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## Lasting Legacy

Whether it began last century or last month, the Pacific connection runs deep for alumni families

 PARRISH EVANS '11

*Pacific University students and faculty provide free dental health care — and a little entertainment — at the annual Give Kids a Smile event. Pacific offers a two-year bachelor of science in dental hygiene through its recently renamed School of Dental Hygiene Studies. ▶ [pacificu.edu/DHS](http://pacificu.edu/DHS)*



## letter from the president



**They say they came to Pacific because it felt like home. They say they stayed for the people, the caring faculty, the family feeling.**

- LESLEY M. HALLICK

Every legacy begins somewhere.

In this issue of *Pacific* magazine, we meet some of the legacy families of Pacific University.

These are families who bleed Boxer red, families who have sent generation after generation to Pacific to be part of the Boxer Spirit.

Some have been part of the Pacific family for generations: At least 14 members of the Smith family have attended the university over the last century. (See page 16)

For others, the tradition is newer: Carl Richardson '86 was the first in his family to attend college, and his youngest son, Avery Richardson '17, is the first to follow his steps to Pacific. (See page 20)

They came from different backgrounds on the way to different futures: law enforcement, teaching, medical school, optometry.

What they share, though, is a common experience — the Pacific experience.

They say they came to Pacific because it felt like home.

They say they stayed for the people, the caring faculty, the family feeling.

They say they took with them not only the skills to pursue their dreams, but relationships that would last a lifetime.

Today, new legacies are starting at Pacific.

They are starting with students like Eddie Carrillo '15 (page 21). Eddie's parents came to the United States from Mexico looking for more opportunity. Eddie is the first in his direct line to attend college, and 26 members of his family attended May Commencement to celebrate his graduation and his acceptance into graduate school.

Perhaps one of Eddie's cousins, or someday his children, will follow him to Pacific.

Regardless, Eddie is already a legacy. He, and the Smiths, and the Richardsons, and the Humphreys (page 24), and each of you, are the legacies of Pacific University. You, our alumni, are the story we tell, the mark we leave on the world.

Thank you for choosing to be part of the Boxer family and for sharing in the legacy of Pacific University.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley M. Hallick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lesley M. Hallick, President  
president@pacificu.edu



editor's letter

### My son believes he is rich.

Every penny he picks up on the street, every dollar the Tooth Fairy sneaks under his pillow, he stashes away in his collection of piggy banks. "So I can go to college," he says.

He's certain he must have close to enough by now, not only to attend college but also to take me traveling around the world.

He is 5.

I don't know what colleges will look like in 10 years, nor how much money he will need. I don't know what path will be right for my children; we'll let that develop as they grow.

But I am excited that he already values education, and I am excited that he's building a connection to Pacific, from attending preschool on campus to walking over to watch sports or picnic under the tall trees.

Because I have no doubt that the Pacific experience is one he would cherish — as do all the alumni I speak with. In this issue of *Pacific*, I got to meet families who have been connected to this university for generations, as well as ones who have just embarked on this venture of higher education.

No matter their background, they shared the same memories: the welcome and sense of family, the support and friendships, and the opportunity to build their own legacy for the future.

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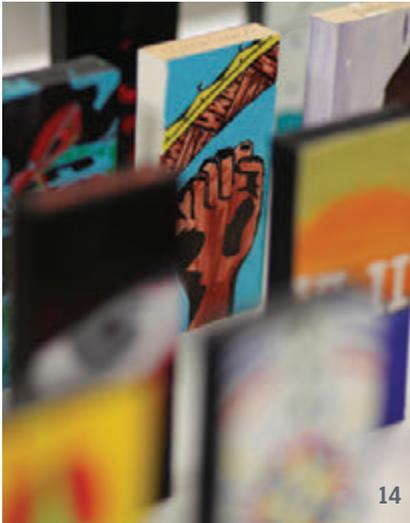
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**GIVE** | Give the next generation the gift of Pacific University by supporting the Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

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Eddie Carrillo '15 is fulfilling dreams, for his family and himself. The son of two Mexican immigrants, Carrillo just earned his bachelor's degree and was accepted to Pacific's School of Professional Psychology.

**GIVE** | Every legacy starts somewhere. Help students get a Pacific University education with a gift to the Golden Guard Scholarship for first-generation students.

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The Humphreys put the 'family' in Family Eye Care. Denis Humphreys OD '74 started the practice, which now includes his son and daughter-in-law, both Pacific optometry alumni, and three others.

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## readers' words

Thanks to an outpouring of support from alumni and friends, Pacific University won the title of Portland's Best Sports Logo this winter in an online challenge by PortlandSports.com.

The five-round bracket tournament (played entirely online through a system of daily voting) pitted local colleges and universities against professional and amateur teams throughout the metro area.

And we won!

We think our Boxer design is pretty cool — but we also think that you were showing support for more than a logo.

These are a few reasons you said you voted for Pacific.



### CRYSTAL (FITZSIMMONS) MILLER '02

*The Pacific logo represents all of us no matter who we are, when we attended, who we know that attends, or regardless of what the experience means to each one of us. That's a powerful thing to be a part of and that is why I voted! Go Boxers!*

### KEN COLMAN '84

*I have held Boxer, I have sweat and bled for Boxer when I was there. I dreamed and worked for new visions for the Boxer community. I still volunteer to help recruit for new students. I love the new logo as it reminds me of the education that I received at Pacific to this day. Am grateful for all that I have received and all I can return.*

### KELLY (KWAI) MORGENTHALER '00

*I voted because Pacific has provided me with a great education, unforgettable memories and lasting friendships. Go Boxers!!*

### RACHAEL LIVINGSTON PT '17

*Who doesn't love the Boxer! It's a symbol of a great education, a family of scholars and an ongoing lifetime of learning. Go Boxers!*

### MELANIE RAE LOUGHMAN '19

*I voted for Pacific because it is my top school and I am so proud to tell people I am going there next year and that I will be a Boxer!!*

### STAN REASONER

*I voted for Pacific's logo because of their continued support of the communities around their campuses! Keep it up! Go Boxers!*

## events calendar

### JUNE

- 26** Alumni Reception & Class of 1975 Reunion  
*American Optometric Association, Seattle*
- 27** PUB Night with Professor Lisa Sardinia

### JULY

- 11** Alumni Night with the Hillsboro Hops
- 15** Golden Guard Luncheon
- 16** Boxer 'Ohana Reception  
*Mid Pacific Country Club, Kaneohe, Hawai'i*
- 16-19** 25th College of Optometry Victoria (B.C.) Conference

### AUGUST

- 9** Alumni Night with the Seattle Mariners
- 14-16** Occupational Therapy Class of 2005 Reunion
- 30** Alumni Night with the Eugene Emeralds

### SEPTEMBER

- 14** Portland Area New Alumni Brunch
- 26** Football Pre-Game Party  
*Occidental College*

### OCTOBER

- 2-4** Homecoming
- 26** Football Pre-Game Party  
*Whitworth University*

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## Now in Business

### PACIFIC'S FIRST GRADUATE STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

*earned their degrees at Commencement in May. The 11 graduating are among many Pacific alumni finding success in their fields.*

**When Sukhmeet Chhabra** came to Pacific University, she was seeking a new career in a new field.

Chhabra worked in sales and marketing at home in India, but wanted a change after moving to the United States. Her husband worked for Intel in India and in Hillsboro, and the company had appeal for her, as well.

She had taken finance courses as an undergraduate, and she tried a few classes at Portland Community College and UCLA.

Pacific's new Master of Science in Finance Program, she said, offered a quick and convenient route to achieving her goals at a longstanding university with a solid reputation.

"Pacific fit the bill," she said.

Chhabra attended classes on Fridays and Saturdays every other week in Hillsboro, and she said the small cohort of students and the knowledgeable professors made for an ideal learning experience.

"It was fun to see people of different backgrounds and different fields," she said. "It was quite an interactive class where everybody had an opinion. There was a lot of support and interactions between the professors and students."

The 11 MSF graduates completed classes in December and were among the nearly 700 undergraduate and graduate students who earned their degrees at Commencement on May 16.

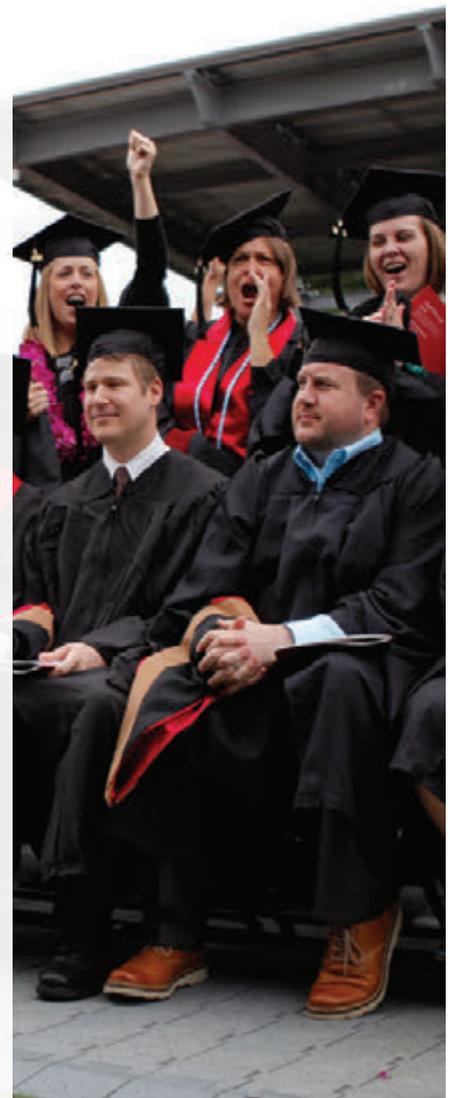
By that time, though, Chhabra had already been with Intel for about five months, working in financial accounting in the corporate finance office.

"It's the most interesting and technical part of accounting," she said.

The learning curve is steep, but her experience at Pacific gave her more than just business skills, she said; it also gave her the confidence to know she can succeed.

"I learned a lot more about myself during this phase," she said. "I know I will be able to achieve results by giving my 100 percent." ■

**SEE** | Photos from May Commencement  
 ▶ [magazine.pacificu.edu/commencement](http://magazine.pacificu.edu/commencement)



## transitions

**Gregory Wintz PhD, OTR/L** has been named director of the School of Occupational Therapy in the Pacific University College of



Health Professions. He will begin his appointment at Pacific on Aug. 31, succeeding John White, who has directed the school since 2003 and will continue as a

professor in the school. Wintz comes to Pacific from Eastern Washington University, where he has chaired the Occupational Therapy Department, served as associate professor since 2004 and was actively involved in the University District Health Clinic. He also has collaborated with the clinic's communication disorder, dental hygiene, occupational therapy and physical therapy programs, resulting in a creation of a new College of Health Science & Public Health. He previously was director of rehabilitation of Shriners Hospital for Children and served as founding program director of occupational therapy at Idaho State University.

### Rick Whiteley

has retired after 29 years on the faculty of Pacific University. A long-time chemistry professor, Whiteley has been involved in the design and development of batteries for the Hubble Space Telescope, the International Space Station, and for



several communication satellites that employ lithium ion technology. His research interests involve developing and applying methods of evaluating batteries, and he has offered years of students the opportunity to engage in research at his side. Students and colleagues say that chemistry majors "become real chemists" through his analytical chemistry lecture and lab. Whiteley is among 10 long-time Pacific employees who retired this spring. [▶ pacificu.edu/2015retirees](http://pacificu.edu/2015retirees)

### Blake Timm

'98 has moved on from his position as Pacific University's award-winning sports information director after 16 years. Timm has been the public face



of Boxer athletics, supporting student-athletes and the university's varsity and emerging junior varsity sports programs. Timm was the first two-time winner of the Jack Sareault Award, the Northwest Conference's Sports Information Director of the Year title, winning in 2005-2006 and again in 2010-2011. His coverage of student-athletes and events has won numerous awards. He has been a leader in his profession, serving on the CoSIDA Board of Directors, and in the community, as an active member of the Rotary Club of Forest Grove. Timm is now assistant commissioner for communications for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, a Division II conference based in Portland.



### quickfact

*More than 60 students participated in the first year of junior varsity men's and women's basketball, baseball and softball at Pacific. The JV program will expand to include men's and women's soccer, as well as volleyball in 2015-2016.*

▶ [goboxers.com](http://goboxers.com)

## brieflynoted

**NO BUTTS ABOUT IT** | Pacific University is now a 100 percent smoke-free environment. On May 31, in conjunction with World No Tobacco Day, Pacific's updated Smoke-Free Tobacco Policy went into effect. Smoking of any kind is prohibited

on all university-owned or controlled grounds, including indoor and outdoor areas and parking lots in Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Eugene, Woodburn, Portland and Hawai'i. Use of any tobacco product, including smokeless chew, is prohibited on the Hillsboro, Eugene

and Woodburn campuses and locations in Portland. Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States, and the updated policy is designed to provide the healthiest possible environment for students, faculty, staff, alumni and visitors. Pacific

## huddle

**FROM BASE LINES TO FINISH LINE | FIELD BAÑUELOS '91** has kept his competitive juices alive. After retiring from baseball in 1995, Bañuelos turned to running and continues to compete in track and field meets at the master's level. His running career was featured in the March 2015 edition of the Oregon Road Runners Club magazine, *The Oregon Distance Runner*.

**CONTINUING TO LIVE THE DREAM |** After an injury cut short a chance to play professional football in Europe, **DEVIN LAGORIO '14** is getting a second chance. Lagorio recently signed to play for a team in Sydney, Australia, and will coach the sport at Sydney University. Upon graduation, Lagorio signed with the Maribor Generals in Slovenia, but played in only one game before breaking his hand.

**ON DRAFT | JOSH BRINKWORTH '15** became the first Pacific University football player to be drafted by a professional league, when he was selected by the BC Lions in the sixth round of the Canadian Football League Draft in May. Brinkworth was a regular starter at safety or defensive back in each of his four seasons with the Boxers and earned Second Team All-NWC honors in 2012.

## line up



**BUDWEISER HAWKINS '15**  
**TRACK & FIELD**

The senior from Las Vegas capped his career by winning the long jump, triple jump and high jump at April's Northwest Conference Championships. He is the first in NWC history to win all three events in the same championship. His mark in the triple jump is second best in school history and his mark in the long jump is No. 3.



**AMY MAYHUGH '15**  
**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

Mayhugh finished her career by being named the Northwest Conference's first Women's Lacrosse Player of the Year. The Tigard, Ore., native led the conference in points, goals, free-position goals and draw controls as she helped lead the Boxers to a 14-2 overall record and a perfect 8-0 conference record to win the first NWC women's lacrosse title.



**JELENA VIDOVIC '18**  
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The Vancouver, Wash., native earned First Team All-Northwest Conference as a freshman after finishing with a 14-2 record in singles. She finished the season by winning eight of her final nine matches. Vidovic also finished as the No. 13 player in the Division III West Region by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.



**MARISSA REICHARD '16**  
**SOFTBALL**

The Forest Grove native returned from a year off due to injury to being named First Team All-Northwest Conference as a pitcher. Reichard finished the season with a 14-7 record and an impressive 1.44 earned run average as the Boxers tied for second place in the NWC standings and advanced once again to the conference's postseason tournament.



**TYLER KOTCHIK '15**  
**BASEBALL**

The senior from Beaverton, Ore., set the Boxers' single season record with 10 saves, tying for the third most saves among NCAA Division III pitchers. Kotchik finished the season with a 2-1 record and a 4.11 earned run average in 19 appearances. The Boxers finished the season with a 21-19 record, their first winning season since 2012.

joins more than 1,100 colleges and universities that have implemented tobacco-free policies.

**TEACH THEM WELL |** The Pacific University Early Learning Community will expand its preschool and

kindergarten offerings to include first grade in Fall 2015. The ELC is a demonstration site that provides early childhood education for families in the Forest Grove area while also offering students the opportunity to gain valuable real-world experience. Undergraduate

and master's level teaching candidates gain practicum experience in the ELC, and the College of Education partners with several other university programs, including undergraduate psychology, exercise science, speech-language pathology and optometry.

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## book list



### The Robot Scientist's Daughter

Jeannine Hall Gailey MFA '07

Gailey's fourth complete book of poetry, *The Robot Scientist's Daughter* describes a natural world in danger by our nuclear past and a girl in search of the secrets of survival.



### The View From Who I Was

Heather Sappenfield MFA '11

*The View From Who I Was*

explores a teenage girl's recovery and self-discovery following a suicide attempt. In this first novel, Sappenfield draws from her experience as a high school English teacher. Her second novel, *The Quanta of My Bones*, will be released in 2016.



### The Body Institute

Carol Riggs '82

Body image issues meet dystopian adventure in

this young adult novel about teens given the power to take over another person's body, get it into shape, then return to their own lives.

## question & answer



**DEBORAH REED MFA '12** publishes her fifth novel, *Olivay*, in July 2015. It joins her other literary pieces, *Carry Yourself Back to Me* and *Things We Set on Fire*, as well as her genre thrillers, *A Small Fortune* and *Fortune's Deadly Descent*, published under the pen name *Audrey Braun*.

### On Early Writing

"I was always a reader. That was weird in my family, but I found at a really young age that I loved to read. In 10th grade, I took a creative writing class. It must have been required. We had to write short stories. Thinking back, they must have been terrible. But the teacher — I can't even remember his name — gave me an A-plus and wrote, 'You could be a writer.' I thought, 'That's weird.' He might as well have said, 'You could be an astronaut.' It was flattering, but it didn't really register until years later. I was filling up journals with poems, sketches of scenes, short stories, and I was drawn back to what he said. That was my first clue."

### On Using a Pen Name

"I didn't know if I wanted to be known as someone who writes thrillers. I also thought, if it's a flop, no one will know it was me. It didn't occur to me that if it was a success no one would know it was me. Now I always say I also publish as Audrey Braun."

### On Literary vs. Genre Fiction

"The difference is the thrillers are heavier on plot. The stakes are higher, it's more action packed. On the other side, Deborah Reed is more character driven. The stakes are more internal than external, dealing with topics of grief and loss. I will say I try to keep the language fresh in the thrillers. I try to do what I do with prose without being too heavy. When the plot is moving quickly, you can't stop and describe the landscape. But I try to avoid clichés."

### On Pacific's MFA Program

"I think the faculty is outstanding. They were so supportive. They are great, great mentors and teachers. And the other students that I met through the program became my network of writer friends. Here we are years later, and a small group of us continues to share writing. Sharon Harrigan and Leigh Rourks, they in particular are my writing crew. They have both gone on to win awards, major awards, in short fiction. There's so much writing they're getting published. And Pacific gave them to me."

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

## brieflynoted

**ON BOARD** | The Pacific University Board of Trustees has welcomed five new members to its ranks in 2015. New independent trustees include **Daniel James '87**, vice president of public affairs and marketing of PGNC Power; **Cameron Perry '65**, who spent 25

years as an advertising executive with *The Oregonian* then launched Cam's Coffee Company; and **Martin Moll**, a Pacific parent and partner at AKT, a professional services firm of advisors, independent CPAs and business consultants. **James Butler**, a member

of Pacific's physics faculty, has been elected one of two university faculty representatives on the board, and **Josie Kochendorfer '17**, a creative writing and psychology major, is the new undergraduate student representative.

## honors & awards



**Ian Doyle, Pharmacy**, received the distinguished service award in April from the Oregon Society of Health-System Pharmacists (OSHP) for his contributions to professional pharmacy organizations. Doyle and Mike Millard, Pharmacy, also received presidential recognition awards for their volunteerism at the OSHP annual seminar.

**Rachel Jensen, Social Work**, was nominated to the Oregon State Board of Licensed Social Workers by Gov. Kate Brown in April. Jensen is director of field education in Pacific's Master of Social Work Program at the Eugene Campus.

**Jules Boykoff, Politics & Government**, has been awarded a Fulbright research fellowship for the coming fall. He will conduct research in Rio de Janeiro in Fall 2015 in order to complete a book on the political history of the Olympics. Boykoff is a scholar of international politics and corporate influence in sport, as well as the suppression of dissent.

**Kerry Mandulak, Communication Sciences & Disorders**, presented a session at the annual meeting and symposium of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association in April. Mandulak specializes in the assessment and treatment of children and families affected by cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial disorders. She established a summer workshop at Pacific for children with cleft lip and palate.

**Willard Bleything '51, OD '52, Optometry**, received the Kamelia Massih Prize for a Distinguished Optometrist. Bleything officially retired from Pacific in 2003 as a Distinguished University Professor Emeritus. He served as a faculty member beginning in the 1950s and was later dean of the School of Optometry. He also served in the U.S. Air Force and was an optometric consultant to the Surgeon General. In 2002, Bleything was named International Optometrist of the Year by the World Council of Optometry.



### quickfact

*More than 25 overnight conferences, camps and events will take place on the Forest Grove Campus this summer including the annual Concours d'Elegance. Planning an event in Oregon? Consider coming home to Forest Grove. ▶ [pacificu.edu/conferences](http://pacificu.edu/conferences)*

**SPRUCING UP CAMPUS** | University facilities are continuing to improve this summer with several construction projects. University Avenue on the north side of the Forest Grove Campus is scheduled to be improved to address

driver access and pedestrian safety and to add on-street parking to campus. Price and Strain halls will be remodeled to better serve students in the natural sciences with new classrooms and labs. Scott Hall will get new classrooms and

study pods, as well as restrooms and a new elevator. Two residences will be upgraded with new paint, flooring, appliances, and more. Additionally, the university will add locker rooms and a rowing practice facility on Sunset Drive. ■



## giving BOXER GIVING DAY 2015

**YOU  
MADE IT  
HAPPEN**

**1,090**

**DONORS**



**338**

ALUMNI



**247**

EMPLOYEES



**235**

FRIENDS



**153**

PARENTS



**117**

STUDENTS

**\$165,295**  
TOTAL



### No one goes it alone.

That pretty much summed up the message that Sara Allender '09 posted on Facebook on May 5 — and why she made a gift to Pacific for Boxer Giving Day.

"I cannot begin to explain how grateful I am for the education I have had over the past couple years, which would not have happened if there weren't previous donors before me," she wrote.

"It would devastate me to know that I had the opportunity to help someone achieve their educational and career goals and didn't."

Allender was among the 338 Pacific University alumni to participate in the first Boxer Giving Day this spring. Donors had the opportunity to leverage their gifts for more, thanks to a challenge by a group of Pacific supporters, mostly trustees. The group promised to give \$45,000 to the university if 515 donors gave during the 24-hour window starting May 5.

The Pacific community stepped up, big.

The goal of 515 donors was surpassed in the first eight hours; by the end of the day, 1,090 people had made gifts.

Some offered additional challenges: The College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Council pledged \$15,000 if 100 donors made gifts to support the college; 180 donors did so.

Trustee Bob Barrett '66 committed an additional gift to the College of Business and challenged five others to match him; instead, 31 met the challenge, with more than \$11,000.

All told, donors gave more than \$165,000 to Pacific University within 24 hours.

Alumni were a significant portion of the donors, but students and employees also made a strong showing.

Taylor Ann Hiraki '17 brought her peers into Marsh Hall to give in person.

"It's important to get students involved in the university community," she said.

**Boxer Giving Day is over for this year, but it's not too late to support Pacific University students!**

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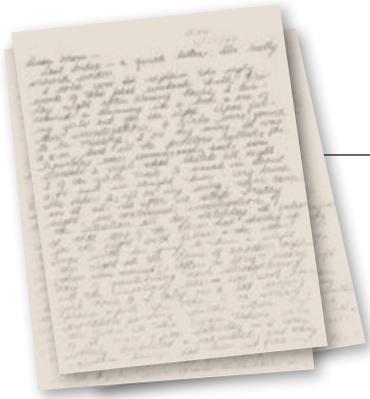
"Almost everything the parents do, everything the alumni do, everything the faculty does is for the students."

Kerry Mandulak, a faculty member in the School of Communication Sciences & Disorders, rallied her colleagues to the cause.

"The very first day I came here for faculty orientation, President Hallick said, 'I am asking you to engage with students at this university.' I was like, 'Done,'" she said.

"That's what I've always wanted my job to be about. So when there's an opportunity to give to the university to support students and the mission of the university, it's great." ■





## voices

BY KAILEA SAPLAN '16

 SARAH CREEDICAN

# Dance Slow Decades

**INSPIRED BY THE LETTERS OF CHERON MAYHALL '64, KAILEA SAPLAN** *wrote a play juxtaposing Pacific women 50 years apart. Saplan's senior project highlights not only the differences in generations but the commonalities of the Pacific experience.*



On April 23, a crowd packed into a warm upstairs classroom in Warner Hall. Kailea Saplan was nervous, but confident, as she delivered her senior capstone presentation as part of Senior Projects Day 2015.

"I've come to realize there's nothing to worry about, because you've all done your jobs correctly," she told friends and faculty, family and administrators. "Because if I am at all successful today and hereafter, it is a direct result of your support."

Saplan's description of her senior capstone project, and of her time at Pacific, spoke so authentically to the Boxer student experience that we are publishing an abridged version here.

Saplan majored in theatre and philosophy at Pacific, where she also appeared in stage productions and served as the student representative to the Board of Trustees. Though she delivered her theatre capstone this spring, she will study abroad in Fall 2015 and return next spring to complete her philosophy capstone and receive her degree. She plans to pursue advanced degrees in education.

"My unwavering goal is to give others the same opportunity to be transformed by theatre and education that you all have given me," she said. — EDITOR

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Kailea Saplan participates in Senior Projects Day 2015.



Dear mom,

A quick one before the very busy weekend

starts. So many meetings and time consuming work projects ahead until Homecoming is over.

Thetas have four out of five on the court this year. First time it's happened in many years that one sorority should be so dominant. I'm pretty darn proud.

Today Dr. Ritchie stopped me on the walk, all smiles, etc., and talked with me for ten minutes about my fine work, et. al. How about that?

Going to the Homecoming dance with George. Not overjoyed, but I know I'll have fun if I want to.

I must be off to the Methodist Church for a song-skit practice at 6 p.m. When do I get to slow down?!

Love to all,  
Evelyn

Cheron Mayhall '64, whose letters inspired Evelyn's character, died Feb. 3. Read about her life

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This project began in September of 2013, when Theatre Professor Ellen Margolis introduced me to Ginger Moshofsky, then in Pacific's Office of Alumni Relations.

She was inspired by the Whitman College Letters Project, which gathered original materials, like journals and letters, from their alumni and pieced them into a play.

She was confident that we could do something similar at Pacific, but better.

I admit I was not very enthusiastic about taking on this project.

I didn't want my culminating senior capstone to be constrained by the puritanical, pro-Pacific themes I would undoubtedly have to portray and, as the undergraduate student representative on the Board of Trustees, I was sensitive about being seen as a sycophant.

But Ginger convinced me to at least look into the project further. I received about

200 pages of letters written by Cheron Mayhall '64, all sent to her mother during her senior year. During the summer of 2014, I sat down and began reading.

I laughed a lot: at the 1960s colloquialisms, at the absurdity of voting

for a Homecoming queen, and at Cheron's fastidiousness (with which I deeply identify).

And that led me to wonder how Cheron's experience and my own would compare and contrast, how they would interact.

The ideas started flowing immediately, and as they did, I became more and more convinced that writing this play would be worth my while.

And then I read what I now refer to as the October Crisis Letter. It was uncanny: the doubt, the anxiety, the fear of inadequacy, of making the wrong decision, the human frailty that Cheron revealed to her mother in that letter as she wondered what her future would hold, what her four years at college were worth.

I had just had the same conversation with my boyfriend days before.

Then I realized everyone else has, too. And everyone else will.

I decided in that moment to commit to the project, and I've been working on it ever since.

*Dance Slow Decades* follows two main fictionalized Pacific University characters, Evelyn Fields '64 and Akiko Cooper '15.

Evelyn is a sociology major and classic overachiever: On top of taking 18 credit hours, she writes for *The Index*; she's the president of Theta Nu Alpha; she's an officer on the Student Senate, a member of the choir, and a proctor.

A shy person, Akiko is less active on campus. She is a theatre major, secretary for the Rainbow Coalition, and an off-campus representative on Student Senate.

Evelyn's perspective is told through the letters she writes to her mother, while we learn about Akiko through her conversations with friends or over the phone with her mother.

Through these characters, I explore the underlying similarities and differences for these college-aged women at Pacific 50 years apart.

Akiko embraces her independence in many ways, by exploring new passions and career options. Evelyn finds herself constantly toeing the line between being the boss and being a lady.

Akiko deals with hook-up culture; Evelyn's friends announce pinnings and engagements.

Yet, at age 21, they both often wonder who their life partner will be.

I juxtapose the 1960s Civil Rights Movement with the Ferguson, Mo., unrest of August 2014, and the 1963 assassination of John F. Kennedy with Darren Wilson not being indicted in 2014. The point is not to suggest that either era is politically ideal, rather to demonstrate how racial inequity influences the Pacific students of these different eras and impacts their plans for the future.

I explore the underlying similarities and differences for these college-aged women at Pacific 50 years apart.

Evelyn is inspired to join the Peace Corps, and Akiko finds hope in her applied theatre workshop, teaching young kids tolerance and compassion through performance.

The process of writing this play was extensive and tedious, but also effortless and exciting. Without knowing it, I have been preparing for this project my entire life. That probably sounds like something you're supposed to say at a senior presentation, but it's true.

As a cisgender, half-white, etc., I won't understand what it's like to be *othered* in a lot of ways. But as a theatre kid, I got to meet those Others. I got to befriend them and learn from them and, now, in this play, to advocate for them.

This unique perspective arose in me a desire to better comprehend the human condition, a desire which prevailed throughout my time at Pacific and drew me to courses in literature, philosophy, ethics, history, film and anthropology.

In addition to studying theatre to develop my acting talents, I expanded my understanding for technical design, my appreciation of critical theory and literary analysis.

I have keen interest in linguistics and foreign language, and Spanish poetry and literature classes helped develop my mastery over the English language.

I can trace the inspiration of my play to specific moments in particular classes: a literary criticism that taught me to think of the act of writing itself as political.

Articles on ethnicity and blind casting that taught representing minorities should happen in the script, not just the cast list.

A Ted Talk about the danger of a single story that sparked the realization that my personal story is important enough to be shared.

**I had just had the same conversation days before. Then I realized everyone else has, too. And everyone else will.**

Ellen Margolis gave us an article by actress Geena Davis, who said that for every female speaking character in family films, there are three male speaking characters. In crowd scenes, only 17 percent of characters are female.

There was one point during my brainstorming when I wondered if a female writing about two female leads was cliché. And then I face-palmed myself, because who cares if it is?

The prevailing truth that I discovered and tried to manifest is that I know nothing. I've amassed all this knowledge and all these skills but the more I learn the less I know, which is terrifying and depressing and isolating ... but also exhilarating.

It's the coalescence of those feelings, the feelings Cheron expressed in the October Crisis Letter, that I wanted to capture.

My title, *Dance Slow Decades*, was inspired by a song of the same title by folk singer Angel Olsen:

*Thought I had a clue,  
it was passing by  
Thought I had an answer,  
it was just a sigh  
Thought I had a dream once  
— don't remember why  
Thought I had some time here,  
left my watch at home  
Thought I had ideas once,  
they were all on loan  
Thought I conquered something,  
then it took me down  
What I thought I heard clearly,  
it wasn't sound  
Thought I felt your heartbeat,  
it was just my counting  
And to what thoughts  
will my life be amounting?  
I can see you dancing,  
if you'd just take the step  
You might still have it in you,  
give yourself the benefit  
And dance slow decades  
toward the sun  
Even when you're  
the only one*

I imagine Evelyn and Akiko singing this to each other, singing their common failures, singing to console, encourage, and strengthen each other. It is what my mother continuously tries to do for me, what Ellen and Cheron did for me — and what I hope this play can do for those after me. ■



Kailea Saplan plays Romeo in Pacific University's 2015 production of *Romeo & Juliet*.



# Domino Effect

**THE EBOLA DOMINO PROJECT** uses art to bring awareness and support to the ebola crisis in Africa.

BY JENNI LUCKETT

 PARRISH EVANS '11

The ebola crisis in Africa isn't over — and neither is Art Professor Doug Anderson's commitment to raising awareness and monetary support.



Anderson conceived of the Ebola Domino Project — what he calls a humanitarian art experiment — several months ago, at the onset of the epidemic.

Dominoes, he said, are always at their tipping point with two possible outcomes.

"At the time I was conceiving this, 5,000 had died, lots were infected, and there didn't seem to be an end in sight," he said. "I was looking for a way to communicate that level of transmission of the disease [but also] aid, or healthcare, or

hope — something as infectious as the disease that could travel quickly."

He asked his students, along with other members of the Pacific University community, to create artwork on large wooden dominoes.

"They were asked to make an image related to the negative side or aspect of ebola and, on the other side, a more hopeful outcome: perhaps healthcare, or an outpouring of caring and empathy from people around the globe," Anderson said.

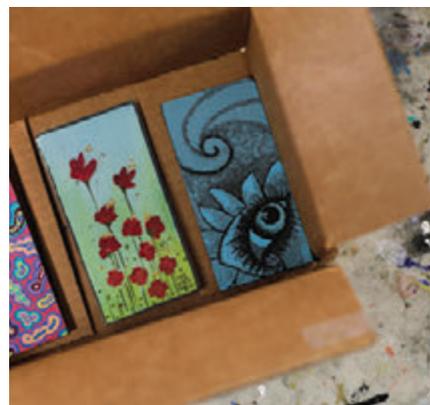
More than 150 people across the country ultimately participated, sending in dominoes that were put on display in May in the Pacific University Library in an interactive exhibit that encouraged people to stack, sort and reconfigure the blocks.

Simultaneously, Anderson launched a website for the project in association with AmeriCares, an aid organization working with the epidemic. Donors at certain levels can earn "perks," including dominoes from the collection. Anderson's goal is to raise \$5,000, which, with matching funds from AmeriCares, would equal \$100,000 in support for ebola relief in Africa.

Money, of course, will be important in a lasting solution. But, he said, the act of creating the dominoes also was an important part of the action.

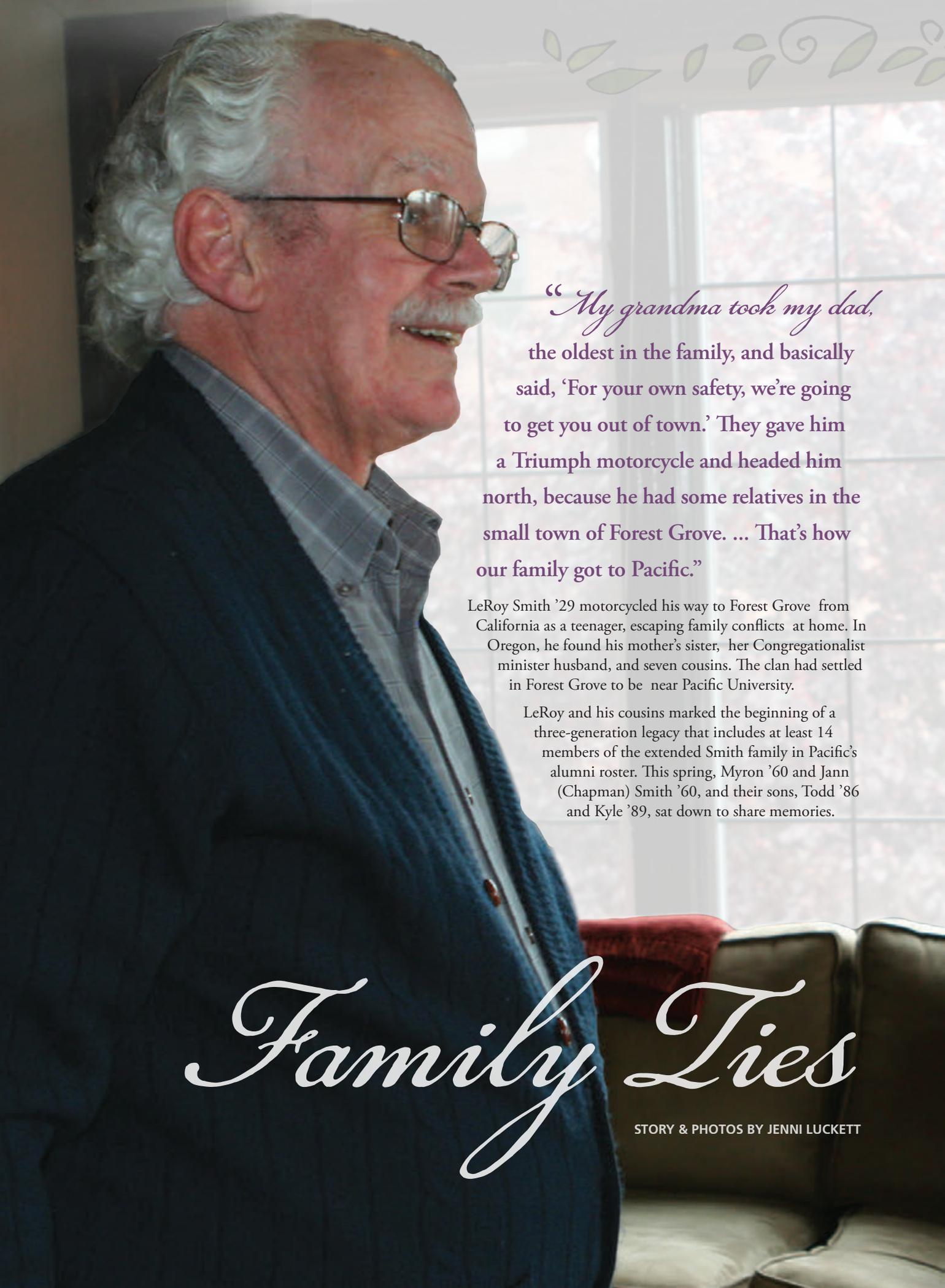
"I like the idea that it connects people on more than an 'Oh, here's a check; I did a good thing,' level," he said. "This invests you in a different way that I think is important for people to consider." ■

► [eboladominoproject.org](http://eboladominoproject.org)



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*“My grandma took my dad, the oldest in the family, and basically said, ‘For your own safety, we’re going to get you out of town.’ They gave him a Triumph motorcycle and headed him north, because he had some relatives in the small town of Forest Grove. ... That’s how our family got to Pacific.”*

LeRoy Smith '29 motorcycled his way to Forest Grove from California as a teenager, escaping family conflicts at home. In Oregon, he found his mother's sister, her Congregationalist minister husband, and seven cousins. The clan had settled in Forest Grove to be near Pacific University.

LeRoy and his cousins marked the beginning of a three-generation legacy that includes at least 14 members of the extended Smith family in Pacific's alumni roster. This spring, Myron '60 and Jann (Chapman) Smith '60, and their sons, Todd '86 and Kyle '89, sat down to share memories.

# *Family Ties*

STORY & PHOTOS BY JENNI LUCKETT

Myron, son of LeRoy, is the patriarch and storyteller. He delivers tales with a booming laugh — and just a whisper of myth.

“History is what the historians tell us it is,” he teases.

### *Family Tradition*

Arthur '21 and Dorothy Jones '26 were the first of the family to attend Pacific University, followed soon by their brother Francis Jones '29 and cousin LeRoy.

Francis was the first to gain notoriety. A chemist and geologist, he discovered a new mineral — jonesite, in his honor — and helped develop orange concentrate juice. He also taught chemistry at Pacific, sparking some family theories.

“There is a family rumor — we’ll just say that — that the chemistry writing on the wall in Old College Hall is Francis Jones’ handwriting,” Myron says.

Cousin LeRoy, meanwhile, left his own mark on the Pacific grounds. He was part of the crew that fashioned the concrete light poles that still illuminate the center of the Forest Grove Campus.

“They had a mold they hung in Old College Hall in the stairway,” Myron says. “They would carry the concrete up in buckets and dump it in the mold and let it set.”

LeRoy also built a local cabin that still stands to this day. Attempting to win over the father of fellow student Reatha Parcell '28, he offered to help out on the Parcells’ property. Reatha’s father suggested he build a cover for the backyard fireplace.

“My dad never did anything halfway, so he built a cabin,” Myron said. “Dad apparently impressed him enough, because he married his daughter.”

The Parcell house and cabin are no longer in the family, but they still stand in Forest Grove — and for several years, the property was home to Pacific’s presidents, including Robert Duvall, who led the university when LeRoy’s grandsons Todd and Kyle were students.

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On the other side of the modern-day Smith family were the Chapmans. Jann's stepfather, Hal Chapman '28, came to Pacific to play football. He stayed only a year, earning a scholarship to compete elsewhere, but he had fond enough memories to introduce his daughter to the campus.

"I was impressed," Jann said, adding that the Congregationalist connection solidified her choice of colleges.

For Myron, the decision to follow his parents — LeRoy and Reatha — was little question.

His older brother, Roger Smith '53, was a Badger (forerunner of today's Boxers), and Myron had a choice of the University of California, Berkeley, or Pacific.

"My grades wouldn't even come close to getting me into Cal," Myron said. "We pulled enough [family connections] out of a hat, and Pacific said, 'We'll let you in anyway.'"

He laughs, self-deprecating, but Jann jumps to his defense: "Then he ends up getting a master's degree. Shows them."

A generation later, Todd and Kyle's choices weren't so apparent.

They grew up knowing the family tradition: "We went to Homecoming as kids," Kyle said. "We just kind of grew up going there."

Like many, the idea of some place newer and bigger beckoned.

Todd started his college career at Washington State University, playing football.

"I didn't want to go [to Pacific]. Then you told Charlie Trombley I was at WSU," he said, lifting his chin at his father. "All of the sudden, my phone rang every night. 'Are you sure you don't want to transfer? Are you sure you don't want to transfer?'"

He relented.

"I took my final on a Thursday, I had to be in Forest Grove to register on Friday, and classes started on Monday," he said. "I packed everything up ... and I never went back 'til my kid went (to WSU)."

Kyle took an opposite approach: He started at Pacific, but transferred to Western Washington as a junior.

"I thought I wanted to go to a bigger school, a state school. Right away, I was just, 'I made such a big mistake,'" he said. "I remember calling and saying, 'I don't like it here. I want to go back to Pacific.'"

"So I went one year then transferred back to Pacific my senior year."

## *Different, but the Same*

In the 1920s and '30s, when Hal Chapman and LeRoy Smith were students, there were all of about 200 students at Pacific. By the time their grandchildren, Todd and Kyle, were students, Pacific boasted about 1,200. Today, Pacific serves nearly 3,700 undergraduate and graduate students.

Lots has changed: McCormick Hall, where all three generations of Smith men lived, has been remodeled, and Jann's early home in the Annex is gone. Living arrangements are definitely different.

"We had dorm hours," Jann said. After they married, he served in the Coast Guard while she finished her degree. But he wasn't allowed in her room after hours.



“The dorm mother was really nice,” she said. “She would let us use her apartment.

“Then I wanted to move into married student housing by myself while he was gone, and they called my mother up to ask her permission!

“She said, ‘I don’t control my daughter’s life anymore!’”

Boxer, too, is gone — though no account of Pacific lore would be complete without a sighting.

Myron was a child when he first saw the infamous statue — or at least, its leg. He was visiting his older brother when Boxer was flashed.

“I was up in (Roger’s) dorm. They’d put me to bed up there,” Myron said. “Someone came charging in and said, ‘Stick this under your pillow.’ I guess they thought no one would attack a kid.”

Jann snickered: “For Boxer, they probably would.”

Todd had his own encounter with Boxer II, the replica that was cast in the 1980s to replace the long-missing original. It was stowed in an equipment bag on the sidelines of one of his football games. The bag was carried out onto the field after the game for a team meeting.

“The word got out there was going to be a Flash,” Todd recalled. “The coach was talking, and the crowd was just getting closer and closer.

“Finally, the coach said, ‘No one get involved.’”

Todd went to the locker room and changed. The brawl was still going strong when he returned.

Boxer II is gone now, as well — but it’s the Boxer Spirit, the sense of relationship, camaraderie and care that seems to live in each of the Smiths’ memories.

They remember the professors who shaped their college years — Dr. Frank Chipps ’48 lecturing in a warm second-floor classroom, or Dr. John Roberts climbing on a lab table to deliver his infamous amoeba lecture.

They remember studying with friends at a neighborhood café: “We fought the Civil War over coffee and toast at the Tip Top.”

Now that football has returned to Pacific, Todd’s friends meet up to tailgate at games, and the family kicks around the idea of meeting up for Homecoming one day.

It was the year away — the experience at that big school he craved — that drove the Pacific difference home for Kyle.

“I had *friends* at Pacific. I knew people at Western, but I didn’t feel like any were my friends,” he said. “I didn’t realize the value of going to a small college.

“Everybody knew you; you weren’t a number.

“I had to learn that by going away.” ■

## Family History



In 1928, **Hal Chapman** enrolled in Pacific, where he played football, but he transferred after receiving a scholarship to play elsewhere. He later introduced his stepdaughter, Jann Chapman ’60, to the school.



**LeRoy Smith ’29** was the first Smith to attend Pacific, though three Jones cousins preceded him. **Reatha Parcell ’28** grew up in Forest Grove before attending Pacific. LeRoy and Reatha’s sons, Roger ’53 and Myron ’60, both attended, too.

LeRoy Smith’s cousins, Arthur ’21, Dorothy ’26, and **Francis Jones ’29**, also attended Pacific. Francis returned to teach chemistry. He later helped develop orange juice concentrate.



In 1931, LeRoy Smith’s sister, Ellen, enrolled in Pacific, where she met fellow student Don Caples. The couple was enrolled only briefly. Family legend says they left Pacific either because they got married or because of the Great Depression.



**Roger Smith ’53** attended Pacific several years before his brother Myron Smith ’60. Myron was sleeping in Roger’s dorm room on a visit to campus when a student burst in and hid a part of the Boxer statue under the boy’s pillow.

**Myron Smith ’60** and **Jann (Chapman) Smith ’60** both became teachers. They had four children, two of whom also attended Pacific. **Todd Smith ’86**, left, is a PE teacher, and **Kyle Smith ’89** is a travel agent.



# Second Generation

Avery Richardson '17 thought his dad was making up the idyllic stories of his alma mater. He never imagined he'd follow Carl Richardson '86 to Pacific.

BY JENNI LUCKETT

*Avery Richardson '17 takes a selfie with his family during one of their visits to the Forest Grove Campus.*

Growing up, Avery Richardson '17 wasn't sure his father's alma mater was even real.

"He's a corny guy, and my mom would joke, 'Did you even go to college?'" Avery said. "He'd talk about Pacific, and it sounded like he made it up."

He didn't.

Carl Richardson '86 was the first member of his immediate family to attend

college. After two years of community college in California, he came north to Pacific University to play football and study psychology and sociology.

His own parents hadn't finished high school, and they were intent on giving their children more.

They took Carl out of public school and enrolled him in an all-boys prep school, and they emphasized the importance of an education.

"(College) was very much an expectation, and an encouragement as well," he said. "Unfortunately, my dad passed away just before I started my freshman year, but my mother wanted to see me through."

Carl graduated from Pacific and went on to work as a counselor in a group home, then with the California Youth Authority. The balance of his career has been spent in law enforcement, working for the California State Patrol as a youth officer.

Along the way, he insisted on the same educational focus for his children.

"It was very, very clear they would attend college, and they would finish," Carl said.

Avery remembers joining his mother in master's classes as a child.

"It was like a field trip for me. I loved it," he said. "I always knew a bachelor's isn't enough; I have to get a master's."

Avery always showed academic inclination. He was accepted to 13 colleges, and he planned to attend somewhere in his home state of California, until he got a call from Pacific.

"I told my dad, and he said, 'Oh good, because I put your information in yesterday,'" Avery said. "I had never thought about Pacific, but the next day, I got a call from a coach. I got an academic scholarship and a chance to play football."

He also became a legacy student — a current student whose parent or grandparent attended Pacific — and got a chance to see just what his father had been talking about for so many years.

As a student, Carl played football and enjoyed the outdoors in the Pacific Northwest.

Avery is involved in more campus activities. He participated in the 55th annual Lu'au this spring, and he's vice president of the Black Student Union and an undergraduate representative for the university Diversity Committee.

Both men have lived in McCormick Hall, and both played football for the Boxers — though the program has been dismantled and rebuilt in between.

"[My dad] likes the program now," Avery said. "The coaches stress discipline, and they care about us. He noticed that. He likes how dedicated and driven the players are."

Pacific's student population has more than doubled, but both Carl and Avery talk about the relationships that Pacific introduces.

"It was just unmatched," Carl said. "Even after all these years, you just pick up where you left off."

"You meet genuinely good people here," Avery echoed. "My dad would always mention that, and I see it."

Ultimately, though, a Pacific education is about a path to the future, they said.

"You always want your kids to do more than you did," Carl said. "(My parents felt) in order for us to succeed, college would be very important. That's the approach I took as well."

"My kids had to go to school ... just to give themselves the chance to succeed in life."

Avery is doing just that. He's an exercise science major who wants to become a doctor, perhaps enlisting in the Air Force along the way.

Pacific, he said, will open doors.

"It's rigorous here," he said. "They want to push you, want to see you try, take initiative."

"I'm actually being prepared for the future here." ■

**"It's rigorous here. They want to push you, want to see you try, take initiative."**

— AVERY RICHARDSON '17

## LEAVE A LEGACY

Founded in 1993, the Alumni Legacy Scholarship provides financial assistance to students whose parent or grandparent attended Pacific. The endowed scholarship is available to undergraduate and graduate students at Pacific.

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# Land of Opportunity

## Eddie Carrillo '15 fulfills dreams, for his family and himself

The Carrillo family is first in line.

Dressed in Sunday best, they bundle the younger children in blankets to fend off the spring morning chill, talking and laughing as they wait for the gates of Hanson Stadium to open.

It's Commencement Day, and 26 members of the family have traveled from California to celebrate their son-nephew-brother-uncle Eddie Carrillo as he earns his bachelor's degree in psychology.

Before the ceremony starts, Eddie pops out with a smile and hello. His aunt and godmother, Maggie Portillo, bustles over to drape a lei around his neck — the first of what will, by noon, be a mass of congratulations encircling the defensive lineman from shoulders to chin.

A couple hours later, as Eddie's full name — Jose Eduardo Carrillo — is called from the podium, the family erupts in cheers.

He isn't just the firstborn grandchild on both sides of his family; he's also the first born in the United States and the first to earn a degree.

Walking across the stage with his bachelor's degree, Eddie represents all his parents dreamed as they came north from Mexico and all they hope for the generation in his wake.

"This is a very proud moment for the whole family," Portillo says. "He just makes us proud. Really proud."

Both of Eddie's parents, Jose and Silvia, were teenagers when their separate families immigrated to the United States.

Jose's father had been a migrant farmworker for about 30 years, traveling back and forth every couple of years and sending money home.

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At 16, Jose decided to join him, and shortly thereafter, his mother brought his younger siblings.

Silvia's father, also an agricultural worker, died, leaving Silvia's mother with four young daughters.

"I didn't have any brothers. It was very hard for us," Silvia said. "We decided to come and try our luck and hope for the best."

Both families were undocumented when they immigrated, though they have since earned citizenship — Silvia when she was pregnant with Eddie's younger sister, and Jose when Eddie was 9.

After moving, Silvia went to school and worked in fast food, eventually getting a job as an assistant in a law office, where she still works.

Jose washed dishes in a restaurant. Years later, he became executive chef, then co-owner of the establishment.

*"Without coming to Pacific, I wouldn't be who I am."*

*- EDDIE CARRILLO '15*

"Dad puts in a lot of hours," Eddie said. "When I was in middle school, I remember he would go in at 7 in the morning and would come home at 7, 8, 9 at night. Then he'd go to sleep and go do the same thing the next day.

"They work a lot for us, for me and my sister."

College, Eddie said, was something his parents always wanted for him.

"I think it would have been inappropriate for me not to take advantage of the opportunity," Eddie said.

They pushed him to do his best and keep his grades up — "They still are, if I think about it, and they're 700 miles away" — and they encouraged him to take advantage of his opportunities.

"In preschool, one of his teachers told me, 'He's a leader. He's going to do big things,'" Silvia said. "I always told him, 'Whatever you want to do, we're behind you.'"

That was even true when Eddie started playing football in high school.

"I don't like that he plays football," Silvia confessed. "But football was a big part of what he accomplished."

It was football that first brought Eddie to Pacific University, where he was recruited to play as a defensive lineman. He was already interested in psychology, and the Pacific faculty sealed the deal.

"I knew I wanted to move away, for the chance to grow as a person," Eddie said. "But I didn't know if my family wanted me to. I didn't want to disappoint them or make them sad."

His mother said she cried a lot when he decided to go so far from home — but she always supported the decision.

"I wanted him to be the best he can," she said.

Football staved off homesickness, and he delved into the tight-knit Pacific community.

"I think when you go somewhere new, if you want to make the most of it, you have to come in with an open mind," he said.

He found a group of friends who all valued family.

"We're all family-centered people, we take care of one another," he said.

He was a leader in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, a member of the Psychology Club, got involved with Lu'au, and started going to church regularly with a friend.

"I wouldn't change coming to Pacific," he said. "I feel like, without coming to Pacific, I wouldn't be who I am."

Eddie's family dreamed that he would find success, and that he would be the beginning of the American era of the family legacy.

"I didn't want him to be someone who had to work so hard," said his father, Jose.

"We're doing good, but I want better things for him. With the education he can get, he can do better things."

Eddie not only earned his bachelor's degree in psychology this spring; he also was accepted to Pacific's School of Professional Psychology, where this fall he will begin working on his master's in applied psychological science. Eventually, he would like to earn a doctorate in clinical psychology.

Silvia is confident in his abilities: "When he gets something in his mind, he goes for it.

"I always told him to be the best he can: A lot of kids are watching."

Eddie's younger sister has already started college, and there are several others coming up behind: His godson is a junior in high school, starting to look at colleges, and another younger cousin is a high school softball player who Eddie showed around Pacific this spring.

"He's a great example to the kids. They look up to him," said Aunt Teresa Gonzalez. She points to one of the young cousins hanging on Eddie at Commencement.

"He says he's going to work at Jamba Juice and go to Pacific, just like Eddie did," Maggie said. "Eddie's the first. That's something big and inspiring." ■



Silvia Carrillo smiles as she celebrates her son's graduation from Pacific. Twenty-six members of Eddie Carrillo's family attended Commencement to watch the first-generation American and college student graduate.

## GOLDEN GUARD SCHOLARSHIP

Every legacy needs a starting point. The Golden Guard Scholarship will help students access a Pacific University education. Designed to benefit students who are the first in their family to attend college, the scholarship was founded by alumni of the 1960s, who have recently been or are preparing to be inducted into the Golden Guard. The Golden Guard honors alumni who graduated 50 years ago and more.

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Troy Humphreys OD '00,  
Becky (Lowrey) Humphreys OD, MEd '99  
and Denis Humphreys OD '74  
work together in Sparks, Nev.



# Vision for the Future

The Humphreys put the 'family' in Family Eye Care

BY JENNI LUCKETT



PARRISH EVANS '11



### Denis Humphreys OD '74 never pushed his children to follow in his footsteps.

Even when his son expressed an interest in optometry, Denis told him to look around. "I always encouraged him to choose a profession that he would enjoy and would like to continue for the rest of his life," Denis said.

"I took that to heart," said Troy Humphreys OD '00. "I had a look at all the professions, from surgery to specialties, you name it.

"I came back to optometry."

Denis and Troy are among several multi-generational Pacific University families, with a bit of a twist. Troy's wife, Becky (Lowrey) Humphreys OD, MEd '99, is also a Pacific optometry alumna.

All three work together at Family Eye Care in Sparks, Nev., the practice Denis started after his Pacific graduation.

Speaking separately, they each extol the virtues of the optometry profession, their Pacific educations, and working and living alongside family. And, while they won't push the next generation any more than Denis pushed Troy, they wouldn't eschew another link in the legacy.

"The profession of optometry is one of the best professions in all of healthcare," Becky said. "We tell our patients that, and of course we say, 'You must go to Pacific.'"

### Denis Humphreys was nearsighted as a child.

"So I had a great appreciation for vision and the opportunity to have good vision," he said.

Pacific gave the Nevada native an opportunity to study optometry in the familiar West.

"I found out a Pacific education was highly ranked, the clinic had a very, very good reputation for good experiences as well," he said. "Combine that with the living environment, that led me right to Pacific University."

A generation later, Pacific looked as good to Troy.

"It's a great place to get an education," he said. "I came from an undergrad of 40,000-plus students. It was a great education, but they didn't even know my name.

"Coming to optometry school, it was kind of like going home."

Denis graduated in May 1974 and headed straight home to Nevada, his wife Rocky and two young sons in tow. He took his state board exam in July of that year, received his license in August, and started practicing the next day.

When Troy settled on a career in optometry and expressed interest in coming home to practice, Denis started thinking about growing his two-person operation. He bought a larger piece of property and started planning a new facility.

Troy said to think bigger.

"I thought, 'He's thinking long-term, down the road,'" Denis said. "He says, 'No, not way in the future. I'm bringing another doctor with me.'"

"The trip after that, he brought Becky down and we met her."

*"I had a great appreciation for vision and the opportunity to have good vision."*

*- DENIS HUMPHREYS OD '74*

Troy laughs.

"I said, 'By the way, I kind of have a girlfriend and we may want to have her come into the practice as well,'" Troy recalled. "He said, 'Wow, that would kind of double our practice.'"

In fact, it has tripled. At first, Becky worked just a couple days a week at the practice. Now, there are a total of six doctors on site. Four, including the Humphreys, got their degrees from Pacific.

"Pacific dominates," Denis said.

It's a general practice clinic, but many of the doctors have their areas of specialty: Denis does a lot of the geriatric care. Troy focuses on medical aspects. Becky specializes in pediatrics.



"I give kudos really to Denis for brokering that and being open to having two new graduates, basically, come into his practice simultaneously," Becky said. "It was a gift and a phenomenal leap of faith. It was a huge gesture that he made room and opened his arms."

**Dr. Denis, Dr. Troy and Dr. Becky**, as they are known at the practice, are often in the Sparks clinic. But each has their own outside interests, as well.

Troy bought a small plane a few years ago, both for pleasure and for his practice.

A couple of times a month, he'll head to rural Nevada, where he offers vision and eye care services at the state prison.

"I really enjoy it; it's very different," Troy said. "Out there, you don't have a lot of technology. It takes you back to really having a look at the fundamental physiology of the eye and managing without the tools I have at my practice."

And, he says, it's a chance to provide service to those who might otherwise go without.

"I try to treat all my patients as people," Troy said. "I think that we all deserve excellence in care, wherever we're at."

Meanwhile, Becky invests a lot of her time with local schools. She always knew she wanted to

work with children, and her interest in vision care started during her undergraduate years at the University of Nebraska.

"I had an opportunity to read for a fellow student who was blind in both eyes at age 20 from diabetes," she said. "She was studying for two degrees herself. That was really pivotal."

Becky wanted to support preventive eye care, so she was drawn to Pacific for its dual-degree program offering a doctorate in optometry and a master's of education in visual function and learning. She went on to complete a residency at the State University of New York, or SUNY, College of Optometry, specializing in pediatrics and vision therapy and rehabilitation.

Today, she's also a consultant for the local school nurses association and volunteers in schools, helping identify children in need of vision assistance.

"Eighty percent of the information we get in a classroom comes through vision. If that's not working optimally, it causes frustration in kids and parents, lengthy hours doing homework, frustration, feeling like you're not smart enough," she said. "I would never want to have a young person feel limited in what they could do in the future because of an eye problem. That would be tragic in my opinion."



When it comes to their children's futures, Troy and Becky are taking Denis' hands-off approach, encouraging them to follow their own interests. Caden, 10, talks about becoming an engineer; Bryn, 8, a hairdresser.

*"It was a gift and a phenomenal leap of faith."*

—BECKY HUMPHREYS OD '99

"When Troy was looking, Denis was not pushing him in any certain angle or putting pressure for Troy to come back and join the practice. I feel I have to take that same approach," Becky said. "But if either or both of them caught the bug for optometry and vision care, I would be ecstatic.

"It would bring Troy and I, and I'm sure Denis, a lot of joy."

Troy says he doesn't care if his children follow the family tradition in optometry — but he does hope to instill in them the family value for service.

As students at Pacific, Troy and Becky were both active with the student-led organization, Amigos, participating in international mission trips. Denis even served as an attending doctor on one of Troy's trips.

All three Humphreys are engaged in their community, and Troy and Becky look forward to the day when their kids are old enough to go along on international service trips.

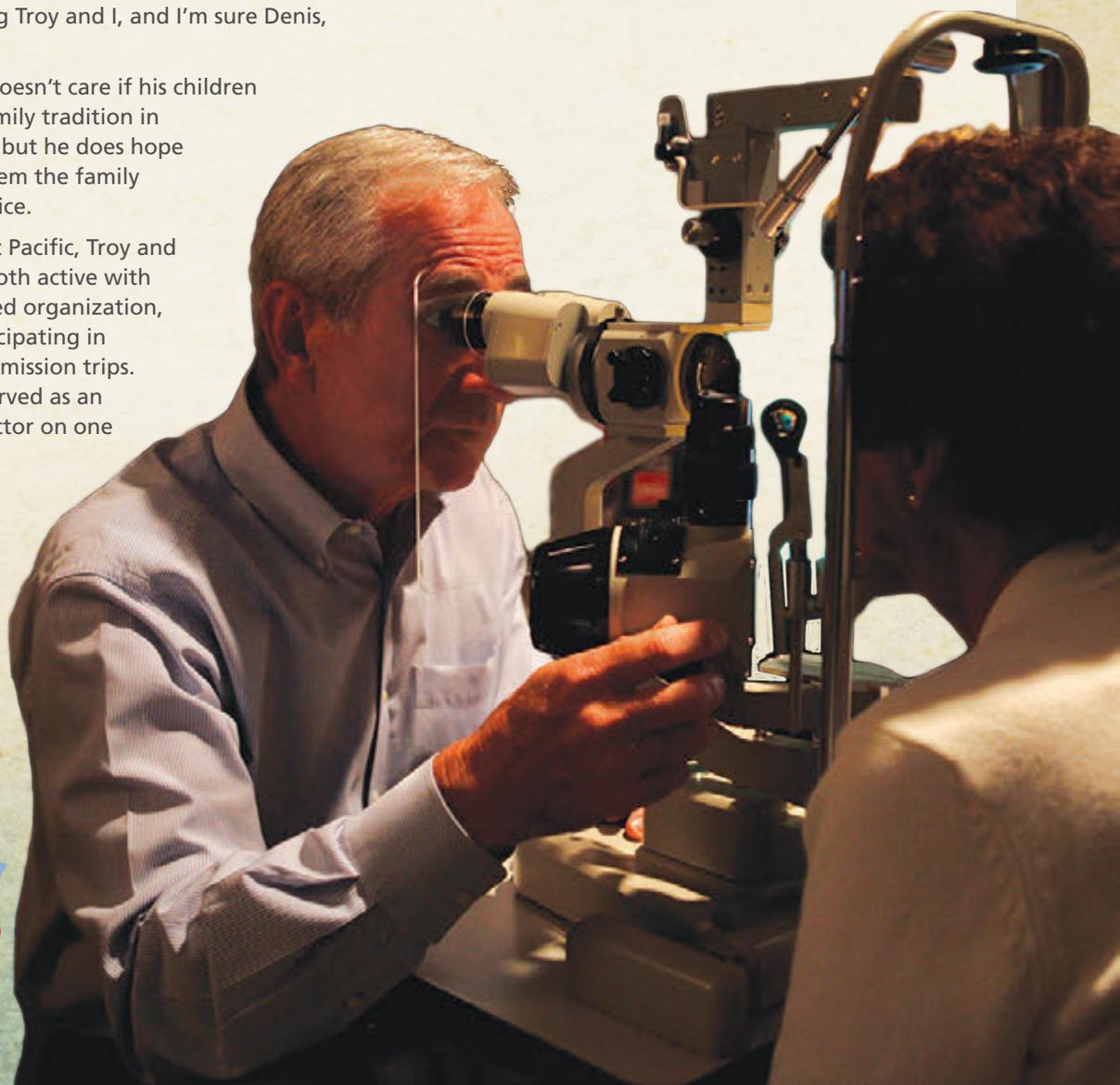
"I think they can help and learn, just really kind of basic screening tests. Not to learn eye care, per se, but to understand the role of care and how it helps out all the people we serve," Troy said.

"Every time I go on a trip, I realize how blessed we are here in the U.S. I think that's an important thing to know at a young age," he said.

"I think it's just inherently important as a human being, if you have an education, to help others that otherwise don't have access. I think it's being a steward of that education." ■

**WATCH** | Becky (Lowrey) Humphreys OD, MEd '99 shares how her Pacific education inspired her profession and service.

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# Courting Scandal

BY JENNI LUCKETT

**“Basketball is practically a new game at Pacific** and yet the little experience we have had in practice and interclass games has shown us that there is good material both among the girls and boys out of which to develop winning teams.”

Yes, the girls.

The Nov. 15, 1905, issue of *The Pacific Index* reported that both men and women were gearing up for a season of the relatively new-fangled game of basketball.

Women had participated in athletics at Pacific before. They were members of the archery team, and they played on the tennis squad with the men.

Basketball, however, was something a little different.

Nationwide, college women playing basketball caused a stir. This was an era when women — constricted in corsets and floor-length skirts — were considered delicate, prone to illness and fainting. They were not supposed to move too much or become over-excited.

And then, some women actually started playing basketball in bloomers!

The 1902 *Heart of Oak* yearbook shows a girls basketball team from Tualatin Academy (above) posing in high collars, full sleeves, and ankle-length skirts or occasionally bloomers, along with dark hosiery. But even that caused

*Women’s basketball caused a stir when it came to Pacific. Female students could play, so long as men didn’t watch. Today, women’s athletics are a thriving part of the student experience.*

some concern for administrators, who in early 1905 determined that only officials and other women could be present at the college-level girls games.

“The ruling at Pacific that men shall be excluded from [watching] basket ball [sic] games played by girls has been taken up by the evening Telegram, and given occasion for considerable comment. The general opinion is that if basket ball is a proper game for girls to play, there is nothing improper in it being played publicly,” reported the Jan. 24 edition of *The Pacific Index*. “The girls who are playing regret the ruling very much, realizing that if their games are not to be played publicly there is no other way to put basket ball on a paying basis.”

It is unclear how long the women’s intra-class and intra-society games were closed to male spectators, but by 1922 the Women’s Athletic Association was officially established, allowing women to earn points toward a letter sweater for participating in swimming, gym class, tennis, hockey, baseball and basketball.

And, 110 years after the playing of women’s basketball raised eyebrows, Pacific women athletes are dominating. In Spring 2015, the women’s lacrosse team brought home the Northwest Conference championship, while the softball team tied for second in the conference earning a place in the championship tournament.

“Good material,” indeed. ■

## class notes & profiles

### 1960 REUNION

To *Kill a Mockingbird* and *Green Eggs and Ham* were published, the Greenboro sit-ins began, and Nixon & Kennedy faced off in the first televised presidential debate. Also, you graduated from Pacific! **Roger Anderson** is helping plan your 55th reunion. Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1964

**Janice (Danielson-Sargeant) Burdett** and husband John have moved to Columbia City, Ore., following retirement to spend more time sailing their boat, Blue Jack. They also enjoy spending time volunteering, traveling and working in the yard and spending time with their nine grandchildren, including **Jessyca Downey '15**.

### 1965 REUNION

The Beatles released *Help!*, UNICEF won the Nobel Peace Prize, and Congress passed the Voting Rights Act, all in the year you graduated from Pacific! **Clark Peters MSED '70**, **Rae (Salvador) Peters**, **Jake Jacobowitz**, **Laura Frye**, **Frank Dierickx Jr.**, **Cam Perry**, **Derryck Dittman**, **Anne Marie (Nordlund) Dittman**, **Sue (Gifford) Alcorn**, **Mindy (Cottrell) Cameron**, **David Fredrickson**, **Len Stroh**, **Fran (Barnett) O'Brien**, **Dick Bond OD**, **Ted Kadet, OD** and **Larry DeCook, OD** are helping plan your 50th reunion. Join us in sharing memories and celebrate your induction in the Golden Guard at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1966

**Ray Woods** has retired from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools after 42 years. He has worked in education for 47 years, living in four different countries. In the past four years alone, he worked with schools serving more than 6,000 students in three countries. He looks forward to enjoying the California sunshine in retirement but also expects to continue working on reading instruction.

### 1970 REUNION

The first dot matrix printer appeared on the market, M.A.S.H. debuted, and shootings took place at Kent State. And you graduated from Pacific! Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1972

**Gordon Haller** was featured on the cover of *Walmart World* magazine. The first Ironman champion 37 years ago, Haller is a programmer analyst for Walmart and continues to be active with Ironman and triathlons.

### 1973

**Alexandra Avery** received a national Keep America Beautiful award in Washington, D.C., in January 2015, on behalf of The Outdoor Circle. She is president of the 105-year-old environmental organization, which helped pass into law a statewide environmental court in 2014.

### 1975 REUNION

*Jaws* was released, Jimmy Hoffa disappeared, and Saigon fell. This is the year you graduated from Pacific! Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1976

**Kip Oswald** has retired from service as a police officer after 32 years. He lives in Coos Bay, Ore., and enjoys fishing, hunting and camping.

**William Romley** is enjoying retirement after 37 years in education. He and his wife took a week-long cruise to Alaska, visited their daughter and son-in-law in Utah, and attended the ATT Pebble Beach National Pro-Am PGA golf tournament, where their son — also a real estate agent — caddied. They are looking forward to a Caribbean cruise, and William also enjoys playing golf, fishing and walking his dogs.

### 1977

**John L. Adams OD** retired in May 2014 from a 33-year solo private practice in Ipswich, Mass. In 2006, he also retired as a lieutenant colonel after 31 years of active and reserve duty in the Navy in Submarine Service and Air Force as Chief of Optometry for the 439 Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Westover Air Force Base. He sits on the board of directors of Massachusetts Citizens for Life and is chancellor of Knights of Columbus Council 202 in Haverhill, Mass.

### 1979

**Hugh Alexander** is in his 21<sup>st</sup> year as a professor of illustration at the Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design in Denver. He calls teaching the “coolest job in the world.” He also continues to create imagery for Fortune 500 companies, including recent illustrations for Mercedes-Benz.

### 1980 REUNION

USA defeated the USSR in the “Miracle on Ice,” Mount St. Helens erupted, and John Lennon was killed. This was the year you graduated from Pacific! Come home to share memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1983

**John Brunelle** is director of Capital City Development Corp., Boise's urban renewal agency.

### 1985 REUNION

*The Breakfast Club* and *Back to the Future* were released, Michael Jordan won Rookie of the Year, and the Nintendo hit the American market. Also, you graduated from Pacific! **David McBride**, **Larry Jones** and **Kevin McBride** are helping plan a reunion of the College of Optometry Class of 1985 during GWCO on Sept. 11. All 1985 alumni are invited to join us at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1989

**Angela Cerrito '89, PT '91** works as a pediatric physical therapist and also writes children's novels. Her second novel, *The Safest Lie*, will be released later this year. She conducted research in Warsaw, Poland, including interviewing Irena Sendler, a mastermind spy and member of the Polish resistance who was in charge of all child rescue operations from the Warsaw ghetto.

### 1990 REUNION

The Ford Explorer hit the market, Nelson Mandela was released from prison, and the U.S. launched Operation Desert Shield in Kuwait. This was the

year you graduated from Pacific! Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1992

**Nick McRee** has received a Fulbright Scholarship to Japan for the 2015-2016 academic year. He will teach courses in criminology and the American criminal justice system to students at Hitotsubashi University and Tsuda College in Tokyo. He is an associate professor of sociology at the University of Portland.

### 1995 REUNION

Craigslist was founded, the Oklahoma City federal building was bombed, and the Comet Hale-Bopp was discovered all in the year you graduated from Pacific! Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

### 1998

**Kelly Romo MAT '98, MFA '13** will publish her novel *Whistling Women* in December 2015.

### 1999

**Cori Gono** and Kevin Haga welcomed daughter Ciera Miyuki Haga on Jan. 10, 2015. She joins sister Kobi, 4.

**Jamie Hoag Barnett** and **Zack Barnett '99** welcomed daughter Annika Lea in June 2014. Big sister Malyn is enjoying her new role.

### 2000 REUNION

Y2K did not end the world, the dot-com bubble peaked, and the USS Cole was bombed all in the year you graduated from Pacific. Join us in sharing memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

## alumni news

BY MARTHA CALUS-MCLAIN '03  
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS

### Pacific University is constantly growing and changing,

but the important things remain the same. Our alumni of every generation tell us how much they value the community of Pacific.



Alumni volunteers are instrumental in creating and maintaining that community, supporting the success of the university, the success of current students, and the relationships that are at the core of the Pacific experience.

This winter, our alumni showed their overwhelming pride by voting for Pacific in a Portland logo

contest (page 4). In May, our alumni helped surpass our goals by almost double on Boxer Giving Day (page 10).

Pacific alumni have risen to the challenge in more subtle ways, too. In the past year, 280 alumni have participated in 324 volunteer positions (44 alumni did double duty). Nearly 50 are working to plan reunions for their classes. More than 20 returned to campus to support students on Senior Projects Day, and 45 have lent their expertise to support students through the Career Development Center.

Members of our Alumni Board of Representatives are especially active in supporting Pacific's mission.

Joel Lampert '05, MA '07, PsyD '10, incoming board president, helped develop our pilot Alumni Mentor Program.

Steve Dustrude '73, now past-president, oversaw the creation of several new chapters and the revision of the Alumni Board Legacy Scholarship (page 20).

Ken Colman '84, president-elect, had an incredibly successful year representing the Puget Sound Chapter and was a star volunteer for Homecoming 2014, arriving a day early and asking to be put to work.

And, Secretary Sara Allender '09, who cheerfully helps whenever asked, also serves as president of the Portland-Area Young Alumni Chapter, a big job given that half of all our alumni graduated in the past 15 years.

Finally, there are alumni whose support is quieter, but no less important. They are the alumni who encourage young people to consider a career in optometry, physical therapy, social work, or any of the other fantastic programs offered here.

They are alumni who don their Pacific gear when traveling and spread the Boxer Spirit around the world.

They are alumni who share a fee-waived application with a high school student.

They are the alumni who have shown, time and again, their incredible power to spread the mission and spirit of this place. Keep sharing our mission with all you know and everywhere you go!

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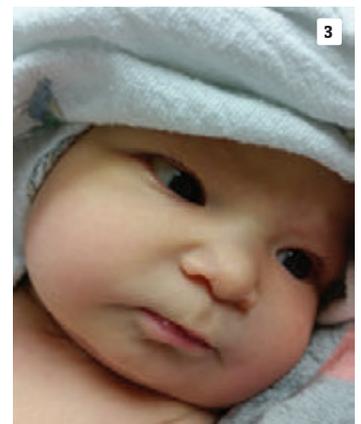
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**2001**

**Marcia Lusk-Caldwell OD** and Steve Caldwell welcomed daughter Stella Raye on Dec. 30, 2014. She was 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches. They live in Cocoa Beach, Fla., where Marcia practices at Family Vision in Rockledge.

**2** **Jon Dykstra** and wife Lauren welcomed Griffin Wellington Dykstra on Feb. 4, 2015. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 18.3 inches.

**2003**

**Marlie (Wild) Loomis** and husband Cody welcomed daughter Joyelle Kai on Jan. 28, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and measured 21.5 inches.

**6** **Ryanne Pilgeram** and **Russ Meeuf '03** welcomed daughter Fern Maisie on Dec. 23, 2014. She joins big brothers Alden and Will.

**Kristen (Bowerly) Steele '03, PT '06** and **Matt Steele '02** welcomed their second daughter, Kaiya Lee, on May 7, 2014. She joins Sierra Nicole, 3. Faculty member **Mike Steele** and wife Gerianne are grandparents.

**2004**

**9** **Kristi (Bryant) Poe '04, OD '09** and her husband Nic Poe welcomed their first child, Oliver Bryant Poe, in 2010 and daughter Evelyn Claire Poe in 2013. They live in Longview, Wash., where Kristi practices optometry with **Jeff Tack OD '91** and **Terry Tack '68, OD '70**. She joined the Longview Eye and Vision practice in 2010 after completing her residency at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla, Wash.

**2005 REUNION**

Pope John Paul II died, *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* debuted, and the only female head of state in Africa was elected. This was the year you graduated from Pacific! **Rebecca (Lucas) Pence '03, Paulette Wheeler '03, OT '05** and **Tara (Myers) Dewar** are planning a reunion for the year's occupational therapy class to take place August 14-16. **Rachael Woody, Rob DeCou, Emily (Smith) Albers, Kawi (Torres) Ryes** and **Liz Good** are helping plan a 10-year reunion for the undergraduate Class of 2005 during Homecoming. Join us to share memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

**10** **Michelle (Walker) Viss** and her husband Michael welcomed daughter Mikaela Irene Viss on March 26, 2015. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

**2006**

**Ryan Aiello MA** is the associate dean of student development at Portland Community College, Rock Creek. He previously spent 13 years working with students at Pacific University. ▶ magazine.pacificu.edu/RyanAiello

**Justin Arnold** recently started an internship at the Office of Sen. Jeff Merkley, working on policy.

**Trista Berry** completed her master of science in microbiology and molecular genetics at the University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston in August 2014 and is managing a lab focused on developing an early molecular detection method for sepsis.

**7** **Jayme Ing** and **Jesse Wong '08** were married. Pacific alumni in the wedding party

included **Amy Fenton '09, Leanne (Santella) Barden '09** and **Jordan Wong '11**. **Reese Moriyama '10** was the wedding photographer.

**2007**

**Jeannine (Hall) Gailey MFA** published her fourth book of poetry, *The Robot Scientist's Daughter*, in March 2015. ▶ Page 8

**1** **Ami (Heaton) Halvorson OD '07** and **Kirk Halvorson OD '07** welcomed daughter Hilde Belle Halvorson on Jan. 6, 2015.

**4** **Brock Laster** and Briana VanNess welcomed daughter Blakely Sue on Jan. 31, 2015. She was 6 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19 inches.

**Alyssa (Neyens) Snyder '07, OD '10** welcomed son Jake Thomas on Jan. 5, 2015. He weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches.

**2008**

**5** **Justin Barden '08** and **Leanne (Santella) Barden '09** welcomed daughter Aleeah Kaekoa Santella Barden on Jan. 21, 2015. She weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 17.5 inches.

**Kellen Kashiwa '08, OD '11** was featured in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* for his involvement in leading a mission with the nonprofit Amigos to provide humanitarian eye care to more than 600 patients in Tanzania.

**Liz (Barnett) Strubel PA** and husband Derek welcomed daughter Madison Tyler on Feb. 16, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20 inches.

**2009**

**Peter Agbo PharmD** completed a master's of public health and MD program and is completing

a family medicine rotation in Delaware. He and a friend also started a nonprofit, the Raphas Hands Foundation, which seeks to provide basic healthcare services to underserved people around the world.

**2010 REUNION**

An earthquake killed thousands in Haiti and a U.S. Red Cross cell phone campaign raised \$8 million for relief. *Avatar* became the top-grossing movie of all time, and the Winter Olympics were held in British Columbia. All in the year you graduated from Pacific! Join us to share memories at Homecoming, Oct. 2-4.

**3** **Katie (Gutierrez) Kearn** and Adam Kearn welcomed Olivia Jean Kearn on Dec. 23, 2014. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

**Haley Fritz Hadduck** and **Spencer Hadduck '10** welcomed son Asher David Hadduck on Dec. 28, 2014. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20.25 inches.

**Suzanne (Wells) Mather** and **Jonathan Mather '09, OD '13** welcomed son Ezra Mather on Dec. 30, 2014. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

**2011**

**Max Price '11, MAT '12** and **Brandi Palmer '12** were married Nov. 22, 2014, in front of family and friends, including many Boxers. They moved to Salem, where Brandi teaches preschool and coaches middle school track and Max teaches high school and coaches baseball.

**Heather Sappenfield**

**MFA** published *The View From Who I Was*. Sappenfield lives in Colorado with her husband and teenage daughter. ▶ Page 8

**2012**

**Katie Sipos** started working for Amazon.com in October 2014.

**2014**

**Ross English OD** has joined Northern Hills Eye Care in Sturgis, S.D., with **Dave Prosser OD '89** and staff. A native of the Black Hills area, he completed clinical experience in hospital-based optometry at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota, at the Hot Springs VA Hospital, with Norton Sound Health Corp in Nome, Alaska, and in a family practice in Gillette, Wyo. He and his wife Alyssa enjoy all the outdoor activities the Black Hills offer. ■

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## in memoriam

**Lorelle Browning**, professor of English, died April 26, 2015, at age 64. She earned her bachelor's, master's and PhD from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and joined the faculty at Pacific University in 1990. She had previously taught at Vietnamese colleges and universities in Hue, Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City and co-produced several collaborative productions featuring Vietnamese and American actors performing together in Vietnam and the United States. The award-winning documentary film, *A Dream in Hanoi*, chronicles her theatre collaborations and has aired numerous times on PBS and LINK television. She also worked with Portland's Artists Repertory Theatre on bilingual Vietnamese-American productions of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Tennessee Williams' *Glass Menagerie*. In 2011, she co-directed a Vietnamese production of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy. She was the founder of Vietnam-America Theatre Exchange and recognized as the most renowned non-native expert on Vietnamese theatre. She and her partner, Marvin Simmons, were dedicated to service to the people of Vietnam and to veterans of the conflict in Vietnam. They had adopted two foster families in Vietnam. She also enjoyed aerobics, cooking for students and friends, and gardening at her home, as well as traveling and playing with her dogs.



Memorial donations may be made to the Pacific University English Department.

### 1941

**Mary Elizabeth Smith Tomme '41, MA '63** died Jan. 20, 2015, at age 92. She met her husband, Wade Kennon Tomme, in Japan, when she was music director of the Armed Forces radio station and he was an Army Chaplain. The family moved around the world from Morocco to Tripoli to Alaska and spent many years in the San Antonio area. She taught in public schools from Oregon to Texas, had private violin and piano students around the world, and sang in and conducted choirs at various schools and base chapels. She was a charter member of the Portland Symphonic Choir, played violin in the University of Texas at San Antonio orchestra and the San Antonio Community

String Orchestra, and sang in the choir of Alamo Heights United Methodist Church. In 1997, she was inducted into the Pacific University Music Hall of Fame. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth Anne (and Nick) Graves and Mary K. (and Bob) Clark; grandchildren; Ashlie (and Steve) Skidmore, Stratton Clark and Allison Clark; and two great-grandchildren.

### 1942

**Forrest E. Bump** died April 27, 2015, at age 94. He met **Rosemary Joubert '60** at Pacific, and they married in 1944 in Kentucky, where he studied at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He served as an Army Medical Captain

during his internship at Fitzsimmons Hospital in Denver, and the couple later moved to Newberg, then Forest Grove, where he began a medical practice in 1950. He helped found Tuality Community Hospital and St. Bede's Episcopal Church. He co-founded the Tualatin Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society and enjoyed plant collection trips to Sikkim, Tibet and China. He served on the Forest Grove School Board for two years and was a member of the local Holbrook Masons. He also helped start a chess group and photography club, and he enjoyed sailing and gardening. He was preceded in death by his brother **Kenneth Bump '41**

and sister-in-law **Ellen (Arnold) Bump '40**. His wife Rosemary died May 9. A full obituary will appear in the next issue of *Pacific*. He is survived by his daughters Mary Spies and Rosemary Bradford; son Stefan (and Christine) Bump; grandchildren Cameron Spies (and Lizzy Ellison) and Lillian Bradford; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### 1944

**Anna Mary (Hartrampf) Banner** died March 29, 2015, at age 92. After attending Pacific, she opened a floral shop with a cousin and later became assistant to the vice president of the First Commercial Bank of Oregon, Hillsboro branch. In 1953, she married William R. Bond Jr., and they founded Permapost Products Company, which continues to manufacture fabricated and treated forest products. Following a divorce in 1969, she earned her real estate license and also volunteered for the Washington County Elections Board and OMSI, where she later was membership secretary. In 1976, she married Francis Leon Banner, and they moved to Los Angeles until his retirement in 1982, when they returned to Hillsboro. They enjoyed managing investment properties, gardening, golf, travel, dog shows, family and friends. Anna Mary was an active member of Eastern Star, PEO chapter BH, Hillsboro Investment Club, Hillsboro Garden Club, Portland Rose Society and Western Washington Weimaraner Club. She is survived by her son, David W. (and Lori) Bond; daughter Jayne C. Bond (and Hector Villalobos); stepdaughter Julia Banner

Spence; stepson John W. (and Rozalia) Banner; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

### Gwendolyn "Gwen"

**M. (Howell) Sagar** died April 18, 2015, at age 94. She majored in business administration at Pacific and later graduated from Hastings Business School in Portland. She worked for the First National Bank in Forest Grove. In 1943, she married **Robert "Bob" G. Sagar '44**, and they made their home in Forest Grove. She worked part time at Pacific University and was the assistant bookstore manager for 28 years until her retirement in 1984. When her children were young, she was active in the Camp Fire Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent at what is now the Forest Grove United Church of Christ. She also was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Forest Grove Elkettes. She enjoyed golf, dancing and traveling. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, as well as son Gary. She is survived by her husband; daughter Karla Baxter; sisters Joanne Stanley and LeNell Jones; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

### 1947

**Merle Glen Bryan** died March 27, 2015, at age 94. He attended Yankton College for three years before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He flew the first B-24 bomber to Karachi, India, and flew 50 missions in the China-Burma-India Theater. He returned to the U.S., where he married his college sweetheart, Merle Lois Bryan. He left

the service as a major in 1946 and attended Pacific University, earning a degree in business. Under is leadership Forest Grove National Bank changed its name to Valley National Bank and expanded to include branches in Cornelius, Hillsboro, Banks and Beaverton before being sold to U.S. Bank of Oregon. he was president of the Oregon Bankers Association and the Independent Bankers Association, a member of the Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco, and elected to the Oregon Bankers Hall of Fame in 1988. He also was president of the Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and was a member of the Forest Grove Union High School District. He enjoyed visiting South Dakota, hosting family gatherings at the coast, fishing and playing golf. He is survived by his wife; son Jim (and Ellen) Bryan; daughter **Mary Lee Planer '72**; grandchildren Michael Bryan, Erik (and Ashley) Planer, and Bryan Planer; and twin great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Pacific University.

#### 1948

**Robert A. Ley '48, OD '49** died April 11, 2015, at age 101. He grew up in Yakima and attended Whitman College Conservatory of Music, where he received a bachelor's, master's, conservatory diploma and piano soloist degree. He taught only a year and half, though, before joining the service during World War II. He served on a patrol frigate as a first class radioman. After the war, he attended Pacific. He settled in Coquille, Ore., where he practiced

optometry for 40 years. He met his first wife, Jeanne Wenger, at Whitman. She died in 1966. He later married Dorothy (Boskill) Sanford, with whom who helped start the Sawdust Theater in Coquille and traveled around the world. He later enjoyed a sports car with companion Grace (Ellingson) Greenough. Joan Wren was his close companion for nearly four years after moving to the Eugene Hotel Retirement Center. He enjoyed motorcycling, flying, golf, and driving a sports car. He was a life member of the Elks, Lions, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Oregon Optometric Association.

#### 1950

##### **Mary Jane (Kryshak) Sikes '50, OD '51**

died April 12, 2015, at age 86. Known for her adventurous spirit, she was the second woman to earn a doctor of optometry from Pacific University. She and her husband, **Rex Sikes '53**, practiced in the Wausau, Calif., area for 40 years. They traveled the world from Antarctica to Africa, and she took many trips of her own, bringing her stories back to public talks at the library and Metro Club. Her husband had served as a pilot in the Navy, so she got her pilot's license to share his passion for their small plane. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her daughter Gini; son Rex Steven; grandchildren Sydney and Jordan; brother and sister-in-law Guy Bruce and Elaine Kryshak; and sister Christine McKinley.



**Robert "Bob" Holcomb OD '49** died Feb. 24, 2015, at age 90. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a bombardier officer in the most decorated bomb group in World War II. After his 17<sup>th</sup> mission, he was among 30 bombers shot down in a raid over Austria. He spent the remainder of the war missing in action behind Russian lines in Hungary.

After the war, he returned to the United States and attended Pacific University. He established a private optometry practice in Corvallis, where he worked for 41 years. In 1963, he was awarded the Oregon Optometric Association's President's Award, and he was president of the association in 1980-1981. He also was a leader in the Corvallis Rotary Club. In 1997, he laid the foundation for a 14-day eye clinic in Ecuador. In 2001, he led his own club to raise more than \$100,000 for the team to make its third trip. He also was exalted ruler of the Elks Lodge and designated Elk of the Decade, as well as a member of the Corvallis Masonic Lodge and Al Kader Shrine Temple. He was vice president of the Oregon Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation and retired director on the board of Pacific Continental Bank.

In 1998, he received the Pacific University Alumni Distinguished Service Award for his service to humanity.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Billie; children Larry (and Karen) Holcomb and Linda (and Patrick) Holcomb-Bryant; two grandsons; one great-grandson, and brother, Fred "Jack" Holcomb.

##### **Harry E. Therkelsen Sr. '50, MAEd '56**

died July 7, 2014, at age 92. Following Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served as a naval aviation navigator in the Pacific theater. Following the war, he moved to Forest Grove to attend Pacific University. He began his 34-year career at Bandon High School, where he taught and coached football. He later taught and coached at Lakeview High School. He and his wife, Helen, moved to California in 1955, and he taught and served as an administrator in the San Mateo Union High School District. He put special focus on students who felt disenfranchised by

the traditional curriculum. He retired in 1985 and became more involved with local organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, and Salvation Army. He was a craftsman, wood carver, carpenter, gardener and sports fan. He is survived by his wife; children Harry Jr., Marlene and Laura; and five grandchildren.

##### **William Ray VanderZanden**

died Feb. 6, 2015, at age 86. He grew up on a family farm in Banks and attended high school in Forest Grove before earning degrees from Pacific University and the University of Portland. In 1950, he married Eileen Ann Meeuwssen. She

preceded him in death in 1990. He spent his career as a chemist at GAF and retired from Bonneville Power Administration as a quality assurance engineer. He enjoyed fishing, spending time with family and friends, working in the garden, and rebuilding antique radios. He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Sharon Katherine (Caputo) VanderZanden; children Susan (and Hoyt) Aden, Ken (and Vicki) VanderZanden, Kevin (and Jessica) VanderZanden, Jan (and Al) Ford, and Mark VanderZanden (and Kirsten Solberg); sister Clara Dickerman; brother Eugene (and Liz) VanderZanden; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1951

**Phyllis (Skarsten) Dixon '51, MS '58** died Feb. 18, 2015, at age 85. Her father Dr. Marvin O. Skarsten, taught at Pacific for more than two decades, also serving as registrar, director of admissions, and director of the graduate school. Following her own graduation from Pacific, Phyllis moved to Rapid City, where she was Christian education director at First Presbyterian Church. She earned a doctorate in education at Northern Colorado University and

returned to South Dakota, where she was a teacher and administrator for 32 years. She also served as an adjunct professor at South Dakota State University and was a committed community volunteer with CASA, Club for Boys, Head Start, YFS and Casey Family Children. She held positions on several local organization boards and received countless honors and awards, including "10 Most Powerful Women in Rapid City" in 1980. She also was an avid amateur actor and a fine musician. She is survived by her son

Dr. David (and Peggy) Dixon; grandchildren Danielle (and Andrew) Wolf and Jonathan Dixon; sister **Margaret (Peggy) Ann Alexander '63 (and Bill Alexander '64)**; nieces **Malinda Alexander '95** (and Kim Alexander) and their son Liam, and **Melissa '98 (and Blake '98) Timm** and their daughters Sydney and Hannah, as well as a large extended family.

**Ray Kangas** died July 18, 2014, at age 87. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, then earned his degree in chemistry from Pacific

University. He moved to Longview, Wash., in 1951 and worked for Reynolds Metals for 37 years, retiring as chief chemist in 1988. He was a member of the Longview Church of the Nazarene and enjoyed golfing, gardening and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Arve and Everett, and sisters Sylvia and Helen. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons Jim (and Diane) Kangas and Greg (and Sandra) Kangas; daughter Julie Kangas; and five grandchildren.

1956

**Harriet Lehua (Yost) Wehrli** died April 9, 2013, at age 78. After Pacific, she earned a master's degree from the University of Oregon. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. Richard H. Wehrli '56, OD '57**. She is survived by her children Traci Kane, Darci Fersch and Cameron Wehrli; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1957

**Myldred J. (Chester) Peldyak** died Nov. 30, 2014, at age 79. She received her bachelor's in elementary education from Pacific and went on to work as a kindergarten teacher at Visitation School in Verboort and later a fifth-grade teacher in Forest Grove until her retirement in 1991. She married **Leon E. Peldyak '59** on May 12, 1956, and they had three children. Early in their marriage, she worked as a fire watcher for the Forest Grove Fire Department. Following her retirement, she volunteered for the St. Vincent de Paul at St. Anthony's Parish, where she was a member since 1955. She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, making baskets, and attending craft classes, as well as golfing and traveling. She was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her children **Leah Peldyak '85** (and Mark Schmidt), Greg (and Kathy) Peldyak, and Mark Peldyak (and Brandy Roberts); her brother Raymond Chester; and six grandchildren, including **Brett Peldyak '16**.

**Cheron Joy (Messmer) Mayhall '64** died Feb. 3, 2015. After graduating from Pacific she volunteered for the Peace Corps in Honduras. Later,



she attended Ohio University, earning a master's degree in human relations in 1968. She married Bill Mayhall in 1967. They moved to Galveston, Texas, where she worked as a medical social worker, and later moved to Albuquerque,

N.M., where she was a counselor, instructor and co-director of a career counseling program.

In 1975, they moved to Salem, and she enrolled at Oregon State, earning a PhD in 1983. The couple had four children. Following the death of son Scotty, Cheron formed a chapter of Compassionate Friends and dedicated her doctoral research efforts to assisting families surviving the deaths of their young children. She wrote a successful grant for federal funding to establish the Coalition in Oregon for Parental Education. She was executive director of the Oregon COPE project for 14 years.

After retiring, she was founder of Habitat for Humanity in Port Townsend, Wash., and president of the American Society for Deaf Children. She also participated in her church's mission project to build

homes in Santa Elena, El Salvador. In 2004, she published her first memoir, *The Bridge Is Love: A Journey Through Grief to Joy After the Death of a Child*. Her second memoir, *Marshaling Support to Survive Breast Cancer: Self-talk, Girl-talk, Doctor-talk*, was published in 2008.

In 2009, Cheron became involved with her Tucson, Ariz., church, and volunteered as a grief support group facilitator. She was named a "Remarkable Mom" by Tu Nidito in 2010 and also received Pacific's 1986 Outstanding Alumni Service Award. She also was honored by the National Parent Network and by the Oregon State University Department of Education.

Following her October 2011 diagnosis of Stage 4 breast cancer, she walked the Las Vegas Rock and Roll half marathon, hiked in and out of the Grand Canyon, completed the Komen Foundation 60-mile charity walk in Seattle, and completed a 90-mile pilgrimage across Spain's Camino de Santiago. She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Bill; children **Phillip '93**, Laura and Katrina; grandsons Jeremy, Christopher Jr., Cedric and Gabryel; and granddaughter Gratia.

Letters Cheron wrote home in 1964 inspired a play by student Kailea Saplan. ▶Page 11

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**Vincent Allen Hayes '65** died Feb. 20, 2015, at age 74. Following his graduation from Pacific, Hayes attended two years of law school at the University of Washington before earning a master of social work from UW in 1998. He worked as director of Washington State Multi-Service Centers from 1967 to 1970, in several executive positions with the Social Security Administration until 1996, and most recently as director of the counseling

department at Seattle Vocational Institute. He was a member of the Pacific University Alumni Association Board of Directors. He was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Hayes Jr., and first wife Ruby Robinson. He is survived by his wife, Jane Andrew; children David (and Laura Scott) Hayes, Robin Stark, Michael (and Marlo) Hayes, and Jessica (and Geoff) Stella; stepdaughters Rebecca Zanatta (and Ben Dickinson) and Amanda (and Adam) Smith; brother Paul (and Debra) Hayes; and grandchildren Rion, **Cameron '14**, Hailey, Dallas, Marcus and Tai.

## 1958

**Richard "Dick" Lynn Smith** died Nov. 5, 2014, at age 77. He earned a bachelor's in education from Pacific and went on to teach at Knappa, Forest Grove, and Yamhill-Carlton Union High School. While in Yamhill-Carlton, he taught psychology, career education, history, and social sciences, and he retired as student counselor. He also coached basketball and was athletic director. He met his future wife, Judy Wahlborn, while teaching at Knappa, where she was the high school secretary. They were married in 1960. They returned to Forest Grove when he retired in 1992. Dick loved owning, breeding and showing Appaloosa horses. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, landscape design, gardening, woodworking, golfing, bowling and traveling. He was his granddaughters' No. 1 fan as they competed in softball, volleyball and basketball. He was preceded in death by his son, Kevin, and a sister. He is survived by his wife;

daughter and Vicky (and Bill) Vandomelen; three siblings, Ron (and Susie) Smith, Bob (and Karen) Smith, and Virginia (and Joe) Swanno; brother-in-law Dave Henderson; two granddaughters; and many nieces and nephews.

## 1959

**Bruce Willson Galloway** died Oct. 3, 2013, at age 80. He was an Army veteran and enjoyed a 30-year career as a YMCA director, retiring from Lynden, Wash., YMCA in 1982. He also was active in Kiwanis and a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. He enjoyed woodworking and camping. He was preceded in death by his brother, Doug Galloway. He is survived by his wife Carolyn; children David W. (and Cypressa) Galloway, Suzanne L. Galloway, Michael R. (and Teri-Lin) Galloway, and Deborah L. (and Martin) Kaiser; and sister Carol Lee Nancy Russell.

## 1963

**Warren B. Schouten OD '64** died Dec. 7, 2014, at age 79. He was the first of three brothers to

attend Pacific's optometry program. He practiced for more than 40 years. He and his wife, Louise, enjoyed traveling around the world, though Warren's favorite place to visit was the High Uintah Mountains in Utah. He had eagerly looked forward to his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion at Pacific in 2014, but was too ill to travel, battling Parkinson's Disease in the last years of his life. He was preceded in death by his brother **John G. Schouten OD '66**. He is survived by his wife; children James Warren Schouten MD and Patricia Schouten Murphy; brother **Robert D. Schouten OD '64**; and eight grandchildren.

## 1972

**Douglas L. Hessen** died Jan. 13, 2015, at age 64. A long-time Forest Grove resident, he earned a bachelor's degree in business and economics from Pacific and worked as a tax audit supervisor for the Oregon Employment Department for 30 years. He married Karen Brown on Oct. 26, 1996, and they purchased a home in Seaside.

Following his retirement, they traveled to watch the New York Yankees play around the country. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Forest Grove. He was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Hessen. He is survived by his wife; children Robert Hessen, Bettina Reorowicz and Kurtis Pulley; seven grandchildren; and twin sister **Patricia (Hessen) Pies '72**.

## 1974

**Anthony "Tony" Earl Warren** died Feb. 28, 2015, at age 63. He was a beloved father, son, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend.

## 1977

**Leon "Lenny" Aggalot** died Feb. 27, 2015, at age 59. He was born in Honolulu. He is survived by wife, Jerilyn; sons Ivan, Isaac and Lawrence; brothers Gary and John Joseph; sisters Jackie Sweney, Ilona Lopes and Phyllis Ahuna; and three grandchildren.

## 1980

**Alice Izabel Brown OD** died May 4, 2014, at age 60. After graduating from Linfield College, she attended Pacific for her doctor of optometry. She worked as an optometrist in Depoe Bay, Ore., and served as a city councilwoman there for several years. She was recognized by the Lions Clubs in Sheridan and Depot Bay. In 2003, she was celebrated as the Depoe Bay Woman of the Year. She was known for making quilted items for the city's annual fundraiser. She also was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served as a librarian and genealogist.

She suffered a rare genetic disorder and, after her health began to fail in 2004, she closed her business and moved to Newport, Ore.

## 1984

**James "Jim" Thurman Nunley PT** died Oct. 27, 2014, at age 62. He worked his way through college at Oregon State University doing custom hay work with his brother and spending several summers as a commercial fisherman in Alaska. He earned his physical therapy degree at Pacific University, and later worked as a physical therapist in Astoria. In 1985, he moved to the East Bay Area in California, where he continued as a physical therapist until shortly before his death. He was a talented mechanic, an assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts, and an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livermore, Calif. He was preceded in death by brother Brett Nunley. He is survived by his brother David Nunley; sisters Elizabeth Nunley, Krista Codington, Ellen Demarest, Kathryn Carlson and Sharman Johnson; son Logan Slater; and 25 nieces and nephews.

## 2000

**Michelle Stewart PA** died March 28, 2015, at age 61. She worked as a respiratory therapist for more than a decade before attending Pacific after her sons graduated from high school. She joined Maple Street Clinic in Forest Grove after graduation, where she provided medical care and mentored and acted as preceptor for Pacific students in the School of Physician Assistant Studies. ■

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Pacific University's Nā Haumāna O Hawai'i hosted its 55th annual Lu'au on the Forest Grove Campus in April. Parent, student and alumni volunteers made all the fresh leis and flower arrangements for the event.

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