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# GUIDE TO LIFE

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 **ROBBIE BOURLAND**





## letter from the president

### **Pacific University is a place of opportunity.**

This fall, JoJo Miller '18 helped remind us just what that means. JoJo is a senior, double majoring in sociology and applied theatre and minoring in physics. She is also one of two inaugural recipients of the Golden Guard Endowed Scholarship for first-generation students.

At Homecoming this fall, she spoke to members of the Golden Guard to tell them why their investment means so much to today's students.

"When you accept a low-income student to school and you don't offer them scholarships and financial aid, or you don't talk to them about what they need, you are really rejecting them," she said. "You're saying, 'You can come here if you work harder than everyone, if you can overcome your background.'"

At Pacific, students like JoJo are our base. And, they are the reason that the largest priority in our current fundraising campaign — Lead On: The Campaign for Tomorrow at Pacific University — is growing our endowment to provide perpetual funding for student support.

Pacific has a long tradition of offering admission to students who may not otherwise be able to access college — and then doing our best to help them change their lives, and very often those of future generations in their family. Almost a quarter of our students are the first in their families to attend college. Our students, on average, have higher financial need rates than almost any of our peer universities in the Pacific Northwest. And, on average, they also undergo a more dramatic change in their socioeconomic situation than students at our peer universities.

Pacific offers lower income students the opportunity to obtain a college education — and many students take that opportunity to reach middle class jobs, achieve financial security, give back to their communities, and build a foundation to offer their own children even more opportunity tomorrow. Our challenge is trying not to overburden them with debt when they graduate, which is why growing our capacity to award scholarships is so critical.

The term "alma mater" translates from the Latin as "nurturing mother." Like a parent, we are here to empower students to learn and grow, to support them on their way and throughout their lives, and to help them become strong, independent people.

Also like a parent, our job does not end on Graduation Day. We strive to be here for our alumni as they continue their journey beyond Pacific and into that larger world. Please, let us know how Pacific has helped you in the past, and in what ways we could be more supportive to you in the future.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley M. Hallick". The script is fluid and cursive.

Lesley M. Hallick, President  
president@pacificu.edu



## editor's letter

**When I graduated from high school**, a family member gave me a spiral-bound book called *Where's Mom Now That I Need Her?*

On one level, I'm sure it was meant to be funny. It certainly never stopped me from calling my mom for help.

But I did turn to that book a lot in the coming years.

It was full of simple tips for grown-up life: laundry tricks, basic car maintenance, easy recipes, and so much more.

It's an old book, but so helpful that I've sought it out as a gift when other family members have finished high school and headed out on their own.

And, I've thought back to the tips I needed most as another kind of guide: a list of what I need to be sure my own children learn as they're growing up.

I like to think I get a little smarter every year. Some lessons have come with the help of books and guides; some (like the importance of managing credit cards responsibly) had to come the hard way.

It never hurts to have a little help, though.

So this issue of *Pacific* magazine is the beginning of a suite of tips, tools and connections to help you navigate the challenges on life's journey after college. We turned to experts among our alumni and faculty here at Pacific to gain insight into some of our biggest day-to-day life questions.

Their answers are in the pages of this issue, and we'll have more to come online at [magazine.pacificu.edu](http://magazine.pacificu.edu) in the coming months and with special events and resources from the Alumni Association.

As we begin a new year, often full of resolutions and plans to be a little more organized, a little more "grownup," we hope you find a resource that helps you on your way. And we invite you to continue to connect with Pacific by letting us know what worked, what questions we can help answer, and how we can continue to be a nurturing part of your life.

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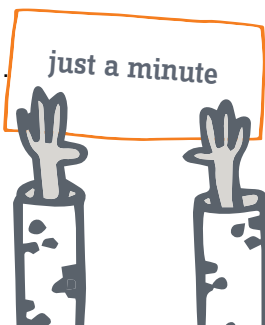
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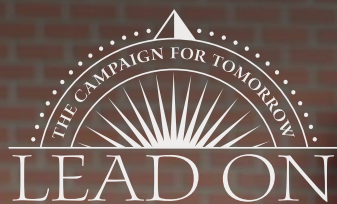
### **Don't miss our next Now What Brunch**

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## news & notes



Tim & Cathy Tran Library

### Campaign for Pacific

**A 10,000-mile journey** that began in Vietnam for Pacific University alumni Tim '74 and Cathy Tran '74 culminated at the university's Forest Grove Campus on Oct. 6 with the naming of the library in their honor. The naming came at the recommendation of the

Pacific Board of Trustees earlier this year, in recognition of the establishment of the Khiem "Tim" '74 and Thuy "Cathy" Tran '74

Library Endowment, which will provide operational support to fund teaching, learning and the scholarly environment the university's library system promotes.


The Trans came to Pacific as students in the 1970s, before returning to their home in South Vietnam to launch their careers. They later were forced to flee that home amid the chaos of Communist rule and outbreak of war. A harrowing journey eventually brought them back to the United States, where they found support and welcome from friends at Pacific.

They each went on to establish successful careers and to prioritize giving back in support of education. "To me personally, coming here today and attending this dedication is the completion of a long journey of almost 38 years and more than 10,000 miles," Tim Tran said. "I'm glad it ended right here."

**WATCH** ▶ [pacificu.edu/TranLibrary](https://pacificu.edu/TranLibrary)

**READ** ▶ The Trans' story in our next issue

BY JOE LANG

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## line up



**SERENA WALLACE '18**  
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Serena Wallace (Centralia, Wash.) earned All-Region honors by finishing 18th in the 138-runner field at the NCAA West Regional with a personal-best time of 22:38.2 in Claremont, Calif. At the Northwest Conference Championships in Walla Walla, Wash., she finished sixth overall in 22:41.0 to earn First Team All-Northwest Conference honors after earning second team recognition in 2016.



**BRANDON BOYD '18**  
FOOTBALL

Brandon Boyd (Gilroy, Calif.) in just eight games had one of the best seasons for a Pacific ball carrier, rushing 169 times for 1,039 yards and nine touchdowns en route to first team all-Northwest Conference laurels. He became the first Boxer to rush for more than 1,000 yards since Mike Connor '86 in 1984. Boyd had six 100-yard games and four multiple touchdown games.



**WELI ALAMILLO '18**  
MEN'S SOCCER

Weli Alamillo (Aiea, Hawai'i) was named second team all-Northwest Conference after recording four goals and one assist on the season as he patrolled the center of the park for the Boxers. Alamillo becomes a two-time All-NWC selection after earning first team laurels last season.



**KAYLA MIZO '17,  
PHARMD '20**  
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kayla Mizo (Kailua, Hawai'i) led the Pacific women's soccer team in goals during the 2017 season. She was named Honorable Mention All-Northwest Conference. She started in all 20 of the Boxers' matches in 2017, patrolling the midfield for more than 1,670 minutes. On the season, she recorded three goals and an assist, to lead the Boxers in goals and points.



**ANNA VANDERWEYST '18**  
VOLLEYBALL

Anna VanderWeyst (Lacey, Wash.) was named honorable mention all-West Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association and is the second player in Pacific's history to earn all-region honors in the NCAA era for volleyball. VanderWeyst became the program's first Northwest Conference Libero of the Year honoree and has first team all-conference honors. She set new Pacific single-season records for digs with 556 and digs per set with 6.47 in 2017.

## briefly noted

**SEEING CHINA |** Pacific has partnered with universities and companies in China on a new program that will grow the field of optometry in that country. Through the partnership, Chinese students will learn from Pacific optometry professors at home and in Forest Grove to earn a bachelor's in

applied vision science, preparing them to serve the vision and eye care needs of their country.

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH |** Pacific has received a \$200,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation to grow its undergraduate research opportunities for students in the

School of Arts & Humanities. Research is an important part of Pacific's undergraduate experience, but much of the student funding is concentrated in the natural and social sciences. The grant will help provide opportunities for students in arts and humanities fields to conduct original research and present in professional settings.

## honors & awards



### Pacific University's String Project —

the only Oregon member of the National String Project Consortium — was awarded a grant from the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation to continue its work improving the quality of string teachers' preparation through integrated learning and providing quality and affordable string education to school-age children of diverse backgrounds.



### Professor Richard Ivan Jobs, History,

has published his third book, *Backpack Ambassadors: How Youth Travel Integrated Europe* (University of Chicago Press). The book explores the heyday of backpacking in Europe in the decades after World War II. Drawing on archival work in eight countries and five languages, Jobs recounts the stories of backpackers whose personal desire for freedom of movement helped bring the war-torn continent together.



### Jack Driscoll, MFA in Writing,

has published a short-story collection, *The Goat Fish and The Lover's Knot* (Wayne State University Press). Most of the stories in the collection are set in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. In her review, fellow MFA in Writing faculty member Bonnie Jo Campbell, author of *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters*, writes: "You'll savor every word as Driscoll sings the sad, sweet songs of rural America. These songs believe in heartaches and miracles. These miracles look up at the stars and see humanity in the constellations."



### Dr. Lorne Yudcovitch, Optometry,

appeared late last summer on Portland NBC affiliate KGW to discuss proper ways to view the solar eclipse. The interview was syndicated all through the country to numerous KGW sister stations, including those in Washington D.C., Seattle, Wash. Dallas, Texas, Charlotte, N.C., and elsewhere.



### Jeffrey Kawaguchi, Athletic Training,

spent July as the athletic trainer with the under-19 USA Women's Basketball National Team as it competed in the 2017 FIBA Women's World Cup. Kawaguchi previously served as the athletic trainer for the USA Women's National Team for the 2012 under-17 World Championships in Amsterdam; the 2007 under-19 World Championships in Slovakia; and the 2001 World University Games in Beijing, China. He is the director of Pacific's Master of Science in Athletic Training Program.

**LOOKING GOOD |** Pacific University launched a website refresh in October. The new design features larger photos and videos, simpler navigation, more news and social media from every area of the university, and a brand new academic search function to help prospective students find their way to Pacific.

► [pacificu.edu](http://pacificu.edu)

**LEAD ON WITH PACIFIC |** In November, Pacific launched the public phase of its comprehensive fundraising campaign, Lead On: The Campaign for Tomorrow at Pacific University. The \$80 million campaign targets fundraising to grow the university's endowment to perpetually fund scholarships, faculty positions, and program support. It also includes capital

fundraising goals to enhance learning environments and resources for students, as well as support for investment in innovative programs, student support, and operational expenses. The university has already raised more than \$46 million toward the goal. Learn more in the Spring 2018 issue of *Pacific* magazine.

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



# Dollars & Sense

## Hard-earned lesson opens door to future success

BY ANNA ROBATON-WINTHROP

 ROBBIE BOURLAND

Sometimes smart people do dumb things, especially when it comes to money. Just ask Kathleen (O'Malley) Celmins '04.

Shortly after she graduated from Pacific University with a bachelor's in politics and government, Celmins moved to Washington D.C. to pursue a career in politics.

It was during those lean, post-college days that she made a self-described dumb financial move that would eventually send her career in a different direction.

Although she was living on a shoestring at the time, Celmins wrote a \$20,000 check linked to a credit card to invest in a business venture that, as the saying goes, sounded too good to be true.

"It sounds like I got suckered," said Celmins, reflecting on her decision to use credit to invest in a "revolutionary" rat poison business that promised hefty returns and never delivered.

By time she turned 30, Celmins had moved back to the Pacific Northwest, where she grew up, and was more than \$20,000 in credit card debt. Her 30th birthday was a wake-up call.

"I thought to myself, 'Only stupid people are this far in [credit card] debt,'" said Celmins, who vowed then

and there to do something about her predicament.

She tightened her belt and began chipping away at the debt — in "the same way you eat an elephant, one bite at a time," Celmins explained.

To earn some extra money, she also started a blog, [FrugalPortland.com](http://FrugalPortland.com), that chronicled her efforts to get out of debt and, luckily for her, brought in advertising revenue.

"I started blogging my way out of debt in 2011," Celmins said.

By the spring of 2013, Celmins was not only free of credit card debt, but had become part of a community of personal finance bloggers.

"I found a community of people on the internet who understood" my situation, and some had made financial mistakes too, Celmins said.

Through that community, Celmins met Joe Saul-Sehy, a witty former financial

advisor who co-hosted a personal-finance podcast called *Stacking Benjamins*. The two became friends and eventually business partners as well.

Today, they run *Stacking Benjamins* LLC, a collection of web properties that includes the award-winning podcast by the same name and its affiliated website. The firm's web properties also include [FrugalPortland.com](http://FrugalPortland.com), which

today focuses on inexpensive things to see and do in Portland.

The *Stacking Benjamins* podcast takes a playful approach to money matters but has a serious mission: promoting financial literacy. Saul-Sehy's co-host is a certified

financial planner known on the show as the "Other Guy," or OG.

Broadcast "live from Joe's mom's half-finished basement," the podcast follows a variety-show format, treating

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— Kathleen Celmins '04



listeners to  
“a parade of  
financial headlines,  
personal finance experts,  
creatives” and inspirational tales.

Guests often share their own money mishaps “to show that even the pros get it wrong sometimes.”

“We try to make it fun; our goal is to be the first word you hear in personal finance, not the last,” Celmins said. “We joke that if you’ve learned something from our show, then we are doing something wrong.”

The show’s unusual approach has set it apart in a crowded field. In 2016, it made *Kiplinger’s* annual personal-finance best list. Last year, *Entrepreneur* magazine included the show in its list of “podcasts that will make you richer.”

As a managing partner, Celmins’ responsibilities include developing courses and premium content for the Stacking Benjamins website. The online courses cover such topics as

“How to Save Half Your Income” and “How to (Legally) Cheat on Your Taxes.”

Got your attention? That’s the point, said Celmins, adding that a course titled “How to Read a 1040” tax form isn’t likely to generate much interest.

What are the biggest obstacles most people face when it comes to getting their financial houses in order?

For college-educated professionals, it often boils down to mindset, Celmins said. Many professionals, she explained, make poor financial choices in order to keep up with the proverbial Joneses.

“The difference between where you think you should be [in life] and reality can be such a huge delta,” Celmins said. “It’s easy to lease a car you shouldn’t be leasing or get into debt” hoping to fake it until you make it.

Celmins is living proof that psychology plays a big role in how people approach money matters. She says she once felt like “a loser” for having

credit card debt. But, by changing her internal dialog, she became empowered to do something about it.

“Instead of continuing to beat myself up about things I had done, I created a different persona,” she said.

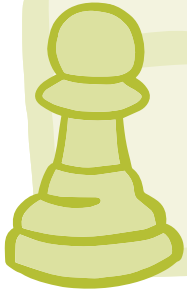
“I told myself that my past self had made mistakes, but that my current self could make up for it, and my future self would be happy with what I was doing,” Celmins explained.

When all is said and done, Celmins’ post-college financial blunder might turn out to be one of the best mistakes she ever made.

“I really love online business,” she said. “I love being my own boss too. Not that I don’t play well with others, but there is so much more potential when I can create my own work.” ■

**READ** more tips from Celmins online  
► [magazine.pacificu.edu](http://magazine.pacificu.edu)





## MONEY MANAGEMENT

# 'Adulting 101'

## Managing your money for the short and long term

You've reached adulthood — perhaps long ago — but are you a financial adult?

Becoming a financial adult isn't just about earning enough to support yourself, although that's certainly a good start. It's also about practicing financial habits that will give you greater peace of mind and ideally more choices in life.

To gather a few tips on what it takes to become a financial adult, we turned to Pacific University Assistant Professor Laura McNally, who teaches accounting at the College of Business and once ran her own Certified Public Accountant (CPA) practice.

We also consulted Pacific alumna Noel Pacarro Brown MAT '05, a financial advisor and senior investment management consultant at The Pacarro Group at Morgan Stanley, a Honolulu-based, multi-generational wealth management team.

**LISTEN** to Noel Pacarro Brown MAT '05 discuss investing with impact, being a working mom, and how Pacific impacted her life. ► [magazine.pacificu.edu](https://magazine.pacificu.edu)



## Make a Budget

Coming up with a budget doesn't necessarily mean you'll have to give up your daily trip(s) to Starbucks.

But making a budget can keep you from spending more than you earn.

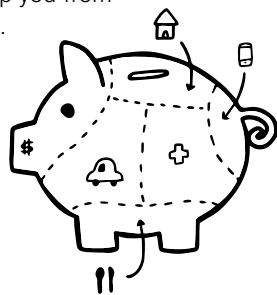
McNally says the first order of business is figuring out how much you spend every month.

Look at your bank statements, receipts and other financial documents to get a sense of how much of your money is going toward fixed expenses (rent, groceries and gas, for instance) versus discretionary expenses.

Once you know how much you need for your fixed costs, you can begin to think about how to handle your discretionary income. Set aside some money for fun stuff and for savings and debt repayment.

Don't forget to set aside some money for unanticipated things, like car repairs.

"A budget doesn't need to be too tight or uncomfortable," McNally said. "But it does give you a sense of how much you need to earn to cover your expenses, and thus what type of job you can accept. It can also help you to sleep better at night, knowing you have money set aside for a big bill that you weren't expecting."



## Become a Knowledgeable Investor

Get to know the basics of investing, especially if you are putting money into a 401(k) plan or some other kind of retirement savings vehicle.

Once you have identified some investment funds, you may want to keep digging to get a sense of whether their holdings align with your values, said Pacarro Brown.

"Know what you own, recognizing that every dollar you spend is an expression of your values," she said.

## Use Credit Wisely

You may want to use credit cards for the points and other perks, but be sure to pay the balance in full each month.



"I never buy anything on credit unless I can pay it off because the interest rates are usually outrageous," said McNally.

If you are already in debt, strive to pay off your high-interest debt first. While it's important to pay off lower interest debt, such as student loans, try to also set aside some money for emergencies.

## Save for Emergencies & Retirement

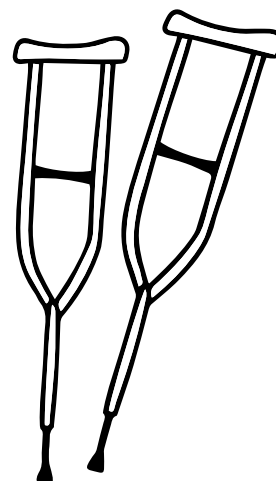
Allocate money in your budget for emergencies, such as a job loss or unexpected medical bills, and retirement. Generally, your emergency fund should cover three to six months of expenses.

Having money set aside for emergencies not only gives you peace of mind, but more freedom to do things like quit a job you dislike.

"It gives you a ton of confidence knowing that if you are in a job that you don't love, you have the freedom to move on," said Pacarro Brown.

The sooner you start saving for retirement (even in small amounts), the more time your money has to grow. Each year's gains generate their own returns the following year, a lovely phenomenon known as compounding.

"The power of compounding is the best financial magic there is," said Pacarro Brown. "Time is on your side when you are young, so the sooner you start to save, the better off you are." ■





# Everybody Needs a Will

You've probably heard that nothing is certain in life except for death and taxes. As it turns out, many people would rather face their taxes than their mortality. According to one study, the majority of Americans don't have a will — which means there are plenty of people who don't plan to make one or are putting it off.

Why make a will? For answers, we turned to Pacific University Trustee Matthew Lowe, an attorney with Jordan Ramis PC in Portland, Ore.



*Matthew Lowe*

## Express Your Wishes

If you die without a valid will, a probate court decides how to distribute what you own to your heirs and who gets custody of your minor children. Few people would want to leave such important decisions in the hands of strangers.

"A will is a means of expressing your desired distribution of your estate," said Lowe, whose practice areas include estate planning.

"If you die without a will, your estate will be distributed pursuant to the laws of intestate succession, and that may not be consistent with your wishes," he added.

Before sitting down to make a will, you should think through a number of issues.

## Who will be the Executor of Your Will?

An executor is legally responsible for taking care of a deceased person's remaining financial obligations. An

executor may have to sell property, pay bills and taxes, and ensure that what remains in an estate is properly distributed to heirs.

## Guardianship

If you have minor children, one of the most important decisions you'll need to make is naming a guardian (or guardians) for your kids in your will. If you die before designating a guardian for your children under the age of 18, a court will decide who will care for them.

## Give It Away

Do you have a favorite charity or cause to which you'd like to leave money or assets? If so, you can make provisions for that in your will. You can even support Pacific with your estate plans! Learn more at [pacificu.edu/PlannedGiving](http://pacificu.edu/PlannedGiving).

## Get Started

Many people hire an attorney to help them make a will, but, if your assets and bequests are simple and straightforward, you may want to consider an online platform, like Legal Zoom, which is often more cost-effective.

After making a will, you'll want to revisit it periodically, especially as your personal or financial circumstances change.

"Every five years, look at where you are and what's in your will. If your will is still consistent with your wishes, then it's probably fine. Otherwise, you should make a change," Lowe said.

"Ideally, have your lawyer review your will as well, in case any laws have changed. The core idea is to ensure that your wishes are honored and that your family is taken care of in the way that you intend." ■



### Now What Brunch

Lowe presented "Everybody Needs a Will" as a resource for alumni last fall.

### Next Up

Business professor Laura McNally shares how to make a budget Feb. 3.



BY ANNA ROBATION-WINTHROP



CHOOSING SCHOOLS

# Do Your Homework

## What to consider when choosing your child's school

Pacific University alumna Erica DeBois MAT '97 is wrestling with a big decision.

DeBois must soon decide where to send her oldest child to elementary school and, like many parents of young children, she's finding that it's not exactly an easy choice, even for someone with her credentials.

DeBois has been a high school teacher in Hillsboro, Ore., for the past two decades. Her husband, Andrew, is also an experienced educator.

Their oldest child, Easton, has attended Pacific's Early Learning Community (ELC) since kindergarten and thrived there. Now, the DeBois family is trying to decide where to send him when he graduates from the ELC in second grade, and they're feeling a bit conflicted.

It's not hard to understand why. As parents, they want the best for their children, including a strong educational start. Both value public education but know that class sizes within public schools can fluctuate (sometimes dramatically) from year to year, depending on funding levels.

"Two years ago, I had 40 kids in each of my classes," said Erica DeBois, who teaches Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. history and a class on volunteering.

"We're not opposed to going the public-school route, but class size is an important consideration for us," especially during the foundational, early-learning years, said DeBois.

Erica and Andrew are approaching their search for the right school in a manner that's familiar to them

— by doing their homework. They're evaluating all their options, including parochial school and a popular local charter school, and then digging deeper.

"We are trying to be as informed as possible," said DeBois, who has researched potential schools online and talked to friends, neighbors, fellow educators and even some of her own students about various schools.

As a parent and an educator, DeBois teaches children to advocate for themselves and to be attuned to their feelings. That's one reason that she plans to involve her son in the school-selection process.

"We will probably apply to get into the Forest Grove Community School and see if we hit the lottery," said DeBois, referring to a charter school that selects students through a lottery.

"If we get a spot, we'll go there and visit with Easton and have him be a part of the decision-making process to see if it's a good fit," she said.

Leif Gustavson, dean of Pacific's College of Education, says visiting the schools on your list is an essential step in the school-search process. Many schools offer tours and open houses for prospective students and their parents, but Gustavson suggests taking things a step further.

"Go to your neighborhood school, meet the principal, ask to sit in on classes and have your child visit and spend time there," Gustavson said.

*continues* ▶



*Pacific alumna and high school teacher Erica DeBois MAT '97 with her husband, Andrew and their sons. Her oldest son, Easton, has thrived at Pacific's Early Learning Community.*

"If we can raise good human beings, they will be successful no matter where they go."

— Erica DeBois MAT '97

"If you ask to observe a class and the school says 'We don't do that,' that's a data point in your decision-making process," he added.

When evaluating a school, many parents focus on what's being taught there. But that's only part of the picture. It's equally (if not more) important to get a sense as to how and why individual schools do what they do in terms of

teaching methodologies and curriculum content, according to Gustavson.

"Don't focus all your interest on *what* students are learning. Perhaps even more important than that is *how* they are learning," he said.

During a school visit, ask teachers and administrators such questions as: How would my child learn here? What are classrooms and classes are like? What's happening now that's exciting?

"The *how* and *why* are crucial to learning," Gustavson explained. "Our brains are wired

not to pay attention to boring things. From an evolutionary standpoint, our survival hinges on paying attention to interesting things. Children learn best when they're excited and engaged.

"Ultimately, the most important issue to consider is whether children are learning in personally interesting, meaningful and enduring ways."

Parents, he added, should strive not just to gather information about a particular school, but to listen closely to the stories that teachers and administrators tell about their students and experiences at the school.

"You want to create opportunities to hear from administrators and teachers about what's going on in the school," Gustavson said.

"Pay attention to how they're talking about the children: What kinds of stories are they sharing and what are the children doing in these stories? What do the teachers and administrators appreciate about the kids, or what are they learning from them?"

At a time when parents have a growing number of school options, finding the right fit can be stressful. But it's also important to keep in mind that "right" isn't synonymous with perfection, Gustavson said. Schools — like the human beings that teach and study within their walls — are complex.

His own children have attended schools that he described as good and challenging for different reasons. They've had great years, and years that weren't especially meaningful. And that's okay, he said.

"Schools are like life. Sometimes we're up. Sometimes we're down. Sometimes we're coasting," Gustavson said. "The goal is to fashion a life, and the schooling within it, to be made up of as many rich, challenging and joyful experiences as possible."

Indeed, sometimes a great education, like life itself, is a little messy, said Pacific alumnus Anthony "Tony" Cox '74, a retired teacher and administrator with more than 40 years of professional experience.

"Schools are doing, and have done, quite a bit of work to come up with a common vision and common set of goals and methodologies. But teachers can take the same curriculum and deliver it in a totally different way," Cox said.

That too is okay.

"Kids respond to such a variety of methods and personalities," said Cox, who, as an administrator, was usually able to bridge differences between students and teachers.

The role of a school, he said, is not just to deliver an excellent education from an academic standpoint, but to help students develop life skills.

"The beauty of school is that a kid will encounter every kind of adult personality in their teachers that they will encounter for the rest of their lives," Cox said. "They need to learn to work with all kinds of people, sometimes not necessarily those they like."

As they search for the right school for their son Easton, the DeBois family is also keeping in mind the bigger picture.

"If we can raise good human beings, they will be successful no matter where they go," said Erica DeBois. ■



## College Search 101

Choosing a college is a difficult decision for many students. There are many factors to consider, from cost to location to reputation.

For Pacific alumnus and experienced educator Tony Cox '74, the personal connections he found at Pacific were what made the difference.

But there are other factors to consider when selecting a school. Cox, along with Pacific's College of Education Dean Leif Gustavson, offer a number of tips for families undertaking the college search:

- Explore different types of colleges and universities
- Don't rule out a school because of its "sticker price"
- Apply, then compare financial aid packages
- Tour prospective schools, sit in on classes, meet with admissions officers and ask lots of questions
- Parents: Be involved, but empower your student to take the lead

**LISTEN** to tips from Pacific admissions staff, Ryan Garcia '12, MBA '17, on what to look for and learn how you can best support your student through the college application process.

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GET INVOLVED

# Rewarding Retirement

## Alumni use extra time to get active in community

BY ANNA ROBATON-WINTHROP



*Bruce '68 and Judy Bishop '68 take a "desert sun" selfie during a stop in California on their way home from the U.S. border area.*

Pacific University alumnus Bruce Bishop '68 has no plans to spend his retirement golfing, and not just because he's a less-than-stellar player.

"I play golf once a year — really badly," said Bishop, who retired in 2014 from a career as a lawyer and lobbyist for healthcare and business clients in Oregon and Washington.

A baby boomer, Bishop is part of a generation that's redefining what

it means to retire. Some boomers are starting businesses or second careers later in life. Many others are retiring abroad in search of new adventure.

For his part, Bishop is immersing himself in volunteer work, including relief work at the center of two hotly debated issues: immigration and border security.

In 2015, Bishop and his wife, Judy '68, traveled to the U.S.-Mexico border area south of Tucson, Ariz., with members of their church to learn about border-related issues.

During the trip, the Bishops and other members of their group lent a hand to the Green Valley-Sahuarita Samaritans, an organization that provides humanitarian aid to migrants in the

Arizona-Sonora borderlands. Many of its volunteers are retirees.

Among other activities, the Samaritans do desert searches (sometimes on foot), providing water, food and medicine to migrants braving the extremes of Sonoran Desert — where too many perish. The Samaritans also do "water drops," hiking into the desert to leave jugs of water along possible migrant trails.

"The desert does a pretty good job of making water inaccessible," Bishop said. "Too many migrants don't know they have a four- to five-day hike through the desert, if they're lucky, and it's physically impossible to carry enough drinkable water."

The Samaritans also provide support at El Comedor, a refuge in northern Mexico for the growing number of adults and children deported from the United States. Once a week, Samaritans serve meals, distribute clothing and provide first aid at the center in Nogales, Mexico.

During their trip, the Bishops got a look at the controversial border wall that separates Nogales, Mexico, from Nogales, Ariz.

"It was an eye-opening experience for us," Bishop said. "Most Americans don't know that there is a 100-mile militarized zone north of the border

*"Humanitarian aid is never a crime."*

— Bruce Bishop '68

where the federal government suspends our constitutional rights for what it deems national-security reasons. We didn't."

Moved by what they learned, the Bishops, who met as students at Pacific, returned to the area in early 2017 to volunteer with the Samaritans again.

When they returned home to Portland, Bruce Bishop began exploring ways to continue to work on behalf of migrants from his home base. He has raised money through United Church of Christ congregations in Oregon to buy LifeStraws to donate to El Comedor. The portable, straw-style filters make it safe to drink water that may have been contaminated.

The Catholic nuns who run El Comedor seek to dissuade migrants from crossing the desert to try enter the United States, but many make the journey anyway. Providing migrants with LifeStraws is bound to save some lives, Bishop said.

"I'm not prepared to live in the desert, so I'm trying to figure out how to be involved from Portland," he said.

Bishop is also trying to help immigrants held at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facility in downtown Portland. He is reaching out to retired, local lawyers to urge them to consider accompanying detainees during their initial detention interviews.

"Immigration lawyers are swamped these days, and the data show that people without representation have a far greater chance of being deported," said Bishop, who majored in political science at Pacific and then earned a law degree from the University of California's Hastings College of the Law.

Bishop knows full well that he has waded into controversial territory. But he's okay with that.



*Members of the Green Valley Sahuarita Samaritans doing a water drop in the Sonoran Desert.*

"Humanitarian aid is never a crime," he said, quoting the Samaritans' slogan.

Now that he's retired, Bishop not only feels freer to speak his mind, but also to follow his passions.

Last year, he joined the volunteer board of the Oregon State Capitol Foundation, a nonprofit that promotes civic-education projects for visitors to the Capitol building and grounds.

Bishop is also active at Pacific. Among other things, he is working with fellow members of the Class of 1968 to plan their 50th reunion at Homecoming 2018. The class has the distinction of being the first to graduate as Boxers.

Several years ago, Bishop began working with other alumni from the late '60s to raise nearly \$70,000 to endow a scholarship fund as class gifts for their 50-year reunions. The Golden Guard Scholarship targets students with financial need in their third and fourth years at Pacific. Recipients are also first-generation college students.

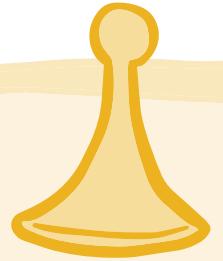
"Our Golden Guard classes from 1966 to 1969 agreed that paying it forward in a way that benefits current students is a constructive way to remember our college days." ■

*Portable LifeStraws make it safe to drink water that may have been contaminated.*





GET INVOLVED



# Just A Minute

**How you can make the most of a little time to help your community**



Many of us want to make a difference in the world, but feel powerless to do so because of a perceived lack of time or knowledge. But, no matter how busy you are, it's possible to find time for civic engagement.

How? Pacific University's Center for Civic Engagement has tips on how to make a difference (and stay informed) whether you have just five minutes to spare or much more time on your hands.

The Center for Civic Engagement — whose director is Stephanie Stokamer — works with students, faculty, staff and campus groups interested in undertaking community service, awareness campaigns, fundraising, elections and other activities. Through its work, the center helps prepare Pacific students for lives as informed and active citizens.

# What you could do in:

## 5 MINUTES (OR LESS)

- ▶ Call an elected official.
- ▶ Sign an online or paper petition or ballot initiative.
- ▶ Make an online donation to a favorite cause.
- ▶ Post a sign or bumper sticker, or pin on a campaign button.
- ▶ Interrupt discriminatory language or behavior.

## 10 MINUTES

- ▶ Check how your elected representative voted at [votesmart.org](http://votesmart.org).
- ▶ Make five calls to elected officials.
- ▶ Modify a template letter or email to your elected officials.
- ▶ Write and mail a check to support a cause you care about.
- ▶ Program your elected officials' contact information into your cell phone. Text your zip code to 520-200-2223 for their names and phone numbers.
- ▶ Join an advocacy group or organization.

## 20 MINUTES

- ▶ Write an original letter or email to your elected officials or media outlets.
- ▶ Read the minutes from a public meeting, such as a city council or school board meeting.

## 1 HOUR

- ▶ Read one or two in-depth articles about a topic or issue.
- ▶ Talk with someone who holds a different opinion, with the goal of trying to understand their perspective.
- ▶ Participate in a rally, march or protest.
- ▶ Volunteer to make calls for a campaign.
- ▶ Solicit signatures for a petition or ballot measure initiative.
- ▶ Meet with an elected official to discuss an issue of concern.

## 2 HOURS

- ▶ Attend a public meeting, such as a city council, school board or town hall meeting.
- ▶ Research candidates and ballot measures in advance of an election.
- ▶ Participate in a community conversation about a public issue.
- ▶ Host a calling party for a local candidate or issue.
- ▶ Watch a documentary about an important issue.
- ▶ Shop at places where you can learn more about how items are sourced, produced, distributed and discarded.

## 10 HOURS

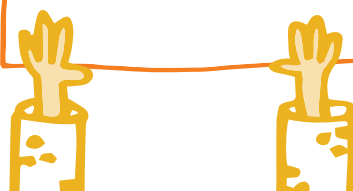
- ▶ Research and write an opinion piece for a local publication.
- ▶ Spend three mornings volunteering.
- ▶ Read a nonfiction book about a particular topic or issue.
- ▶ Volunteer for a campaign to go door to door.
- ▶ Organize a simple fundraiser (such as a bake sale or penny drive).
- ▶ Organize and facilitate a discussion circle.

## 40+ HOURS

- ▶ Dedicate one hour a week to volunteer during the school year.
- ▶ Organize a rally, march or protest.
- ▶ Organize a complex fundraiser (such as a dinner or race).
- ▶ Organize a ballot initiative.
- ▶ Launch a business with a clear social benefit.
- ▶ Run for office.

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## memorabilia



**1996** | Pacific Outback Director Elizabeth Wilson, her dog, and three other members of Pacific Outback take advantage of the flooded condition in Trombley Square to practice their kayak skills.

## The Great Outdoors

**This year marks the 30th anniversary of Pacific's formal outdoors program.**

Originally known as Outback, Outdoor Pursuits is an outdoor recreation program for students that has, in recent years, grown to include a curricular focus helping students develop problem-solving and leadership skills.

Today, students can take courses for credit to learn new outdoor skills and choose a minor in outdoor leadership, which uses the Pacific Northwest landscape as an opportunity to learn judgment, group facilitation, risk management and teaching skills.

Students — and alumni — can also take advantage of affordable guided

day and weekend outings, ranging from hiking and rock climbing to kayaking and surfing. Outdoor Pursuits also rents gear to students, employees, and alumni at low cost.

**The 30th anniversary celebration for the outdoors program will be announced soon. Check online for more information.**

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**2017** | Students develop kayaking skills with Outdoor Pursuits in the San Juan Islands.

## class notes

### 1956

#### **Z. Jack Randall '56**

is the founder and co-chair of Citizens for Safe Students, providing emergency kits to schools in Chimacum, Wash., as well as chairman emeritus of the Boeing Bluebills, a service organization helping to keep seniors out of institutions. He also is treasurer of a proposed nonprofit fundraising organization to support the Boeing Bluebills.

### 1959

#### **Louise (Hill) '59**

and **Jack Fenton '60** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in Kona, Hawai'i, with their children and grandchildren.

### 1961

**Paul O'Driscoll '61** and his wife, Phyllis, spent three weeks in Europe with their daughter, **Kathy O'Driscoll '86**. They visited Kathy's house in Croatia and then cruised to St. Petersburg, Russia.

### 1964

**Dorothy Schimke '64, Barney '67** and **Jo Howard '63** attended a musical performance by **Kitt Weagant '62** in Sausalito, Calif. Kitt recently debuted her

new CD, *Fly With Me*. Jo and Kitt met in the chorus line at Pacific University.

### 1965

#### **Ron Tammen '65**

is president of the TransResearch Consortium based in Los Angeles. He has been named a professor emeritus at Portland State University and a research fellow at Claremont Graduate University and is maintaining his residence in Lake Oswego, Ore. His most recent edited volume was *The Performance of Nations* with a following book, *The Rise of Regions*, scheduled for publication in 2018. In the past five years, he has lectured (and fished) in Tibet, Mongolia, Thailand, China, Japan, Slovenia, Italy and Austria.

### 1967

#### **Jane (Vloyantes) Ponce '67**

has retired after 22 years as an administrative assistant in the Office of the President at San Diego Mesa College. She is enjoying her leisure time, visiting her children and grandchildren, and traveling in Mexico and Latin America to

practice her Spanish. She is the daughter of **John Vloyantes**, who taught political science at Pacific from 1954 to 1964.

#### **Steph '67**

and **Dave Pump '67** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

### 1968

#### **Steven Van Hee**

**OD '68** was inducted into the University of Minnesota Morris Cougar Hall of Fame. He was the top performer on the two-time Pioneer Conference championship golf squads in 1964 and 1965 and earned medalist honors all three seasons he golfed during his undergraduate years. He went on to earn a doctorate in optometry from Pacific and to serve in the Army. He practiced optometry for 35 years and retired in 2002.

#### **Tom Carl Zyp '68**

was posthumously inducted into the Woodburn High School Sports Hall of Fame. He was a 1964 graduate of Woodburn (Ore.) High School, where he was a four-sport athlete. After Pacific, he became a special education teacher in

Hillsboro, as well as a supporter of Special Olympics. He died Sept. 1, 2016, after a battle with ALS.

### 1981

#### **Jennifer (Char) Arashiro**

**'81** retired from her career as a victim witness advocate with the Kauai Office of the Prosecuting Attorney and is enjoying retirement. Her children and brothers threw a

surprise "You're Not Quite Out to Pasture" party to mark the occasion, and Pacific classmates **Brenda (Wall) Brosseau '80, '87, Scott Nehring '79, OD '84** and **David Wolf '81, OD '83** were in attendance.

**Neil Strachan '81** was inducted into the Forest Grove High School Hall of Fame. In high school, he played three years of varsity football and

## reunions

### **Reunite with your Pacific University**

**classmates in 2018!** In 2018, we celebrate classes from years ending in -8 and -3. Save the date for the following reunions! If you are interested in planning a reunion for your class or group, contact the Alumni Association at [alumni@pacificu.edu](mailto:alumni@pacificu.edu)

#### **1968 Baseball Champions**

*April 11-12*

#### **Dental Hygiene Class of 2008 & Friends**

*April 5*

#### **Undergraduates Class of 1968**

*June 22-24*

#### **Optometry Class of 2008**

*Aug. 10-11*

#### **Optometry Classes of 1973, 1988, 1998**

*Oct. 12-13*

#### **Undergraduate Class of 1968,**

**Optometry Class of 1968,**

**Undergraduate Class of 1988,**

**Undergraduate Class of 1998,**

**Alpha Zetas Fraternity**

*Homecoming | Oct. 19-21*


## class notes

three years of varsity baseball, and later played both at Pacific University. He went on to teach physical education and coach football, baseball and wrestling in the Hillsboro School District for 34 years. He and his wife, Suzie, have two children, who both became teachers as well. Neil is retired in Nampa, Idaho, and enjoys traveling the country.

### 1983

**Frank Giardina '83, OD '86** is the optometric director at Community Health Centers of the Central Coast in California, which recently expanded its eye care services in the region. He also is an adjunct professor with Western University College of Optometry and Pacific University College of Optometry.

### 1984

 **Kenneth Colman '84** accepted a new position in a UCC church in Alpine, Calif., near San Diego, after serving 17 years in the UCC Church in Renton, Wash. He and his wife, **Tracy '85**, are enjoying the move but miss the proximity of Pacific.

### 1988

**Ken Kondo '88** won four gold medals in Masters Swimming, representing the State of California in the 50-yard breaststroke and the 50-, 100- and 200-yard backstroke during the 2017 State Games of America in Grand Rapids, Mich., in August. He has qualified for the 2019 State Games of America to be held in Virginia. He swam on the Boxer men's swim team from 1983 to 1993.

### 1993

**Sergio Guzman '93, OD '96** is celebrating his 20th year in his optometric practice in Elko, Iowa, where he was born and raised. He lives in Elko with his wife and children.

### 1996

**Dawn Harflinger '96** has been promoted to vice president and chief financial officer of the Lili'uokalani Trust.

### 1998

**Katie (Putnam) Cole '98, PT '01** opened her own physical therapy clinic, Helping Hands Physical Therapy, in Redmond, Ore.

**Janelle Rebick MAT '98** is president of the Bend Education Association.

**Reed Scott-Schwalbach '98** is vice president of the Oregon Education Association.

### 2000

**Lisa Lanning PA '00** has joined the medical staff at HopeHealth Medical Plaza in Florence, S.C. She earned her doctor of osteopathy degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and most recently worked as a resident physician with the McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program in Florence.

### 2002

**Benno Lyon MAT '02** is teaching science at Boring (Ore.) Middle School. He discovered his love of teaching as an outdoor school leader as a senior in high school and earned his bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Oregon before competing his MAT at Pacific.

### 2003

**Adam Mitchell MAT '03** has been named associate principal at Sherwood (Ore.) High School. In the new position, he will support college and career readiness and freshman-transition efforts. He previously

was associate principal and instructional coach at Laurel Ridge Middle School.

**Craig Robin '03** was appointed to the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command as a senior research scientist focused on directed energy applications. He previously worked as a research scientist with Lockheed Martin Laser and Sensor Systems and as a research physicist with the Air Force Research Laboratory. He earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Pacific, as well as a master of science and a doctorate in electrical engineering from the University of New Mexico.


### 2004

**Kelleigh Stewart '04** was named a member of the *Pacific Business News* 40 Under 40 Class of 2017. Stewart and her partner, **Brandon von Damitz '04**, run Big Island Coffee Roasters in Puna, Hawai'i.

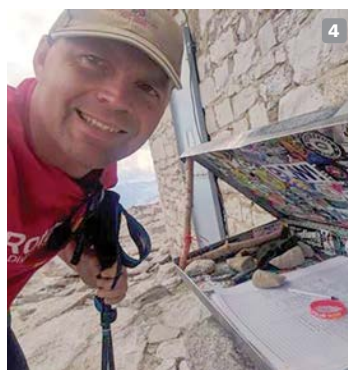
### 2005

**Puanani (Watanabe) Cobb-Adams '05** and Erin Cobb-Adams welcomed daughter Ka'ōnohiwahiwa on Aug. 2, 2017. She joins four brothers

Dylan, Kalaunuiohua, Kahanohāweo, and Wainohia. Puanani has been working as an ophthalmic technician and, most recently, as practice manager at Punzal Vision on Kaua'i with her sister **Lehua Watanabe '08** and fellow alumnus **Bradley Mendoza '17**. She also is working on her second bachelor's degree, studying healthcare administration at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu.

 **4 Rob DeCou '05** completed the "World's Toughest Foot Race," the Badwater 135. The 135-mile run begins in Badwater Basin, the lowest point in North America, and finishes at Whitney Portal, just below the summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States. He was the 124th official finisher of the race, which he ran as a fundraiser in partnership with Rotary District 5280's efforts to raise more than \$250,000 for End Polio Now.

**Brian Pacheco Jr. '05** was honored as Lincoln City (Ore.) Teacher of the Year for 2016–2017. He has worked for the Lincoln County School District for five years.




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## class notes

### 2008

 **Lacy Todd '08** and Bob Fitzmorris were married on Aug. 5, 2017. In attendance were Pacific alumni **Hali (Tsolakos) Kaspar '08**, **Kelly Yoshinaga '08**, **Dalton Nagasako '08**, **Alex Kircher '08**, **Lauren (Sargent) Hayes '08**, **Casey Moeller '08**, **Nathan Smith** and **Tessa Blocker '08**.

### 2009

**Tiffany Hedger '09**, **MAT '10** is teaching eighth-grade math at Boring (Ore.) Middle School. She previously taught in the Oregon Trail School District's Blended Learning Center. She earned her bachelor's degree in education and learning and Spanish, as well as her MAT at Pacific.

**Kelly McGee '09** and John Finn were married June 24, 2017, at the Olympia Country and Golf Club.

**Lindsey (Huston) '09** and **Jason Nishikawa '08** welcomed daughter Hadley Jane Nishikawa on Dec. 2, 2016. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20.5 inches.

**Carlene (Smith) '09** and Fredrick Lynch welcomed daughter Kylee Hunter on July 4, 2017.

### 2010

**Trishelle Barton OD '10** opened The Eye Studio in Wichita, Kan. She previously worked at as part of group practices in Eugene, Ore., and Fort Collins, Colo., and completed specialized externships in pediatric optometry and the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease.

**Julie Israel MAT '10** published her debut novel, *Juniper Lemon's Happiness Index*. She holds a bachelor's in creative writing. After a stint teaching English in Japan, she returned to the United States. When not writing, she is likely reading, making art or learning yet another language.

### 2011

**Molly Bailey '11** was inducted into the St. Helens Sports Booster Club's Hall of Fame in September 2017. She played soccer to all-league recognition as a high school junior and was all-state and all-league in track. She excelled in lacrosse at Pacific.

 **Ben Griffin '11** and **Abby Boardman '12** were married Aug. 11, 2017, in Cannon Beach, Ore. Pacific alumni in

attendance included **Simone (Giess) Iverson '12**, **Sean Iverson '13**, **David McLean '16**, **Alyssa (Campagna) McLean '10**, **Hayley (Johannsen) Kienlen '13** and **Marcus Kienlen '12**, as well as math professor and father of the bride, **Mike Boardman**.

**Kimberly Koops-Wrabek '11** participated in a year-long program with Emerge Oregon, which prepares Democratic women to run for office. She is a Public Law and Policy Program fellow and law student at the University of Oregon. Previously, she worked for and founded the young professional's network for the organization She Should Run, a national nonprofit. Prior to starting law school, she worked for Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Planned Parenthood. She also has been the Wayne Morse fellow in Sen. Ron Wyden's office.

### 2012

**Sebastian Bannister-Lawler '12**, **MBA '17** accepted a position as a pre-production engineer at TTM Technologies.

**Erin Barrett OD '12** has joined the eye care department at Essential Health 7 Day Clinics in Osgood and North Fargo, N.D.

**Matthew Bobman PT '12** has joined the staff of Foothill Physical Therapy at Sansum Clinic in Santa Barbara, Calif.

**Chelsey Chamberlain '12** has been appointed assistant communications director for Louisiana State University Athletics following a four-year stint at the University of Mexico, where she was most recently associate director and the first woman to head the communications efforts for the Lobo men's basketball team.

She also was named 2017 CoSIDA Rising Star for the University Division. She started her career at Pacific following graduation.

**Ted J. Gold '12** serves as theatre technical director at Shaking the Tree Studio and Clark College.

**Sharon Harrigan MFA '12** has published her memoir, *Playing with Dynamite* (Truman State University Press). The memoir examines how family secrets can distance us from each other and the honesty that can bring us closer.

**Adam "AJ" Motacek OD '12** has joined Eye2Eye Vision in Fargo, N.D. He has a special interest in contact lenses, pediatric and primary care.

## keepintouch

**SUBMIT** a class note and photo online by Feb. 15 to be considered for the Spring 2017 publication issue.

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## class notes

### Savannah Rose

**DHS '12** has been hired as an adjunct faculty member for the dental hygiene program at the University of Alaska. She works full time as a public health dental hygienist with the Southcentral Foundation and Alaska Native Medical Center.

### 2013

**Eric Gietzen '13** and **Kaitlyn Huggins '16** were married on June 10, 2017.

**Gavin Knittle '13** is studying musical theatre writing at New York University.

### Cynthia Neely

**MFA '13** was a co-recipient of the Paula Jones Gardiner Memorial Award from Floating Bridge Press. The award honors her poem, *Hopewell Bay*.

**Wes Porter '13** and **Sarah Tomscha '13, PT '16** were married July 1, 2017, six years to the day after their first date. The pair met on a voyage prior to their freshman year at Pacific. They became quick friends during philharmonic rehearsals, as resident assistants in Walter Hall and on the track team. They spent

four years in a long-distance relationship as Sarah completed her doctorate in physical therapy at Pacific and Wes completed his pharmacy doctorate at the University of Colorado. They were married in Oregon, with fellow Boxer alumni **Carolyn Cartwright '13, Kelsey Lockwood '13, Hailey Oliver '14, OT '17 Allison Clark '13** and **Davis Chang '13** in the wedding party. They now live in Reno, Nev., where they practice for the same hospital system.

### 2014

**April Cullins '14** is teaching kindergarten at Blossom Gulch Elementary School in Coos Bay, Ore. She previously worked as a substitute teacher in Lane County.

**Ross Davis PA '14** has joined the staff at Lakes Dermatology of Las Vegas. After Pacific, he took part in a dermatology residency program in southern Texas and continued practicing dermatology in San Antonio.

**Jessie L. Mason '14** and Mike McClintock were married April 29, 2017.

### Jenelle Taylor '14

serves as a production assistant for Corrib Theatre in Portland.

### 2015

**Olin Blackmore '15** is dancing full time with Dark Circles Contemporary Dance in Dallas, Texas.

### Shaun Keylock '15

is teaching Limon Technique at New Expressive Works in Portland.

### Carly (Trepagnier) Flynn

**MAT '15** welcomed son Clark Owen Flynn. She is a poet who is living in New Orleans.

### Laura Olsonoski

**OT '15** was named among the *Missoulian's* 20 Under 40. She is an occupational therapist who started her own company, Eat.Move.Grow., dedicated to helping people with disabilities, especially children, gain the physical and social skills they need to become successful and happy.

### Erica (Hagert) Wiegandt

**OD '15** has joined Altru Health Systems in Grand Forks, N.D.

### 2016

**Ethan Dung '16** is a marketing coordinator with Point West Credit Union, where he works with **Amy Nelson '95**.

He was instrumental in the launch of an award-winning microsite, as well as a new website launch, branch launch, and holiday-giving event.

**Alec Lugo '16** has been performing professionally with Stumptown Stages, Lakewood Theatre Company and the Original Practice Shakespeare Company.

**Julie Paradine OD '16** has joined Virden Eyecare Centre in Manitoba, Canada. She previously spent several months helping at other practices, including the Alberta-based practice of her sister **Meagan (Paradine) Hawkshaw OD '10**.

**Lindsay Partain '16** had scenes from her play *Clara* performed at HART Theatre and a short play *Shimmers* accepted for publication in an anthology from publisher Jason Brick.

### 2017

**Audrey Crippen SLP '17** is a speech pathologist at Sandy (Ore.) High

School. She also enjoys spending time with family, hiking and attending plays and concerts.

### Halley Farwood

**PsyD '17** was honored among four finalists for the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network Wyatt Starnes Battle of the Schools Award, honoring up-and-coming entrepreneurs. As a fellow with Pacific's Berglund Center, she created a video game, Happymart, to provide education about depression and also study the efficacy of video games in increasing understanding and empathy. She is currently working as a staff psychologist at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**Clara Howell '17** has joined the staff of the *Wilsonville Spokesman*, covering education. She previously interned with the *Forest Grove News-Times* and wrote for the college blog site *Odyssey Online*.

### Victor Kaidan '17

and Sarah Laubscher were married on May 27, 2017.

## in memoriam

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### Friends

**Lynn Collins Ironside** died Oct. 5, 2017, at age 80. A long-time friend of the Pacific University School of Dental Hygiene and member of the school's advisory board, she graduated from the Fones School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and spent 60 years as a school and clinical dental hygienist. She served as the government relations chair and change agent for the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association for more than 20 years and as president of the ODHA in 1980–81 and 1990–91. She received several awards, including the ADHA Presidential Citation, ADHA Distinguished Service Award and ODHA Outstanding Dental Hygienist Award. Last year, the ODHA honored her by creating the Lynn C. Ironside Access to Care Award. She served two four-year terms on the Oregon Board of Dentistry and was the first dental hygienist in the United States to serve as president of a board of dentistry. She was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her sons, Bruce and Blake; their wives, Kathy and Julie; five granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

### 1945

**Dorothy "Ellen" Burton Hallock '45** died May 28, 2017, at age 93. She worked at Textronix during World War II and shortly thereafter met George Burton on a blind date. They married and built a house in Raleigh Hills, where she lived for 67 years. She will be remembered for her cookie parties and her Irish soda bread. She was preceded in death by her husband.

### 1950

**Saburo Akiyama '50, OD '51** died Sept. 7, 2017, at age 93. He grew up working on his family's orchard in Oak Grove, Ore. but his family was forced to leave during the internment of all people of Japanese ancestry during World War II. He went on to enlist in the U.S. Army, where he taught Japanese language to counterintelligence services. He was honorably discharged in 1946. He earned his optometry degree at Pacific and moved to the Oregon Coast, where he worked as an optometrist. He later bought an optometry practice in his hometown of Hood River. He was active in the Japanese American Citizens League, Lions Club, Hood River bowling leagues and the Chamber of Commerce. He is

survived by his wife, Betty; children, Kathy, Diana (and Michael), Patricia (and David), and Jennifer (and Patrick); three grandchildren; and an extended family.

**Chet Cunningham '50** died March 14, 2017, at age 88. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from Pacific, then he was drafted into the Army, serving in Korea. He earned a master's in journalism at Columbia University and worked for small newspapers before moving to San Diego where he worked on audiovisual projects at Convair. He later turned to writing full time. He published 450 books, ranging from Westerns, thrillers, military history, and medical guides. He founded the nonprofit San Diego Book Awards in 2004, which is establishing a new annual prize for best unpublished manuscript, The Chet Cunningham Spur Award. He was preceded in death by his wife Rose Marie and son Scott. He is survived by his son, Greg; daughter, Christine Ashworth; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Lou Gerhardt '50** died Feb. 13, 2017. Known as Dr. Lou, he is survived by his wife of 21 years, Patty; stepdaughters, Marjorie Christian and Nancy Colchico; and stepsons, Gabriel Ditommaso and Matthew Ditommaso.

### 1951

**Kenneth W. Little '51** died Nov. 10, 2017, at age 87. After completing his bachelor's degree at Pacific, he went on to earn a master's in group work administration from George Williams College of Aurora University. He worked as an executive director for the Northwest YMCA in Seattle, the Armed Services YMCA in Seattle, the Kelso YMCA, and the Aberdeen YMCA. He also worked as a mental health professional for Evergreen Counseling Center in Aberdeen. He was a member of the Clan Little Society, Lions Club International and Rotary International, as well as a volunteer builder of the ship the Lady Washington in Aberdeen. He enjoyed tennis, sailing and bridge. He was preceded in death by his daughter Kathy Howard; great-grandson Porter Rudd; and brother Bob Little. He is survived by his wife, Iris (Roy); brother, Frank; sons, Don (and Diane) and Brian (and Julie); four grandchildren and their spouses; and four great-grandchildren.

### 1952

**Josephine "Jo" Bausch-Hamnergren '52** died March 17, 2017, in Denver, Colo., where she lived since 1995. She is survived by Carl Hamnergren, her

second husband; five children, Becky, Greg, Jill, Dan and Peg; and seven grandchildren.

**Robert V. Lance '52, OD '53** died June 8, 2017, at age 97. He joined the Oregon National Guard in 1939 and later transferred to the Army Air Corps, where he earned his pilot's wings. He met his future wife, Jessica Brantner, on a blind date and proposed three weeks later. They were married the next day, before he was transferred across the country, and spent 67 years together before her death in 2008. They moved frequently during the war years but eventually returned the United States, where he worked for U.S. National Bank and later earned his optometry degree from Pacific. He practiced for 30 years in Hillsboro before retiring to California, where the couple enjoyed golf. He was a long-time member of several community organizations. He was active in Scouting and served for 10 years on the Hillsboro City Council. He was preceded in death by his wife and four siblings. He is survived by his son, Jerry, and daughter-in-law, Marsha; grandsons, Aaron and Jordan (and Ashley) Lance; and an extended family.

## in memoriam

### June (Purviance)

**Moore '52** died Sept. 2, 2017, at age 86. After graduating from Pacific, she taught music in Berkeley, Calif., and then taught second grade in the San Geronimo Valley. She is survived by her sons, Gordon, Greg and Gary; and five grandchildren.

**John Reister '52** died Nov. 30, 2016, at age 88. He joined the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in Germany. He later earned a degree in religion from Pacific and went on to earn a master's in library science from San Jose State University. He spent most of his career working as a professional librarian at state universities. He married Eunice Marsh Munsey in 1966 and became a father to her sons, Michel and Steven. He loved creating stained glass artwork, was a sports car enthusiast and member of the Car Notes, baked cookies, attended the Walla Walla symphony, and enjoyed stimulating intellectual conversations. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice; son Michel; and eight of his 11 siblings. He is survived by his son Steven and daughter-in-law, Denise; sister, Betty; brother, Jim; nine grandchildren; and an extended family.

### 1953

#### Frank Buckiewicz

**Sr. '53** died Sept. 5, 2017, at age 87. He was a five-sport athlete at Pacific, where he earned his bachelor's in physical education. He completed master's degrees from Penn State University. He and his wife, Diane, began their teaching and coaching careers in Seaside, Ore., and later moved to Portland, where "Coach" was hired by Grant High School. In 1965, he returned to his alma mater to teach and coach at Pacific. He was head football coach at Pacific from 1965 to 1980 and head golf coach in 1979–1980. He also served as the athletic director in the 1970s. He was inducted into the NAIA District II Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988 and the Pacific University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. He also was a member of the 1952 football team, which was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame shortly after his death this year. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Walter Buckiewicz '52**. He is survived by his wife, Diane (Rimby); children, **Frank '78, MST '80** (and JoAnn), **Greg '81** (and Angie), Gina (and Dan), and Jo; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### 1956

#### Burton L. Huggett

**MSEd '56** died Aug. 27, 2017, at age 92. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he attended Pacific, where he met his future wife, **Margaret Harty '49, MA '56**. They were married on Dec. 26, 1955, and had one daughter. He taught at McKinley Elementary and Gales Creek Elementary School and was principal at Buxton Grade School, as well as a security guard at Pacific for several years. He enjoyed singing, drawing, trips to the coast and pinochle. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and four siblings. He is survived by his daughter, **Julie '83** (and Grant) Brownhill, and two grandsons.

### 1957

#### Robert "Doc" Bylund

**'57, OD '58** died Jan. 30, 2017, at age 84. He received his bachelor's and doctor of optometry degrees at Pacific, despite a two-year interruption serving in the Army in Korea. He practiced optometry in Billings, Mont., before opening his own practice in Fort Benton, Mont. He cherished his time with his wife and three children. He was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, son-in-law and granddaughter.

He is survived by his wife, **Betty Jean "B.J." Haynes '56**; children, Bradly, Beth and Brian (and Diane); brother, Dick (and Suzann); five granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

### 1959

#### Donald Henry '59

died July 9, 2014, at age 80. He began his career serving in the U.S. Air Force and became director of the Employment Standards Division for the U.S. Department of Labor in Portland, then Denver. He worked to enforce federal wage and overtime laws for 30 years. He was preceded in death a daughter and is survived his wife, Barbara (Wimer) Henry; children, Mark, Donald, Shannon and Lila; and two siblings.

### 1961

**Stephen Tucker '61** died Aug. 30, 2017, at age 77. He began his studies at Pacific University before earning a juris doctor from Willamette University School of Law in 1965. His legal career evolved from the Alameda District Attorney's Office, private practice in Hayward, Calif., deputy district attorney in Sonoma and Ventura counties. He was a leader of the California Family Support Council in the 1970s and 1980s and a past president

of the Rotary Club of West Santa Rosa and Ventura East. He enjoyed travel, sailing, fast cars and stamp collecting. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Lisa Tucker. He is survived by his wife, Jan; children, Jennifer Tucker Darby, Gene Tucker and stepdaughter, Kendra Sullivan; two brothers; and 10 grandchildren.

### 1963

#### Bert English OD

**'63** died Sept. 1, 2017, at age 81. He practiced optometry in Montana, retiring in 2003. He served in the Oregon and Montana Air National Guard from 1955 to 1984, retiring as a lieutenant colonel after 29 years. He was a member of the American Legion, Shriners, Elks Lodge, Uptown Optimist Club, and Disaster Preparedness for the Montana Air National Guard. He enjoyed boating, Jeeping and spending time in Costa Rica. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Robert; and son Daniel John. He is survived by his wife, Mary; children, Diana, Toby (and Di), Andrew (and Kristin), and Matthew (and Paul); 11 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

## in memoriam



I was very sad to read about **George Horner '44** in the *Pacific* magazine. I was very surprised though to note that his tenure as manager of the bookstore below the campus "lounge" was totally omitted.

George Horner and his wife, **Jean (Gordon) Horner '44, MS '52**, ran the bookstore. They sold you your frat pin, sweatshirt and all the books you needed.

But, more importantly, you went to George for advice. If you had a problem, an issue or just needed some advice, you wouldn't go to your counselor or a dean; you would time your visit when George wasn't busy and go in and buttonhole him. Usually he'd have his wife take over so you two could just talk.

He was great at running the bookstore and even better at advice. I will miss George.

– **Bob DeGrilla '64**

### 1968

**John "Mike" Orr '68** died May 21, 2017. He was a quiet and gentle man, known for his hugs. He retired from International Paper and was a member of the North Lexington Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Amy Orr; son-in-law Jason Wilkie; granddaughter, Mirand Wilkie; and an extended family.

### 1970

**The Rev. Dr. Ward Malloy '70** died Sept. 8, 2017, at age 69. He earned his bachelor's degree at Pacific before going on to complete a master's from the United Theological Seminary and relocating to the Midwest, where he was a minister serving United Church of Christ congregations for more than 40 years. He earned a doctorate from McCormick Theological Seminary in 2000. He enjoyed woodworking, stained glass, pottery and guitar, as well as traveling and spending winters in Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Marianne; children, Julianne (and George) Steffens, Steven (and Anne) Grunwald, Celina (and David) Peerman, Luke (and Beth) Malloy, and Stephanie (and Beau) Solis; 10 grandchildren;

his stepmother, Betty Acaiturri; sisters, Renee Malloy and Brenda Ribbs; two stepbrothers; and an extended family.

### 1971

**Dorene Butler '71** died Aug. 12, 2017, at age 67. After attending Pacific, she traveled the world with Chapman College and received her bachelor's degree from California State University, Northridge. She traveled extensively in India, Africa, and South America, lived in Salt Lake City for several years, and eventually settled in Kalispell, Mont. She appreciated the beautiful and whimsical, loved animals, and was a supporter of birding societies, garden clubs and the Kalispell Food Bank. She is survived by her brother, Douglas Butler; sister, Debra Butler James; and former husband, Mike Evans.

**Craig Nielsen OD '71** died June 13, 2017, at age 75. After earning his business degree at the University of Oregon, he completed his doctor of optometry at Pacific, where he met his first wife, Libby Finnigan. He practiced optometry at Crestwood Eyecare in Bend for more than 30 years, and was an active member of Trinity Episcopal

Church, Kiwanis, the Bend Parks and Recreation Board, and the Oregon Optometric Association. In 1997 he married Linda Beebe, and they enjoyed outdoor activities and settling in Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister. He is survived by his wife Linda; daughters, Kristen, Bill, Lucy and Finn McSherry and Kimberly, Jim, Katelyn and Riley Darrin; brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Karen; and an extended family.

### 1985

**Powell Carpenter '85, OD '88** died July 27, 2017, at age 54. He was an optometrist, a man of science. He loved good food, wine and classic shoes. He was a gentle soul, quick to smile, and had a witty sense of humor. He is survived by his mother, Eva Bear; wife, Carrie; and brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mandy.

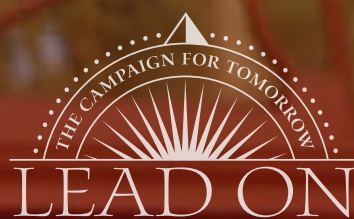
### 1997

**Kevin Dean Barnes MEd '97** died Nov. 14, 2014, following a battle with cancer. He was 51. He earned his bachelor of arts from Arizona State University before earning a master's in education from Pacific and completing his administrative license with Lewis and Clark College. He taught in

the Tillamook County School District as a math teacher, then became a vice principal at Tillamook High School. He enjoyed hiking and sightseeing on the Oregon Coast, visiting family in the Bay Area, and traveling to Hawai'i. He also loved music and attending concerts and touring museums. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Corin; children, Zachary (and Crieda), Carissa, and Kyle Shupp; two grandchildren; two sisters and two brothers; and an extended family.

### 2013

**Jake Watterson PharmD '13** died July 21, 2017, at age 38. He earned his bachelor's in political science at Eastern Oregon University and his biology degree from Portland State University, before completing his doctor of pharmacy at Pacific. He was a pharmacist at Grande Ronde Hospital, where he received the Gem Award in April 2017. He enjoyed hiking, camping, Legos, video gaming, movies, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and collecting Lego Star Wars figures. He is survived by his wife, **Mihaela Talianu PharmD '13**; parents, Dennis and Georgia; sister, Sarah; brother, Mark (and Sana); and an extended family. ■



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