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1950-59

F. Richard Schneider ’57 of Athens, Ala., was honored for 25 years as CEO of the Institute of Global Education and holds consultative status at the United Nations. He has directed the Indian Student Scholarship program for 19 years and still spends six months a year in India. He convened an international consortium on peace education in Shillong, India, in November at Martin Luther Christian University.

Charles Taylor ’57 of Camarillo, Calif., is involved in the field of public safety and communications and is the editorial advisor for the APCO International Magazine.

Marian (Butcher) Weaver ’58 of Tamarac, Fla., went to Oberammergau, Germany, to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play, which portrays the life of Christ in an enormous production with more than 2,000 people and lasting more than six hours. It is produced once every decade.

1960-69

Elizabeth Ketcham ’63 of Freeland, Wash., is a minister at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island and is a singer in the band, Bayview Sound.

Joanne (Poppe) Hesterman ’64 of Phoenix, Ariz., works part time at the Arizona Mining Museum.

Juliette (Miranda) Tulang ’66 of Hilo, Hawaii, is retired from the Hawaii Community Foundation.

Dave Hughes ’68 of Hermiston was named a 2010 Purpose Prize Fellow by Civic Ventures, recognizing his work as a social entrepreneur older than 60 who has expanded the work of Agape House by establishing partnerships with other organizations in the area. Hughes is executive director of the Agape House.

Daniel Franklin and Carolyn Jones-Franklin ’69 and ’70 of Lake Stevens, Wash., celebrated their 40th anniversary with a three-week trip to three different Hawaiian Islands. They are both in their 21st year of public school counseling – he in Marysville, Wash., and she at Monroe Middle School.

E. Crystal (Roghair) Shoji ’69 of Coos Bay was elected mayor.

Dianne (Stetzer) Harris ’70 of Valley Springs, Calif., and her husband operate a heating and air conditioning business.

Christine (Baumgardner) Chatwell ’71 of Mountain View, Calif., is a full-time artist working with acrylic and oil.

David Lemire ’72 of Klamath Falls is on the board of directors for the Oregon Association of Talented and Gifted Children, representing the southwest region of the state. He just completed an online course in American history from Rio Salado.

1970-79

Jody Stahancyk ’70 of Portland, a senior shareholder with Stahancyk, Kent & Hook PC, earned two awards from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve – the Patriot Award and the Above and Beyond Award. The awards, presented by Sen. Ron Wyden during an October ceremony, recognize employers who go above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave to and supporting military personnel.

Diane (Stetzer) Harris ’70 of Valley Springs, Calif., and her husband operate a heating and air conditioning business.

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Jaydee ’12
College in Arizona, the 48th college or university he has attended. He can now be certified to teach in Idaho.

Karen (Wilson) Scott ’74 of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was promoted to professor at Idaho State University.

Sherry Palmer ‘77 of West Linn retired from her work as a dental hygienist.

William Nichols ’77 of Nampa, Idaho, was awarded the 2010 Professionalism Award from the Idaho State Bar. The award is an expression of respect, commendation and appreciation and is one of the highest honors Idaho lawyers can receive during their careers.

Gary Walker ’78 of Clackamas is the regional director of public affairs for Providence Health Services Oregon.

Julie Eagleson ’78 of Troutdale is a brain state technician at the Northwest Renewal Center.

Marsha (Mayhew) Gustkey ’79 of Kenai, Alaska, operates a bed and breakfast, Sunshine House, in Seward.

1980-89

Alisan Tucker-Giesy ’80 of Seattle, Wash., is science department chair for Shoreline School District.

Kim Mitchell ’82 of Virginia Beach, Va., and his wife, Maggie, adopted two children, Alexander and Oleg, from the Ukraine.

Scott Maryott ’83 of Reno, Nev., received an award for Excellence in Education from the Washoe County School District.

Paz Ramos ’84 of Portland is principal at Alder Elementary School in Portland, which was named the nation’s first Dreamer School by the I Have a Dream Foundation. Starting next year, students from kindergarten through fifth grade will receive mentoring, extra tutoring and, perhaps, scholarships as a way to propel them into college and beyond.

Randy and Cheryl (Olson) Lyons ’84 and ’85 live in Kennewick, Wash., where Randy manages ConAgra and Cheryl teaches second grade.

Katherine Lawrence ’84 of West Linn has a tutoring business.

Anthony Brenneman ’84 of Kalona, Iowa, was elected president-elect of the Physician Assistant Education Association at its national meeting in Baltimore. He is an associate professor and associate director of the University of Iowa Physician Assistant Program, Carver College of Medicine.

Mike Glenn ’84 of Sequim, Wash., is CEO of Jefferson Healthcare. He previously served as CEO at Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles and executive at Valley Medical Center in Renton.

Lisa Fraser ’86 of Kenmore, Wash., published an article in Reference and User Services Quarterly.

Brenda (Wuest) Dean ’87 of Scappoose is a detective with the Portland Police Bureau.

Yolanda Vanveen ’88 of Kalama, Wash., produces how-to garden videos on greatgardenspeakers.com.

Wendy (Levij) Autencio ’88 of McMinnville teaches second grade in McMinnville. She ran a half marathon in September.

Jeff Brooks ’87 of Vancouver, Wash., is a financial advisor at City Financial Group, Inc. He has nine years of experience in financial planning services.

David Taylor of Pewaukee, Wis., and Karen Yip of Singapore, both ’89, were married Nov. 26. David is an accounting firm partner and Karen moved to Pewaukee after earning a master’s in counseling from Monash University, Australia.

Aron (Meyer) Carleson ’89 of Hillsboro is executive director of the Hillsboro Schools Foundation and president of the Hillsboro City Council.

1990-99

Coby Wright ’94 of Stevenson, Wash., is clinical manager for the Columbia Family Physicians.

Beth (Warbrington) Gill ’94 of Lawrence, Kan., and her husband, Andrew, had a son, Callum John, Oct. 4, their third.

Mary (Hamilton) Hanson ’94 of Canby and her husband, Bill, have one daughter, Emily.

James and Robyn (Halvorsen) Good ’94 and ’95 of Eagan, Minn., had a son, Kailen James, May 9, their second.

David and Jennifer (Lanphere) Evans ’95 and ’96 live in Lewisburg, Pa, where he teaches high school physics and she teaches elementary school.

Monica (Buttz) Steele ’96 of Warrenton is assistant finance director for Clatsop County.

Amy Blaser ’96 of Shady Cove and her husband, Jason Alberding, had a son, Ben Logan Alberding, Aug. 18, their second.

Ariana White ’97 of Portland finished first in the mixed elite doubles at the USA Racquetball NW Regional Tournament in Gresham in April. She was named to the Oregon Racquetball Association 2009-10 all-state team for mixed elite doubles and mixed A doubles. She is currently serving as the commissioner of the Oregon High School Racquetball League.

Beth (Slaughter) Whittle ’97 of Minneapolis, Minn., is the interim head coach of the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams at Macalester College.

Matthew Shaw ’98 of Lynnwood, Wash., is in quality assurance for the Washington Child Welfare Department.

Heather Sutton ’98 has lived in Madrid, Spain, for the past 10 years. She is willing to provide travel advice to Linfield classmates.

Taryne (Edmon) Roberts ’98 of Springfield and her husband, Adam, had twins, Ariya and Corah, Dec. 18, their second and third.

Ryan and Leslie (Kring) Wayne ’98 and ’03 of Lebanon had a son, Liam, May 18.

Lisa (Setting) Hawes ’99 of Lebanon had a son, Charles Bennett, May 29, their second.

Kevin, had a daughter, Eleanora, Oct. 8.

Leslie (Kring) Mortensen, both ’00, of Portland had a son, Stellan, May 24, their second.

Annie (Truong) Walton ’00 of Shoreline, Wash., and her husband, Kris, had a daughter, MaiaAnn Lily, May 23.

Cynthia ( Eaton) Burris ’00 of Springfield and her husband, Victor, adopted a daughter from China, Emma Grace, their third child.

Holly (Wilcox) Shepherdson ’00 of Boise, Idaho, and her husband, Kevin, had a daughter, Eleanor, Sept. 18.

Michael and April (DeShaw) Purdy, both ’00, of Mount Angel, had a son, Zachary, May 24.

Erick and Jaime (Moore) Trachsel, both ’00, of Bend have two children. He is the director of sales at the Phoenix Inn and Suites.

Tyon Mahuna ’00 and Leslie Morris ’02 of Tigard were married Aug. 14.

Melissa Anderson ’01 of Salem had a son, Finn Calev Larsen.

David Watson ’01 of Vancouver, Wash., is director of social services at Hospice Care of the Northwest.

Inkeri (Chisholm) Martin ’01 of Lake Oswego completed a master of arts in applied linguistics from Portland State University and is an elementary teacher in Lake Oswego.

Tiffany Caldwell ’01 of St. Paul is a nurse educator at George Fox University.

Cheryl (Munro) Clusson ’01 of
Verona, Wis., and her husband, Jacob, had a son, Brady, in September. Katherine (Eschen) Potthier ’01 of Seattle, Wash., is the school psychologist in the Edmonds School District.

Miriam (Krueger) Schmidt ’01 of Boston, Mass., and her husband, Jeffrey, had a daughter, Mabel Kristine, May 19. Miriam is an advisor to international students and scholars at Harvard University. Andrew Brombach ’01 of Los Angeles, Calif., and his wife, Nara, had a son, Thatcher, March 24.

Lural (Dodd) Ramirez ’01 of Albany, and her husband, Alejandro, had a daughter, Quetzal. She is a kindergarten teacher in the Corvallis School District.

Heather (Carl) Thomas ’01 and her husband, Eric, had a daughter, Genevieve, their second.

Shannon Tait ’01 of Redmond, Wash., married Mike Brester Sept. 18.

Mindy Hawkins ’01 of Redmond had a daughter, Chloe, May 26.

Michael Kerr ’02 of San Diego, Calif., and his wife, Cristina, had a son, Aidan, Sept. 5. Michael is attending graduate school at San Diego State.

Kevin Toombs ’02 of Redmond is a promotion contract specialist with the U.S. Forest Service.

Stacey (Springer) Glaze ’02 of Hillsboro and her husband, Marcus, had a son, Ian Charles, Nov. 16.

Celeste Miller ’02 of Kirkland, Wash., graduated from Seattle University, passed the Washington Bar and is an attorney in Seattle. She works at the Seattle University Access to Justice Institute and plans to utilize her master’s in social work and law degree to represent foster children.

Brandon and Gyna (Ridenoure) Wohlers ’02 and ’03 of Murrysville, Pa., had a daughter, Miriam, Aug. 13.

Dave and Kira (Seifert) Barsotti ’02 and ’03 live in Emmett, Idaho, where Dave works for the Star Joint Fire Protection District.

Luke Buchheit ’02 of Salem completed a master’s degree at Grand Canyon University in Tucson. Eric Bennett ’02 of Austin, Texas, had an art show on display at the Flight Path in Austin.

Darrin Church ’02 of Longview, Wash., is attending nursing school at Lower Columbia Community College.

Amy Szumalski ’03 of Junction City is a post-doctoral researcher at Oregon State University.

Nathan Conway ’03 of Bothell, Wash., and his wife, Melissa, had a daughter, Grace, June 3.

Larry Fudge ’03 of Altadena, Calif., and his wife, Kelly, had a daughter, Emery Claire, Oct. 22.

Leah (Moore) Hollaway ’04 of Filer, Idaho, is head cross country coach and pole vault coach at Canyon Ridge High School in Twin Falls.

Matthew Haning ’04 is working on a master’s degree in intercultural studies at Wheaton College.

Connie Woodward ’04 of Longview, Wash., is assistant credit manager at Steelscape.

Sarah Crow ’04 of Oregon City had a son, Randi, May 21. She completed a medical degree at Arizona College.

Misty (Northcutt) Beach ’04 of Springfield completed a master’s in teaching for general science.

Ebony Johnson ’04 of Portland is a community health nurse for Multnomah County.

Melanie Greenland ’04 of Santa Cruz, Calif., and her husband, Ryan Kitchen, had a daughter, Stella Claire, Feb. 12.

Benjamin Pappas ’04 of Tigard is the operating officer for the Equity Capital Markets Group of D.A. Davidson & Co.


Micah and Melissa (Schmeir) Baker, both ’04, of Milwaukee had a daughter, Tayla Beverly, Oct. 30.

Molly Johnson-Day ’04 of Portland had a daughter, Addison, July 5.

Kirsten Humbird ’04 of Cornelius and her husband, Jake, had a daughter, Bailey May, May 7.

Whitney MacDonald ’04 of Tigard is a middle school special ed teacher at David Douglas High School.

Justin Larsen ’04 of Portland and his wife, Jessica, had a daughter, Dalia, Sept. 30.

Rebecca Guest ’05 of Missoula, Mont., is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Montana.

Todd Green ’05 of Houston, Texas, is working on a MBA at Rice University.

Robyn Gibson ’05 of Gresham is a certified maternal newborn nurse in Legacy Health Systems.

David Rozovski ’05 is working on his Ph.D. at Purdue University.

Russell Dichter ’05 of Ogden, Utah, teaches middle school science.

Tristan Hay ’05 of Klamath Falls is working on a Ph.D. in nuclear physics at Oregon State University.

Casey Golden ’05 of Portland established a website, autismawareness.org.

Jinell Lewis ’05 is completing her medical degree at Oregon Health and Science University.

Kate (Dunlap) Barnes ’05 of Boise, Idaho, and her husband, Chris, had a son, James Christopher Andrea Wavra ’05 of West Linn married Joseph Pfau July 24.

Summer Ives ’05 of Shoreline, Wash., married Jared Kunkel June 21.

Sommer (Timmerman) ’05 of Forest Grove completed her master’s in nursing at Oregon Health and Science University.

Claudene Waters ’06 of Salem is a nurse at Salem Hospital.

Bradley “Taylor” Strong ’06 of Beaverton is a mechanical engineer for Electroscientific Industries.

Lisa (Hollamon) Harrington ’06 of Sandy works at the Emanuel Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Donna Zmolek ’06 of Springfield is assistant to the president at Lane Community College.

Jordan Beisel ’06 of Beaverton is a video engineer at TVCVT.

Sydney Osborne ’06 of Portland completed a doctorate in physical therapy in August and works at C.H. Physical Therapy.

Cherylen (Becker) Marshall ’06 of Hillsboro teaches seventh- and eighth-grade science at Pointer Middle School.

Chandrika Bender ’06 of Good-year, Ariz., was promoted to RN manager and has her progressive care certification.

Phillip Rombach ’06 of McMinnville married Kirsten Bailey July 21.

Sirpa Peterson ’06 of Portland married John Peacock Aug. 27.

Simone Carter ’06 of Portland received a master’s in management and organizational behavior from Warner Pacific College.

Christopher Davis ’07 is enrolled in the nurse practitioner’s program at Baylor University in Texas.

Kelly Warren ’07 of Portland is working on a master’s in environmental management at Portland State University.

Joshua Dodd ’07 of Troutdale is in the master’s program for health care administration at Pacific University.

Roxanne Nanninga ’07 of Seattle, Wash., is the outreach science educator at the Pacific Science Center.

Kindra Freedom ’07 of Seattle, Wash., is in graduate school at the University of Washington.

Joseph Romero ’07 of Arlington, Va., is a charge nurse at George Washington Hospital and is working on a master’s degree.

Kristi Kellogg ’07 of Aberdeen, Wash., is working on a graduate degree in school counseling at Lewis & Clark College.

Claire Conklin ’07 of Astoria is the circulation manager at Clatsop Community College library.

Todd Curtis ’07 of Superior married Amy Bowen July 31.


Ethan Barske ’07 of Anchorage, Alaska, married Lindsey Jorgensen ’08 of Newberg July 31.

Carolyn Kimball ’07 married Brian Moody ’08 and they live in Missoula, Mont., where she is campaign organizer for the Montana Conservation Voters.

Ben Blosser ’07 and Kendra Strahn ’09 were married Oct. 1 and live in Tualatin.

Krysta Baglien ’08 is working on a master’s in divinity at Yale Divinity School.

Timothy Williams ’08 of Albany
Seventeen-year-old Ruben Ayala ’96 had no idea his life was about to change when he volunteered as a student translator with Operation Smile in his hometown of David, Panama. He arrived at the regional hospital to find 300 children with facial deformities hoping to see a visiting doctor.

“I had never seen a child with a cleft, never, so it was a huge shock,” said Ayala, who left that day with a passion for Operation Smile and eventually went to work for the charity in 1996. “Now, when I see a child who is able to smile for the first time, and see the gratitude of the parents, I realize how lucky I am to do this work.”

Since its founding in 1982, Operation Smile has organized international teams of physicians who have volunteered their time to perform surgeries on more than 150,000 children and young adults worldwide suffering from facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates. Last year, they operated on more than 16,000 children in more than 30 countries.

Based in Norfolk, Va., Ayala leads a team of physicians, along with seven medical officers located in regions around the world, organizing supplies and personnel for the medical missions. His challenge is to account for everything that will be needed to operate in a developing country. On a typical day Ayala may begin his morning with a call to Bangladesh, then dial India and later in the day, Colombia.

“Tonight when I’m home, I’ll be talking to China,” said Ayala. “It’s a hectic life, but one I love.”

Even as a Linfield student, Ayala helped organize fundraisers to benefit the organization. He also played soccer and served as president of the Latin American club.

“I wanted to come to a small school with good academic programs and the opportunity to know my professors,” said Ayala, who went on to earn a medical degree and visits his family in Panama regularly.

He appreciated his small classes – he was one of six students in his molecular biology class – and credits Linfield for equipping him to deal with the cultural challenges he encounters in his work.

“Many times I’ve wondered how a kid from a developing country was given the chance that I have been given,” he says. “I had the opportunity to learn, grow, explore, dream, serve. And for that I am grateful.”

– Laura Davis

Ruben Ayala ’96 works with Operation Smile to perform surgeries on children suffering from facial deformities.

Ayala brings smiles to children worldwide
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