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If your name is Catherine, you’re in good Wildcat company. A look into the Linfield College alumni database tells us that Catherine is the most common name among Linfield alumni. The database also reveals some interesting history and trends over the years.

Top majors by decade:
- 2010-14: Nursing, accounting, management
- 2000-09: Nursing, accounting, management
- 1990-99: Nursing, management, business
- 1980-89: Business, nursing, liberal studies
- 1970-79: Business, physical education, psychology
- 1960-69: Business, physical education, consumer and family studies
- 1950-59: Business, physical education, sociology
- 1940-49: Business, English, sociology
- 1930-39: English, sociology, business

Top cities:
- Portland: 3,078
- Salem: 830
- McMinnville: 805
- Beaverton: 723
- Eugene: 515

Top non-Portland Metro cities:
- Seattle: 380
- Bend: 310
- Honolulu: 140
- Longview: 131
- Boise: 120

Most common majors:
1. Nursing (3,615)
2. Business (1,984)
3. Management (1,319)
4. Accounting (1,091)
5. Elementary Education (961)
6. Psychology (716)
7. Physical Education (648)

First married alumni on record:
Frederick and Nora Thompson, both 1906

Most popular employers:
- State of Oregon: 170
- Linfield College: 136
- OHSU: 125
- Providence Health Services: 125
- Salem Hospital: 117

Top job fields:
- Education occupations: 1,403
- Health care professions: 1,020
- Administration: 516
- Accounting occupations: 404

Most common names:
1. Catherine (631)
2. Andrew (510)
3. John (499)

Unusual job titles:
- Auctioneer
- Casket salesman
- Cruise director
- Master animator
- Weather observer
- Wig master
- Wind turbine installer

First to complete a bachelor’s degree from McMinnville College:
John H. Smith 1884