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Change is constant



Linfield is nearing a time of great transition. After 12 years as president, Thomas Hellie will soon retire, and Miles Davis will take the helm July 1. Change, of course, can be both exciting and a little unnerving.

In the coming months, the Linfield community will have the opportunity to participate in the transition. This is a time to reflect on the achievements of President Hellie (see page 6 for the full story), thank him for his service, celebrate his successes and wish him well as he takes on new challenges.

This is also a time to begin paving the way for President Davis. Plans are underway to acclimate him to Linfield and the Pacific Northwest, and introduce him to the people and traditions important to Linfield. We look forward to learning how his skills will enrich the Linfield experience for alumni,

students, parents and community members.

Change can be scary, but it is not new. Each year, we graduate one class and add a new group of students. We say farewell to retiring faculty and staff, and welcome new colleagues. Through transitions, we learn that the college is stronger because of the people who have shaped it. President Hellie will be missed, and President Davis will create his own Linfield experience. Join us for the transition.

— *Debbie Harmon Ferry '90*

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1950-59

Ray Olson '54 of Naperville, Ill., received recognition for his DVD, *The Blazekid Warrior*, at the New York Buffalo Niagara Film Festival. It was the BNFF award winner in the Best Documentary Short Film competition and received a standing ovation.

Ad Rutschman '54 of McMinnville, former Linfield College coach and athletic director, was honored during the 2018 American Football Coaches Association convention in Charlotte, N.C. The AFCA recognized Rutschman with an "Honorary Membership" plaque on Jan. 8 as part of the annual coaches convention.

1970-79

John Kerr '70 of Shelter Island, N.Y., has written *Dreamers before the Mast*, the history of the tall ship Regina Maris.

Barbara (Nash) Bevens '75 of Friday Harbor, Wash., has been elected to the San Juan Island School District Board of Directors. She also serves on the San Juan County Fair Board.

Craig Allen '76 of Gilbert, Ariz., is associate dean of the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University.

Steven Hansen '78 of Sykesville, Md., retired after more than 20 years as a congressional staffer on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

1980-89

Mark Zeiger '83 of Haines, Alaska, directed James Goldman's *The Lion in Winter* for the Haines community stage in November and December. He filled the role of Henry II, and cast all but three parts from a single family in Haines. His wife, **Michelle (Harris) Zeiger '83**, and daughter, Aly, served on the stage crew, and Michelle sewed costumes.

Barbara (Stillings) Ibrahim '88 of Metolius was promoted to Family Support Programs Manager at Jefferson County Public Health. Programs include Nurse Home Visiting, Healthy Families Oregon and Perinatal Care Coordination.



Climbing for a cause

How far would you go to raise money for a good cause? For Paul O'Hollaren '97, the answer is 19,000 feet – straight up.

In January, O'Hollaren climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Inspired by a friend's daughter who battled leukemia (now in remission), O'Hollaren raised more than \$4,000 through an eight-day Climb to Cure event.

O'Hollaren, a district sales manager for Medtronic, climbed with 14 others from around the United States. As their bodies adjusted to the altitude, they experienced nausea, dizziness, headaches and imbalance.

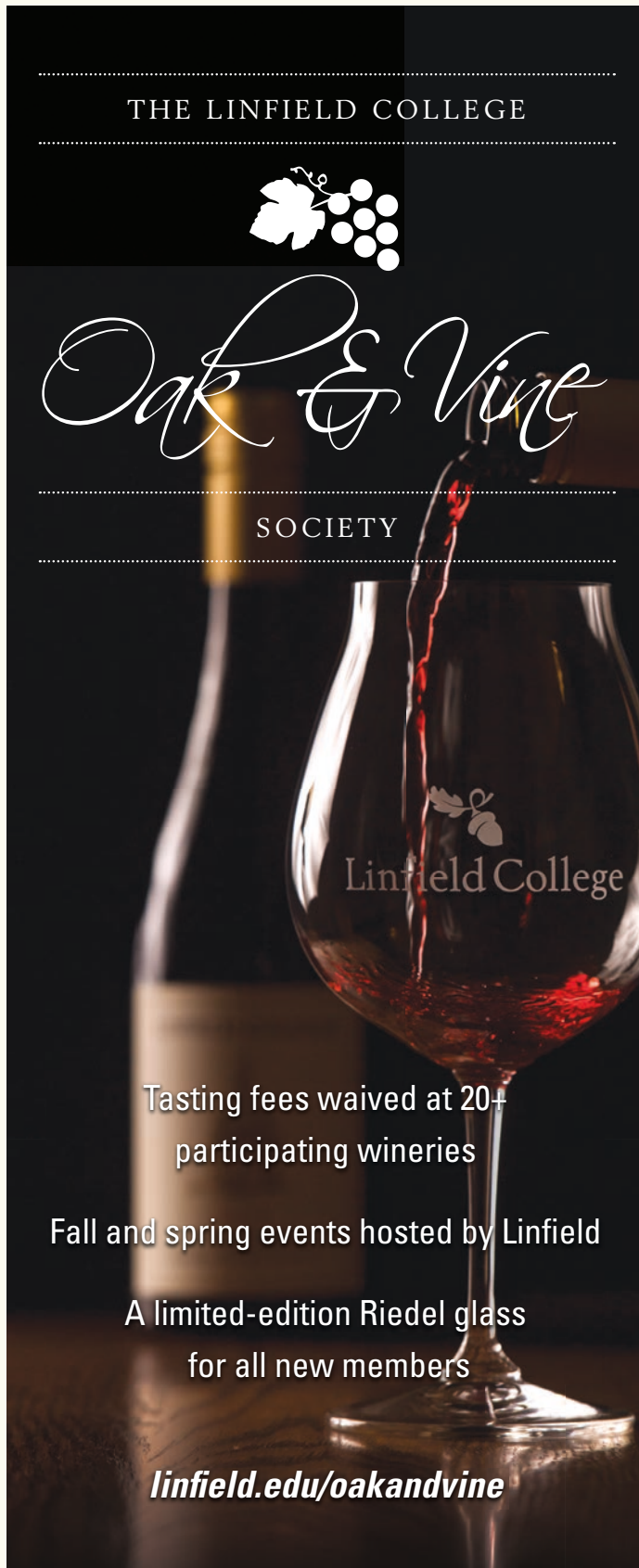
"To get the summit, you have to mentally overcome these obstacles and just keep moving forward, one foot in front of the other," says O'Hollaren.

On summit day, the team began its six-hour climb at midnight to reach the Uhuru Peak, also known as the Roof of Africa.

"Setting lofty goals for yourself will stretch you in ways you didn't think possible," says O'Hollaren, who ultimately climbed 45 miles and 11,000 feet in elevation. "Having a plan, preparing appropriately and having mental fortitude all contributed to reaching the peak of Kilimanjaro."

– Natalie Kelley '18

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1990-99

Debbie (Hansen) Harmon Ferry '90 of McMinnville was named Woman of the Year, one of five Distinguished Service Awards presented in McMinnville. She is director of Alumni and Parent Relations at Linfield.

Lisa (Lino) Berry '91 of Boise, Idaho, received a Ph.D. in educational technology at Boise State University in May 2017.

John Norton '91 of Medford practices juvenile and family law, with offices in Klamath Falls and Medford.

Kevin Snyder '91 is the planning director for Fairfield, Calif.

Steve Killgore '92 of Eugene was named chief executive of Timber Products Co., a nearly 100-year-old Springfield-based diversified wood products company.

Jennifer (Seeley) Boehmer '95 of Portland is executive director of advancement at Linn-Benton Community College.

Claire (Roney) Hauge '95 of Longview, Wash., retired as Cowlitz County Director of the Office of Financial Management after 30 years.

Geoff Horning '95 of Sherwood is owner and president of Update Management Inc. in Portland.

Joy (Johnson) Lease '96 of Klamath Falls was named the Northwest Sectional Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations. She is in her eighth year as head girls basketball coach at Mazama High School in Klamath Falls.

Virginia (Zander) Joplin '97 of Beaverton, CEO of Verbio, received a federal appointment to the District Export Council.

Daniel Bonham '98 of The Dalles is the state representative for District 59 (Jefferson, Deschutes, Wasco and Wheeler counties).

Tony Carpenter '98 of Portland and his wife, Kristen Koors, had a son, Atticus Brinkman, March 2.

Jamie Wilson '98 of Portland is marketing and communications manager for Providence Health and Services.

Kirstin Abel '99 of Portland has been named managing partner of Bodyfelt Mount.

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Sam (Schmehl) Hines '99 of Port Angeles, Wash., was named one of 12 members of the inaugural Policy Corps for the American Library Association. As a member of Policy Corps, Hines develops strategies to advocate for community college and academic libraries and librarianship in Washington and across the nation.

2000-09

Ryan Adams '00 of Woodinville, Wash., along with his wife, Kirsten, welcomed their first child, Samantha Irene, Oct. 25, 2016.

Jeff Crapper '00 of Dayton was selected as a participant for the National Leadership Fellowship Program.

Eric Deffenbaugh '00 of Denver, Colo., married **Justin Ball '00** on Dec. 16.

Jessica Johnson '00 of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed as an administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration.

Emily (Massey) Leach '00 of Portland is the senior vice president and Commercial Banking team leader at Heritage Bank.

J.T. Lieuallen '00 of Walla Walla, Wash., was promoted to vice president of Baker Boyer Bank.

Anna Gradek '01 and **Tremaine Payne '98** of McMinnville had a son, Paxson Annders, Jan. 31, their second.

Nate Bay '02 of Silverton is a physician at Silver Creek Family Medicine.

Rocky Dallum '02 of Portland is a partner at Tonkon Torp LLP.

Matt Loehrke '02 of Missoula, Mont., married Anna Lewing on Sept. 30.

Shane McCrae '02 of New York, N.Y., was the winner of the 83rd Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Award in Poetry and a finalist for the National Book Award for his book *In the Language of my Captor*. He is an assistant professor of writing in the School of the Arts at Columbia University in New York City.

Sara Andersen '03 of Portland had a daughter, Celia, Aug. 27.

Amy (Szumlanski) Klocko '03 of Colorado Springs, Colo., is an instructor in the Biology Department at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Pencil me in

April 30 Eric Schuck, professor of economics
"Economic Lessons from Playing Oregon Trail"
6:30 p.m., Hotel Oregon, McMinnville

May 1 Giving Day

May 2 Barbara Seidman, professor of English, last lecture
7 p.m., 201 Riley Hall

May 7 Joanna Rowe, professor of nursing, last lecture
5:45 p.m., Peterson Hall, Portland

May 8 50-Year Club Luncheon
noon, Jonasson Hall

May 9 Christopher Keaveney, professor of Japanese,
"Reckoning with the Myths of Samurai Baseball,"
7 p.m., Fred Meyer Lounge, Riley Hall

May 19 Ty Marshall, professor of theatre arts
retirement celebration
3 p.m., lobby, Ford Hall

June 2 Ad Rutschman '54, reunion luncheon
11 a.m., 201 Riley Hall

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Pickleball gold medalist

Wesley Gabrielsen '08 traded his tennis racket for a pickleball paddle and the result has been gold.

Gabrielsen, a history teacher and tennis coach at McMinnville High School, has amassed more than 100 gold medals and holds multiple national titles since taking up pickleball five years ago.

He had already made a name for himself as a four-year member of the Linfield varsity tennis team. Looking for a new challenge after college, he rediscovered a sport from his youth – pickleball.

It combines elements of tennis, ping pong and badminton, and features a wiffle ball the size of a tennis ball.

Gabrielsen won gold medals at the United States of America Pickleball Association National Championship, the Canadian National Championship and the United States Open Pickleball Championship (twice).

Even more important than the national titles are the relationships he's built, Gabrielsen says.

“You train, eat, travel and spend so much time off of the court with your pickleball peers that you foster great friendships as a result,” adds Gabrielsen. “Pickleball has improved my ability to be a successful educator, coach, friend and family member.”

— *Natalie Kelley '18*

Thomas Ford '04 of Fife, Wash., is head coach of the Simon Fraser University football program.

Erika (Sandberg) Greene '04 of Portland is project manager at Thomson Reuters Elite.

Scott Henderson '04 of Newberg married Angela Lynn Tramelli Aug. 10 at the Haiku Mill on Maui, Hawaii.

John Stevenson '04 of San Diego, Calif., is SVP-Controller for San Diego County Credit Union.

Cameron '05 and **Meghan (Rutledge) Gallop '06** of Salem had a daughter, Olive Emerson, Aug. 17, their first.

Robyn (Gibson) Gomez '05 of Everett, Wash., and husband, Armando, had a son, Armando, April 22, 2017.

Shannon (Stutzman) Parker '05 of Stayton is business development and marketing manager at LCG Pence Construction.

Jessica Balsam '06 of Phoenix, Ariz., is sustainability director for APL Logistics.

Mandy (Hamilton) Morgan '06 of Tualatin leads the marketing department for Willamette Valley Vineyards. She previously worked at Portland Center Stage.

Erin (Fleming) Novak '06 of Olympia, Wash., and her husband, Casey, had a son, Landon Joseph, Feb. 23.

Claire Conklin '07 of Soquel, Calif., married Sean Andrasik June 5 at Sunset Park in Taos, N.M.

James Holan '07 of Mill Valley, Calif., is offensive coordinator for the football team at Simon Fraser University, an NCAA Division II program located in Burnaby, B.C., Canada.

Roxanne Nanninga '07 of El Segundo, Calif., is overseeing the implementation and coordination of sustainability strategy for Chicken

There's an app for that

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of the Sea and Thai Union in North America, including expansion of the company's traceability and consumer education programs.

Audrey (Kirmis) Sharma '07 of Lake Stevens, Wash., had twins, Rohan and Mia, Oct. 23.

Kailani Smith '07 of San Francisco, Calif., married Vineet Daniels Sept. 23.

Meagan Rosson '08 of Brooklyn, N.Y., is vice president of finance for TULA, a health and wellness company.

Taylor Summers '08 of Everett, Wash., is defensive coordinator for the football team at Simon Fraser University, an NCAA Division II program located in Burnaby, B.C., Canada.

Courtney Terry '08 of Willamina is reference supervisor at McMinnville Public Library, where she has worked for nine years.

Araceli (Ortiz) Cruz '09 of Portland is the student commencement speaker at Lewis & Clark College this spring.

Kristen (Brown) Emerson '09 of Salem and her husband, Jesse, welcomed a daughter, Abigail, in May 2017, their first.



15 minutes of fame, and then some

It's been six years since Amy Frankel '13 became an internet sensation, simply by saying "yes."

In 2012, Frankel was the focus of a lip-synced flash mob wedding proposal that has generated more than 32 million YouTube views so far, and led to worldwide media coverage and an appearance on NBC's TODAY Show. Her now husband, Isaac Lamb, coordinated the performance with 60 family members and friends to the song "Marry Me" by Bruno Mars. When the song ended, Lamb bent down on one knee with a ring.

Today, Frankel is a post liver-transplant nurse coordinator at Oregon Health & Science University, and active in the Portland theater community as a choreographer and dance instructor. The two married in 2015.

So, what's it like when your video goes viral overnight?

"I'm still speechless," says Frankel, who found herself fielding thousands of messages just three days before starting classes at Linfield. "It exploded the moment it was posted. The views went to thousands before our eyes. We heard from people all over the world."

Her advice to others in the spotlight?

"Stay true to yourself," she says. "If you get caught up in the hype of everyone trying to capitalize on that moment, then it's suddenly not genuine anymore."

— Laura Davis



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Andrew '09 and **Emily (Erwin) Fitch '11** of Redmond welcomed a daughter, Allison Taylor, Jan. 27, their first.

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Jeremy '10 and **Tasha (Tolzmann) Lovell '10** of Hillsboro had a daughter, Lilah Jocelyn, Jan. 29, their second.

Ben '08 and **Alessa (Downing) Karlin '11** of Beaverton welcomed a son, Lucas Rowland David, Oct. 9, their first.

Christina (Chuckas) Uemura '11 of Lawai, Hawaii, is a doctoral clinical psychology intern for the Hawaii Department of Education. She will receive her degree from Argosy University in June.

Keri (Repic) Barton '12 of McMinnville and husband, Jeremy, welcomed a son, Graham, Jan. 22, their first.

Sierra Broussard '12 of Fountain Valley, Calif., graduated from the University of California, Irvine with a Ph.D in psychology and a concentration in cognitive neuroscience.

Amanda Contreras '12 of Marana, Ariz., and **Sam Krekos '12** were married Dec. 31, 2016 in Fallbrook, Calif.

Susanne Sayles '12 of McMinnville, a teacher at McMinnville High School, was named Outstanding Educator, one of five Distinguished Service Awards presented in McMinnville.

Meg Burgess-Hull '13 of McMinnville married **Bryan Anderson '12** Aug. 5 in Portland.

Erik Knapp '13 of Tempe, Ariz., married **McKenna Pyeatt '13** Oct. 7. McKenna completed a master's degree at Arizona State University in December.

Lori McEwen '13 of Seattle, Wash., was selected by Renton Rotary as a Teacher of the Month for January. She teaches at Talley High School.

Evan O'Kelly '13 of Billings, Mont., earned a 2018 Rising Star

Award, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America. He is the director of communications for the athletic department at Montana State University at Billings.

Zachary Gulaboff Davis '14 of Salem will be a composition program teaching assistant at the 2018 Brevard Music Center Summer Festival. In February, his music was performed in Oregon Through Sight and Sound by the Willamette Master Chorus.

Joshua Hill '14 of Oregon City is seeking the Republican nomination for State House of Representatives District 40.

Kimi Ashley '14 of Portland married **Calvin Howell '15** in May 2017 in Hawaii.

Gabriela Gonzalez '15 of Independence is working with the Peace Corps in Georgia (the country) after doing social work in Portland for the past year.

Taryn Mattingly-Oglesby '15 of Hillsboro received The Daisy Award for excellence in nursing.

Evan Tracy '15 of Dundee is in an MD/Ph.D. program in Louisville, Ky., and just published his first paper.

Conner Floan '16 of Sammamish, Wash., and wife, Mackenzie, welcomed a son, Andrew Michael Floan, their first, Nov. 28.

Brenna (Stinson) Gomez '16 of Lebanon has been accepted to veterinary school at OSU College of Veterinary Medicine.

Madeline Noe '17 of Lebanon married **Brandon Lemerande '14** on July 8.

In memoriam

Catherine (Tomison) Walker '38 of Boise, Idaho, Sept. 30. Survivors include nephew **Bill Tomison '68**.

Bill Stryker '40 of San Marcos, Calif., Dec. 25.

Tell us your story

We are proud of our alumni and the impact they have on their communities. Read the profiles of these and other alumni at linfield.edu/alumniprofiles. *And submit your own!*



Jason Tashea '07

Writer and lawyer
American Bar Association Journal



Ashley Wellington-Fahey '08

Founder and CEO
The Relish



Scott Pinske '11

Production analyst
Columbia Sportswear



Kelly Carmody '14

Digital content and media specialist
Children's Cancer Association



Mika Sunago '06

From concerts to clinicals

Mika Sunago '06 knows her way around a concert hall as well as she does a hospital. For excellence in her second career, she has earned the Distinguished 2017-18 Nursing Alumna Award for Linfield College.

A classically-trained pianist, Sunago spent the first part of her career performing for audiences around the world. But when traveling became difficult after the birth of her daughter in 2001, she turned to the Linfield College nursing program.

"Thinking ahead to my daughter's future in school, I thought nursing would be a perfect career," recalls Sunago, who was born and raised in Brazil to Japanese parents and speaks Japanese, Portuguese and English. "I was always drawn to the medical field."

Now, as a nurse manager at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Sunago oversees 100 nurses in the Cancer Services Department. She credits Linfield for skills in critical thinking, community and teamwork.

Paul Barnett '43 of Portland, Oct. 21. Survivors include wife Ruth (Meyer) '45.

Melcena (Kittrell) Brixey '43 of Morro Bay, Calif., Sept. 22.

Clifford Wolfsehr '43 of Thorp, Wash., Dec. 15.

Al Hudson '45 of Portland, Dec. 13.

Betz (Corn) Montgomery '49 of Meridian, Idaho, Nov. 24.

Survivors include sons **Steve '74** and **Jeff '76**.

Melvin Bates '50 of Pendleton, Oct. 20.

Clara (Johnson) Wendt '50 of Jacksonville, Jan. 3.

Colin Armstrong '51 of McMinnville, Nov. 15. Survivors include daughter **Gay (Armstrong) Welliver '77**.

Kenneth Bartruff '51 of Lake Oswego, Sept. 3, 2016.

Donald Cone '51 of Des Moines, Wash., Nov. 17.

Viola (Evers) Nisly '51 of Newberg, Nov. 3. Survivors include husband Lloyd '55.

Eric Strid '51 of Newberg, Nov. 5. Survivors include wife **Janie (Lester) '51**.

Burdette Younglund '51 of Portland, Dec. 7, 2016.

Noel Knopf '54 of Pacific City, Oct. 15. Survivors include granddaughter **Celeste Knopf '15**.

Marv Becker '55 of Yakima, Wash., Jan. 9.

Joe Brock '55 of Stayton, Dec. 5. Survivors include wife **Marilyn (Andresen) '56**.

Dean Daly '55 of Eugene, Nov. 22. Survivors include son **Dan '82**.

Al Shulte '55 of Waterford, Mich., May 4. Survivors include wife **Joann (Holtan) '59**.

Orrel Ballantyne '56 of Corvallis, Dec. 12.

Joyce (Andrews) Christ '56 of Issaquah, Wash., Feb. 25. Survivors include husband **Jules '57**.

Clell Laird '56 of Coos Bay, July 2, 2016.

Zoe Ann (Warberg) Shaub '56 of Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 13.

Wallace Cory '57 of Payson, Idaho, May 18.

Don Erickson '57 of Mount Vernon, Wash., Dec. 29.

Delbert Stoutenburg '58 of Yakima, Wash., Jan. 31.

Allen Hinand '59 of Key West, Fla., June 18. Survivors include wife **Gail (Duerfeldt) '59**.

Richard McQueen '59 of Sweet Home, Feb. 23. Survivors include wife **Lila (Fisher) '59**.

Rosemary (Traill) Roy '60 of Temecula, Calif., Oct. 31, 2016.

B.J. Erickson '61 of Colchester, Conn., Dec. 28.

Amy (Ryder) Remy '61 of Gold Beach, Oct. 27.

Fredrick Wilkie '61 of McMinnville, Feb. 7.

Janet (Morley) Ellis '62 of Edmonds, Wash., Dec. 27.

Karel (Gregg) Ling '63 of Kailua, Hawaii, Nov. 3.

Cindy (Cruver) Jones '64 of Colfax, Wash., Jan. 20. Survivors include son **Kelly '02**.

Larry Reeser '64 of Dallas, Feb. 5. Survivors include son **Scott '89**.

Charles Sheckler '66 of Rockaway, Sept. 21.

Got News?



Tell us about it. Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Did you get married or have a child in the past year? Submit a class note at linfield.edu/alumni. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 503-883-2547 or alumni@linfield.edu.

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Learn to listen



Chipo Dendere '08 may have honed her political instincts as Linfield College's student-body president, but she took her initial steps toward becoming a noted expert on African politics far earlier.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Dendere moved to the United States in 2004 to attend Linfield. She majored in political science and psychology, and later went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees from Georgia State University.

These days, she is an assistant professor of political science at Amherst College and a fellow on the consortium for faculty diversity.

As the political climate in Zimbabwe shifts after the recent resignation of President Robert Mugabe, who had ruled for 37 years, Dendere's area of expertise is in demand.

"It feels like citizens are out of the trance," says Dendere, who believes the nation is at a historic crossroads as it emerges from dictatorship.

Dendere attributes much of her career development to her Linfield experience. She said Linfield professors taught her to see the world differently, to think on her feet and to be analytical.

— Natalie Kelley '18

Rick Barber '69 of Aumsville, Nov. 2.

Nancy (Gregg) Freauff '69 of Canyon Country, Calif., Dec. 11.

Survivors include husband **Jim '69**.

Robert Cameron '72 of Salem, Dec. 16.

Linda (Poorman) Beckner '73 of Albany, July 12, 2016.

Dick Roussele '73 of Ronan, Mont., May 14.

Muriel Bussman-Evans '78 of Madera, Calif., Jan. 16.

Patricia (Gilsdorf) Brost '79 of Portland, Sept. 7.

Janet Westgard '81 of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., Dec. 19.

Dawn Bergstrom '82 of Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 8.

Robert Reubendale '96 of Milwaukie, Sept. 30, 2016.

Lew Williams '96 of Salem, Sept. 28.

Gloria English '97 of Canby, Aug. 2.

Renaë Odegard-Carpenter '97 of Seaside, Nov. 9.

Sue (Stack) Stahl '97 of Beaverton, Nov. 14.

Mary Spurgeon '08 of Eugene, Aug. 26.

Friends

Ken Garland of Seattle, Wash., former assistant football and baseball coach, March 16. Survivors include sons **Chris '07** and **Matt '10**

Vince Jacobs, professor emeritus of history, Jan. 7. Survivors include wife **Norma '86**.

Don Johnson, longtime mailroom volunteer, Dec. 2.

Ursula Le Guin, Linfield honorary degree recipient, Jan. 22.

Honoring our alumni

We are accepting nominations for the 2018 Alumni Awards.

Deadline is May 1.

- **Alumni Service Award**
- **Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus Award**
- **Walker Service Award**
- **Young Alumna/Alumnus Award**

Awards will be presented at Homecoming, Oct. 5-6.

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