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1950-59

David G. Lum ‘52 of Astoria received an honorary Associate of Applied Science Degree from Clatsop Community College in June. Following a brief time as a high school teacher and coach and a stint in the insurance business, Lum returned to Astoria with his family and founded Toyota of Astoria.

Billie (Rochelle) Fitch ’57 of Nordland, Wash., was named Gardener of the Year by the state garden club.

1960-69

Peter C. Dengenis ’64 of Seattle, Wash., recently published his family’s history dating back to when his grandparents immigrated from Europe.

1970-79

Harold Tu ’71 of Omaha, Neb., was named the director of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Stephen Rooney ’74 of Bend was elected president of the National Federation of Nurses, a national union representing registered nurses in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Ohio.

Janine Sarti ’78 of Poway, Calif., joined the Board of the California Western Law School. She was the keynote speaker for the June luncheon of the Lawyers Club of San Diego. She and her husband, Bruce Kubler ’79, hosted their seventh foreign exchange student this year.

1980-89

Alisan Tucker-Giesy ’80 of Seattle, Wash., has been accepted into a Washington Association of Better Schools STEM fellowship program in Shoreline, Wash.

1990-99

Brian Nakashima ’91 of Portland was named chief financial officer of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt.

Justin Fossum ’95 of Aloha is an Epic credentialed electronic medical record trainer for pharmacists at Providence Health and Services Hospital. He also has credentials in training Providence physicians on the ambulatory application and continues to train physicians, nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants on the Dragon voice recognition dictation tool.

Becky (Anderson) Owens ’95 and Kerry (Van Wyngarden) Hinrichs ’96, both of Lake Oswego, have co-founded Milestone Events LLC, focusing on event planning for weddings, anniversaries and retirement parties as well as marketing a brand around a related business or venue.

Darcie Lamott-Waage ’97 of Portland was named the 2013-14 MPI Oregon Mentor of the Year.

Scott and Leah (Caine) Bannon ’97 and ’07 have moved to Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lyndsay (Adair) McGrath ’99 of Lake Oswego was appointed to a three-year term on the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists.

Matt and Kate (Lamont) Vance, both ’99, of Lake Oswego had a son, Mark Henry, their third.

2000-09

Edward Carlisle ’01 of Dundee received a master of arts in strategic leadership with an emphasis in ministry from LIFE Pacific College.

Trish (Wilder) Tierney ’01 of Port Orchard, Wash., is a supervisor and program manager for Kitsap Community Resources. She was appointed as a city planning commissioner, serves as vice president of Kitsap Young Professionals and is an ambassador for the Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce.

Tyler and Pamela (Ball) Surgeon, both ’01, of Woodburn had a daughter, Piper Rose, July 30, their third.

Miriam (Krueger) Schmidt ’01 of Redmond and her husband, Jeffrey, had a son, Evan William, Dec. 4.

Jennifer (Granville) Harris ’01 of McMinnville, and her husband, Matt, had a son, Wesley Charles, their second.

Steve and Kristin (Schou) Person ’01 and ’03 moved to Hillsboro, where he is now information security architect at Cambia Health Solutions. They had a son, Isaac Andre, July 31.

Heather (Brett) Lepene ’02 of Orford, N.H., is a middle school math teacher at Richmond Middle School in Hanover.

Rocky Dallum ’02 of Portland has joined the government relations and public policy practice group at Tonkon Torp Attorneys.

Michael Kerr ’02 of San Diego, Calif., and his wife, Christina, had a son, Javier Liam, May 21.

Jeanine (Ishii) Crider ’03 of Mountain View, Calif., and her husband, Paul, had a son, William Hiroshi, July 6.

David Lacy ’03 of Keizer and his wife, Kristy, had a daughter, Kenley Analyse, their second.

Birch Barron ’04 of Hailey, Idaho, earned an MSPH in health systems/emergency management from Johns Hopkins University. He currently develops emergency response policy at the Center for Health and Homeland Security in Baltimore.

Benjamin and Emily (Ohlsen) Pappas, both ’04, of Tigard had a son, August David, May 27.

David and Megan (Strauch) Cunningham ’04 and ’05 of McMinnville had a son, Blake, April 9, their second.

Matthew and Erin (Nooy) Brisbin ’06 and ’05 of McMinnville had a son, Axel Otto, June 19.

Joshua and Bettina (Higdon) Nakayua ’05 and ’07 of Hillsboro had a daughter, Lylly Kealani, April 10.

Laura (Eddy) Carpino ’06 of Pasco, Wash., and her husband, Grant, had a daughter, Lillian Alex, May 15. She is an exercise physiologist and health coach at HPMC Occupational Medical Services.

Caitlin Hofmeister ’07 of Missoula, Mont., is the editor and producer of a short film, 20/Nothing, for POV on PBS.

Amber Nobe and Jason Little, both ’07, were married Aug. 2. They live in Portland.

Patricia Everett ’07 of Bainbridge Island, Wash., married David Kabut. They are living in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, while she completes her Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia. Julia Back ’07 was her maid of honor.

Casey Frantum ’07 and Renata Tirta ’09 were married Aug. 30.

Brian Petermeyer of Portland and Laura Strahan, both ’09, were married June 14. They live in Seattle, Wash.

Heather Burk ’09 and Michael Nelson ’10 were married Nov. 2, 2013. They live in North Albany where she is the director of business development and recruiting and he is a tax supervisor, both at a local accounting firm.

Thomas Ryan ’09 of Salt Lake City, Utah, owner of Tommy Blades Creative, produces snapshots and five panel hats. He plans to expand into other types of clothing.

Lizzie Martinez ’09 of Portland is the director of development and communications at the Latino Network.

2010-14

Jason Kintz ’10 of Silverton and Laura Ekstrom ’12 of Sheridan were married July 26. She is a first grade teacher in the McMinnville School District and he is attending the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Claire Oliver ’10 of New York City received a master’s in journalism from New York University in December and works as a content editor for Zagat at Google in New York City.

Andrew Platon ’10 of Portland is a senior accountant at The Cymb, an online retailer special-
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Ivanna Tucker ’15
Mass communication and communication arts double major

Kelcey Van Orman ’13 of Portland was accepted into a graduate nursing program at Duke University.

Cassidy Davis ’14 of Carlton earned two awards at the McMinnville Short Film Festival. Her film, Forward Farming: The Next Generation of American Agriculture, won in the documentary category and also earned the audience award.

Shelby Duarte ’14 of Lake Oswego is working at Duck Pond Vineyards.

Clara Martinez ’14 is a program documentation intern with Atma Education in Mumbai, India. Atma is a nonprofit organization that provides intensive support to education nonprofits and social enterprises.

Sasha Pollock ’14 of Philadelphia, Pa., works with City Year Philadelphia, helping keep inner city freshmen in school and on track to graduate.

In memoriam

Margaret (Ballantyne) Folsom ’39 of Boise, Idaho, July 23.

Norman Brostrom ’40 of Portland, Aug. 22. Survivors include a daughter, Paula (Brostrom) Seeley ’75.


Florence Gipson ’44 of Battle Ground, Wash., June 28. Survivors include a brother, John Gipson ’50 and cousin Gerald Painter ’50.


Virginia (Lubeck) Smith ’54 of Lake Oswego, Aug. 10.

Ralph Chicks ’55 of Ponderay, Idaho, May 4. Survivors include brother Charles ’53, nieces Vicki (Chicks) Boatsman ’92 and Kathryn (Chicks) Montano ’81, and nephews David ’91 and Steven ’83.

Allan Tarpenny ’55 of Eugene, June 20. Survivors include daughter Karin (Tarpenny) Szady ’79.


Howard Michael ’57 of McMinnville, Sept. 6.
LaVern Davis Jr. ’58 of Trout Lake, Wash., July 22. Survivors include wife Doris (Scott) ’62.
Jack Musgrove ’60 of Vancouver, Wash., June 17.
James Finical ’61 of Tucson, Ariz., Aug. 5.
Marvin Ludwick ’63 of Portland, June 6.
Dale Hannaford ’63 of Plano, Texas, July 27.
Janis (Southwick) Cantrell ’64 of Alsea, July 30.
Rose Marie (Strom) Fredricks ’66 of McMinnville, Aug. 28.
Colleen (Perry) Morgan ’70 of Portland, June 4.
Gilbert Hargreaves ’71 of Salem, July 10. Survivors include wife Vickie (Boyer) ’69.
Donald Garris ’72 of Forest Grove, Sept. 14. Survivors include daughter Bryn (Garris) McCleary ’01.
Kathleen (Eichhorn) Gould ’74 of Sherwood, May 12.
Chase Hastings ’74 of El Portal, Calif., July 10. Survivors include brother Peter ’79.
Therese Stevens ’77 of Salem, June 16.
Wanda (Sathoff) Hughes ’80 of Monmouth, May 24.
Joan (Basken) Schulze ’81 of Eugene, July 19.
William Bridgeman ’85 of Salem, Aug. 9. Survivors include wife Terrie ’88 and ’93, sons William ’89 and Joseph ’93, and daughter-in-law Deona (Hagedorn) ’93.
Shanna Frey ’85 of Huson, Mont., July 11.
Richard Morse ’85 of Woodburn, Sept. 3.
Douglas Bochsler ’87 of Mt. Angel, May 24.
David Safford ’89 of Kennewick, Wash., Aug. 12.
Farahnaz (Tamimi) Schmidt ’90 of Vancouver, Wash., July 20. Survivors include husband Troy ’90 and sister Dzaleh Tamimi ’93.
Jonathan Putney ’94 of Bend, June 28.
Nancy Wolf ’02 of Salem, Aug. 19.

Friends and family
Frank Bumpus, psychology professor emeritus, of McMinnville, Oct. 16.
Max Powers, trustee emeritus, of Oakland, Calif., June 10.

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Doug ’63 & Mary (Bjornson) Brown ’63

Doug is professor emeritus of English (TESOL) at San Francisco State University and Mary retired as director of resident and social services at Piedmont Gardens Retirement Community in Oakland. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii in 2013.

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