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The power of a Linfield connection

One of the really great parts of my job is connecting students with alumni. The January Term Career Exploration class, taught by Kristi (Vertrees) Mackay '91 and Donna Banwarth-Montoya '04, is a perfect example. The class is designed to help students understand how their liberal arts degree can help them find a job in marketing and communications, by networking and conducting informational interviews with alumni.

The opening class featured Jill (Wilkins) Wilkins '94 explaining how her experience in crisis communications and her Linfield network played a role in the adoption of her son. Her ties to Scott Nelson '94 and Kevin Curry '92 were critical in putting the Wilkins' story in the local and national media spotlight. Over the course of the month, students met communications professionals in the Portland and Seattle areas, many of them Linfield alumni.

I worked with students to identify alumni in their areas of interest who would be willing to participate in an informational interview. The students were bright, energetic and determined – like so many alumni I know. It was a pleasure to make these connections.

Getting back in the classroom is a powerful reminder that what we do at Linfield is important – and long-lasting. Our alumni continue to benefit from the connections they made here – both personally and professionally. I'm proud to see them share their time and experience to help current students expand their own Linfield connections as they move from college to career.



I fully expect that in the coming years these same students will return to tell their stories and help the next generation learn about the power of a Linfield degree and a Linfield network. I hope you are making the most of your Linfield connections. Read the *E-Cat* and visit the Linfield website to discover more ways to do just that.

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Calling all exceptional alumni

We all know them – classmates and Linfield supporters who go above and beyond for the college and deserve recognition. Consider nominating one for an Alumni Award.

Each year, Linfield honors four committed individuals for their hard work, innovation and generosity of spirit— distinguished alumnus, outstanding young alumnus, alumni service and Walker Award. The deadline for nominations is May 15. For more information, call 503-883-2547 or go to linfield.edu/alumni.

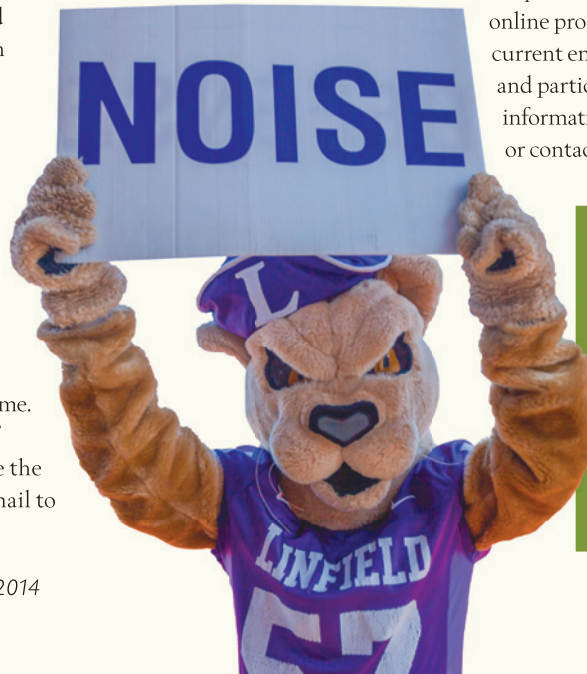
Name the Wildcat

Kellogg's has Tony the Tiger, Planter's has Mr. Peanut. It's time the Wildcat got a name.

Alumni, students and employees of Linfield College are invited to help name the Wildcat. Names may be submitted by email to

namethewildcat@linfield.edu or in person at the Happy Birthday Linfield event on Thursday, Feb. 27, in the Fred Meyer Lounge in Riley Hall. Deadline for submissions is Feb. 27.

Following the submissions, a panel of judges will identify a list of top names, which will be voted on through an online process. Make certain Linfield has your current email address in order to receive a ballot and participate in the final voting. For more information, go to linfield.edu/namethewildcat or contact alumni@linfield.edu.



Save the date!

Homecoming 2014 Oct. 17-18

Don't miss this weekend with friends. Reunions are planned for the classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004 and other affinity groups.

To learn more, contact Debbie Harmon Ferry '90, director of alumni and parent relations, 503-883-2547, linfield.edu/homecoming.



Hanging out through the decades

Hem lengths and hairstyles may change, but one thing remains the same – students of every decade love their hangouts.

Bob Lunt '52

Eatery: Hoys for burger and fries

Hangout: Theta Chi house

John Prutsman '57

Eatery: Bud and Dot's for cheeseburgers

Hangout: Pop Shop

Dave Bennett '63

Eatery: The Rocket Café

Hangout: Sure wasn't the library

Kathy (LeDuc) Heisler '65

Eatery: Pop's Shop. Lois let us charge if we were short on cash.

Hangout: Sorority room

Jan Edmonson '72

Eatery: Alf's

Hangout: My dorm. We ladies had a 10:40 p.m. curfew.

Mark Wickman '78

Eatery: Alf's for the \$1.40 hamburger and 90-cent shake.

Hangout: My dorm room

Ava (Maliner) Philippus '83

Eatery: Shari's

Hangout: A cozy library chair

Tiffany (Rieder) Reimann '89

Eatery: Alf's

Hangout: Riley, Shari's and the Deluxe

Nissa (Cockrell) Roberts '96

Eatery: Video Yogurt Express

Hangout: Dorm hallways

Dan Roth '00

Eatery: Shari's

Hangout: Dillin Hall, the Catalyst

Jamie McIntyre '08

Eatery: Sandwich Express

Hangout: Hewett Hall lawn

Lauren Harvey '12

Eatery: Sandwich Express

Hangout: HPs

See more favorite hangouts at linfield.edu/alumni/hangout.html

Pencil us in

Linfield Professionals Network

Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by Kip Petersen '02 at Assurety Northwest

Southern California receptions

March 12-14

Receptions will be held in San Diego, Los Angeles and Palm Desert.

Reno reception

March 13

TBD, see linfield.edu/alumni

Arizona alumni receptions

March 19-20

Wednesday, March 19, hosted by

Larry '67 and Janet Read, Paradise Valley

Thursday, March 20, hosted by Steve '74 and Ann Pickering in Tucson

Denver alumni luncheon

April 5, noon

Elway's Steakhouse in Cherry Creek, hosted by Eric Deffenbaugh '00 and Justin Ball '00

Eugene reception

April 10, noon

Oregon Electric Station

Nursing Alumni Day

April 26

The Lloydena Grimes Award winner will be honored on the Portland Campus.

Ashland Shakespeare trip

Aug. 7-10

Five productions – *Into the Woods*, *The Cocomnuts*, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, *A Wrinkle in Time* and *Richard III*.

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