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Homecoming 2014

Catch up with classmates and Linfield developments during Homecoming Oct. 17-18. Reunions will be held for the classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, 1994 and 2004, as well as for various affinity groups including theatre, ASLC cabinet, Austria and Germany study abroad, history majors, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity and Alpha Phi sorority. www.linfield.edu/homecoming or 503-883-2547

The Wildcat gets a name

Meet Mack the Cat! The Linfield Wildcat, nameless for decades, has a name, thanks to a contest held this spring. Linfield students, alumni, faculty and staff submitted suggestions and participated in a vote. To see a video go to: youtube.com/linfieldcollege



Welcome new alumni

Sunday, June 29, 4 p.m.

Get to know Linfield's newest graduates at "Welcome to the Alumni" parties at one of five locations. Share tips and advice with fellow Wildcats in your area. Parties are scheduled in Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tacoma and Seattle.

We are family

Class of 2014, you are now members of the Linfield College Alumni Association, along with 22,000 other Wildcats around the world. Congratulations and stay in touch, however you choose – Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube or Linfield.edu.



Mallie Kozy, nursing dean, left, with Denise Fall '98

Fall earns nursing honor

Denise Fall '98, a nursing leader and mentor, is the recipient of the 2014 Lloydena V. Grimes Award for Excellence in Nursing from the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Fall is the hospital nurse executive at Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center where she provides oversight for about 700 nurses, seven managers and four clinics. She previously worked in the Kern Critical Care Unit at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, rising through the ranks to become manager. Prior to that, she was a critical care nurse and charge nurse in intensive care where she helped create shared governance initiatives and promoted collaborative leadership opportunities.

"Denise is a wonderful example of the impact Linfield graduates are having on the nursing profession," said Mallie Kozy, dean of the School of Nursing.

Pencil us in

Linfield Professionals Network

Thursday, June 26, 5 p.m.

Hosted by Mindy (Mello) Mathers '06, Marie (Snively) Boatsman '02 and Jill (Kirsch) Verboort '03 at 45 Central in Beaverton.

Welcome to the Alumni parties

Sunday, June 29, 4 p.m.

Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Tacoma, Seattle

Linfield Professionals Network

Wednesday, Sept. 10

Junior Achievement of Oregon
Hosted by Pheobe (Hostick) Ebright '02

Chapman pre-game barbecue

Saturday, Sept. 13, 5 p.m.

Orange, Calif.

President's Circle Fundraiser

Thursday, Sept. 25, 5:30 p.m.

Urban Studio, Portland

Pacific Lutheran pre-game barbecue

Saturday, Oct. 4, 11:30 a.m.

Meet across the street from Sparks Stadium, Puyallup, Wash.

For more information, contact Debbie Harmon Ferry '90, director of alumni and parent relations, 503-883-2547, alumni@linfield.edu, linfield.edu/alumni.





Debbie Harmon Ferry, circa 1989

Memory lane tour guide

Each year, I have the pleasure of coordinating a number of alumni events throughout the West. Following a recent gathering, our hosts said to me, "You serve as a tour guide down memory lane." In part they are right. As I work to connect alumni to the college, I bring news about classmates and/or professors and rekindle memories of when they discovered their passion that led to their life's work.

For each alumnus, the memories may look slightly different, but the stories have similar themes. Many are about close friendships. Others relate to faculty who provided valuable guidance at just the right time. Some are about study abroad, while others relate to athletic teams or theatrical productions.

In addition to reminding people of their past, I also give our alumni and friends a sense of what is happening at Linfield now. I want our alumni to take pride in what Linfield has become. I want them to know that just as they have not stopped growing and changing, neither has Linfield. I want them to understand that their degree is worth more because Linfield continues to thrive. I am happy to be your guide down memory lane, but don't be surprised if I show you a new destination or two along the way.

Debbie Harmon Ferry '90
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

10 Things we love about commencement

1. The 5,000+ family members who join in the celebration.
2. The shouts of joy – from students and families.
3. The procession of the Golden Grads – alumni of the class 50 years ago – who lead the newest grads forward.
4. The decorated mortar boards, such as Dr. Seuss's *Oh, the Places You'll Go*.
5. The hugs, tears, and farewells among classmates, faculty and staff.
6. The familiar strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," signaling an end – and a beginning.
7. The diversity of the crowd: all shapes and sizes, cultures, nationalities and backgrounds, babies and grandparents.
8. The fact that you might need both a sun hat and an umbrella before the day is finished.
9. The colors – bright green grass, blooming trees and plants, bouquets, Hawaiian leis, and the multi-hued robes and hoods worn by faculty.
10. The knowledge that a relationship with Linfield is for a lifetime, not just the years as a student.

