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1960-69

Susan (Young) McGinty '66 of Sacramento, California, plans to walk the Portuguese coastal route of the Camino de Santiago de Compostela in September on the anniversary of the death of her husband of 55 years, Denis.

Augustus Gladding '68 of Goodyear, Arizona, was featured in the Pebble Creek Post for making a hole-in-one at Tuscany Falls East Golf Course. It is his third career hole-in-one.

James Johnson '68 of Keaau, Hawaii, sailed to the island of Kosrae in Micronesia from the Solomon Islands on his self-designed and built steel ketch LOVE.

1970-79

Dan Koenig '70 of Eugene had an acting role in the October 2023 movie "Among Wolves," alongside Trace Adkins and Edward Finlay.

Robert Emrick '72 of McMinnville received the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award in November 2023. He has been a business owner and civic leader for many decades.

Ronald Callan '74 of Tigard, was honored by Oregon State University for calling his 500th game as the radio voice for OSU Beavers women's basketball.

Wendell Say '78 of Wahiawa, Hawaii, retired as head football coach at Aiea High School, where he coached for over 40 years.

Paul Dombroski '79 of Odessa, Florida, was inducted into the Linfield University Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2023.

1980-89

Carmil White Ritchey '80 of Gresham, retired after 43 years in the insurance industry.

Randall Mueller '83 of Kirkland, Washington, was inducted into the North Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame in April 2024.

Ava (Maliner) Philippus '83 of Aurora, Colorado, retired in 2023, after teaching preschool for the last 19 years. She

was in Linfield's first exchange program to Japan, and subsequently worked for the Consulate General of Japan in Seattle before moving to Colorado.

Daniel Preston '83 of McMinnville, retired after 40+ years in higher education administration, including 35 years at Linfield in admission, financial aid and enrollment management.

Wanda (Wahl) Fulton '85 of Dillingham, Alaska, is the director of the University of Alaska Fairbanks Bristol Bay Campus. She served as interim director since May 2021 and first joined UAF in 1985.

Carla (Lowrance) Axtman '86 of Sublimity is the managing editor of the Oregon Blue Book with the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. The 2023-24 edition released in March was her first issue as editor.

Doug Hire '87 of Salem retired from Linfield University on June 30, 2024, after 24 years of service. He was most recently senior associate athletic director and interim athletic director.

Anastacia (Sims) Dillon '89 of Tualatin successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in October to earn her Ph.D. from Lewis and Clark College.

Karin Holsinger '89 of Portland is second vice president and chief of staff of corporate finance and accounting for The Standard.

1990-99

Val Love '90 of Eugene is the juvenile court judge for the Lane County Circuit Court.

Todd Crist '91 of Portland was hired as the head football coach for Tigard High School.

Mark Hulings '93 of Longview, Washington, was named to the Lower Columbia College Hall of Fame. Hulings played baseball at LCC before transferring to Linfield.

Jill (Wilkins) Wilkins '94 of McMinnville was promoted to vice president at snyk (So Now You Know).

Stacy J. Gray '95 of Renton, Washington, was included in the Marquis Who's Who. She is a registered nurse and comprehensive multiple sclerosis center nurse coordinator for Kaiser Permanente Washington.

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Shawn Chen '87 receives honorary degree

Shawn Chen '87, founder and chairman of Sias University, received an honorary degree at the 2024 Commencement, which was held May 26. He also served as the commencement speaker, giving an address that highlighted the impact Linfield played in his career and how it will continue to guide the graduates' lives in the future.



Chen, who holds a master's degree in education from Linfield, founded Sias University in Zhengzhou, China. The university was designed to incorporate Western liberal arts traditions in a Chinese higher education setting. Since its founding in 1998, it has grown to more than 36,000 undergraduate students.

In addition to his work at Sias University, Chen is a leader within the United Nations System, as the president of the UN's World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). WFUNA works to strengthen and improve the UN through training programs, events and partnerships, including many Model U.N. programs around the world. He is also president of the International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) and the co-founder of Plug and Play China, a subsidiary of the renowned Plug and Play venture capital incubation company in Silicon Valley. He has established incubation centers throughout China.

More recently, Chen was instrumental in signing a memorandum of understanding between Linfield University and Sias University in September 2023 that calls for the development of a joint-supervision dual degree program and possible student, faculty and curriculum exchanges.

Heidi (Harris) Moore '96 of Amity was featured in an L.A. Weekly story titled, "15 Empowering Female-Led Podcasts You Need to Listen to." Her "Wine Crush" podcast tells stories with a fresh, new take on the wine industry.

Jill B. King '98 of Sherwood is the marketing and communications manager at The Allison Inn and Spa in Newberg.

Mike McGrath '98 of Prescott, Arizona, who is a senior partner at Gearing Rackner & McGrath, was selected for the 2023 Oregon Super Lawyers List.

2000-09

Linsay Carlson '01 of Butte, Montana, is a certified public accountant at Red Rock Accounting Solutions.

Carl Haberberger '01 of Peshastin, Washington, is head football coach of Cascade High School in Leavenworth.

Melanie (Zollars) McGrath '01 of Missoula, Montana, won the Best of Missoula 2023 award for the Best University of Montana Professor. She is a professor in exercise science at the University of Montana.

Audrey Swanson '01 of Bronx, New York, is the executive director of the New York Memory Center in New York City, starting January 2024.

Marie (Snavely) Boatsman '02 of Sherwood – a 17-year real estate veteran – was featured on the cover of Portland's "Real Producers" real estate magazine in October 2023.

Richard Crager '02 of Salem was promoted to assistant county administrator for Benton County.

Elizabeth (Mendenhall) Provost '02 of Portland is serving a four-year appointment to the Oregon Heritage Commission.

Jesse Warner '03 of Mukilteo, Washington, was featured as a Founder Friday speaker at Seattle University's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center. He is one of the founders of Figurehead Brewing, a Seattle-based brewing company which opened a second location in 2023.

Kitri (Culbertson) McGuire '03 of McMinnville started her own consulting business, Scarlet Communications.

Amy (Hintz) Fairchild '04 of Joseph performed at Tunesmith Night in February 2024 as part of the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance. She is a composer, pianist, vocalist and music educator. She has released two albums: "Serendipities" (2021) and "Beneath the Surface" (2022).

Otis Gulley '04 of Portland was inducted into the Linfield University Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2023.

Asia (Wisecarver) Payton '04 of Saint Helens is the general manager of Oregon Ravens, a member of the Women's National Football Conference.

John Stevenson '04 of Portland joined the \$1.4 billion BluPeak Credit Union as chief financial officer in February.

Justin Samples '05 of Portland was inducted into the Crater High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Sherap Tharchen '05 of Golden, Colorado, is a business attorney and owner of Tharchen Law LLC.

Jessica Balsam '06 of Alexandria, Virginia, joined Zurich Resilience Solutions as the head of climate solutions on Aug. 7, 2023.

Ashley Blatchley '06 of Portland is vice president and chief nursing officer at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center.

Kelsey Lyle '07 and husband **Josh Johnson '04** of Annandale, Virginia, welcomed a baby girl, Gwen, on Jan. 27.

Kelley Marold '07 of McMinnville is interim executive director of the International Pinot Noir Celebration.

Beth Mueller '07 of Portland was named executive director of The Springs at Carman Oaks, a senior living community in Lake Oswego.

Wesley Gabrielsen '08 of McMinnville was a Class of 2022 inductee into the Pickleball Hall of Fame. He is the youngest player ever inducted.

Samuel Barker '09 of Bend is vice president and head of finance and corporate controller for BillGO.

Bryana (Hoffman) '09 and **Lucas Bensen '09** of Portland were married on Dec. 20, 2023, in McMinnville.

Araceli (Ortiz) Cruz '09 of Beaverton is assistant vice president for global diversity and inclusion at Portland State University.

Remy Drabkin '09 of McMinnville was selected as a fellow in the 2024 Mayors' Institute on City Design Just City Mayoral Fellowship.

Lacey (Peck) Lockhart '09 of Sherwood and husband Bo welcomed their daughter, Saylor Ramsey, on May 18, 2021.

Brittany D. (Miller) Towe '09 of Tacoma, Washington, was inducted into the Kitsap Athletic Roundtable Hall of Fame in February 2024.

Darcy (Thompson) Weseman '09 of Weston accepted a new position as the creative media and public affairs team lead for the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest

First graduate of 3+2 wine program returns to Oregon wines

By Mariah Johnston '25



After learning about wine at Linfield and throughout Europe, Emma Anderson '20 is back in the Willamette Valley, starting a new role at Nicolas-Jay Estate in Newberg.

Anderson was the first person to enroll in the university's unique 3+2 wine program, where students graduate with their bachelor's degree in wine studies from Linfield and a master's degree in vine, wine and terroir management from Ecole Supérieure D'Agriculture in France, in only five years.

As part of the master's program, Anderson had the opportunity to study wine in Spain, France, Italy and Portugal. Her time abroad was cut short due to the pandemic, and she completed her thesis back in the United States.

"The program allows you to immerse yourself in the Old-World wine regions," she said. "You really have to know the background in order to create something new."

Read more about Anderson at linfield.edu/emma-anderson.

Region, overseeing communication and engagement across 16 national forests.

2010-19

Kathy Cook '10 of McMinnville retired from Linfield University on July 1, 2024, after 24 years of service. She was most recently the administrative assistant and project manager for the Office of Strategic Communications.

Jaymin Jackson '10 of Camas, Washington, was featured in Portland Business Journal's "People on the Move." She is the senior vice president for M&G Insurance and Risk Management.

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Trevor Patterson '10 of Pendleton is the rodeo coach for Blue Mountain Community College.

Nicholas Safir '10 of Concord, California, is the head coach at Miramonte High School in Orinda, California.

Jamika Scott '10 of Tacoma, Washington, was elected as the District 3 representative on the Tacoma City Council.

Taylor Avritt '11 of Portland was inducted into the Portland Interscholastic League Hall of Fame in 2023.

Catherine (Street) Bridge '12 of Salem was inducted into the Linfield University Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2023.

Emilee (Lepp) Gisler '12 of Colville, Washington, was inducted into the Linfield University Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2023.

Kyel '12 and **Holly (Hasha) Lambert '11** of Kirkland, Washington, welcomed their second child, Carson, to the family in July.

Katie Stebbins '12 of Rickreall was selected as one of the 24 Outstanding Nurse Preceptors for 2023 by the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Aimee Palacios '13 of Dayton and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Rhema Grace Keahilani Kelly, on Feb. 7.

Experiencing finance across America

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

January Term courses offer students an expanded academic experience in a compressed time frame. They are held online, in McMinnville, throughout the U.S. or in another country. Years later, many alumni remember these courses as some of the most impactful of their Linfield experience.

After a decade-long hiatus, faculty emeritus Scott Chambers came out of retirement to offer students a unique January Term opportunity in 2024. He and Madeleine Romero, visiting associate professor of business, accompanied a small group of students on a whirlwind adventure as part of the Finance Seminar/Securities Market class.

The group met with finance professionals in McMinnville, Portland, Seattle and New York City. In total, the class made 15 visits and had an opportunity to discuss careers in finance with more than 40 Linfield alumni, many of whom were prior January Term participants themselves.

"I learned that future success isn't just about what you know, but also about who you know and how you leverage those connections," Connor Stevens '24 said.

In addition to the site visit, students participated in two alumni events – one in Seattle and one in New York – where they had the opportunity to network with alumni from various eras and career fields.

Though there was a great deal of talk about careers, investments, ETFs, hedge funds and other finance topics, there



were plenty of opportunities to have fun and explore the cities as well. Funded by donations from alumni, the students attended two Broadway shows ("Moulin Rouge" and "Gutenberg! The Musical!") as well as the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, for example.

The lessons learned, the skills developed, the friendships forged and the memories made will last well beyond their time at Linfield.

"The ability to meet professionals and establish connections allowed me to explore career opportunities," Alaina Clark '24 said. "It was a life-changing opportunity."

Ryan Cali '15 of San Jose, California, was inducted into the The Harker School's Athletic Hall of Fame in October 2023.

Mackenzie (Larson) Phelps '16 of Oregon City graduated from George Fox University with a master's degree in marriage, couple and family counseling.

Phonevilay Heuangsackda '17 of Troutdale was selected as one of the 24 Outstanding Nurse Preceptors for 2023 by the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Madison Rountree '17 of Spokane Valley, Washington, is director of business development at Blue Rock Search.

Katelin Swanson '18 of Caldwell, Idaho, successfully defended her Ph.D. in economics at Washington State University.

Molly Danielson '19 of Beaverton is a season sales account executive with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Justine Schoenbacher '19 of Fort Collins, Colorado, married Scott Richards on July 10, 2023.

Kaitlin Scheid '19 of Milwaukie was selected as one of the 24 Outstanding Nurse Preceptors for 2023 by the Oregon Center for Nursing.

2020-

Hannah Curry '21 of Woodside, New York, obtained a master's degree in educational theater from New York University.

Sean Webster '21 of Salem has been accepted to the Loma Linda School of Medicine for his final two years of medical school.

Madison Reimer '21, '22 of Sherwood is a partner success manager for VOZZI, a mass texting platform targeting the sports industry.

Keaton Wood '21, '22 of La Jolla, California, works in business development for RealSimGear, Inc.

Evan Bates '22 of Montesano, Washington, is the bullpen coach and assistant pitching coach for the Battle Creek Battle Jacks, a collegiate summer baseball league in Michigan.

Jordan Bennett '23 of Woodburn is as an assistant softball coach at Linfield University.

Erin Lutz '23 of Portland is program manager of Soccer Shots Portland.

Friends

Kellie Berger of McMinnville retired from Linfield University on June 30, 2024, after serving for nine years as executive assistant to the vice president for university advancement.

Jill Searle of McMinnville retired from Linfield University on June 30, 2024, after serving 19 years as SIS support specialist.

Amy Dames Smith of Portland, former women's tennis coach, was inducted into the Linfield University Athletics Hall of Fame in November 2023.

President Emeritus **Charles** and **Cherie Walker** of McMinnville were honored by the McMinnville First Baptist Church. The gathering room at the church became "Walker Hall" in December 2023.

Ericka Waidley of Beaverton retired from Linfield University on June 30, 2024, after serving as assistant professor of nursing for nine years.

Your summer podcast playlist

In addition to "DeepeR DiviN NCLEX Hacks with Dr. D. and Dr. Z." (learn more on page 34), here are other Linfield community-created podcasts to check out on Spotify or your favorite podcast network:

- **"Crisscrossing Science"**: With more than 200 episodes released, Professors Michael Crosser and Chad Tillberg break down the science behind just about everything.
- **"The Big Questions for Business"**: Graduate students in the School of Business interview expert guests to explore the complex issues facing the business world.
- **"Revisit the Moment"**: Kevin Curry, assistant professor of journalism and media studies, delves into Oregon's storied past. Season two focuses on Senator Mark Hatfield.
- **"Oregon Wine History Archive Podcast"**: Linfield archivists and students interview members of Oregon's wine community to preserve and continue the narrative of wine.

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In Memoriam

Neal Gipson '42 of Jerseyville, Illinois, Sept. 2, 2023.

Barbara (Brust) Kruger '42 of Great Falls, Montana, Feb. 2, 2020.

Jane (Jensen) Lovelace '43 of Salem, July 7, 2023.

Meredith (Pattison) Gaskill '45 of Kirkland, Washington, Nov. 1, 2023. Survivors include grandchild **Erin Griffith '01**.

Erwin Shannahan '45 of Sunnyvale, California, June 1, 2022.

Doris (Poulson) Ennis '46 of Portland, Oct. 21, 2021.

Margaret (Cook) Anderson '47 of Seattle, Washington, Dec. 19, 2019.

Dorothy (Northup) Koch '47 of Clackamas, May 5, 2024. Survivors include daughter **Kathy Koch '74**.

Bonnie (Blackburn) Benedict '48 of Newberg, April 2, 2019. Survivors include child **Diane Benedict Ryan '75**.

Jean (Collier) Flint '48 of Irvine, California, Nov. 24, 2021.

Roberta (Schmalz) Campbell '49 of Woodburn, March 22, 2024.

Irwin LeCocq '49 of Bellingham, Washington, March 14, 2019.

Esther (Gregg) Morrow '49 of Grangeville, Idaho, Sept. 18, 2023.

Alice (Walker) Rogers '49 of Portland, May 5, 2023.

Nathelle (Scoggan) Brown '50 of McMinnville, Nov. 18, 2023. Survivors include child **David Brown '72**, grandchild **Sarah (Nichol) Luth '04** and niece **Marianne (Scoggan) Logan '83**.

Doris (Burnacci) Cagle '50 of Prineville, Sept. 23, 2023.

Frank Keyes '50 of Sequim, Washington, Nov. 21, 2022.

Betty (Markee) Merrill '50 of Redding, California, July 9, 2023.

Marilyn (McDonald) Strout '50 of Dayton, March 19, 2022.

Howard Struxness '50 of McMinnville, Oct. 8, 2023.

Meredith (Nichols) Apperson '51 of McMinnville, April 6, 2024.

Kenneth Bates '51 of Portland, Sept. 13, 2020.

Charles Ferrell '51 of The Dalles, Nov. 28, 2023.

Nancy (Smith) Morrison '51 of Seattle, Washington, Oct. 30, 2023.

Ken Rogers '51 of McMinnville, Nov. 23, 2023.

Rosalie (Guthrie) Browder '52 of Avon, Colorado, Sept. 1, 2021.

Frances (Meyer) Cody '52 of Hood River, Nov. 26, 2023.

Evelyn (Thompson) Curtis '52 of Lakeport, California, Aug. 7, 2023.

Delores (Robatcek) Gilchrist '52 of Klamath Falls, May 21, 2021.

Evelyn (Newcomb) Moore '52 of Portland, Nov. 30, 2019.

Enid Briggs '53 of Portland, Dec. 16, 2021.

Elaine Roddy Craig '53 of Park City, Utah, May 10, 2024.

Survivors include sister **Evelyn (Roddy) Cowell '49**.

Charie (Semmen) Storey '53 of Olympia, Washington, Oct. 4, 2022.

Charles Jaeger '54 of Franklin, Tennessee, April 4, 2023.

Merrill Lewis '54 of Bellingham, Washington, June 25, 2021.

Survivors include spouse **Lorene (Christensen) Lewis '54**.

Carole (Cassassa) Patton '55 of Napa, California, Dec. 26, 2022.

Joy (Johnson) Bartlow '56 of Shoreline, Washington, July 11, 2023. Survivors include child **Wendy Chappell '91** and sibling **Mary Gail (Johnson) Smith '68**.

Lois Martin '56 of Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 27, 2020.

Nadine (Gillman) Scott '56 of Walterville, April 6, 2024.

Merle Steva '56 of Saco, Maine, May 28, 2023.

Jules Christ '57 of Issaquah, Washington, March 22, 2023.

Marylee (Goode) Howard '57 of Eugene, Sept. 2, 2020.

Flora Ownbey Knox '57 of Wilsonville, Aug. 14, 2022.

Sue (Watkins) Leach '57 of Arlington, Washington, Dec. 23, 2021.

Jessie (Tuttle) Nunn '57 of Buckley, Washington, Nov. 14, 2020.

Carole (Ramey) Shaffer '57 of Temperance, Minnesota, March 8, 2024.

Sharon (Roark) Wilson '57 of Star, Idaho, Nov. 26, 2022.

Ginny (Hart) Seth '58 of Salem, Nov. 5, 2023. Survivors include child **Philip Seth '80**.

Robert Tank '58 of Ridgefield, Washington, Sept. 30, 2023.

Robert Wilson '58 of Monmouth, March 7, 2024.

Helen Cohen '59 of Portland, April 2, 2019.

Floyd Emerson '59 of Lyle, Washington, Nov. 23, 2023.

Hal Gibson '59 of Redmond, Oct. 1, 2023.

Merrilyn (Cattanach) McGloin '59 of Grants Pass, Nov. 3, 2022.

Andy Miller '59 of Wilsonville, June 15, 2023.

William Temple '59 of Rainier, Oct. 1, 2023.

Bryce Weissert '59 of Lakewood, Washington, June 1, 2021.

Betty (Michel) True '59 of Salem, Dec. 27, 2019.

Lorene (Wadleigh) King '60 of Tacoma, Washington, March 10, 2019.

Russ Kofford '60 of Vancouver, Washington, April 5, 2019.

Forrest Lee '60 of McMinnville, July 14, 2023. Survivors include sibling **Owen Lee '62**.

Jim Clifton '61 April 28, 2024.

Donna (Vanderbrug) Millar '61 of McMinnville, Nov. 6, 2023.

Survivors include husband **Bill Millar '60** and child **Kimberli (Millar) Fitzgerald '89**.

Sandra (Calkins) Osborn '61 of Clackamas, Feb. 2, 2024. Survivors include spouse **Robert Osborn '61**, son **Greg Osborn '92**.

Andy Surges '61 of Martinez, California, May 1, 2024.

Marcia (Bryant) Chapman '62 of Forest Grove, March 19, 2024.

Karen (Allen) Nelson '63 of Fircrest, Washington, Nov. 26, 2023.

Nina (Evans) Conn '64 of Walla Walla, Washington, March 27, 2024.

Ronald Cortese '64 of Fairfield, California, March 17, 2024.

Survivors include spouse **Sharon (Thompson) Cortese '66**.

Roger Dasch '64 of Albany, March 12, 2020.

Donald DeJong '64 of Burlington, Washington, April 16, 2024.

Survivors include spouse **Patsy (Boor) DeJong '63**.

Bruce Hammermann '64 of Fort Mill, South Carolina, June 8, 2023.

Ted Mack '64 of Saranac Lake, New York, Oct. 30, 2023.

Dan Simonsen '64 of Newberg, Jan. 8, 2024.

Art Larrance '66 of Portland, May 26, 2024.

Judy (Spurgeon) Spurgeon '66, May 18, 2021.

Mike Consbruck '67 of Happy Valley, April 26, 2024. Survivors include spouse **Karen (Mocabee) Consbruck '65**.

Karen (Gasivoda) Finney '67 of San Mateo, California, Jan. 19, 2024.

Ace Forman '67 of Salem, Aug. 20, 2023.

William Kendall '67 of Portland, April 7, 2019.

Charlotte (Luft) Naylor '67 of Grants Pass, Aug. 19, 2022.

Jeff Stephenson '67 of Mico, Texas, July 9, 2023. Survivors include wife **Wendy (Curran) Stephenson '69** and child **Ashley (Stephenson) McCann '01**.

Dennis Varney '67 of Enterprise, Sept. 14, 2022.

Willholland Williams '67 of Cocoa, Florida, Sept. 28, 2023.

Cathy (Kelley) Dryer '68 of Drewsey, July 19, 2021.

Barbara (Brooks) Eborall '68 of Depoe Bay, Oct. 12, 2023.

Tom Owens '68 of Brookings, March 1, 2023. Survivors include cousin **Jonathan Owens '06**.

Bill Dearth '69 of Norwalk, California, Oct. 18, 2023.

Tim Roberts '69 of McMinnville, July 30, 2023.

Roberta (Wells) Simonsen '70 of Newberg, Feb. 24, 2024.

Survivors include grandchild **Rebecca Weaver '01**.

Mike Sphar '69 of Clements, California, July 30, 2023.

John Sturdevant '70 of Gladstone, April 28, 2020.

Mary (Waller) McNally '71 of Winchendon, Massachusetts, Nov. 6, 2022.

Dennis Davidson '72 of Redmond, March 31, 2024. Survivors include spouse **Mary (Rockney) Davidson '73**, daughter **Maddy Downing '99**.

Jim Owens '72 of Enumclaw, Washington, Dec. 9, 2023.

Anita (Church) Hibbard '73 of Dayton, April 4, 2021.

Jon McKillip '73 of Lake Oswego, Sept. 27, 2023.

Larry Zeek '73 of Salem, June 5, 2022.

David Hall '74 of Ballwin, Missouri, June 20, 2023.

Gary Hill '74 of Lake Oswego, Dec. 3, 2023

Patty (Finley) Johnson '74 of Eugene, Oct. 3, 2023.

Tatia (Nairn) Morrison '74 of Tucson, Arizona, March 24, 2024.

Marie (Sammis) Holten '75 of Eagle Point, April 8, 2024.

Survivors include spouse **Kirk Holten '76**, son **Michael Holten '09** and daughter **Danielle Holten '15**.

Lil (Hunter) McBride '75 of Billings, Montana, July 23, 2023.

Scott Summers '75 of Salem, Dec. 16, 2021.

Margarette (Jarrell) Campbell '76 of Ogden, Utah, Aug. 22, 2023.

Marian Danzer '77 of Portland, March 29, 2023.

Joyce Foster '77 of Fall Creek, May 8, 2024.

Jon Lorberau '77 of Bend, May 6, 2022.

Carol Miller '78 of Portland, July 13, 1905.

Corlee (Williams) Poppert '78 of Hillsboro, Dec. 10, 2023.

Bill Schram '79, July 29, 2023.

Bob Suchy '79 of McMinnville, Feb. 19, 2024. Survivors include stepdaughter **Kali Montague '04**.

Betsy Brune '84 of Lake Oswego, April 24, 2024. Survivors include husband **Andy Longoria '81**.

Rudy Van Pelt '84 of Fremont, California, Nov. 26, 2023.

Shea Gillespie '85 of Denver, Colorado, May 26, 2020.

Jesse Gore '85 of Carmel By the Sea, California, Aug. 1, 2023.

Sharon (Sullivan) Russell '86 of Peoria, Arizona, Dec. 8, 2019.

Kent Walth '86 of Castro Valley, California, Nov. 8, 2023.

Damon Liles '87 of Canby, Nov. 4, 2023. Survivors include child **Amanda Liles '20**.

Elenita (Alvarez) Tompkins '87 of Keizer, Dec. 23, 2023.

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Richard Thornton '88 of Ariel, Washington, March 20, 2020.

Steve Hickey '89 of Longview, Washington, May 5, 2020.

Ole Hoskinson '89, Aug. 13, 2020.

Gerry (Balas) Sullivan '89 of McMinnville, Oct. 1, 2023.

Roxa Kreimeyer '90 of Quincy, Washington, July 1, 2023.

Charles Birr '91, Nov. 3, 2023.

Gary Olsen '91 of Meridian, Idaho, Sept. 17, 2020.

Leonard Troxel '91 of Yuma, Arizona, May 9, 2024. Survivors include wife **Carol (Deines) Troxel '92**.

Barbara Falk '92 of Eugene, Oct. 19, 2023.

Lynda Jamison '93 of Vancouver, Washington, Feb. 25, 2020.

Paul Schumacher '93 of Hillsboro, April 11, 2022.

Jane (Frank) Geisick '95 of Encampment, Wyoming, March 28, 2022.

Dana Samples '95 of Camas, Washington, Sept. 27, 2023.

Damion Clanton '96 of Tualatin, May 1, 2024. Survivors include wife **Lesley (Harper) Clanton '97** and son **Max Clanton '26**.

Diana (Machum) Burkhalter '97 of Eugene, Nov. 26, 2023.

Trish Perme '98 of Albemarle, North Carolina, Nov. 4, 2020.

Amber (Roberson) Martin '00 of Beaverton, Nov. 30, 2019.

Judith Martin '01 of Aurora, July 18, 2020.

Pat Pineda '03 of Oregon City, June 14, 2019. Survivors include spouse **Kristin (Eicher) Pineda '11**.

Alyssa (Carano) Grant '15 of Carlton, Oct. 7, 2023. Survivors include husband **Alex Grant '12**.

Shannon Susbauer '23 of Portland, Sept. 1, 2023.

Students

Kealy Boyd of Corvallis, Dec. 6, 2023.

Friends

Bart Howard of West Linn, former administrator and trustee, May 15, 2024.

Barbara Limandri of Portland, professor emeritus of nursing, Dec. 18, 2023.

Daniel Love of Lake Oswego, former instructor/professor of chemistry and physics, Feb. 8, 2024.

Got News?

Share your professional and life updates with fellow alumni!



IN MEMORIAM



Damian Williams, a Linfield faculty member featured in the Spring 2023 issue of "Linfield Magazine," died on June 12, 2024, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. Williams was an assistant professor of practice in the Linfield University School of Business. Since his arrival in fall 2022, he transformed the school's internship (or as he named it – "industry experience") program and created the Front Office Sports group that gave students an opportunity to work with real-world sports clients across the Pacific Northwest. He was honored as the university's R.J. McIntyre Distinguished Professor in May 2024. Before coming to Linfield, Williams had a successful career in sports business and as the softball coach at Willamette University. He is survived by his wife Genesis and son Everson.

Alumni musicians take the stage at NW Media Fest

By Gabe Dawson '24

In October 2023, Linfield University hosted its second annual NW Media Fest – a four-day celebration of media featuring workshops led by industry experts on entertainment, movies, music, journalism and comics.

Singer-songwriter Jessie Goergen '12, known professionally as Jessie G, was one of the featured guests. The Nashville-based performing artist, who originally hailed from Brookings, offered sessions to students on the writing process and succeeding in the music industry. On Wednesday night, she and percussionist/guitarist Christian Santangelo '15 performed on the Delkin Recital Hall stage.

The pair met at Linfield, first performing together at Wildstock in 2012, where they opened for Macklemore. At the time, neither could have predicted that they would reunite in Nashville and be performing together nearly 11 years later.

After graduating with degrees in political science and vocal performance, Jessie won a “Battle of the Bands” competition in 2013, earning the opportunity to open for country legend Gretchen Wilson. Jessie would eventually tour with Wilson and released her first single “Army Ranger” through Wilson’s label, Redneck Records, in 2018. Her first album – self-titled “Jessie G” – was produced in 2019.

Santangelo, who came to Linfield from Mukilteo, Washington, moved to the country-music heartland in Nashville shortly after earning his bachelor’s degree in music. In addition to touring regularly with Jessie and others, he also works as a studio musician and producer.

When COVID-19 hit the entertainment industry, Jessie decided to become an independent artist, obtaining full rights to her previously recorded songs from Wilson. Since then, she has released seven new singles, including “You Lit a Fire”

in 2023. She has also continued touring – usually accompanied by Santangelo – with prominent artists such as Jarrod Niemann, Sara Evans and Brothers Osborne.

Even though Jessie is no longer signed to the Redneck Records label, she and Wilson have announced plans to release a duet in 2024.

Read more about Jessie G at linfield.edu/jessie-g.

