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### **OUR VISION**

To become the "Christian university of choice" for Christ followers and world changers.

### **OUR VALUES**

- → Students First
- *→ Christ in Everything*
- → Innovation to
  Improve Outcomes

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# Study Break Students soak in the sun and enjoy a much-needed laugh during finals week.

### Breaking the Wall



We recently hosted nearly 300 first-year students who are looking forward to attending George Fox in the fall. We call this event Genesis because it represents a beginning for new students as they get introduced to campus, meet their advisor, register for classes and take the first steps to becoming "known" at George Fox. It is also my goal to help them understand that we believe each of them is a unique creation of God, gifted in special ways to make a difference in this world (and the next). It is the sole purpose of every faculty and staff member at George Fox to equip students well for what we often refer to within

our faith-based community as their calling.

In our culture we most often define work as the thing we do to earn a living. It is the secular part of our existence providing us with meaning at times but most often giving us currency that we use to fund more meaningful pursuits - churches, mission efforts, family activities and other things where we gain purpose in life. I suppose in some context this division is at the root of the sacred/secular divide in our culture, and it has extended itself into the educational community. Often when parents today consider a college education for their children they focus on careers that provide strong job prospects. Education is expensive and one needs to ensure that the money invested achieves an appropriate "return." It is not surprising, then, that we have seen growth in majors that lead to more clearly defined careers - business, engineering, nursing, graphic art, media and communications, and education.

A George Fox education is far more than adding religion or faith to a career-preparatory major. We are focused on breaking the wall that divides the secular and the sacred. As I considered this issue of the Journal, I reread an essay by a noted Christian writer of the 20th century, Dorothy Sayers. In her initial discussion she criticizes the church for failing to see the importance of work. She writes:

"But is it astonishing? How can any one remain interested in a religion which seems to have no concern with nine-tenths of his life? The Church's approach to an intelligent carpenter is

usually confined to exhorting him not to be drunk and disorderly in his leisure hours, and to come to church on Sundays. What the Church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make good tables."

For Sayers, work was the place where we were most like the Creator – using our unique gifts to create and to serve. I agree. Christ offers a more compelling vision of life, one that transforms all aspects of human work, play and worship.

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Sayers continues: "Work is not, primarily, a thing one does to live but the thing one lives to do. It is, or it should be, the full expression of the worker's faculties, the thing in which he finds spiritual, mental and bodily satisfaction, and the medium in which he offers himself to God."

Yes! We want to be the Christian university of choice for Christ followers and world changers! It is our commitment that students will be challenged to view life through the eyes of Christ - where work is a place of calling.

In this issue of the Journal, you are going to read about several of our recent graduates and how they are finding their callings after George Fox. As you read the stories of our former students, I hope you will find excitement, meaning and a true sense of a vision for these young lives.

Robin Baker President



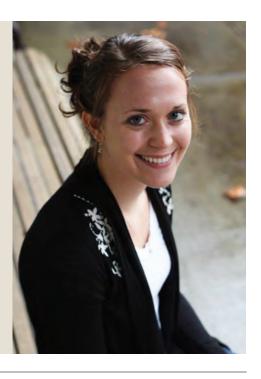
### McFarland Presents Breast Cancer Research

To say it was an honor for junior biology student Hannah McFarland to present at the annual Experimental Biology meeting in Boston would be a huge understatement. McFarland, who showcased her breast cancer abstract at the national event in April, was the first undergraduate her professor, John Schmitt, could recall presenting in his 10 years of attending the event. "That privilege is generally reserved for graduate students, scientists and clinicians in the field," he said.

McFarland's abstract, "AKAP7 Regulates CaM Kinase Activation in MCF-7 Cells" which examines whether or not inhibiting the protein AKAP7 plays a role in inhibiting individual breast cancer cell growth - was selected from approximately 1,300 submissions. She presented a 15-minute talk on the topic in front of biochemists, chemists, pharmacologists, nutritionists and doctors.

"Being chosen to present was obviously a great honor, but really my satisfaction comes from knowing I'm doing something that could impact lives," said McFarland, who was drawn to the project because her grandmother had breast cancer.

McFarland plans to attend graduate school and study to be a family practitioner or nurse practitioner.



### Student Launches Programming Career with NASA Internship



The summer of 2013 will be one to remember for AmandaMarie Adams. First, she spent three weeks in Ecuador as part of the university's Juniors Abroad program. Then, just a few days after she

returned, the double major in computer science and information systems boarded a flight to Cleveland for a dream internship at the NASA Glenn Research Center.

Adams is working on a project titled

"Design of real-time biomedical data processing framework."

"The project is real-time processing of biomedical information (data from the brain) from a pilot, so that the cockpit can read whatever their physical and mental state is," explains Adams. She'll use her programming skills to help bridge the interface between pilot and cockpit, with the desired outcome being reduced operator error due to stress.

"Brain function, space and aeronautics are some of my top interests as far as a career go," she says, "so it's really cool that I get to combine them."

As rare as Adams' NASA internship is, she's not the only George Fox student to land one. Senior Kenton Miller is spending his summer at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., working on a project that involves the analysis of geomagnetic activity.

### Remembering Richard Twiss

The university community mourned the loss of George Fox Evangelical Seminary adjunct professor Richard Twiss in early February. The noted Native American author, speaker and activist passed away at the age of 58 after suffering a massive heart attack.

"Richard was an imposing man with a gentle spirit and a heart for God," wrote university president Robin Baker. "He was one of our

very finest chapel speakers, and he challenged all of us to look beyond our cultural lenses to see the work of God."

In addition to starting his own nonprofit ministry, Wiconi International, Twiss was a co-founder of the North American Institute for Indigenous



Theological Studies.

"Richard was the voice of our movement and he was an incredible innovator ... " wrote seminary colleague and close friend Randy Woodley. "His unique gift was his extroverted personality and his innovative mind."



When Hank Helsabeck began working at George Fox, Jimmy Carter was in office, disco was in vogue and the Portland Trail Blazers were the defending NBA champions.

The year was 1978 when the college hired Helsabeck to be a professor of mathematics.



Thirty-five years and four job titles later, he retired this spring.

"God clearly – supernaturally – called me to George Fox, and he never released me from that call until this year," says Helsabeck, who taught more than 40 different classes during

his tenure.

For the past nine years, Helsabeck was dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. Previously, he taught math and computer science (1978-2004) and chaired the Department of Math, Computer Science and Engineering (1992-2004). He also founded the school's computer science program in 1983.

As for retirement, Helsabeck says he'll take the next year to evaluate his future plans. "I'm sure God has something for me besides biking, jogging and puzzle-solving."



### **University's Commitment** to Service Recognized

The university's commitment to community and civic engagement earned recognition from the federal government, which named George Fox to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll this spring.

The Honor Roll recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. The designation is the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

The award was given to George Fox for the school's long-standing commitment to service, which includes an annual Serve Day, summer and winter serve trips, organized visits to assist the homeless and on-campus fundraisers. The university also engages in a variety of educational and academic service programs.

"This is a great honor that reflects what we believe, teach, value and hope to live in terms of service to our local community," says Brad Lau, vice president for student life. "Our hope and prayer is that George Fox graduates will take this commitment to service into their work as educators, nurses. businesspersons, engineers, artists or wherever their lives take them."

### Addleman Chosen as Fulbright Scholar

Rebecca Addleman's work in the field of internationalizing teacher education caught the attention of the Fulbright Program, which selected her as a Fulbright Scholar to Denmark for the 2013-14 academic year.

Addleman, a teacher in George Fox's master of arts in teaching program, will work with international students and collaborate with educators in the Department of Teacher Education at Blaagaard/KDAS, a teachers training college in Copenhagen. She applied for a Fulbright award focused on teacher education, specifically innovative teaching

methods and problem-solving educational challenges in cross-cultural groups.

"The exchange of ideas surrounding innovative instruction and globalization will benefit both our universities," she says. "I look forward to the innovative curriculum and instruction approaches that I will experience in Denmark's educational settings - particularly

their use of differentiated teaching and cooperative skills to shape educated citizens."



The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.

### Sikkema Honored by Portland Police Bureau



In April, professor Seth Sikkema was recognized by the Portland Police Bureau with an Achievement Medal for his role in establishing the Justice for Fraud Victims Program at George Fox.

The program assists individuals or small businesses that believe they have been victims of financial fraud but don't have the resources to investigate it. That's where Sikkema and a select

group of George Fox accounting students come in.

Working in partnership with local law enforcement and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Sikkema and his students perform a complete forensic accounting examination to determine if and how the suspected fraud was perpetrated, and to quantify the damages.

Launched in the spring 2013 semester, the program pairs students in groups of three with a Certified Fraud Examiner to investigate a case. Only alleged victims who could not otherwise afford a forensic examination are accepted. At the end of the semester, each team makes a formal presentation of its findings to law enforcement.

### **University Mourns Loss of Community Leader**

George Fox University lost a significant friend with the passing of Joan Austin on June 5. Austin, a philanthropist who, with husband Ken, was a generous supporter of the university, died in her sleep at the age of 81.

The Austins regularly bring the Oregon Symphony to George Fox, and their gift of land made possible the construction of the Austin Sports Complex. Both were recently on campus for the groundbreaking of Stoffer Family Stadium.

In Newberg, Joan was the driving force behind the creation of The Allison Inn & Spa and many other improvements to the city. An elementary school in town bears her name.

In 1964, the Austins founded A-dec, one of the world's largest dental equipment manufacturers. In addition to George Fox, they have made sizable contributions to education, dental care programs, drug and alcohol treatment centers, and Special Olympics Oregon.



### INSIDE ATHLETICS

### Stam Claims National **Championship in Javelin**

Graduating senior Beth Stam won a national championship in the javelin at the Division III Outdoor Track and Field National Championships at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May. Stam's throw of 156 feet. 2 inches was a stadium record, more than 8 feet further than her nearest competitor and the No. 2 throw in school history. Stam also earned All-America honors at the event by finishing fourth in the heptathlon.



### New Bruins Announced at Commitment Day

On April 19, 62 high school seniors and their families showed up for the university's inaugural Commitment Day. Student-athletes representing 13 different sports showed up to the event to announce their intention to attend George Fox in the 2013-14 academic year. The largest sport represented was the university's new football program, which drew 29 commits. The day was designed to showcase and show appreciation for student-athletes who made the decision to attend George Fox, a Division III school that does not offer athletic scholarships. Visit georgefox.edu/recruits for student-athlete photos and bios.



### **Morrison Named Player of the Year**

Kelsey Morrison was named Ping National Player of the Year in May after leading all NCAA Division III women golfers in scoring average (75.92) and winning eight of 11 regular-season tournaments. Morrison, who graduated in May with a degree in journalism, led her team to its fourth straight conference championship and a team-best fourth-place finish in the D-III national championships. Morrison finished second at nationals and earned First Team All-America honors for the second straight year.

### **Coaches' Corner**

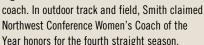
Head men's basketball coach Mark Sundquist was named Northwest Conference Coach of the Year after leading his team to a 15-11 overall record.





On March 29, Marty Hunter became just the third George Fox baseball coach to reach 150 wins with a victory over Whitworth University.

Track coach John Smith was named the 2013 West Region Women's Indoor Head Coach of the Year. It was Smith's first regional award as an indoor





Doug Beatty, meanwhile, was honored as the 2013 West Region Women's Assistant Coach of the Year for both indoor and outdoor track, thanks in part to his work with the team's jumpers and

multi-event athletes.

MaryJo McCloskey received her second NWC Coach of the Year award after leading the women's golf team to its fourth straight conference championship and third

straight NCAA postseason appearance.



### **Regional Honors** Catcher Josh Rapacz earned Northwest Conference

Rapacz Earns Conference,

Player of the Year honors after leading the NWC in batting average (.450), slugging percentage (.690) and on-base percentage (.514). The junior was also named West Region Player of the Year and a First Team All-American by D3baseball.com.





### **University Breaks Ground on Stoffer Family Stadium**

The George Fox community celebrated the beginning of a new era of Bruin athletics on May 20 at a groundbreaking ceremony for Stoffer Family Stadium, the future home to George Fox football and track and field. Construction on the stadium - which will include the Duke Athletic Center, the synthetic-turf Lemmons Family Field, and grandstand facilities – is set to be completed in time for football to kick off in the fall of 2014. Visit georgefox.edu/StofferStadium to learn more about the stadium project.

### PROFESSORS OF THE YEAR

### Top Undergraduate Teacher: Cliff Rosenbohm

Rosenbohm heads up the university's social work program and consistently receives high praise from his students. He manages to balance the duties of a professor and administrator, teaching classes while also serving as director of George Fox's nationally accredited social work program. He is lauded for being helpful and supportive. Student comments on his nomination say he is "ready to meet with students at a moment's notice" and that "he's easy to approach."



"The provost has said that we 'teach, shape, and send.' I like that saying," Rosenbohm says. "The teaching, shaping and sending requires an interactive and reciprocal relationship where at times the role of teacher and student is fluid and interchangeable. Our teaching goes beyond the classroom. Our teaching takes root in our students, and they in turn impact whatever part of the world they end up in."

### Top Undergraduate Researcher: John Schmitt



Schmitt is the school's Holman Professor of Biology. He has led a dozen student researchers the past three years in a quest to find a cure for breast cancer, and his students regularly present at prestigious scientific venues, including the Experimental Biology meeting. All told, he's received more than \$90,000 in grant money (primarily from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust) to fund a large portion of his research.

Winning the award was "a testi-

mony to the many great students who have worked in my research laboratory," says Schmitt, adding, "I hope to continue our important research on uncovering the biological basis of cancer and potential therapeutic applications. I love being able to directly integrate my research into the classroom and make discoveries that will improve the human condition."

### Top Graduate Teacher: Laura Simmons

Simmons has taught at George Fox Evangelical Seminary for 12 years, specializing in classes that cover Christian ministry, reconciliation, discipleship and spiritual formation. An expert on pedagogy, she mixes lectures with hands-on activities, smallgroup discussions and relevant video clips. One of her students said Simmons goes "above and beyond, flexing her curriculum to meet the needs and interests of the unique blend of students in each class she teaches."



"I've worked really hard to become a better teacher over the years, and it's nice to have that recognized," Simmons says. "I was nominated for this award by a student who was in my pedagogy class last fall, so to have someone recognize that I 'practice what I preach' is that much more meaningful."

### Top Graduate Researcher: Ken Badley



Badley teaches in the university's School of Education, where he specializes in the integration of faith with teaching. He served this past year as editor of one scholarly volume and published four chapters in edited volumes of scholarly work. Also, working with Harro Van Brummelen, Badley published a volume on metaphors for teaching, bringing scholars from numerous traditions and disciplines together. He authored or coauthored several

chapters in that volume, as well as a chapter in a scholarly work on faith-learning integration.

Badley was a contributor at International Christian Community for Teacher Education conferences and mentored student colleagues in their presentations. He also serves as book review editor for the *Journal of Education and Christian Belief.* 

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### RECENT RECOGNITION



In April, psychology professor Mark McMinn was presented the Christian Association for Psychological Studies' high**est honor**, the Distinguished Member Award, at the CAPS

International Conference in Portland.

Dean of Student Services Bill Buhrow was selected president of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies at the organization's annual International Conference in April.





In May, Michelle Hughes was named recipient of Westmont College's annual Bruce and Adaline Bare Outstanding **Teacher Award** for the social sciences. Hughes, an assistant

professor of education at Westmont, is currently enrolled in George Fox University's doctor of education program.

The university was named to the 2012-13 Colleges of Distinction list by CollegesofDistinction.com. The online guide recognizes institutions for demonstrated excellence in four categories: engaged students, great teaching, vibrant campus communities and successful graduate outcomes.

History professor Paul Otto was awarded a one-month Anthony N.B. and Beatrice W.B. Garvan Fellowship in American Material Culture at the Library Company of Philadelphia.



He will conduct research during parts of June and July for an article with the working title "Trading in Wampum: Manufacturers and Merchants in the Eighteenth Century."

In April, the Graduate Department of Counseling received a Mutual of America Foundation **Community Partnership Award** for its work with Community Services Northwest and The Wellness Project. The department received the award for supplying student interns to the organization, which provides free counseling services for the community.

### IN PRINT

Professor Emeritus of History Ralph Beebe has authored his first fiction book, titled Cousins at War: A Civil War Novel. The novel follows two cousins who grew up together on the same farm then fought on opposite sides during the Civil War.



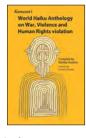
Religious studies professor Paul Anderson's latest book, Following Jesus - The Heart of Faith and *Practice*, is on schedule to be published this summer by Barclay Press. The book will feature a collection of essays, both old and new, on the essence of Christian discipleship.

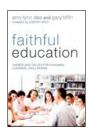
English professor Melanie Mock's essay. "Why Christians Like Me Should Listen to Critiques of Evangelical Adoption." was published in a recent issue of *The Nation*. Also, her articles "Making Yourself 'Fit'" and "Don't Seat the 4/4" appeared in the March and February issues, respectively, of Inside Higher Ed.

School of Education faculty Eloise Hockett, Linda Samek and Scot Headley had an article published in the winter edition of the *International Christian* Community for Teacher Education Journal

titled "Cultural humility: A framework for local and global engagement."

Three of English professor **Ed** Higgins' poems were featured in the recently published World Haiku Anthology on War, Violence and Human Rights Violation.





Last year faculty from the School of Education published a book titled Faithful Education: Themes and Values for Teaching, Learning, and Leading. The book presents nine biblical themes in essays authored by George Fox professors who share personal

accounts of how these themes shaped their practice in education.

English professor Abby Rine's article, "The Pros and Cons of Abandoning the Word 'Feminist.'" was pub**lished** in the May issue of *The Atlantic*.

### By the Numbers

The number of weeks religious studies professor Paul Anderson will lecture and work with students and faculty at the University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands thanks to a

Fulbright Specialist Award. Anderson will spend two weeks at the university this summer and four weeks next summer, lecturing on models of leadership in the New Testament, gospel

traditions and a "Fourth Quest for Jesus," making use of the Gospel of John.

In addition to his Fulbright travels, Anderson will keep busy this summer

with speaking engagements around the world, including lecturing at the Society of Biblical Literature International Meeting at St. Andrews, Scotland, and at the Friends Association of Higher Education's annual conference at Malone University in Canton, Ohio.

The percentage of engineering graduates from the 2011 and 2012 classes that either gained employ-

ment in the field or are currently attending graduate school. Among the companies employing these graduates are Boeing, Mentor Graphics, Tektronix, Micro Systems Engineering, Columbia Helicopters, Lattice Semiconductor, Intel, Fluke, Teradyne, Daimler, the U.S. Navy and ESCO.

The number of Ford Family Foundation scholarship recipients that are bound for George Fox **University in the fall** — more than any other private university in the state. The highly competitive scholarship was created to assist students who would find it difficult to obtain a college degree without assistance.

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### The Class of 2013 gets a jump-start on its future

By Kimberly Felton

Photos by Joel Bock

Seven graduates. Seven stories of remarkable determination and success. Each person wise enough to know the path they are on is somewhat unusual; each one grateful.

Of course, there's always more to these stories than a smiling face and a list of early-career achievements, always something that could not fit in these pages. No life – not even lives as young as these – is summed up so easily. Each person had challenges to overcome. Family trauma or tragedy. Serious financial difficulties. Forging a path in a foreign culture that offers few favors. Or simply having the guts to live up to a gifting that revealed itself.

Despite the challenges, the men and women here are stepping into their futures, eager and perhaps a little nervous. What's next? One never knows for sure. But each of these graduates is confident – most of the time – that this next step is the one meant for them to take.

### **Ministry Through Medicine**





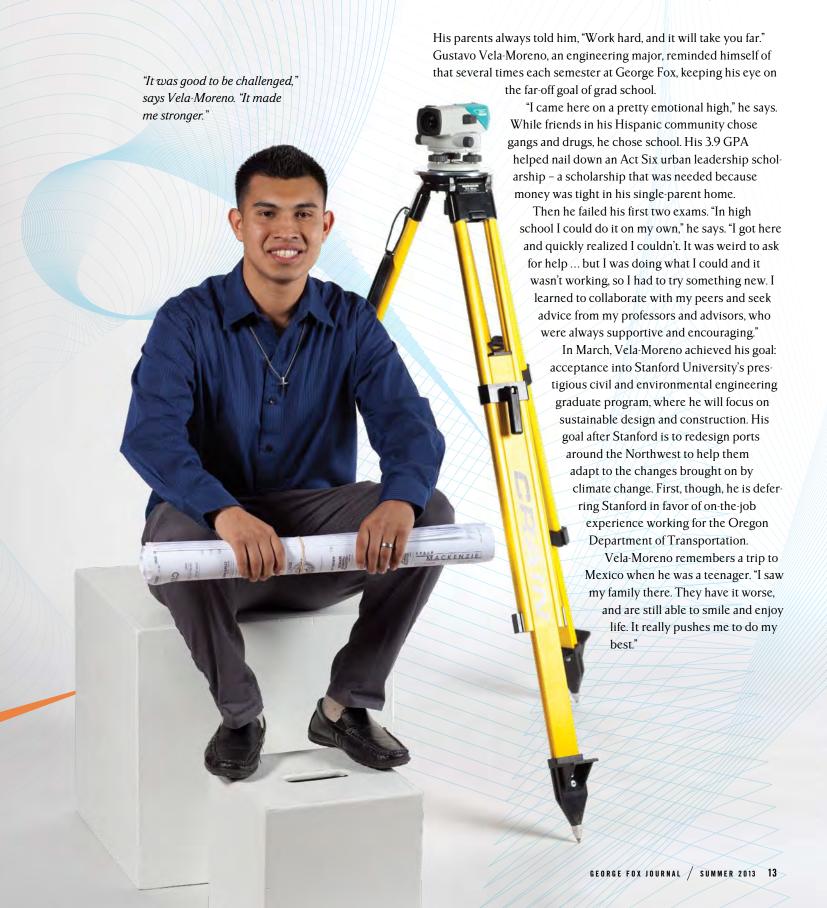
### **Swallow the Terror and Smile**

Carly Halverson knew what she wanted to do - she just had to convince the right person



### 'Work Hard, and It Will Take You Far'

Gustavo Vela-Moreno refused to let anything but his dreams - and some good advice - define him



### Mr. Van der Werff Goes to Washington

With his future headed exactly where he'd hoped,

Andrew Van der Werff has a new reason to pursue it

Andrew Van der Werff's resume is already impressive: internships with the United States House of Representatives and the Federal Reserve; lead author on a paper that garnered a Young Professional Scholarship to present at the American Council on Consumer Interests' annual conference; and a new job at Deloitte, the largest CPA firm in the world, where he works with federal government agencies. It's a promising start for the business administration major.

"I have a desire for money," Van der Werff says.

"That's in me; it's part of who I am. Coming into
George Fox, I knew I wanted to make money. I didn't
know what I'd do with it; I just wanted to make it."

Then Van der Werff took philosophy professor Phil Smith's ethics class. "[Smith] presented all these different rationalities, and then presented Christ in Matthew 5," he says. "I began to study what love is and how to apply it. That began to change what I thought."

During his internships in Washington,
D. C., he connected with a professor who
had worked on a sustainability project in a developing
country. "Like me, he likes money and is a business guy,"
he says. "He taught me that you do everything for love."
Christianity isn't about "don't sin" and "do go to church," Van
der Werff says; it's about doing what you do to show love to

"God opened the door [at Deloitte]," he says. "And that created a chance for God to work through me in people's lives."

WHAT'S

After five rounds of interviews and a month of waiting, Van der Werff was offered a job with Deloitte, the largest CPA firm in the world.

### **A Drive to Succeed**

National Player of the Year Kelsey Morrison likes the surprise of being the underdog

> When Kelsey Morrison, then a senior on the George Fox women's golf team, asked a visiting professional golfer if she had any tips for qualifying tournaments, they realized they were headed to the same LPGA qualifier - as competitors.

"It was kind of surreal," Morrison says. "I was going up against her to qualify for the U.S. Women's Open. The pro who was giving me tips, I would compete against."

Morrison comes from a dusty California town too small for a golf course. She graduated from a school with only a men's golf team (so she joined it) and had never swung a club in the rain prior to playing for George Fox. But she bonded with her dad - who once hoped to go pro himself - on the golf course in the nearest town big enough to have one.

Though unusual for a Division III golfer to go pro, Morrison has a good shot. She dominated regular-season play, leading all D-III women golfers in scoring average, winning eight of 11 tournaments and claiming Ping National Player of the Year honors. Now she will enter qualifying tournaments that offer the chance to join the professional tour. She missed qualifying for the Safeway Classic last year by only two strokes. "Golf is such a journey," says Morrison. "It's just about how much passion you have and how hard you're willing to

Morrison again is the underdog from a small school. She embraces the identity. "It's harder to be at the top and keep winning, rather than coming up from the bottom." And, as Morrison has discovered, she likes to win.

work at it."

One of the perks of making the pro tour? Having a caddy, Morrison says. In addition to a caddy acting as personal strategist, "I feel like I'm walking so much taller when I'm not weighed down."

### PhD or OPB?

Sergio Cisneros chose to influence culture at ground level

"I felt like I was participating in an academic draft," Sergio Cisneros says.

Cloistered at Duke University with 19 other scholarship recipients last summer, Cisneros researched and wrote about the challenges surrounding immigration. By summer's end, with his paper under consideration for publication, PhD programs at Stanford, Duke, Michigan, Vanderbilt and the University of Washington courted him.

Yet back home in Oregon, Cisneros' Hispanic community did not understand his paper. "Friends thought it was cool, but they didn't know what I was talking about," he says.

"The people who are most affected by some of the legislation don't know about it. This fosters fear ... they feel like the government is against them. I'm trying to teach them this isn't true by informing them."

Cisneros tried a new route, writing opinion editorials about immigration law. His first op-ed in *The Oregonian* incited more than 250 comments. "They were interacting in a way I was hoping for dialogue from my paper," he says. "In academic publishing I can interact and influence culture, but not in the same way as journalism.

"Knowledge is power, but for knowledge you have to have communication. I want to be a voice for the voiceless – without becoming too much the activist – by giving them knowledge."

Striking PhD programs from his plan, the politics major instead signed up for journalism classes and got a job as a reporter at Univision, a major Spanish-language television network.

Days before graduating from George Fox in 2013, he accepted a position at Oregon Public Broadcasting, working in the newsroom and with its radio program *Think Out Loud.* "The people working at OPB are nationally recognized," he says. "By working alongside them and learning from the best, hopefully some of that will rub off on me."



## WHAT'S NEXT Growing up in a bilingual family in Portland, Ore., Nguyen's imagination was fed by a mixture of Disney animation and Asian action movies.

### **Photo Lenses** and Fairy Dust

Toby Nguyen's conceptual photography catches the eye and fuels the imagination

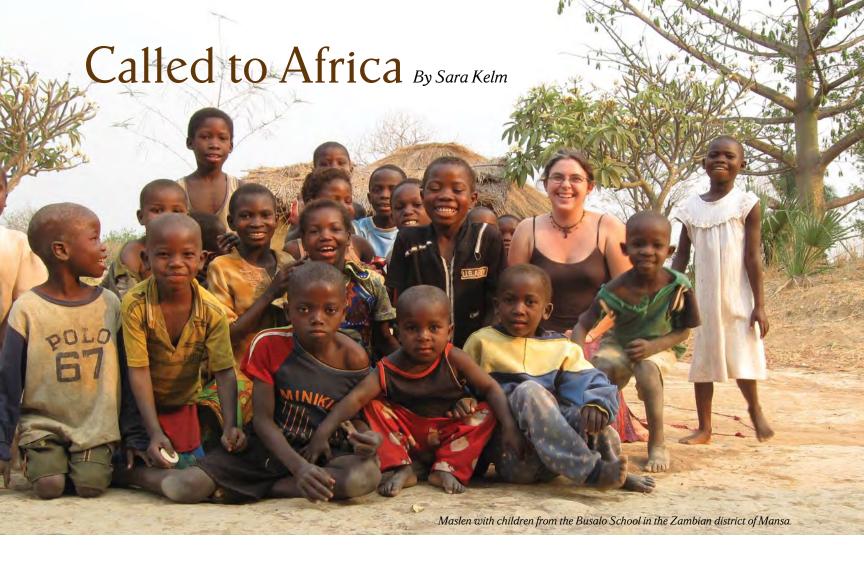
"I can't do a movie of my whole imagination," Toby Nguyen says. "But I can do photos." Flowing dresses. Brilliant flowers entan-

gled in curling tresses. Striking makeup. Fairy dust.

Yet Nguyen's photos don't stop at softfocus fairy tales. Style sharpens their edge - and caught the eye of magazine editors before Nguyen graduated from George Fox this spring. Italian Voque and Portland Monthly are among the publications that have spotlighted the young photographer who does not yet have his own studio; his dad will help him build it this summer. With or without a studio, Toby Nguyen Photography is already a bona fide business.

"I love it that you can pursue your passion and get paid for it," says the art major. His passion began as a pastime a few years ago. A friend asked him to shoot her senior photos, and he pushed her to do something that showed personality. "She wanted to be a fairy, and we went from there," he says. Soon others asked for portraits, and then wedding photography. "That's when I thought, Whoa, this is legit. People like my photography, so I need to pursue this.'

"I'm young, and have a lot to learn. Just because I get featured in magazines doesn't mean I know about life. Before any of this, I thought I'd finish school, find a job, settle down. Now I want to do something in the world that will be known. This is a God-thing. I feel like he brought me here."



### Jessica Maslen's tour with the Peace Corps turned into a calling to care for the neglected orphans of a small village in Zambia

Did it start with a party for orphan children who packed the yard in front of a small African house to play with Frisbees and tents, coloring books and crayons?

Or did it start with a friendship, the excitement of two people who grew up thousands of miles apart sharing the same vision?

Did it start with an application and a hope?

Maybe it started years ago, when a little girl felt a tug in her heart toward Africa. She couldn't say why or how, but somehow she knew that she would make her home on that faraway continent.

Now, two decades later, Jessica Maslen is working in the Zambian district of Mansa to build an orphanage and school for the community and people she has grown to love.

### Victims of the AIDS epidemic

After graduating from George Fox University in 2007 with a degree in biology, Maslen knew she wanted to work overseas in some capacity. Enter the Peace Corps. She hoped to be placed in Africa, but would have been happy with wherever God sent her.

God wanted her in Africa.

In 2008, Maslen arrived in Zambia to work as a forestry extension officer. Her job was to provide agriculture and health programming for the community, teaching villagers how to use the land effectively and stay healthy.

Like many African communities, the area is besieged by the AIDS epidemic. People do not understand how AIDS is transmitted, so a stigma is attached to the disease and individuals fear getting tested. A positive test makes them pariahs. If they die, their children become outcasts, blemishes and throwaways.

This is why every community needs people like Francis Mwansa. Maslen met Francis through his work at the Peace Corps regional office. It wasn't long before she became invested in his other full-time job – that of pastor in a community where orphans depend upon him.

Francis and his wife Loveness support more than 50 orphans in one way or another: tutoring, paying for school fees, even placing the children in safe homes if they are alone or abused. They have taken in children who were thrown down latrines, neglected by their extended families or forced to work instead of going to school.

Maslen began going on rounds with Francis. She was able to see firsthand how the orphans were cared for and what they needed, and she started to catch sight of his vision: a place where these children could learn and live together as part of their own community instead of being outcasts or burdens.

### The first step: coloring books and stuffed animals

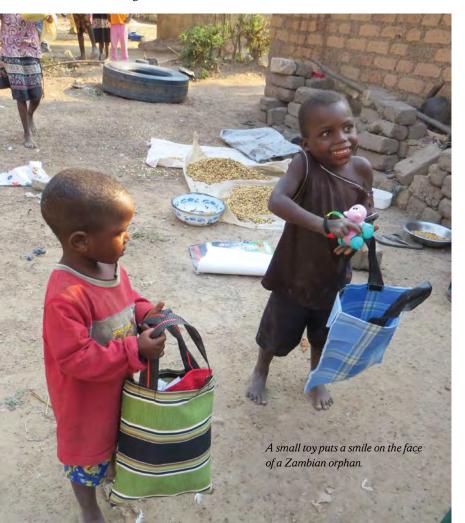
Every July, Francis and Loveness host a party for the orphans with the small bonuses they receive, bringing all of the children together from their scattered homes with grandparents or unrelated families for a celebration. Maslen had an idea. What if they provided toys for the children to take home? She got in touch with her contacts at the Peace Corps and back home in Newberg, and asked them for donations.

She got them. Normally stoic children smiled as they held coloring books and stuffed animals. They played with Frisbees and climbed inside tents. For one brief afternoon they were allowed to be children instead of orphans. One would assume they could be both, but it's nearly impossible in a place like Zambia.

The party brought Maslen further into Francis's dream of an orphanage and school. "Francis is great with people and well-respected," says Maslen, "but he doesn't know English well or have the administrative skills" - a necessity when starting a large nonprofit organization. That's where Maslen comes in.

She started working on getting the organization registered to apply for grants, but still she wondered if this is what God had for her. "I asked God, 'Do you really want me to do this?'" Maslen recalls. Within 24 hours, they received their first donation of six large boxes of books for their future library.

Maslen started organizing the resources they already had. Local businesses donated cement blocks. The head man of the tribe gave them the land they asked for and more - 15 acres altogether. The community and traditional leaders began to rally behind Maslen and Francis, and their excitement grew.





Francis stands on the foundation of what will soon be the Busalo School for orphans.

### Thinking big: a place to call home

Last September, they broke ground on the first building of the Busalo School. Busalo means "to choose." "People [in Zambia] don't understand. Orphans are on the bottom of the list; they are the throwaways, a waste of resources," Maslen says. "But we are choosing to love these children and make them a priority in our lives and community."

Maslen has been thrust into a mission field that she could not have expected. "I don't see myself as a missionary; I just see myself as someone helping the people," she says. "When you are helping people and meeting their needs, you really are ministering to them and they see Jesus in you." So she's still in Zambia, months after her Peace Corps term ended, because she is now part of the

They are starting with the school. Next will be an orphanage to house the children with no place to go. Then an agricultural center, where Maslen can use her biology degree to teach about vaccinating chickens. Finally, a library, with books for all ages and programs for children and women. The possibilities are endless, and Maslen feels called to be part of it. When she wondered, "Why here? Why not where my friends are?" Maslen clearly heard God saying, "Your job is to help get this started; your job is here."

Now Maslen is talking to village leaders, contractors, the African government and community liaisons. She's speaking to churches and Peace Corps volunteers. She's making a difference. Who knows how it all started? All that matters is Maslen is doing God's work, one orphan at a time.



ven as her body pinballed between trees down a 40-foot canyon, Mary Owen refused to scream. The urge to do so would come later.

It was 4 a.m. and the temperature in the 20s when Owen's free fall mercifully came to an end at the 4,500-foot-mark of Mt. Hood. With her leg gashed and peppered with splinters, her knee numb with nerve damage and her ankle severely sprained, Owen came to a somber realization: This is where people freeze to

The thought didn't terrify her. Nor did she resign herself to believing her life of 23 years was over. But as an educated climber, she knew this was how many a mountaineer met their fate. Just hours before, the George Fox senior had embarked on a journey to summit the mountain - a quest that had eluded her for three years. Ever since a bad experience on Hood while hiking the 2,660mile Pacific Crest Trail in 2010, she wanted to return to "create a better memory."

But numerous times, for one reason or another, her plans to climb Oregon's tallest peak fell through. People canceled on her. She couldn't find others to climb with. Frustration mounted.

Then, the final straw: Her guide for a weekend summit trip told her Friday he didn't like the conditions and decided to postpone. Owen wasn't having it. "I had already made up my mind I was going," she says. Two days later, she was making her way up the mountain, alone.

### Quest for the summit

All was glorious that afternoon of Sunday, March 24: A week before Easter, temperatures were in the 50s and not a cloud in sight. Owen elevated to 8,500 feet without a problem. Then came a warning: A snow-boarder advised her a whiteout was coming and suggested she turn around.

It would be the last person she would talk to for six days.

Undeterred, she pressed on. At 9,000 feet, Owen could barely see a few feet in front of her, lost in the thick of a cloud. "I figured the summit couldn't be much further," she says. "I kept going, thinking I could just will it to clear up."

She was in trouble now. Everything was cold. It was time to turn around. One problem: She'd lost her bearings. Descending below the whiteout, Owen could see the distant lights of Portland – an indication she was on the wrong side of the mountain. The faint lights of a snow park offered hope. But, trudging through 5 feet of snow, Owen felt as though she was "swimming through mud."

Ultimately, she decided to head for a line of trees and rocks going up the face of a canyon wall. The next thing she remembered, her body was careening down the mountain.

### Lost and injured

Lost and injured, Owen hasn't abandoned hope. But she takes precautions. In the event she doesn't make it, she wants to tell her parents what happened – and apologize to her future summer employer for not reporting to work "because I'm dead." She records a two-minute farewell on her camera.

It's funny where your mind goes when you're stranded. Outlandish dreams – including one in which a friend offers a dragon for transport off the mountain – taunt Owen. In another surreal encounter, the Jonas Brothers and U2 emerge from a celebrity spa and talk to her about hiking out. U2, however, doesn't want to hike with the Jonases, so they part ways.

Even more disconcerting, though, is the silence. Three days pass, and still nobody is looking for her. Owen hadn't told anyone she was going alone, but she had filled out the paperwork to register for the hike. She would find out later that paperwork was misplaced, delaying any search efforts.

Even worse, God was nowhere to be found.

"I'm not afraid of much, and being outdoors isn't fear-inducing at all, but I was wondering why God wasn't talking to me," she says. "Then it hit me. I realized every-

thing he had given me – my family, friends, everything he'd given me to do at school and as a Bible translator (her career goal) – I had given up for what? To summit a peak? How ridiculous."

### **Contemplating death**

Her faith in God remained strong, but the experience drove home a truth: Her life is not her own. "I don't really believe in fear, and I don't have a fear of death, but something I realized while I was out there was that, while you may not believe in the fear of death and may not hold onto life too tightly, your life means something to other people," she says. "It's not just you and God when you die. It's you, God and the community that he's placed you in."

"To hold my life as carelessly as I did was tantamount to suicide. I had done something with only a thought of myself, thinking it was just between me and God. It wasn't. As I lay there, I couldn't help but think of

how many loose ends I'd be leaving behind if I were to die out there. Death had never hit me like that. I'd been in places where I almost died, but I'd never really had a chance to fully contemplate what all that entails."

The realization that her life was in the balance because of a bullheaded decision hit her hard. She recalled the promise to her dad, Bruce, that she wouldn't climb Hood alone. She reflected on the Israelites of Exodus and their needless wandering because of stubbornness. She thought of the grief of her loved ones when her body was finally discovered. "Easter, for them, would be marked with pain for the rest of their lives," she reasoned.

But Easter is all about miracles, and Owen was about to experience one firsthand.

### An Easter miracle

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Friday – Good Friday – felt different. Owen, sensing the prayers of thousands of people all over the world, was at peace. This was the day she would be found, she thought.

At sunset, two search planes circled above her. Both flew off. Still, Owen was hopeful, and early Saturday her prayers were answered. A National Guard helicopter hovered toward her. It had followed footprints from the summit, where a sleeping bag print was made.

Now was the time to scream. Her attention-getting antics paid off: She was spotted. Owen was safe. And, despite frostbite on her toes and a six-inch gash on her leg, she would be expected to make a full recovery.

The miracle? The sleeping bag print and footprints weren't hers.

"My dad said he was praying that an angel would guide the rescuers," she smiles. "I guess an angel made it to the summit."

Upon reuniting with her father, her first words were, "I'm so sorry." A long embrace followed.

There would indeed be a lot of crying in the Owen household this Easter. Only, in a miraculous twist, they would be tears of joy.





### ALUMNI CONNECTIONS / news & life events

### 1970 - 79

Marian Derlet (G73) is a developmental English instructor at Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Ore. She has been a college preparation instructor at CCC since 1998 after she earned an MA from Portland State in teaching English to speakers of other languages. In January, she was featured in a campus public program titled "Brain Rewiring for Dummies: How to Improve Your Cognitive Competence," after last year completing a graduate certificate in mind, brain and teaching from Johns Hopkins University.

Ron Hays (n74, MBA07), after more than seven years as president of the Marion-Polk (Oregon) Food Share program, resigned in January to become president of the newly formed Department of Mission Advancement, a subsidiary of Mountain West Investments, a real estate development firm in Salem, Ore. He provides consultation and support to leaders of nonprofit groups, helping them pursue their missions and assisting in management improvements. Previously, for four years, he was with Medical Teams International as emergency medical services coordinator following a 23-year career as a paramedic in Tillamook, Ore.

### 1980 - 89

Lurae (Hanson) Stuart (G80) has been named a senior principal technical specialist in the Portland office of Parson Brinckerhoff, an international engineering, design, planning and construction management firm. She provides client services relating to aspects of transit/rail operations, safety and security. She moves from Good Harbor Consulting in Abu Dhabi, UAE, where she provided safety and security technical consulting, project coordination and logistics control on several transportation projects, including master plan development for the

Abu Dhabi Department of Transportation. Previously, for seven years, she coordinated and managed the American Public Transportation Association industry standards development program in Washington, D. C.

Phil Aronson (G81), CEO of Aronson Security Group in Seattle, and his firm have been named Security Integrator of the Year by Commercial Integrator magazine in its December issue. In June, his company was named one of Washington's "100 Best Companies to Work For" by Seattle Business magazine. He started with the company, founded by his father 50 years ago, in 1983 and has been president since 1989. Now with 48 employees and six offices nationwide, it provides security solutions integration, including IP video, access control, doors and more for multiple markets.

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Tom Van Winkle (G82) is a senior business analyst with Liberty Northwest Insurance in Portland. He is in his 27th year with the company and has served in the actuarial, audit and statistical departments, spending the majority of his time in the actuarial field performing reserve studies, data analysis, data reporting and financial projections in the worker's compensation market.

Roger Watson (G82) has joined the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church as director of finance and development. He began in April after 17 years with Touchmark Living Centers, headquartered in Beaverton, Ore., as accounting manager. He also founded and is director and treasurer of a nonprofit organization, Daytime Enrichment, Activities and Recreation, Inc. In addition, he has served as a member of the Friends Church Extension Fund and as a pastor.

Paul Almquist (G84, MA91) in November was named director of George Fox's Friends Center, a joint venture between the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends and George Fox Evangelical Seminary. He also serves as adjunct professor and is completing 14 years as senior pastor of West Chehalem Friends Church near Newberg. The Friends Center offers classes with a specific Quaker focus and equips Friends leaders for service.

Darleen (Mock) Ortega (G84) is set to receive yet another award. In October she will be presented the Law, Advocacy and Policy Award by the Oregon Center for Women, Politics and Policy. It notes she is the first woman of Hispanic heritage and the first woman of color to serve on the Oregon Court of Appeals. Ortega joined the court in 2003. In February 2012, she received the Paul J. De Muniz Professionalism Award, the top honor of the Oregon Hispanic Bar Association. In 2011, she was given the Judge Mercedes Deiz Award from the Oregon Women Lawyers Foundation. Prior

### Dewar to Ply Trade at World Games

As a runner at George Fox in the mid-1990s, David Dewar (G97) benefitted from the expertise of athletic trainers and a chiropractor who helped him overcome a stress fracture. Today, he's returning the favor by helping athletes excel – and this summer he'll get the chance to do so at the international level.

Dewar, 38, a chiropractor in his hometown of Canby, Ore., will serve as one of 25 chiropractors from 20 countries at the

World Games in Cali, Colombia, July 24 to Aug. 5. In all, the competition will draw more than 4,000 athletes from 79 nations. The opportunity is the culmination of Dewar's occupational dream to apply his training to assist world-class athletes.

"I enjoy working with all populations, but there's just something about helping someone achieve their best that I like to be involved with - just helping other people reach their dreams," says Dewar, a Spanish and chemistry major at George Fox.

Inspired by George Fox's team doctor, Dr. Dean Clark, to pursue a career in chiropractic medicine, Dewar completed a doctorate in the discipline in 2008 and earned a sports diplomate two years later - an additional credential that gave him license to work on Olympic-caliber athletes. He opened his own clinic in 2012 and soon after began inquiring about working at high-profile sporting events.

Dewar is unsure what his role will be in Colombia. "I could end up at the sumo wrestling or rhythmic gymnastics venues ... or archery or martial arts ... basically any of 45 sports."

Ultimately, he would love to march with Team

USA in the opening ceremonies of a future Olympic Games. He also hopes to participate in a missions-oriented trip like working with Athletes in Action.

In the meantime, Dewar is giving back to his university. For the past two years he has made regular weekly visits to Newberg to work with athletes. "It's great because I feel like I can teach students some things while also learning from them," he says. "It works both ways."



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Master of arts MA

MS Master of science

MAT Master of arts in teaching

**DMgt** Doctor of management

MBA Master of business administration

**GFES** George Fox Evangelical Seminary

MDiv Master of divinity

**DMin** Doctor of ministry

MEd Master of education

EdD Doctor of education

Education specialist in school psychology

PsyD Doctor of psychology

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to joining the court, Ortega practiced law in Portland for 11 years, specializing in complex civil cases and appeals.

**Doreen Dodgen-Magee** (G87) is a licensed clinical psychologist with a practice in Lake Oswego, Ore. She has maintained both a clinical and consulting practice for 22 years while also speaking nationally. She works with individuals and groups in areas of relational health, emotional wholeness and maturation, and is considered an expert in the area of how technology impacts mental health, her concentration when she spoke on campus in March as Spring Theological Conference speaker.

Julie-Anne (Edmundson) Mueller (G88) is the new principal at Lacamas Heights Elementary School in the Camas (Wash.) School District. She previously taught at the school and most recently was associate principal in the district's Liberty Middle School.

### 1990 - 99

Daniel Brown (G92) has been named George Fox University's 2013 Outstanding Engineer, an annual alumni award. He received the award at the Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum May 3 in

McMinnville, Ore. Brown, an acoustics engineer with Honeywell Aerospace in Phoenix, joined the firm in 1995 after receiving a master's degree from Purdue University. He specializes in acoustics (keeping airplanes quiet) and working with auxiliary power units that provide energy to planes primarily when they are on the ground.

Jennifer Childress (G92) is the new women's basketball coach at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. She leaves her position at Western Washington University, where she has been associate head coach for women's basketball and recruiting coordinator since 2006. Previously, she coached four seasons at Cal State San Bernardino after beginning her coaching career in 1995 at Meridian High School in Bellingham, Wash.

Matt Milligan (G92) is an account manager with Burkhart Dental in Portland, assisting clients in choosing and purchasing products and technology. He is completing his ninth year with the company after serving 10 years with the Boyd Coffee Company as vice president of new business sales in the Northwest.

Mitzi (Tunison) Hryciw (G93) is an admitting representative with St. Charles Hospital in Madras, Ore., where she began in 2011 in patient access services. Previously she was a control technologist, operating the security and communications systems for Jefferson County, Ore.

Tricia Gates Brown (G96, MACS97) had an essay, "The Eighth Sacrament," published in the spring 2013 issue of *Portland Monthly*. She also had the piece "Written Off" published in the spring 2013 issue of *Geez* magazine. She is the author of *Jesus Loves Women: A Memoir of Body and Spirit*, published by DreamSeeker Books.

Emily (Bergman) Kibby (G96) has been named Hawaii State Law Enforcement Official Association Officer of the Year for Maui (Hawaii) County. The 2012 honor was presented in Honolulu in September. She has been with the Maui Police Department for

five years and in March was promoted to community police officer in Kihei, where she is a liaison between community organizations and the department. Kibby is cited for her work in securing a \$21,000 grant to establish a bicycle patrol program in Kihei and for writing a proposal and receiving a \$65,000 Project Safe Neighborhoods grant. It has funded a "Choices" mentorship program that partners the police department and other agencies in mentoring troubled teens.

Brian van Kleef (G96) is a deputy sheriff with the Washington County (Oregon) Sheriff's Office. He transitioned to law enforcement in 2010 after five years with KPTV Fox 12 in Portland, where he was executive producer of the *Good Day Oregon* program.

Bryan Bredell (MBA98) has been named executive vice president and East Bay market president for Presidio Bank, a San Francisco-area business bank. He moves from a vice president position at Sterling Savings Bank, where he served five years. He also is active with Dogs 4 Diabetics, a nonprofit organization providing medical alert assistance dogs at no cost.

Tarah (Walberg) Reeves (G99) is a public relations consultant in Salt Lake City. She has been an account director for the public relations and communications firm Waggener Edstrom Worldwide for the past 14 years.

### 2000 - 09

Eric Beasley (G00, MEd04), principal of Linus Pauling Middle School in Corvallis, Ore., has been named one of 23 "Up-and-Comers" by the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*. Beasley, with nine years of teaching experience, was named principal in 2011, leading a school with 75 employees and 700 students in sixth through eighth grades. He moved from an assistant principal position at Laurel Ridge Middle School in Sherwood, Ore.

Michael Horwood (MEd00, EdD10) has just completed his first year as principal at Lathrop (Calif.) High School. Previously, he was at Delhi High School, 35 miles south, where he had been principal since 2006.

**Kyle McCain** (G00) was named 2012 employee of the year by the Moses Lake, Wash., Police Department. He has been with the department since 2005, serving as a school resource officer and currently as a patrol officer.

Dawn (Sward) Pastores (G00) in February joined Prudential Northwest Properties in Portland as director of career development. She is responsible for expanding and coordinating training and career development resources for real estate professionals. She has been a trainer, coach and mediator with her own firm, DSP Consulting, focusing on organizational and business development leadership.

Brendon Connelly (MBA01) in April became chief operations officer at The Dougy Center in Portland, where he is responsible for day-to-day operations and development, including fundraising, marketing and administration/finance operations. Previously, he was director of finance and development at Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends for four years. The Dougy Center is a nonprofit that provides a place for children, teens and young adults and their families who are grieving a death.

Joseph Gonzales (G03) is a senior field applications scientist with Illumina in San Diego. He serves as the primary technical field contact for customers and is responsible for new installations, training, data analysis and logistical support. Illumina develops and manufactures technology that allows researchers to gather, process and analyze genetic information. He joined the firm in 2008 following post-doctoral research at Notre Dame University, from which he received a PhD in biology the same year.

Elizabeth (Richter) Khuri (G03) has been hired as an associate attorney with the law office of Eden Rose Brown in Salem, Ore., with a focus on estate and legal planning. She received a law degree from Regent University School of Law in 2007 and pre-

viously was an estate planning and probate attorney in Eugene, Ore.

Nate Bodenstab (G04) last year received a PhD in computer science and artificial intelligence from Oregon Health & Science University and now is manager of research at Nuance Communications in Burlington, Mass. The multinational computer software technology corporation provides speech and imaging applications. His research is focused on automatic speech recognition, the artificial intelligence behind voice interaction with computers.

Nathanael Iwata (G04), a video game designer and illustrator in Vancouver, Wash., had a new book published in June: Steampunk Alphabet. Intended for children, it blends Victorian aesthetics and sci-fi wizardry as each letter is presented, each with a four-line children's rhyme, plus footnotes for adults. The father of three says he was inspired by "pretty lame" picture books he was sharing with his own children, and he blended futuristic themes with the old fashioned. He occasionally teaches animation at George Fox.

David Panther (G04) graduated last June from Loma Linda Medical University in California and now is in residency in dermatology and practicing at Loma Linda University Medical Center. He finished first in his class through his second year and as a senior was selected by the dean's office to serve as a voting member of the Academic Review Committee.

Elizabeth (Carlson) Comfort (G01, MBA04) in February accepted a position as the first chief financial officer of Frontier Management in Tualatin, Ore., a nationwide management company of retirement communities. She brings her experience in healthcare and expertise in financial management to the company.

Jonathan Fost (MEd05) was one of eight Oregon residents named this spring as a Ford Community Fellow by the Roseburg-based Ford Family Foundation. A graduate of the Ford Institute Leadership Program, he received a



### **Felton Launches Ministry with Unlikely Partner**

Jerilyn Felton's (DMin12) degree from George Fox Evangelical Seminary has opened doors to a new - but late - career. Her partner in her venture has no such degree, but she does have a license of a different sort, and always follows Felton's lead.

After earning a doctor of ministry degree last June, Felton has paired in ministry with her nearly 12-year-old white lab, Alya, who is registered with Pet Partners. Alya and Felton visit residents of care and nursing homes each week to offer a time of spiritual contemplation. After 30 years in the working world, it's an outreach Felton became so enamored with that she began taking classes to gain credibility to sell it to others.

In fact, her doctoral thesis developed in detail her ministry plan for what is now called Four-Footed Ministers. Felton conducted a nine-month research study in which she brought Alya to a prayer group with elders in the Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton, Ore. She found the dog served as a grounding and healing presence.

"Dogs are social lubricators," Felton says.

"They facilitate connections." That process, she explains, fosters human companionship as well, and opens up further sharing. "The physical connections that residents make by interacting with the animal can lead to spiritual comfort and care," she says.

With her idea now a reality, Felton is being shadowed by others wanting to learn the concept. Felton says she uses her DMin credentials to open doors to those who might be skeptical of her ministry.

Felton makes weekly visits to Maryville and has added St. Anthony's Village Assisted Living in Portland to her ministry. A typical visit includes an hour visiting residents in their rooms or common areas, then another hour with those who want to attend a time of theological reflection, with call to prayer, Scripture, then queries and discussion.

To balance her new ministerial career, Felton continues an old hobby. She's an ice skater who met her late husband as an ice skating partner, and they competed as amateurs. Now she frequents area rinks to relax and still serves as a judge for proficiency exams. It's one area where Alya doesn't participate.

\$12,000 unrestricted monetary award and is eligible for two renewal awards. Fellows are expected to develop their own plans to explore, learn and practice community. Fost is in his sixth year with the Newberg School District, where he is English language learners coordinator and migrant school director for the district.

Joe DiCarlo (MBA06) has been named director of emergency relief and security for Medical Teams International in Portland, responsible for overseeing all necessary systems and security measures to manage high-impact disaster response and ensure medical services are available to disaster survivors worldwide. He has been with the organization for 14 years as director of international programs.

**Sarah Hoggatt** (MA06) is author of *In the* Wild Places, a book of poetry released by her own publishing firm, Spirit Water Publications, in Salem, Ore., where she resides. She drew inspiration for her spiritually based poems during weekly mountain hikes. It is her fifth book and the third installment of a poetry trilogy.

**Perla Rodriguez** (EdD06) has been named Oregon's 2013 Distinguished Latino Educator for her work in the Forest Grove (Ore.) School District. She was chosen by the Oregon Association of Latino Administrators in early February, for which she is treasurer. This year she became principal of Echo Shaw Elementary, returning to the school where she began teaching in 1998. She had served as principal at Cornelius Elementary from 2003 until last fall.

**Zoriana Camp** (ADP07) is living in Salem, Ore., where she is a receptionist at Leslie Middle School and an independent consultant for PartyLite, which markets personal and decorative products, especially candles. Her personal ministry includes working with abused women and volunteering at church.

**Andrew Riese** (G07) is a reading specialist/ Title I assistant in the classroom at Colonel Wright Elementary School in The Dalles, Ore. Previously, for four years, he taught

### At 90, Bales Still Cheering on Bruins

She was never a pastor, but she's delivered a sermon and officiated at a funeral. Her degree is not in theology or religion, but at 90 she's now traveling around the world to participate in international meetings and religious discussions.

Those who know **Elenita Bales** (G43) aren't surprised. The contributions of Bales, who graduated from George Fox (then called Pacific College) 70 years ago this spring, are indelible.

Many know her as an English teacher and high school counselor from her 25-year tenure at Kelso (Wash.) High School. Others know her as a pastor's wife, assisting her late husband, George (G43, G44) as he pastored the Rose Valley Friends Church in Washington for 20 years. Still others know



her in her current role representing the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.

But some of her first followers are those who know her as a coach's wife as she served along with George when he was George Fox's football coach, basketball coach, PE and health professor and athletic director (1948-54) — a career that earned him a place in the university's Sports Hall of Fame.

In his first year on campus, George guided the football team to a 4-2-1 record, its best finish in years. Elenita was called upon to prepare a steak dinner for the team to celebrate the season. Now, already a regular attendee of George Fox basketball games, Elenita is planning to attend George Fox football games when play resumes in 2014. She's eager for the comforts of the new stadium, saying it will be a welcome change from her earlier experiences when, though there was some bleacher seating for fans, she mostly walked up and down the sidelines to follow the action.

In 2002, the Bales moved into Friendsview Retirement Community. After 60 years of marriage, George passed away in 2004 at the age of 83. "We were always a team," she says. After that, she began her continuing travels; so far she has been to 20 countries. The Bales had four children, all of whom attended George Fox: Dorlan (G69), Andrea (G71), Thea (Bales) Cowley (G77) and Marla (Bales) Godfrey (G79).

Identifying herself as a night owl, Bales often is awake at 2 or 3 a.m. at her computer or reading. She was only slightly interrupted by April shoulder replacement surgery – her first time in a hospital other than giving birth or visiting. That kept her down for a couple of weeks, but she's planning on a full recovery and being able to walk across the street to attend basketball and football games.

English in Shanghai, China, with the Christian organization TeachOverseas.

McCoy Doerrie (G08) is an associate broker in the Portland office of Newmark Grubb Knight Frank, a national commercial real estate firm. He lives in West Linn, Ore., where he is an active volunteer with Young Life.

Julie (Wigdzinski) Melton (MBA08) has been promoted to director of marketing for Columbia Ultimate in Vancouver, Wash., a privately held corporation servicing healthcare, collections agencies, debt buyers, and banking and finance organizations. She joined the company in 2007 as a marketing programs specialist and a year later was named marketing manager.

Maureen O'Toole (MA08) has become the chief executive officer for the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council, which includes 5,000 girls and 2,000 adult leaders. She is headquartered in Boise, Idaho, and is responsible for community outreach and collaboration, increased visibility and financial sustainability, membership recruitment and retention, and constituent engagement. O'Toole is a retired military intelligence officer, serving 25 years with the U.S. Army and Army Reserves, and for 17 years was a teacher working in private tutoring, private music instruction, K-8 curriculum and Spanish instruction.

James Wolfer (G08) in 2012 received an MS in criminal justice and criminology from the University of Cincinnati and now is a fraud analyst with First Tech Federal Credit Union in Beaverton, Ore. As the only Spanish speaker for the fraud team, he often is called on to converse with members or their families who speak only Spanish. Previously, he worked for a year and a half as a patrol officer in Central Oregon. He also is a reservist with the U.S. Coast Guard as a boatswain's mate out of the Seattle station. Once a month and two weeks a year he is a search and rescue crew member and maritime law enforcement boarding team member.

**Bradley Buchanan** (G09) is a software engineer with PopCap Games in San Francisco. In May he received a master of entertainment technology degree from Carnegie Mellon University, completing two semesters in Pittsburgh before moving to San Francisco in 2012 for his current position. He continued studies at a satellite campus at Electronic Arts, of which PopCap is a subsidiary, which awarded him one of four Tim Mott Scholarships to help him with his studies and featured him in a magazine interview.

**Konnie Clary** (G09) is a pastoral intern of mission and outreach at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Jackson, N.J., and also a second-year student at Princeton Seminary working toward a Master of Divinity degree. In New York City in

March, she was part of the Young Women's Leadership Development Program, recommending global policy on women's issues under the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Mary VanSteenberghe (G09) is a registered nurse in the emergency department at LewisGale Montgomery Regional Hospital in Blacksburg, Va. She was awarded the Spirit of Nursing and Service Award as she received a BSN from Creighton University in ceremonies last August. Previously, she was a research assistant at Dow AgroSciences in Woodburn, Ore., and a volunteer cross country/track coach at George Fox.

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Caitlin Bletscher (G10) completed an MA in communication and leadership at Gonzaga University and has moved to Seattle where she is a development and events associate with the Refugee Women's Alliance, a Puget Sound-area refugee resettlement agency.

Melissa Marley Bonnichsen (MDiv10) is assistant director of service and community partnership with the Moreau Center for Service and Leadership at the University of Portland.

Megan (Borjesson) Eddy (G10) is activities director for Regency Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation in Gresham, Ore.

Natalie Gould (G10) is Web editor for GRIT, a national rural lifestyle magazine, based in Topeka, Kan. She received a master's degree from Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University in June. She is responsible for the social media presence of the magazine, updating the website daily, and editing Good Things to Eat, a weekly foodie newsletter.

Rob Leslie (G10) in April became the Web usability and search engine optimization administrator in George Fox's marketing communications department. For the last three years he was online marketing manager and quality assurance analyst for OAC LLC, a software company in Gresham, Ore.

Whitney (Signalness) Motley (G10) is a digital advertising analyst with ADP Cobalt in Seattle, advising clients on marketing program strategy and performance. Previously she worked for a year as a digital marketing specialist with Quality Smith in Portland.

David Rickey (G10) lives in Phoenix, where he is senior admissions assistant and assistant men's soccer coach at Arizona Christian University.

Spencer Alexander (G11) is a senior customer service representative with Capital One in Portland. He lives in Sherwood, Ore., where he is also technical director at Freelance Creative and Technical Direction, with specialties in screenwriting, technical direction, and pre- and postproduction film work.

Mark Kelley (G11) is in auto claims at State Farm Insurance in Newberg. He also is a board member and volunteer mediator with Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County.

Jared Whitney (G11) is in his second year as junior high youth director at Calvary Chapel Worship Center in Hillsboro, Ore. He interacts with about 50 students each week through worship, fellowship and outreach efforts.

Jocelyn Zichterman (G11) has authored I Fired God, in which she tells of being born, raised, married into and then leaving the Independent Fundamental Baptist Church. The book is published by St. Martin's Press. She also has shared her experience in interviews on ABC News' 20/20 and on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360.

Kaleb Olsen (G12) is in China, teaching oral English as well as public speaking at Hubei Polytechnic Institute.

**Elliott Parisi** (G12) is an intern at the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco, researching the effectiveness of online education in the classroom and how charter schools have been utilizing online technology. He has coauthored a policy paper, "One World School House vs. Old

### Three Alumni Named University Presidents

In a span of 34 days, three George Fox University graduates have been named presidents of U.S. colleges. They join three others already in college and seminary presidencies: Jason Koppen (G95) at Indian Bible College, Anthony Blair (DMin05) at Evangelical Seminary, and Gayle Beebe (G81) at Westmont College.

David Wright, who received a master's degree in biblical studies from George Fox in 1980 and in 2011 was named its seminary alumnus of the year, on July 1 will become president of Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. Alex Bryan, who earned a doctor of ministry

degree from George Fox in 2009, on June 1 became the sixth president of Kettering College in Dayton, Ohio. Finally, Robin Dummer, who received a doctor of education degree from the university in 2012, already has stepped in as interim president of Simpson University in Redding, Calif.

Wright will head Indiana's largest private college with 15,000 students, 3,000 of whom are on its main campus in Marion and the majority of the rest enrolled at regional sites and online. He will become the ninth president of the university, his undergraduate alma mater. Wright received a PhD from the University of Kentucky in 1990 and has been at Illinois Wesleyan since 2008 as provost and chief academic officer.



**David Wright** 



Alex Bryan

Bryan will guide a college with more than 980 students in healthcare programs. The institution is owned by the Kettering Medical Center. He has been senior pastor of Walla Walla University Church in Washington for the last four years. In addition to guiding the 2,400-member church, he was a member of the president's cabinet and an advisor to the president of Walla Walla University. Bryan also received an MDiv from Andrews University in Michigan.

Dummer moved up to the presidency of the 1,300-student Simpson University from his

position as interim provost and chief academic officer. He also has been dean of the School of Traditional Undergraduate Studies since 2005. He joined the faculty originally in 1994 following 10 years as a pastor in the Evangelical Covenant Church near San Francisco. The Simpson University grad has both an MDiv from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and a master's degree in history from California State at Chico.



**Robin Dummer** 

World Statehouse: The Khan Academy and California Red Tape." This fall he plans to enroll in Pepperdine University's graduate program for a master's degree in public policy.

Trevor Woods (G12) in January joined George Fox University's plant services department as a groundskeeper, following three and a half years as a work-study student in the department and full-time work during the summer months.

Amanda Kate Winkelman (G12) is a customer service associate at Paper Source in Portland, and a media specialist with Portland Fashionxt, an annual fashion week hosted by Intel. She writes and edits for its blog, Twitter, Facebook and Tumblr accounts.

### JUST MARRIED

Tarah Walberg (G99) and Ryan Reeves, Dec. 31, 2012, in Park City, Utah.

Trinity Kay (G02) and Freddy Garcia, Dec. 12, 2012, in Felton, Calif.

Margaret Potter (G02) and Donald Lowe, March 9, 2013, in San Diego.

Cassandra Halvorson (G06) and Daniel Syverson, June 23, 2012, in Beaverton, Ore.

Megan Borjesson (G10) and Brandon Eddy, June 9, 2012, in Sublimity, Ore.

Carli Bowman (G10) and Tyler Lancaster, Oct. 12, 2012, in Gaston, Ore.

David Rickey (G10) and Tiffani Edwards, Dec. 16, 2012, in Mesa, Ariz.

Brittany Murray (G12) and Caleb Snoberger, July 20, 2012, in Portland.

### Send in your baby photos!

Mail to George Fox Journal, 414 N. Meridian St. #6069, Newberg, OR 97132 or e-mail alumni@georgefox.edu

### BABY BRUINS

Ryan Fast (G97) and Erin (Johnson) Fast (G99), a boy, Ezekiel Mark, Jan. 23, 2013, in Portland.

Norma (Krettler) Alley (G00) and Clinton Alley, a boy, Corban Josiah, Jan. 2, 2013, in Newberg.

John Macy (G00) and Erin (Hatch) Macy (G00), a girl, Brynn Elane, Feb. 3, 2013, in Newberg.

Aaron Meyer (G00) and Tauna Meyer, a boy, Miles Douglas, Nov. 27, 2012, in Portland.

Kelsey (Kaopuiki) Mesa (G01) and Miguel Mesa, a boy, Micah Grant Kaikane, Oct. 27, 2012, in Vancouver Wash



Serena (Brumund) Taylor (G01) and Michael Taylor, a girl, Claire Elise, April 29, 2012, in Salem, Ore.



Ron Davis (G02) and Trina (Christiansen) Davis (G03). a boy, Dane Richard, June 6, 2012, in Cambridge, Mass.



Benjamin Friesen (G02) and Angela (Nichols) Friesen (G03), a boy, John Armstrong, Jan. 30, 2013, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Matthew Rider (G02) and Shannon (Boland) Rider (G02), a boy, Lincoln Matthew, March 21, 2012, in Portland.

Kelly (Bilinski) Arispe (G03) and Sergio Arispe, a boy, Santiago Adrian, July 25, 2012, in Boise, Idaho.



Nate **Bodenstab** (G04) and Sharon Bodenstab, twin boys,



Max Irving and Theo Callnan, Feb. 20, 2012, in Dover, N.H.

Christy (Miller) Rummel (G04) and Tobin Rummel (G04), a girl, Esther Emily, Dec. 24, 2012, in Corvallis, Ore.

Valerie (Plowhead) Parks (G06) and Matt Parks, a girl, Hannah Elizabeth, Oct. 18, 2012, in Corvallis, Ore.

Christina (Maguire) Schiedler (G05, MAT06) and Kevin Schiedler (G06), a boy, Liam Christopher, Sept. 26, 2012, in Salt Lake City.



Sam Craven (G07) and Stephanie (Skelton) Craven (G07), a girl, Evelyn Jane, Jan. 1, 2013, in Portland.



Mark Johnson (G05) and Kara (Geertz) Johnson (G07), a boy, Luke David, Aug. 17, 2012, in Newberg.

Liz (Adams) Rockwood (G07, MA10) and Ryan Rockwood (G07), a boy, Parker Lee, Nov. 19, 2012, in Portland.

Amy (Smith) Alumbaugh (G07) and Bevan Alumbaugh (G08), a girl, Elianna Jane, March 6, 2013, in Greenville, S.C.

Amanda (Buss) Hayes (G08) and Jared Hayes, a boy, William Allen, Jan. 8, 2013, in Oregon City, Ore.



Meagan (Brown) Moore

(G09) and Joel Moore (G09), a boy, Jedidiah Courage, Jan. 25, 2013, in Portland.

Anna (Ward) Philipsen (G09) and Josiah Philipsen (G09), a boy, Landon Carter, Feb. 21, 2013, in Salem, Ore.



Melissa Marley Bonnichsen (MDiv10) and Jeremy Bonnichsen, a boy, Bartimaeus Pryce Danger, Nov. 1, 2012, in Portland.



Julie (Townsend) Tarbutton (G10) and Matthew Tarbutton, a girl, Mayley Grace, March 25, 2013, in Phoenix.

### IN MEMORY

Violet (Braithwaite) Richey (G36), March 26, 2013, in Newberg.

Marjorie Craven (n44), April 18, 2013 in Newberg.

**Hubert Thornburg** (G52), Jan. 20, 2013, in Newberg.

Nancy (Hald) Stolberg (G54), Dec. 19, 2012, in Clackamas, Ore.

Hideo Kaneko (G57), Feb. 4, 2013, in Cheshire, Conn.

Paul Knottingham (G77), Jan. 15, 2013, in Newberg.

Kim Meche (G89), April 11, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash.

Lucy Anderson (Faculty, 1947-51), Feb. 25, 2013, in Canton, Ohio.

Lynn Lundquist (Faculty, 1960s), April 9, 2013, in Powell Butte, Ore.

### **Portland Timbers Game** July 13 at 8 p.m.

Jeld-Wen Field is the place to be on the evening of July 13 as the Portland Timbers



take on the LA Galaxy. You are invited to join George Fox alumni, parents and friends on the Widmer Brothers Southern Front to watch the game. Tickets cost \$50 each and snacks are provided for our group at no additional cost. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu to purchase tickets.

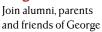
### San Francisco Giants Game July 21 at 1 p.m.



Alumni, parents and friends of George Fox in the Bay Area are invited to join us when the San Francisco Giants take on the Arizona Diamondbacks on Sunday, July 21. Tickets are

\$35 each, which includes a \$12 concessions voucher. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu to purchase tickets.

### **Broadway Across America Ticket Program**



Fox for Broadway Across America perfor-

mances this season! Prices are based on a group discount, and all seats are in the middle three sections of the first balcony at the Keller Auditorium. Shows during the 2013 season include: Chicago, Anything Goes, Evita, Blue Man Group, Sister Act and Once. Tickets can be purchased individually or as a package deal. Visit broadway.georgefox.edu for more information and to purchase tickets.



### Serve Day September 11

About 1,500 George Fox students and employees will visit more than 70 sites per-

forming acts of service that range from painting and cleaning to pulling weeds and construction projects. Alumni who are interested in joining us in service can e-mail serveday@ georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2326.

### Sports Hall of Fame

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e-mail alumni@georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134. **Homecoming and Family Weekend** October 25-27

Alumni and parents are invited back

to campus for a weekend of activities you won't want to miss. Events include the annual Homecoming Coronation & Variety Show, Auxilliary Holiday Bazaar, Classic Bruins Supper, trolley tours, class reunions, Family Weekend Luncheon, music department concert, theatre presentations, Evening of Jazz concert, Family Bingo and the Alumni Awards Celebration Banquet.

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The following individuals will be inducted:

field, 1995-97), Eric Bell (baseball, 2001-03),

Gary Blackmar (men's football, basketball,

track and field, 1964-68), Russ Lewis (men's

soccer team, and Alvis and Barbara Forbes

basketball coach, 1915-1921), the 1998 women's

for meritorious service. For more information,

### **Induction Ceremony** September 14

Join us as we honor the Fox University Sports Hall of Fame with a ceremony in



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**2013** October 25-27

- → Reconnect with classmates
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- → Take part in a weekend filled with class reunions and events





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- $\rightarrow$  Buy an engraved brick located in the stadium (\$200)
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