

Class Notes

2010s

2010 Amy Lynde married **Pat Absalson** on July 13, 2014. **Giselle Stone** sailed on her 34-foot sloop, *Sound Discovery*, with her boyfriend, Cliff, from Alaska to Mexico. They plan to cruise through the Panama Canal and sail to the East Coast of the United States and across the Atlantic. Giselle has been writing short stories for her boating blog and for small sailing publications.

2011 Andrea Glover graduated from the University of Edinburgh's School of Social & Political Science, in Scotland, with a master's in social work. She is currently employed as a social worker for the City of Edinburgh Council.

Amy Burkholder married **David Hollander** on July 25, in Cambria, Calif.

Luke J. Meining is a fourth-year medical-school student at Creighton University, in Omaha, Neb. He is also in the United States Army Reserves.

Kari A. Olson graduated with a master of divinity degree and The Gerald R. Johnson Memorial Award in Speech Communication in Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary's 203rd commencement ceremony. She was ordained as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on July 27 and recently began serving as pastor at Hope of Christ Presbyterian Church, in Summit Hill, Pa. **Chuck Pierce** recently earned his master's degree in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University. **Stephanie K. Wiley** is serving with Africa Inland Mission at Rift Valley Academy, in Kijabe, Kenya, as a choir and music teacher.

2012 Rebecca Hargis graduated with a master's in social work from Eastern Washington University and began her career at Seamar Community Health Clinic as an integration specialist. Her job involves combining mental health and social services with primary care. **Catherine (Cook) Tobey** graduated with a master of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary's 203rd commencement ceremony.

2013 Abby L. Richardson graduated in May with a master of arts in teaching from the University of Portland. She now teaches science and math at South Salem High School, in Salem, Ore.

2014 Josie Camarillo married **Tom Congdon** on June 20 in Newport, Wash. Whitworth Professor of Communication Studies Mike Ingram officiated. Matt and **Becky Prior, '04**, were the photographers. The wedding party included **Daniel Gordon, '17**, **Riley Connolly, '15**, **Caleb Drechsel, '15**, **Raeann Hutson, '13**, **Amy Roth, '14**, and **Jennifer Beattie, '14**. **Alanna Panter, '15**, coordinated the day. Others in attendance included **David, '87**, and **Becky (Williams) Congdon, '88**, and **Will Williams, '53**, among other family and friends. **Lauren (Roberts)** married **Josiah Hunter** on June 13.

DEBUTS

2011 a girl, Danika, to Seth and **Alyssa (Hood) Burbank**, June 29, 2013

2011 a girl, Alexis Grace, to **Kate (Schmedake)** and **Henry Williams**, April 10

DEPARTURES

Sarah A. Powers, '14, died March 29. **Nicole L. Theis, '14**, died June 9.

Luke Beardemphl, '16, died May 22 from recurrent Hodgkin's lymphoma. At Whitworth he majored in pre-med and biophysics, planning to pursue a career in radiology. Although his time at Whitworth was brief, Luke was known for his abiding faith and for making strong relationships across campus and in the Duvall Hall community.

2000s

2001 Jennifer (Shafar) Allen is a missionary in Johannesburg, South Africa, where she lives with her husband, David, and her children, Bethany and Max. **Chris B. Foster** is a top independent advisor with LPL Financial, recently completing his 14th year in business with management of more than \$100



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HOMECOMING
OCT. 7-9, 2016

Make plans to celebrate with us at Homecoming 2016! All alumni and their families are invited to return to campus Oct. 7-9 for Homecoming 2016. Members of the classes of 1956, '66, '76, '86, '96, 2006, and 2011 will celebrate their milestone reunions. Interested in helping to plan your class's celebration? Contact alumni@whitworth.edu.

million. **Buz Hollingsworth** is the interim principal at Franklin Elementary, in Spokane. **Anna C. Jennings** traveled to Botswana, Africa, last spring to spend time with the Naro bushmen tribe in the Kalahari Desert.

2002 Tyana (Day) Kelley is a birth and postpartum doula, as well as a childbirth educator. She has begun a master's program in strategic communication at Washington State University. Tyana and her husband, Ryan, and their twins have relocated to Snohomish, Wash.

2004 Karen (Morgan) and **Tyler Van Haften** completed a three-month road trip around the U.S. and Canada. They recently moved to Denver.

2005 Chelsea Globe received a master of divinity degree from Seattle University's School of Theology & Ministry in June 2014. Four months later she was called to serve as pastor to Christ Lutheran Church, in Federal Way, Wash. She was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in November 2014. **Margaret Jones** married **Greg Strite** in August 2008.

2006 Jenna Williams married **Karl Dynes** on May 10. **Maren Haynes** married **Michael Marchesini, '07**, on July 25, in Bozeman, Mont. Whitworth alumni in their wedding party included **Hannah Kimball-Fuller, '06**, **Emily Wirth, '06**, **Clinton Lipscomb, '07**, **Galen Sanford, '08**, and **Dane Ueland, '09**. **Michelle (Van Belle) Moon** graduated in June with a master's degree in education from the University of Washington. **Kadyn K. Schmautz** serves as a graphic designer with 100 Fold Studio, a nonprofit architecture firm that equips and sends architects to serve in missions around the world. **Sara A. Warr** lives in Tacoma, Wash., and is working as a certified nurse midwife, delivering babies at Joint Base Lewis McChord.

2007 Erin Whitney married **Fred Siebert** July 26.

2008 Amanda Smith married **Troy Hulin** in Sandy, Ore., June 27.

2009 Thomas Robinson married **Laura Rooper, '10**, July 11, in Cannon Beach, Ore.

DEBUTS

2001 twins, a girl, Addison Joy, and a boy, Jace Anthony, to Alan and **Amanda (Bierlink) Baerlocher**, Dec. 19, 2014

2001 a boy, Colton, to Matt and **Erin (Johnson) Camper**, March 23, 2014

2001 a girl, Bree Jessie, to Danny and **Julia (Colgan) Cruzen**, Feb. 26, 2014

2001 a boy, Grant Robert, to Bobby and **April (McIlhenny) Heuseveldt**, April 26

2001 a girl, Gwendolynn Wendie, to Jolen and **Buz Hollingsworth**, Aug. 25, 2014

2001 a girl, Elise, to Jeffrey and **Tara (Coe) McRitchie**, July 18, 2012

2001 a girl, Hollister Aurora, to Matthew and **Gisela (Thomas) Quick**, May 9, 2014

2001 a girl, Esme Ruth, to Brent and **Erin (Benson) Raska**, July 24

2001 a boy, Isaac Nuechterlein, to **Joel and Katherine (Nuechterlein) Robnett, '02**, Oct. 25, 2012

2001 a boy, Clark Andrew, to **Joel and Katherine (Nuechterlein) Robnett, '02**, Sept. 3, 2014

2001 a boy, Lorenzo Massimo, to **Rochell (Lamica) and Joshua Salina**, May 26

2001 a girl, Madelyn, to **Jeremiah and Kristin (Allison) Webster**, Oct. 28, 2013

2002 a girl, Hazel Camille, to Joseph and **Kimmie (Read) Fink**, May 17

2002 a boy, Keadyn, to **Abby (Hodges) and Ryan Gackenheimer**, Sept. 30, 2014

2003 a girl, Adaline Leigh, to **Adam Roberts and Katherine Burleigh, '04**, Sept. 25

2004 a girl, Hope Eden, to **Joshua and Megan (Lobb) Harrison, '06**, May 23, 2013

2004 a boy, Luke Thomas, to **Amy (Potratz) and Darren Indermill**, June 10

2004 a boy, Crosby Davis, to **Blake and Kaylin (Jones) Pratt**, Sept. 3, 2014

2005 a boy, Elijah, to **William and Christina (Bumgarner) Gaines, '06**, Jan. 7, 2013

2005 a girl, Elizabeth, to **William and Christina (Bumgarner) Gaines, '06**, Jan. 16

2005 a boy, Cale Andrew, to **Peter and Katie (Hastings) Johnson**, March 11, 2014

2005 a girl, Lily Ynez, to **Heather (Stout) and Greg Svanidze, '06**, Jan. 21

2005 a girl, Ella Rose, to Matt and **Kelly (Renner) Yarkosky**, Jan. 2

2006 a girl, Makenna Michelle Kalea, to **Rebecca (Karste) and Christopher Ahsing, '07**, July 10

2006 a girl, Abigail Elena, to Rachel and **Christopher Brown**, April 29

2006 a boy, Kittridge, to Jonathan and **Allison (Oyster) Cummings**, June 28

2006 a boy, Gregory, to **David and Annie (Grayson) Lillard**, March 9

2006 a boy, Greyson, to Brian and **Amanda (Larson) Monger**, April 23, 2014

2006 a boy, Evan Elijah, to Alexander and **Heidi (Dole) Myers**, June 10

2006 a girl, Scarlett, to Clint and **Carly (Dallago) Piper**, March 29, 2012

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2006 a girl, Georgia Scout, to Christine and **Joel Stenberg**, Jan. 15, 2014

2006 a girl, Stella Jane, to Christine and **Joel Stenberg**, Aug. 15

2006 a girl, Logan Monroe, to **Jordan and Whitney (Murphy) Tampien**, April 23

2006 a boy, Bradley, to Adam and **Erica (Vonk) Van Duyn**, Nov. 27, 2014

2006 a boy, Adam James, to Scottie and **Erin (Skjelstad) Williams**, June 24

2007 a girl, Sloane Ivy Hampton-Stocker, to **Luke Stocker and Delynn Hampton, '08**, April 17

2009 a boy, Ellis Jack, to **Jessica (Toews) and Matthew Bencotter**, June 12

2009 a girl, Cecilia Jade, to Star and **Thomas Ryan**, Sept. 9, 2014

1990s

1991 Barbara (Klava) and Robert Wilson now have two sons in college. Gunnar is at Baylor University, and Garrett was recruited to play soccer at Gonzaga University.

1992 Katherine (Worthington) Haworth worked for the U.S. Air Force for 18 years. She now lives in South Carolina with her husband and 13-year-old son after living in Washington, California, Nevada and Italy. **Cara Keller** married **James True** on July 11.

1993 Darrin M. Dennis was accepted to the master's program at Northwestern. He will graduate in 2017 with a master in clinical professional counseling. **Ryan Leonard** is working in Spokane in the circulation department of *The Spokesman-Review*, after 14 years with Pitney Bowes. He is an active Freemason, Scottish Rite Mason and El Katif Shriner.

1998 Stephanie (Peterson) Miyamoto and her husband, Hideomi, are celebrating 15 years of marriage as well as the birth of their long-awaited baby boy this year. Stephanie has found fulfillment for the past 17 years as an elementary school teacher, and now she is excited about her new role as a stay-at-home mother to their son.

1999 Nola-Gene (Bell) Byrd is now certified in perianesthesia nursing and recovery-room residency. She works at St. Clare Hospital, in Lakewood, Wash. Nola also serves as a faith community nurse at her church, First Presbyterian, in Puyallup, Wash. Her twin sons just started the seventh grade and hope to be Pirates one day. **Phillip Harrington** married Melissa Stephenson on June 27. Whitworth alumni in attendance included **Amy (Ritter) Williams, '99**, **Elizabeth (Rodman) Haslet, '99**, and **William Harrison, '99**. The Rev. **Christiane Lang Hearison** is one of 85 women doctoral students nationwide to receive a Philanthropic Education Organization Scholar Award from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. Christy is also the recipient of a Louisville Institute Dissertation Fellowship, which supports the final year of dissertation writing for doctoral students researching North American Christianity.

DEBUTS

- 1994** a girl, Sydney Lauren, to **Tiffany (Turner)** and **Bill Brooks**, Aug. 14
- 1996** a girl, Savannah, to Jason and **April (Jackson) DeZell**, Feb. 24, 2014
- 1997** a boy, Isaac, to Ryan and **Holly (Brown) Vittetoe**, May 30, 2014
- 1998** a boy, Leo Kaiji, to Hideomi and **Stephanie (Peterson) Miyamoto**, March 11
- 1998** a girl, Maya Claudia Rother-Rice, to Patti Rother and **Sarah Rice**, Sept. 2

DEPARTURES

Catherine (Mitchell) Heimbigner, '91 MAT, died May 22. **Emily G. Bradford, '98**, died Aug. 2. **Kelly Williamson Padgham, '99**, died Sept. 20. Kelly earned her J.D. from Gonzaga University, and, after passing the bar, went on to serve the Spokane community by practicing family law. She served on the board of directors for The Arc of Spokane and the Greenhouse Community Center. She also volunteered for the Spokane County Volunteer Lawyers Program.

1980s

1980 Bonnie Mercer had her first children's picture book, *A Wheel Rainbow*, published. It is based on a story that her daughter told her more than 30 years ago about playing with a rainbow with wheels.

1981 Psycho Suko has traveled to 30 countries painting essential motifs of culture. His website is sukoartsy.deviantart.com.

1982 Steven P. Richards recently began a new career working as a case manager with homeless families, helping them with resources and services that, over time, help them to become self-sustaining.

1984 David Ingraham completed a bicycle ride during the summer of 2015 to raise awareness and help for translation and transformation in Papua New Guinea. For more information, visit pedalsforpng.blogspot.com.

1986 Jennifer Wilcox Cummins was called as pastor to Tortolita Presbyterian Church, in Tucson, Ariz. **James Deal** has switched Presbyterian denominations after more than 25 years of service as an ordained Presbyterian minister. He has left the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for the Covenanting Order of Evangelical Presbyterians. Jim remains pastor of the church he has served since 2000, formerly Eastmont Presbyterian Church, now Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee. **Clifford S. Feigenbaum** was named one of the Top 100 People in Trustworthy Business Behavior in 2014 by Trust Across America. **Yvette (Madsen) Nichols** continues her work as a registered nurse. She and her husband, Carl, enjoy being home in the Northwest in their free time. Both of their sons are serving in the U.S. Navy.

1989 Sean G. Barrett returned to the U.S. after two years with NATO in Belgium. He was selected to attend the U.S. National War College at the National Defense University. Sean began the university's 10-month master's-degree program, which is a senior-level course in national security strategy to prepare future military and civilian leaders. In May, **Kevin J. Peterson** finished his doctoral program at Washington State University, earning an Ed.D. His dissertation was a study of Washington state elementary school principals in the area of mindful-instructional leadership. He is a principal in the Mead School District, having moved from Midway Elementary to Evergreen Elementary for the 2015-16 school year.

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Daniel E. Mortlock, '80, died April 7. **Philip S. Pannell, '80**, died Sept. 17 after a seven-year battle with cancer. Philip took great pride in his work as a clinical psychologist after graduating from the Fuller Theological Seminary

The Privilege of Hearing Alumni Stories

Danielle Openiano, '17



Last summer I was one of 16 Whitworth students nationwide working with the Alumni Discovery Project, and I had the unique opportunity to serve in my hometown as a student ambassador to alumni in the Greater Seattle area. We interviewed 416 Whitworth alumni; since the start of the project, in 2013,

30 student ambassadors have heard the stories of nearly 1,100 alums from the classes of 1946 to 2015 in hour-long conversations.

The Discovery Project is an intentional way for Whitworth to serve its students and alumni, providing a direct link for alums to offer input on the university's past, present and future. As I listened, many stories of how Whitworth shaped these alumni stirred my deeply held emotions, and it was inspiring to hear from alums who continue to reflect on the values they learned on campus. Just as significant, I had the privilege of hearing concerns that alums shared. No matter the tellers' experiences, it was important that these messages were being heard; I was thankful to be the one who relayed them back to the university.

When the university is able to connect students and alums, it can understand more fully how to serve current and future generations of students. Listening to these alums' life stories taught me a great deal about life. For alumni to share their stories is beneficial not only to the university, but also to current students who struggle or thrive on campus today.

If you're invited to participate in a Discovery interview in the future, I encourage you to accept the invitation. I guarantee it will make a difference – if not for you, if not for the university, then certainly for the student you meet. Simply by being a part of this project, I've learned so much about Whitworth, myself, and what I hope for in my own future.

To learn more about the Alumni Discovery Project, visit www.whitworth.edu/discoveryproject.

School of Psychology. He was a founder of Rose City Center and was honored for his years of service on its board of directors. **Libby (Levine) Avnet, '81**, died Nov. 17, 2014. Libby traveled throughout Europe and Israel after she retired, in 1977. She finished her education, graduating *cum laude* and receiving an honorable mention in the 1981 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*. She served as a volunteer at Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center for 17 years. **Mary June Bocksch Hertel, '82 M.Ed.**, died April 9 after a battle with cancer. Mary June was able to travel the world and even spent her 70th birthday in China teaching art to children with disabilities. She is survived by her children, **Brian, '82, Donald, '88, Kenneth, '92, Karen Jose, '86**, and **Linda Mega, '84, '97 M.Ed.**, among others. **Robert B. Mills, '82 M.Ed.**, died April 14. Robert worked in the Spokane County Clerk's Office for 25 years. He was a founding member of Daybreak Youth Services, and he served on the boards of Habitat for Humanity and Caritas Outreach Ministries and on the vestry of St. David's Episcopal Church. **Donald K. Ratliff, '82**, died June 22. **Wayne R. Redmond, '82**, died Jan. 11, 2010. **Frederick Utter, '84**, died Feb. 28. **Sally Jane (Phillips) Hamon, '85 M.Ed.**, died June 20. **David A. Henry, '85**, died Sept. 2. David served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army before becoming a teacher in the Spokane Public School district for 35 years. He also managed his family's tree-farm business. David is survived by his wife, sister, **Daisy Chapman, '60**, and daughter, **Carolyn Cary, '97, '04 M.Ed.**, among others. **Robert T. Jewett, '89**, died Aug. 28. After graduating from Whitworth with a degree in geology, Bob was a geologist for Ramrod Gold, later running his own assay lab. He began a decorative-rock business close to his home. Bob is survived by his sister, **Christine Alstead, '82**, among others. **Brian Senter, '89**, was killed in an auto-pedestrian accident in Walla Walla on Oct. 25. Brian, a drama teacher at Walla Walla High School, was hit by a car. He is survived by his wife, **Mary (Reese, '88)**, and his four children.

1970s

1971 Joan (Elsom) Polzin, '88 M.Ed., retired from Spokane Public Schools as an elementary teacher. Now she owns LegalShield, a business that gives families and businesses access to the justice system.

1972 Ricardo Bravo is an attorney with Ricardo Bravo, L.L.C., a board member of Goodwill of the Central Savannah (Ga.) River Area, and president-chair of the nonprofit Greater Augusta Partnership for Literacy. He is a past president of the Martinez-Evans Rotary Club, a trustee of the Georgia Rotary Student Program, and literacy chair for District 6910.

1973 Caryl Hurtig Casbon published her first book of spiritual poetry, *The Everywhere Oracle: A Guided Journey through Poetry for an Ensouled World*, after a lifetime of teaching and working in interfaith ministry. Her book is available on Amazon. **Timothy R. Lickness** became an adjunct professor of law at Trinity Law School, in Santa Ana, Calif., after retiring from the full-time practice of law. Trinity is a Christian law school dedicated to providing a legal education with a biblical perspective.

1977 Diane Muller was elected Teacher of the Year in her school district in 2014 and finished her 38th year of elementary teaching in June. Her career began with teaching third grade and wound through music and physical education, gifted and talented, second grade, fourth grade, kindergarten, and back to P.E. Diane is now a flower designer for Flowers by Hansen, in Kalispell, Mont.

1978 Donna (Crain) King is the newly appointed president of the National Panhellenic Conference and Sigma Kappa.

1979 Robert A. Donin earned an M.P.A. with a specialty in health services administration from the University of Southern California.

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Joan Bickerstaff, '70, died Aug. 17. **Hazel (Wenberg) Riley, '70, '72 M.Ed.**, died June 15. Hazel served in Spokane as a teacher at Rogers High School and developed and directed the SCOPE program for underachieving students at North Central High School. She later became an administrator and counselor at Shaw Junior High. Hazel enjoyed traveling and spending summers at Priest Lake, Idaho. **Alfred J. Thomas, '70**, died Oct. 8, in Spokane. While growing up, Alfred lived within a block of Yankee Stadium and had a chance to meet Babe Ruth. He lived out his dream of becoming a pilot when he served in the Korean War, spending his 23-year career with the Air Force. **Mildred E. Tremblay, '70**, died May 6. **Tryphosa (Litwin) Wright, '70**, died Aug. 25, in Spokane. **Jesse Kennison, '71 M.Ed.**, died July 30. **Willard G. Pennell, '71**, died June 4, in Spokane. Willard worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and for Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Company. He donated more than 25 gallons of blood to the INBC blood bank and was honored as Senior Citizen of the Year. Willard is survived by his daughter, **Connie Christlaw, '77**, among others. **Gloria J. Saccomanno, '71**, died July 1, 2014. **Beverly (Doolittle) Floch, '76**, died April 28. **Joel F. Alsgaard, '77**, died May 31. During Expo '74, Joel directed a yearlong weekly TV show at KSPS in Spokane that featured news, events and entertainment regarding the event. He was a talented musician who played guitar professionally and began composing minuets at age three. He is survived by his sister, **Catherine, '76**, among others.

1960s

1960 Ranko Iwamoto is the author of *Purity and Power: The Spirit of a Female Samurai*. **Roberta (Patterson) Nicholson** is enjoying teaching quilting for Simi Valley Adult School, in California.

1961 Michael G. Austin fondly remembers being an editor of *The Whitworthian* and helping bring presidential candidate John F. Kennedy to campus, despite objections from administrators. **Chet B. Gean** published his book, *Pass the Peace: A New Paradigm for Christian Community*. **Gail (Schlichtig) Janes** continues to create artwork and exhibits regularly in shows. She has won a number of awards for her work. **Priscilla C. Small** attended the 2015 International Congress of Phonetic Sciences in Glasgow, Scotland. **Douglas N. Warne** continues to serve his Scandinavian community and education. He is on several scholarship committees, including that of a local Rotary club. Doug is one of six elected governors of the Sons of Norway Foundation, which awards yearly grants and scholarships.

1962 Stephen T. Davis is publishing a new book with Baylor University Press titled *After We Die: Theology, Philosophy, and the Question of Life after Death*. He received his M.Div. from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University.

1966 Ann (Maddux) Buri retired from Spokane Public Schools after being a teacher for 32 years. **David H. Howard** retired in 2009 after a long career in journalism. He splits his time between homes in Oregon and Arizona. Dave is also working on another book. **Jeanne (Reynolds) Rich** writes plays and makes puppets for a community church and a children's puppet ministry program. **Cindi-Pauline (Schloming) Wolfe** retired from her career as a high school English teacher in June 2006; she worked for Woodland School District, in Woodland, Wash. She is now a member of the Vintage Chevrolet Car Club of America and is active in the Girl Scouts.

1968 Kim and Christine (Sacco) Williams, '70, spent time in Albania in 2014 teaching English and discussing faith with university students. They hope to return to that country in 2016.

DEPARTURES

Janette (Burkhart) Mills, '60, died June 23. **Les Nygren, '60, '71 M.Ed.**, died June 10. **Ray D. Bisping, '61**, died Dec. 13, 2000. **Dwight Paul Leitch, '61**, died Nov. 21, 2014. Paul was an active member of the Sherborn, Mass., community, serving on several town committees and boards, as a deacon at Pilgrim Church, and as a member of the Sherborn Lions Club. He was a world traveler and a retired analyst from the U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center. **Charlotte (Schmutz) Mills, '61**, died June 25. Char worked at Hewlett-Packard in Spokane and served in various volunteer positions. She chaired the board of Caritas Ministries and served on the board of Habitat for Humanity. She was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal Church in 2010. **Marshall Reynolds, '61**, died Sept. 23, 2012. **Donald E. Boyk, '62 M.Ed.**, died Aug. 10. Don had a long career in education, serving in many teaching, principal and administration positions. He was a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals for 29 years and was a founding member (in 1954) of the Davenport Road Knights Car Club. **Muriel (Row) Rossing, '62 MAT**, died June 13. Muriel taught social studies at Spokane's Lewis & Clark High School, where she later became the girls' counselor, retiring at age 70. She also served as a long-term substitute, as an advisor of Future Teachers of America, and as an active member of Delta Kappa Gamma. **Glenn L. Ahrens, '63**, died March 26. **Barbara (Shepard) Black, '63**, died April 30. In high school, Barbara was head cheerleader, homecoming queen, and student of the year. She worked at Ye Olde Curiosity Shop, in Seattle, and she was a member of the Free Methodist Church, where she served as a childcare volunteer. She is survived by her husband, **Lawrence, '64**, among others. **James E. Marsh, '63**, died April 2. Jim served in the Vietnam War and earned many military decorations. He was an active member of the Peru Grace Brethren Church, in Indiana, serving as a deacon for many years. Jim also served the Conservative Grace Brethren Fellowship of Churches as secretary of the National Foreign Missions Panel. **Norma Jean (Ceaser) Melone, '63**, died May 5. **Margaret (Freeborg) Hillman, '64**, died May 13. Margaret served as activities director at Port Townsend High School for more than a decade. She was an accomplished pianist who served on the Young Life work crew for several years, taught junior high and high school, and, after retirement, continued to serve local youth and teachers. **Linda (Peters) Morris, '64**, died April 11. Linda met her husband, Carl, when she moved to San Diego to accept a teaching position. After teaching for several years in Poway, Calif. she became a homemaker. Linda enjoyed visiting with friends and neighbors, dancing, bridge, gardening and traveling. **Robert G. Sharp, '65**, died July 24. Bob taught U.S. and Russian history at Eastfield College, in Dallas, for 41 years. He received outstanding teacher awards from Eastfield and the University of Texas. He also volunteered as a mentor to athletes and coaches at Whitworth, Rogers and North Central High Schools, in Spokane. **William C. VanderWal, '65**, died Aug. 12. **Frances (Choate) Carlson, '66 M.Ed.**, died June 24. **Ronald N. Heiter, '68**, died July 29. Violet (Stueckle) Scott, '68, died May 15, 2014. **Gerald A. Davis, '69 M.Ed.**, died Sept. 7. Jerry taught and worked for Spokane Public School District 81 for 31 years, working at six schools in intermediate grades and as a special reading or resource teacher. He spent 22 years at Willard Elementary. He was a longtime member of The Dukes Auto Club and attended Spokane's First Presbyterian Church. **Jim B. Morlan, '69**



Alums Partner in Camping and Retreat Ministry

By Josh Cleveland, '01

Together, Dave and Christie (Hinman) Saugen, both '99, embody servant-leadership in their ministry, work and family life.

Since February 2015, Dave has served as the executive director at Tall Timber, in Leavenworth, Wash. He is joined in this family ministry by Christie and their children, Serenity, Micah and Kyler. The Saugens have a history in many roles at Tall Timber dating back to the late 1980s. Whitworth has also enjoyed a long relationship with Tall Timber, going back to the early '80s, when Stan, '75, and Becky (Dyck, '77) Fishburn began their

ministry there. As alums who experienced the significance of Jan Term studies there, the Saugens are excited to welcome students to Jan Term courses taught there by theology professors Jerry Sittser and Jonathan Moo.

"Camp is where so many people are shaped profoundly for life because of Jesus," Dave says. "I love being part of a missional arm for the church that helps members of the Body of Christ remember who they are without the distractions of everyday life."

They credit Sittser, Jim Edwards, '67, Roger Mohrlang, Ron Frase, Jim and Linda Hunt, '78 MAT, and the Krista Foundation, as well as their experiences on the Central America Study & Service Program, as key forces in their formation, instilling in them the firm belief that "service is a way of life."

"We draw regularly on the diverse education we received at Whitworth," they say. "The base it provided shapes both of us today and will continue to do so into the future."

With gratitude, Dave and Christie say, "We are thrilled to be doing the thing we love: something that shapes people profoundly. We would love an opportunity to walk alongside and encourage an interest in camp and retreat service through summer staff and internship opportunities at Tall Timber."

To learn more, visit www.talltimber.org.

Commencement 2016

The Class of '16 will be honored in Whitworth's 126th Commencement exercises the weekend of May 20-22. Visit www.whitworth.edu/commencement to learn more.

M.Ed., died April 24. **Scott Sandygren, '69**, died June 6 of cancer. Scott was dedicated to working with children and adults with special needs and spent many years with Special Olympics, Washington Youth Soccer, and TOP Soccer.

1950s

1951 Robert L. Bruce and his family recently held their 23rd reunion at Seabrook, Wash., near Pacific Beach. His five grandsons, two granddaughters, and three great granddaughters attended. **Ernest B. Gentile** moved from San Jose, Calif., to Fort Sumner, N.M., where he is pastor of The Church on the Hill. **Bill W. Roffler** was a junior high and community college teacher and coach for 38 years. He and his wife, **Jane (Williams)**, recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. **L. Holland St. John** has played tennis throughout his life, and he began running tennis programs more than 25 years ago. To honor Holland, the City of Richland, Wash., recently dedicated The Holland St. John Tennis Courts, the city's new \$1.5 million tennis facility in Howard Amon Park, in his name.

1956 Frances (West) Holdorf's husband of 57 years, Charles, passed away on Palm Sunday. **Joy M. Limburg** retired from teaching the children of missionaries at Faith Academy, in Manila, the Philippines, in 2000, and then returned home to Spokane and became active in her local church. Joy taught the Tuesday-morning women's Bible study for 13-plus years, retiring in 2014. She currently lives in a retirement community in Spokane. **Stanley L. Quade** enjoys gardening his acre in La Habra Heights, Calif., and doing exotic scroll-saw woodwork. He and his son also play tennis three times a week with the National Father and Son Doubles Tournament.

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John E. Kleinbach, '50, died Aug. 5. **Margaret Baird, '51**, died Dec. 23, 2014. **Robert L. Carpenter, '51**, died Aug. 2, 2013. **Burton Durham, '51**, died May 12, 2014, in Auburn, Wash. **Carmen (Poole) Farley, '51**, died June 27. Carmen appeared in productions in the earliest days of the Spokane Civic Theatre. She became a CPS caseworker for Washington state and served as board president and directed plays for Spokane Civic Theater. She is survived by her husband, **Robert, '50**, and son, **Jon, '75**, among others. **Mark A. Jennings, '51**, died Feb. 2. **Wallace H. Moore, '51**, died Aug. 27. Wally served in the Army during the Korean War. He taught music and directed choirs, bands, and school musicals. He also played in the Okanogan Valley Orchestra and was a member of Tonasket Community Church, where he sang in the choir. He is survived by his wife, **Harlene (Towsley), '54**. **Walter Bekowies, '52**, died Oct. 19, 2013. **Barbara (Scribner) Johnson, '52**, died April 7. **Edward J. Mitchell, '52**, died Aug. 11. **Howard E. Mitchell, '52**, died March 24. Howard served in World War II and earned many distinguished awards. He helped evacuate 500 airmen from Yugoslavia in 1944. He taught for the School of Business and Economics at Western Washington University and was active in First Presbyterian Church, serving on session and as a deacon. **Kenneth E. Moore, '52**, died May 13. Kenneth, who held the title of "most attractive baby in Spokane County" in 1926, served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He also served as a choir director for more than 70 years and taught math at Spokane's North Central High School and West Valley High School. **Mary Lou (Lannigan) Weinland,**

'52, died July 27. Mary Lou played the organ at her church during her youth and was a starter on the women's basketball team at Whitworth. She was a public health nurse who volunteered for numerous organizations, and she held a pilot's license and was a part of a church choir. **Rachel (Fields) Lake, '53**, died March 29. **Doris C. Wages, '53**, died Aug. 17, in Spokane. Doris's career in elementary education spanned more than 30 years. She served as a school librarian and was a 50-year member of the Spokane Branch of the American Association of University Women. **John C. Webb, '53**, died Sept. 27. Over a 35-year career in education, John was a teacher, vice principal and principal at the high-school level in the Azle, Texas, public school district. After retirement, he worked in adult basic education in the Fort Worth Independent School District for 20 years. **JoEllen (Weir) Jones, '54**, died June 2. JoEllen taught for 31 years in the Mead School District, was an active member of Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church, and was honored with a lifetime membership in the Whitworth Auxiliary. JoEllen is survived by her husband, **Richard, '57, '60 M.Ed.**, and children **Jim, '81, '12 M.Ed.**, and **Jennifer Rodriguez, '86**. **Beth (Beckelhymer) Stewart, '54**, died Aug. 29 in Shoreline, Wash. Beth was a missionary teacher at Red Bird Mission, in Kentucky, as well as a Bible and Christian-ministry teacher in South Africa and at a Bible college in Rhodesia. She retired to Seattle with her husband and lived in Warm Beach Senior Community. **David L. Voge, '54**, died June 17, in Spokane. David served in the U.S. Army and worked as the office manager and accountant for Brownie Baking Company. He later worked for Jobbers Warehouse, and, after retirement, moved to Holman Gardens Retirement Community with his wife, Betty. **Ernest Wall, '54**, died Sept. 7. Ernie received a double scholarship in football and baseball while attending Whitworth and was also inducted into the Whitworth Hall of Fame. His career included travel as a pharmaceutical rep and medical salesman. Ernie is survived by his wife of 61 years, **Mary (Corpron), '54**. **Virginia (Willis) Egli, '55**, died Aug. 3. Virginia was an educator for many years in Glendive, Mont. **Bruce A. Burns, '56**, died Feb. 27, in Phoenix. He is survived by his wife, **Sonia (White), '58**. **Mary (Morgan) Lutz, '56**, died March 13. Mary was an elementary school librarian who taught various grades until she retired. She served as both an elder and a deacon at Northwood Presbyterian Church and was also a member of the Whitworth Auxiliary. Mary is survived by her husband, **William, '57, '71 M.Ed.**, and son **Christopher, '87**, among others. **Ronald D. Schoesler, '56**, died Feb. 16. **James Irving Brown, '57**, died Aug. 14. **Marie-Elizabeth (Hooper) Haase, '58**, died July 11, in Bellevue, Wash. Marie taught elementary students in the Yakima and Renton, Wash., school districts. She also worked as an assistant librarian for 32 years. Marie's love for music inspired her to learn the piano, clarinet and viola and to enjoy the Seattle Opera for 49 seasons. **Thomas J. Hansen, '58**, died July 30. Tom served two years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Spokane's Fairchild AFB. He was a general practitioner for 46 years following his internship at Deaconess Hospital. Tom is survived by his wife, **Charlene, '58**, among others. **Bill W. Hillman, '58**, died July 15. For 28 years, Billy was a professor of counseling and guidance at the University of Arizona. He was also a marriage and family therapist for 10 years, and he served as president of the Arizona Association for Marriage and Family Therapy and was an active member of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

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1948 Betty (Onsum) Graves was at her husband, Gordon's, side when he died at home on Nov. 28, 2014, in Fresno, Calif. She has since moved to Bellingham, Wash.

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Loretta (Stanford) Felton, '40, died April 3. **Harriet (Aldrich) Crandall, '42**, died July 3. Harriet was a nurse in the U.S. Navy serving at naval hospitals in Seattle and Corvallis, Ore. After World War II, she was an R.N. at Spokane's Deaconess Hospital and at Deer Park Hospital. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star and the Deer Lake Homeowners Association. **Charles H. Hoyt, '42**, died Sept. 28. He worked as a photographer at Edgewood Arsenal, in Maryland, and then was shipped overseas as a staff sergeant. He worked at Crown Zellerbach for 30 years and produced a number of patents. Charles is survived by his wife of 72 years, **Dolores (Muench), '42**, and their daughter, **Marilyn, '70**, among others. **Ruth (Stueckle) Gwinn, '45**, died April 2 in Seattle. Ruth was in the initial class that graduated from Whitworth College with a registered nursing and bachelor of science degree. She volunteered at Eisenhower Hospital and the Betty Ford Center, in Palm Desert, Calif. **Virginia (Hunt) LaQua, '46**, died March 5. **Barbara (Stidston) Schindler, '48**, died June 10, 2013. **Barbara (Deemy) Burklo, '49**, died Sept. 12. Barbara was a full-time society editor and writer in Los Gatos, Calif., before she began working part time as a correspondent for *The Youngstown Vindicator*, in Columbiana, Ohio. She later became a journalist for the women's pages of *The Santa Cruz Sentinel*, in California. **Darline (Andrus) Penhalurick, '49**, died June 16. Darline taught English and business and later served as a library specialist. She received several awards, and, as a reward for her association with the World Affairs Council of Seattle, she was given a 10-month sabbatical to make a goodwill tour around the world, lecturing in 10 countries. **Margaret E. Williams, '49**, died Sept. 15. Margaret worked for the veterans hospital in Vancouver, Wash., was an active member of the Whitestone-Ellisforde Brethren Church women's group, and was a founding member of the Orthopedic Hospital Guild. She joined the Peace Corps and served in Jamaica with her husband, working as a women's healthcare nurse.

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Carmen (Kopsland) Carpenter, '36, died Feb. 26. Carmen was active in community clubs all her life. She played her saxophone in a band and marched in local parades well into her nineties. She also decorated for the Presbyterian Church in Kelseyville, Calif., for many years and entered flower arrangements in the Lake County Fair.

Alum Enjoys 'Slinging Books' in L.A. Venue

by Josh Cleveland, '01



Katie Orphan, '06 – known to many as the only Whitworthian ever to appear on *Jeopardy* – is often the first one in the door at The Last Bookstore, in Los Angeles. With coffee in hand and a background in books, this Whitworth alum is putting her mind-and-heart education to work.

“I get the opportunity to really listen to a lot of the people who come into the store,” Orphan says, “and sometimes I may be the only person who stops to hear their story. A lot of my

regulars who come to me for help with books and recommendations end up telling me a lot about their lives – not unlike a bartender. I’m just slinging books instead of drinks,” she says.

Orphan has worked for the owner of The Last Bookstore since 2009, before he opened the current bricks-and-mortar shop. She currently serves as the sales and inventory manager.

And she knows books. “Whether [I read them in] Southern Renaissance, with Laura Bloxham, or women-writers courses with Pamela Corpron Parker, my Core classes, or History of Christianity, with Jerry Sittser, Karin Heller and Keith Beebe, I use the texts I read in college to make recommendations regularly,” Orphan says. “I answer a lot of the same questions every day, but my favorite inquiry is when people ask for help picking a book.”

Equipped with majors in religion and English literature and an M.A. in 19th-century studies from the University of Sheffield, Orphan is well-prepared to help out the confused seeker of books. And she’s at the ready to help you, too.

“If Whitworthians who love books and that glorious ‘old book’ smell are nearby, I certainly hope they’ll come by. Just ask for Katie,” she says.

Bet she’ll already have a recommendation waiting for you.

In Memoriam



Virginia “Ginny” (Warren) Ainley, ’49, died on April 8 at age 87. She moved with her family to Spokane in 1940 when her father, Frank Warren, became president of Whitworth College (1940-63); he was Whitworth’s 12th and longest-serving president. Ginny majored in sociology at Whitworth, where she met **Charles “Chuck” Ainley, ’51**; they married in 1950 and raised three sons, Greg, David and **C. Warren**.

Ginny’s obituary stated that she had three loves in her life: her Lord, her family, and Whitworth, and she served all three with a full heart and willing hands. For years, Ginny and her sister, **Joyce Starrett, ’45**, welcomed freshmen to campus on opening weekend, particularly those moving into Warren Hall, their father’s namesake.

The “Warren girls” were also longtime members of the Whitworth Auxiliary, for which Ginny’s Christmas fudge was a hot seller at the group’s annual Christmas bazaar, and Ginny supported Whitworth’s music, theatre and athletics programs. In 1993, two years before Chuck’s death, Whitworth bestowed on Ginny and Chuck the Alumni Service to Whitworth Award.

“Ginny and I shared a special relationship,” says President Beck A. Taylor. “I remember that on my first day as president, in July 2010, my very first appointment was to visit with Ginny at her retirement home in Spokane. I wanted to hear firsthand from someone who shared a deep love for Whitworth and who witnessed the leadership of President Frank Warren, her father. Ginny prayed for me that morning, and her words of encouragement and affirmation still echo in my mind. I will miss Ginny deeply.”

Ginny is survived by her sister, Joyce Starrett; her sons David (Evelyn) and **C. Warren, ’85 (Glenna, ’84)**; her grandchildren, Dave (Jill), Nathan (Lindsay), **Stephan, ’10 (Corrie)**, Kayla (Chris), Ben (Hannah), **Jared, ’12 (Danielle)**, and Kellen; six great-grandchildren; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.



Associate Professor Emeritus of Art Pauline (Anderson) Haas died on Aug. 14 at age 92.

An accomplished and talented artist and teacher, Pauline began her training on scholarship at the Cincinnati Art Academy; she then earned her MFA from Indiana University. She married Garland “Gus” Haas in 1944. Pauline served on the Whitworth art faculty from 1961-85, and Gus was a longtime political science professor at Whitworth. In 2001 Pauline established the Garland “Gus” and Pauline Haas endowment in honor of her husband; the fund supports a visiting artist to the art department and a student scholarship in political science or international studies.

Pauline’s paintings are featured throughout the Whitworth campus, including a commissioned pastel triptych in Avista Square of Weyerhaeuser Hall. A 2013 exhibit, *Compulsive Continuation*, in the Lied Art Center, featured new works by Pauline in celebration of her 90th year.

“Pauline often remarked that she could not imagine her life without art,” says Professor of Art Gordon Wilson. “She inspired students with her enthusiasm and often found herself working in her studio far into the night after lively interactions with her students. She was my colleague, mentor and friend for nearly 40 years, and it has been a privilege.”

Pauline is survived by her daughter, Judith Haas McKeehan; her son, Joe Haas; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Pauline’s works from Whitworth’s permanent art collection are on exhibit in the Lied Art Center’s Cowles Student Gallery through Jan. 29, 2016.

Web extra: To view a selection of Pauline’s works and to read Wilson’s full tribute to her, visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.



Sam Adams, '52, a legendary Whitworth athlete and coach, died on Nov. 13. As a student-athlete at Whitworth, Sam competed in football, basketball, track & field and baseball. In football, he was an NAIA All-America end in 1948, and he set school, conference and national records for receptions and touchdowns. Sam and his college roommate also planted the first Young Life

club in Spokane.

After playing three seasons with the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League, Sam returned to Whitworth, where he served as an assistant coach for football and track; he was named head coach of both programs in 1958. Over seven seasons, he guided the Pirate football team to a record of 47-19-1 and three Evergreen Conference championships. His 1960 team finished 9-0 in the regular season, was ranked fourth in the national NAIA polls, and competed in the semifinals of the NAIA national playoffs. In track & field, he coached several All-Americans and four NAIA national champions, and his teams won four conference titles.

Sam earned a master's in teaching and coached at Whitworth until 1965; he went on to become a faculty member at Washington State University, where he coached football, chaired the master's degree program for athletics administration with a specialty in sport law, and earned a doctorate in physical education.

Each year Whitworth honors Sam's legacy through the Sam Adams Classic track meet and the Sam Adams Young Life Scholarship for student leaders. Sam was inducted into Whitworth's inaugural Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame class in 1990, and he was inducted into the Inland Northwest Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.

Sam and his wife, **Colleen (Pickert), '51**, had a lasting impact on the lives of the young men and women with whom they came into contact, whether through coaching or through Young Life. The Adamases were spiritual mentors, counselors and advisors to hundreds of former Whitworth students. More than 80 of Sam's Whitworth players returned to campus on Oct. 3 to honor him and Colleen at a reunion.

Sam is survived by his wife, Colleen; his children, Debbie, Sam, Jim, and **Steve, '81**; his grandchildren, including **Katie Adams, '15**, and **Drew Adams, '16**; and other family members.



Former trustee, alumna and Whitworth Auxiliary member **Dorothy Mae McLarren, '49**, died on July 15. Dorothy earned a nursing degree from Whitworth, and she served on the board of trustees from 1974-98. She was a tireless promoter of Whitworth and encouraged many young people to enroll. In 1978 Whitworth honored her with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Her faithful service

to the Whitworth Auxiliary began in 2000 and continued until her death. Four of Dorothy's five children as well as two grandchildren graduated from Whitworth.

Dorothy's survivors include her children, **Janis McLarren Caldwell, '80**, **Toni M. Johnson, '79**, **Paul E. McLarren, '76**, **Sandra L. Milotta, '73**; her sons-in-law, **Eric L. Johnson, '85**, and **David Milotta, '74**; and her grandchildren, **Tanya Johnson** and **David Milotta**, both '05.



Samuel H. Moffett, Ph.D., who served as a Whitworth trustee from 1973-77, died on Feb. 9 at age 98. He was a Princeton Seminary historian and author who completed the acclaimed two-volume *History of Christianity in Asia* at age 89. "Sam Moffett had a distinguished career of teaching and scholarship in the service of the church on two continents," says Craig Barnes, president of

Princeton Theological Seminary. "He was a great encourager who touched the lives of thousands of students and was truly a global ambassador for the gospel." Moffett is survived by his wife, Eileen; his youngest brother, Thomas F. Moffett; and numerous extended family members.

Edward Eccles died on Sept. 20. He served as assistant director of the physical plant (now facilities services) from 1980-99. **Mary Ann Guenther** died on Aug. 23. She was a certification specialist in the School of Education for more than 20 years, retiring in 2003. **Henrietta "Thelma" Gunderson** died on May 30. She worked in the registrar's office for 24 years, and retired in 1988. **Theresa Rutter** died on Aug. 28. She worked at Whitworth for 25 years, 20 of which were spent in admissions and financial aid.