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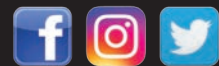
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'Lord, what fools these mortals be!'

In this scene from the university theatre department's fall 2017 production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Bottom the Weaver attempts to impress his fellow laborers with his over-the-top acting skills. Students pictured from left to right: Brooke Larson (Snout), Rebecca Miles (Snug), Abby Schriber (Starveling), Audrey O'Farrell (Quince), Travis Cox (Bottom).



From the PRESIDENT

Reflecting on Willie's Last Game

Every so often I'm reminded of just how precious life is and how important community is to each of us. This fall, on a rainy Oregon weekend, those two truths hit home for me with the loss of Willie Stoffer, a former George Fox student and a diehard fan of our Bruin football team.

Willie had struggled with various forms of cancer for many years. And yet, in the face of serious disease, he was a constant encouragement to many of us. If you looked carefully on a Saturday afternoon during football games, you would always see Willie sitting in a wheelchair, close to the field, cheering the team on. He gave the team life and inspiration, and in turn they provided him with a sense of community.

Leading up to our final home game in early November, Willie's father Brad informed us his son was not doing well. The doctors said there was little else they could do - Willie's death was a matter of time. Brad told me the Friday before that it would be unlikely they would make it to the game. Willie was just too weak. Then, early Saturday morning, I got a text from Brad saying Willie just wanted to come to campus for a few minutes and meet with the team. Brad pulled in and we moved Willie into the locker room, where he was invited into the players-only meeting. Later, while Willie watched the team warm up on the field, two players ran over and rolled his wheelchair into the middle of the team huddle. You could hear the cheers and words of encouragement.

Then something happened one rarely sees on athletic fields. The coach of our opponent, Scott Westering of Pacific Lutheran University - a committed Christian and a friend of our coach, Chris Casey - learned about Willie and his struggle with cancer. He asked if his team could give Willie a cheer and pray for him. The next thing we knew, the entire PLU team gathered around Willie. Every player hugged him, and Coach Westering kneeled and prayed with him. Two teams preparing to face each other in an important game took time to embrace a young man and walk with him, even if only for a few minutes.

When the game started, we took Willie back to the car. We gave him one last hug and a word of encouragement. All of us deeply wanted Willie to know that, even though his life was brief, he made a significant difference in the lives he touched at George Fox. His fierce courage and positive spirit were always evident. The next morning, I gave the sermon at Newberg Friends Church and told Willie's story. It was emotional, but I wanted the congregation to know that, even in our pain, God is present. After the service, I received a note from Brad informing me his son had died early that afternoon, peacefully and surrounded by family.

In this issue of *Journal*, we bring attention to George Fox alumni who are making a difference in the world. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to know one such young man, Willie Stoffer, who made an indelible impact on the campus community and all those who knew him.



Robin, wife Ruth and Willie take a selfie at a university event this fall.

Robin Baker
President

George Fox Ranked ‘Best College for Your Money’ in Oregon

What’s the best value in Oregon higher education? According to one national publication it’s not the University of Oregon, Oregon State or the University of Portland. It’s George Fox University, this summer ranked No. 1 in Oregon in *Money* magazine’s 2017-18 “Best Colleges for Your Money” list.

In addition to being recognized as the top value among all schools in the state, George Fox also compared favorably to Christian universities nationwide, coming in at No. 5 in *Money*’s rankings among all schools in the 121-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Nationally, Princeton University ranked No. 1 overall, with big names like the University of Michigan (#3), the University of California, Berkeley (#4), UCLA (#5), Stanford (#5) and Harvard (#10) among the top 10. George Fox came in at No. 191 on the publication’s national list, considerably higher than the eight in-state competitors listed: the University of Portland (#255), Oregon State University (#274), Reed College (#365), Pacific University (#408), Willamette University (#408), Linfield College (#529), the University of Oregon (#600) and Lewis & Clark College (#645).

Rankings were based on 27 factors in three categories: quality of education, affordability and outcomes. Quality of education included factors like graduation rates, instructor quality and peer quality. Affordability incorporated the net price of a degree, average student debt and affordability for low-income students. The outcomes category, meanwhile, considered statistics such as graduate earnings, the percentage of students moving from low-income backgrounds to upper-middle-class jobs, and the results of a survey on “job meaning” (“Does your work make the world a better place?”).

The 2017-18 ranking also gave weight to new data developed by a Stanford economist that shows how many low-income students schools propelled into the upper middle class over the past 20 years – pointing to colleges that helped students achieve the “American Dream.”

Initially, more than 2,400 schools were considered. Of those, only 711 met the criteria to be included in the publication’s final list. Visit time.com/money/best-colleges to read about methodology and view the entire “Best Colleges for Your Money” list.

Money

- 1⁽¹⁹¹⁾ George Fox University
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- 4⁽³⁶⁵⁾ Reed College
- 5^(408-tie) Pacific University
- 6^(408-tie) Willamette University
- 7⁽⁵²⁹⁾ Linfield College
- 8⁽⁶⁰⁰⁾ University of Oregon
- 9⁽⁶⁴⁵⁾ Lewis & Clark College

Nine Oregon schools made *Money* magazine’s list of 711 “Best Colleges for Your Money,” pared down from more than 2,400 considered.

University Included Among ‘America’s Best Colleges’ for 30th Time



George Fox once again earned a spot in *U.S. News and World Report*’s 2018 “America’s Best Colleges”

issue, ranking No. 23 out of 141 schools in the publication’s “Best Regional Universities West” category. The recognition has become an annual fall tradition for the university, which has made the cut every year but one since *U.S. News* first published its well-known college rankings in 1987.

In addition to being included in the publication’s overall “Best Colleges” list, George Fox received a new designation in 2018, ranking

No. 17 on the list of 51 “Best Value Schools” in the “Regional Universities West” category. The university’s engineering program was also recognized, coming in at No. 75 out of 200 schools selected in the “Best Undergraduate Engineering Program” category. Rounding out the rankings, George Fox was included in the magazine’s “Best Colleges for Veterans” list, and again ranked high nationally (No. 75) among all colleges – regardless of region or size – in the percentage of students who study abroad.

Other noteworthy rankings from national publications during the 2017-18 academic year include *Forbes*’ version of “America’s Best Colleges” and *Washington Monthly*’s “Best Bang for the Buck” list.

Men’s Basketball Team Helps Build Court for Kids in Panama



Living out their team motto, “MBFO” (“Men Built for Others”), members of the university’s men’s basketball team left the comforts of home this summer to spend eight days in the impoverished community of El Chorro, Panama, building a multi-purpose sports court.

All 16 players on the roster, joined by head coach Maco Hamilton and two assistant coaches, lived in host homes and teamed with a local construction crew and community members to build a court that will serve as a safe place for children to play. Previously, the isolated town of 700 had only an improvised dirt court with wooden hoops.

“The research shows that giving kids a place to play makes a huge impact on communities,” Hamilton says. “It lowers the violence, creates opportunities for them, brings people closer together. Sports have such a huge impact on lives across the globe, and the kids of this community had little to nothing in terms of facilities.”

The concrete court – designed for basketball, volleyball and soccer – was built through Courts for Kids, a national organization whose mission is to “transform lives through build-

ing courts and cultural exchange.” This was the first such trip for the men’s program; the George Fox women’s team constructed a court in Ghana in 2008.

In addition to prepping the site and pouring concrete, the George Fox crew had the opportunity to interact with host families, visit an orphanage and – with cell phones turned off and the temptation of social media removed – bond with one another around games and

friendly competitions. “A few of us were in a race to see who could get the most bug bites. I think I won, with 40-something,” Hamilton laughs.

For Hamilton and the Bruins, the trip accomplished two things: The team grew closer together and the Bruins learned in a tangible, hands-on way what “MBFO” means.

“We want all our guys to leave our program as servant-leaders,” says Hamilton, who serves on the Courts for Kids board. “We want to debunk the typical societal view of what it means to be a man, which is being macho, showing no emotion, attaining success at a high level, seeking prestige. We want our guys to understand that being a man is about being emotional, having compassion for people, serving, sacrificing, and being impactful in your societies and in your communities.”

“That’s why this trip was so important,” Hamilton continues. “It got us outside our comfort zones and reminded us of the importance of serving others – of doing something for someone else.”

Hamilton hopes to make a Courts for Kids trip about every three or four years, allowing all players coming through the program to experience it at least once.



University Sets Undergraduate Enrollment Record, Tops 4,000 Total Students



A record number of traditional undergraduate students has propelled George Fox past the 4,000-student mark for a second straight year, with 4,080 students enrolling this fall.

Bolstered by the arrival of 628 freshmen – a number that matched last year’s record total – and the largest traditional undergraduate enrollment in school history (2,414), George Fox broke the 4,000-student barrier again after top-

ping the mark for the first time last fall. Rounding out the university’s student body are 1,382 graduate and continuing education students and 284 in the adult degree program.

Of the 628 incoming freshmen, 121 are first-generation college students and 173 are students of color. Overall, total enrollment has increased more than seven-fold since 1986, when 549 students attended.

Sand, Sobelson, Smith Inducted Into Alumni Hall of Fame



Ben Sand



Lori Sobelson



Tim Smith

A community organizer, a director of corporate outreach and a school administrator with more than 30 years of educational service were honored with induction into the university’s Alumni Hall of Fame in September, as Ben Sand, Lori Sobelson and Tim Smith were recognized for their contributions to society.

In 2005, Sand established the Act Six Program – a leadership and scholarship initiative that trains urban leaders to be “agents of change” in their neighborhoods – and in 2008 he founded the Portland Leadership Foundation (PLF), a faith-based community-organizing venture. In 2013, PLF established Embrace Oregon, an initiative that works with the Department of Human Services to assist local foster children.

Sobelson serves as director of corporate outreach at Bob’s Red Mill Natural Foods. The position gives her authority to oversee the philan-

thropy of founders Bob & Charlee Moore, ensuring that their charitable giving goals are met. She also organizes and participates in a variety of functions that align with the Bob’s Red Mill mission, ranging from health symposiums and community events to public appearances and media presentations.

Smith has worked in education for more than 30 years – first as a teacher for nine years and, for the last 24 years, as an administrator in four Oregon school districts. He is currently an elementary school principal in the Sherwood (Oregon) School District and is active as a youth leader at his church. He has also served as a board member for a number of nonprofits – Love INC and Relief Tree Nursery among them – and on local education foundations, including in his current role as a member of the Sherwood Education Foundation.

Chemistry Student Earns NASA Scholarship

While she doesn’t plan on taking a trip to space anytime soon, George Fox junior chemistry major Asteria Yiu is conducting research that got the attention of the Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium, which awarded her a \$5,000 scholarship for the 2017-18 school year.

Yiu was one of only 10 recipients in the state of Oregon to receive the funds, which go to undergraduate students who “demonstrate a commitment to their academic pursuit of a STEM-related degree,” according to NASA. The awardees also demonstrated how their field of study relates to the NASA vision and the activities of one or more of the NASA mission directorates.

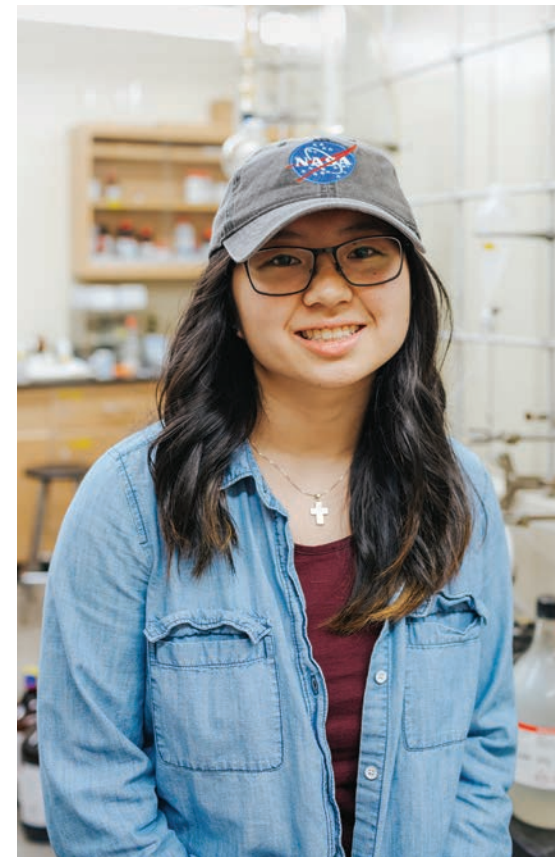
For the past two summers, Yiu has worked with organic chemistry professor Jing Hao to research the synthesis of a thermo-responsive polymer that can be used for drug delivery, specifically anti-cancer drugs. Ultimately, Yiu plans to use her chemistry degree to pursue a career as a pharmacist.

“I originally thought I didn’t qualify, since these scholarships seemed to be geared toward engineering, math and computer science majors,” says Yiu, a native of Redmond, Washington. “Then I found out it also applies to those majoring in biology, chemistry and other sciences. So, I wrote up an essay about my academic pursuits, my research and my interest in molecular structures found in foods, vitamins and medications.”

Over the past two summers, Yiu created four different polymers that are thermo-responsive at different temperatures. Her polymers are able to form a micelle – essentially a shell that the anti-cancer drugs can be loaded into. At a specific temperature, the micelle breaks open so that the anti-cancer drugs can be delivered.

Yiu presented her research at the Murdock College Science Research Conference in Spokane, Washington, in November – an honor, she believes, that helped her resumé stand out among the NASA scholarship applicants. She will also share her findings at the American Chemical Society’s national meeting and exposition March 18-22 in New Orleans.

She credits her professors with setting her up for success. “All the professors in the chemistry department are great,” Yiu says. “I really like the small classroom sizes, and they really get to know you. I feel like George Fox prepares you well, especially when it comes to research opportunities. I was able to do research after my freshman year, which doesn’t really happen a whole lot at other schools.”



Engineering Program Joins Elite Company with KEEN Membership

In September the university’s engineering program was accepted into the Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network (KEEN), a group of 30 institutions nationwide committed to collaboration and dedicated to teaching Entrepreneurial Minded Learning (EML).

George Fox is one of only four KEEN member schools on the West Coast, joining Santa Clara, the University of Portland and Gonzaga.



The institution was accepted into the network this year along with Ohio State University.

With its selection, George Fox is now eligible to apply for select grants reserved for KEEN member schools and engage in collaboration with other schools on workshops, projects and best practices for infusing EML into its engineering curriculum.

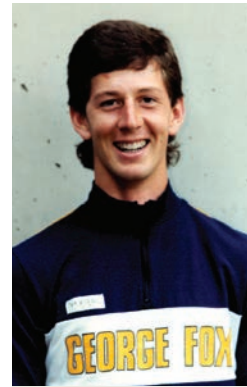
The acceptance not only puts George Fox in elite company, it represents the school’s commitment to upholding KEEN’s mission – to teach a technical skillset and an entrepreneurial mindset, fostering curiosity, connections and the creation of value.

“Traditionally, engineering programs have failed to adequately stress the importance of talking with customers and collecting feedback regarding designs,” says College of Engineering Dean Bob Harder. “We want our students to be curious, to think entrepreneurially. It’s a mindset that is willing to embrace risk and vulnerability, and seriously considers what kinds of value a given project has – not just economic, but also social and environmental.”

Seven Individuals, One Team Inducted into Sports Hall of Fame



Amadu Koroma



Todd Bos



Michelle Forbes



Derrick Jones



Don Staples



1977 men's cross country team



Craig Taylor



Perry Kimberly

Three track and field stars, a baseball player, a football player, a coach/administrator, a men's cross country team and a legendary voice of the Bruins were inducted as the 22nd class of the university's Sports Hall of Fame in September.

The 2017 inductees included track and field athletes Amadu Koroma, Todd Bos and Michelle Forbes, baseball standout Derrick Jones, football star Perry Kimberly, coach/administrator Craig Taylor, the 1977 men's cross country team and former PA announcer Don Staples.

Koroma's long jump of 23 feet, 9 inches in 1978 set a school record that still stands, and that same season he and three teammates set a 4x100 relay mark that remains No. 1 in the record books (41.3 seconds). Bos was an NAIA All-American in the 800 meters and claimed district titles in the 800 and 1,500 in

1991. He remains the school's all-time record holder in the 800 (1:50.0). Forbes was an All-American high jumper who finished second in the event at the NCAA Division III National Championships in 2005. She qualified for nationals three times and is currently ranked No. 2 in the high jump at George Fox (5-8).

Jones was a four-year baseball player (2003-06) who earned Northwest Conference Player of the Year honors in 2006, finishing that season with a .364 batting average while also going 6-3 as the team's No. 1 starting pitcher. He led the Bruins to a record of 132-50 in his career and a national title in 2004.

A coach and administrator for 45 years before retiring in 2017, Taylor had served as director of athletics since 1988. He added seven new sports during his tenure and helped guide the planning and building of the Austin Sports

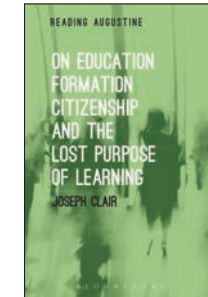
Complex, Stoffer Family Stadium and the Duke Athletic Center.

The 1977 men's cross country team was the school's first-ever NAIA district champion in the sport and the first to compete at the NAIA National Championships. George Fox won district by 39 points, led by all-district team members Steve Blikstad and Chris Mwaura.

Kimberly was a standout on both offense and defense for the football team from 1965 to 1967. He was an All-Oregon Collegiate Conference selection and made honorable mention on the 1967 Little All-Coast Team.

Staples served as the women's basketball program's PA announcer from 1999 until succumbing to brain cancer at the age of 54 following the 2016-17 season. He logged more than 350 games during his 18-year tenure and was honored for meritorious service.

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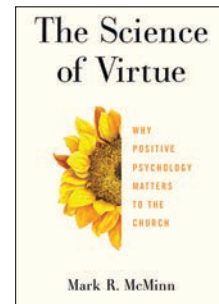


Joseph Clair (William Penn Honors Program) published a book, *On Education, Formation, Citizenship and the Lost Purpose of Learning*, in November. Part of Bloomsbury Publishing's new Reading Augustine series, the book claims that Augustine's Christian

vision of higher education is worth recovering and works out a practical roadmap for reconnecting the intellectual enterprise of learning to a fulfilled life of knowing God and loving others on college campuses today.

Don Powers (biology) and two colleagues published an article, "Using whole-group metabolic rate and behavior to assess the energetics of courtship in red-sided garter snakes," in the August 2017 (Volume 130)

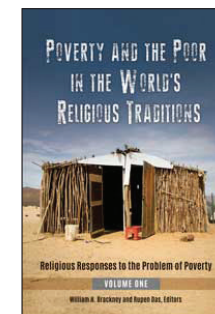
issue of the scientific journal *Animal Behaviour*.



Mark McMinn (PsyD) released a book, *The Science of Virtue: Why Positive Psychology Matters to the Church* (BrazosPress), in August. The book shows that the new science of virtue – the field of positive psychology – can serve as a

bridge point between science and the church and can help renew meaningful conversation.

Randy Woodley (seminary) wrote a chapter, "The Poor and Poverty in North American Indigenous Traditions," for the book *Poverty and the Poor in the World's Religious Tradition: Religious Responses to the Problem of Poverty*



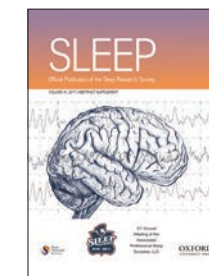
(Praeger), published in June. **John Spencer** (education) and colleague A.J. Juliani cowrote a book last summer, *Empower: What Happens When Students Own Their Learning* (Impress). In it, the authors provide teachers,

coaches and administrators with a roadmap that will inspire innovation, authentic learning experiences, and practical ways to empower students to pursue their passions while in school. At the peak of its popularity, the book reached the top-200 list in sales on Amazon.

Tim Tsohantaris (Christian studies) teamed with alumnus John S. Knox to write a book, *God in the Details: A Biblical Survey of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures* (Kendall-Hunt Publishers), published



in September. The book presents the story of the Bible in a systematic yet straightforward manner. Readers are introduced to a broad investigation of the highlights of each book in the Bible as well as historical and cultural details to mesh out the stories and provide depth of understanding.



Brian R. Snider (computer science) published the article "Estimation of Localized Ideal Oximetry Sensor Lag via Oxygen Desaturation-Disordered Breathing Event Cross-Correlation" in the April 2017 (Volume 40) issue of *SLEEP*, a journal focusing on research related to sleep and sleeping disorders.

Nicole M. Enzinger (education) is lead author of a chapter, titled "An Illustration of Scholarly Inquiry from the Cognitive Perspective: The Development of an Integer Activity for Prospective Elementary or Middle School Teachers," in the book *Building*

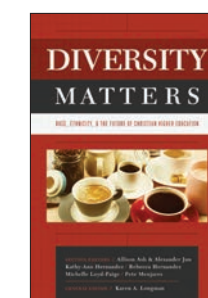


Support for Scholarly Practices in Mathematics Methods (Information Age Publishing). The book is the product of collaborations among 40-plus mathematics educators.

Ben Hartley (Christian studies) published three chapters in two different

books in 2017. Two chapters – "Mission: Agnes C. L. Donohugh, Early 'Apostle for Ethnology'"

and "Engaging the Religiously Committed Other: Anthropologists and Theologians in Dialogue" – are included in *On Knowing Humanity: Insights from Theology for Anthropology* (Routledge). The latter was coauthored previously with four Eastern University colleagues. He also coauthored, with Kirsten Oh and Glen Alton Messer, "'Get on the Cart!': Wesleyan Discipleship in an Age of Endemic Incarceration," for the book *Thinking Theologically about Mass Incarceration: Biblical Foundations and Justice Imperatives* (Paulist Press).



Rebecca Hernandez (academic affairs), **Jenny Eley** (intercultural life) and **Rebecca Valdovinos** (English Language Institute) contributed to the book *Diversity Matters: Race, Ethnicity, and the Future of Christian Higher Education* (Abilene Christian University Press), published in August.

Hernandez served as a co-editor, and she and Valdovinos wrote chapters, while Eley wrote a section of a chapter. The book addresses the need for institutions to have meaningful conversations about race and ethnicity and offers leaders a roadmap as they think through how their campuses can serve all students well.

Why I Teach

By Yune Tran
Associate Professor, Undergraduate Teacher Education

“Maestra Tran, gracias por ayudar a nuestra hija en la escuela.”
– Esmeralda’s parents

These kind words were written as a thank you note from parents of a former elementary student, Esmeralda (pseudonym), when I was a public school teacher in Compton, California. Esmeralda was diagnosed with mild aphasia and had difficulty expressing herself verbally. In terms of receptive language and written communication, she was high functioning, completed assignments on time and delivered quality work. However, she was incredibly timid in class and rarely volunteered answers or participated in group discussion.

I had limited tools and lacked the specialized training in speech therapy to support Esmeralda. My attempts to build her confidence in class through praise and positive reinforcement helped slightly, but the biggest gains came from me leaning on her parents for answers. This proved to be a real challenge given that her parents spoke very little English and my one semester of college Spanish was not adequate to carry a conversation. However, we managed to communicate somehow, which eventually led to several invitations to join Esmeralda’s family after school for a meal at their house.

Most times I politely declined, keeping to professional boundaries and fearing the unknown. Home visits were a relatively

unfamiliar concept – something that rarely occurred given the school community was ridden by poverty, gun violence, homicides, and crime from unsettled gang wars. My own hesitation and misconceptions also clouded my judgment, until one day when my gut responded positively and I accompanied Esmeralda home after school. That day brought a new perspective into her life, a respect for true patience, a reflection of parental goals, and an appreciation of the basic necessities I often took for granted. As the year progressed, Esmeralda made gains in and out of school, developed friendships with peers, and achieved well beyond what I ever could have imagined.

“I am grateful for the help you offered Jane. You’re the reason she stayed in school so long.”
– Jane’s mother

Those words came from a mother of a teacher candidate as she shook my hand at a senior commissioning celebration at George Fox. Jane (pseudonym) had many goals in college and life, some realistic and others idealistic. She was most interested in completing her degree and becoming an independent, mature adult with the ability to figure things out on her own. Jane was confident and pretty outspoken in class, offering opinions on topics that she was passionate about. She referenced experiences or perspectives gained from various encounters and displayed the

aura of someone who had life put together.

Jane rarely sought any academic help, but after having me for several education classes, she eventually opened up and requested appointments for clarification on assignments. On several of these office visits Jane sought my advice on managing personal problems related to her health or strategies for overcoming family conflict. I admitted to Jane that I’m always willing to listen, but won’t always have the best answers due to our different cultural frames of reference. However, she was willing to share many facets of her life as we problem-solved together. Jane’s resiliency allowed her to overcome incredible hardships, excel through school, and advance in her career as a young elementary school teacher.

Encounters such as the ones described with Esmeralda and Jane are natural as teachers and students develop organic relationships that move from inside to outside the classroom. Students often connect to their teachers differently than they would to parents or relatives.

And while the contexts and ages between the two cases differ, there are many commonalities: relationships, persistence, humility, and parents’ educational aspirations for their daughters.

Parents of all backgrounds desire success for their children, regardless of class, language or cultural upbringing. I think of my own parents who immigrated to their adopted country seeking a better life and



a good education for their children. I think of Esmeralda’s parents, who extended hospitality and a meal to someone who barely spoke their language in order to ensure her success in school. I think of Jane’s mother, whose joy led to tears as she shared stories about Jane while celebrating her accomplishments. I think of my own children and my desire that they, too, will find that one

teacher to connect with for mentorship, guidance and personal attention.

Hopefully, this teacher will take the extra time to check biases at the front door, genuinely listen, nurture, and groom their potential for excellence. I am humbled by the many interactions that I have had with parents throughout my career. I have come to appreciate and better understand what

a parent’s gratitude truly means, and I am honored to be a part of each student’s life at this critical juncture.

To every parent, I thank you for the opportunity to teach your son or daughter and for the priceless perspective that you have taught me. You are among the reasons that I still teach today!



Faced with a new culture
and the memories of a
harrowing past, Jonah Wafula
refuses to quit

HEART OF A LION

By Kimberly Felton

The nightmares aren't what you would expect.

Not from the terror of huddling in their home through the dark night, waiting as gunfire exploded outside. Not the cries and bloody limbs the next morning as his mother carried the baby and urged him and his siblings to look straight ahead and move quickly, fleeing the Kenyan neighborhood with many others before violence resumed.

Jonah Wafula's nightmares, rare now, spring from a time of relative peace on his uncle's farm, several years later. A decrepit farm that he, his mother and siblings repaired – after first killing dozens of venomous snakes hiding in the cracks of the crumbling mud and dung shack built from the hard clay of Uganda. They would kill dozens more as they struck clay, forcing it to give way for a garden.

Even now, in the safety of Western Oregon where the nearest cousin to those serpents is a slender garter snake, Wafula is sure to strike first. Don't bother telling him these snakes don't bite.

STRONG MOTHER, STRONG SON

Wafula is the son of a watchman, or security guard, for a hotel on the beach of Kenya's second-largest city, Mombasa. His mother led the women in their church. He began life in this international city, with the Indian Ocean on the east and all of Kenya on the west.

Then his father caught malaria and couldn't work. His mother fried and sold fish, trying to earn enough to feed their family of two wives and nine children. It wasn't enough. Before long, only neighbors and their church stood between them and starvation.

Wafula was 6 the day his school sent him home early. He remembers his mother and sisters wailing. Their father had died.

Friends and neighbors urged his mom, "Why don't you marry? Find someone to take care of the children?"

"My mother," Wafula says, "she's a pretty strong woman, so she said, 'I'm not going to marry. I'm going to take care of my kids myself.'"

Wafula remembers this. And he remembers, in the difficult years that followed, his mother's stern admonition: "Do not beg. Just work hard. Work hard for your stuff, so you appreciate it." They would work hard, often for barely enough to live.

His mother's determination wove into the fabric of his soul. She did not give up, and neither would he. Later, Wafula would be challenged by an entirely different world – one where he would face choices to accept gifts and opportunities he never asked for.

A NIGHT OF TERROR

Soon after his father's death, Wafula's family sold everything, rented two trucks, and drove dusty back roads – more than 600 miles – to Uganda to bury his father in the land of his birth. The coffin and Wafula's mothers and four sisters rode in the back of one truck. The five boys and their few indispensable belongings filled the back of the second. Not precisely legal, but all they could afford.

In Wafula's world, family connections keep widows and orphans alive. An uncle took the three oldest siblings to his home in Uganda. Another uncle offered what used to be a shop in Kenya for Wafula, his mother, and the remaining three siblings. His second mother remarried, leaving her two daughters with Wafula's mother. The family slept on the floor of the windowless brick room and cooked in their outdoor kitchen: a ring of three stones containing a fire. Wafula babysat for a neighbor, and the family collected sand along the road to sell. They made a good profit on the sand.

Then came that night. The gunshots, the screams. Wafula's mother gathered her children in the dark, her arms outstretched to cover them. At first light they ran, with so many others, leaving everything behind. A day or two later, the entire area had been burned.

His mother remembered the way to her mother-in-law's village – a woman Wafula had never met. They squeezed into his grandmother's thatch-roofed hut. "She wasn't happy about it," he recalls. "The house was full, no food. She told my mother, 'You have to find a way to get out of here.'"

Then his mother heard the news: Large white buses were coming. They would take the refugees to safety.

CHOOSING TO STAY TOGETHER

Memories of the United Nations refugee camp in Tororo, Uganda, still make Wafula smile. "It was awesome," he recalls. "Life changed then because police were around us, food was there, water. They gave us land to plant food. It was pretty nice.

"You know the clothes you guys donate? The U.N. brings them from the United States. They put them in a big pile. I remember the clothes we used to wear. They all smelled like really good perfume. ... Some had money in them."

It had been two years since his father died. Two years of struggle. Now they were safe. They played with other children. They attended school. They wore shoes and slept on mattresses with

blankets. Life was good.

Then the uncle who had taken the three oldest siblings invited the rest of the family. “It was a hard decision for my mother,” Wafula says. “At the camp, we had what we needed. But with my uncle, we could be together again. My mother chose for us to be together.”

Several years passed, and the uncle’s health and wealth declined. Mother and children transitioned from guests to workers at his hotel. He fed them and paid for school. Wafula’s mother cooked while the kids pulled weeds and cleaned. Working for him was not easy. He was stern, demanding. Yet when Wafula returns to Uganda, he first will look for his uncle. “If it wasn’t for him, I don’t know where we would be,” he says. “He brought us together.”

When Wafula’s older siblings began making poor choices, his uncle sent the family to his farm – a crumbling shack with nothing more than weeds growing in the resistant land. His mother was determined and grew a garden, but food was scarce. For nine years now she had raised her children alone. Then, one day, 15-year-old Jonah told her about a mzungu – a white person – teaching tennis at a nearby orphanage. His life was about to change again.

CHOOSING TO LEAVE

Sarah Roome, a wife and almost-empty-nester from a farm in Oregon, had begun a tennis program for orphans through the nonprofit MAPLE (Microdevelopment Assisting the Poor through Learning and Entrepreneurship). Wafula asked if he could help.

“I liked Jonah because he was always on time,” Roome says. “He was very diligent and did everything I asked him to do. He showed more invested interest than the other kids.”

Three weeks later it was time for Roome to leave. She invited Wafula to dinner, to thank him. He shared his story. It was shocking but typical of thousands of Ugandan children. It wasn’t pity that moved Roome. She cannot say precisely what it was. “I went home that night and he got under my skin,” she says. “I began to wonder what it would take to bring him back.”

What it took was more than three months of waiting, countless bribes to officials, digging in her heels and refusing to accept “no,” and numerous interviews of both her and Wafula. “Had I known it was going to be so challenging and strenuous, I wouldn’t have done it,” Roome says. “But once I started the process, I didn’t want to back out.” An education, she believed, was the key to changing Wafula’s life.

While Roome navigated immigration’s rocky shoals, Wafula’s mother braced for another departure. Once already she had allowed her children to leave for a better opportunity. Then she gave up long-term security to bring them back together. Now, again, she would let a child go – this time not to live in another town, but on another continent, into an unfathomable new world.

‘I’M NOT A MACHINE’

Wafula arrived in the U.S. at age 15 with the equivalent of a fifth-grade education – not unusual in Uganda, where many people, if they attend high school, graduate in their 20s.

His easy smile and love for people allowed him to quickly form new friendships. But he wondered why kids here had forgotten how to play. They always had a time limit, needed money, or had to go somewhere for fun. In Uganda, kids made a ball out of plastic

bags and kicked it around for hours. Contentment and joy, despite empty stomachs, came easily there.

Over the next three years, Wafula started at a new high school five times, with three transfers due to visa issues. The hours Roome spent filling out and tracking paperwork, and hounding people by phone and email, added up to months of time.

Wafula left a culture free of schedules and entered highly structured schools. “After this, do this. After this, do this. I feel like I’m not living,” Wafula says of his first year in America. “Am I a machine? I’m not programmed by schedule.”

“It’s been a really tough uphill slog,” Roome says. “Studying is hard, often having to do things two or three times until you’re familiar with the system.” Yet, she says, “It’s been absolutely wonderful. We cannot imagine our family without him.” As far as everyone is concerned, he is their fourth child.

Meanwhile, tennis – the avenue that introduced Wafula to Roome and led him bravely into his new world – continued to change his life.

In the summer of 2016, after a one-week training session at No Quit Tennis Academy in Las Vegas, the academy offered him a scholarship to attend during his senior year because of his character and raw, natural ability. He moved from a quiet farm in rural Oregon, navigating, always with Roome’s steadying influence, not only America’s glitziest city, but also two school transfers and four to six hours of tennis training every day.

Through the academy he met well-known musician and singer Jewel Kilcher at her concert benefitting the academy. Impressed with Wafula’s charisma and story, she invited him to speak at her concert in Atlanta to raise funds for wells in developing countries – including Uganda. At a tennis tournament in San Diego, academy students shared their stories. Touched by Wafula’s story, Billie Jean King, a world-renowned tennis player, introduced herself to him afterward.

As he neared graduation, schools offered him scholarships for tennis – but tennis was only part of Wafula’s equation. He dreams of being a mechanical engineer, with a long-range goal of working for NASA. He wanted to pursue both tennis and engineering, and George Fox University was the right fit.

FORGING AHEAD

“I give Jonah full credit,” says Roome. “He’s overcome some monumental hurdles. Culturally, I cannot begin to imagine what it was like. He’s had to learn it all from scratch.” But as hard as high school was, university is harder still.

“For the past three years, I feel like I’ve come a long way,” Wafula says. “I’ve learned a lot. But ... every step I move, every level I go to ... the more I feel like I have a lot to learn.”

Wafula likes to understand how things work. When his phone screen went on the blink, he looked for a way to open it himself to see if he could fix it. He’d like to do the same with his brain – open it up, switch things around – because studying and learning is different here. His brain needs to engage differently than the way he was conditioned growing up, both culturally and through severe early trauma.

“I have this thing for hard work,” Wafula says. “I don’t like to get things easily – the simple way. That thing has been in me, and even my professor knew. He says, ‘Jonah, you study so hard, but

your results are little. You need to learn how to study better.”

Staff at the university’s counseling and learning centers meet with Wafula to help him rethink how he learns. Professors talk through calculus problems. Friends and teammates study with him. But needing help adds another layer of difficulty. His mother’s advice echoes in him, and he wonders, *If I don’t work hard, will I appreciate it? Is it begging to ask for help?* “I feel like if I learn the easy way ... asking for a lot of help ... I’m not learning for myself,” he says.

Neal Ninteman is tennis coach, engineering professor and mentor to Wafula. “Largely because of his background, his experience, Jonah has determination and endurance that is extraordinary,” he says.

Along with taking difficult classes, Wafula volunteers in the rapid prototyping lab – a specialized area of engineering. “He’s taken the position because he wants to learn about everything in there,” Ninteman says. “He’s attacking this opportunity to learn.”

Wafula says he doesn’t get tired. “I just get frustrated,” he says, “but not tired.”

In his frustration, he speaks quietly to God in his native Swahili: “Listen, God, look where I am. If you leave me now, what’s going to happen? I am afraid I can’t do this without you. Will you bring back the promise – your protection, your guidance? Will you remind me what I am and the reason for being here, please?”

CHASED BY LIONS

“Because of what Jonah has gone through, he brings a perspective on life and sports that completes our tennis team,” Ninteman says. “He helps us look at what we’re doing in a different light – in a light that helps us perform at a different level.”

At one tournament last season, Wafula played the tiebreaker. “Jonah, are you nervous?” Ninteman asked.

“Man, I’ve been chased by lions,” Wafula answered.

Ninteman believes Wafula has the potential to become an All-American in tennis. “The raw material we’re talking about is out of this world,” Ninteman says. “And things like courage and guts and grit. He has amazing grit. Amazing. And the guys all come alongside him.”

While the physical focus and exertion of tennis, and the camaraderie of the team, help ground Wafula, his No. 1 goal is to pass his classes. “My mother has worked extremely hard raising us,” he says. “My job now is to study, finish my education, get a job I love and provide a better life for the people who have invested their time in my life.”

It’s a vision shared by Ninteman.

“What I’m most excited about is George Fox being the vehicle for helping Jonah find what he’s made for, to help him find what God has for him to do,” says Ninteman. “It’s cliché, but I really believe it. We’ll help him find his gifts and give him the skills to find his path.”

Wafula’s story is one of overcoming. It is one of poverty, trauma, nightmares, failure, perseverance and pride. The struggle to believe that humility – admitting to questions, asking for help – is a sign of strength, not weakness.

“I just believe God has a plan for me,” he says. “I just have to stick to God to help me, to motivate me to learn all this stuff in a different culture. There’s a reason why I came here. My own family is back in Africa, so I have a purpose.”

“He has amazing grit.
Amazing.”



REFLECTIONS OF A BLUE-COLLAR QUARTERBACK

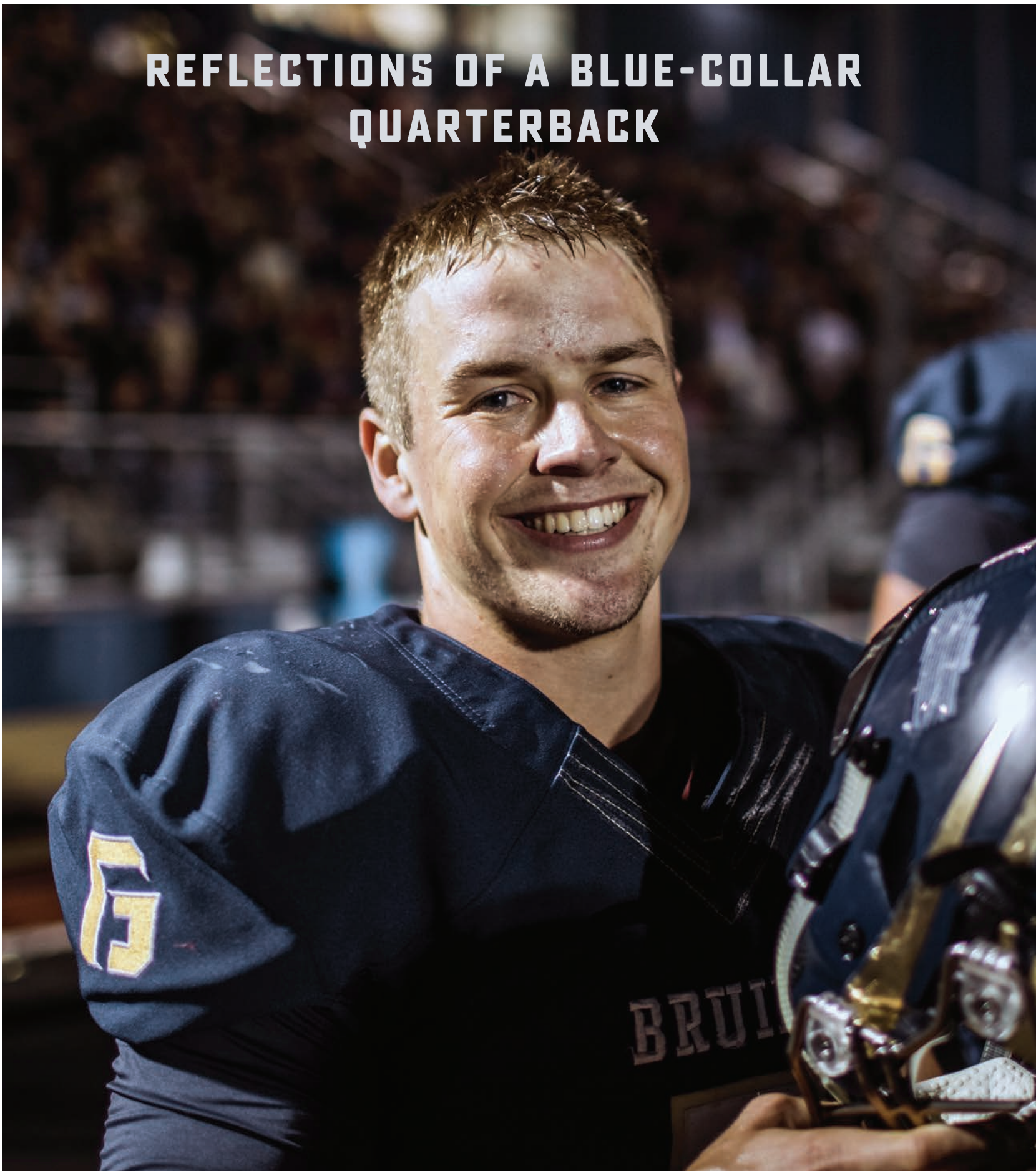


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Four-year starter Grant Schroeder looks back on his eventful George Fox football career, culminating in the best season in program history

By Brittany Baker

It was the fall of 2013 when he first set foot on the George Fox campus to quarterback the newly relaunched football program. And yet, four and a half years on, Grant Schroeder vividly recalls coach Chris Casey's vision for what the Bruins would become.

"He painted the vision for the program from day one," Schroeder says. "He told us we were going to play at a championship level, that we were going to play to excellence, no matter what."

Understandably, it took some time for Casey's seeds of encouragement to produce fruit in the form of winning games. But enduring hardship early on motivated Schroeder and his teammates. "It kept us hungry," he says. "It kept us humble."

Schroeder was one of 77 George Fox players who joined the team for a "zero year" – a full season of practice without the prospect of a single game. The following fall, Schroeder and the Bruins lost all but one game. "That was one of the most frustrating seasons of football I've had in my life," he recalls. "I came from a program in high school where I lost five games in four years. Expecting to win was what I believed. That was the toughest year because there was a lot of unrewarded hard work."

The first breakout moment of his football career came in the 2011 Oregon Class 3A high school playoffs. As a junior starting quarterback for Santiam Christian High School, Schroeder led his team to a title and was later named an all-state quarterback, an honor he earned again in 2012. He would go on to earn numerous accolades throughout his high school career, in football and other sports.

As high school graduation drew near in the spring of 2013, football recruiters from most of the Northwest Conference schools, as well as some Division II institutions, came knocking. Schroeder had his pick among celebrated, well-established programs. And yet, he found himself that fall with the inexperienced, unproven Bruins facing the prospect of going an entire year before he could play a single down against another college team. "I still remember the smell of the grass and just the excitement of starting something new," he says.

Football had not been played at George Fox in 45 years – not since the sport was discontinued after the 1968 season. For years rumors persisted that the school might bring the sport back, but it wasn't until the university's board of trustees voted to reinstate the sport in 2010 that its return was made official.

Once the decision was finalized, finding a head coach to take the reins of the program was paramount. Ultimately, Casey – the acclaimed head coach for Aloha High School who led the Warriors to a Class 6A state championship in 2010 after snapping a 22-year postseason drought the year before – was hired from a national pool of candidates and announced as George Fox's new head

coach in 2012.

Casey focused on recruiting talented players to lay a solid foundation for the program. One such recruit was Schroeder. It was the potential to build something extraordinary under Casey's direction that drew him to George Fox over other, more established programs.

Inspired by Casey's emphasis on blue-collar effort, Schroeder and company focused on improving rather than letting the first season define them. Then, in 2015, players began to see the fruits of their labor as the Bruins went 4-6. In 2016, George Fox won more games than it lost. "When we went 5-4 and had our first winning record, everyone said, 'Oh, that's awesome,'" Schroeder recalls. "But guys weren't satisfied. That's why we've continued to grow as a program. We're never complacent."

Inspired to make his final season, 2017, his best yet, Schroeder led the team to its best record in program history (7-3) and recognition in the NCAA Division III top-25 rankings for the first time. Along the way, the Bruins knocked off nationally ranked opponents Whitworth University and the University of Redlands and, in October, established school records for most points scored in a single game (58) and largest margin of victory (46 points) in a win over Willamette. Later the same month, a win over Lewis & Clark College set the program record for most wins in a single season, which the Bruins improved upon two weeks later with a final-game victory over the University of Puget Sound.

Individually, Schroeder concluded his career as the school's all-time record-holder in every passing category, finishing with 7,015 passing yards for a career average of 184.6 yards per game. He also had 77 total touchdowns during his tenure, 21 of which he ran in himself.

This season, Schroeder passed or rushed for 28 touchdowns – tops in the Northwest Conference – to earn a spot on the NWC's second team. He was also a winner in the classroom, posting a 3.78 GPA as a civil engineering major to land on the 2017 College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District Football Team, joining teammate Caleb Dalzell as the first George Fox football players to earn the honor.

While Schroeder's college football career didn't include trips to the playoffs or championship rings, the legacy he and the zero-year athletes will leave behind is far grander – one of sacrifice, integrity, service and perseverance.

"I think George Fox football is everything it was meant to be when the vision was created for bringing football back," Schroeder says. "People have really seen over the last four years what kind of first-class program this is. There were so many times I stopped this season and just said, 'I am so blessed to be here.'"

"WE WERE GOING TO PLAY TO EXCELLENCE, NO MATTER WHAT."



Amy Wolff's yard signs are spreading hope across the nation

By Melissa Binder

On the way home from the hospital last spring, as the family began the ascent into their suburban McMinnville neighborhood, two white yard signs with bold lettering caught their eyes.

"You are worthy of love," read one.

"Your mistakes don't define you," read the other.

As they drove in and out of the neighborhood during the painful weeks that followed, those signs beamed hope.

One day in July, the mother parked outside the lawn with the signs, went to the door and knocked. She asked the owner, Jenna Luoto, to come outside. And then she wept.

Her 13-year-old son had attempted suicide that spring, she told Luoto. Those signs were there the day they brought him home.

Luoto was overwhelmed with emotion, including pride in her friend who had made those simple signs. "Thank you, God," she

thought as she hugged the mother, "for using Amy."

George Fox University alumna Amy Wolff ('05) couldn't have imagined that moment when she created the yard signs in May. In fact, she'd worried people would think they were silly. Instead, those simple black and white signs have meant the world to dozens – if not hundreds or thousands – of people who've seen them at just the right moment.

The story began about two years earlier, when the idea to create encouraging yard signs popped into Wolff's mind after reading a book about loving strangers in a radical way. But she wrote it off. "Yard signs," she thought, "are pretty lame." The idea resurfaced every few months, but she always set it aside.

Then, in May of 2017, a group of church friends discussed the rise in suicides among Newberg youth. A teacher shared that the district had lost two current and four former students to suicide

that year. And, according to the local news, six teens had attempted to take their lives in the span of just two weeks.

One phrase rang like a bell in Wolff's mind: "You don't do nothing."

And so, she did something. With the help of a friend who is a graphic designer, she ordered 20 yard signs with the messages "Your mistakes don't define you" or "You are worthy of love" on one side and "Don't give up" on the other. She and her husband packed their two young daughters into the car, and the whole family drove around Newberg, asking residents on busy streets if they would be willing to display the signs in their yards.

"I had a moment that day of thinking, 'This is so stupid. No one cares about yard signs,'" she says with a laugh. "But I was \$120 in, and I wasn't going to waste them. I figured, at least they were anonymous, so what was the risk?"

The response was overwhelmingly positive, and Wolff decided to share photos and details on Facebook. Hundreds liked or shared the post, many of them asking to order signs for their own yards.

Wolff kicked the project into gear, building a website and establishing a system for dealing with orders. With time, she expanded

the encouragement to car decals, stickers, wristbands and cards, all of which she sells at cost. Today, there are more than 1,530 yard signs in the United States and abroad, and Wolff has placed orders for about 10,000 wristbands, 1,500 postcards, 2,500 stickers and 400 decals.

Among the first to order signs and other goods were Peter and Jane Mellers, whose son, in his third year at George Fox, had taken his life that spring.

"When you lose somebody, you want to make a difference," Jane says. "But we were not – are not – in a position to pull something like that together. Being able to partner with her has been really helpful for our grief."

The Mellers purchased 30 signs, as well as wristbands and cards, and have been giving them to friends in their Colorado town. It's given them something to talk about with people at work and at church – people who don't know what to say to them right now. It's given them hope that Daniel's life will not be forgotten.

"The Bible talks about sowing seed," Peter says. "That's exactly what this feels like. You're planting these little seeds of signs and wristbands in the world, and letting God do with it what he wants."

Amazingly, Wolff has heard from two strangers who just happened to be passing through that rural area of Colorado and were impacted enough to find her and reach out – just a bit of proof that those seeds are indeed sprouting.

She's heard from dozens of others, too. A man who felt rejected by his family and community. A single woman who felt hopeless about ever finding a spouse. Two people who were struggling to power through exercise in their neighborhoods after being diagnosed with diabetes or heart disease.

And that's the beautiful thing about these signs: Whether the viewer is struggling with depression or a tough project at work, the meaning is in the eye of the beholder.

"The movement is not about one thing," Wolff says. "Local suicide rates are what prompted me to finally make the signs, but it's not a suicide-prevention movement. Really, it's meant to speak to everyone."

The fact that 20 yard signs turned into a "movement" still amazes Wolff.

"I'm just a woman in Newberg. I am the sign lady," she says, laughing.

Most of the time, Wolff is focused on taking care of her family and running a communications business with her father, which includes several travel days each month to provide public-speaking training around the country. She participates in a small group at church, and she volunteers at her daughter's school.

But that's the other beautiful thing about these signs. They're a reminder that anyone, anywhere, can make a difference.

All you have to do is something.

GARRAGE



AGENT OF CHANGE

Jael Chambers' passion for racial reconciliation is making a difference in the lives of young people in Philadelphia

By Sean Patterson

If there's ever the temptation to get discouraged and give in – to let all the brokenness and heartbreak around him derail the work at hand – Jael K.D.L.V. Chambers ('11) doesn't let on. He can't afford to. The need is too great, the stakes too high.

As associate regional director for Young Life in Philadelphia, Chambers sees it all: the fatherless homes, the desperation of “the hood,” the palpable racial and political tension in the city. And yet, he remains unfazed. He's witnessed too many instances of restoration and reconciliation to lose hope now.

Chambers oversees a staff of nine that carries out the national youth ministry organization's mission – “To invite kids to follow Christ, care for them regardless of their response, and change lives in the process” – in the nation's fifth-largest city. Remarkably, there was no Young Life club in Philadelphia when he arrived five years ago to attend graduate school at Eastern University. Today, the ministry, which encompasses after-school meetings at eight middle schools and high schools, as well as three colleges in the city, impacts the lives of between 800 and 1,200 students each month.

While most of his time is dedicated to administrative duties, Chambers still works directly with young people at Esperanza Academy Charter School, a 90-percent Hispanic school where he organizes after-school games and activities, meets with parents and does regular check-ins with students. His twofold goal: to reach kids with the gospel and create spaces for racial reconciliation and cultural education.

“What motivates me? The gospel of Jesus Christ,” says Chambers, who graduated from George Fox with a degree in Christian ministries. “The more I try to understand God's love for us and his faithfulness to us through Christ, the more I'm driven to seize the opportunity he's given me to help make a difference in this world.”

That plays out in ways both simple – playing basketball with the kids – and profound, particularly in the area of racial relations. The city itself is starkly divided. Upper North Philadelphia is predominantly Hispanic, with a population of more than 250,000 Dominicans, Puerto Ricans and Mexican Americans. In the western section of the city, more than 90 percent of the population is African American. Still another part of town has a high Muslim population.

Chambers' club meetings are designed to break down the walls that get built in such a segmented landscape. “Everything we do – the games, the icebreakers, the talks – is about breaking down the walls,” Chambers says.



“We have schools that are all black or all Hispanic. My goal is to give these kids a glimpse of what heaven is going to look like, so we make a point of showing them a black person can lead up front, a white person can, a Hispanic person can.

“When they see suburban kids leading alongside urban kids, it's an aha moment. Seeing that happen – seeing those walls being broken down – is what excites me. It's what makes me want to get out of bed in the morning.”

Chambers' passion for racial reconciliation was born out of his own experience. As a kid growing up in a single-parent home in Los Angeles, he had to be mindful of what colors to wear and not wear, who to look at and not look at, which streets to walk on and which to avoid. “It was a matter of survival,” he says. “The racial divide was real. I also grew up half of my life without my father around, so I was left to try figuring out what it meant to be a man.”

It wasn't until his family moved to Portland during his high school years that Chambers found mentors – men like his David Douglas High School basketball coach Chad Reeves, and Portland Leadership Foundation leaders Ben Sand and Anthony Jordan – who were willing to invest in him. “Here's this coach inviting me into his home, mentoring me, pursuing me,” he says of Reeves, a Caucasian. “It was radical and shook my world.”

Chambers' life took yet another pivotal turn when he was accepted into George Fox's first Act Six cadre and began attending the university in the fall of 2007. The Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative was created to train urban leaders to be “agents of change” in their neighborhoods. The program is conducted in partnership with Portland

Leadership Foundation, an affiliate of Young Life.

Upon arriving on campus, Chambers discovered a place that further expanded his definition of what it means to live in community. “It was the first time I was around professors who encouraged me and helped me critically think about my calling,” he says. “All I knew was urban, so now I'm in a place where you really have to critically think about your faith and do the work. They created, in a good way, this beast – this person who could interact with the suburban academic world and also hang out with urban people on the block.”

Just as Jordan and Sand believed in him – “they saw something in me that I didn't see, a leader I didn't know I could be,” he says – now Chambers returns the favor by investing in young people. Two of them, Iran Lopez and Ezequiel Matos, were high school sophomores when Chambers arrived in Philadelphia in 2012. With his encouragement, they helped their local club reach capacity at 150 students per week. Today, they are leading Young Life clubs in the same high school they attended. “These guys found Christ and just started bringing their friends – to the point the school had to hire extra security guards, it was so big,” Chambers laughs. “Stories like this are why I do this job. These are gifted kids. They just needed support, encouragement and structure.”

Chambers also relies on his experience and education, including a master's degree in urban studies, to run his own consulting business, Cultured Enuf, which specializes in educating corporations, nonprofits and small companies in office culture and issues related to diversity in the workplace. “People started offering me jobs,” Chambers says. “They saw my passion for racial reconciliation and recognized their own need, and Cultured Enuf was born. It wasn't something I planned. Just one of those things that came about.”

Beyond that, it's a reflection of what Jael Chambers is all about. “I love seeing people from different social, racial and economic backgrounds come together for a common vision. That's one of the most beautiful pictures for me.”



Ben Sand still remembers getting that phone call in 2005: two teen boys he'd seen commit their lives to Jesus that summer had shot someone, then disappeared.

As a regional Young Life leader in Portland, he'd spent months mentoring those young men. He'd invited them into his home, gone with them to camp. He'd tried to be the Good Samaritan to them, going above and beyond to care for them after systemic and economic injustice knocked them to the side of the road.

"Does this even work?" he thought. A discouraging reality set in: He could pick someone up off the road every day of his life, but they would always have scars, and unless things changed at a systemic level there would always be someone else left beaten the next morning.

As he studied the parable of the Good Samaritan during that season of confusion, a new set of questions arose for Sand: Why was the road from Jerusalem to Jericho so dangerous in the first place? And what could he do to make sure no one gets left for dead on the side of the road again?

For Sand, the answers lie largely in developing stronger, more diverse leaders for the future – leaders who can help change the systems that serve Oregonians.

"For the systems to change, we have to make a demonstrative investment in ensuring that the leadership of our region reflects the people who live here," Sand says.

So that year, his second at George Fox Evangelical Seminary (now Portland Seminary), from which he earned a Master of Divinity degree in 2010, Sand helped the university establish the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative, which identifies and supports diverse cohorts of future urban leaders.

"I was just a naïve 24-year-old," Sand recalls, laughing. Through friends, he knew university president Robin Baker was interested in partnering with the Act Six program in Tacoma, Washington. "I basically showed up and was like, 'Don't! We'll find you students here!'"

In a move that baffles Sand to this day, Baker agreed to let him launch and run Portland's iteration of the program. As of this year, Portland's Act Six program has brought 100 students to George Fox on full-need scholarships and supported them through their academic and professional development.

The experience quickly proved Sand to be an excellent com-

munity organizer, and in 2008 he took that calling to the next level by launching the Portland Leadership Foundation, which is an umbrella nonprofit that incubates ministries serving local children and families. The foundation took over the management of Act Six and grew other initiatives to develop multicultural leaders, including scholarships for teens transitioning out of foster care and a summer academy for student-athletes.

In recent years, the foundation has also placed emphasis on partnering with local government to more effectively address today's problems – all while still investing in the leadership of tomorrow.

The key example of this partnership is Embrace Oregon, an initiative that comes alongside the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to support children and families involved in the foster care system. The initiative began with an idea to create welcome boxes for kids who are pulled out of their homes and brought to a DHS office. These children often wait hours, if not overnight, while a staffer searches to find housing for them, so the boxes include entertaining toys as well as a few basics, such as a toothbrush and flashlight.

"Embrace has been the first organization to really understand and want to take care of the caregivers," says Norene Owens, program manager at the North Clackamas Child Welfare Office. Volunteers have come by her office to clean toys or drop off lunch for the staff, and she remembers receiving a roll of Life Savers candy with a simple note: "Thanks for being a life-saver."

Embrace has provided makeovers for the visitation rooms at several DHS locations, transitioning those key spaces from sterile and outdated to warm and welcoming. The initiative also recruits volunteers to keep kids company at the DHS office, and enlists families to fill more substantial needs, such as fostering a child or committing to support a family long-term.

"To me, it has been nothing short of revolutionary for DHS," Owens says.

Other faith-based groups have tried to get involved in the past, she says, but never in a sustainable way. Sand's energy and vision has filled Owens with hope, and she isn't alone. This year, the

foundation signed an agreement with DHS to expand the work of Embrace Oregon to every county by 2022.

"He has a bright intellect and that energy and organizational ability. He can motivate change to happen," Owens says. "This is the best hope we've had of breaking the cycles."

In 2014, Sand's involvement with DHS became deeply personal. After months of prayer, he and his wife, Maile – already parents of two girls – decided to foster then-3-month-old Julin, who ultimately became an adopted member of their family.

"Being a foster parent is incredibly hard," Sand says. "It requires people who say, 'I am willing to do hard things with this child even though it will bring pain and confusion and heartache to me and my family.'"

Sand's tireless work through the foundation and at home trace back to his own childhood experiences. One of six siblings raised by a struggling single mother, Sand grew up with the weight of his future on his shoulders. He worked multiple jobs throughout

high school and college to provide for himself, and was lucky to have key relationships with mentors who made a huge difference in his life.

"Because of his background, he knows it's possible for people to come from challenged situations and not just survive, but thrive in every way – even be a game changer in a city," says friend Kevin Palau, president of the Luis Palau Association and a key player in the growing partnership between the Portland faith community and local government. "His own experience has equipped him to look people in the eye and say, 'You can't tell me it's not possible.'"

Sand believes a lot is possible. While so many people look at the world and are overcome with pessimism, he describes great hope – hope that's largely rooted in the atonement theology he discovered during his time at George Fox.

"The basic premise is, 'Listen y'all, Jesus died, descended into hell, put the smack-down on the devil, and defeated death and defeated evil,'" Sand explains. "We are given a gift of the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. If that doesn't produce a sense of optimism and swagger, I don't know what will."

And it's that swagger, he says, that gets him out of bed in the morning.

"Each day I have an opportunity to shine light into the world and work from a place of victory," he says. "I get to do good with a conquering spirit."



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Ben Sand works to build a safer path for Oregon youth

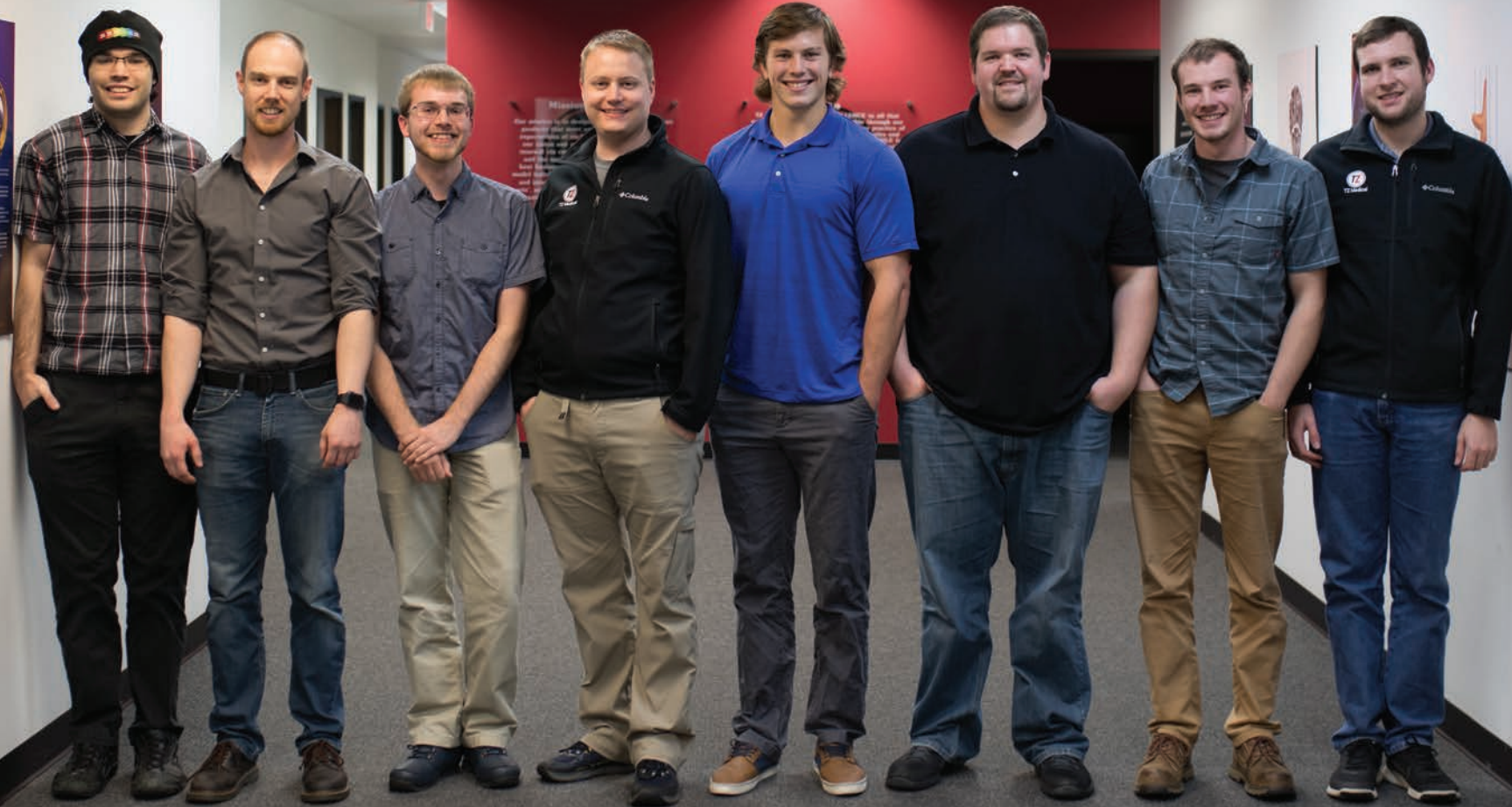
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ENGINEERING WITH A HEART

George Fox engineers make up the entire product development team for a medical equipment company focused on improving the lives of patients

By Brett Tallman



↑ Dieter Mueller ('16) ↑ Mike Morrison ('13) ↑ Drew Camp ('17) ↑ Chris Hammond ('08) ↑ Austin Ziegler ('18) ↑ John Moore ('06) ↑ Greg Morrison ('15) ↑ Chase Atkinson ('17)



Diagnosing a heart arrhythmia can be a significant challenge. Arrhythmias come and go, and by the time a patient arrives in the emergency room, the feeling of a fluttering or racing heart has often subsided. With that feeling comes misfiring electrical currents, recorded by an ECG, that might offer a cardiologist a clue as to the nature of the problem.

“Arrhythmias just don’t present themselves when doctors want them to,” explains 2006 George Fox graduate John Moore. “You can take vitals, order an ECG – but the whole process can take two or three hours and turn up nothing.”

Moore is not a doctor or a nurse. He doesn’t work in a hospital. He’s an electrical engineer at TZ Medical in Portland. In 2009, he helped begin the design process for an in-home cardiac monitor called the Aera CT.

“Several years ago the American Medical Association began to incentivize the development of in-home monitoring products,” Moore explains. By monitoring patients over several weeks, cardiologists were better able to catch and diagnose arrhythmias.

TZ Medical has been around since the early 1990s. Today, its business is based around disposable and, increasingly, electronic medical products, many of which are mainstays in hospitals around the world. Moore was hired in 2008 along with another George Fox alumnus, Reese Wilson ('08), when the company decided to build a new engineering team to develop the next generation of advanced cardiac monitors.

Moore’s first project was designing and developing the Aera CT. “TZ got started with pacemaker monitors back in the ‘90s,” Moore says. “The old ones looked like a big red lunch box.”

The “lunch boxes” were transtelephonic pacemaker monitors. If you had an implanted pacemaker in the ‘90s, you’d hook yourself up to the machine, dial the number printed on the lid, place your phone into the cradle of the so-called “lunch box,” and then turn off your pacemaker by holding a large magnet over your heart. The monitor would play your heartbeat directly into the phone, with a technician on the other end recording the data using specialized software.

New cardiac monitors are digital. Using solid state memory, they record a patient’s heart rhythm for up to 30 days. If equipped with a cellular modem, that data can be transmitted directly to cardiologists. The device that Moore helped design would eventually become the Aera CT, the first of a new line of advanced cardiac monitors that would generate a significant amount of revenue for the company.

“The Aera was an eye-opening first product,” Moore says. “It was supposed to take six months and it ended up being a three-year development process.”

When he started, TZ Medical had an engineering department of two: Wilson and Moore. “Our deadline was September. We quickly realized that it was way more work than we could handle on our own.”

So Wilson went to his former professors at George Fox and asked for someone who could help them meet their deadline. Chris Hammond ('08), an electrical engineer who had graduated the previous winter, joined the team as an intern in the spring of 2009. By September, the first prototype for the Aera CT was finished and Hammond had a full-time job.

With the release of the Aera CT, the company’s annual revenue swelled from \$9 million to \$14 million a year. “As it turned out there was just as much, if not more, mechanical engineering than electrical engineering to do,” Moore says. “And probably even more programming.”

With the budget to begin building an engineering team, Moore went back to the professors at George Fox and asked for another recommendation. In 2013, he hired Mike Morrison ('13), a mechanical engineer.

Pleased with the results he was getting from the engineers hired from his alma mater, Moore has gone back, again and again, looking for new talent. With the exception of 2010, TZ Medical has hired a new engineer, all George Fox graduates, every year since 2008. In 2015, the company hired Mike Morrison’s brother Greg ('15), also a mechanical engineer, and in 2016 they recruited computer engineer Dieter Mueller ('16). In 2017, they hired another computer engineer, Drew Camp ('17), added computer science graduate Chase Atkinson ('17), and took on an intern, Austin Ziegler, who will join the TZ Medical engineering team full time after he graduates in the spring. In all, 13 George Fox graduates have held full-time positions or internships with the company. Five, including Wilson, have moved on to other opportunities.

“It’s turned into a bit of a dynasty here at TZ,” says Moore. All of them laugh when they hear it, but it’s only half joke. Six George Fox engineers make up the entire product development team for a \$14-million-a-year company with more

than 50 employees, not to mention Atkinson in the computer science department and intern Ziegler.

“We’ve interviewed quite a few people who weren’t from Fox,” Moore says, “but we like getting character references from people we know. It’s always handy to get a personal and professional reference from somebody who has direct experience with their level of skill and ability.”

By hiring so many George Fox graduates, the engineers at TZ Medical are in a unique position to provide feedback to the engineering department. “We end up going to professors and making suggestions,” Hammond says.

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THE ANSWER, IT TURNS OUT, IS FIND A JOB THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE, AND THEN DO YOUR JOB.”

By offering their suggestions about the curriculum, Hammond hopes his alma mater can graduate increasingly competitive engineering classes. Likewise, the influx of George Fox graduates has resulted in an engineering team that is focused on helping people – not just the bottom line.

That, they all agree, is one of the most appealing parts of working at TZ Medical.

“We all love being able to actually make a difference in the projects we’re working on,” Hammond says.

And, as the company has grown, the engineering department has been given more and more autonomy to do just that, moving from a management structure where two or three engineers report to the president, to a self-directed engineering team that is run internally.

“We have almost full control over the whole design process within the constraints of regulatory compliance,” Moore says. “It’s an exciting place to work for a new engineer because of how much design you get to do.”

For all their autonomy, the engineers are quick to point out that many of their most innovative ideas were prompted by the doctors, nurses and lab technicians that TZ serves. “TZ has always been designed around partnering with customers,” Moore says. “They’re the ones working in the field, and they’re the ones who can identify a problem.”

“Doctors will come to us with an idea,” Hammond adds, “and even if the idea is, from an engineering perspective, terrible, a lot

of times they’ll help us identify a need. Out of this process we’ve gotten some gems.”

A technician in a cath lab, for example, came to the TZ engineers in need of a device that would support his patients’ arms during catheterization and keep them from falling off the tables. His need turned into an entire line of padded polycarbonate supports that TZ Medical now markets as Comfort Zone.

“Someone else asked us to come up with an idea to keep pressure on a patient’s arm,” Hammond says, noting that some heart procedures require a technician to run a catheter up a patient’s arm. “After they pull the catheter out the artery is exposed, and someone had to manually apply pressure to the patient’s arm for like four hours. It was just terrible.”

When Greg Morrison joined TZ in 2015, the product the company offered was little more than a zip tie. The engineers knew they could improve it.

“The very first prototype was a fix intended for the old band,” Morrison says. “I went through three or four versions before I decided to scrap it and go with something new.”

Based on feedback from hospital staff, the new design needed to apply pressure more precisely and it needed to be more comfortable.

Beside his desk, Morrison has a cardboard box full of abandoned prototypes. Digging through it, he remembers exactly where an idea began to take shape. The latest iteration is an adjustable radial arm band with a built-in pad for comfort. It is, unequivocally, bet-

ter than a zip tie.

“I think this is version 56,” Morrison says, laughing. “I started on this basically when I started here, which was three years ago. We’re very close to releasing, but the last 5 percent just takes forever.”

All the engineers agree that one of the great joys in their work is to start with nothing more than an idea and then, later, to hold the thing itself in hand.

“It’s so satisfying to know a device that well,” Morrison says as he examines the nearly finished product.

He pointed out a small curved face to make his point. “It took me forever to figure out how to make all of the faces match up,” he says. “I know exactly how it’s formed. No one thinks about that.”

Regardless of the device in question, any discussion with the engineers at TZ Medical will eventually find its way back to their process, which always starts with the people they’re serving.

“A lot of the time, engineers can start out thinking, ‘I want to build this,’” Moore says. “They might put a lot of time and energy into building something that nobody needs. So the first step has to be talking to the people you want to help. You need to hear their story. Then, if you do a good job, design a good product and meet a particular need, there’s a natural demand for it.”

By improving the processes within the hospitals, Moore added, an engineer is also improving the outcomes of their patients.

“This is something that I really value,” Hammond says. “I like the idea behind it: How do we as engineers do service? How do we

use the skills God has given us to actually make a difference? The answer, it turns out, is find a job that makes a difference, and then do your job.”

With the connection between George Fox and TZ Medical firmly established, this year the company is sponsoring two senior design projects. One project is being led by intern Ziegler, whose team is designing a small LED that can be adhered to a surgical retractor to help light the areas of an operation site that aren’t illuminated by overhead lamps.

“It was something that we wanted to do at some point,” Hammond says, “so we just handed it off to Austin’s team.” The team has committed to delivering not just a concept or a prototype, but 1,000 manufactured pieces by the end of the spring semester.

“It’s not a normal senior assignment,” Hammond says. “But when they get this thing done and they’ve graduated, they can say they’ve designed a Class 1 medical device that is on the market. It’s going to be a powerful portfolio piece.”

TZ’s approach has even found traction in the Servant Engineering Program, a staple of any engineering major’s junior-year course load where students develop technical solutions for organizations focused on serving others. It’s hard to say whether George Fox engineers are succeeding at TZ Medical because of the model of service provided at George Fox, or the other way around. But Moore isn’t interested in chicken-or-the-egg questions.

“It’s just cool to see that approach being validated,” Moore says, “to see the human aspect factoring in.”

↓ In 2018, TZ Medical will release a small, lightweight cardiac monitor called the Clarus 30. Even with its slender profile the device can record a patient’s heart rhythm for up to seven days.



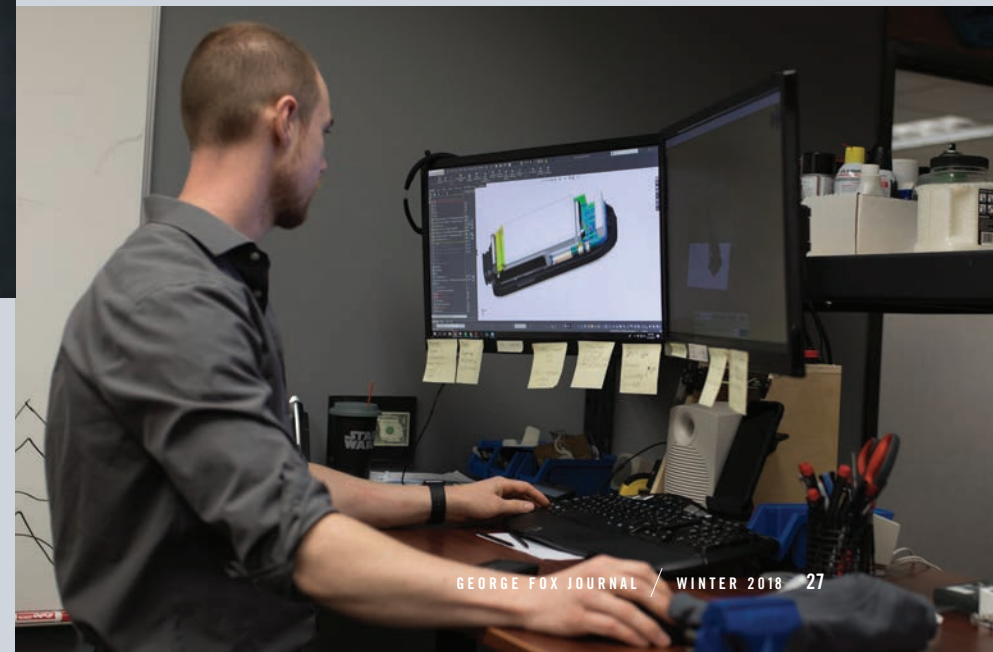
↑ Before releasing the latest version of a product, engineers at TZ Medical test firmware changes in the updated device using simulated ECG signals. Here, an engineer tests the Clarus 40M cardiac monitor.

↓ Able to record a patient’s heart rhythm for up to 30 days, the Clarus 40M can also detect common arrhythmias and wirelessly transmit that information to medical staff.



↑ The Adjustable Radial Cuff, set to be released in 2018, uses a small hand pump and inflatable bladder to apply pressure and stop bleeding after a transradial procedure. It was developed at the urging of a lab technician, who once manually applied pressure to a patient’s radial artery for four hours following an operation.

↓ Mike Morrison examines a “solid model” of the Clarus cardiac monitor’s internal components on his computer. An embedded device like this one requires extensive collaboration between engineers and component manufacturers, regulatory bodies and vendors in order to ensure a high degree of quality and precision.



Annual Report to Donors

The Promise Campaign: Building on 125 years

Thank you for helping us surpass our \$10.2 million goal!

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Supporters of the university joined together in the last year to help George Fox prepare for the influx of students seeking our distinctive, Christ-centered education. Rapid enrollment growth had stretched campus facilities thin, so we asked for your help. Launched in our 125th anniversary year, and completed June 30, 2017, the Promise Campaign aimed to honor our strong foundation and ensure that we can extend our Be Known promise to future generations of students. Due to the generosity of 2,800 supporters – alumni, trustees, employees, parents and community members – the Promise Campaign was a success, enabling future students to study, grow and flourish in a Christ-centered university where they are known. Thank you!

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– George Fox University President Robin Baker

Your gifts at work

Student Activity Center



In August, we broke ground on a new student activity center, the cornerstone of the Promise Campaign. This beautiful 40,000-square-foot facility will provide space for students to gather, participate in leadership development and be physically active.

The center will include three basketball/volleyball courts, a fitness center, an indoor track, a rock-climbing wall, two yoga/dance/aerobics studios, a student lounge, and offices for student government and clubs.

Engineering Equipment

The exponential growth of the engineering program in the last decade prompted the creation last year of a new Maker Hub, which included a 6,000-square-foot configurable project-build space. This engineering facility enables students to connect conceptual designs with practical application. Guided by faculty mentors, students work in collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams to design, build and test a variety of prototypes.

Student Fund

Contributions of \$752,000 toward the Student Fund bolstered our efforts to make George Fox affordable for more students. This fall, nearly 2,500 students received more than \$34 million in university-funded scholarships and grants.

As we celebrate the completion of the campaign, we know the work of making and keeping George Fox affordable for all students is an ongoing quest. With an annual goal of more than \$700,000, the Student Fund is now our highest fundraising priority.



“Through academic- and financial-need awards from George Fox, I’ve been able to keep the costs of attending my dream school manageable. By going to George Fox, I’ve been able to find who I am as a learner and as a Jesus follower, and I’ve been able to devote hours of service to ASC and the chapel band.”

– Bailey Sauls (19), psychology major, ASC VP of Commuter Life

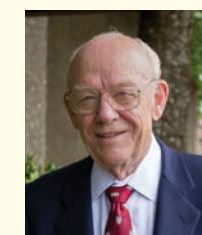
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Special thanks go to our honorary co-chairs for their time and commitment to the Promise Campaign. Your endorsement of George Fox and the wonderful students we serve is deeply appreciated. Though the Promise Campaign officially ended in June, your legacy remains – inspiring students and supporters for years to come.



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By Barry Hubbell

1940–49

Bob Hurford (n48), who suffered and survived a cardiac arrest, was the subject of a lengthy feature article in May in *The Newberg Graphic*, as part of a series bringing attention to the need for automated external defibrillators in the community. The local businessman, owner of his own insurance company and a 20-year member of the Newberg City Council, was revived on April 23, 2011, in the emergency room at Newberg Providence Hospital, where his heart stopped three times. His story helped inspire local police, fire, and parks and recreation leaders to work together to raise funds for the installation of AEDs throughout the community.

1960–69

Richard Foster (G64) headlined a Christian writers retreat in November at Camp Tilikum in Newberg. He is the author of numerous books on spiritual formation, including *Celebration of Discipline*. The three-day conference also featured **Gina (Withnell) Ochsner** (G92), author of *The Necessary Grace to Fall* and a writing professor at Corban University, and **Lisa McMinn** (G91), a writer in residence at George Fox and the author of six books that explore the intersection of culture, change and Christian faith in ordinary life. The retreat, “Letting the Light In: Writing for the Growth of the Soul,” was planned and directed by **Dennis Littlefield** (G84, MBA95), executive director of Camp Tilikum, and **Eric Muhr** (G96), publisher/manager of Barclay Press in Newberg.

Fred Gregory (G66) and **Kent Thornburg** (G67) coauthored an article published in July by the *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. The consensus statement reports the outcomes of a summit held in Portland in 2015 on the nutrition of adolescent girls and young women. Thornburg was the brainchild of the conference and Gregory served as director. Supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the meeting drew 67 delegates from 17 countries with the goal of creating dialogue between scientists, program implementers and policy experts. In addition to his role as special assistant to

the president at George Fox, Gregory is director of global development with the Bob and Charlee Moore Institute for Nutrition and Wellness at OHSU. Thornburg also serves at OHSU as the M. Lowell Edwards Chair, professor of medicine, director of the Center for Developmental Health at the Knight Cardiovascular Institute, and as director of the Moore Institute.

Donna (Marks) Kreutz (G69) and her husband are transitioning to life in Mexico part time after a full-time career living with Guevea de Humboldt Zapotec speakers in southern Mexico translating the Bible into the Zapotec language through Wycliffe Bible Translators. The translated New Testament, after a months-long check by the community, including being read aloud in Zapotec by members of local congregations, was sent for publication in June, with an expected 2018 release. In addition to print, the translation will also be available as an audio recording.

1970–79

Patti (Meireis) Cooke (n74), after 24 years of service to her alma mater, retired in October, leaving behind her custodial supervisor position at George Fox. Over the years she worked with and tutored new supervisors and more than 230 students, who helped her clean and care for every public campus building at one time or another. Her final areas of responsibility were Bauman Auditorium and the adjacent Ross Center. Her new plans: “Clean my own house.”

Randy Thornburg (G74) and **Divonna (Littlefield) Thornburg** (G75) are living in Marion, Indiana, where, since April, Randy has been with Heart 2 Heart Hospice as a chaplain/music therapist, providing spiritual guidance and support to patients across the state. With a portable keyboard, he plays and sings for patients, tailoring his set list based on their favorite musicians or style of music. Divonna is an enrollment specialist at Indiana Wesleyan University, enrolling students in both online and onsite programs in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Florida. Randy has been a pastor or associate pastor in Friends churches for more than 43 years in Washington, California,

Ohio, Kansas and Indiana, the last two and a half years with Bethel Friends Church in Jonesboro, Indiana, after five years with the Friends Church in Liberal, Kansas. While in Kansas, Divonna worked in the development office and the math/science department at Seward County Community College.

Bonnie Jerke (PS76), a George Fox University administrator for 30 years and nearly all of her professional life, died July 8, 2017, in Billings, Montana. She began her career at the school in 1980 as a residence hall director and later became director of the academic success program and, ultimately, director of career services. She retired from the university in 2013. The following year she was diagnosed with appendix cancer, and she moved to her native Montana in 2016 for chemotherapy treatment. While the services and burial were held in Montana, George Fox and Newberg friends gathered in her honor at a picnic Sept. 23.

Denise (Mills) Lyman (G76), after 14 years of service at Newberg Friends Church, moved across town in October to assume a new position at Friendsview Retirement Community. A bookkeeper and receptionist at the church, she now works in accounts payable at the 500-plus-resident senior community.

1980–89

Scott Celley (G82), after 10 years as vice president of external affairs with TriWest Healthcare Alliance in Phoenix, is now principal and managing director of Phoenix-based Trifecta Communications, started in 2013 to help organizations establish or enhance positive brand visibility and reputation in the marketplace. The business specializes in the integration of public relations, government relations and community involvement. Celley also worked 14 years in governmental positions, including five years with U.S. Senator John McCain as a communications director and five years as a senior policy advisor with Arizona Governor Jane Dee Hull.

Janelle (Dealy) Nordyke (G82, MBA16) in October joined the office staff at Newberg Friends Church as bookkeeper, bringing her background as a finance director for the city of Newberg and her more recent

role as a contract accountant with Union Gospel Mission in Salem, Oregon. A CPA, she worked at the church previously, assisting in the finance office at a time the building also housed the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dennis Castle (MDiv86) is cofounder of Gesundheit Foods, responsible for federal, state and municipal regulatory compliance. Gesundheit, based in Milwaukie, Oregon, has manufacturing facilities in Oregon, Washington, California and Nevada, packaging and bottling healthy fresh products ranging from fruit purees and sauces to energy drinks and beverages. It helps its clients with ingredient sourcing, production, branding and design, packaging and distribution. He also is owner of Millenicom Telecommunications in Portland, a provider of global voice and data services.

Matt Nosack (G88), after coaching his Santiam Christian High School baseball team to the quarterfinals of the Oregon Class 3A state championships in the spring, now ranks seventh on the list of coaches with the most wins in Oregon high school baseball history. His career record is 557-183-2, and his teams have won four state titles since 1999, the most recent two years ago. He is in his 30th year at the Adair Village, Oregon, private school of 255, where he teaches chemistry, biology and weight training. He was featured in an April story in the *Albany* (Oregon)

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G	Traditional graduate
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MA	Master of arts
MS	Master of science
MAT	Master of arts in teaching
DMgt	Doctor of management
DBA	Doctor of business administration
MBA	Master of business administration
MDiv	Master of divinity
DMin	Doctor of ministry
MEd	Master of education
EdD	Doctor of education
EdS	Education specialist in school psychology
PS	Portland Seminary (formerly George Fox Evangelical Seminary)
PsyD	Doctor of psychology
DPT	Doctor of physical therapy
ADP	Adult Degree Program

Gootee Joins Medical Relief Trip to Haiti



Greg Gootee (MBA05) had volunteered domestically for various charitable organizations in the past, but a chance meeting on a flight opened the door for him to serve internationally in what is considered the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

This summer, Gootee joined a team of 52 doctors, nurses, paramedics, medical students and nursing students on a six-day International Medical Relief trip to Haiti, a country that continues to feel the aftereffects of an earthquake that ravaged the island in 2010. A member of the medical staff, he took rotations in pharmacy, lab, triage, patient education and eye care, while also shadowing physicians and controlling patient flow into treatment areas. In all, the group saw more than 1,700 patients, treating them for everything from infections and wounds to hypertension and digestive diseases.

“While our time there was short, our team made an impact that you could see in the eyes of those who came to the clinics, especially the children,” Gootee says. “I have come to see how, in a country as devastated as Haiti, anyone who has an interest to help can help. As I have settled back to my daily work activities, I cannot help but wonder if there is a broader way to help that country.”

Gootee, a healthcare information technology specialist based in Lake Mary,

Florida, learned about the opportunity from a medical student on a flight. The student was planning to travel to Africa with International Medical Relief and suggested Gootee check out the organization’s website. “Once home, I researched their company and, being from Florida, thought that helping out the folks of Haiti would be a good choice,” he says.

Among the stops in Haiti was an orphanage where the team assisted more than 350 patients, including about 100 small school children. In addition to performing check-ups for every one of the orphans, Gootee and the other visitors played with and cuddled the children. Several were treated for a fungal infection, and the team’s respiratory therapist gave treatments to a number of students with asthma. One 15-year-old girl who had a pebble stuck in her right ear for five years had the rock removed.

Gootee is convinced he was impacted as much – or more so – than the hundreds of people he served.

“I traveled to help others in need; instead, what I found was the impact to my own life was far greater,” he says. “The trip was one of the most humbling, exhausting and rewarding things I have done. I am so thankful and blessed to have had the opportunity. No matter what your skills are, you can make an impact on others.”

Democrat Herald, titled “Prep Baseball: Local Coaches Establish a Culture of Winning.”

1990–99

Pat Casey (G90), head coach of the Oregon State University baseball program, continues to rack up milestones and honors while receiving national attention in his 30th year as a college baseball coach. In 2017, he was named the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Coach of the Year, the state of Oregon’s Slats Gill Sportsperson of the Year, and, for the fifth time, the Pac-12 Coach of the Year. He also reached a career milestone with his 1,000th win on May 12 and finished the spring with a career record of 1,016-674-5. This season his Beavers went 56-6, including a stretch of 23 straight wins, and set a conference record with 27 Pac-12 wins. The Beavers were also the nation’s No. 1-ranked team going into the NCAA College World Series. Casey coached the Bruins from 1988 through 1994, winning six conference titles and three NAIA District 2 titles while going 171-114-1. He was then hired by OSU, where he’s posted a record of 845-560-6 and won two NCAA Division I World Series titles (2006 and 2007).

Steve Fawver (G90, PSo1, DMin11), after 27 years on the pastoral team at Newberg Friends Church, left the church Sept. 30 to become a co-pastor at the new Newberg Emerging Friends Church. At Newberg Friends, he moved up from his position as

pastor of spiritual health and care to assume its interim pastor role for his final three months before leaving. The new church is meeting at the Joyful Servant Lutheran Church in Newberg.

Duane Larson (G90), following 15 years as assistant principal, is now the principal of Alice Ott Middle School in Portland, part of the David Douglas School District. Oregon’s 2015 Vice Principal of the Year now leads the school of 720 students and 45 teachers. A graduate of David Douglas High School, he returned to the district in 1991 as a sixth-grade teacher. In 1997, he transferred to become a middle-school math teacher before assuming the role of an administrative intern at elementary schools from 1999 to 2002.

Rich Seiber (G90) in January published his third book, a personal story following two novels. *Parker’s Story: Essays on Autism and Awesometism* tells the story of his son, born with autism, cerebral palsy and brain malformation. Written in a devotional style, it features key Bible verses and instruction on how readers can apply the lessons learned to their own lives. “My son’s perseverance and personality have made him a hero and inspiration to many,” Seiber writes. Now self-employed and living in North Highlands, California, Seiber has 25 years of experience in media, including seven years as a PBS television reporter.

Miguel Rivera (G91) is chair of the accounting program at Hodges University, with campuses in Naples and Fort Myers, Florida, where he teaches accounting and finance. The 2,000-student university caters to adults with full-time jobs, providing day, evening and weekend classes and online self-paced learning. He joined the Johnson School of Business in 2012. With a PhD in accounting from Sarasota University (2008), he previously held faculty positions at Florida Southern College, Inter American University of Puerto Rico and Embry-Riddle University. He was inducted into the George Fox University Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 for his baseball success as a second baseman, where he earned NAIA All-America honorable mention honors.

Rich Swingle (G91), who has been performing his one-man play about *Chariots of Fire* hero Eric Liddell since 2004, has released a filmed version to the public, available on demand on the website christiancinema.com. It was

recorded live at the Singapore Expo in conjunction with the Youth Olympic Games in 2010 before an audience of 5,600. The play picks up where the movie left off, telling how the Olympian left fame and fortune to serve as a missionary in China until imprisoned in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. Performing full time since 1995, Swingle has appeared in 29 nations on five continents, and has had roles in 20 films in addition to speaking and performing at churches, colleges, prisons, retreats, camps, military bases and theaters.

Pete Rusaw (G94), after a year teaching mathematics at George Fox University as an adjunct professor – and also teaching math at Newberg High School – this fall became visiting assistant professor of mathematics at the university. Until last year, he taught math at Forest Grove (Oregon) High School for 22 years. He has previous college teaching experience at Portland Community College (2002-04). Since 2001, he has also served as pastor of Wapato Valley Church in Gaston, Oregon.

Linda Atwell (ADP95) shares her family’s story in her book *Loving Lindsey: Raising a Daughter with Special Needs*, released in September. The memoir, written like a novel, blends the realism of handling difficult situations with the joy of raising a child. Atwell lives in Silverton, Oregon, and is now a writer after owning a home decor business for 10 years and, more recently, working as an adjuster for catastrophe insurance claims.

Kerry (Aillaud) Rueck (G95) is in her second year supervising student teachers in Oregon State University’s education department after recently leaving Linn-Benton Community College’s Parenting Education Department, where she spent the last three years teaching a class for parents of toddlers. Previously, while her husband Scott was head women’s basketball coach at George Fox (1996-2010), she spent 14 years as a fourth- and fifth-grade teacher in Newberg. Scott, now the head coach of OSU’s women’s basketball program, in October had his contract extended through the 2026-27 season.

Kenna (Yonker) West (ADP95) in August was named new city manager for Willamina, Oregon, a city of just over 2,000 in western Yamhill County. She left a position as administrative services manager for the Marion County (Oregon) Board of Commissioners.

Moreland Pursues Passion to Preserve Local African-American History

If in the near future you encounter information about the history of African Americans in Oregon, there’s a good chance it was shaped in some way by George Fox University graduate **Kimberly Moreland** (MBA14).

In recent years, Moreland has become a compiler of important sites to African American history in Oregon, a historical book author, a tour guide, and a leader of the statewide Oregon Black Pioneers organization. Her latest project is co-curating an exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland, set to open in early 2018.

Moreland’s interest in the topic may be somewhat surprising considering she is not a native Oregonian. Raised in Cleveland, Moreland’s passion for local history began in 1990 when she was an urban planner with the city of Portland and was asked to identify the background of historic resources related to African Americans. “This stirred my passion for African-American history and my work documenting significant places,” she says. “Oregon African-American history is so inspiring. I just really connected to a passion. I’m the family historian.”

Today, Moreland’s focus has broadened beyond Portland as vice president of the Oregon Black Pioneers, headquartered in Salem. On the organization’s board since

2007, Moreland says it allows her “to fulfill my passion in a wonderful way.”

One of the organization’s biggest projects she has guided was a crowd-sourced survey in 2014 that helped compile a list of important historical sites, including “anywhere in Oregon where African Americans worked, sites where important events happened, or objects were created, installed or inspired by African Americans.” The long-term goal is to have sites recorded, marked and signed appropriately, and ultimately to have at least five nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Another project, the forthcoming Oregon Historical Society display, will be a 3,000-square-foot interactive exhibit, titled “Racing for Change: Oregon’s Civil Rights Years.”

Moreland also wrote a book, *African Americans of Portland*, published in 2013. The 128-page pictorial history took more than a year to compile and includes detailed captions beneath each photo depicting the African-American community from the late 1800s to the Vanport flood in 1948.

For her day job, Moreland is a project manager with Prosper Portland, working in the Entrepreneurial and Community Economic Development Department. Much of her work involves implementing the



N/NE Community Development Initiative Action Plan focused on economic prosperity for people of color in North and Northeast Portland, including connecting property and business owners to programs that provide technical assistance and funding to help grow their businesses.

Both she and her husband of 30 years, **Michael Moreland** (ADP94), are active at Mount Olivet Baptist Church. Both are deacons, help in the welcome ministry, and are leaders of the couples life group.

“Giving back to the community is really an investment in your own life,” says Moreland of her busy schedule. “You receive so many blessings from giving to others.”

Her city government experience also includes a 16-month period in 2015 and 2016 when she was assistant to the mayor of Salem, Oregon. West, who received a law degree from Lewis & Clark College in 1999, previously practiced law in McMinnville, Oregon, with her husband.

John Smith (G96) is now a member of the North Bend (Oregon) High School Hall of Fame, inducted in ceremonies at his alma mater on Sept. 29. A 1992 graduate, he earned all-state honors in both football and track and field for the Bulldogs. He still holds the school’s triple jump record. Smith, George Fox University’s track and field coach since 2006 following eight years as an assistant coach, was a national qualifier for the Bruins in the decathlon three times and twice in the pole vault, earning NAIA All-America status

in both 1994 and 1995. He was later ranked nationally in the decathlon before a career-ending injury sidelined him as a competitor.

Jesse Cadd (G97) and **Kerri (Kennison) Cadd** (G98) are in Yokosuka, Japan, where he is with CRSA, a company that is a contractor to the U.S. Navy. In his sixth year, he works in IT on the Navy base in Yokosuka as a systems administrator. Previously, he was with Northrop Grumman, also as a contractor, and in IT with the U.S. Army in Mannheim, Germany, after similar work with the U.S. Army in Kuwait. Earlier, he and Kerri were with Wycliffe Associates doing dinner theater to raise awareness for translation efforts. Both are now involved in a church plant with Tokyo International Presbyterian Church in Ueno, Japan. With about 20 core members, it meets twice a month with a bilingual format.

The Cadds select the music and lead the singing. Kerri is also heavily involved with roller derby on the base, hoping to go to the World Cup in 2018 with Team Japan.

Mike Smolko (G97) is an associate adviser with Edgcombe and Coplin Wealth Strategies in Puyallup, Washington. He has been with the independent financial advisory firm since 2013 after previously being a service representative with Arthur J. Gallagher and Co. In addition to his George Fox degree, he has both an MA in education from Alfred University and an MBA from Pacific Lutheran University. A frequent speaker at retirement and other financial seminars for local school districts, he also is a PTA president and president of his homeowners association.

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Wilmot Uses Graphic Design Skills to Help ‘Stomp Out Cancer’

So defining was **Ryan Wilmot's** (G09) recent project with Nike that, just four years into his dream job with the worldwide apparel giant, he says he already knows it will be a career highlight.

Usually, Wilmot, an art and design major while at George Fox, works behind the scenes as an apparel graphic designer for University of Oregon field sports at Nike's world headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon. But this fall he stepped into the media limelight when a special project he worked on debuted on the football field at Autzen Stadium. It was the culmination of a more than yearlong effort that raised over \$1 million to fight cancer.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Oregon football team hosted the University of Nebraska, taking the field with new uniforms, helmets, a base layer, socks, gloves and cleats designed using the ideas of pediatric cancer patients at Oregon Health & Science University's Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Nike teamed three of its designers with three patients and three Oregon football players. The result was new team uniforms and gear for fans, with 100 percent of sales proceeds used to fund pioneering medical research, purchase state-of-the-art equipment, recruit leading pediatric specialists and cover the cost of care for families in need.

Wilmot was paired with 10-year-old Sophia Malinoski of Portland, who was diagnosed with a brain tumor. They teamed up to design the helmet and a logo featuring



Among the design elements created by Wilmot and inspired by 10-year-old cancer survivor Sophia was a logo of the Oregon Duck mascot stomping out cancer.

Donald Duck stomping out cancer, in addition to turning the second "o" in Oregon into a yellow cancer ribbon. Wilmot also created a camouflage pattern used on tights and footwear, incorporating illustrations, meaningful words to the patients, and imagery from around Oregon, all symbolizing the fight the kids and families wage against cancer and their victory over it.

"The response has been overwhelming," says Wilmot. "As incredible as game day was, seeing the players take the field in that uniform, the most incredible part to me has been the lasting legacy of the project." He has even seen photos of friends with cancer wearing the Oregon Freestyle gear that he designed during their chemo treatments.

The impact of the project on Wilmot was especially personal. While in high

school, he spent time at Seattle Children's Hospital undergoing brain surgery and the subsequent recovery. "That experience was incredibly defining in my own life, so when I had this opportunity to work with three amazing kids from Doernbecher ... I felt an immediate bond with them and their families," he says.

That bond was especially close with Sophia. "(She) has the same scar as I do on the back of her head, so that was a very cool connection."

"The Doernbecher project is something I will remember as one of the highlights of my career," Wilmot continues. "Working at Nike was always the dream job for me. Being able to fuse together my love for sport and my love for design into what I get to do every day is incredible."

of Edinburgh and currently is editor of two book series: *Christianities in the Trans-Atlantic World, 1500-1800*, and *Scottish Religious Cultures: Historical Perspectives*.

Becci Harper (G99) this fall took over as head of the girls' volleyball program at Beaverton (Oregon) High School. She played club volleyball at Western Oregon State University and JV volleyball one year at George Fox, where she also competed in track and field and basketball. Her career in those latter sports led to her induction into the university's Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. In basketball, she led her team in both rebounding and three-point

field goals in her two seasons. In track, she became the third Bruin athlete to repeat as a national champion when she captured back-to-back javelin titles and All-America honors in the NAIA national championships in 1996 and 1997. She is in her ninth year as a catastrophe claims adjuster with Farmers Insurance in Portland.

Adam Hieb (G99) is vice president of sales and marketing with Shea Homes in the San Francisco Bay Area, in that position since 2009 after joining the firm in 2007 as director of sales and marketing for Northern California. Previously, he was with Centex Homes for nearly three years, starting in San Diego as director of sales then moving to the Bay Area as sales manager for Northern California. He has been the top seller's agent in the Livermore area, ranking in the top 3 percent of more than 3,300 agents. Shea Homes is America's largest privately owned new home builder.

Aaron Mangelsdorf (G99) is a Northwest territory manager with A-dec in Newberg, responsible for the Portland area. He has been in the position since 2012 after starting with the company in 2008 as product manager. Previously, he was with Implant Direct for a year after more than four years with DEKA Laser Technologies in Carlsbad, California. A-dec, Newberg's largest employer, is one of the biggest dental equipment manufacturers in the world.

Tami Trout (ADP99) in July joined Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Bend, Oregon, as a senior consultant. She left behind her own consulting firm, Trout Business Solutions, in Boise, Idaho, which she had headed for just over 10 years, specializing in HR-related activities. Previously, for 16 years, she was with Hewlett-Packard as an employee communications manager. In her new role, she works with companies to maximize organizational success and profitability by developing effective human resources systems, including hiring, development and performance management.

2000-2009

Sabrina Bailey (G00, MBA08) has been named "Distinguished Woman Investment Professional of the Year" by Women Investment Professionals, a non-profit organization based in Chicago. She

received the award Oct. 26 at the group's annual Trailblazer Dinner at the downtown University Club. She was cited for her "deep institutional investment consulting experience, which she applies in serving some of the world's largest retirement plans." Since 2015 she has been global head of retirement solutions with Northern Trust Asset Management, the 10th-largest defined contribution plan manager in the world. She previously was with Mercer Investment Consulting for two years following four years with Towers Watson, both in Seattle.

Timothy Ewest (MBA00, DMgt09) is in his second year as associate professor of management at Houston Baptist University in Stafford, Texas, following nine years as associate professor of business administration at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. He continues his nine-year association with Princeton University as a visiting research collaborator with the Faith and Work Initiative exploring the integration of faith within the workplace. His career includes nine years as an ordained minister in the Christian and Missionary Alliance church.

Nate McIntyre (G00) has been speaking in Newberg public schools this year and, although he is senior associate director of undergraduate admissions at George Fox, is not out recruiting. Instead, he's sharing his life story in the hopes of reducing suicides in the Newberg School District, which recently had five within a year. He shares his own experience with low self-esteem, depression, anxiety and even thoughts of suicide, reminding students that they are not alone, that people care, and they are worthy of love and belonging. "I'm part of something that's hopefully making a difference," he said in a feature article in June in *The Newberg Graphic*.

Debora (Herb) Sepich (ADP00, MBA04) in June was named new director of the Dunklau School of Business at Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska. She oversees the undergraduate program and the hybrid MBA program that features online learning with monthly meetings. With 1,400 students, the school is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church. She left a position, held for two years, as dean of the Vucurevich School of Business at the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota. An entrepreneur-turned-professor, she spent 25 years in the high-tech business world, then 10 years at George Fox University as director of MBA programs.

Austin Ashenbrenner (G01) on Oct. 15 became the new pastor of the Redmond (Washington) Presbyterian Church, the sixth pastor in the church's 52-year history. He previously was pastor of adult and missions at Sammamish (Washington) Presbyterian Church, starting in 2014, after earning a master of divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary in 2010 and then serving as associate pastor of youth and missions at First Presbyterian Church in Salina, Kansas.

Richard Brown (G01) and **Loren Gaukroger** (G08) are half of the four-member team of lawyers at Brown, Tarlow, Bridges and Palmer in Newberg. Brown, who joined the firm in 2010, previously was with Millard and Bragg in Portland for more than two years after practicing in the San Francisco area following his 2005 graduation from Hastings College of Law at the University of California. Gaukroger joined the firm in 2015 following his 2013 graduation from the Willamette University College of Law and then work with The Carlson Law Group in Beaverton, Oregon.

Mike Nadeau (G01) has been named head baseball coach at Cal State University, San Bernardino, moving from Seattle University, where he had been for five years, the last three as the top assistant. Previously, he was head coach at Pierce College in Puyallup, Washington, for two years and earlier was an assistant at the University of Puget Sound for one year and on staff at Shoreline Community College for four years. For the last 10 years, he's also coached The Buzz, a summer select program based in Federal Way, Washington. In addition, he is founder and president of Nadeau Sports Training. Inducted into the George Fox University Sports Hall of Fame in 2006, Nadeau was named NAIA District II Player of the Year in 1994 and, following his junior year, was selected in the 17th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Baltimore Orioles. He played six seasons in the minor leagues.

John Knox (MAT02) recently wrote two books. In April, Wipf & Stock published *John Wesley's 52 Standard Sermons - An Annotated Summary*, and this fall Kendall-Hunt published *God in the Details: A Biblical Survey of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures*. The first is a resource for understanding the founder of the Methodist Church, who was an enthusiastic preacher, writer and Oxford scholar.

Al Stefan (PS97, EdS17) is the new principal/head of school at Western Mennonite School, starting this fall after 12 years as principal of West Hills Christian School in Portland. Western Mennonite, located west of Salem, Oregon, is a private Christian school with 175 sixth- through 12th-graders. Previously, Stefan was a teacher for two years at Westside Christian School in Portland, following more than nine years as an independent pastor.

Jamie (Ridley) Klucken (G98) has been promoted to associate professor of pharmacy and appointed the interim director of cam-

pus operations at Shenandoah University in Auburn, Virginia. Previously, she was in charge of transitioning the university's satellite pharmacy school to a new site at the Inova Center for Personalized Health in Fairfax, Virginia.

Scott Spurlock (G98) in September began work as head of theology and religious studies at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. He is in his fifth year as senior lecturer in religious studies in the School of Critical Studies, where his emphasis is Scottish religious cultures. He earned a PhD in ecclesiastical history in 2005 from the University

The second includes highlights of each book in the Bible, offering historical and cultural details to provide depth of understanding. It is coauthored by Tim Tsohantaris, associate professor of biblical studies at George Fox. Starting in 2010, Knox, who received a PhD in theology and religion from the University of Birmingham in 2009, has been an online instructor of apologetics and seminary studies with Liberty University School of Divinity. He also is scholar-in-residence with The Biblical Studies Center in Boise, Idaho.

Lyle Railsback (Go2) was selected as one of the “Top 40 Under 40 Tastemakers” of 2017 by the 400,000-circulation *Wine Enthusiast* magazine. He is national sales manager for the wine importer Kermit Lynch of Berkeley, California, and co-owns Railsback Freres wines with his brother. He also designs wine labels and this year illustrated the book *Drink Pink: A Celebration of Rosé*, published by HarperCollins.

Cary (McAdams) Hamilton (MA03) is president and one of six senior clinicians on the eight-member therapist staff at Olympia Therapy in Tumwater, Washington, founded in 2011. She also serves as director and adjunct professor for the play therapy certification program at Antioch University in Seattle, in addition to holding an adjunct position at Brandman (formerly Chapman) University in Lacey, Washington. Last fall, she taught an eight-day seminar on play and filial therapy to mental health professionals in Beijing, China. A registered play therapist, her interest in that area was featured in a June article on ThurstonTalk.com, an online publication covering Thurston County, Washington.

Jared Meidal (Go3), after serving 12 years in Southern California with World Impact, in November moved to Ohio where he now is with Back2Back Ministries, headquartered in Mason, as IT director. His new work is with an international Christian nonprofit organization that cares for the spiritual, physical and educational needs of orphans in Mexico, India, Nigeria and Haiti through full-time staff and volunteers on mission trips. With World Impact he was assistant director at The Oaks Camp and Conference Center in Lake Hughes, California.

Peter Fisher (MBA04), cofounder, owner and managing partner with Human Investing of Lake Oswego, Oregon, received national

attention in a May 17, 2017, *Wall Street Journal* profile article, “Helping Clients Navigate Their 401(k)s.” His firm provides investment advice for families, endowments, foundations and corporations. It also acts as a consultant for corporate pensions and 401(k) plan investments. He started the business in 2004, leaving a position as vice president/resident director with Merrill Lynch, where he had worked for more than eight years. He and his team oversee nearly \$800 million in assets under management.

Carrie Hall (Go4, MEdo8) this fall returned to the George Fox campus as assistant professor of education. For the last three years she taught fifth through eighth grades at Bridges Middle School in Portland, where she lives, after four years teaching third- and fourth-graders at Joint School District #2 in Meridian, Idaho. She is currently enrolled in a PhD program with the Center on Disabilities and Human Development at the University of Idaho, with a focus on neurodevelopmental disabilities and special education.

Christy (Miller) Rummel (Go4) and **Tobin Rummel** (Go4) in June opened their own medical practice, Ambassadors Health Alliance, in Corvallis, Oregon. It offers osteopathic medicine, functional medicine and manual massage therapy, with the goal of giving back to medical missions organizations through patient-directed giving. He completed his medical degree at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, California, in 2010, then completed family practice residency through Samaritan Health Services in Corvallis and was an osteopathic physician and surgeon with Crossroads Premier Healthcare. She earned a master’s degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University, specializing as a family nurse practitioner, and has taken advanced courses in functional medicine, for which she is now in the process of gaining national certification.

Dick Sartwell (DMino4), after 15 years away, is returning to pastor Newberg Friends Church. He began Oct. 1 on a three-fourths time basis as interim lead pastor. He left the historic church’s pastoral leadership in January 2002, the same year he was named the first director of the Friends Center, a cooperative effort of the Northwest Yearly Meeting and George Fox Evangelical

Seminary (now Portland Seminary). Previously, he served at the Newberg church for 14 years, replaced by **Gregg Koskela** (G90), who, after 27 years as a Friends minister (including nearly 15 years at Newberg Friends), left the pastorate and in August became assistant to the superintendent of the Newberg School District.

Timothy Smith (Go4) is using his degree in computer and information science as a technical support specialist at Parata Systems in Portland. He has been with the firm that makes robotic dispensers and technical solutions for pharmacies since 2010, starting as a field support engineer before moving to his current position in 2015. Previously, he spent more than three years as a quality assurance engineer with Daifuku America.

Taye Spears (MA13) is the new assistant principal at Alice Ott Middle School in Portland, part of the David Douglas School District. She worked the previous 13 years at Fir Ridge Campus, an alternative high school in Portland, where she was assistant principal the last three years.

Misty Wharton (MATo4) has had the “interim” removed from her title and is now the designated superintendent of the 500-student Nestucca Valley School District on the Oregon Coast. She has been in the superintendent’s office since January. Now in her sixth year as principal of the district’s elementary school of 255 students, she is a third-generation resident of the area, where her father once served as high school principal. She started as an instructional aide, then taught at the high school for nine years before becoming principal.

Liz Clark (Go5) was inducted into the Eatonville (Washington) High School Athletic Hall of Fame in September, noted as the only Eatonville athlete ever to play women’s basketball professionally. She was an all-league player 11 times in three sports: basketball, volleyball and softball. At George Fox, she played forward on the basketball team that reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division III tournament in 2005. She was inducted with the team into the university’s Sports Hall of Fame in 2015. Upon graduating, she signed with the German basketball club BG Bonn Rentrop. Later, she coached boys’ basketball at Bonn International School in Germany before coaching at George Fox and at Wood River High School in Sun Valley,

Idaho, where she now lives. She is a transition coordinator counselor at Wood River High School and fitness director at the Wood River YMCA.

Mark Diller (Go5) in May became the development officer for Hesston College, returning to the college where he received an associate’s degree in 1998. The college of 430 in Hesston, Kansas, is affiliated with the Mennonite Church. Previously, he was administrator of Quail Run Assisted Living, part of the Mennonite Village Continuing Care Retirement Community in Albany, Oregon, a position he held for 10 years until 2016.

Stacy (Keogh) George (Go5) in May received the Innovative Teaching Award at Whitworth University, where she’s in her fourth year as an assistant professor in the sociology department. She previously taught in the sociology department at the University of Montana while earning a master’s degree and later a PhD from the University of New Mexico. She authored *Beyond the “Ring by Spring” Culture*, published last year by the Institute for Faith and Learning of Baylor University, and was the subject of a feature article on the topic published in June by *The Inlander* newspaper of Spokane, Washington.

Andrew Paine (Go5) has been named Teacher of the Year for 2017 by Hope International University in Fullerton, California. The faculty excellence award was presented during a spring honors convocation. A faculty member of the 1,300-student school since 2011, he is an assistant professor of business and management. A certified public accountant, he also has an MBA from Hope International. Previously, he was an adjunct professor and women’s soccer coach from 2011 to 2013 after being a senior auditor with Deloitte from 2005 to 2010.

Petr Burunov (ADP06) in May was named to the board of the Clark College Foundation in Vancouver, Washington. He is president and founder (in 2009) of Ambassador Wealth Management, an independent financial planning firm, also in Vancouver, where he has lived for 25 years. Previously, he was with Morgan Stanley, Bank of America and Merrill Lynch. His firm provides planning for finances, estates, income tax and retirement, and management for assets and portfolios, legacy and charitable giving. Clark, a commuter-only college, has an enrollment of 14,000.

Harris Named President of Kuyper College

In October, **Patricia Harris** (EdD13) became the fifth president of Kuyper College and the first woman with that title in its 78-year history.

“I didn’t grow up saying ‘I want to be a college president,’” recalls the new leader, who moved up following four years as the school’s provost and 15 years in cross-cultural mission work in the Philippines. “It’s more like I did this for a time and I did that for a time. I look at this and say it’s an incredible opportunity.”

A graduate of the George Fox Doctor of Education program, Harris is quick to point out that she’s not actually the first woman to head the school. That honor goes to Johanna Timmer, the founder of what was then called the Reformed Bible Institute back in 1939. “She did fundraising, she signed diplomas, but she was never given the title president,” Harris says.

Now it’s Harris’ turn to lead the 220-student college, located near Grand Rapids, Michigan. It offers bachelor’s and associate degrees in a variety of professional and ministry fields, focused on ministry leadership, social work and business leadership.

“I count it a humble privilege to be able to serve in this new leadership role to help the Kuyper community fulfill its mission and vision,” she says.

While at George Fox, Harris had the opportunity to learn firsthand from former university president David Brandt (1998-2007), who was a mentor and teacher for her 12-student cohort. “She is an aggressive and eager learner,” Brandt recalls.

Brise Carpenter (ADP06) in July was named vice president of client success at Navis in Bend, Oregon. It’s a move up from his previous position as director of client success, which he held for nearly two years. He started with Navis in 2011 as a client advocate. Previously, for three and a half years, he was director of implementation with Insurance Profit Systems, a marketing consulting firm in Bend. Navis offers a reservation sales system for the North American lodging industry, using software solutions and services to focus on hospitality sales and marketing optimization.



“When students were asked to respond as a group, she brought the group together and often provided the words needed in the response.”

Prior to George Fox, Harris received a master of theological studies degree from Calvin Theological Seminary after earlier receiving a bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Calvin College. In the Philippines, she was with Christian Reformed World Missions in partnership with Asian Theological Seminary in Manila, serving as a professor of biblical studies and Christian education in addition to roles as deputy officer in charge and vice president of administration.

“I predict Patricia will serve Kuyper well with her leadership skills and wide experience,” Brandt says. “Her leadership style brings people along with her rather than behind her.”

Ryan Mortinson (Go6) has joined the service desk team at Portland Internetworks as a technician, bringing an engineering background and 10 years of experience living and teaching in South Korea, where he met his wife and taught English to high school students. Portland Internetworks provides internet, network and IT services for businesses.

Kristina Tucker (Go6) in July began employment as a registered nurse, working in both adolescent and adult units at Fairfax Behavioral Health, a 157-bed psychiatric hospital in Kirkland, Washington, serving

Woo Honored by Oregon Independent Film Festival



Quincy Woo (G15) calls his film *Us. Them. Me.* an “extracurricular side project.” The Oregon Independent Film Festival called it the best dramatic short film of the year in its 2017 competition, honoring Woo and other winners at an awards ceremony in September.

A cinema and media communication major, Woo directed, filmed and edited the 17-minute film in his final semester at George Fox. Filming took four weekends followed by months of editing with the assistance of classmates “who were just as crazy and excited to help me out,” says Woo. The resulting film won the 18th annual Fox Film Festival Best Picture award in 2016.

Now a freelance videographer and photographer based in Portland, Woo says he was “pleasantly surprised and honored” that the film was accepted to be part of the Oregon Independent Film Festival competition. “I did not expect it to receive any awards,” he says, “but I was definitely pleased and excited upon hearing the festival award announcement.”

Us. Them. Me. is not the only film from Woo to receive positive attention. This year he produced a short film, *A Day*, for the Portland Japanese Garden, capturing a day from sunrise to sunset at the nine-acre garden that draws 350,000 tourists annually.

Woo toured the garden a little more than a year ago and filmed his own short video, which caught the eye of officials at the Japanese garden. “They really enjoyed the video and contacted me about possibly working together to produce a video for the garden itself,” Woo says. The result was a short film about a day in the life of the garden, though it actually took three days to film the people who curate and take care of the garden spaces.

“We decided to focus on the story behind the scenes and the many hands it takes to create and run such a beautiful campus,” Woo says. It took two weeks of editing and fine-tuning to create the final result, now shared on the Japanese Garden website and social media to create interaction and engagement with local residents, visitors and donors.

Next up for Woo is another short film, *Immunity*, which he cowrote and filmed in the summer and is set to be released in early 2018. Woo hopes to continue to expand his portfolio and build up enough experience and clientele to eventually work full time in film. Until then, he says he’ll continue to enjoy his role as a freelancer. “Ultimately, any time I do get the opportunity to craft and tell a story through film that is able to connect with others, I find a certain fulfillment and reward.”

the Puget Sound area. It is her first nursing position.

Jeffrey Bilbro (G07) coauthored a new book, *Wendell Berry and Higher Education: Cultivating Virtues of Place*, published in June by the University Press of Kentucky. In the 268-page volume, the authors argue that instead of training students to live in their careers, universities should educate students to inhabit and serve their places. Bilbro is an associate professor of English at Spring Arbor University in Michigan. He started in 2012 after receiving a PhD in English language and literature from Baylor University, where he was a graduate instructor.

Mark Bradbury (MBA07) and **Sarah Bradbury** (MBA07), while living on a small farm in Fruitland, Idaho, are the owners of three interrelated and connected businesses in one location in Ontario, Oregon: Silver Signet Graphic Design, Signet Marketing and B&B Printing. Started in 2014, the growing venture now is in its third location, this one purchased rather than rented. She concentrates on the graphic design side of the business while he specializes in the HTML and style sheet coding for implementing websites. He also is a certified unmanned aircraft pilot and provides drone photos and video. They planned their new business while serving in Belize for two years, where they were missionaries with LOL Ministry, serving as team coordinators with a home for children in the Toledo District.

Kathi Gatlin (ADP07, MEd12, PS16) has combined her graduate degrees in education and spiritual formation to found a new ministry/corporation: Boldly Loved. As spiritual director and group formation facilitator, she has teamed with **Lynn (Clouser) Holt** (MDiv97), who is spiritual director and group formation leader. The endeavor offers spiritual formation classes, a series of contemplative prayer and journaling retreats, and a companioning conference. Study groups of up to six meet weekly for 15 weeks, followed by four-hour retreats. Gatlin previously was an advisor in the George Fox registrar’s office for nine years. Holt is spiritual director for students at Portland Seminary after pastoring at North Valley Friends Church for 15 years.

Megan (Kelsey) Marsh (G07, MAT10) is in her third year as director of women’s ministries at First Church of the Nazarene in

Pasadena, California. She has been with the church since June 2013, when she started as an administrative assistant for women’s ministries, later becoming director of events management. Previously, she was a teacher at Alliance Judy Ivie Burton Technology Academy, a public charter high school in Los Angeles, where she taught psychology and advised students.

Daniel Bennett (G08) is the author of a new book, *Defending Faith: The Politics of the Christian Conservative Legal Movement*, published in July by University Press of Kansas. Called the first holistic, wide-angle picture of the Christian legal movement in the United States, his 224-page book tells the story of the growth of a legal community and the development of legal advocacy as a tool of social and political engagement. He recently discussed the topic at George Fox in a presentation, “The Politics of the Christian Conservative Legal Movement.” Bennett is an assistant professor of political science at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, starting in that position in 2016 after two years at Eastern Kentucky University and after receiving a PhD in political science and government from Southern Illinois University in 2013.

Raymond De Silva (Go8, PS11) received the 2017 Chair’s Excellence Award at the eighth annual Multnomah County (Oregon) Employee Recognition Awards ceremony. Received from commission chair Deborah Kafaoury, the citation notes the way he champions diversity and equity through leadership of the Employees of Color resource group. As chair since 2015, he has organized more than 25 meetings and events and created safe spaces for healing and dialogue around issues in the community, the award noted. The county, which includes the city of Portland, has 4,500 employees. He is a decision support data technician for the county’s health department.

Travis McFetridge (ADP08, MBA12) is in his second year as Title IX coordinator and training coordinator in the office of compliance and training at Treasure Valley Community College, from which he received his associate degree before attending George Fox. He has been on the Ontario, Oregon, campus since 2005, starting as student life coordinator. McFetridge, who lives in Weiser, Idaho, also has served as the school’s coordinator of residence life, food service and student conduct,

and is an adjunct instructor in the business department. Treasure Valley has 900 full-time students and serves 6,000 each year.

Sage Mwiinga (MA08), who worked at George Fox as an admissions assistant, is continuing to work with students, currently at Treasure Valley Community College as director of enrollment management. He began in July 2016 after moving from a position as international student program coordinator at the College of Idaho. He lives in Meridian, Idaho, while working on the TVCC campus in Ontario, Oregon.

Tiffany Behary (G09) was called “One of Hoopla’s All-time Greats” in an Aug. 6 sports headline in the Salem, Oregon, *Statesman Journal*. The annual 3-on-3 street basketball tournament in Salem is believed to be the second-largest of its kind in the United States, with this year’s 19th annual event drawing nearly 1,000 teams and 4,000 participants. Behary’s handpicked team won the title in her division – her fifth in a row. She’s been a competitor since graduation after playing for former Bruin coach Scott Rueck. In April, she resigned from her position as head girls’ basketball coach at Westview High School in Beaverton, Oregon, a post held for two years after one year as an assistant. It’s part of a career change, as she has enrolled in an accelerated Emergency Medical Technician program in preparation to become a firefighter.

Angela Kantz (G09) in August left her position as office manager for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends in Newberg to move across town to become a secretary at Joan Austin Elementary School.

Emily Sallee (MA09), who earned her master’s degree in school counseling, has returned to campus as visiting assistant professor of school counseling, starting this fall. She has been a school counselor at Holcomb Elementary School in Oregon City, Oregon, since receiving her degree. She also is president-elect of the Oregon School Counselor Association and is a doctoral candidate in Oregon State University’s counselor education and supervision program.

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Rachel (Belgard) Getsinger (G10) is a senior designer with Pivot Group in Portland, a

marketing firm that provides branding, customer research, employee training and web design services. With the firm for five years, she previously was lead graphic designer for a year with KMH in Portland, where she branded and managed design and collateral for five companies under King Magsulit Holdings. She got her start on campus, working as a student graphic designer for two years in George Fox’s marketing communications office.

Shereen (Sherman) Hullum (G10), after three years as a child and family therapist in the Intensive Community Treatment Services division of Trillium Family Services in Portland, has joined the George Fox faculty full time as an assistant professor of social work. This follows two years (2014-16) as an adjunct professor. Previously, she was a case manager and therapist in the foster care unit of the Beech Brook behavioral health agency in Pepper Pike, Ohio. She earned a master’s degree in social administration from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 2011.

Kelsey (Peck) Maehler (MAT10) is one of two first- and second-grade teachers in the Explorer Community School, part of the Lake Washington School District, on the campus of Emily Dickinson Elementary in Redmond, Washington. Opened in 2015 and adding one grade each year, it will eventually serve grades K-8, using project-based learning. Previously, she taught kindergarten and first-grade classes in Gladstone, Oregon, and Lacey, Washington.

Russ Pierson (PS10, DMin12) in April was named dean of the Florence (Oregon) Center of Lane Community College after serving as interim director for just over two years. He has been with the college since 2010 in a variety of roles, including more than four years as associate director of facilities management and planning after more than three years as lead project coordinator in the facilities management and planning department. Earlier, while earning his graduate degrees, he was a manager for more than nine years with Bineham Construction, Inc. of Eugene, Oregon.

Christina Tucker (G10) is in her second year teaching first grade at Harrisburg (Oregon) Elementary School after three years teaching second grade at the school. Earlier, she taught preschool for a year and was a substi-

tute teacher for two years with the Lincoln County (Oregon) School District in her native Toledo, Oregon.

Lorie Brubaker (MAT11) this fall began as coordinator of George Fox's Science Outreach Program. For the last five years she was a teacher at Veritas School in Newberg, giving instruction in nine subject areas. Previously, she was an educational assistant in the reading programs at Dundee (Oregon) Elementary School for five years and an educational assistant in local schools. The Science Outreach Program provides youth science classes, science equipment loans to public and private school teachers and home-school parents, lab and facility use, and a portable planetarium.

Adam Cuneo (MBA11) in June joined the Boise State University Center for Professional Development as corporate partnership manager. He is working on the center's Meridian, Idaho, campus. With experience as an account manager and business developer, he most recently was business development manager for Fanatics Media, a digital and influencer-engagement agency in Carlsbad, California. In his new role, he helps businesses and organizations design and implement courses and programs focused on leadership development, project management and business acumen.

Brady Mordhorst (G11) has opened his own business, E37, now in its second year in Newberg. It creates, organizes and advertises events that are creative as well as good for the community. His "The Great Turkey Fumble" in the fall of 2016 raised \$1,800 and 250 pounds of food for the Newberg food agency FISH. Another was staged this fall. In 2016, he earned a master's degree in college counseling and student development from Azusa Pacific University, where he also served as wellness coordinator within the Center for Student Action. That followed three years in Jakarta, Indonesia, where he was a house, chapel and discipline coordinator and high school English and PE teacher with IPEKA International Christian School.

Bethany Stoller (MAT11) is now a professor as well as a student in George Fox's School of Education. This fall she became visiting assistant professor of education while being enrolled in the EdD educational leadership program, which she expects to complete in spring 2018. She has been at Chehalem Valley

Middle School in Newberg since 2011, serving as a humanities and reading teacher for a year, then a language arts and reading teacher for three years, and as an instructional coach and English language development teacher the last two years. She also has served as kids and youth director at Resonate Christian Church in Sherwood, Oregon, since 2012.

Robin Dummer (EdD12) has announced his decision to leave the presidency of Simpson University. He has guided the 1,300-student school in Redding, California, since 2013, first as interim president and since 2015 as president. He will leave the post in May, having served the university for 23 years. Prior to assuming the presidency, the 1976 Simpson graduate had worked as a professor of history, as chair of the faculty senate, as chair of the humanities and business division, as dean of the school of traditional undergraduate studies, and as accreditation and associate provost.

Jenna (Dohren) Kuiper (G12) is the new volleyball coach at C.S. Lewis Academy in Newberg, a private K-12 Christian school with 130 students. The former George Fox libero now lives in Newberg with her husband, **Daniel Kuiper** (G14), a semiconductor design engineer with Teradyne in Tualatin, Oregon, a supplier of automation equipment for test and industrial applications.

Nick Luchterhand (G12, MAT13) is back at his hometown high school in Canby, Oregon, in his second year as instrumental music director and band director. This follows two years as a music teacher in the district's Baker Prairie Middle School and a year as a substitute teacher in the Newberg School District.

Traci Sirotiak (G12) earned degrees in both accounting and business administration in just three years and is now a senior associate and manager with KPMG, one of Portland's largest accounting firms and part of a national audit, tax and advisory corporation. Now a CPA, she works primarily with clients in the industrial manufacturing sector. She gained an internship with the company while a student and was offered a permanent position her senior year.

Julie Russell (MA12) in the November general election received 55 percent of the vote to win a position on the Washougal, Washington, City Council. She moved to the city in 2015 after living in the Tigard, Oregon, area for more than 20 years. A licensed mar-

riage and family therapist, licensed mental health counselor and registered play therapist, since 2013 she has owned and operated her own practice in both Tigard, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington. Previously, for five years, she was with LDS Family Services as a therapist for adoption and children's services. Her previous municipal experience includes election to the Tigard Water District Commission, on which she served for nine years before moving.

Brittany Baker (G13) has rejoined her alma mater as associate director of sports marketing. From 2013 to 2016, she was with the Luis Palau Association in Beaverton, Oregon, as a writer and editor. She also spent the last year as a freelance writer for nonprofit organizations and small businesses.

Kaylena Charpentier (G13) in June was awarded a master of divinity degree at Princeton Theological Seminary's 205th commencement.

Corey Ely (G13, MAT15) was one of 50 recipients nationwide of a James Madison Memorial Fellowship. The award, given to one individual from each state, is valued at up to \$24,000 and includes a one-month summer institute in Washington, D.C., on the U.S. Constitution. The federal program encourages current and future secondary school teachers to receive a master's degree in American history and to continue as teachers. Ely is enrolled at the University of Nebraska-Kearny, planning to complete a degree in history in 2019. He is in his third year as a social studies teacher at his alma mater, Grants Pass (Oregon) High School, after previously teaching at Yamhill-Carlton High School and Sherwood Middle School.

Kara Maurer (G13) received a master's degree in social work in the spring from Columbia University in New York City, and is now staying there in her new position as a grant writer for Educational Alliance, a 128-year-old social services agency. It provides assistance to 50,000 New Yorkers annually at 17 locations in Lower Manhattan, including help with residential and outpatient drug treatment facilities, counseling, after-school programs in public schools, and older adult residential and community center facilities. She was a graduate statistics teaching assistant while at Columbia and previously spent one year as a personal support worker with the Oregon Department of Human Resources.

Nick Jankowski (n13) is now an optometric physician in his hometown of Vancouver, Washington, in practice with his father at Mountain View EyeCare Center. He received a doctor of optometry degree in May 2016 from Pacific University College of Optometry and started practice the next month. His specific interests are in pediatric care, vision therapy and low-vision practice in addition to primary care, disease management and specialty contact lenses.

Deborah (Galindo) Ostertag (MA13, PsyD16) is with the Great Life Counseling Center in Addison, Texas, part of a team of eight professionals. She is a postdoctoral fellow working toward state licensure as a clinical psychologist, with an anticipated completion date of spring 2018. Her experience includes working with individuals, couples and groups from an interpersonal perspective. In addition to therapy, she provides psychological testing and didactic workshops, offering her services in both English and Spanish.

Ed Ariniello (ADP14, MBA17) and his wife have purchased the U.S. Outdoor Store business, a mainstay in downtown Portland. They plan to expand the store's presence while pledging to preserve the staff and legacy. The store has catered to snow-, water- and land-sport enthusiasts in the Northwest for more than 50 years, specializing in men's and women's sportswear and equipment. Since 2006, he has been principal with Core Performance Partners - Ariniello Group, working with business leaders and managers to align and engage work teams behind a common purpose with sound processes. Previously, he was vice president of operations with G.I. Joe's for more than 13 years.

Brooke Flood (G14) and her mother were featured in the *Chinook Observer* newspaper in Long Beach, Washington, in August after literally experiencing the common theatre expression, "Break a leg." Her mother, Cindy, a female lead in a community theatre production of *She Loves Me*, broke her leg just three hours before the start of the second weekend of a five-weekend run. Brooke was already familiar with the production as assistant stage director and from having sung in the chorus as a freshman when the musical was staged at George Fox, so she stepped seamlessly into the role. When not filling in for injured actors, Brooke works as a director and marketer for the Peninsula Association of Performing Artists, which stages its per-

Shelley's New Book Challenges Readers to Turn 'Bondage into Tools of Freedom'



Blake Shelley (G12) has already overcome many obstacles in his 28 years. But when he set out to write about his life and challenges with cerebral palsy, he willingly gave himself another huge mountain to climb.

Shelley, a Christian ministries major while at George Fox, had to type his thoughts, not with hands flowing over a keyboard like a pianist, but one finger and one letter at a time, slowly pecking 98,338 characters to create more than 17,000 words and 102 pages. It took two years.

The result is *Breaking Chains: The 6 Links of Turning Bondage into Tools of Freedom*, released in September. At its release, Portland television station KATU featured Shelley and declared him an "Everyday Hero."

"It was a mountain, but I knew it was a mountain that I had to conquer alone," he says.

It's nothing new for Shelley, who conquers what seem like mountainous obstacles on a daily basis: putting on clothes, making breakfast, climbing stairs, walking to the next location across the room or down the street - all activities made difficult by cerebral palsy, which diminishes body movement, causes muscle coordination problems and impedes speech.

He hopes his book will help others, even those without physical handicaps, to face their own challenges and set goals.

"Research has shown that people who write down their goals and their dreams are 42 percent more likely to achieve them," Shelley says. "I agree with that, but

I wanted to take it one step further. ... You can't know where you're going until you know where you're at and where you've been."

Shelley's book was, in part, a way for him to define his own path to helping others. He does that in a part-time role with Young Life as Portland East Capernaum director, with responsibilities that include training leaders, fundraising, building community support and telling young people with disabilities about Christ.

"My experiences at George Fox helped me to grow into the person I am today," says Shelley, the recipient of a full-need Act Six scholarship designed to equip urban leaders to make a difference in their communities.

Since graduating he has devoted his time to helping those impacted by disabilities in a variety of ways, including mentorship, advocacy work and educating the public through personal appearances in public schools and other settings.

Since the release of *Breaking Chains* he has expanded into the corporate world, giving presentations designed to help people overcome challenges and achieve their personal and professional goals.

"I love Young Life and I will always be involved in some way, but I feel God is calling me to share my faith in a different fashion," he says. "I believe my story can help a wide variety of people and that my love for Christ will be evident in the way I talk and carry myself. My goal is to be a full-time speaker and travel around encouraging others to reach their full potential."

formances at the Fort Columbia State Park Theater in Chinook, Washington.

Robby Larson (EdD14) in October became vice president for advancement at Multnomah University in Portland, ending 11 years with George Fox University. He began at George Fox in January 2007 as alumni director, serving four and a half years until being named major gift officer in 2011 and later director of gift development in May 2012. Previously, he was with California Lutheran University, where he earned an MBA, as director of student programs.

Justin (G14) and **Alexandra (Kennedy) Weatherford** (G15) live in Hubbard, Oregon, but both are now working in Newberg. She started in October at George Fox, where she is an administrative assistant in the School of Social Work. For the previous year, she was a substitute teacher in the Central Kitsap School District in Silverdale, Washington, while also working as a teacher assistant at Chapel Hill Preschool in Gig Harbor, Washington. He works at the Action Equipment Company, using his mechanical engineering degree to design vibratory equipment for processing bulk materials. Previously, he was a nuclear engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington, for three years. Action Equipment, founded in 1972 and headed by George Fox alumni **Andy LaVeine** (G89) and brother **Dan LaVeine** (G91), manufactures mechanical screeners and separators used in a variety of applications.

Justin DeLoretto (G15, MA17) is a mental health specialist with the Marion County (Oregon) Health Department, where he provides Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) behavioral health assessments for children in foster care through the state's Department of Human Services. DeLoretto, who plans to start working toward licensure next year, says his dream job is to one day work in a counseling position with gang-affected youth.

Josh Dodson (MBA15) has been named the top young person in the nation in his profession. At its annual meeting in Reno, Nevada, last spring, the National Association of Educational Procurement awarded Dodson its Young Professional in Procurement Award. He is completing his third year at Oregon State University as a procurement contract officer. While running the majority of the IT

contracts at OSU, he has negotiated beneficial agreements for the university, with the total cost savings to date exceeding \$1 million. Prior to OSU, he was with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Marine Operations Division in Newport, Oregon, where he handled acquisition, budgeting and strategic sourcing. Before that, he worked for the state of Alaska managing capital planning projects in Juneau.

Jason Edwards (EdD15) in July was appointed principal of Leman Academy of Excellence, a nonprofit tuition-free public charter school founded in Parker, Colorado, that engages parents with teachers and students in a classical education process. The new school is an expansion of the Leman Academy program, based in Marana, Arizona, that started in 2015. Since 2011, Edwards has been working in Douglas County, Colorado, charter schools both as a teacher and administrator. He was part of the start-up administration team for Aspen View Academy in Castle Rock, Colorado, where he served as principal for two years.

Alex Grimsley (DPT15) in June joined the eight-member staff of Peak Performance Physical Therapy in Redmond, Oregon. Previously, he was a traveling therapist practicing in several different physical therapy settings, from outpatient facilities to home health clinics in Washington, California and Tennessee. His specific interest is in manual physical therapy and the study of movement impairment syndromes.

Michael Hirko (G15), 16 years after starting with the organization as a batboy, now is general manager of the Bend (Oregon) Elks baseball team, part of the West Coast League. He was assistant manager the year before and stepped up to the full-time position at the beginning of the summer season. With the exception of two summers when he pitched for the collegiate Klamath Falls Gems, Hirko has spent every summer since he was 8 at the Bend franchise's Genna Stadium, doing everything from concessions to cleaning to working the turnstiles. A July story in Bend's *The Bulletin* newspaper featured the former Bruin pitcher.

Ofelia McMenemy (ADP15) is a bilingual community corrections technician with Clackamas County (Oregon) Corrections, after previously working as a parole and probation officer, civil deputy, facility secu-

rity officer and office assistant. Now in her eighth year, she is responsible for translation and interpretation services for the agency and the public; assisting in monitoring case-loads of nearly 900 parole and probation clients; preparing and submitting official documents to the courts; conducting sanctions in person or via video; and interacting with law enforcement, statewide probation agencies, parole boards and courts. She is also a member (and former chair) of the county's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council. In addition, she continues to pursue her education, planning to graduate in May with a master's degree in communication from Johns Hopkins University.

Leah Thorne (G15) is now in La Pine, Oregon, where she is a private caregiver for elderly clients, providing one-on-one and specialized care for those struggling with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. She reports her psychology degree is being put to good use, saying it is "immensely helpful in providing compassionate care for my patients." Previously, she worked with a memory care facility in Newberg.

Jordan Whitney (G15) is a primary adolescent counselor with Northwest Behavioral Healthcare Services in Portland, starting in the position in 2016. He supervises high-risk clients in hall and group-room settings, facilitates therapeutic groups and works as an individual counselor. He is also a freelance writer for Hub.Media, involved in transcribing YouTube videos into written blogs.

Alexandra "Lexie" Began (G16) is using her cinema and media communication degree as a motion graphics designer with GuideSpark in Portland, an animation film company that makes human resources training videos for 300-plus companies that buy a subscription based on the number of employees.

Lacy (Finn) Borgo (DMin16) has a multifaceted career in spiritual formation, based from her home in Montrose, Colorado. In addition to working as a spiritual director for children and caregivers at Haven House in Olathe, Colorado, she also is a teacher and spiritual director at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, California, and an adjunct professor and spiritual director for Portland Seminary. In addition, in July 2016 she was installed as part of the ministry team with Renovaré, based in Denver, Colorado, from which she has a certificate in spiritual formation. She

is the author of *Life with God for Children* and coauthor of *Good Dirt: A Devotional for the Spiritual Formation of Families*. She is a frequent conference speaker and has a website, Gooddirtministries.org.

Derek Brown (EdD16) has returned to Newberg to fill a Newberg School District position previously held by another George Fox alumnus, **Don Staples** (G86), following Staples' death from brain cancer in February. Brown started as director of data and assessment in June after a brief stint with Education Northwest as manager in the Center for Strengthening Education Systems, leading efforts in data and research for school districts through its Regional Education Laboratories Program. That followed six years with the Oregon Department of Education, where he was assistant superintendent of assessment and accountability.

Jaynani Cababat (G16) has resigned her position in Newberg to move to Quincy, Massachusetts, where she is pursuing a master's degree at Eastern Nazarene College. For the last year she was clearinghouse coordinator for Love INC in Newberg, a nonprofit organization that connects families in need with local churches and social services agencies.

Asia Greene (G16, MAT17) is now teaching language arts and Spanish at Rex Putnam High School in Milwaukie, Oregon, part of the North Clackamas School District.

Courtney Howard (G16) is a research assistant in the Tavori Lab at the Center for Preventative Cardiology at OHSU in Portland. She works in a lab under a PhD student, helping with experiments, research and analysis.

Ben Olson (MA16), using the pen name "Brennan Silver," gained attention last summer as an author and backpacker walking for a cause, as he journeyed across Oregon and into Idaho before severe foot and ankle injuries forced him to end short of his goal of Pawnee Buttes, Colorado. He started July 10 near Portland, planning to walk 1,600 miles – about 20 miles a day – carrying an 85-pound backpack. The adventure ended Aug. 11, although he says, "My job's not done yet." Using a GoFundMe account and documenting his adventure via Facebook and YouTube, he hoped to raise awareness and encourage

people to become more intentional about meeting the needs of veterans in their communities. A Marine combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, and a former mental health counselor at North Marion Middle School in Aurora, Oregon, in June he released a book, *Communitas: Light at the End of the World* – a novel set in a dystopian and lawless future in which a warrior searches for peace from his grief in the grim aftermath of pandemic warfare.

Sarah (Harrison) Small (G16) has joined the George Fox marketing communications department as university photographer. She began in August, leaving a position as staff writer for the online magazine The Good Trade, for which she wrote a guide featuring various social impact brands. She began her own professional photography business in 2014, photographing more than 50 weddings.

Sarah Todd (MBA16) is now intern recruiter with Daimler Trucks North America in Portland. She began in May, onboarding more than 300 interns nationwide. She started with the company in October 2016 as a contingent resources staffing coordinator. Daimler, formerly Freightliner, is headquartered in Portland and has 20,000 employees in the U.S. manufacturing commercial vehicles.

Christine Wang (G16) last spring recorded the second-highest CPA exam score in Oregon for the year. Using her double major in accounting and finance, she now is an audit associate with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Portland.

Amanda Ewing (MAT17) is one of 55 new teachers in the Gresham-Barlow (Oregon) School District, teaching fifth grade at Kelly Creek Elementary. It's a career turn, leading away from her planned career in social work, in which she earned an undergraduate degree. While living in Haiti and working with an orphanage for the nonprofit humanitarian organization Grace International, part of her job was to teach English to adults – an experience that helped her realize she wanted to be a teacher. She was accepted into the national Teach for America program and assigned to a school in Liberty City, a poor and turbulent neighborhood in Miami, Florida. That led her to realize the need for more education training and her enrollment

at George Fox, from which she also received an ESOL endorsement.

Grace Packer (G17) is remaining on campus as an office coordinator in the IDEA Center, where she worked as a career and academic planning office assistant her senior year. As a junior, she was a registrar's office assistant. Last summer she was an intern with the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust in Vancouver, Washington, learning about nonprofit leadership and management.

Emily Jazbutis (G17) started in October as a tax staff member with Moss Adams in Medford, Oregon, making her connection through George Fox's accounting program as a senior. Moss Adams provides accounting, tax and consulting services to public and private enterprises at 29 locations in seven states.

Ricardo Sotelo Santoyo (G17) not only has returned to his hometown of Hermiston, Oregon, but to the same elementary school he once attended. This time he's a teacher, with 26 students in his fourth-grade classroom at 585-student Sunset Elementary. He's also coaching Hermiston High School's 18-member JV II boys' soccer team.

Kam Thomas (G17) had a job lined up before graduation, but then her plans changed. Rather than join the Moss Adams accounting firm in Medford, Oregon, this fall as planned, she was offered the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in accounting at Idaho State University. She expects to graduate in July 2018 and then join the firm, where she will be an assurance staff member, assisting in the execution of audits, reviews and other assurance engagements, and also performing analysis and testing of account balances and internal controls of audit clients.

Mckenna (Martin) Tillotson (G17) is putting her marketing degree to work, staying on campus as affinity marketing coordinator for the university. She was a work-study student in the university's sports marketing office for three and a half years, and during her senior year she coordinated George Fox's Penn Pals Kids Club and also held a summer position with *PDX Parent* magazine.

Victor Wilson (DPT17) is now with ATI Physical Therapy in Beaverton, Oregon, one of a 12-member staff that provides physical therapy and sports medicine services.

JUST MARRIED

Sierra Neiman (Go4, MDiv13) and Justin Westbrook, June 10, 2017, in Yamhill, Oregon.

Anders Soresstad (Go6) and **Ashlie Keimig** (Go9), Aug. 12, 2017, in Hood River, Oregon.

Spencer Alexander (G11) and **Sara Schneider** (G12), Aug. 13, 2016, in Portland.

James Pick (G11) and **Hannah Adderley** (G12), Aug. 7, 2016, in Damascus, Oregon.

Kari Hotchkiss (G13) and Ben Jackson, July 15, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington.

Mark Smith (G13) and **Anna Thomas** (G14), July 16, 2017, in Newberg.

Jessica Beliel (G14) and **Justin Vanier** (G14), March 12, 2016, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Brandon Davis (G15) and **Mackenzie Prince** (G17), May 20, 2017, in Issaquah, Washington.

Chelsea Glancy (G15) and **Harrison Mitchell** (G16), May 7, 2016, in Salem, Oregon.

Megan Hays (G15) and Elijah Lawson, Aug. 26, 2017, in Salem, Oregon.

Erin Kays (G15) and James Marantette, May 28, 2017, in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Carlos Medel (G15) and Zanny Avila, May 12, 2017, in Hanalei, Hawaii.

Arturo Olazaba (G15) and **Kira Wright** (G15), July 15, 2017, in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Lauren Pena (G14) and **Nathaniel Dykstra** (G15), May 13, 2017, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Andie Avery (G16) and **Mikal Pattee** (student), May 7, 2017, in Chehalis, Washington.

Alexis Cavanaugh (G16) and **Riley Schofield** (G17), May 6, 2017, in Gresham, Oregon.

Elizabeth Davis (G16, MA 17) and **Sol Smith** (G17), May 6, 2017, in Aurora, Oregon.

Brecken Esper (G16) and **McKenna Popish** (G17), June 17, 2017, in Clio, California.

Deborah Galindo (MA13, PsyD16) and Zakary Ostertag, July 23, 2017 in Parkdale, Oregon.

Charlotte Gray (G16) and **Gabe Louthan** (G16), June 11, 2016, in Alpine, California.

Sarah Harrison (G16) and **Daniel Small** (G16), July 28, 2017, in Corbett, Oregon.

McKenna Martin (G17) and **John "Jack" Tillotson** (G17), Aug. 6, 2017, in Canby, Oregon.

Katie Culbertson (G17) and **William Spain** (G17), July 2, 2017, in Newberg.

Corrie Mahr (G17) and **Josiah Bowen** (student), Aug. 4, 2017, in Chehalis, Washington.

Amanda McConaughey (G17) and Jamos Velarde, July 15, 2017, in Newberg.

Karley Wilson (EdS17) and Cody Strouse, May 20, 2017, in Willamina, Oregon.

Victor Wilson (DPT17) and Anna Richardson, Aug. 4, 2017, in American Canyon, California.

BABY BRUINS

Kristin Wennerlind (G98, MEd11), a boy, Riley, Feb. 27, 2016, in Vancouver, Washington.

Sarah (Lawrence) Wynhof (Go0) and Cameron Wynhof, a girl, Amerlia Bernadette, April 7, 2017, in Portland.

Mandy (Golden) Gustafson (Go1) and **Matt Gustafson** (Go1), a girl, Emily Rae, Sept. 1, 2017, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Drew Krupp (Go1) and Ashley Krupp, a boy, Karsen Andrew, Aug. 16, 2017, in Medford, Oregon.

Sandra (Gaskill) Wagner (Go1) and Mark Wagner, a girl, Reelyn Rose, Jan. 4, 2017, in Newberg.

Mindy (Venable) Hammond (Go3) and **Chris Hammond** (Go8), a girl, Avy Marie, May 18, 2017, in Newberg.

Jessica (Lebold) Kouka (Go3) and Esperance Kouka, a boy, Jefferson Esperance Timothee, Jan. 26, 2017 in Salem, Oregon.

Jean (Stewart) Brunson (Go4) and Jason Brunson, a girl, Adeline Nancy, June 7, 2017, in Tualatin, Oregon.

Jessica (Tessen) Baker (Go5, MEd12) and **Jeremy Baker** (Go8), a girl, Evelyn Violet, June 16, 2016, in Newberg.

Michelle Forbes (Go5), a boy, Joshua Alvis Ming, born Oct. 18, 2014, in Tianjin, China, and adopted April 19, 2016.

Kirk Grover (Go5) and Sara Grover, a girl, Moriah Joy, April 21, 2017, in Canby, Oregon.

Fairlight (Ankeny) Morelli (Go5) and Aaron Morelli, a boy, Ezekiel Allen, Aug. 12, 2016, in Newberg.

Emily (Fong) Snyder (Go6) and **Jeremy Snyder** (Go7), a girl, Everly Fong, June 21, 2017, in Portland.

Isaac Edwards (Go7) and **Emily (Twynn) Edwards** (Go8), a boy, Miles Scott, Aug. 24, 2016, in Portland.

Sagina (Chacko) O'Halloran (Go7) and Maurice O'Halloran, a boy, Jacob, Jan. 18, 2016, in Beaverton, Oregon.

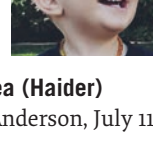
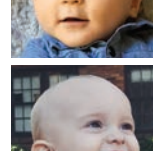
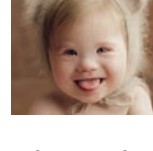
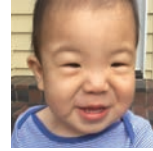
Carol (David) Tan (Go7, MEd09) and Jedidiah Tan, a boy, Micah Paul, March 20, 2017, in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Brian Leyrer (Go8) and **Stephanie (Higgins) Leyrer** (Go8), a boy, Jonah Scot, July 3, 2016, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Gabe Cortez (Go9) and **Chelsea (Haider) Cortez** (G13), a boy, Madden Anderson, July 11, 2017, in Clackamas, Oregon.

Kristin Kelso (Go9) and **Kyle Kincaid** (Go9), a boy, Colton Atticus, Feb. 24, 2016, in Newberg.

Danielle (Morford) Newkirk (Go9) and **Corbin Newkirk** (G11), a girl, Harper Lorraine, Aug. 2, 2016, in Canby, Oregon.



Daniel Headley (G11) and **Bethany (Miller) Headley** (G12), a boy, Olin Scot, June 18, 2017, in Sherwood, Oregon.

Kristopher Brown (G13) and Danielle Brown, a girl, Maddison Michelle Christine, May 19, 2016, in Keizer, Oregon.

Jenny Aristo (MAT14) and Adam Aristo, a boy, Dempsey Adam, Jan. 31, 2017, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Ashley Herndon-Dubra (MA15) and Ash Herndon-Dubra, a girl, Scottie-Jo, April 7, 2017, in Albany, Oregon.

Ofelia McMenamy (ADP15) and Paul McMenamy, a girl, Carmen Rose, April 6, 2017, in Portland.

Haley (Bellows) Toms (G15) and Christopher Toms, a boy, Judah Roy, June 21, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington.

Charlotte (Gray) Louthan (G16) and **Gabe Louthan** (G16), a boy, Tyrus Fletcher, July 31, 2017, in Portland.



IN MEMORY

Hazel (Williams) George (G38), May 28, 2017, in Soldotna, Alaska. (*George Fox University's oldest graduate at her death at 101.*)

Eilene (Kenworthy) Williams (n38), May 16, 2017, in Newberg.

Paul Thornburg (G46), Oct. 13, 2017, in Newberg.

Thelma (Payne) Winter (n48), July 6, 2017, in Orange, California.

David Fendall (G50), May 9, 2017, in Newberg.

Velma (McClintock) Trost (n50), March 23, 2017, in Concordia, Kansas.

Carol (Gossard) Cobleigh (n52), May 13, 2017, in Yakima, Washington.

Priscilla (Doble) Jeffery (G52), Oct. 27, 2017, in Newberg.

Marcille (Fankhouser) Comfort (n56), June 25, 2017, in Newberg.

Earl Tycksen (G57), July 25, 2017, in Newberg.

Robin Johnston (G62), Jan. 26, 2017, in Wichita, Kansas.

Mary Swaim (n69), Feb. 22, 2017, in Oregon City, Oregon.

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Public Events Around Campus



**Eighth Annual Dalton Lecture:
Dr. Simon Conway Morris**
Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.
Bauman Auditorium
Free to the public

Dr. Conway Morris, a professor of evolutionary palaeobiology at the University of Cambridge and a Fellow of St. John's College, will present "Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe?"

Student Art Exhibit
Minthorne Gallery
Feb. 26 - April 6
Free to the public

Approximately 200 works of art are entered by students and then culled down by three professional jurors to about 70 selected works. Join us at the opening reception, Feb. 26 from 4 to 5:30 p.m.



Richter Student Scholars Symposium
Hoover Lobby
March 6, 5-6 p.m.
Free to the public

Richter grant recipients and other student scholars will present their research in a poster session symposium. Refreshments provided.

**Our Town – Theatre
Spring Classic (Family
Friendly)**
April 5-7 & 12-15
Wood-Mar Auditorium
Tickets: theatre.
georgefox.edu



Thornton Wilder's 1938 American classic takes us to the mythical town of Grover's Corners, where two high school sweethearts, Emily Webb and George Gibbs, fall in love and begin their lives together.

Fox Film Festival
Cameo Theater, April 13
Bauman Auditorium, April 14
Information and tickets: 503-554-2670

This favorite annual event showcases the best work from George Fox cinema and media communication majors over the past year.



Spring Concert
April 20, 7:30 p.m.
Bauman Auditorium
Tickets:
georgefox.edu/concerts

Featuring performances by the Symphonic Band, Symphony

Orchestra, Concert Choir and Master Chorus, this concert will highlight the Concerto Aria Competition winner and culminate in a combined performance of *Chichester Psalms* by Leonard Bernstein.

Spring Engineering Expo
April 20, 4:30-6 p.m.
Klages Center
Free to the public

Students will showcase Servant Engineering, Senior Design and other noteworthy projects. Come support their creativity and learn about innovative solutions to modern problems.



Spring Commencement
April 28, 2:30 p.m.
Stoffer Family Stadium
Information: com-
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Our traditional undergraduate ceremony celebrating the Class of 2018! Tickets are required for guests. Visit the link above for a full list of commencement events, including graduate program ceremonies.

For a complete list of public events on campus, visit georgefox.edu/WhatsBruin

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To All Who Made the Promise Campaign a Success



Heye (center) pictured with ASC leaders Gohar Robert, Ross Kohl, Jessica Coyne and Kevin Tshilombo.

"Thank you so much! I wouldn't be here if I had not received a leadership scholarship from George Fox. I wanted to go to a Christian school where I could thrive academically and personally. Your donations are not going to waste."

Nehemiah Heye ('18)
President, Associated Student Community

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A New Place to Be Known

With undergraduate enrollment reaching a record 2,414 students this fall, university leaders faced a choice: funnel more students into off-campus housing, or take on the significant expense and risk of building a new residence hall. After much consideration they chose the latter, citing a commitment to spiritual growth and delivering on the university's Be Known promise as the primary motivating factors.

"This new residence hall will allow more students the opportunity to experience the spiritual formation we have

found so often accompanies life on campus," said university president Robin Baker when the news broke in December.

Plans call for the new residence hall to be located on the east side of campus, creating a residential quad when combined with existing dorms Le Shana, Gulley and Brandt. Other details are still to be determined. The structure (pictured here on the far right) will be a four- or five-story building and will accommodate between 150 and 200 beds. But one thing is certain: It will be complete by fall 2019, just in time to welcome the Class of 2023 to campus.