieces of collegiate journalism in 2021. Loverich, of Bainbridge Island, Washington, received the Region 10 Mark of Excellence Award for sports writing (small division) for her article, "Freshman makes big impact for Linfield softball."

Under Loverich's tutelage, the Linfield Review was honored with multiple awards this spring. The publication received 10 awards from the Pacific Northwest Association of Journalism Educators for its website and individual content by writers and photographers. In addition, the Review staff earned eight other awards from the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's 2022 Collegiate Newspaper Contest, including first place for best graphic and feature photo.

New leadership team in the School of Nursing

The Linfield University-Good Samaritan School of Nursing starts a new year with new leadership at the helm. Paul Smith, who has been at Linfield since 2007, has been appointed to serve as dean. Smith has served as associate dean since 2018. His research focuses on diversity, cultural competence and health disparities seen in the LGBTQ+ community and how educators can prepare nurses to provide adequate care for and meet the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.

Prior to coming to Linfield, Smith worked at Chemeketa Community College as a nursing faculty member and program coordinator, as well an RN in Oregon and Georgia. He earned his Master of Nursing at Washington State University and doctorate in nursing education from University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Along with Smith in the administrative suite are associate deans Delene Volkert, who joined Linfield July 1, and Julie Fitzwater '06, who has worked at Linfield since 2014 and previously held the director of clinical education position.

Three awarded Fulbright grants

Hanna Shields '22, Nick Zdroy '22 and Anne Christine Walkup '21 received grants from the U.S. Fulbright Student Program for the 2022-23 academic year. The three Wildcats join a long tradition of distinguished Linfield students and faculty members who have received Fulbright grants. Linfield was named one of the top Fulbright-producing institutions in 2018.

Shields and Zdroy were awarded Fulbright Open Study/Research Awards to conduct research internationally. Shields, a biochemistry and molecular biology major from Star, Idaho, will spend time at the German Center for Neurodegenerative Disease. Zdroy, an applied physics major from Pendleton, will study mechanical engineering and product development at Aalto University in Finland. Meanwhile, Walkup, who double majored in Spanish and journalism and media studies, received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award (ETA) to teach English in Spain.

Forbes cites Linfield among its financially strong colleges

In June 2022, Forbes Magazine took a post-pandemic look at the financial health of 905 private colleges and universities in the nation and found Linfield in the top 20%. Forbes listed Linfield as No. 2 among private colleges in Oregon and No. 2 among Northwest Conference schools on its 2022 Financial Grades index. The publication looked at institutions' endowments, reserves, debt loads and operating margin, among other measures.



President Davis named executive of the year

The Portland Business Journal named Linfield President Miles K. Davis as one of its 2022 Executives of the Year. The annual award, given April 21 in a ceremony at the ballroom of Portland's Sentinel Hotel, honors regional leaders based on critical strategy, guidance and management leading to exceptional performance.

"In a short amount of time, Miles Davis has changed the trajectory of Linfield University – creating new programs and reinvigorating the school," said Candace Beeke, president and publisher of the Portland Business Journal.

As he finishes his fourth year, Davis has guided the university's campuses through a steady stream of changes, including the conversion to Linfield University, the addition of graduate programs and the development of a \$37 million science complex, among others.

Davis also serves as chair of the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities. He is a board member of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Portland-based non-profit Self Enhancement, Inc.

First Presidential IMPACT Scholars graduate

In 2019, Linfield created the Presidential IMPACT Scholars program, an intensive career development program funded through the Glenn L. and Helen Jackson Internship Endowment. The program provides yearlong professional development and mentorship opportunities, as well as internships for students with nonprofit and for-profit businesses in alternating summers.

Inaugural IMPACT Scholars Chaylene Grover '22 of Portland; Kenna Tanouye '22 of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Lucy Gordon '22 of Portland graduated in May after successfully completing the program. Alexandra Feller '21 of Visalia, California, graduated a year early.

During the program, members of the cohort interned at the following locations: All In Sports Foundation, Beaverton Arts Foundation, Hawaii High School Athletic Association, Klamath Falls Herald and News, Let's Talk Sports podcast, the Sequoia River Land Trust, Target and Tektronix.

Faculty promoted for 2022-23

Six returning faculty members received promotions effective July 1, 2022. Andrew Baggett (chemistry), Julie Fitzwater '06 (nursing) and Lindsey Mantoan (theatre and communication arts) were all promoted to the rank of associate professor and awarded tenure. Paul Smith (nursing), Janet Gupton (theatre and communication arts) and Kimberly Kintz '87 (nursing) earned the rank of full professor.



Linfield welcomes new chaplain

Rev. Jeremy Richards was named the new full-time chaplain and director of service leadership, beginning April 1. Richards was most recently pastor of Portland's Grant Park Church.

"Rev. Jeremy Richards will build on the strong legacy of work with students either examining their faith journey or enriching their strong faith tradition," former Vice President Susan Hopp said. "He values interfaith exploration and will collaborate with community members to establish ties of service to others."

Richards earned his Bachelor of Arts in English from Concordia University-Portland and a Master of Divinity from Duke Divinity School. He recently completed a two-year program with the Center for Action and Contemplation.

"Faith is more than scripture and spirituality. It's about how those things are lived out in our lives," Richards said. "That is one of the things I'm looking forward to most about Linfield: the daily conversations at the intersection of faith and academics, and the energy that comes from the college environment."

▶ Watch a quick Q&A with Richards at magazine.linfield.edu.

Student leaders elected for 2022-23

The students have spoken, and the Associated Students of Linfield University have new leaders for the academic year.

Emma Campbell '24, a mathematics and political science major from Ketchikan, Alaska, was voted president for the McMinnville campus. Preslie Petrick '24, an education and political science major from North Plains, is vice president. In a collaborative twist, Campbell is founder and president of the College Republicans, while Petrick served as vice president of the Democrats club for the last two years.

The Portland campus also elected new leadership for ASLU-PC. Diego Sabio Paese '23, a nursing major from Menlo Park, California, will serve as president, and Dani Carillo '23, a nursing major from Sherwood, will serve as vice president.



Reinkemeyer named composer of the year

Associate professor Andrea Reinkemeyer was honored in June as the Oregon Music Teachers Association (OMTA) Composer of the Year. Reinkemeyer received the recognition at the 2022 OMTA State Conference, where one of her newest works, "Letter to a Friend," premiered.

"Andrea's submissions stood out among the rest due to her strong musical voice, lyrical and sophisticated writing and excellent craftsmanship," OMTA President Sarah Ball said.

"Letter to a Friend" sets two poems written specifically for this project to music: "Letter to a Friend on the Return of Spring" by D. Allen and "In Winter" by Megan Levad.

Realigning Linfield's leadership team

In July, President Davis announced a restructuring of Linfield's leadership team. The following changes were made to realign positions to meet strategic goals:

- Gerardo Ochoa was promoted to the new role of vice president of enrollment management and student success, bringing together the admission, financial aid and registrar offices.
- After serving in an interim capacity, Allison Horn was promoted to associate vice president of administration. Horn has been at Linfield since 2010.
- After 11 years at Linfield, Susan Agre-Kippenhan stepped down as provost and vice president of academic affairs. Mark McPhail joins Linfield on August 15 as interim provost. McPhail most recently served as a communications professor at Indiana University Northwest.
- After 12 years at Linfield, Susan Hopp stepped down as vice president for student affairs and admission. Jeff Mackay '88, dean of students, was named interim vice president for student affairs.
- The evaluation of candidates for the next chief financial officer is in progress, with Glen Giovannetti '84 serving in an interim role since early 2022.

Inaugural festival honors camas

Even periodic downpours May 6 couldn't dampen enthusiasm for about 120 people who visited the first Camas Festival on the McMinnville campus. Linfield, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde and the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council collaborated to celebrate the flowering camas lily that grows in the wetlands around Cozine Creek. Camas bulbs were once a staple of Indigenous people's diets in the region. Tools used during harvest were on display at the festival, guided tours through Cozine Creek led guests through camas beds and camas seeds were given to attendees. Plans are already being drafted to host the Camas Festival again in May 2023.



Three students receive regional theatre honors

Linfield University's theatre program earned a series of awards from the 2022 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region VIII thanks to a trio of students.

Abbie Northrop '22, a chemistry and mathematics major from Bend, took first place in the Design Technology and Management Competition for Sound Design for their work on "Treasure Island."

Alea Tran '23, a psychology and theatre arts major from Shoreline, Washington, earned top honors in the Undergraduate Scholarly Paper Competition for their paper, "Examining Ibsen's Critique of Gender Expectations in A Doll House." This is the second consecutive first place honor for Tran in this competition. Tran also received a Certificate of Achievement for their sound design entry for work on "The Deal of a Lifetime."

Hadley Nelson '25, a first-year student from Dallas, was selected as a semi-finalist in the Irene Ryan Acting Competition. Only 32 students were chosen as semi-finalists out of more than 200 nominees.

Recognizing decades of unparalleled service

Ten faculty and staff, representing 221 years of service, retired from Linfield University between Jan. 1-June 30, 2022. The Linfield community extends its deepest gratitude and thanks to these individuals for their years of dedication and service.

- Nancy Broshot, professor of environmental studies, retired June 30 after 38 years of service.
- Norina Coffelt, senior academic records specialist, graduation specialist and VA certifying official, retired March 11 after 16 years of service.
- Larry Doty, associate professor of health and human performance, retired June 30 after 35 years of service.
- Shaik Ismail, director of international programs, retired May 31 after 18 years of service.
- Maggie Miller '14, service desk manager, retired Jan. 31 after 12 years of service.
- Patrice O'Donovan, professor and director of the Portland Campus Library, retired June 30 after 24 years of service.
- Russ Paine, visiting assistant professor of business, retired June 30 after 11 years of service.
- Jeff Peterson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, retired June 30 after 28 years of service.
- Lisa Weidman, associate professor of journalism and media studies, retired June 30 after 13 years of service.
- Pamela Wheeler, professor of nursing, retired Jan. 27 after 26 years of service.