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Gerry Grubbs '89 accepts a U.S. flag from Cayla, a first-grader whose grandfather carried it over Afghanistan in a C-131 transport plane three years ago while his daughter served in Iraq.

"Deployments create stress. "Kids get emotional, and you have to know when to be tough and when to be compassionate," Grubbs said.

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Gordon Horeau ‘93 of Springfield retired from the Oregon Community Foundation, the organization he helped establish in 1982. He is a former trustee and his wife, Connie, retired in June.

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Chad Riddle ‘98 of Portland received his master’s in industrial/organizational psychology at the University of Portland and is a staff psychologist at the Clackamas County Jail.

Ellie May ’95 of Portland recently released a new album, ‘Out of the Shadows.’

Stephanie (Mattheis) Berg ’99 of Portland and husband, Max, had a daughter, Joseph, in June. He works as a high school teacher and is an RN at Emanuel Children’s Hospital.

Nickie Riddle ’00 of Portland and her husband, Adam, had a son, Gabriel Douglas, Jan. 14.

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Sarah (Redig) Conner ’05 of Portland was married April 21. She is a sales representative for France Sante.

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Kris Woodward '05 of Grain Park is deputy city attorney. Heidi (Petit) Kleiman '95 of St. Louis, Mo., is an associate general counsel for Washington University. She and her husband have two children.


Larsen '97 of Beaverton retired as a dancer for the Portland Trail Blazers after 12 seasons. Sarah Diamond '94 of Portland and her husband, Adam, have two children, Scott and Adam '02. Stacie Botten '98 of McMinnville has opened her own acupuncture practice.

Portland is calling you home to campus. You can find nearby local businesses, events, and resources in the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

In memoriam


Anne (Farraydi) Lucchese '94 of Portland is an associate professor in the Oregon Veterinary College.

Matt Smith '94 of Beaverton is a beater at Beaverton High School. Erica Adelman '94 and Emily Tinkle '95 were married July 15. Jesus Johnson '95 and Miranda Miller '96 were married Sept. 30. She is teaching first grade in Shorewood and he completed his master’s in materials science engineering at Oregon State University.

Cheryl Becker '96 of Hillsboro married Christopher Miles Jan. 27. Aaron Ramsey '96 and Julia Kanoe '97 were married Jan. 14 in Tualatin. She is a Ph.D. student in sociology at the University of Arizona and he is a software engineer with Environment Systems Products.

Mitt Mulder '96 of Portland volunteers as a Young Life leader in the Clockmena area. He has traveled to Tanzania, Africa, on a Holy Life tour organized by Young Life. The group played basketball against the Tanzania Olympic/club teams, organ- ized kickballs, danced a basketball court and did missionary work with local high school students.

Adam Hunt and Lindsey Dyer '97 were married Feb. 6. They live in West Linn and work at Bethany Lutheran Church.

Corinne Cunningham '95 of Wallapa is a counselor for the United States Olympic/club teams, organizing kickballs, playing basketball courts, and doing missionary work with local high school students.

Roseburg competed in the Miss Oregon Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Utah in August.

Shelley (Bowers) Tigges 'GSH' and Lindsey 'Lips' Van der Hoef published the seventh edition of their textbook Homeostasis in the Operating Room, a Photographic Manual. The textbook has over 800 photographs of operating room instruments with descriptions of where and how instruments for 137 surgical procedures are used. Simonne (Fruwirth) Jackson 'GSH' and Lindsey 'Lips' Van der Hoef has worked as an anesthetist nurse and is currently serving as an adjunct faculty member at the Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

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Allen was instrumental in securing a federal grant for nurses, the Greater Awareness for Idaho Nurses (GAIN) grant. As lead author of the proposal, she was responsible for course development and implementation at every nursing school in Idaho. She remains a consultant on the program.

“If I really like to finish what I start,” said Allen, who emerged from Linfield with a strong sense of professional responsibility.

She is past president and a board member of the Idaho Nurses Association, where she advocates for nursing issues and lobbied on Capitol Hill on behalf of safe nursing practices. She is also a strongponent of Camp Rainbow Gold, an American Cancer Society camp.

Allen said her Linfield experience prepared her in all aspects of nursing, from in-patient care to community health and program development.

“I feel very fortunate,” Allen said. “I am truly grateful for my Linfield education.”

— Laura Davis

Ruling with respect

Just when Judge Sandra Thompson ’68 thinks she’s heard it all, a defendant insists she had to steal a scarf to wear to church. The judge is unmoved.

Thompson knows what it’s like to lack money to buy what you want – or to pay your court fine. “I give people a year to pay their fine, and I’ll make special arrangements if they don’t have the money, including community service. But I expect them to fulfill their obligations,” she said.

In the 1960s Thompson chose Linfield from the National Scholarship Service and Fund for Negro Students matched her with, based on her SAT scores and personal information. But after three years, the financial aid ended and she couldn’t afford to stay.

Thompson withdrew from Linfield and went home to Sonoma, Calif.

Family friends provided a private scholarship, enabling her to receive her B.A. in political science from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1967.

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Her Linfield days were not over; she now serves on the college’s Board of Trustees and chairs the committee on student affairs.

Thompson, who earned her law degree from the University of Michigan in 1972, was appointed to the South Bay, Calif., Municipal Court in 1984 by then-Gov. George Deukmejian and was elevated to Los Angeles Superior Court when the courts were unified in 2000.


She also served as president of the National Association of Women Judges in 2005.

Thompson, who hears misdemeanor criminal cases, didn’t always want to be a judge. “I wanted to be an actress or a singer, but I felt I was not good enough to make people stop eating their ice cream cones,” she said. As a Linfield student, she appeared in the play No Strings.

She describes herself as “an inveterate theater-goer.” One of her favorite plays, which she saw again recently, is Twelfth Angry Man, about a jury.

The seeds of her judicial career were planted in high school. She presided over student court hearings on infractions such as smoking and wearing open-toed shoes without nylons. The adviser encouraged her to consider becoming a judge. Thompson had no idea at the time that she would have to become a lawyer first.

She worked as an Inglewood city attorney and a Los Angeles County deputy district attorney before her judicial appointment.

Prosecutor Joan Jenkins says it’s a pleasure to try a case before Thompson. “She’s always prepared. She’s fair to both sides and goes out of her way to make the jury feel respected and important. She’s so respectful of everyone… And she’s the law like a son-of-a-guns.”

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