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After earning a degree in physical education, Morin went on to teach PE and coach, relishing each student.

“I could get along with the orneriest kids in school,” she recalled. “I looked at it as a game and I had already done all the things they were doing.”

These days, Morin remains active on her family’s cattle ranch near Hereford and volunteers with Daughters of the American Revolution, Red Cross and Stonecroft Ministries. She is also active in the local theater and her church.

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Avenue Q

Linfield alumni are invited to “Avenue Q,” the 2004 Tony Award winner for best musical, best score and best book, on Sunday, June 29, at 6:30 p.m. in Keller Auditorium in Portland. The comedy features a cast of people and puppets who tell the story in a smart, hilarious way. Join Linfield to get a special group rate – $46 for center first balcony seats. The show is not recommended for children under the age of 13. For more information, go to www.linfield.edu/alumni.

Croatian alumni tour

Discover Croatia, along with the Dalmatian Coast, Italy and Slovenia, during a 10-day tour Sept. 15-26. Highlights include Zagreb, Bled, Pletna boat ride, Opatija, Lipica stud farm, Trieste, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Split, Dubrovnik Palace, Dubrovnik, Korcula Island and wine tasting. For more information, go to www.linfield.edu/alumni.

Make the most of your Wildcat connection

What does it mean to be a Linfield alumnus/a? That can best be illustrated with a story. Following graduation, a dear friend moved to southern California. While driving on the freeway one day, a man began honking and motioning wildly, begging her to roll down her window. Once she decided he was harmless, she complied. An elderly gentleman grinned and said “Linfield, class of ’39.” She responded, “Linfield, class of ’93.” He had seen the Linfield decal on her window and couldn’t resist saying hello.

I love this story because it illustrates how much it means to be a Linfield alumnus/a – that we have a connection regardless of class year, geographic location or career. It means that we are all a part of and a product of the Linfield Experience. As alumni director, I’d like to take it one more step: “What could bring a Linfield alumnus/a a mean?” There are several possibilities:

- greatly expanded social and vocational network;
- programs, services and events designed to enhance our post-college lives; and
- volunteer opportunities designed to enhance the education of current students, elevate the reputation of Linfield and, ultimately, increase the value of our own degrees.

Part of my role as alumni director is to develop programs that will boost your status as Linfield alumnus. If you have ideas and suggestions about how we can do that, feel free to get in touch with me at alumni@linfield.edu.

Go Cats!

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A group of Linfield alumni and friends, spanning the 1950s through the 1990s, explored Rome and Tuscany during an 11-day tour.