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## Success on Stage

Sue Mach '86 brings her stories to life at Portland theatres



GARY PACARRO '74 TALKS WITH PROFESSOR DANIEL EISEN '07 (left) at the grand opening celebration of Pacific University's new Hawai'i Office on Jan. 26, 2013. Pacarro is the founding director of the new office, located in Honolulu. Pacific University has a long history with Hawai'i and is the most-attended mainland university for students from the Islands. The new office is dedicated to supporting student recruitment, building relationships with parents and community partners, and hosting alumni and donor events.

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editor'sletter

**I love genealogy.** It fascinates me to find that my father's family has been on this continent since before the Revolutionary War, or to learn that my maternal great-grandparents were first-generation Americans whose Danish parents taught themselves English by reading the newspaper and doing crossword puzzles.

But the fact is, I am neither Irish nor Danish. I have never been to those countries. I don't speak their languages. The most tangible legacies I've inherited are a love of Guinness and aebleskiver (not at the same time, please).

I could say I'm a middle-class white American woman in her 30s, but that probably doesn't tell you much about me either.

You might get a better sense if I told you that I'm a mom, that I'm from the Pacific Northwest, that I have a college education, and that, by local standards anyway, I'm moderate- to liberal-leaning, politically.

But that's still not me, not really.

As humans, we divide, classify and describe ourselves in so many ways. Some are meaningful; some, not so much.

What I love about being a writer is that I don't have to depend on those classifications. I get to delve into the stories of individuals.

And let me tell you, everyone has a story to tell.

Those Irish and Danish ancestors in my past? Individually, some were pioneers, some adventurers, some zealots, some drunkards. They were artists, teachers, lumberjacks and farmers. They were people — loving and imperfect and fascinatingly, individually human.

They had great stories, and so do the many alumni and students who appear in this issue of *Pacific* magazine. We set out to find people from a wide variety of backgrounds, to explore who they are, what makes them individual, and what unites them here at Pacific University.

What we found, more than anything, is that they are here because they felt a connection, because they felt welcome, no matter where they came from or who they are.

And that, I think, is a great story.

*Jenni M. Lockett*

JENNI M. LUCKETT

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## READERS' WORDS

**If you think it is hard to spell schizophrenia**, try living with it. My wife Carol and I volunteer for mental illness and mental health. It is our position to reduce the stigma of mental illness, educate the public, and to help improve the quality of life for those afflicted. We are also family caregivers for our son, Jeff, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia 21 years ago.

After many years of trying private tutors, Christian school, private boys school, doctors, our church, a Tough Love parent group for the answers to obvious behaviour problems, we got a diagnosis. It was a relief to know, which then led us on a journey to learn, understand and live with mental illness.

Jeff had many up and down years with side effects from the many different medications given to him. Finally, a new medication began to work, and the change for health came with it. We are very proud of our son for the hard work he has put into becoming well. Jeff has lived in the same apartment for eight years, volunteers and fundraises, works part-time, does not smoke or drink, and manages to save money. Jeff has exceptional talents in outdoor awareness, survival, camping and outdoor cooking skills. We three do two yearly "Walk & Run" fundraisers for schizophrenia in Edmonton and Camrose, Alberta.

Carol has held different board positions and fundraising positions. She continues to do presentations through the Schizophrenia Society to classrooms, professionals and public groups who request the talks. A member who has the illness shares their personal story during these presentations as well. These presentations are very well received.

In conclusion, one out of 100 has schizophrenia and the same ratio is accepted for bi-polar disorder.

**IRV '63 AND CAROL ZEMRAU**

*2012 Pacific University Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award recipient*

**My name is Richard Carter.** I taught biology at Pacific from 1968-98. I enjoy reading *Pacific* magazine and was interested in the clip concerning the return of Boxer's tail.

I recall my first year at Pacific very clearly. I was lecturing in Warner 5 in late September of 1968 in the early afternoon. A student stuck his head in the door and yelled, "Boxer has been thrown out!" The classroom cleared out in minutes. I walked up toward the UC and saw a large crowd milling on the lawn in front of Old College Hall. Boxer was being fought over in the middle of the mob. I believe several students were injured, but none seriously.

The following year (1969) another "toss" of Boxer occurred. This time Dr. Miles Shishido and Dean Charlie Trombley acted as referees during the melee.

Sometime after this Boxer disappeared. In the '80s a replica was cast. The photos enclosed (*see [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)*) show the replica in my back yard in the spring of 1988. The two students in the pictures brought it over to show it to me. I can't remember their names. Maybe others will remember them and you can get another piece of the puzzle about Boxer.

Sincerely,

**RICHARD T. CARTER**

*Professor Emeritus of Biology*

**Reading President Hallick's message** in the most recent issue of *Pacific* magazine made me proud to be a graduate of a university with that stated vision and mission statement! Keep growing and changing, Pacific! Best wishes.

**RUTH (CONKLIN SEBASTIAN) ROSENBERG '64**

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Professor Nelson Olf pursued his own education through military scholarships. Today, he has created a scholarship to help Pacific University students pursue studies in business.

**GIVE** | Support the new Pacific University College of Business.

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## VOICES

### 11 ..... aloha spirit

The annual Lu'au is more than a feast. It's a celebration of Hawai'i culture, a learning experience and a connection to home for Pacific University's many students from Hawai'i. Lacey Chong '11, MAT '12 shares her experiences with Lu'au as a student and an alumna.

**SEE** | Pictures from past lu'aus in an online gallery. ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)

**ATTEND** | The 53rd annual Lu'au is Saturday, April 13. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets may still be available. ▶ [pacificu.edu/studentlife/luau](http://pacificu.edu/studentlife/luau)

**READ** | Blog posts by freshman Lu'au participant Karla Dubey, plus coverage from this year's Lu'au. ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)

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### ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

Your online edition of *Pacific* magazine has even more stories, pictures and videos, the chance for you to share your memories and connect with your classmates, and lots of updates, even between issues.

▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)

**PLAY** | Take to the pitch with members of Pacific University's new rugby team.

**ACT** | Go behind the scenes of Pacific's spring theatre production of *Our Town*.

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## GALLERY

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Freshman year experiences at Pacific University introduced physical therapy-hopeful Sue Mach to the world of theatre. Earlier this year, the playwright opened two of her original works in Portland.

**WATCH** | Sue Mach '86 talks about her journey and her career. ▶ [pacificu.edu/boxertales](http://pacificu.edu/boxertales)

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For many students, a Pacific University education is a route to a better life, for themselves and their communities. Optometry student Rebecca Wilbur and Arts & Sciences freshman Celine Yip share how Pacific offers the opportunity to change their lives.

**WATCH** | Rebecca Wilbur has been aiming for a place in the Pacific University College of Optometry since she was a 14-year-old in an Alaska boarding school.

▶ [pacificu.edu/boxertales](http://pacificu.edu/boxertales)

### 21 ..... life of the spirit

Students bring their diverse faiths to life at Pacific University through clubs and private worship. Plus, Ken Colman '84 shares how his time at Pacific helped shape his work today as a minister with the United Church of Christ.

**READ & SEE** | The Center for Peace & Spirituality hosted a visit from Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, in February. ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)

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Countless Pacific University students and alumni have committed their lives to the service of their country with the U.S. Armed Forces.

**READ** | Find more stories of Pacific University military members and veterans. ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)

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A donation by the family of Trustee Ken McGill brings pieces of Oregon Trail history to Pacific University's collection.







**"Pacific is a place where  
diverse ideas are welcomed  
and diverse opportunities  
are available."**

LESLEY M. HALLICK

LESLEY M. HALLICK, PH.D.  
PRESIDENT

**Sue Mach '86 came to Pacific University as a freshman**, hoping to earn her way into the physical therapy program.

Richard Harman '13 started his career in electronics with an associate's degree from a Texas community college.

And Marji Burniston '98, OT '01 joined the Army as a mechanic after graduating from high school.

Diversity means a great many things to different people. It may refer to a diversity of background, of ethnicity, of nationality, of gender and socioeconomics. It may refer to a diversity of age, of belief, or of any number of different experiences.

When we talk about Pacific University being a place of diversity, we mean all of these things. But we also mean that Pacific is a place where diverse ideas are welcomed and diverse opportunities are available.

We believe in education as a process of discovery. Particularly in the liberal arts and sciences — but ultimately at any age and in any field of study — the process of learning leads people to new doors. It broadens horizons, sparks new passions and launches new explorations.

Mach didn't become a physical therapist; she earned an English degree and went on to teach community college and write award-winning plays.

Harman took his electronics skills into the Marines but ultimately turned to Pacific to study psychology, outdoor leadership and, perhaps eventually, physical therapy.

And Burniston worked as a mechanic for 13 years before earning an undergraduate and graduate degree at Pacific then returning to the Army as an occupational therapist.

As Pacific University's population grows, we are excited to grow the opportunities available to our students. In the past year, we have added nine fields of study in our College of Arts & Sciences. We have opened a new School of Audiology and planned a new athletic training program in the College of Health Professions. We have launched a School of Communication Sciences and Disorders, including a speech-language pathology program, in the College of Education. And, we continue to provide highly sought-after professional development opportunities for optometrists, health professionals and educators.

This summer, we will open our new College of Business, enhancing our students' opportunities to study accounting, business administration, finance, marketing and international business, and adding graduate programs soon.

At Pacific, we value the unique perspectives that each of our students brings to their university experience — and we hope that, as alumni, they take away new perspectives and a broader scope of the world and the opportunities in front of them.

Warmest Regards,

Lesley M. Hallick, President  
president@pacificu.edu

## news & notes

# The Character of Pacific

BY JENNI LUCKETT

IN THE PACIFIC IDENTITY PROJECT, *students explore the university's history through diverse characters, real and fictional.*

**READ** | Character Identity ▶ [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)



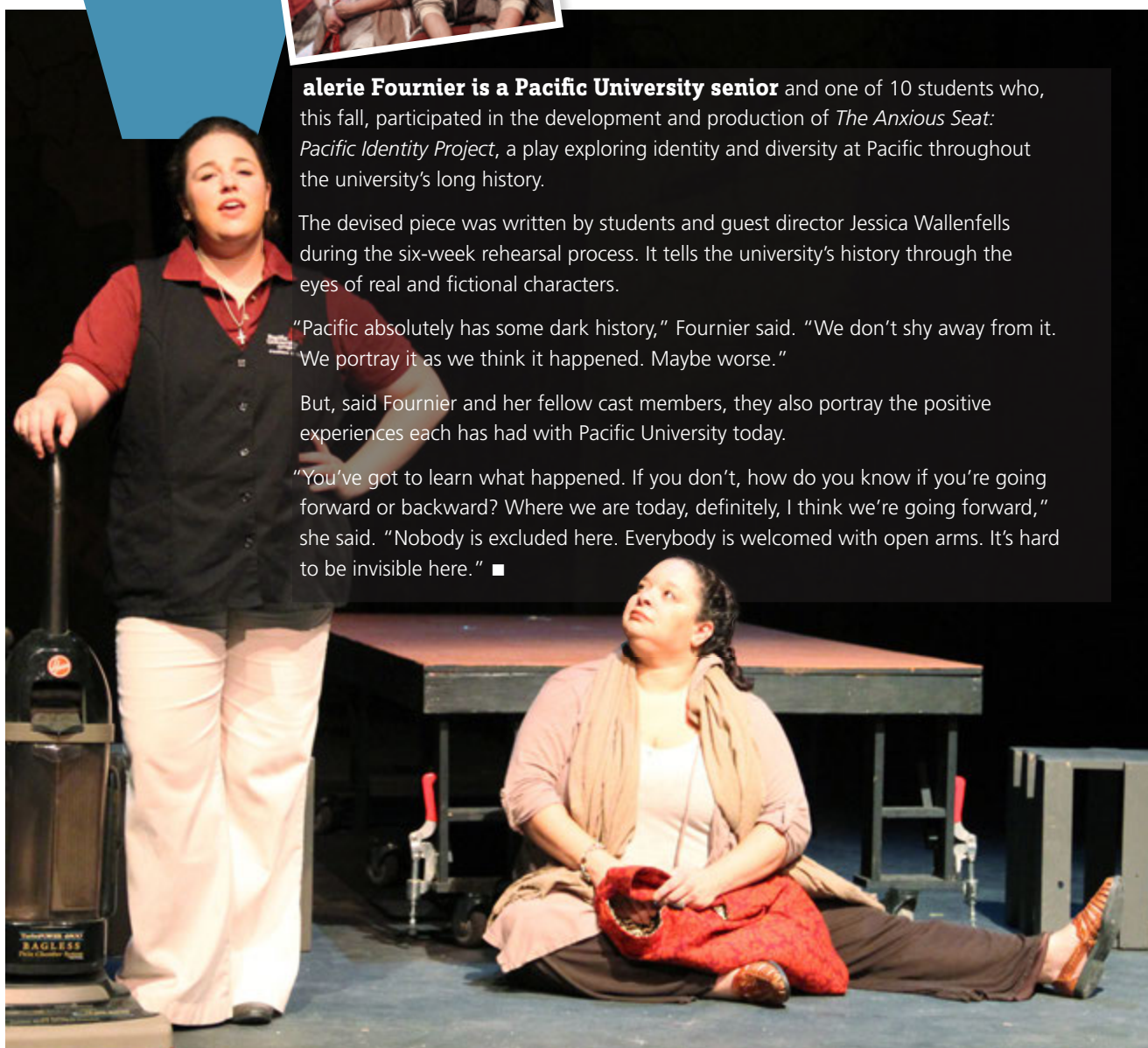
**alerie Fournier is a Pacific University senior** and one of 10 students who, this fall, participated in the development and production of *The Anxious Seat: Pacific Identity Project*, a play exploring identity and diversity at Pacific throughout the university's long history.

The devised piece was written by students and guest director Jessica Wallenfells during the six-week rehearsal process. It tells the university's history through the eyes of real and fictional characters.

"Pacific absolutely has some dark history," Fournier said. "We don't shy away from it. We portray it as we think it happened. Maybe worse."

But, said Fournier and her fellow cast members, they also portray the positive experiences each has had with Pacific University today.

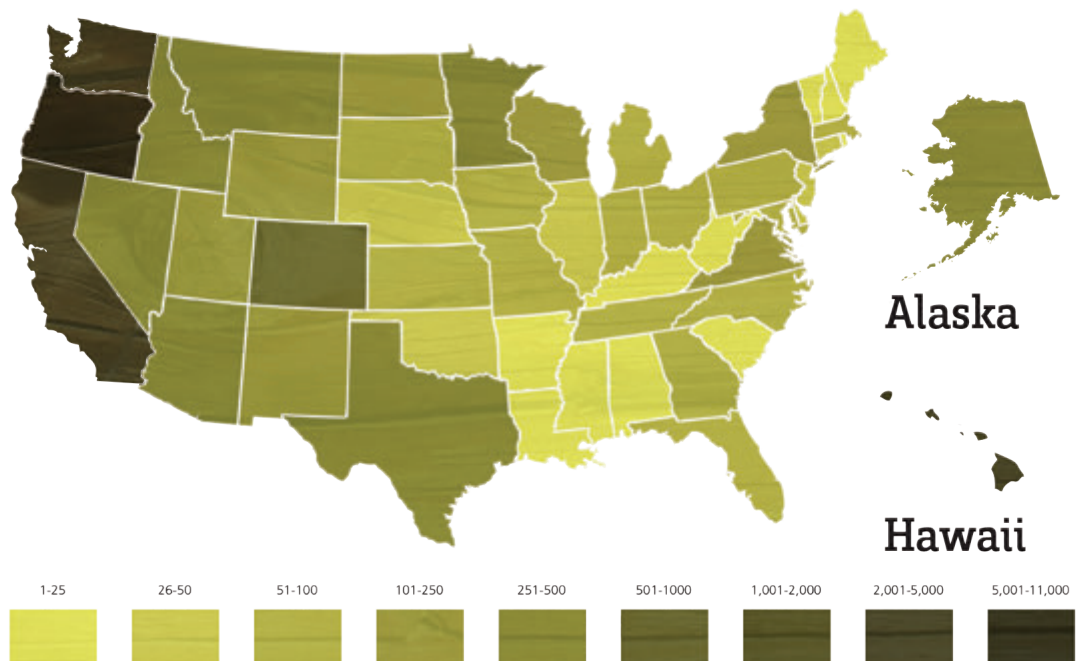
"You've got to learn what happened. If you don't, how do you know if you're going forward or backward? Where we are today, definitely, I think we're going forward," she said. "Nobody is excluded here. Everybody is welcomed with open arms. It's hard to be invisible here." ■



## by the numbers ALUMNI STATESIDE & BEYOND

**PACIFIC UNIVERSITY ALUMNI** are citizens of the global community, living not only in every state within the United States, as shown in this map, but also in the following countries:

Australia	New Zealand
Austria	Nigeria
Bahamas	Norway
Bolivia	Peru
Canada	Philippines
China	Poland
Denmark	Saudi Arabia
Ecuador	Singapore
France	Slovakia
Germany	South Africa
Ghana	South Korea
Guatemala	Spain
Hungary	Sri Lanka
India	Switzerland
Japan	Taiwan
Kenya	Thailand
Kuwait	Turkey
Lithuania	United Kingdom
Mexico	Venezuela
Micronesia	Vietnam



## transitions



**Gary Pacarro '74** joins the ranks at Pacific University as founding director of Pacific's new Hawai'i Office. Pacarro is a long-time advocate for Pacific students, particularly those from Hawai'i, and he has been closely involved in the planning of many alumni, student recruitment

and parent events on the Islands. Most recently, he served as a member of the Pacific University Board of Trustees, where he was a strong proponent of the effort to establish this formal university presence in Hawai'i. Pacarro brings a unique background in coaching, teaching and financial management to this new position.



**Dr. Mark Ankeny** is the vice president of enrollment management and student affairs. Ankeny took on the revamped position following the passing of former Vice President Eva Krebs in July. He oversees all areas of Student Affairs, including the coordination of enrollment

management, student success and student life. He also retains his responsibilities as dean of Pacific's College of Education, where he has been instrumental in the creation of the Early Learning Community preschool and the development of the new School of Communication Sciences and Disorders.

## brieflynoted

**EXTENDED FAMILY** | In January, Pacific University opened its Hawai'i Office in Honolulu. Led by Director Gary Pacarro '74 (see above), the office will provide a connection point for prospective and current students, families, alumni, donors and friends. Pacarro will work with the education and business communities on the Islands to provide support for students and alumni. For example, as

part of the opening celebration of the office, University President Lesley Hallick signed a new articulation agreement with the community college system in Hawai'i to create a more seamless transition for students pursuing their bachelor's degrees at Pacific. ▶ [pacificu.edu/Hawaii](http://pacificu.edu/Hawaii)

**BEST PROFESSORS** | Pacific University is among 25 colleges and universities deemed to have the best professors in the nation, according to an annual list compiled by the Center for College Affordability & Productivity. The university is the lone institution in Oregon to make the list.



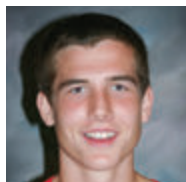
## huddle

**LAUREN ESBENSEN JOINS ATHLETICS STAFF** | Pacific welcomed Esbensen in September as associate athletic director and senior women's administrator. She arrived in Forest Grove after five years as the director of compliance and student services at the University of Portland.

**WOMEN'S LACROSSE HONORED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE** | The Pacific women's lacrosse program was named an "Honor Squad" by the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association after finishing with the third-best team grade point average among Division III teams. In addition, five Pacific players were named individually to the IWLCAC Academic Honor-Roll.

**CHRIS GERAGHTY WINS THE DAY AT OREGON** | A 2003 Pacific graduate, Geraghty is in his fifth year as a member of the University of Oregon's athletic communications department. He promotes the Ducks' women's basketball and women's soccer programs after four seasons working with the men's basketball program.

## line up



**TYLER SHIPLEY '16**  
**MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

The Forest Grove native finished his freshman campaign by earning a trip to the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships. He earned his spot thanks to a 15th-place finish at the NCAA West Regional. Shipley was Pacific's first men's qualifier for the meet since 2006.



**RACHEL SCHREIBER '15**  
**WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

The sophomore from Longmont, Colo., earned the Pacific women's first NCAA Cross Country Championships selection since 2008. Schreiber placed 15th at the NCAA West Regional and ran 23:33.8 on the nationals course.



**SEAN DALTON '14**  
**FOOTBALL**

The junior offensive lineman was named First Team All-Northwest Conference, Pacific's second pick to the team since the 2010 reinstatement of the program. Dalton, who earned honorable mention honors each of the last two seasons, led a total of 11 Pacific All-NWC selections.



**BRITTANY HARTMANN '13**  
**WOMEN'S SOCCER**

The senior goalkeeper led four Pacific women's soccer All-NWC selections, earning second team honors as a goalkeeper. Also a member of the Pacific women's lacrosse team, Hartmann was also a Capital One Academic All-District VIII selection in 2011.



**ROB DITTRICK '13**  
**BASEBALL**

The two-time First Team All-NWC pitcher spent the summer pitching for the Corvallis Knights of the West Coast League. Originally signed to a 10-day contract, Dittrick was elected by fans to the WCL All-Star Game and was the only Division III player voted by coaches to the league's postseason all-star team.

## quickfact



### GEAR UP

*Get your Pacific University gear at the new Boxer Nation Store! The new one-stop online store offers links to the Pacific University Bookstore, the Boxer Gear athletic store and the new Design Your Own Store. Get your textbooks, sweatshirts, game-day gear and so much more.*

► [pacificu.edu/store](http://pacificu.edu/store)

**GALA OF THE SUMMER** | Support Pacific's student-athletes at Legends 2013 on Aug. 25, at the Waverley Country Club in Portland. This year's Legends promises to be the most elegant event yet. Hosted by Tommy Thayer, KISS guitarist and Pacific University trustee, Legends will

feature star-studded company, fine dining, a lively auction and the one-of-a-kind concert only Legends can deliver.

► [pacificu.edu/Legends](http://pacificu.edu/Legends)

**GET DOWN TO BUSINESS** | The new College of Business at Pacific

University officially opens July 1. Initial offerings include undergraduate degrees in the areas of marketing, finance, accounting, international business, and business administration — programs previously offered within the College of Arts & Sciences — with graduate programs starting soon.

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## quickfact



## ZIP TO FOREST GROVE

*Zipcar, the world's leading car-sharing network, is now at Pacific University, offering two cars at the Forest Grove Campus. Students, employees and community members pay a minimal annual membership fee, plus an hourly or daily rental fee, to use the cars. The fees cover gas, insurance, reserved parking and up to 180 miles of driving per day. The service is expected to provide an affordable and sustainable transportation alternative for the campus community.*

## giving IN THE BUSINESS

**Nelson Olf** knows the significance of higher education, as well as its costs.

That's why the business faculty member established the Nelson Olf Business Management Scholarship, hoping it might help students overcome financial obstacles and strive for success in the business world.

"I love teaching. It's a matter of being able to provide wisdom as well as knowledge," Olf said.

"Teaching gives me a purpose for getting up in the morning. All my life, I've had a purpose for myself."

In the 1950s, Olf attended what was then Oregon State College on a Naval ROTC scholarship. He earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering along with a commission in the Marine Corps that took him to Japan and Puerto Rico, and eventually to Vietnam.

After Vietnam, Olf later earned his MBA from Portland State University by taking night classes while stationed in Portland. When he retired from the Marines, he worked for Diamond Industries and taught at Portland State, Linfield and the Oregon Graduate Institute.

He joined the faculty of Pacific University in 1994 and retired briefly in 2009, but he was drawn back to teaching.

"I gained a great deal of pleasure teaching here and want to help Pacific continue to be a fine university," he said. "Pacific has continued to do great things."

Among those great things is the establishment of the new College of Business, which Olf believes will open even more doors for students.

The college is starting with existing undergraduate degrees in accounting, finance, marketing, international business, and business administration, with graduate degrees in the near future. The curriculum will be grounded in the liberal arts and sciences with a strong focus on experiential learning, including international study, internships and student-developed microbusinesses.

Students coming out of the new college will benefit from the support of an internship and career placement counselor, who will help them find not only that first job, but the first step on their lifelong career path. ■

*By Karla Dubey '16*



**GIVE** At Pacific University, students don't just learn about business; they practice it. Undergraduates will gain global perspectives through international travel. They will intern at businesses and nonprofits. They will build their own self-sufficiency by creating a microbusiness.

Your investment in the Pacific University College of Business will help students bring their imagination, experience and passion to the world. Make a gift today.

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## brieflynoted

About 13 percent of undergraduates at Pacific University major in business, and the new college will enhance their learning experiences as curriculum focuses on a rich liberal arts base complemented by rigorous, real-world experience.

Students will be encouraged to study abroad and participate in internships and also will each create a microbusiness while on campus. The College of Business will seek accreditation from the Association to Advance College Schools of

Business — International, the most recognized accrediting organization. ► [pacificu.edu/lead](http://pacificu.edu/lead)

**CLINICAL EXPERTISE** | Pacific University's EyeClinic Cornelius moved to a new location within the

## honors & awards



**Mark Szymanski**, professor in the College of Education, recently developed an iPad app in collaboration with Pacific student Doug Niell '11 as part of the Algebraic Thinking Project, funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for Improvement of Secondary Education. Pacific is part of a consortium of Oregon universities taking part in the project. His app, a game known as Point Plotter, tests players' knowledge of the 2D coordinate system and the ability to recognize patterns.



**Sigrid Roberts**, assistant professor in the School of Pharmacy, received a \$40,000 grant from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon, supporting promising new investigators in biomedical research. The grant will support her research, Targeting Arginine Metabolism in *Leishmania* Infections. The *Leishmania* parasite causes devastating and often fatal disease in people worldwide.



**Jay Thomas**, late professor in the School of Professional Psychology, was posthumously honored with the 2013 Russell J. Bent Award for Distinguished Service and Contributions to the American Board of Professional Psychology. Thomas spent more than 13 years at Pacific University, where he helped found the master's degree in counseling. He was named Distinguished University Professor in 2010, retired in 2012 and passed away in September 2012.



**Dennis Smith**, professor in the College of Optometry, received the Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education. The award, presented by the American Optometric Foundation to one U.S. or Canadian optometry faculty member each year, recognizes an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in the education of optometry students and/or the advancement of optometric education.



**Juliet Brosing**, professor of physics, was named the 2012 Oregon Professor of the Year. She is the first faculty member from Pacific to be selected for the award, which is administered by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and CASE, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Brosing has been a supporter of project-based learning in the Physics Department, as well as summer camps introducing adolescent girls to physics and computer science.

**WATCH** a Boxer Tale video about Brosing and read more. [pacificu.edu/profofyear](http://pacificu.edu/profofyear)

## quickfact



**ED ASNER IS FDR** Watch the famed actor portray President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in a special one-man show as part of the Pacific University Performing Arts Series. Limited tickets are still available for the 4:30 p.m. presentation Sunday, April 21. Visit us online for additional details, or call the box office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 503-352-2918. [pacificu.edu/performing\\_arts](http://pacificu.edu/performing_arts)

Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in downtown Cornelius, Ore., in October. The new location more than doubles the space available for the EyeClinic and significantly increases the number of patients that Pacific faculty, students and clinicians

are able to serve. Also this spring, Pacific University opened its first EarClinic, offering audiology services for the public and clinical experience for students in the College of Health Professions' doctorate of audiology program.

**YOUR INPUT, TWO WAYS** | We want to hear from our alumni. We are conducting two surveys this spring. The Pacific Alumni Survey of Recent Graduates will be emailed in May to all members of the classes of 2008 through 2012. Please take

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## question & answer

**"How has your time at Pacific University contributed to your success since graduation?"**



### quickfact

#### LESSONS FROM MY GRANDFATHER

*Arun Gandhi spoke at Pacific University on Feb. 28, sharing the lessons he learned living with his peace activist grandfather, Mahatma Gandhi. "My grandfather used to tell us, 'Every morning, tell yourself you are going to be a better human being than you were yesterday,'" Arun Gandhi told a crowd of more than 1,000 people.*

► [pacificu.edu/magazine](http://pacificu.edu/magazine)



**PAUL BLANCHARD '84**  
PACIFIC ALUMNUS

"An education at Pacific is much more well rounded than you get at a bigger school. You aren't any one thing — a football player, or a physics major — you're all those things. I graduated 20 years ago, and I just had breakfast with my physics professors. You don't get that at a big school."



**FORREST BARNES '85**  
PACIFIC ALUMNUS

"At Pacific, I had the opportunity to interface with several different people and experience many things that you wouldn't experience in a small town in Montana. ... Your experiences and exposures really allowed you, when you left, to be able to work with all kinds of people. That's the beauty of a liberal arts education: You get to experience so many different things."



**SALLY MILLER '84, PT '86**  
PACIFIC ALUMNA

"I graduated in physical therapy, so I've been working for 26 years. Not quite retired. It completely contributed to all my success. I played softball for my time here. That taught me a huge amount about life and how to treat people. I made a lot of great friends, life-long friends."



**WARREN HIGA '64**  
PACIFIC ALUMNUS

"It gave me a broad perspective of life. It broadened my scope. Coming here was a totally new environment, and it opened up my eyes to how other people see things. On an island, you see a little spectrum. Here, it's so wide."

## brieflynoted

this opportunity to inform decision-making and shape the future of Pacific University. Respondents will be entered in a random drawing to win a variety of prizes. A second survey will specifically deal with this publication, *Pacific* magazine. The magazine

readership survey will be sent by email to a random sample of people who receive the magazine. Look for this survey invitation in your inbox in April and take a few minutes to let us know what you think of the magazine. Not included in the

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# voices

## Aloha Spirit

BY LACEY CHONG '11, MAT '12

THE ANNUAL LU'AU IS MORE THAN A FEAST. *It's a celebration of Hawai'i culture, a learning experience and a connection to home for Pacific University's many students from Hawai'i.*



### awai'i?

Why did you come to cold, rainy Oregon for college? I would have never left beautiful, sunny Hawai'i."

Upon arriving at Pacific University for my freshman year of college, I found myself having conversations like this one over and over again.

"Why not?" I would respond.

Having been born and raised in Hawai'i, I yearned to travel to learn more about different cultures and to see the world. I arrived at Pacific University with an open mind about the many personalities I'd meet in college and I desired to share a part of myself — my Hawaiian culture — with them.

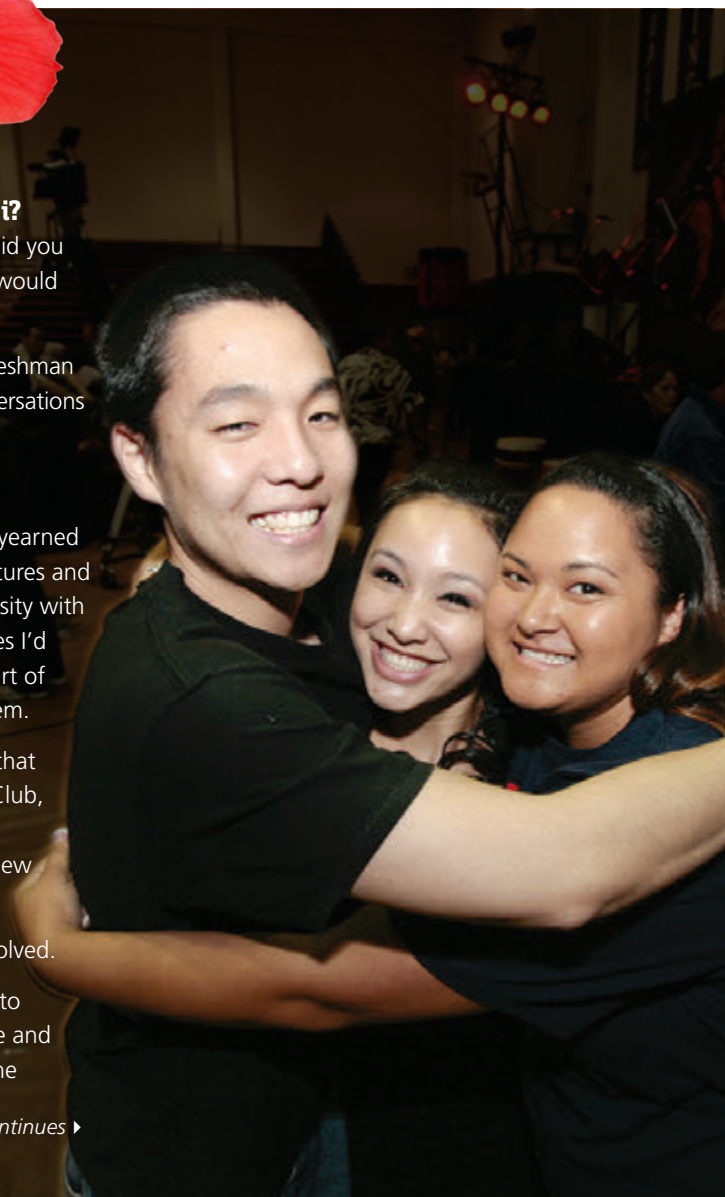
Before landing in Oregon, I already knew that Nā Haumāna O Hawai'i, Pacific's Hawai'i Club, hosted an annual Lu'au for its community.

I wanted to continue dancing hula, so I knew that I would make an effort to participate.

But I had zero interest in being heavily involved.

Imagine my surprise when I was recruited to choreograph dances, co-chair a committee and eventually serve as head chairperson for the 50th anniversary Lu'au.

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**NHOH and the Lu'au gave my classmates and me something to be proud of.**

Planning and preparing for the Lu'au begins almost immediately at the conclusion of the one before. In the fall, students gather to brainstorm ideas for their committees. They begin practicing their dances in February. They spend hours during and after rehearsals perfecting and memorizing dance moves that most have never experienced before.

For many of the NHOH students, the Lu'au is their first time in front of an audience and on a stage and — although most in the club are from Hawai'i — many never learned to dance the hula before coming to Pacific.

Lu'au enables students from Hawai'i to bring our home to Oregon, even if it's for

only one night. It is a time for students to teach their classmates from different states and countries about their culture. Hawai'i is a melting pot of ethnicities — Hawaiian, Japanese, German, Chinese, African American, Italian, Tongan, Native American, Filipino, Samoan and Caucasian, to name a few — and many students from Hawai'i represent those groups at Pacific.

The sights (flowers, dance, people), sounds (familiar songs, laughter), and smells (authentic Hawaiian food) that Lu'au brings to the Forest Grove Campus make the distance between Hawai'i and Oregon feel manageable.

For many, being at Pacific is their first experience living away from the comfort of their families. Lu'au encourages students to rely on each other for support. Many students from Hawai'i,

similar to other out-of-state students, do not have the luxury of doing laundry at home with Mom and Dad, and they rarely enjoy home-cooked comfort foods from the Islands.

The friendships students build in NHOH and during Lu'au give them time to grow and learn life skills, such as cooking, cleaning and time management. And, the club and Lu'au bring students from Hawai'i together to foster new friendships and help suppress the homesickness some may experience.

Lu'au is a lot of work. Every year, NHOH is blessed to receive help from faculty and staff who provide the club with their support and service. Parents



from Hawai'i and the mainland lend a helping hand in the islands and in Oregon, collecting donations, making costumes and bringing the Aloha spirit to campus with them. Most importantly, they continue to provide love and support for their children and for students whose families aren't able to make the trip.

Our fellow students who are not from Hawai'i get involved, too. They help serve food, and they welcome and seat guests for the performance. Many students bring their families and friends to partake in the celebration. Some even participate in the show: Pacific University offers a one-credit hula class during the spring semester, open to any student. Participants learn basic hula steps, phrases and a song, and the hula class number at Lu'au typically is the only one to use all-authentic Hawaiian implements.

Pacific University's NHOH annual Lu'au has evolved over the past 53 years. Today, it is a tremendous event encompassing a huge number of students and volunteers who create a wonderful meal and show for their community.

To have such a wonderful opportunity to grow as individuals and to learn about ourselves makes this endeavor worthwhile. We learn teamwork, cooperation, patience and humility. The work is hard and the hours long, but the lessons learned and friendships made — plus the happy faces seen after a job well done — are more than enough to keep us doing the Lu'au over and over again.

*Lacey Chong '11, MAT '12 participated in Lu'au as an undergraduate and graduate student. She now teaches young children at the Pacific University Early Learning Community and continues to help with Lu'au as an alumna. She taught this spring's hula class on campus.*

**TICKETS** to the 53rd annual Lu'au on April 13, 2013, may still be available. ▶ [pacificu.edu/studentlife/luau](http://pacificu.edu/studentlife/luau)  
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## Stage Success

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

**FRESHMAN YEAR EXPERIENCES** *at Pacific University introduced Sue Mach to the theatre. In January, the playwright opened two of her original works in Portland.*

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Sue Mach '86 dreamed of becoming a physical therapist when she left her home in Chewelah, Wash. — population 2,000 — in 1982 to attend Pacific University.

She and her plans took a detour, though, when she took English classes from now-retired professor Mike Steele and appeared in a three-character play her freshman year.

"They were kind of surreal experiences. Both opened me up," said Mach, who ultimately became an English major. "I think that was the turning point.

"I loved literature and I loved words. I had some really inspiring teachers at Pacific."

Mach has blossomed into an award-winning playwright. One of her plays, *The Lost Boy*, won an Oregon Book Award in 2012, and another one, *A Noble Failure*, has been nominated for the same award this year.

Both plays created a stir in the Portland media this winter when they premiered on the same night — *The Lost Boy* at Portland's Artists Repertory Theatre and *A Noble Failure* at the city's Third Rail Repertory Theatre.

After graduating from Pacific, Mach took the route of many would-be artists: waiting tables. When she was 30, she got a scholarship to attend Boston University, where she earned a master's in playwriting.

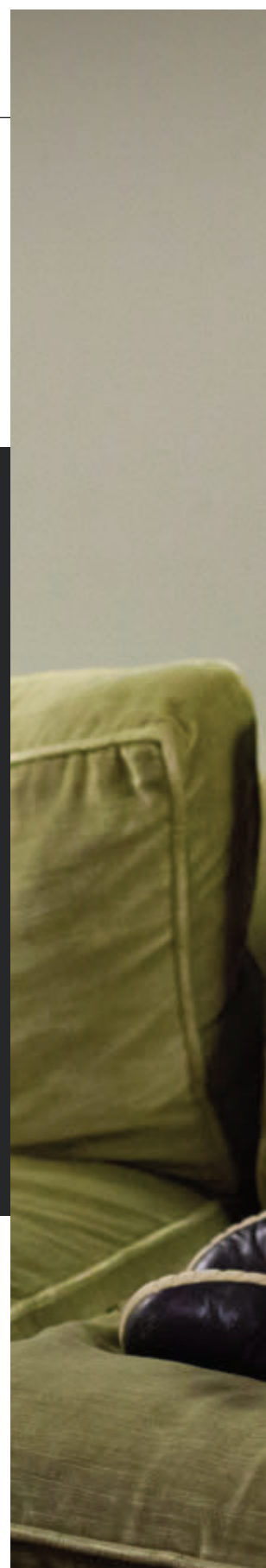
While writing is her passion, she also finds joy in her work as a teacher. For the past 15 years, she has taught a variety of courses, including English composition, drama literature and screen writing, at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City.



**SEE** more backstage pictures online.

At right, Logan Tibbetts-Martin portrays the title character in *The Lost Boy*. Near left, Sue Mach hugs an actor before the show, and, far left, another player prepares to take the stage.

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# a new hope

Rebecca Wilbur has had her eye on Pacific University's College of Optometry for almost half her life. She first got the notion of becoming an optometrist as a 14-year-old in an Alaska boarding school. As Pacific offered the program closest to Alaska, it became her goal.


Celine Yip just knew she wanted to go to college, as impossible as the feat sometimes seemed. "(My mom) knew money was important to education, and she knew she wouldn't be able to afford it."

For many of Pacific's students, the route to college — be it undergraduate or graduate — is far from easy. They scrimp and save, they do without, they rely on scholarships and loans not only for tuition but for living expenses, too.

Wilbur and Yip are among the countless Pacific students who come for more than an education—they come for hope for a different future, for themselves, their families and their communities.





A full-page photograph of Rebecca Wilbur, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple jacket and blue jeans, walking along a paved path on a green lawn. In the background, there are large trees and a red brick building.

**Rebecca Wilbur grew up in the Alaska Bush. That's where she hopes to return — with a doctorate in optometry — to serve her friends, family and community.**

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**Quinhagak is a village of about 700 people** in Southwest Alaska, on the edge of the Bering Sea. There's commercial fishing and a public school to provide work, but most people live a subsistence lifestyle. They hunt and fish, speak the native Yu'pik Eskimo language, and meld the traditions of thousands of years with limited modern convenience.

The nearest regional hub is Bethel, ninth-largest community in the state at 6,000 people. To get there, Quinhagak residents book a flight on a small six-seat plane (one that also makes deliveries of pricey store-bought goods), or they take a snowmachine across the tundra in winter or a boat upriver in summer.

Life in Quinhagak is physical, and it's familial.

"I grew up very different compared to most everybody I know," said Rebecca Wilbur, a first-year student in Pacific University's College of Optometry.

"As a family, we had to work for food — physically work. Running water is just being introduced. By age 10, I could haul a five-gallon bucket of water. I didn't think of it as different or difficult."

Everyone helped, because everyone was connected. Wilbur estimates she's related to about half of the village, and she grew up with 35 first cousins who were as close as siblings.

"People are so friendly, so nice," she said. "Even if they don't have much, they're the most giving people. I grew up with people who were very humble and ... in general, just good people."

It's a life she appreciates and misses.

"My favorite thing to do is be out in the wilderness, walking on the tundra, being upriver fishing and camping. My best memories are playing at the beach, looking at the commercial boats on the

ocean, sitting in a tent waiting for the rain to clear. Seeing wildlife and smelling the fresh tundra."

It's been a long time, though, since Wilbur has done those things. As much as she loves her home, she also knew that her opportunities there would be limited. That's why, at 14, she left home to attend a selective, government-run boarding school in Sitka, nearly 1,000 miles away.

"My parents agreed I needed a challenge," she said. "It was such a great experience as a young person to be around people who were so ambitious."

"It creates a momentum in you to continue to do better and better. I realized I could do something really great with my life."

It was in high school that she developed the dream of becoming an optometrist and studying at Pacific, as well as the idea of bringing those optometry skills back to her community.

She admits her plans wavered through her undergraduate years at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she changed her major a few times and also struggled to finish her degree with a newborn in her senior year.

"That just proves how anybody can finish school with a full load. If you can go to school raising a family, you can do anything you set your mind to," she said. "I managed to graduate. It's probably one of the harder things I've done."

**"It's so satisfying, knowing this is going to help me contribute back to my community, my region."**

**REBECCA WILBUR O.D. '16**



After graduation, she spent time working in Alaska, but she was never satisfied.

"It wasn't my dream, it wasn't my goal in life to do what I was doing," she said. "No matter how nice it would have been (to be done with school), something inside kept saying to keep chipping away. There was definitely a hunger inside of me to do something great, to do something better."

When she earned an interview for admission to Pacific's College of Optometry, she was ecstatic — and when she started classes this fall, she knew she was back on the track she had dreamed.

"Being around people with the same goal, the same dreams in life, it makes you want to wake up every day and go and learn the material and go to the lecture," she said. "The best part of school is when one person succeeds, everybody is cheering them on. It's so inspiring, even though it can be mentally draining and emotionally draining."

"Somehow, you get through it. It's so satisfying, knowing this is going to help me contribute back to my community, my region."

And that, always, is where Rebecca's focus lies. She hopes, after completing her degree, to return to Alaska with her husband and son.

For people in villages throughout Alaska, healthcare comes at a high premium. Doctors rarely speak the Native languages or come from within the Native cultures, nor do they work in the villages themselves.

The nearest medical center to Quinhagak, for example, is in Bethel, meaning a simple doctor visit can cost hundreds of dollars for a flight, not to mention food and lodging, for people in a limited-cash economy.

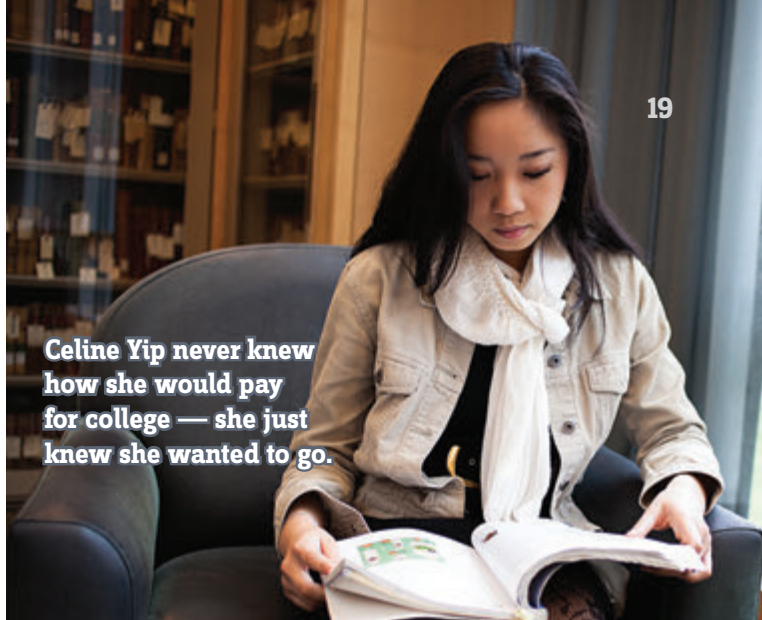
"They are sacrificing months of income to see you. I understand that, and growing up with that, it makes me feel obligated to give the best healthcare out there."

"I'm fluent in Yu'pik Eskimo, so that's a healthcare disparity I can overcome. I understand the culture, the body language. It's my culture, compared to someone coming in," she said.

"I have skills that many doctors wouldn't have in terms of language and coming from that culture, and understanding barriers and disparities is key to being a good provider."

Rebecca dreams of giving her son some of the same upbringing and family ties that blessed her childhood. But, she also knows that this time away has its purpose.

"I think I've sacrificed a lot in my life to be here. But I wouldn't have it any other way," she said. "I've lost these years (at home), but it's so worth it to me, because I didn't leave just to leave. I left to get an education, and it's going to be worth it when I'm done." ■



**Celine Yip never knew how she would pay for college — she just knew she wanted to go.**

**Celine Yip tried not to listen** when people put down her high school.

"It has kind of a bad reputation, an ungrounded reputation," Yip said of Jefferson High School, on the north side of Portland. "Pretty much that students are crazy and fight all the time, do drugs; there are security checks and low test scores."

The rumors, she said, aren't true, and they aren't fair.

"People don't fight all the time, and they won't jump you."

The reputation was uncomfortable enough that Yip's family encouraged her to leave Jefferson — but she returned after only a year at a nearby public school, saying Jefferson was the right place for her.

It was a good decision: Yip became the first recipient of a new scholarship for a Jefferson student to attend Pacific University — a scholarship that made a previously unlikely college education possible.

Yip was born in Los Angeles but spent the first couple years of her life in China. Her mother, she said, immigrated to the United States from Cambodia, by way of Vietnam, as a teenager. Her parents decided to raise their family — Celine, an older brother and a younger sister — in China.

When the couple divorced, though, Yip's mom brought the children back to the U.S.

"My childhood was a lot of different houses, a lot of different schools," Yip said, recalling the frequent moves in her early years.

Education was in the background, but it was always a tenuous possibility. Yip's mother had a couple years of college but quit when she got married. Yip's brother also went for a year or two, until he ran out of money.

"(My mom) wanted me to do well ... but she worried, I think," Yip said. "She had no way to pay for college for me. She let me know that early on."

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"When I was younger, everything about education was governed by money," she said.

For example, she said, "I loved to read, but my mom wouldn't want me to read too much, because we'd get library fines if the books were late. Extra clubs and things cost money, so I knew not to ask."

Yip didn't give up — she just looked for opportunities.

At Jefferson, she said, many of her friends from freshman year had dropped out after she returned from her year away. Asked if she was tempted to do the same, Yip is surprised; the thought doesn't appear to have crossed her mind.

"I think a lot of my friends were interested in college, but a lot gave up on the idea because they couldn't pay for it. They just didn't see it as an option," she said. "I couldn't imagine why someone wouldn't go (to college). If I hadn't gone, I wouldn't be challenged, I wouldn't constantly have something to do."

So she got a part-time job, painting henna body art at parties and at Portland's Saturday Market. She participated in activities at school, such as dance and drama. And she signed up for Jefferson's "middle college" program, a partnership with Portland Community College.

The program, optional when Yip was in school but now a part of the school's success plan for all students, allows high-schoolers to earn college credits at the nearby Portland Community College even before graduation.

"It was very nice, very, very nice," Yip said. "It would save me money, a lot of money. I wondered, 'Why isn't anyone taking advantage of this?'"

Still, the future looked uncertain when she started applying to colleges.

"I applied to Pacific at the suggestion of someone else. I wasn't planning to go," she said. "I had a feeling I wouldn't get enough financial aid, the package wasn't enough for housing and tuition."

Then, her guidance counselor told her that Pacific was working with Jefferson to establish a new scholarship for students in the middle college program. Established last June, the scholarship provides full tuition, room, board and books for one graduate of the middle college program each year.

Yip became the first recipient.

As a freshman, she is relishing the chance to explore her options. She's joined the dance team and helped a friend start a new art club on campus. She's considering a major in social work and a minor in Chinese (somewhat ironically, as it was her first language — "I learned it first, but we forgot it as we grew up," she said).

"So many people helped me," she said of her journey to Pacific.

"I know how lucky I was to have a free education.

"There are so many things available. I want to take advantage of everything." ■

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CELINE YIP '16





AT PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, students are looking for — or finding — ways to bring their spiritual practices to life on campus.

# Life of the Spirit

BY JENNI LUCKETT

📺 PARRISH EVANS, EMILY DUEKER

EYES CLOSE.

HANDS RISE.

BODIES SWAY,  
AS VOICES LIFT IN SONG.

At the front of the small auditorium, two young women lead the informal chorus, accompanied by young men on acoustic guitars.

The 20-some members of the Pacific Christian Fellowship will spend this Wednesday evening as they spend most: singing songs of praise, praying together and discussing the Bible.

They'll get together at other times of the week, too, in men's and women's small group meetings, for service projects, and in casual weekend activities. On Sunday, many will attend the neighborhood house church known as Refuge of Christ, which grew out of the student club.

In between, they'll go to class, eat and gossip about the latest episode of *Downton Abbey*, like the rest of their peers. *continues* ▶

**THERE'S A COMMON PERCEPTION THAT FAITH TAKES A BACKSEAT IN THE YEARS OF LATE ADOLESCENT,** particularly

for students on college campuses. But that's not really true, according to research. One seven-year study by UCLA, for example, found that while participation in religious ritual may decline in college, spirituality increases as students look for their place in a larger community.

This past summer, Pacific University opened its Center for Peace & Spirituality, in part to support students in that search.

The role of religion on campus has been a source of debate throughout Pacific's history. Founded by Congregationalist missionaries, in the tradition of several of the early East Coast universities, Pacific has Christian ties.

But for nearly 100 years, there was debate as to whether the university should be run by the church or independently.

Today, Pacific remains a member of the UCC Higher Education Council but is, for all practical purposes, a secular school — though the UCC's progressive bent on inclusion and diversity are deeply engrained in Pacific's mission and values.

Philosophy Professor Dave Boersema, who directs the new Center for Peace & Spirituality, said Pacific is a welcoming place for people of all faiths — but not always an easy place to practice those faiths.

Part of his mission is to work with students and employees to support their efforts to maintain their spiritual lives at Pacific.

Sarah Dufficy '14, one of the young women who lead singing at the Pacific Christian Fellowship's Wednesday Night Live meetings, finds an outlet for her faith in that club.

Dufficy grew up in a Christian household and was always involved in youth groups, but, she said, it was mostly a matter of habit and expectation. She came to Pacific intending to "do my own thing," she said.

A beginning-of-the-year barbecue sponsored by PFC, though, created a bridge from her childhood faith life to her adult practice.

"I felt connected right away," she said.

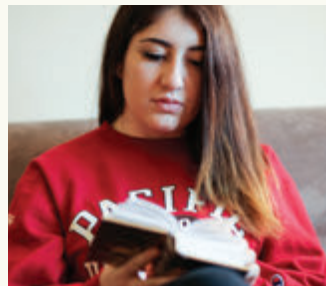
"Just having a community like a family here is a big part, because I am so far away from what I grew up with," she said. "That atmosphere of family is one thing I've enjoyed the last couple years ... even though we're not blood family, we can still have those relationships, that support of people ... people who continue helping me learn and challenge myself."

**THAT'S THE KIND OF COMMUNITY**

**MADELINE LAPPING '15** would like to create for herself and her fellow Jewish students at Pacific.

Lapping attended Jewish private school her whole life, speaks fluent Hebrew and has made two trips to Israel.

But when she came to Pacific, that part of her life slipped to the background. In her freshman year, she said, she didn't talk much about her faith. She went to class, joined the Alpha Kappa Delta sorority and got involved with her hall council.





She prayed quietly, admired her brother and friends who managed to eat a kosher diet at college (“I won’t eat pork, but I do love my shrimp,” she confessed) and cooked traditional foods at home, to the joy of her roommates.

“I would say, ‘Yeah, I’m Jewish,’ but I wouldn’t talk about it,” she said.

More and more, though, she started to feel disconnected from a critical part of her identity.

“I felt for other students who were Jewish like me, we needed family,” she said.

She recently formed a new student group, Hillel, which is connected to a nationwide network of Jewish campus clubs.

She hopes to offer community events to help more people have a better understanding of Judaism — “I was asked many times if I celebrate Thanksgiving,” she said. “I *am* American.” — and she wants to offer monthly Shabbats, which are end-of-week dinners on Friday nights, involving a ritual lighting of candles, prayer and sharing of a meal.

Right now, though, that’s been a challenge, as she would need access to a kosher kitchen, as well as space where a dozen people could share a meal.

“I can’t fit 10 to 11 people at my kitchen table,” she said. “And it’s illegal to light candles in my apartment.”

### **AHMED ALNASIR, TOO, SEES A CERTAIN LACK OF SPIRITUAL SPACE ON CAMPUS.**

He grew up in Saudi Arabia and moved to Texas with his sister. He chose to pursue his computer science

degree at Pacific in part because there isn’t a large Arab community here.

“I was looking to know more Americans, learn from them, not just the schools,” he said.

He’s appreciated the exposure to the English language and American lifestyle, and he said most people are very open to his Islamic faith. But, he said, he’s had to adjust, because he can’t complete the prescribed five daily prayer times on campus.

“There is no place for prayer on campus, so I wait until I come home,” where he may complete two or three of the sessions at once in a tiny apartment.

“It was a thing at the beginning, but I had to adjust myself,” he said. “I had no other choice.”

Alnasir takes the adjustment in stride. After all, he said, “(At home), we have Shias and Sunnis who will not hang out with each other. Here, most Americans don’t practice Islam, but they don’t have a problem with me practicing.”

But Boersema adds that Alnasir is not alone, and there are students — and employees — who could make use of even a small, shared space designated for spiritual practice.

“The campus experience is not just academics and classrooms,” Boersema said. “Students live here.

“We have space for sports, for music, for the arts. They need to feel (the spiritual) element of their lives is acknowledged and valued.” ■

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— AHMED ALNASIR





# *Citizen of the World*

**"A liberal arts education opens the window for a lot of exploring and searching. My hope is that people's faith can be challenged through the whole academic process."**

**KEN COLMAN '84**

**KEN COLMAN '84** considers himself a "citizen of the world." It even says so in the 1984 Pacific University Commencement program, where that's what he listed instead of a hometown.

Born in Iran, Colman grew up in Nepal, Thailand, Laos and Afghanistan, moving as his father was transferred to new posts in his job with the U.S. State Department.

Today, Colman lives in Renton, Wash., where he is a pastor with the United Church of Christ.

The ministry is a calling that Colman had recognized even before he came to Pacific University as a student, but one that few Pacific alumni share, despite the university's roots in the Congregationalist tradition.

Colman's family has always been connected to the UCC denomination. His ancestors (the Mather family) were among the Congregationalists who founded Harvard.

"There are a bunch of famous preachers in that family," he said.

Even as they traveled around the world, Colman said, his family remained active in their faith.

He remembers one of the most poignant experiences in his young life, living in Afghanistan during the coup of 1978.

"A soldier was killed in front of our house," he said. "That kind of flipped my world upside down in a huge way."

But it wasn't until later, after trying to pursue an engineering degree in Oregon State University then transferring to Linn-Benton Community College to explore

other options, that he started to think about the ministry.

"I spent six months trying to search out what I wanted to do," he said. "Then three people over the course of six months asked if I'd considered the ministry. I thought it was crazy, but when the third one said it, I started thinking."

He did decide to pursue becoming a pastor — but at another pastor's advice, he chose to start with a liberal arts degree at Pacific.

"He said, 'Go to a good liberal arts college and major in anything but religion. You'll get enough of that in seminary.'"

Colman was 21 when he came to Pacific, and his approach was to take any class that looked interesting. He eventually gravitated toward a sociology major and graduated with some 40 extra credits before going on to seminary.

While at Pacific, he attended the UCC church next to the Forest Grove Campus, where he later got married, and he helped in the youth group there.

On campus, though, religion wasn't a big part of student life. He attended a few gatherings of an evangelical student group but never felt it was a good fit. ("In the UCC," he said, "we don't push. We preach the gospel but only use words when it's necessary.")

It was the relationships he built with other students and with faculty, and the challenges he encountered to broaden his thinking that most grew his faith and his preparation for life after college.

He remembers, sadly, the death of philosophy and religion professor, Walter Reif, who had inspired him, and, in the same week, the death of another student, Brad Blair, who was pursuing the ministry.

"That was the only time I ever painted the (Spirit Bench), in memory of both Walter and Brad," he said.

He remembers, more fondly, the professors who pushed him to ask questions.

"What helped me most was probably sociology professor Byron Steiger, who was an atheist/agnostic," he said. "He challenged my thinking. I even had him speak at my ordination. I appreciated the questions I was able to ask. Faith is not about answers, it's about questions."

And, he said, he remembers his education every day now.

"The education I got at Pacific, I used it a lot in seminary, especially in ethics. I use my education every time I read the newspaper to critically look at what's being said or look at a news broadcast. I use a lot of my psychology."

Colman serves today as a member of the Pacific University Alumni Association Board of Representatives and returns to campus a few times a year. He said he hopes that students today gain — and appreciate — the same broad perspectives that he valued most about his education.

"A liberal arts education opens the window for a lot of exploring and searching. My hope is that people's faith can be challenged through the whole academic process," he said. "I think a liberal arts education is very helpful in that journey, wherever you end up." ■



# Love of Country

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

**Richard Harman '13** joined the Armed Forces in the shock and anger that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

"I wanted to join the Marines because I wanted to make a difference in the world after 9/11. I wanted to feel like I had done my part," he said.

"When my country called out, I wasn't going to turn my back."

Harman was among an 8 percent increase in enlistees in the U.S. Armed Forces in the three years following 9/11. He spent four years on active duty and another four in the reserves after returning to civilian life.

Today, he is a senior at Pacific University — at age 34 — with dreams of pursuing a career in physical therapy.

Nationwide, the number of veterans enrolled in colleges and universities is spiking, aided in part by the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Enacted in August 2009, the bill provides veterans with the most comprehensive education benefit package

since the original GI Bill of 1944, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

But the number of veterans today is still nowhere near those of the 1940s, and the men and women returning from service to go to school have been called, by some, one of the invisible minorities on today's college campuses.

Private schools like Pacific attract fewer veterans than community colleges or state universities. But in 2012-2013, 26 veterans and 36 dependents of military veterans are using Veterans Administration benefits to attend Pacific. Harman is among them.





# Answering the Call

Harman grew up in the small town of La Feria, Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico and the Mexican border. An active Boy Scout who rose to the rank of Eagle Scout, Harman nevertheless described his childhood as “rough.”

Harman earned an associate’s degree in network information management at a local community college and was completing an internship when 9/11 happened.

His outrage at the attack, combined with a poor job outlook, led him to the Marines.

“Because I was a little older, a little more mature than some of the 18-year-olds that had never been away from home ... I was put in a leadership role,” he said.

**MANY VETERANS** of the U.S. Armed Forces are among Pacific University’s students and alumni. It’s rare, however, for a student to be an active member of the military. Caleb Wistock ’14 chose to take last spring off of school to enlist in the Army and complete basic training. He’s back at school and serving in the reserves until graduation, when he will be eligible for officer training.

**PACIFIC UNIVERSITY’S STUDENTS AND ALUMNI** have a long tradition of military service. In the 1940s, the Forest Grove Campus was nearly devoid of men, as students went off to serve in World War II. In Fall 2010, *Pacific* magazine paid tribute to its WWII veterans in “The Last Rich Year.”

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He became a squad leader in boot camp, then in his platoon during active duty, rising to the rank of corporal.

He was sent to Djibouti, a small country of about 900,000 bordering the Red Sea. There, he worked on the electronics for different missile guidance systems.

After about a year, he was sent back to Camp Lejeune, N.C., where, among other duties, he coached others on shooting skills. He later spent four years in the reserves while working for Micron as a technician in Virginia.

He was planning a move to Oregon’s high-tech region —

though he didn’t particularly like his field — when a motorcycle accident landed him in the hospital. After three reconstructive surgeries, he found himself in physical therapy.

The attitudes of the physical therapists and aides who worked with him changed his direction in life, he said.

“I was going through physical therapy wondering what I was going to do with the rest of my life,” he said.

“I wasn’t getting any fulfillment ... I was going to work every day, not feeling that I was making a difference at all.”

One day, “I realized that the joy I could see on everybody’s faces, of ... I don’t want to say just helping people. Everybody says that. There’s more to it than that. There’s true joy in what they were doing.

“They thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought of my life and where I had come from — it was kind of what I was looking for.”

Harman did move to Oregon as planned and worked until he was admitted to Pacific University as an undergraduate. He hopes to eventually enter Pacific’s graduate program in physical therapy.

“I’ve met some really great people,” he said.

He’s found something of a niche in Pacific’s outdoor recreation program, Outback, where he says he has found some of the camaraderie he missed after the military. He has been a leader for several Voyages trips since his sophomore year.

Nearly three years ago, he led a five-day backpacking and canoe Voyage to Waldo Lake in the Oregon Cascades for some of the student athletes who came to the university as part of the football program. Although athletic, some of the students were inexperienced in the outdoors and a couple had never been camping.

“We did the best we could to make them comfortable and show them how great the outdoors was,” Harman said.

“We got along really well with lots of football talk.

“What’s really cool is the friendships they made in that Voyage. It’s neat to see that, to know that I helped create that. It’s very rewarding.”

Harman also has found leadership opportunities elsewhere on campus, as vice president of the Pre-Physical Therapy Club, on Student Senate and as a transfer student mentor.

He is majoring in exercise science with minors in psychology and outdoor leadership and plans to graduate this spring, though he intends to keep taking classes to improve his GPA and pursue subjects that interest him. He will apply to the School of Physical Therapy next year.

## Extended Education

Most veterans receiving education benefits use them, like Harman, to pursue undergraduate degrees, though some choose graduate school.

Paul Bradley, 28, is in his first year of Pacific’s physician assistant studies program.

“When I was younger, my brother broke his arm and a PA was the person who set it,” he said. “When we went back, a PA was the person who cut the cast off, and I said, ‘I want to be like that.’

“My mother said, ‘Oh, so you want to be a doctor,’ and I said, ‘No, I want to be a PA.’”

“Once I made the transition back into the civilian world, into the world of a full-time college student, I loved it. I loved every minute of it.” — **Marji Burniston ’98, OT ’01**

# “I was going through physical therapy wondering what I was going to do with the rest of my life.” — Richard Harman '13

Bradley, originally from Montana, spent five years in the Navy, joining in 2003. He served as a corpsman in a Navy hospital then became a medical lab technician through a year-long training program. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory sciences online from the University of Cincinnati.

The military, he said, adjusted his schedule to allow him to gain the lab experience required by the program.

He is using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits, along with Pacific's Yellow Ribbon Program — a supplement to help veterans afford private institution tuition — to pay for his schooling. In addition, he is benefiting from a new grant recently received by the School of Physician Assistant Studies to train military veterans for careers as physician assistants and to train PAs who will serve rural areas.

“No other school I applied to had the financial aid program that Pacific has,” Bradley said. “It is amazing.”

He is looking forward to the five clinical rotations in rural settings that are part of the new rural healthcare track within the PA program, he said, explaining that in small communities, PAs are the first line of medical care.

## Active Alumni

Military veterans were, of course, receiving education benefits even before the 2009 Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Marji Burniston '98, OT '01 and Carol Rymer O.D. '92 both had military assistance in earning their educations at Pacific — and both are using their Pacific degrees to serve in healthcare positions in the Army today.

Burniston joined up in 1983, a year after graduating from high school in Redmond, Ore. She spent 13 years as an Army mechanic, serving in Germany and Korea, as well as on domestic bases.

At the time, she said, the military was just a way to escape living paycheck to paycheck in a small town.

“I knew the Army was only a stepping stone for me, a secure fun place of employment until I figured out what I wanted to be when I grow up,” she said.

After 13 years, she left the military and came to Pacific, earning her bachelor's degree in psychology, at age 35, then a master's degree in occupational therapy.

“Once I made the transition back into the civilian world, into the world of a full-time college student, I loved it. I loved every minute of it,” she said.

She worked in the private sector for five years before re-joining the Army.

“Wow, Army life was very different from that I knew 10 years before,” she said.

She is the occupational therapy clinic chief at Moncrief Army Community Hospital at Fort Jackson, S.C. However, she is due to deploy to Afghanistan this spring for a nine-month tour of duty, likely at the Concussion Care Center,

where she would work with soldiers who have sustained mild to moderate traumatic brain injuries.

“We rotate into various positions which may require us to specialize in that role,” she said. “We find ourselves constantly treating ‘outside the box,’ creating very specific treatment plans and interventions to a very specific need.”

“We have treated amazing injuries, illnesses and mental health conditions that are not typical nor common to the civilian patients seen outside the Army.”

Carol Rymer, meanwhile, joined the Army after her first year of optometry school at Pacific, when military scholarships for optometry students were suddenly reactivated in 1988. The scholarships would supply money for tuition, living expenses, books and more, provided she spend three years on active duty.

“It was a fantastic opportunity and program,” she said.

She was on active duty for six weeks each year while in school, allowing her to look at different kinds of optometric practices — and to discover that she especially enjoys hospital-based optometry.

In her more than 20 years with the Army, she has served in Colorado, Texas, Pennsylvania, Oklahoma, Hawai'i, North Carolina, and overseas in Korea. Currently, she is at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, as the southern regional medical optometric consultant and the chief of optometry services.

She also is something of a pioneer: Two years ago, she became the first woman optometrist to earn the rank of “full bird” colonel in the Army.

“I feel really lucky and honored by the recognition. It is a humbling experience,” she said — one made possible by the opportunities she found along her path, all the way back to the scholarship that got her started.

“I had really good opportunities along the way. I took advantage of challenging jobs that came along the way, put my best effort into the responsibilities and was able to work on and complete some very big projects,” she said.

“When they threw opportunities my way, I took them on.” ■



Marji Burniston '98, OT '01, left



Carol Rymer O.D. '92

## Western History

BY WANDA LAUKKANEN

*HISTORY IS FLOURISHING at the Pacific University Archives and Special Collections repositories.*



**he Archives recently became home to pioneer items** donated by Pacific

University Trustee Ken McGill. The donation includes two chairs, likely dating from the 1850s, along with a handwritten note from McGill's late mother, Edith Hansen McGill '30.

One of the chairs, with a leather thong seat, "was brought West in a covered wagon in the 1850s when Uncle Jim & Uncle Levi Martin (my mother's uncles; her mother's brothers) came West," she wrote.

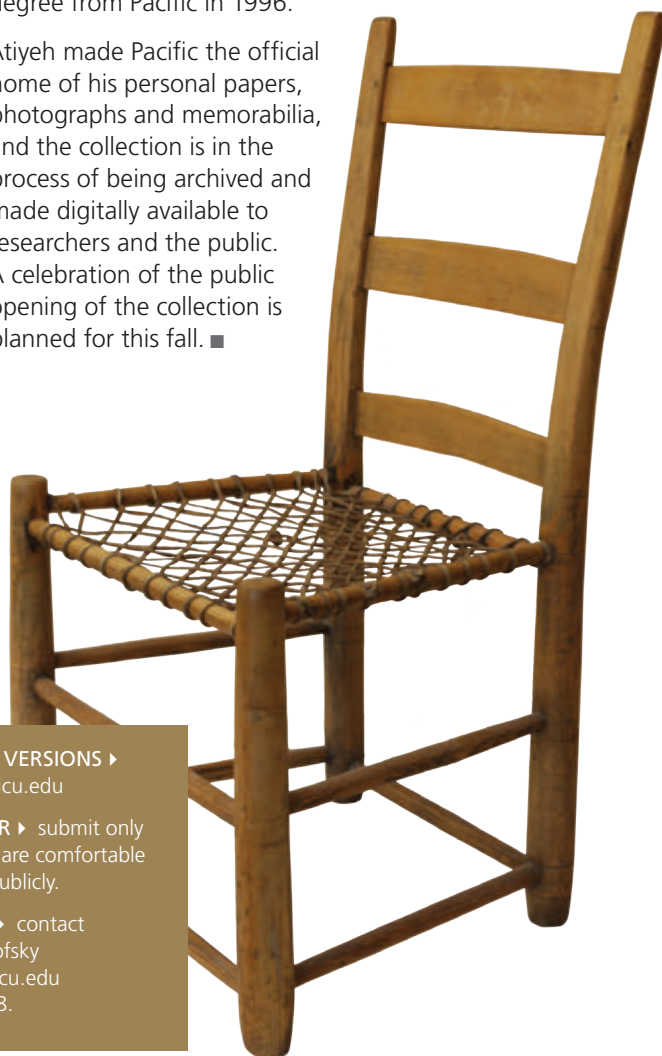
Pacific's archivist, Eva Guggemos, notes that Edith McGill's great uncle Jim Martin was a Civil War veteran and that the brothers were part of a pioneer family who moved from Virginia sometimes between 1800 and 1820, eventually settling in what are now Oregon's Washington and Yamhill counties.

"We do not know how old the chairs are," Guggemos said. "But it's possible that they journeyed with the family from as far back as Virginia."

Pacific's archives include not only historical artifacts from the university's past, but also from the history of the region. Another notable recent addition includes

the complete papers of former Gov. Vic Atiyeh, who is a Pacific University trustee emeritus and received an honorary degree from Pacific in 1996.

Atiyeh made Pacific the official home of his personal papers, photographs and memorabilia, and the collection is in the process of being archived and made digitally available to researchers and the public. A celebration of the public opening of the collection is planned for this fall. ■



**Share your memories with Pacific University.** We are seeking letters written by or to students during their years at Pacific University, or journal entries marking their time here.

The submissions will be archived and made available to the public, possibly in the form of a dramatic theatre production.

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# class notes & profiles

BY KARLA DUBEY '16 | CLASS NOTES EDITOR

1940

**Howard Horner** and **Grace Horner '41** were featured in *The Oregonian* celebrating their successful 70-year marriage, sharing their story about how they met at Pacific University and their common love for music.

1944

**Donald Foelker** was featured in May 2012 in the Salem, Ore., *Statesman Journal* after dropping by a display of military uniforms in the Capitol Galleria and sharing his story from World War II. Foelker enlisted in the V-12 Navy College Training Program just before the attack on Pearl Harbor and started his education at Pacific University.

1951

**Norman Pierce** welcomed his 10th great-grandchild on Oct. 24, 2012.

1953 **REUNION**

1958 **REUNION**

1962

**Frank Mossman O.D.** recently retired from practice after a fire significantly damaged his Vancouver, Wash., vision clinic.

1963 **REUNION**

1964

**Jerry Greenfield** taught English at Miyazaki International College in Japan for 12 years and retired in 2009. Before moving to Japan, he taught photography at a number of universities. His documentaries and photographs have been displayed at public collections in the United States. He has served on

the advisory board for Pacific's Berglund Center for Internet Studies.

1967

**Barbara (Martin) Benson** is retired and living in Washington, following a career full of adventures in the sky as a flight attendant and as an occasional substitute teacher. Barbara lost her husband unexpectedly four years ago. Her old English sheepdog, Angel, was one of the greatest joys in her life.

1968 **REUNION**

**Brishen (William) Hedgebeth**

**Minns-Currier** was briefly involved with the Peace Corps in Ethiopia before he went to work for the City of Portland Police Bureau as a records manager. He spent many years working in a civil enforcement office for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle. Most recently, he worked as a grants administrator for the New York Office of Parks in Albany. He retired in 2010.

1973 **REUNION**

1976

**Benson Medina** married Zeada Pachecano on Nov. 22, 2012.

1978 **REUNION**

1979

**Hugh Alexander** and his wife, Mary Sue, spent three weeks last spring backpacking in Patagonia. He currently works as an automotive illustrator and is a professor of illustration at the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design in Denver.

**Kenneth Berk** recently became a grandfather upon the arrival of his daughter Michelle's twin girls.

1982

**Denis Holmes '82, O.D. '84**

was named president of the Optometric Physicians of Washington (OPW) at its annual membership meeting Sept. 27, 2012. Dr. Holmes has a solo practice in Bellingham, Wash., and has been an active member of the OPW since 1984 and the American Optometric Association since 1981. Dr. Holmes' father, **Robert Holmes O.D. '51**, is also an alumnus and founder of the practice in Bellingham.

1983 **REUNION**

1984

**Ken Colman** received a Take Action Against Domestic Violence Award for his participation in organizing the Men's March parade for the past 10 years.

1988 **REUNION**

1991

**James Au** was awarded the Poncho's Solar Outstanding Educator Award in February 2012, based on an essay written by his eighth-grade student. He was awarded a \$5,000 gift card to spend on school supplies.

1993 **REUNION**

**Chase Milbrandt** welcomed triplets into his family.

**Jeffrey Williams** served in the Forest Grove Police Department from 1994 until February 2011, when he accepted

a position as police lieutenant with the city of Beaverton. He now is captain of Beaverton's Administrative Services Bureau.

1994

**Patrick "P.K." Higa** was named athletic director of King Kekaulike High School on Maui, Hawai'i. He has been at the school for 15 years, serving as a teacher, vice principal and, most recently, as the head football coach. He currently resides in Pukalani, Hawai'i, with his wife, **Terilyn Antonio-Higa '95**, and children, Josh and Jami.

**Jonathan Pahukula** is currently vice president of KIAKO Foundation, an organization working to educate people about the Hawaiian culture. They held their first Ho'omoana in 2012, a three-day summer camp for first through sixth grade children taught by native and non-native Hawaiian experts.

**Kayrin Perkins** married Jon Westcott on Oct. 13, 2012.

**Dana Ziskrout '94, O.D. '97**

competed with his team, Crushing Fist, at the United States International Taekwon-Do Federation (ITF) National Qualifier, a black belt-only invitational, in March 2012. He won two gold medals and one silver medal. In August 2012, Ziskrout competed with Team USA in the ITF World Championship in Ottawa, Canada, and secured his position among the sport's best as he won two silver medals and one gold medal.



**Paul Berman O.D. '75**

was honored at the White House on Oct. 2, 2012, for his work as founder and global clinical adviser of the Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes program, in which volunteers provide vision tests, as well as protective sports goggles and prescription eyeglasses as needed, to all Special Olympics participants. Dr. Berman developed the program in 1991, during his term as president of the AOA Sports Vision Section, and the Lions Clubs International Foundation assumed sponsorship in 2001. A widely recognized sports vision practitioner, Berman has a practice in Hackensack, N.J., and has received many professional recognitions for his work.



**Chad Toomey '94**

has accepted a firefighter position with the Forest Grove Fire Department. Toomey has worked at the Pacific University Outback since 1997 and also served as a volunteer firefighter. "It is such a privilege to be accepted into this fine staff of professionals," he said. "At the same time, I will be saying farewell to a wonderfully supportive organization — Pacific University. These are exciting times!"

## community

1995

**Christy Aleckson**

was nominated and installed to the National Board of Directors for Women in Insurance and Financial Services. She also sits on the board of the local Portland chapter of WIFS, where she is a past-president and current chair of the programs committee. She works at Single Point Financial Advisors.

**Suzi Buchanan MAT**

recently received a grant from the FedEx small business contest to support her business, Humdinger Kettle Korn.

1996

**Sara Kearsley**

graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 2011, and recently joined the Evers Law Office in Hillsboro. She practices elder law and estate planning, with a focus on public benefits planning. Her two children keep her busy when she is not at work.

**Kara (Moore) Kuh**

became the new public relations manager for Travel Salem and the Willamette Valley Visitors Association (WVVA) in October 2012. She and her husband, Tom, live in Salem.

1997

**Billy Merck '97,**

**MAEd '03** and his wife, Kat, welcomed Felix William Merck on Nov. 20, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

1998 **REUNION****Rebecca "Becky"**

**Weaver** began a Britain Postdoctoral Fellowship in August 2012 at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

1999

**April (Wilson) Hammel**

and husband Michael welcomed their first baby, Cooper Justice Hammel, on April 22, 2012.

**Elias Ashton**

and wife Shirly Hsu-Ashton welcomed their son, Jase Benjamin Ashton, on Nov. 28, 2012. He was 7 pounds, 12 ounces and almost 22 inches long. Jase joins big sister Isabel.

4 **Berina Woods**

and **Joel Tuttle O.D. '07** were married Dec. 23, 2011, at the Calvary Chapel Corvallis. Berina has been teaching dual immersion elementary

20.5 inches. He joins big brother Porter.

6 **Kanani Kagawa**

**Fu** welcomed daughter Rayn Kealoha Fu on Nov. 11, 2011.

**Rhiannon Gagnon**

married Kevin Rowe on Sept. 8, 2012.

**Dave Graves** married Ashley on April 29, 2012.

**Angela (Luty) Kays**

and her husband, Steve, welcomed daughter Kiley Ann on Dec. 28, 2012.

**Ashley (Parducci)**

**Kirkcaldie** and husband Adam welcomed Gemma Taylor Kirkcaldie on Nov. 18, 2012. She was 8 pounds, 8.5 ounces and 20 inches.

7 **Matt**

**Lengwenus** and **Liz (Good) Lengwenus '05** welcomed son Thomas "Tommy" Rolf Lengwenus on Aug. 18, 2012. Thomas was 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

**Hrisavgi (Kondolis)**

**Mangum** and husband Daniel welcomed their daughter, Anastasia Sophia Mangum, on July 13, 2012. Anastasia weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and 19.5 inches.

**Russ Meuff** is now employed full time at the University of Idaho, where he will teach courses in media studies. He is excited to say that it is a stepping-stone to tenure track in the next few years if he fits in well with the Journalism and Mass Media Department.

**Diana (Shimazu)**

**Pennington** and husband Bryan welcomed their daughter, Emily, on June 27, 2012. Emily was 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 inches.

**Jill Remiticado** married Howard Uyeda on Dec. 12, 2012.

**Brad Kauder Psy.D.**

earned board certification in clinical neuropsychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. He has a private practice in Ashland, Ore., and provides clinical and forensic neuropsychological services.

**Jeff Roberts MAT**

became the assistant principal at Seaside (Ore.) High School in August 2011, and head football coach in January 2012. Prior to moving to the Seaside School District, he taught and coached in the Tualatin, Sherwood and Parkrose school districts. He, wife Nissa and daughter McKenna live in Gearhart, Ore.

2000

3 **Erica Long**

married Jeff Sawyer on Aug. 18, 2012.

2001

**Jennifer (Bulosan)**

**Armstrong** and husband Travis welcomed baby Shiloh on Feb. 5, 2012. Jennifer owns and works as a consultant at Kaia Consulting.

**Heidi (Killian)**

**Hackenjoes** and husband Joey welcomed August Joseph on Sept. 1, 2011. August was 5 pounds, 1 ounce and 18 inches.

**Nancy Pickering '01, MAT '06** married Cameron Jack on Aug. 12, 2012.

**Molly (Estrin)**

**Richardson** and her husband, Erick, welcomed Dahlia Everly Richardson, on Jan. 15, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Dahlia joins big sister Lily.

**Michelle (Mann) Rom '01, MAT '02** and husband Scott welcomed their son, Bradley Scott Rom, on July 31, 2012. He was 8 pounds, 9 ounces and 20.5 inches.

**Matthew Seidel** and wife Janet welcomed baby Tristan Michael Seidel on Aug. 5, 2012. Tristan weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

**Tiffany (Misner)**

**Winkles** recently accepted a job as an accountant at Pittman & Brooks in Tigard, Ore.

school and working with international students. Joel worked with a Lasik surgery center for the last five years.

2002

**Jake Elliott** has a new job with Edward Jones.

**Krystofer Glover** and wife Jennifer welcomed their son, Oliver, in September 2012.

**Kathy Gordon** married Adam Orange on Aug. 1, 2012.

5 **Sara (Thornton)**

**Hendricksen** and husband Matt welcomed son Holmes Avery Hendricksen on July 9, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

**Jon Small '02, MAT '07** and wife Laura welcomed their son, Noah Worzniak Small, on June 2, 2012. He was 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches.

2003 **REUNION**

**Dave Avolio** and wife Lauren welcomed son Chase Henry Avolio on Sept. 26, 2012. He was 8 pounds, 4 ounces and

## 2004

**Ryan Jones** married Charity Schweikert on Oct. 6, 2012, in Idaho.

**Paige Marchus** married Ben Stewart on July 14, 2012.

**Shelan McClung** married Dave Stritzke on Sept. 9, 2012.

**Erin (Hanada) Millard '04, MAT '05** and **Darin Millard '03** welcomed baby Levi Koichi Millard on July 31, 2012. Levi was 7 pounds, 6.5 ounces and 20 inches.

**Michelle Muraoka** married Andy Oda in June 2012.

**Jennifer (Kranich) Rice** and her husband, Daren, welcomed Henry David Rice on Dec. 10, 2012. Henry was 9 pounds, 13.3 ounces and 21 inches.

**David Slick** and **Megan (McKay) Slick '04** welcomed daughter Hanna Juliana on Sept. 27, 2012. She was 9 pounds, 7 ounces and 21 inches. Baby Hanna joins big brother Simon, born November 2010.

**Kelvin Tang O.D.** and **Kylie Smith** welcomed their second child, Logan Wyatt Tang, on Oct. 11, 2012, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

**Joe Wilbur** and wife **Claire** welcomed their daughter, **Scarlett Wildfire Wilbur**, on Aug. 13, 2012. Scarlett was 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches.

**Jade Wilcoxson PT** was named Velo's Domestic Road Breakthrough Rider of the Year for 2012. She has put her physical therapy practice on hold and is now a cyclist for Optum Pro Cycling.

## 2005

**Andretta (Journey) Schellinger** graduated from Hawai'i Pacific University in June 2012, with a master of arts in diplomatic and military studies.

**Alison Buccat** married **Branden Kawazoe '06** on June 23, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki in Honolulu. The wedding party included alumni **Kerilyn (Kawazoe) Chuang '03**, **Kasey (Chun) Kehoe '05**, **Kari Ann Hata '05**, **Stephen Abang '06** and **Ross Akimoto '06**. Alison is a dentist in Pearl City, Hawai'i, and Branden is a teacher at Assets School and attends Chaminade University for his master's in school counseling.

**Scott Haselwood** married **Aubrey Lindstrom** on Dec. 12, 2012.

**Matt Jensen SPP** founded ExecuFeed, a leadership coaching firm, in Bend, Ore.

**Natasha Snyder** married **Sean Wynn** on July 28, 2012, and welcomed son **Connley Elwood Wynn** on Feb. 15, 2012. Connley was 8 pounds, 12 ounces and 21 inches. They are currently living in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Sara (Myers) Ward** earned her doctorate of physical therapy from Creighton University in 2008 and works as a physical therapist with RehabVisions in Washington. She is married to **Patrick Ward** and their daughter, **Olivia**, was born Dec. 27, 2011.

## 2006

**Justin Arnold** recently accepted a position as chair of the Washington County

Young Democrats and is working to increase youth participation in elections.

**Kelly Curtan** received her master of arts and sciences from the University of Southern California and currently teaches fifth grade.

**Colin Kambak** and **Emily (Hobizal) Kambak '08** welcomed daughter **Claire** on Sept. 17, 2012.

**Jeremy Kelley '06, MAT '08** married **Melissa Wastenev** on July 28, 2012.

**Deborah Kerlinger** is working toward her master's degree in college student personnel administration from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y., and expects to graduate in May 2013.

**Tyler Kobayashi** married **Nohelani Kunishige** on June 15, 2012.

**Sunny (Ross)**

**Mancuso** and her husband, **Damien**, welcomed their second child, **Bram Altair Mancuso**, on June 27, 2012. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21.5 inches.

**Alanna Martin** graduated a year ago with a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington and was elected to the board of directors for the King County Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

**Matt McCord** married **Katie** on Aug. 11, 2012, in Hood River, Ore.

**Christopher Vander Meulen** married **Maria Walters '09** on Sept. 22, 2012.

## 2007

**Matt Beil '07, MAT '08** and **Kara Lanning '07** welcomed **Oliver Ray** on Jan. 9, 2013. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

**Jessica Brown** married **Brad Gomes** on Sept. 3, 2012.

**Jeannine Hall Gailey MFA** is now the poet laureate of Redmond, Wash. She is working with the Seattle Arts Museum and will start a Redmond Reads Poetry project in her mission to expose everyone to poetry. Her two books of poetry include *Becoming the Villainess* and *She Returns to the Floating World*, which won the Florida Publishers Association Presidential Award.

**Ami (Heaton) Halvorson O.D.** and **Kirk Halvorson O.D. '07** welcomed son **Henry Noah** in May 2012.

**Aida Meneses** married **Dave Tribbett** on June 12, 2010, at the Nunan Estate in Jacksonville, Ore. **Erin Bayne '08** was maid of honor and **Jessica Brown '07** was a bridesmaid. **Dave** and **Aida** live in Medford, Ore. The couple welcomed their son, **David Alexander Tribbett**, on May 7, 2012. He was 4 pounds, 5 ounces and 18.5 inches. **Aida**

works for the Medford School District and is currently teaching Spanish at Hedrick Middle School.

## 2008 REUNION

**Juana Diego** welcomed her third child on Jan. 27, 2012. Juana earned her master of library and information science degree in 2009 and is working toward her Ph.D. in philosophy of library and information science.

**Meghann (Rogers) Eames** and husband **Brian** celebrated the birth of their son, **Koalton**, on Sept. 1, 2012.

**Paula Gilster '08, MAT '09** married **Jacob McNicol** on Nov. 3, 2012, at the Molly Brown Summer House in Denver. McNicol is originally from Texas.

**PJ Griess** and **Lea Schaffer '11** married in Sandy, Ore., on July 29, 2012.

**Matt Gustafson** has accepted the position of assistant athletic trainer for Guilford College in North Carolina.

**Kelly (Sirles) Helm** and husband **Bradley** welcomed **Josephine Virginia Helm** on Sept. 30, 2012. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 20.5 inches.

**Chris Lee** married **Sei Kim** on June 16, 2012.

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## community

**Amanda (Beagle)**

**Lepley MAT** and husband Andy welcomed Katielynn Ann Lepley on July 25, 2012. She was 9.2 pounds and 20.5 inches.

**Jason Nishakawa**

married **Lindsey (Huston) Nishakawa '09** on Aug. 25, 2012, at Camas Meadows Golf Club. Alumni in the wedding party included **Kelly Yoshinaga '08, Ashley Bishop '09, Mandi Feucht '09, Carlene (Smith) Lynch '09, Jordan Fisher '09** and **Brian Pan '09**.

**Kristina Stevens** married Jonathan Fleming during the summer of 2012.

**Shannon Tanabe**

married Jordyn Fong on Dec. 1, 2012, in Hawai'i.

**Amanda Tripp** married Tavis Johnson on June 29, 2012, in Montana.

 **15 Ashley Truchan** welcomed daughter Ka'aona on July 2, 2012.

**Joe VanDomelen**

married Erin on June 26, 2010, and they had their first daughter, Madelyn Ann, on June 28, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

**Traci Yamashita** and **Parker Bode '09** welcomed their son, Carter Kanekoa Ieyasu Bode.

**Adriana Zuniga-Hall**

**MAT** and her husband, Jarvez Hall, welcomed daughter Faye on Oct. 15, 2012. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.


**2009**

**Justine Aguilar '09, O.D. '12** married Matthew Siegry on Oct. 11, 2012. She also was one of 19 optometry students awarded the 2012 Varilux Student Grant Award.

**Tyler Andre** married Sara Fledermaus on July 26, 2012.

**Hayley Atkinson** earned a master's in education in school counseling from Lewis and Clark College in 2012 and took the position as a guidance counselor in the Klamath County (Ore.) School District.

 **16 Ross Bartlett '09, Psy.D. '14** and **Amanda Loupin '09** were married Aug. 3, 2012, at Zenith Vineyard in Salem. Among the wedding party and guests were **Joel Lampert '05, MS '08, Psy.D. '10, Erin Dustrude Lampert '05 PT '08, David Maile '10, Kyle Stonelake '10, Lincoln Monroe '10, Randy Bolick '11, Heather Ritenour '10, Gerold Howe '09, Meredith Brynteson '08, Lindsey Costley '09, Kristen Mathis '09, LeMar Anglin '12, Caitie Curtis '09, Jenna Scribner '12, Rachel Schreiber '15, Carson Bartlett '12, Steve Reed '88, Kelsey Rodas '09, Kelsey Owens '09, Kristin Kondo Storfa and Lance Kissler.**

 **17 Marshall Cook** and **Amanda Corbridge '09** married July 29, 2012, at Lee Farms. **Sarah Conkey '09, MAT '11, Mandi Feucht '09** and **Ashley Bishop '09** were bridesmaids. **Nick Byrd '09** and **Andrew Wolfe '10** were groomsmen.

**Garold Howe** and wife **Rochelle (Reeves) Howe '11** welcomed daughter Taylor May Howe on Sept. 9, 2012.

**Erica Lee** was crowned the 2013 Miss Hawai'i Chinese Queen.

**Kristen Mathis** recently started the master of healthcare administration program at Pacific


University. She works as an office manager at Serenity Hospice, where she hopes to use her future degree.

**Nick McNeely** married Mindy Brakebush on July 28, 2012.

**LeAnna Nash** earned a master's degree in book publishing from Portland State University in November 2012.

**Carlene Smith** married Fredrick Lynch on June 3, 2012.

 **18 Kasey Stroud PT** married Jeff Webber on Aug. 11, 2012, in Rufus, Ore. **Shelley (Reitmann) McCabe '06, PT '09** was a bridesmaid.

 **19 Dylan Taylor** married **Lauren Barnard '11** on June 28, 2012. Alyssa Keith, **Amanda Butkovich '12, Annika Taylor, Gina and Heidi Hauptman, Adrian Shipley '09, MEd '11, Casey Nishimura '10, David Maile '10** and Ryan Lawrence were among the wedding party. He is finishing his master's in biology from Villanova University, and she is seeking a master of arts in museum studies at the University of Kansas.

 **20 Reggie Torres** married Ola Nite on June 9, 2012.

**Jen (Hansen) Walsh** and husband Roman welcomed Norah Marie Walsh on Dec. 20, 2012. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

**2010**

**Suzanne Denker MHA** took a project manager position with the Veterans Affairs Hospital, where she will work in the

Primary Care Clinic as the administrator for health care research.

**Spencer Haddock** and **Haley (Fritz) Haddock '10** welcomed daughter Vivienne Alexandra Skye Haddock on June 29, 2012. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

**David Maile** recently had a paper accepted by The International Communication Association.

**Miranda McNealy** married AJ Yancy on June 24, 2012.

**Fred Westereng PA** has been named executive director of Missoula Medical Aid, a nonprofit organization working with rural and impoverished communities in Honduras.

**Ashley Witter** works for Wells Fargo in the fraud and risk prevention group. She and her partner, Nate Clester, bought their first home last winter, celebrated their daughter Abigail's first birthday in September 2012 and plan to be married this spring.

**2011**

**Rachel Beck** married Jake Steward on Aug. 4, 2012, and recently started teaching band and choir at Redmond (Ore.) High School.

**Jefferson Bethke** married Alyssa Joy Fenton on Oct. 27, 2012.

**Veronica Duman** welcomed her first granddaughter, Reiny Eidolon Whitcomb, on Oct. 26, 2012. Reiny, daughter of Veronica's daughter, Rose, was 7 pounds and 20.5 inches.

**Kirsten Meyer PT** married Brett Shelby on Sept. 22, 2012.

**Heather Sappenfield**

**MFA** won second place in the Writers Digest Contest in the children's/young adult fiction category for the novel she is currently working on.

 **21 Stephanie Vanoudenhaegen** married Trask Henningsen on July 21, 2012.

**2012**

**Cassie Baralt DHS** was married to Bryan Button on Aug. 7, 2011. Baralt was recently appointed secretary of the Oregon Dental Hygienist Association for 2012-2013.

**Korina Kaio-Maddox**

worked with **Alexa Block '13** and **Molly Trotter '12** to produce short news segments about outdoor events in Oregon, which aired on KGW's Grant Getaways in late May 2012. She is moving to South Korea, to teach English.

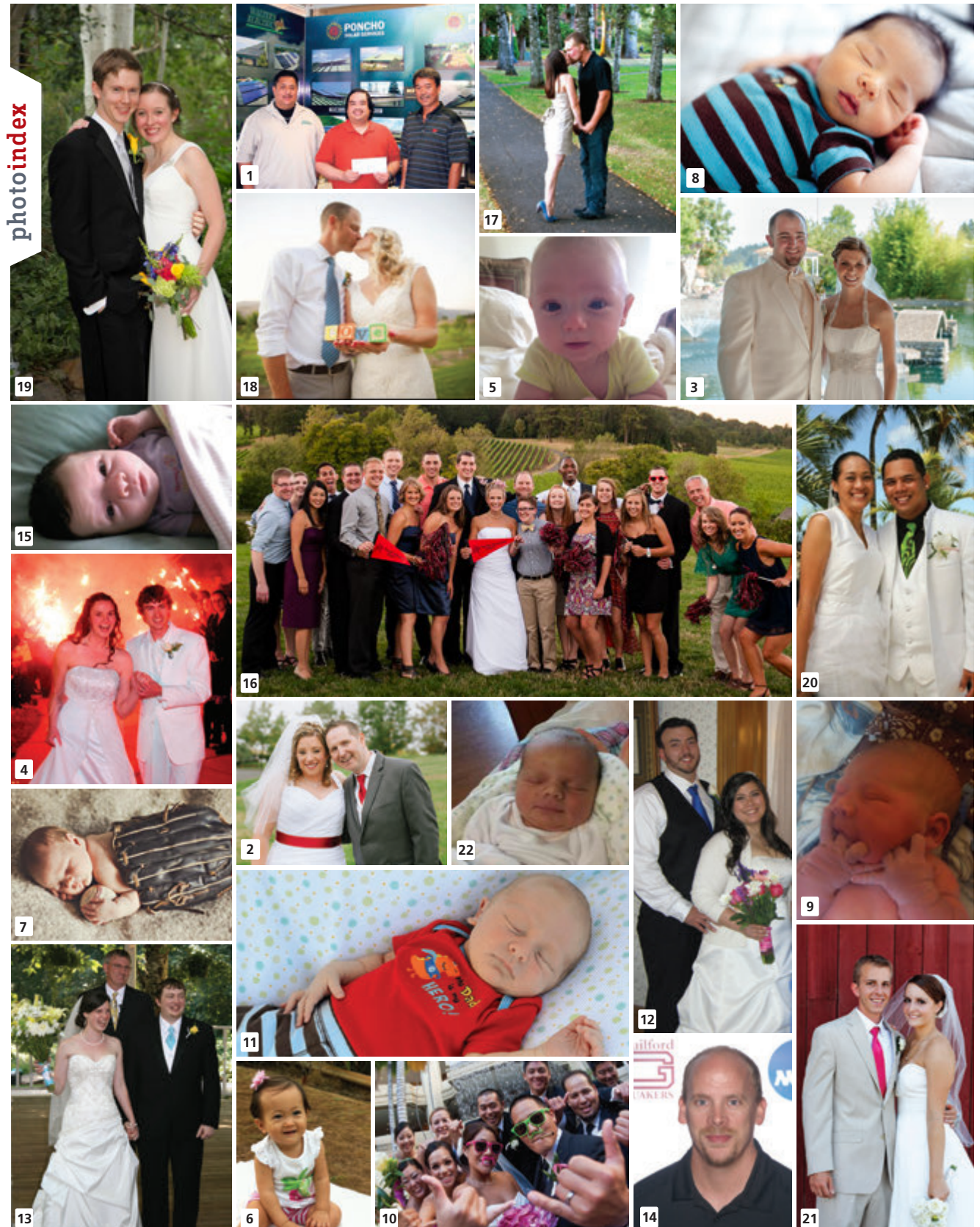
 **22 Shawn Thompson MHA** and his wife welcomed their son, Owen Hoyt Thompson, on Nov. 28, 2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 21 inches.

**Molly Trotter** received a full-time position as general assignment reporter at KTVL News 10 in Medford, Ore. She signed a three-year contract and began work in August 2012, just three months after graduating from Pacific.

**Jeremy Warner Pharm.D.** moved back to Phoenix for his job at Walgreens.

**Caleb Werner** married **Kasey Fisher '13** in June 2012. They both have been accepted into Pacific University graduate programs. ■

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## in memoriam

### Friends

#### Corinne Evelyn Scott

died Oct. 7, 2012, at the age of 86. She earned her bachelor of arts in mathematics in Iowa in 1948. She and her husband, John A. Scott, lived in Iowa, Ohio and New Jersey before moving to Gales Creek, Ore. The couple later divorced. She was a case worker for

the Department of Aging Services in Oregon and retired in 1991. She was a member of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church, the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters. She enjoyed following baseball and attending meetings of the Red Hat Society. She was preceded in death by

her son, J.D. Scott. She is survived by her children, Thomas Paul Scott, Mark Scott and his wife Sandi, Mary Bess and her husband James, and Amy Scott; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### 1946

#### Thomas "Tom"

**Howard Robb Sr.** died Oct. 9, 2012. He was 88. Robb graduated from North Bend (Ore.) High School in 1942 and joined the Seabees. He served in the Pacific during WWII. After his military service, he attended Pacific University, where he was a member of the basketball team and Gamma Sigma and served as president of his freshman class. While at Pacific, he met and married Patricia **Ann Vernon Robb '45**, with whom he spent 67 years. He later received a degree in education at Lewis & Clark and master's degrees in history and public administration. He was active in Boy Scouts with his sons, in the Boise Education Association and in the State Retired Educators Association. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Carolyn. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; children, Thomas Robb Jr., **Suzanne Robb '70**, Stan Robb and Kristine Powell and their families; two grandsons; four nieces and six nephews, including **Heidi Tennyson Psy.D. '10**.

### 1947

#### Geraldine "Gerry" A. (Bennet Pace) Sherson

died April 16, 2012, at the age of 89. Sherson majored in music at Pacific University. She

was married to Terry M. Pace for 35 years until he died in 1983. She was then married to fellow student **Jerry Sherson '44** for 25 years until his death in 2010. She is survived by brother Layton Bennet; children Bonnie Delight, Loren Pace and Layton Pace; and three grandchildren.

### 1949

#### Katharine Merle Drew

died May 12, 2012, in Shoreline, Wash. She was 85. She grew up in Great Falls, Mont., where she loved to hunt and fish with her father. She met her husband, **Lelan Drew '49**, during their freshman year at Pacific University. They married in 1950. Her joys were her children, camping, crafting, singing, baking and playing cards. She is survived by her husband; children Steve and his wife, Alison, Mike and his wife Molly, David and his wife Geri and Penny and her husband Jeff; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

### William "Allan"

**Pollock '49, O.D. '50** died June 24, 2012, at the age of 92. He joined the Army in 1942 and was honorably discharged as first lieutenant. He then attended Pacific University and graduated with a doctorate in optometry. He practiced as an optometrist for 38 years. His wife, Maxine, died in December 2012. They are survived by two children and four grandchildren.

### 1950

**Mou-ta Chen MAEd** died Dec. 4, 2012. He was 90. Born in Sichuan, China,

he also graduated from Chongqing, the University of Wyoming and New York University. He held various government positions in China before coming to the United States, where he was a professor of mathematics at the State University of New York at Brockport. He enjoyed Chinese poetry, classical music, history and current events. He was active in the Capital Senior Center at Maxcy Gregg Park.

### George Whitfield

**Johnston Jr.** died July 22, 2012, at the age of 85. After graduating from Pacific, he served the Army for one and a half years until receiving honorable discharge in 1946. He then married Margaret E. "Marge" Thornburg and moved to Hillsboro in 1964. Johnston worked as the office manager for the Portland Office of Willamette Industries for 33 years until retiring in 1987. Johnston is survived by his wife, two daughters, brothers and sisters.

### 1956

**Alan J. Johnson '56, O.D. '57** died Sept 20, 2012. He received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army in 1945 and went on to obtain his doctor of optometry degree from Pacific University. Johnson practiced optometry in his hometown of Yakima, Wash., for 30 years. He is survived by his sister and two nieces.

### 1958

**Rev. James Baber** died Aug. 6, 2012, following a battle with ALS. Baber attended Pacific University

### Dan French '56, MS '64

French died Nov. 14, 2012, at his home in Indian Wells, Calif. He was 78. A standout three-sport athlete at Pacific in the 1950s and longtime men's basketball coach and athletic director, French was a member of the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame.



During his undergraduate years at Pacific University, French was a four-year letter winner in football, basketball, and track and field, but he especially stood out on the hardwood. He held the Pacific career record for rebounds until 2010 and ranks fifth on Pacific's all-time scoring list. He was inducted into the NAIA District II Hall of Fame in 1968.

He served two years in the U.S. Marine Corps before starting a teaching and coaching career at Hillsboro High School. In 1960, he became Pacific's head men's basketball coach, a position he held for 12 seasons. He led the Badgers to a second-place finish in the Northwest Conference in 1962-1963, and his 117 wins were the most in school history until 2001-2002.

He served as Pacific's director of athletics and chair of the physical education department from 1965 to 1972 and came back to the court in 1982-1983 as interim coach for 14 games.

He and his wife, Varina, moved to Borrego Springs, Calif., in the late 1980s, where French coached football and worked at Ram's Hill High School.

He is survived by his wife, Varina Heinrich French, who also served as a Pacific coach and physical education faculty member and holds her own place in the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as by son Daniel V. French and his wife, Hayley; daughter, Laurie Lund and her husband, Kurt; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



before following his father's footsteps into the Congregationalist ministry. He later returned to Oregon, where he began working for the Department of Human Services. His 23-plus-year career included working with children and families at Children's Services offices in Marion, Polk and Linn counties. He met his first wife, **Janet Zimmerman '58** at Pacific, and later was married to Carla Durfee, then to Sally Pagen Preston. He is survived by his widow, Sally; his sister, Myrt Latta; his children, Marc Baber and Karen Lenore; stepchildren, Joe Preston, Michael Preston, Marcy Janes, Julie Morgan and Dennis Durfee; and eight grandchildren.

## 1960

**Eric Hollien** died on July 5, 2012. He married Bertie L. Evens in 1957, and celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in November 2011. He is survived by his wife, their four children, seven grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

## JoAnn C. Holliday

**Rock** died Jan. 6, 2012, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. A native of Forest Grove, Rock attended Pacific University, where she met her husband, **Carl Rock '63**. After graduating, she worked at the Beaverton School District before the couple moved to San Mateo. She received a master's degree from San Francisco State University and spent 35 years as a professor at the College of San Mateo. Her last

## Sarah Virginia Lasky MAT '03

Lasky died Oct. 11, 2012, at the age of 35, due to a brain tumor. While attending Pacific University, Lasky earned her master's of arts in teaching. She taught at Brookwood Elementary School and R.A. Brown Middle School in the Hillsboro (Ore.) School District. She also was an accomplished musician who belonged to the Greater Portland Flute Society and the Brooklyn Music Society. She is survived by her parents, grandparents and extended family.



## Ellen Peirce Bump '40

Bump died Jan. 21, 2013, at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro. She was 98. She attended Pacific University and earned a degree in social work in 1940. She worked in the law offices of D.D. Bump in Forest Grove, and he encouraged her to study law at Northwestern School of Law, now Lewis & Clark Law School. She passed the bar in 1937 and worked as the only juvenile court worker in Washington County for two years. In 1942, she married **Kenneth Allen Bump '41** in San Luis Obispo and they returned to Forest Grove where she became a partner in the law firm of Bump, Young and Walker and served as a lawyer for 43 years. She was active in many civic and community groups. She also was a member of the Forest Grove United Methodist Church. She also was a long-time friend and supporter of Pacific University. She is survived by her husband; their son, Daniel and his wife, Kathryn; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a large extended family. Her family suggested remembrances in her honor be made to Pacific University.

## Rhoda Irene Mills '39

Mills died July 25, 2012, at the age of 94. She graduated from Forest Grove High School in 1935 and from Pacific University in 1939. She taught English, French, bookkeeping, girls' physical education and music at Corbett (Ore.) High School from 1940 to 1942. She took a break from teaching to join the Navy in 1942 in the midst of World War II. She earned the rank of ensign and was assigned to a unit responsible for commissioning warships launching in the Portland and Astoria areas. She was honorably discharged in 1946, but was called back to duty during the Korean War in the 1950s. She remained with the reserves until 1977, when she retired as a lieutenant commander. In the meantime, she earned a master's degree in education in 1955. She taught business, coached tennis and advised the rally squad for more than 20 years, traveling the world during her summer breaks. When she retired from teaching in 1977, she volunteered for 13 years at the Naval Marine Corps Training Center at Swan Island. She is survived by her nephew and niece, Fred Haney and Kathy Gentemann and their families. The family suggests remembrances be made to Pacific University.

position was as head of the Cooperative Education Department. She was preceded in death by her son, Robert, and husband, Carl. She is survived by her daughter Kristin and grandsons Zachary Carl and Jasper James.

## 1961

### James Lee Stevens O.D.

died on May 29, 2012. After graduation, Lee joined his father's practice in Grand Junction, Colo.

Later he practiced for 12 years in Utah before returning to Colorado. While attending Pacific, Lee met and married **Mimi Gonigam '61**. Lee and Mimi had two children, Mark and Karen. They were later divorced. Lee married Kay Dalrymple in 1973, in Ogden, Utah. They moved to Boulder, Colo., where she assisted in his practice. He retired in 1998 following quintuple bypass surgery.

## 1964

### Robert Troy Lindley

**O.D.** died Aug. 26, 2012, at the age of 73. He practiced optometry until his retirement in 2003. Lindley and his family enjoyed traveling and spending summers at their lake house. He was preceded in death by his brother, Dean Lindley, and nephew, Alan Lindley. He is survived by wife Lorena, sons, daughters, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## 1965

### John C. Romig

died on Oct. 14, 2012. While attending Pacific, he was president of the Gamma Sigma Fraternity. Romig received a master's in business administration from the University of Oregon in 1967 and worked as marketing manager for Caterpillar Tractor and First National Bank of Oregon.

## community

## 1966

**Douglas Manning** died Feb. 29, 2012. He was 67. He earned his bachelor of science at Pacific then attended the University of Oregon Medical School. He spent a 36-year career as a medical technologist at Coquille (Ore.) Valley Hospital. He was an outstanding athlete and member of the track team at Pacific. Throughout his life, he remained an active outdoorsman.

## 1969

**Marcia Ellen Byers-West** died Aug. 3, 2012, at the age of 65. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Gina Haynes and Mari Stenhaus; her parents; two sisters; and five grandchildren.

## 1979

**Sam Arashiro** died Dec. 17, 2011. Arashiro proudly served almost 30 years of government service with the County of Kauai Parks and Recreation Department as a recreation leader utilizing knowledge and skills he learned as recreation management major at Pacific University. He is survived by wife **Jennifer Arashiro '81** and daughters **Cory '11**, Cody and Casey.

**Katherine Lou Selmar '79, MAT '84**

died July 20, 2012, at the age of 56. After obtaining her bachelor's and master's degrees in reading and elementary education at Pacific University, she studied in New Zealand at the University of Auckland for a year. She spent her career as an elementary school teacher in Forest Grove for 20 years. Selmar is survived by her husband, daughter, parents and sister.

## 2003

**Dereck Anthony Juden** died June 29, 2012, the age of 38. At Pacific University, he majored in creative writing. For the past eight years, Juden worked at The Kroger Company regional headquarters office in Portland as a help desk manager. He is survived by his wife, Wendy, parents, brothers and sisters.

## 2009

**Constance Bese MAT** died June 28, 2012, after battling breast cancer. After completing her master's degree in special education, she worked as a teacher. She is survived by her husband, Richard, her five stepchildren, and nine step-grandchildren.

**Jay Thomas**

Thomas, professor emeritus in the Pacific University School of Professional Psychology, died Sept. 24, 2012. He spent more than 13 years as assistant dean of the School of Professional Psychology and director of the school's counseling program. He was a dedicated teacher and mentor and helped found Pacific's master's degree in counseling. In 2010, he was named Distinguished University Professor. He received professor emeritus status in Spring 2012, following his retirement.

**Leonard W. Gilman '41**

Gilman died June 27, 2012, at the age of 94. Gilman is the only football player in history to be selected to the Northwest All Star team four years in a row, and he was honored three times as a "Little All American." He also was a Golden Gloves boxer, a baseball pitcher, and set track records that still stand today. He entered the U.S. Border Patrol in 1941 as a horse patrol officer, but interrupted his career for World War II, serving as a naval air gunner. After returning to the Border Patrol, he stopped the first hijacking of a commercial jet in the U.S., earning accolades as a national hero and receiving special commendations from President John F. Kennedy. He retired in 1970. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Maxine Gilman '42**. He is survived by his wife, Mary Gayle, sons Lance and Brent, stepson James, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Pat (Akin) Koenig '65**

Koenig died Sept. 6, 2012, after struggling with illness for quite some time. At Pacific University, she was a member of the Theta Nu Alpha sorority. She earned a full scholarship at Pacific in the Speech Department for the Debate Team and graduated with a bachelor of arts in speech/speech pathology. She went on to start her own speech therapy business in Seattle. She married Jerry Koenig in 1967 and enjoyed traveling before starting a family. Pat went into residential real estate when their daughter was young and had a successful career for 30 years. She is survived by husband Jerry; daughter Tiffany; and two grandsons.

## 2012

**Geoffrey John Clow** died Jan. 25, 2013, at his Portland home after a battle with leukemia. He was 40. He was attending

Pacific University to earn his doctorate in physical therapy. He was a member of the Class of 2012, though his illness delayed his graduation. He is

survived by his partner, Kindra Scanion; mother, Susan Van Arsdale; sister Jennifer Leathers; and nieces Maya and Zoe Leathers. ■

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