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Fulbright fuels math research

Growing up as the daughter of two scientists, Kamila Larripa ’01 saw the world through curious eyes.

“It’s little wonder then that Larripa has pursued a life of science herself, centered on research and her passion for math and biology. Larripa is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of California, Davis, in applied mathematics. She has been awarded a Fulbright grant to study in Switzerland, where she is creating a mathematical model to describe the distribution of action, a cellular protein.

Larripa arrived in Switzerland in July, and took French classes at the University of Fribourg before beginning research in October at the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne.

“Math is beautiful and austere, but when applied to real world problems, it comes alive for me,” said Larripa, whose work combines biology and mathematics. “This Fulbright project is the culmination of so much that I learned at Linfield, I’m using language, math and biology.”

At Linfield, Larripa immersed herself in math and science classes, while minoring in French. She studied linguistics with Peter Richardson, professor of German, who remembers Larripa as someone who always sat in the front row and was “bright, cheery, thoughtful and articulate.”

“I was impressed with her as a human being and as a student,” he said. “She was clearly going places, and I’m happy for her.”

Larripa expects to receive a Ph.D. in mathematics in 2006. She hopes to continue her research and teach at the Graduate Education Program at Bryn Mawr College.

Kamila Larripa ’01

1930-37

Jane (Weber) Reves ’17 of Bellingham, Wash., celebrated her 90th birthday in November.

1950-59

Colin Armstrong ’51 of McMinnville was honored by the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce for his work on the Nature Preserve at Tuce Woods. He was one of the founders of the park development project which received the Chamber’s Recognition Award.

Enid R. Briggs ’55 of Milwaukee is the state youth director for the Federation of Garden Clubs of Oregon.


R. Carl and Deirdre (Chase) Reynolds ’56 and ’55 of Lincoln City celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

Donald Cordill ’58 of Anchorage, Calif., took a European cruise from Copenhagen to Dover, Barcelona, Rome and Monaco.

William and Esther (Blockley) Nelson ’57 of Bellingham, Wash., took eight to 11 miles a day and are active in civic groups and their church.

Jim Buckingham ’58 of Calgary, Calif., volunteers in the accounting department of St. John’s Hospital once a month.

Ronald K. Green ’59 of Rock Hill, S.C., is developing a graduate program in social work at Westminster University. He is professor and chair of the social work department.

1960-69

Roberta (Amundson) Martin ’66 of Hamilton, N.Y., is a speaker for the Christian Women’s Club and area representative for three Christian Women’s clubs.

George F. LeCompte ’61 of Bremerton, Wash., is on the board of Cascade Meadows Camp and is a moderator at Matanuska Community Church.

Donald E. Stalumo ’61 of Winchon, Wash., is a compter auditor for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Gene Carlson ’61 of Sisters is in his second year as assistant superintendent for Condon School District.

Jene (Chatterton) Khulas ’61 of Portland married Colin Yavich in July.

G. Neal Maine ’62 of Seattle received the Nature Conservancy of Oregon leadership award. He is a founder of the North Coast Land Conservation to protect important ecological systems and preserve land for recreation.

George E. Nelson ’61 of Pendleton retired from medical practice in July.

Sharon L. Noteboom ’62 of Waukechon, Wash., retired from teaching after many years.

Doug Anturosh ’62 of Nantucket, Mass., bought a winter home in Co. Grande, Ariz., after spending six months a year for the past four years in an RV.

Richard A. Robbins ’63 of Southfield, Mich., continued his teaching in June from Cary University.

Lyndel Michael ’64 of Deer Lodge, Mont., is publishing a sequel to her book, Speaking of the Dead in Montana History.

1970-79

Diane Terry ’79 of Hilo, Hawaii, is serving as president of the National Association of Women Judges. She is a judge in the Los Angeles Superior Court.

Elizabeth (Linscott) Hardaway ’69 of Honolulu, Hawaii, retired in November as chief U.S. probation officer for the U.S. courts in the District of Hawaii.

Marilyn (Nickerson) Gunnell ’69 of Kirkland, Wash., retired in June after many years teaching music in the Bellevue School District.

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1980-89

Calvin Yavich ’68 of Portland was honored in August after 24 years as chief petroleum geoscientist and oil and gas lease sales manager for the State of Alaska.

Alphonse Cofeldey ’67 of Bremerton recently retired from the Portland Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco after 31 years of service.

Roger F. Peters ’67 of Janesville, Texas, retired from American Airlines in June. He had flown since 1960 and was a captain on the Fokker 100 for 10 years, based out of Dallas-Fort Worth.

Robert E. Ferguson ’65 of Vancouver, Wash., received his master’s degree in June from Cary University.

Mark E. Hardaway ’69 of Natick, Mass., was elected governor of the Ninth District of Zonta International.

1990-99

Janet (Chatterton) Khulas ’61 of Portland married Colin Yavich in July.

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Kubler ’79, a hosting a German exchange student who is a junior at Eagle High School.

Suzanne Garson ’79 of La Grande is a licensedKindenertch teacher. She has taught piano and voice since 1980 and has also taught music and theater at Eastern Oregon University.

1980-89

Marty Lysa ’88 of Gilbert, Ariz., is vice president of Client Relations for Brisco Inc., setting up pension and welfare plans for construction companies working under the State Prevailing Wage or Federal Davis Bacon contracts. Prior to that he spent 30 years in the hotel and restaurant industries.

Tami Jone (Owens) Backstrom ’80 of San Rafael, Calif., owns and operates an interior design business.

Kimberly (Blings) Bachmeier ’82 of Portland is a professor of education at Gonzaga University.

Bill Dale ’82 of Hillsboro is the language arts and study skills teacher at H.S. High School.

Valerie (Pigg) Kelet ’83 of Palouse, Alaska, teaches fifth grade at Goose Bay Elementary School in Wasilla.

Kendall J. Billiet ’83 of Alaska is a long-range planner for Whittier in Hilkiton.

Grace (Gorman) O’Connor ’83 of Eagle Creek does an install in residences, offices and hotels.

Michael and Gillian (Bevers) Freeman ’83 and ’85 of San Martin, Calif., had a daughter.

Malena Graze, Sept. 22.

Alan de Moevers ’84 of Keizer was one of 14 Saint-Keizer School District employees to receive a Crystal Apple Award for his efforts to provide a quality education to the children of the community. He is a bilingual kindergarten and reading teacher at Lamb Elementary School.

Lloyd Lindley ’84 of Eugene retired from Enel Energy and is electrical and now sells real estate.

Tony Brennanman ’84 of Bothell, Wash., is an assistant professor and director of clinical education in the Physician Assistant Program at the University of Iowa.

Joseph A. Alward ’86 of Anchorage, Alaska, is in his 18th year as a science teacher at West High School.

Shawna (Ots) Hacklman ’84 of Idaho is a sales representative for national accounts for GE Security. She recently received the President’s Award, a peer award for best representing the GE value.

Stephen C. Potter ’85 of Troutdale received his master’s degree in nursing from Graceland University in Independence, Mo.

Shelley Weeemarock ’85 of Las Vegas, Nev., married Rick Vone 21 in Honolulu, Hawaii. She farms and produces The Buying Room, a weekly television show in the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department.

Sandra Cardozo ’85 of Modesto, Calif., is field director for Special Olympics, working primarily in central and eastern Oregon.

John and Lisa (Lind) Prevedello ’85 and 89 of Eugene had a son, Zane, their third. John, a retired police inspector general overseeing the California prison and parole system, has worked in the California Attorney General’s Criminal Law Division since 1994.

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Tiffany Richardson ’89 of Goose Bay, Ont., is development and communications coordinator at the Native Fish Society, a nonprofit preservation group.

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Closing in on 50,000 miles

Gordon Gillmouth ’63 of Fremont, Calif., is closing in on a lifelong goal.

Gillmouth, an avid runner who logs more than 1,500 miles each year, wants to run 50,000 miles before hanging up his running shoes. So far he’s completed nearly 40,000 miles.

“I particularly enjoy long distance relays for the athletic challenge and the team camaraderie,” said Gillmouth, a finance manager with Roche Palo Alto LLC, in Palo Alto, Calif.

Gillmouth has focused on three relay events since taking up running for exercise 28 years ago. He’s participated in the Oregon Hood to Coast Relay for 15 consecutive years and the Saturn Relay in California for 10 years. Most recently, he has run the Ameri-Cana International Relay from Nelson, British Columbia, to Sandpoint, Idaho, 223.7 miles.

Gillmouth, who grew up in McMinnville and earned a business degree at Linfield, was a sports writer for the News Register for seven years during high school and college. He worked under Paul Durham, long-time Linfield athletic director and head football coach, who moonlighted as the Register’s sports editor.

“He’s sports column was called ‘Dodging with Durham,’” Gillmouth remembered. “I learned a lot about life from Paul and admire how he was able to handle all those duties.”

Gillmouth said he enjoys running for many reasons — the beauty of the outdoors, the freedom to run just about anywhere and the fact that it’s a relatively inexpensive sport.

“It’s a great stress reliever, and I’ve met so many great people through running,” he added. “Some people look for excuses not to run or participate in physical activity; my theory is, run to find excuses!”

— Luke Davie
A taste of Linfield

Linfield College trustees literally got a taste of Linfield during the Board of Trustees luncheon in November. In “Linfield Cheesecake” after the past 27 years, Hagman has created more than 1,700 recipes in her Seattle kitchen, all tailored to the diets of those who cannot eat gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye, barley and possibly oats. Her recipes fill the tables of a growing segment of the population which suffers from celiac disease, a digestive illness that causes malnutrition due to gluten intolerance.

In addition to penning her cookbook, Hagman has given lectures around the country and has appeared on programs such as the “Today” show and the “Dr. Oz” show.

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Linfield College trustees literally got a taste of Linfield during the Board of Trustees luncheon in November. “Linfield Cheesecake,” a recipe developed by Beth Hagman ’43, who is also known as the “Gluten-Free Guru,” was served for dessert. The recipe is included in Hagman’s newest book, The Gluten-Free Gourmet Cooks Comfort Foods. She is the author of other medical diet cookbooks as well.

Hagman dubbed the dessert “Linfield Cheesecake” after a group visiting from the college sampled the tropical-flavored dessert while sitting around her kitchen table. Linfield Cheesecake

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.Grease a 9” springform pan.

Crust: 1 cup flaked coconut 1/4 cup chopped macadamia nuts 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted

Filling: Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese (light okay) 1 cup sugar 3 tablespoons gluten-free mix 3 eggs 1/4 cup sour cream (light okay) 3 tablespoons lemon juice 1 teaspoon vanilla 1/4 teaspoon pineapple or almond extract

One 8-ounce can crushed pineapple, drained well

Gluten-free mix: 2 parts rice flour 2/3 part potato starch 1/3 part tapioca flour

Nutrients per serving: Calories 510, Fat 29g, Cholesterol 120mg, Sodium 220mg, Carbohydrates 43g, Protein 8.5g, Fiber 1g.

Crust:

Boiling new development allow the Desert Dreamers to take advantage of the University’s advanced baseball coaches at Misrathah High School.

Nathan and Samantha (Yaphe) Christenson ’96 and their children, Nathaniel, 6, and Gideon, 2, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the second floor in their home in Portland’s Oak Hill neighborhood.

Sue Piper ’98 of McMinnville and her husband, David, have three children, Rebekah, 15, Corin, 12, and Daniel, 10.

Many thanks to the staff of Portland State for their hard work behind the scenes to make this issue a success—our designers, photographers, and of course, our executive editor, Sherry Ramirez. We look forward to seeing you all at our annual alumni event this fall.

Erik Taylor ’96 of Portland is the director of the Portland branch of the American Association of University Women.

Laura Spradlin ’96 of Portland is a vice president at Wells Fargo Bank.

Laura Hollingsworth ’94 of Portland is a software engineer at Intel Corporation.

Tana Perkins ’94 of Portland is the director of the Portland branch of the American Association of University Women.

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Kimo H. Mahi '01

McMinnville completed a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in public finance.

Lillian S. Read '04, of Salem, married David Zimbelman '00 of Tualatin were married Aug. 21. She is an accountant with Bovaird, and he teaches and coaches at Tualatin.

Robert G. Gemmell '41, of Portland, Aug. 23.

The close student-faculty relationships in a smaller college pay off, O'Leary said. “Students at smaller college have unique skills when they make it happen in the laboratory and then get to publish scientific papers,” he said. Four of his recent papers involve undergraduates in his research. “They are learning the molecular structure.” He is interested in the synthesis and made a decision that I wanted to teach at a place that all the people he'd met from there were great. And I'm a scientist. Today, he is a Ph.D. rather than a physician. He said he has helped many students advance to medical school, “so I'm doing my part for the health industry.”

– Beth Rogers Thompson

Tommy Redford '00 of Ashland, N.H., is manager of internal audit for SkillSoft PLC, an international technology and training company. He received his bachelor’s degree in computer science from the University of Oregon.

Vickie (Grassle) Wright '00 of Salem is working on a master's in teaching at Willamette University.


She was the sister of a medical doctor who had attended the University of Oregon, and her husband, Taylor, had a son, Joseph, May 6, their second.

McKinnon, Oreg. 11 Oct. 21.

Gotwol, with her husband, John "Jack" Cook '63 of Portland, Jan. 3.

Tina E. Flemming '00, of Portland, Dec. 24.

A Ph.D. rather than an M.D., an award-winning associate professor of chemistry at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

David W. Wilson '84 of Dallas, Nov. 6.

L. Luba '58, of Cozumel, Mexico.

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The young man growing up in Seattle, Wash., Daniel O'Leary '86 set his sights on medical school. But his studies at Linfield and an internship at BCM spurred other interests. Today, he is a Ph.D. rather than an M.D., an award-winning associate professor of chemistry at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif. O'Leary graduated magna cum laude from Linfield with a B.A. in chemistry and biology. He earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from UCLA in 1991. As a graduate student, he won the 1988 American Chemical Society Organic Division Fellowship and UCLA's 1991 Winston Dissertation Prize. A postdoctoral stint at Harvard completed his formal training.

Since 1994, he has taught chemistry at Pomona, a college that shares Linfield's emphasis on undergraduate education. In 1997 and 2003, he received Pomona's highest teaching award. And in 2003 he also won the college's Irvine Distinguished Faculty Mentor Award.

O'Leary said he was the first person in his family to attend a small college.

"My high school track coach got me thinking about Linfield," he said, and I figured he wouldn't steer me wrong. He told me one thing about Linfield: "If they're going to teach you something, they're going to teach you something well." He said, "I'm doing my part for the health industry."