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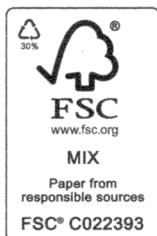
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From the archives: Wood-Mar Hall under construction in 1911.



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Faith: A Constant Amidst Change



We are living in a time of great change. Our economy has shifted from an industrial system to one that is influenced and directed by new technology. Those of us who are over 40 have experienced significant change in the way we work and communicate, from the internet and smartphones to perhaps soon the driverless car. Sometimes this new technology can become a disruptive social force that leads to changing cultural norms and expectations.

This summer we were awakened to the news that the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. I'm not sure those who voted for the "Brexit" fully understood the consequences of their vote, but they clearly were frustrated with the rapid pace and nature of change. Similar forces of frustration and change have emerged in our own political system, as evidenced by the results of this year's presidential election. In many ways, the future seems more uncertain now than at any point in my lifetime.

I keep in my office the letters and addresses of one of our most significant university presidents, Levi Pennington. I have found few leaders wiser or more thoughtful. In 1939, on the cusp of World War II and the disappearance of democracies across the globe, he noted, "The world is in a rapidly changing state, and the task of preparing young men and women for life in it is not an easy one. ... We who are educators must prepare young people for life in this rapidly changing world. What is to be our guiding principle? What shall determine our aim and methods?"

Of the many things he wrote, I found this comment the most meaningful: "It is my personal conviction that the one most positive preparation for life is character. To develop industry, versatility, resourcefulness, dependability, alertness, honesty, straightforwardness, self-reliance, the power to give and to secure cooperation, a genuine love for humanity and loyalty to God and truth - if the teacher can succeed in developing character of this sort, his or her work cannot fail."

The challenges we face today are quite different from those of the World War II generation. At the same time, Pennington's advice seems as valuable now as it did then. While George Fox University must always be relevant and looking toward the future in its work, it remains rooted in important core commitments that do not change. We are focused on preparing people for work, but not just for a particular job or career. Our hope is that we are developing people of character and commitment who will love God and their neighbor. People who will see beyond the moment and look to a future that will indeed be different - more just, more humane, and with a greater understanding of God's love.

In 1891, evangelical Quaker pioneers founded a small college built on a vision of not just excellence in education, but on creating disciples of Jesus Christ. Whether in 1891, 1939 or 2016, our core commitments remain constant and lasting.

Today, 125 years later, we are excited for the future. Not knowing what tomorrow may bring, we hold fast to our faith, looking for God's guidance as we continue to prepare students to be salt and light in their communities.

Robin Baker
President



The "Rook Taxi"

In this photo that originally appeared in the *Newberg Graphic* in October 1941, freshmen pull President Emmett Gulley downtown and back - a college tradition at the time. Riding along with Gulley are Betty Lou (Gardner) Hutchens ('44) and Catherine (Coffin) Larson ('45). Earl Craven ('49), Leo Crisman ('45) and Burl Kirkpatrick ('45) are among those doing the heavy lifting, while upperclassmen Arthur Roberts ('44) and Wayne Roberts ('44) urge them on.

Levi Pennington served as president of Pacific College (now George Fox) from 1911 to 1941 - the longest tenure of any Oregon college president.





Community Mourns Loss of Campus Grandpa

The university community lost one of its most beloved figures this summer. Roy Hiebert, known affectionately by four decades of George Fox students as “Grandpa Roy,” passed away June 30 at the age of 92, succumbing to the stress of a hip injury and the subsequent surgery, his family said. A memorial service was held July 15 at Bauman Auditorium. On the same day, the university announced the creation of the Grandpa Roy Hiebert Memorial Scholarship in his honor.

Known for delivering thousands of flowers from his garden each year to students and employees around campus, Hiebert could often be found at the university dining hall sharing a meal and conversation with some of his 2,000-plus “grandkids.”

Hiebert began his time at George Fox in 1975, when he left his position as a teacher and electrician at a school for missionary children in Ethiopia to accept a job as associate director of the university’s plant services department. He retired from full-time work in 1987 but stayed connected to the George Fox community. In 1996 he was named the university’s Volunteer of the Year for the more than 240 hours he worked to help construct a prayer chapel on campus. In 1999 he accepted a Christian Service Award from the Northwest Christian Communication Foundation for his work on campus as “encourager and friend.”

As much as he has had a positive impact on students, Hiebert



was quick to say that he equally benefited from his unofficial role as campus grandpa. “One of the things I tell students is you tend to become like the people you spend your time with,” he told the *Journal* in the fall of 2015. “Spending a lot of time with students, it has changed me. And hopefully it has changed some of the students a little bit, too.”

Visit georgefox.edu/GrandpaRoy to read more about Hiebert’s life and contribute to the scholarship.



Record Enrollment Tops 4,000

For the first time in its 125-year history, George Fox broke the 4,000-student mark with 4,140 enrolled this fall, including 2,707 undergraduates and 1,433 in graduate programs.

The total eclipsed last year’s enrollment of 3,931. In all, it’s the fourth year in a row and the 27th time in 30 years that an enrollment record has been set.

The record-breaking year continues a trend of significant growth over the past three decades, with overall enrollment increasing more than sevenfold since 1986, when 549 students attended. To further put recent numbers in perspective, this year’s incoming class of 767 new or readmitted students is 40 percent higher than the total student population was 30 years ago.



A First: Women's Golf Ranked No. 1

For the first time in history, the George Fox women's golf team is the top-ranked program in the nation at the NCAA Division III level.

The ranking, first announced Oct. 12 on golfstat.com, came after back-to-back dominant performances in which the Bruins won the Culturame Classic by 28 strokes and the Northwest Conference Fall Classic by 18 strokes. The team's highest previous ranking was second, which the Bruins held for the entire 2015-16 season.

The team is led by senior Sydney Maluenda, who individually won both the Culturame Classic and the NWC Fall Classic. She is currently ranked fifth nationally in individual scoring average, followed closely by junior Kristin Elich, who is tied for sixth.



University to Add Swim Team in 2018

George Fox will offer men's and women's swimming as intercollegiate sports beginning in the fall of 2018. The team will train and compete at the Chehalem Aquatic Center, which will undergo nearly \$20 million in renovations.

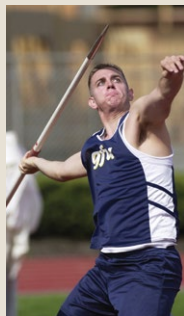
The city of Newberg broke ground on the renovation project in October. A \$19.9 million bond, passed by voters in November of 2014, will fund needed basic infrastructure updates and the installation of more modern features, equipment and amenities. Plans call for the facility to open by December of 2017.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Congratulations 2016 Inductees



Kelsey (Baron) Cantrall (track & field, 1999-03)



Matt Gassaway (track & field, 2002-05)



David Peterson (baseball, 2002-05)



Steve Grant (women's volleyball coach, 1982-2015)



Richard "Dickie" Kellum (football, 1965-68)



Ken and Joan Austin (meritorious service)



1987 women's volleyball team

Know a Bruin who belongs in the sports hall of fame? Nominate them at georgefox.edu/nominate



George Fox Ranked Among 'America's Best Colleges' for 29th Year



For the 29th time, George Fox was ranked as one of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*. The school first received the distinction in 1987 and has made the list all but one year since.

The university ranked 23rd out of 124 in the "Best Regional Universities" West category for 2017, moving up five spots from the 2016 rankings. The category consists of universities that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs, but relatively few doctoral programs.

George Fox is also listed by the magazine as one of the "Best Colleges for Veterans," which includes schools that are in the top half of their *U.S. News* ranking category and had 20 or more students who used GI Bill benefits to partially or fully finance their tuition and fees during the 2015-16 academic year.

A New Name: Portland Seminary

George Fox Evangelical Seminary will change its name in January to Portland Seminary – a move that will help strengthen its regional presence and expand its national outreach, according to seminary leadership.

Located at the university's Portland Center campus, Portland Seminary will continue to be a part of George Fox University. The new name will, however, be accompanied by more options in curriculum and course delivery for masters students. The seminary's marketing strategy, meanwhile, will focus on its new, more memorable name that projects a sense of place.

The announcement, still pending accreditation approval as of press time, comes a little more than 20 years after the seminary's last name change, when what was then Western Evangelical Seminary merged with George Fox in 1996. That merger led to more than one name change, as George Fox College became George Fox University.



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Three Inducted Into Alumni Hall of Fame

George Fox alumni from three different decades were honored Oct. 1 during Homecoming Weekend. **Matthew Tibbs** ('04), a sound designer working in live performance, film and advertising, received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Tibbs' nearly 100 sound designs have appeared on stages in New York City, Chicago, Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, Knoxville and Portland, and his film work has been featured at national and global festivals. He is a faculty member at Ball State University, teaching sound design, and currently leads the design and technology program.

Lynn (Clouser) Holt, who earned a Master of Divinity degree from George Fox Evangelical Seminary in 1997, was given the Christian Service Award for her work in ministry. A pastor at North Valley Friends Church in Newberg since 2003, Holt serves

on the board of directors for the Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy, an organization that seeks to encourage and equip women called to vocational Christian ministry. Since 2014 she has also worked as an adjunct professor at the seminary.

Finally, **Maurice Chandler** (60) was honored with the Heritage Award. Chandler served as director of development and later vice president of development for 19 years at George Fox, and was instrumental in expanding the university both financially and structurally. During his tenure, George Fox saw the construction of several new campus fixtures, including the Ross Center, Wheeler Gymnasium and the Centennial Tower. He also laid the groundwork for the funding of the Edwards-Holman Science Center.



Matthew Tibbs



Lynn (Clouser) Holt



Maurice Chandler



Mayor Declares 'Year of George Fox University'

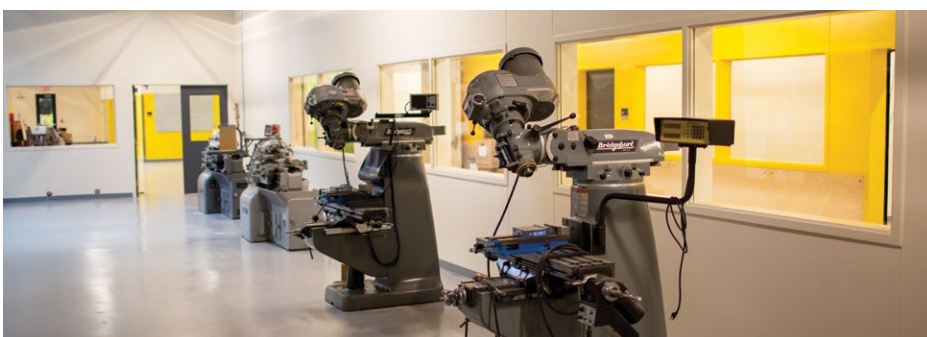
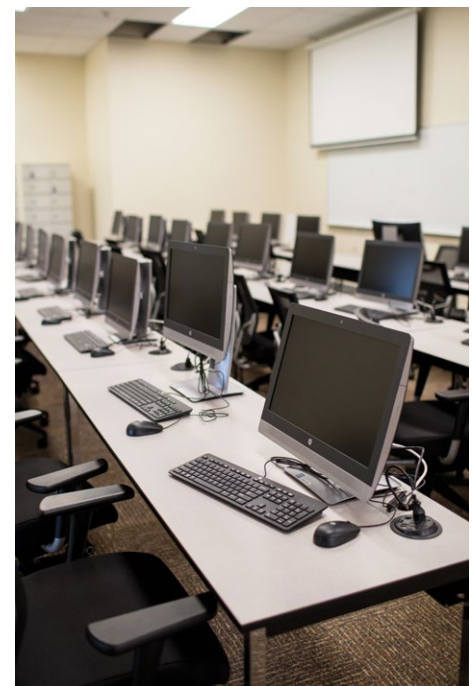
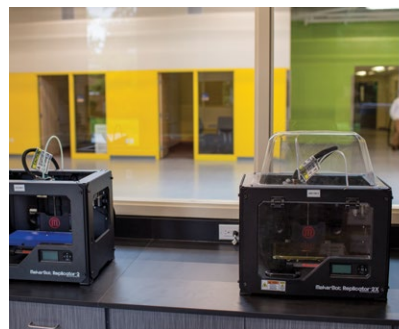
In recognition of the university's 125th anniversary, Newberg Mayor Bob Andrews and the Newberg City Council declared Sept. 9, 2016, to Sept. 9, 2017, the "Year of George Fox University" in Newberg.

A proclamation citing the university's many contributions to the community was read by the mayor at a city council meeting Sept. 7 and again at the university's 125th anniversary celebration Sept. 14, held after Serve Day on the Newberg campus.

The proclamation cited the contributions of alumni to the "betterment of the world" in addition to the university's local impact in the form of community service, economic stimulus and cultural enrichment.



Engineering Innovation Center Unveiled



The exponential growth of the George Fox engineering program prompted the school to take a bold step over the summer – completely renovate a decades-old building and convert it into a space to accommodate the needs of students in the major. What was formerly the university cafeteria is now the Engineering Innovation Center, housed within the newly named Klages Center building.

The upgraded facility provides 15,000 additional square feet of space for engineering students, including a 6,000-square-foot configurable project-build space; a computer design lab; machine, welding and woodworking shops; an additive manufacturing lab; design studios; environmental, geotechnical, construction and transportation lab spaces; and a tool room. The

space will be used not only for engineering students but also for those in other majors who wish to take advantage of the collaborative learning environment.

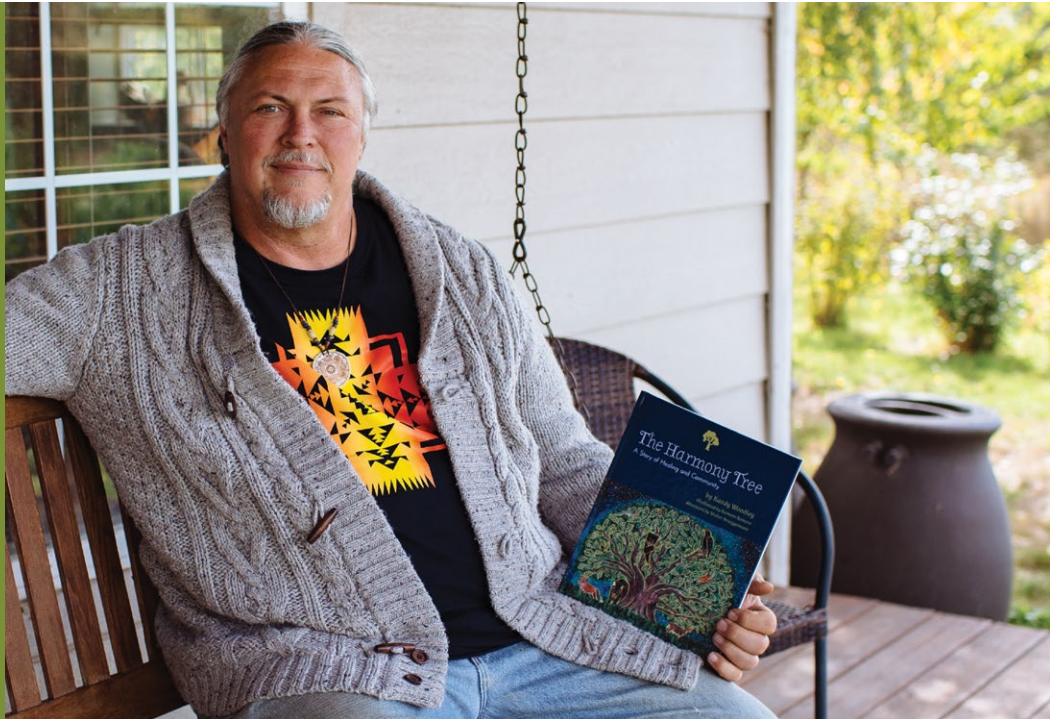
"To accommodate the tremendous growth of engineering and computer science programs over the past decade, we re-imagined the Klages Dining Hall as a robust innovation space where students gain creative confidence by working in collaborative multi-disciplinary teams on design-build projects," says Bob Harder, dean of the school's College of Engineering. "This remodel represents a pivotal investment in advancing our students as servant innovators and cutting-edge thinkers, providing them with a greater capacity to design, build and test a variety of prototypes."



The Harmony Tree: A Story of Healing and Community

By Richard McNeal

*Seminary professor Randy Woodley
hopes his new children's book
will influence people of all ages*



Life in the great forest was happy. The ancient trees protected the younger ones from growing too fast and provided plenty of food and shelter for many creatures. Everyone – from the ruffed grouse and black bear, to the white-tailed deer and milk snake – lived in balance and harmony.

But one day, without warning, everything changed.

Thoughtfully crafted with a compelling story, challenging lessons and beautiful illustrations, the opening pages of professor Randy Woodley's first children's book, *The Harmony Tree*, introduces the reader to an ecologically idyllic forest teeming with life and spirit.

But a great tragedy soon befalls the trees, and only one ancient oak survives. Houses begin to emerge near the old oak, along with new, transplanted trees. At first the new trees ridicule the native oak tree because she is different, but over time they realize how important her wisdom and knowledge of the land are to their own survival.

According to Woodley, a legal descendant of Keetoowah Cherokee Indians and distinguished professor of faith and culture at George Fox Evangelical Seminary, *The Harmony Tree* has several layers, but it is primarily an allegory for the relationship between ethnically white and indigenous people groups. He hopes the book can be a racial bridge between the two.

"I wrote it so that the newcomers – anybody who has come [to America] in the last 520-something years – would begin to see the value of understanding and conciliation with Native people," he says.

The book also celebrates a marriage of indigenous perspectives

and the Christian faith, which challenges certain misconceptions white evangelicals may have developed. For instance, Woodley suggests that Western Christianity has adopted a dualistic theology supposing the physical world is less than the spiritual world, or things that have to do with the land aren't as important as people.

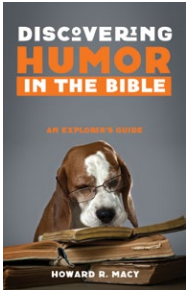
"That's a very tilted way of looking at the world," he says. "A better way would be to say everything God created is spiritual, and the physical realm, the material world, the earth, the creation, the ecosystems – all of those things are important to God."

Woodley originally discussed these issues and more in his previous book, *Shalom and the Community of Creation*. But when he didn't feel some readers were catching his vision, he turned to writing *The Harmony Tree* allegory. A former pastor, Woodley recalls congregations always remembered the children's story told during church services better than any of his sermons. "There's something about story we relate to. We find ourselves in the story," he says.

Similarly, Woodley hopes *The Harmony Tree* will be remembered and spark a desire to learn more, in both children and adults. He even offers some advice to parents about how to use the book: "One of the best things you can do is take your kids out to a wonderful forest somewhere, and you let them see the birds and hopefully maybe even see some animals. And then you take them somewhere that's been clear-cut, and you ask, 'What's the difference?' And they know there's a difference. They know something's wrong. They'll feel it in their soul. Once they get the picture, you can begin to teach into that."

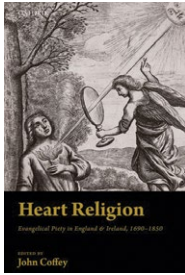
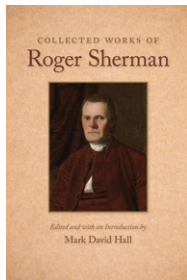


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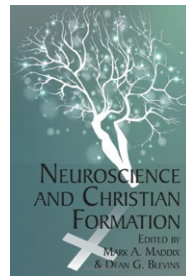
Howard Macy (professor emeritus) in August published the book *Discovering Humor in the Bible: An Explorer's Guide* (Cascade Books). Described as "a fun how-to manual," it examines why humor is present in the Bible, why it matters, and how readers should approach it.

Mark David Hall (politics) published an edited volume, *Collected Works of Roger Sherman* (Liberty Fund Press), in July. Sherman was the only founder to sign the Articles of Association, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation and the Constitution.



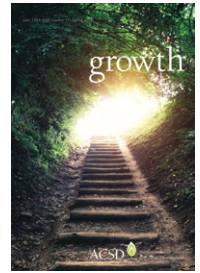
Dan Brunner (seminary) wrote a chapter, "The 'Evangelical' Heart of Pietist Anthony William Boehm," for the book *Heart Religion: Evangelical Piety in England and Ireland, 1690-1850* (Oxford University Press), published in August.

Glena Andrews (doctor of psychology) wrote two chapters, "How Neuroscience Informs Teaching" and "Changing Behavior and Renewing the Brain: Neuroscience and Spirituality" (cowritten with Mark A. Maddix), for the book *Neuroscience and Christian Formation* (Information Age Publishing), published in October.



Robert Bonner's (education) article, "Promoting Justice in the Classroom: Looking Beyond the Label to See the Individual," was published in the August issue of the *Journal of Research on Christian Education*.

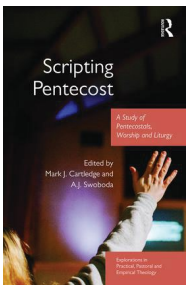
David Johnstone (student life) published an article, "A Cord of Three Strands is Not Quickly Broken: Strengths of a Team," in the Spring 2016 issue of *Growth*, a publication of the Association for Christians in Student Development.



Ed Higgins (English) published an article, "Quaker Trek: Friends in Contemporary American Science Fiction," in the April 2016 issue of *Quaker Higher Education*, a publication of the Friends Association for Higher Education.

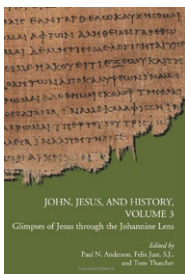
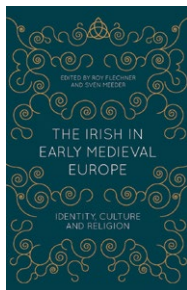
Sandra Banta-Wright (nursing) in August joined colleagues from OHSU, the University of Washington and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to publish an article, "The work of managing phenylketonuria and breastfeeding," in the *Annals of Nursing Research and Practice*, a peer-reviewed journal on nursing and clinical practice.

Bill Jolliff (English) authored an article, "The Wide Reach of Salvation: Christian Universalism in the Novels of Denise Giardina," in the Spring 2016 issue of *Renaissance*, a critical and scholarly journal published by Marquette University.



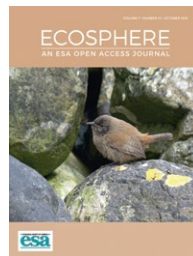
Sarita Gallagher (Christian studies) in September contributed a chapter, "Seeing with Church Growth Eyes: The Rise of Indigenous Church Movements in Mission Praxis," in *The State of Missiology Today: Global Innovations in Christian Witness* (IVP Academic). In July, she wrote a chapter, "Worship among the Binandere of Papua New Guinea," for *Scripting Pentecost: A Study of Pentecostals, Worship, and Liturgy* (Routledge).

Caitlin Corning (history) published a chapter, "Columbanus and the Easter Controversy: Theological, Social and Political Contexts," in the book *The Irish in Early Medieval Europe: Identity, Culture and Religion* (Palgrave), released in September.



Paul Anderson (Christian studies) coedited a book, *John, Jesus, and History, Vol. 3: Glimpses of Jesus through the Johannine Lens* (SBL Press), released in July. Penned by an international group of experts, the book demonstrates how John contributes to an enhanced historical understanding of Jesus and his ministry.

Don Powers (biology) joined with colleagues to publish an article, "Winter conditions influence biological responses of migrating hummingbirds," in the October 2016 issue of *Ecosphere*, an open-access journal of the Ecological Society of America. Also, in August, Powers' lab published an article, "Three-dimensional simulation for fast forward flight of a calliope hummingbird," in *Royal Society Open Science*.



Jason Brumitt (physical therapy) cowrote an article, "The Lower-Extremity Functional Test and Lower-Quadrant Injury in Division III Athletes: A Descriptive and Epidemiologic Report," for the August edition of the *Journal of Sport Rehabilitation*. He also cowrote the article "Functional Performance Deficits Exist in Female NAIA Collegiate Athletes with History of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction" for the September/October issue of the *Athletic Training and Sports Health Care* journal.





When George Fox was founded in 1891, its creators envisioned two things: a challenging educational experience and a community where students could deepen their faith in Christ. This focus on the whole person – what we describe today as our “Be Known” promise – remains as vibrant and relevant now as it was 125 years ago.

It’s a promise that compels us to focus on the individual in such a way that it ignites faith, empowers a vision for the future, and prepares students for a world of diverse and ever-changing vocational opportunities. As the oldest Christian university in Oregon, we strive to be leaders and innovators as we move forward into a new era of higher education. But the core of who we are remains unchanged: At George Fox, you won’t just be a number. You will Be Known.



Where it All Began



Students and faculty from Friends Pacific Academy – including future U.S. president Herbert Hoover (marked with an “x”) – pose for a photo in 1887. Four years later, in 1891, Pacific College opened and the building shown here was named simply “College Building.” Years later it would be renamed “Hoover Hall.”



By Ralph Beebe

- Class of 1954
- Professor of History, 1974-1997
- Professor Emeritus, 1997-present
- Author, *A Heritage to Honor, A Future to Fulfill: George Fox College 1891-1991*
- Alumnus of the Year, 2003

Friends Pacific Academy began in Newberg in 1885. It offered a five-year course of study (later expanded to six), with the first two years at the elementary level. The desire to provide further education led to the founding of Pacific College in 1891. At 2 p.m. on Sept. 9 of that year, college classes began with a total of 15 students.

The academy and college together enrolled 151 total students that year – impressive considering that the 1890 census recorded a population of just 514 in Newberg. It was located between Third and

Fourth streets, where the Newberg Friends Church now stands. Not surprisingly, the city named the north/south street “College Street.” The following year the school moved to its present location in northeast Newberg.

The Quakers who initiated the school announced that “the aim of Pacific College is to combine high scholastic achievement with a strong emphasis on spiritual values and humanitarian service as taught in the New Testament.”

Tuition for Pacific College students in 1891 was \$8 to \$12 per term, and staying in the College Boarding



A chemistry class in 1906.



The 1906-07 Pacific College basketball team with coach A.K. Wilson, a 1908 graduate who was also a student at the time of this photo.



Campus Cleanup Day in 1933. Left to right: Marguerite (Nordyke) Egelston, Harold Westfall, Ray Hansberry.



Students take part in a game of softball following Campus Cleanup Day during the 1916-17 school year.

Hall cost \$2.50 per week, making the total school year's cost about \$120 (approximately \$3,000 in 2016 dollars).

As the first of three annual terms approached in the fall of 1891, President Thomas Newlin invited students interested in both the "regular College course" (review work, the practical business course, vocal or instrumental music, and art) and the "Normal Course" (for current or prospective teachers). "If your wants lie along any of these lines Pacific College is able to satisfy them. We desire to stand for that which is permanent and useful, being opposed to shams and pretensions in education," the president announced in the *Newberg Graphic*.

Among the primary purposes of the college, according to the

first catalog, was to "offer to young men and young women the benefits of a liberal Christian education" and to "send forth many Christian teachers, ministers, and missionaries" to be a "strong support not only to the Friends Church, but to Christianity wherever its influence may reach."

While the purpose of the college aligned in many ways with the goals of George Fox University today, the early Pacific College/Academy motto was somewhat different from the university's current slogan, "Be Known." Addressed to both genders, the motto stated: "The whole of your life must be spent in your own company, and only the educated man is good company for himself."

What's in a Name?

How my letter prompted Pacific College to change its name to George Fox



By Arthur Roberts
as told to Sean Patterson

- Class of 1944
- Professor, 1953-1987
- Faculty Dean, 1968-1972
- Professor at Large, 1987-present
- Alumnus of the Year, 1964

In 1949 I was attending Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City when I learned the board at Pacific College wanted to make a name change to avoid confusion with a neighboring institution. One of the names under consideration was “Friendswood.” I don’t know why they were considering it. Maybe because they had friends in the woods, I guess. Well, the name didn’t sit well with me. Friendswood is a town in Texas and has no business being the name of a college.

I wrote a letter suggesting they name it after the founder of the Friends church. At the time I was studying church history at the seminary, engrossed in comparing Quaker history with Nazarene history, Wesley and Calvin. I thought, “Well, there’s Calvin College and there’s Wesleyan University, but, in terms of the Quaker heritage, there’s only William Penn University in Iowa and Whittier College in California, which is named after a poet.” I thought the founder of the church needed to be named, to give him distinction. And so I made a case for naming the college George Fox.

I honestly don’t know how the letter was received, and I can’t remember how I learned they had changed the name. But I do remember getting some thank you notes for making the suggestion, so the board must have appreciated what I did. I myself was very pleased when I heard of their decision. I was grateful

that the school would honor its heritage in this way. It affirmed that we were not just Wesleyan people. The Wesleyan revivals had made an impact, and many Friends churches were not very steeped in their own tradition, so I think this helped to remind us of our roots. I’m pleased that somehow the Lord used me to keep our historical base in the midst of change and adaptations.

I find it interesting that a college board listened to a graduate student studying the history of the church – that they paid attention to me. That’s probably the most interesting thing about the whole story. And then, a few years later, board member Dean Gregory came all the way out to New Hampshire to talk to me about returning to George Fox. I could have gone to other schools and taught, but I felt this is where the Lord was leading me, so I ended up as a professor at George Fox from 1953 to 1987.

What I really appreciate is the fact we still honor our history. You look at the George Fox catalog and the website and you can read about the history. I’m pleased that Northwest Yearly Meeting retained its connection to the college, whereas back in the Fundamentalist-Modernist split a lot of denominations separated themselves from their schools, and the schools became secularized. George Fox has retained its roots, and that’s something I’m very happy about.

1891

Pacific College opens its doors with 15 students. In 1893, it graduates its first class of two students.



1911

Construction is completed on Wood-Mar Hall thanks to \$30,000 raised by Evangeline Martin and Amanda Woodward.



1949

The school's name is changed from Pacific College to George Fox College (see story above).

Before Be Known

Much has changed in the last 50-plus years, but George Fox still feels like home

Be Known. It's been the university's marketing slogan since 2010, and from my experience it's real. But it's not a new concept on campus. For decades it was nearly impossible not to be known.

Back when enrollment was fewer than 1,000 – a benchmark first reached in 1990 – you were known, literally, by nearly everyone. There's nothing magical about that number, but once it was eclipsed it seemed you were no longer able to greet everyone by name as you passed on campus.

While that was a noteworthy transition, the increase in enrollment and the additional tuition revenue it brought made many positive things possible: new buildings, programs and initiatives – a process that has continued for more than a quarter century.

When I started at George Fox as a student in 1960, enrollment was 179. For every student I encountered then, there are now 23. The campus is simply busier. Just as impressive has been the physical transformation. When I started there were 12 buildings. Just three survive: Minthorn Hall, Wood-Mar Hall and Hester Gym, now renovated into the Ross Center.

Today the campus has 90 buildings and landmarks. That kind of change might seem overwhelming, but it's not. After all, one of my roles at the university – working with four presidents – was adding more than 80 of those 87 new buildings to the campus map.

I see the growth as positive, mixed with some nostalgia for the “good old days.” The intimacy of a small campus was really like an extended family. To get our mail we went after chapel, just before noon, to the foyer of what was then the dining hall, where everyone pawed through the mail. There were no individual private boxes. Instead, everyone with last names beginning with the same letter shared a box and you sorted through it.

We also were alphabetized for chapel seating assignments. I sat for years next to June Hubbard (now Brown), a 1963 graduate. In classes, attendance often was recorded, but you didn't really need to be alphabetized. With sometimes as few as six students, the professor could easily tell who was missing.

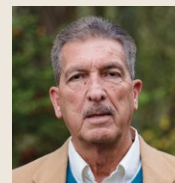
When I started as a George Fox employee in 1968 (a role I continue on a part-time basis after 48 years) enrollment was 392 and there were 94 employees. Compare that to 1,095 employees today. Then it was nearly a missionary effort more than just a job or paycheck. You would lend your skills, in whatever field, for a few years to help this struggling school that had a strong sense of mission but limited resources.

Everyone pitched in no matter the task – you did what needed to be done. And, perhaps nostalgically, it led to a team spirit and camaraderie that's difficult to replicate.

What has not changed despite the growth? The spirit, the togetherness and the atmosphere. When I walk on campus today I get the same feeling I remember from decades ago. I'm home.

Former U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield may have said it best in 1999. He had visited many campuses across America and chose to end his career as a professor at George Fox. “You know there's something different about this university the moment you walk on this campus,” he said. “There's a beauty here, a tranquility, a friendliness.”

He was right. From my experience it's been that way for decades and continues today. Each year hundreds of new students learn what it means to Be Known, just like I did back in 1960.



By Barry Hubbell

- Class of 1964
- Administrator, 1968-2006
- Administrator Emeritus, 2007-present
- Alumni News Editor, *George Fox Journal*, 2007-present
- Alumnus of the Year, 2009

1959

The Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher Schools grants George Fox accreditation, a major factor in the small college's early survival.

1986

George Fox is the first in the Northwest to offer a degree-completion program for working adults.



1987

U.S. News & World Report ranks George Fox as one of “America's Best Colleges” for the first time, an honor the school has received 29 times.



By Peggy Fowler

- Class of 1973
- Former CEO, Portland General Electric
- Alumna of the Year, 1998
- George Fox Board of Trustees, 1991-2006
- Board Appointments: Umpqua Bank (chair), Hawaiian Electric Industries, Cambia Health Solutions, PGE Foundation

It's About the People

How George Fox prepared me for a lifetime of learning and leadership

I enrolled at George Fox in the fall of 1969 to study chemistry. My father, Russel Stands, was a Friends minister, and my mother, Frances Stands, was a school cafeteria worker and librarian. They believed a good education was important and always encouraged me in school. While making my decision about which university to attend I built a relationship with chemistry professor Hector Munn, and he tipped the balance to George Fox.

That was the beginning of a theme I recognized throughout my life, which was reinforced at George Fox: *It's about the people*. To me, success is really about relationships with others. My time in college taught me to believe in myself, but also showed me the importance of surrounding myself with smart, capable people. Working together, you can solve problems and do something greater than you could by yourself. This lesson has served me well throughout my leadership career.

Munn was just one of many great professors. Evan Rempel, by choosing me to be a teaching assistant, taught me I didn't want to teach. Dennis Hagen, who conducted the orchestra in which I played the flute, reinforced the importance of practice and competition to be your best. Donald Chittick helped me locate my first job in chemistry. But it wasn't just the professors – I also met my lifelong best friend, Judy (Warner) Miller, at George Fox. All these people continue to influence my life.

I'm a big believer in the "10,000-hour rule" – the amount of practice required to master a skill. George Fox set me on the right path for a career in chemistry and eventually leadership by teaching me the importance of practice and discipline. The ability to learn and practice, and to be independent in doing that, has been critical to my success. Being determined and tough during difficult times and viewing setbacks as learning experiences were also key lessons from my time at George Fox.

It wasn't just my time attending but also the relationships developed since graduation that have continued to help me learn. Presidents Ed Stevens, Dave Brandt and now Robin Baker have been leaders I have been able to work with and learn from as a member of the university's board of trustees.

Watching these presidents build consensus in meetings and listen to opinions from many different viewpoints to formulate a decision has helped me appreciate the subtleties of good leadership. In my own position of leadership at PGE, I tried to create a climate of open, honest communication while maintaining the courage to be myself and lead with my own style.

Even this year, watching the success of the George Fox golf teams thanks in no small part to the coaches, parents and community surrounding them is a good reminder that it is still about the people.

Looking back to 1969, I would have never guessed what wonderful opportunities, experiences and friends I would have encountered throughout my life's journey. I am extremely grateful to the George Fox University community. Congratulations on 125 years of serving people and the community!

1991
 George Fox celebrates its 100th birthday, which includes construction of the Centennial Tower.



1996
 The school merges with Western Evangelical Seminary and changes its name to George Fox University (see pg. 38).



1999
 Campus closes for a day in September for the university's inaugural Serve Day, a tradition that continues today (see pg. 41).



Never Too Broken

How I discovered my calling to ministry at George Fox

For the longest time I thought that God would have picked the wrong person if he picked me to pursue ministry, much less be a leader within the church.

It was the same old cliché story: I had a stutter, and I stammered, and I didn't like being in front of people. Even worse, I was convinced that I was too broken, that I wasn't good enough to be the person God had created me to be. Things just didn't add up for me to pursue something that seemed so counter to who I *thought* I was.

I carried this with me throughout my time at George Fox. I still studied youth ministry, took all the right classes and continued my education alongside my peers in the Christian ministries major. I was learning, being challenged and constantly reminded of God's love, yet I didn't believe it for myself.

Then, during the last semester of my senior year, professor Steve Sherwood and I had a conversation after class that changed my life. Steve asked how I was doing, about graduation, and where I was thinking of going in ministry. I remember saying to him, almost offhandedly, "I'm too broken. I'm not good enough for this."

Steve grabbed my shoulders, looked me in the eyes and said, "Shawna, you are never too broken for God." I replied, "Yeah, OK Steve, I know that." Then he said it again: "Shawna, did you hear what I said?"

You are never too broken for God." I couldn't say anything as tears streamed down my face. It's such a vivid memory because I had heard that many times, but it's the first time I *believed* it.

It was in that moment, in the very last semester of my senior year at George Fox, that my call to ministry became real to me. I felt a deep desire to share with those around me what I learned to be true on that day: We are all loved and we are all good enough.

Not long after that experience I graduated and accepted a position as the youth pastor at North Valley Friends Church, working with middle school and high school students. I also serve as chaplain for the George Fox women's basketball team.

More than anything in these positions, my priority is building relationships with my students. I want to be the person who tells them, day after day, that they are loved, that they are good enough, and that they are never too broken for God. And if they can't believe that for themselves, I will believe it for them until they can – just like my professors at George Fox did for me.



By Tashawna Gordon

- Class of 2015
- Youth and Families Pastor, North Valley Friends Church
- Chaplain, George Fox Women's Basketball Team

2007

The first cadre of Act Six scholars are welcomed to campus. Since that time George Fox has more than tripled its ethnic minority population to 33 percent.



2014

Football returns after a 46-year hiatus from the sport. The school also fields its first women's lacrosse team.



2016

The 30,000-square-foot Canyon Commons dining hall is completed, following the construction of Stoffer Family Stadium (2014) and Brandt Residence Hall (2015).





Much has changed on campus over the past 125 years, but Minthorn Hall has remained a constant presence. In fact, the building is older than the university itself. Constructed in 1887 and moved to its present location in 1892, one year after the university was founded, it has served as a gymnasium, dining hall, dormitory and academic building.

This photo, taken in 1895 or 1896, according to a handwritten note along the bottom, leaves many mysteries to be solved. What

is certain is the building was called “Kanyon Hall” at the time (it was originally dubbed simply “Boarding Hall”), and the main entrance shown in the photo faced west, rather than south as it does today.

As for the people, only one is identified: A “Mrs. Chas. Johnson,” noted as “Matron” at the time, and also appearing in archival records as a student. The others are likely students and faculty of Pacific College (the forerunner to George Fox), with the children perhaps belonging to a professor.



How do you recreate a photo from 1895? Very carefully. To begin, university photographer Joel Bock selected current students, professors and employees to stand in for their 19th century counterparts, taking into account present-day gender and ethnic diversity.

Next, each individual was given a specific pose to recreate, with a good deal of leeway given for 21st century sensibilities, including fashion choices and smiling for the camera. The end result was a fun, informal photo that will hopefully be enjoyed for generations to come.

Left to right, front row: Melanie Springer Mock, Jake Thiessen, Caitlin Corning, Matea St. Cyr, Jack St. Cyr, Rusty St. Cyr, Stephanie St. Cyr, Nehemiah Heye, Gary Buhler. Second row: Ashley Meyer, Catherine McMahon, Hongyang Yin. Third row: Devin Olson, Markayla Shattuck, Caleb Barlow, Michael Peterson. Fourth row: Jenny Elsey, Samantha Bieber, Noelle Ho, Neal Ninteman, Jalen Hall.

Thriving Amidst Drought

Why George Fox continues to grow despite a downturn in Christian higher education

By Melissa Binder

There is a peace hovering over this brick-clad haven that betrays the ironically dog-eat-dog nature of Christian higher education. The hugs. The shared lunches. The discipleship sessions on the quad. All occurring because students chose George Fox University over a competitor.

It's a reality that makes academics squirm. "A lot of institutions look at marketing and admissions as the dirty work," says George Fox President Robin Baker. "They think you shouldn't have to sell yourself."

But a lot has changed in higher education since what was then Pacific College opened with 15 students in 1891. To stay viable in today's competitive climate, universities must sell themselves year after year to thousands of students.

Across the nation, private nonprofit colleges are experiencing a significant dip in enrollment. On paper, George Fox's outlook is particularly grim: Oregon's annual output of high school graduates

dropped after 2010 and isn't likely to rise again until 2024, and then only briefly. At the same time, young people are rejecting faith at historic rates, suggesting fewer college-bound teens are likely to seek a truly Christian education.

Yet George Fox has broken its enrollment records four years in a row, surpassing the 4,000-student mark in 2016 for the first time in school history. In that short time, the university has also launched new football and women's lacrosse teams, instituted Master of Social Work and Doctor of Physical Therapy programs, and constructed a new athletic facility, dorm and dining hall. Plans also call for a new 30,000-square-foot student activity center to be



The university's nursing (above) and Doctor of Physical Therapy programs exemplify George Fox's commitment to providing training in healthcare professions that are in ever-increasing demand.





In response to its growing traditional undergraduate student population, which topped 2,400 for the first time this year, the university built Brandt Residence Hall (pictured) in 2015 and the 30,000-square-foot Canyon Commons dining hall in 2016.

completed in 2018. By all accounts, George Fox is thriving.

So what is the school doing differently? For starters, university leaders have rejected the notion that marketing is “dirty work.” Instead, they approach the task with savvy, using market research to inform the school’s direction and identify prospective students most likely to enroll.

Perhaps more important, they present the university and its commitment to faith honestly rather than adapting the message to fit a broad audience. George Fox is winning the hearts of young adults with its focus on community and faith – values the school has prioritized since its inception.

Informed Choices

“There are not enough resources in play for every college to be



George Fox continues to expand its athletic offerings, including the relaunch of football and the addition of women’s lacrosse in 2014. Swimming will be added in 2018.

successful,” says Robert Sevier, a strategic planning consultant and senior VP of strategy at Stamats, a higher education marketing company. “But there are enough resources for any college that knows what they’re doing to be successful.”

By Sevier’s standards, George Fox falls into the latter category thanks in part to leaders who are willing to make decisions based on data, not personal preference. One such data-informed change made in recent years was to narrow the field of prospective students – a seemingly counter-intuitive strategy that is helping the school save money.

It’s customary for colleges to market their programs to as many high school students as possible. But Baker says that strategy wasn’t working. Applications poured in, but only a small percentage of students actually committed to George Fox.

So, instead of spending money to reach students who aren’t likely to enroll, admissions now uses data to make informed choices about which audiences to target. For example, George Fox has stopped marketing to high school students east of the Rocky Mountains because data showed the return on investment just wasn’t there.

At the same time, the marketing team has worked to strengthen its online presence – largely for the sake of students who won’t hear about George Fox any other way. This means prospective students are more likely to find the university online if they’re searching for a Christian school with a program George Fox offers.

University leadership has also turned to market research for insight about what programs students want. Many schools think advertising their programs more aggressively will make students interested. That’s a big mistake, according to Sevier. Instead, he says, successful schools, including George Fox, are utilizing

market research to better understand what their target audience values most – like career preparation and a faith-based education – then pouring resources into promoting programs that deliver it.

Programs like nursing, which helped win over junior Rebekah Arias, who wanted her healthcare education to be rooted in God’s healing power. Or the university’s growing engineering major, which not only produces graduates who are in high demand in the job market, but who also understand how to use their abilities to help those in need. In fact, four semesters in the program’s Servant Engineering track is a requirement.

“We’ve given students more reasons to choose George Fox,” Baker says.

A Promise that Matters

Yet, as key as those programs are, it’s something else – something much more personal – that students credit with sealing the deal for George Fox.

“George Fox has a family feel,” says senior Jake Ryan, who hails from Hawaii. “I felt like I was known before I was a student.”

It seems nearly every student at the university cites community – rather than academics or athletics – as the ultimate deciding factor. And when they talk about community, they describe a sense of being known.

That’s the power of the Be Known promise.

Launched in 2010, the Be Known promise has revolutionized the way George Fox presents itself. The phrase not only defines the community it represents, but attracts the attention of students who recognize it as representing them, too. It is like a tribal flag, beckoning dispersed members home to Newberg.



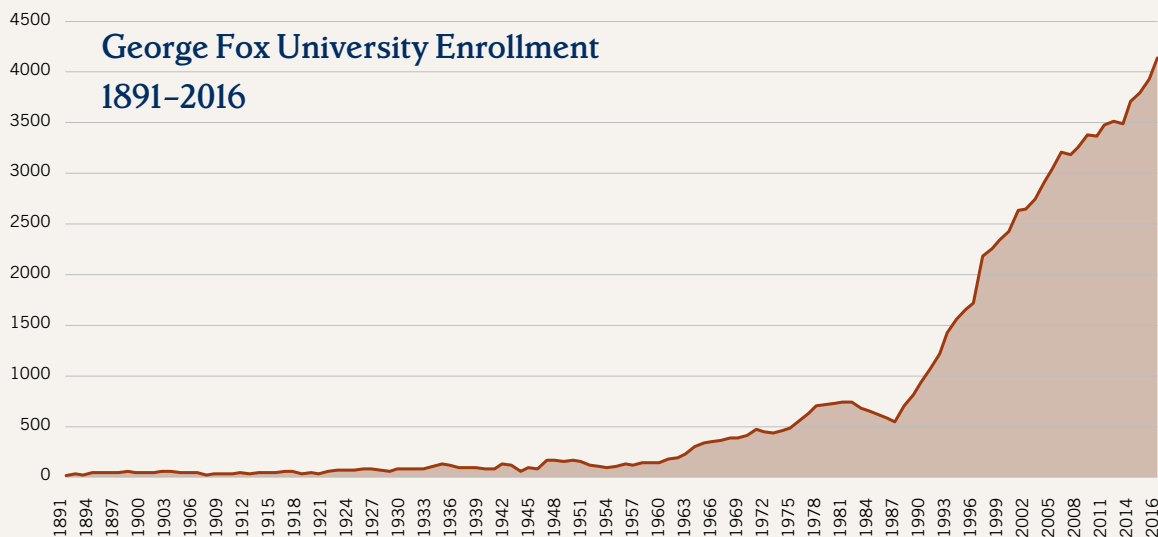
Football players take time for a pregame prayer. George Fox is one of only three Christian colleges on the West Coast to offer football, and the only such college in Oregon to do so.

“The promise is a summarization of our vision, our values and our mission,” says Rob Westervelt, who joined George Fox in 2008 and serves as executive vice president for enrollment and marketing. “When we came out with Be Known it was embraced well. I think that’s because it really matched who we already were. It was a promise that mattered.”

The Be Known promise is everywhere. It’s on the school’s website and promotional materials, it’s incorporated into campus tours for prospective students – it’s even part of the curriculum. But students don’t enroll at George Fox because they think the phrase is catchy. They enroll because they have good reason to trust it’s true.

Junior Emily Pélot could tell as a visitor years ago that the faculty would care about her whole being, not just her grades and attendance. “You don’t slip through the cracks easily here,” she says.

Sophomore Valeria Rodriguez immediately felt safe and welcomed on campus, even as an ethnic minority entering an overwhelmingly white town. “I was able to be myself right away,” says Rodriguez. She’s thankful for the effort George Fox is making not



The university has experienced dramatic growth in recent years, with a student population more than seven times larger than that of the mid-1980s.



Programs such as the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative, implemented in 2007, have helped the institution triple its ethnic diversity population since the mid-2000s.

only to grow its ethnic minority population – which now accounts for about one third of the student body – but to support those students through a variety of multicultural scholarship and leadership programs.

For freshman Ryan Johnson, George Fox's most winsome characteristic was its vision for students to be part of a community. "I've always wanted to be part of something bigger than myself," he says.

Rooted in Faith

The university is not only committed to creating a sense of community – it's committed to remaining true to its roots as an institution, too.

"If you looked at our founding documents, you'd see founders wanted to give students two things: challenging programs that prepare them for jobs and a deeper relationship with Christ," Baker says.

It's common these days for Christian colleges to loosen their faith ties in order to have broader appeal, but George Fox is unwavering in its commitment to its religious identity and mission.

"We're very committed to Christ, to Scripture, to orthodox Christianity," says Baker.

And students respect that. Young believers from a range of

denominational backgrounds – from Presbyterians to Methodists to Catholics – have turned to George Fox for an unapologetically faith-based education.

"We don't just say whatever students want to hear," says Arias, who works as a school ambassador. "We say, 'If you are comfortable here and this is where God is calling you, it's a great place to call home.'"

That self-assurance is uncommon among colleges today, Sevier says. As schools hustle to compete for students, officials often broaden their institutional identity too much and lose sight of their niche. "The real problem is when you don't know who you are."

George Fox does. And, so far, the market has responded positively.

It's that same rootedness that empowers George Fox to keep its commitment to the Be Known promise, even as the student body grows – from just over 500 enrolled 30 years ago to more than 4,000 today. It isn't the small size that makes students feel known, Westervelt says. It's the commitment their peers and professors have to knowing them. As long as the school continues to hire professors who share those values and create spaces for relationship building, that won't change with growth.

"We're bigger," Westervelt says, "but we're better." ■

When Simeon Brown plays the violin his eyes are almost closed. His face relaxes and he's neither smiling nor frowning. It's easy to imagine he sees sheet music, or the audience, or his fingers waltzing across the fingerboard, but what he really sees when he plays the violin is the air in front of his nose.

"I get into this zone," Brown says. "I'm not thinking. I'm not doing anything. I'm just playing. It's how I worship."

What the audience sees are angles and motion. The bow, which stays perpendicular to the violin's neck, travels in perpetual figure eights, hinged at the elbow and driven by the shoulder and back. The left arm, hidden from Brown beneath the body of his instrument, looks to the audience like an upside-down triangle that expands and contracts at the elbow to move the left hand along the fingerboard. The sight of it all is satisfying in its own right, but culminates in nothing if you cannot hear the room awash with music.

Like so many good stories, Brown's starts with his mother. When he was 7, she sat him down beside his sister and told them both it was time to pick an instrument. "She told us we better pick right," he recalls, "because we were sticking with it until we graduated."

Brown doesn't know why he chose the violin. "Why do 7-year-olds do anything?" he laughs. But he started with a studio, went to the lessons and practiced diligently. As promised, he stuck with it. At each of the studio's end-of-the-year recitals, Brown moved closer to the advanced players.

It's clear to him now that he was supposed to be in that studio. Without knowing it, he was taking the first steps down a path he believes he's supposed to be on.

His sister Tatiana likes to tease him about that. She's also a musician, and she tells him he's had "the red carpet laid out in front of him."

"Back then what I really wanted was to go to the NBA," says Brown, who still likes to get out on the basketball court in his spare time. "When it became obvious that wasn't going to happen, it was fine. I loved math, too. Math always made sense to me, so in high school that was my thing."

When Brown enrolled at George Fox in 2012, he considered two courses of study: engineering or math. He knew he wasn't interested in teaching or doing research. And his father, a minister, had an engineering degree from Cal Tech. It was a logical choice.

Because Brown had fulfilled most of his general

education requirements during high school, he realized he had room in his schedule for a double major. "I remember thinking, 'Maybe I'll do music,'" he says. "I always knew I'd keep playing, but I didn't consider it a viable option, a life path."

Still, as long as he kept up with the demands of both programs, engineering and music seemed to go hand-in-hand.

"In engineering there are guidelines to follow and steps to take," he says. "When you're done, you know if you're right or not. Music is similar, but it's not as well defined. There's more freedom in music. It's an art, so it doesn't always make sense the way engineering does, but I like the possibilities there."

By his second year at George Fox, Brown noticed a shift in his own possibilities. He felt God was pulling him in one direction. Music, not engineering, began to look like an open door.

"His playing really opened up and took on a new form," says professor Rebekah Hanson, Brown's violin teacher at George Fox. "He was able to express what he wanted to, to display what he wanted to."

The more time he put into the violin, the more he got out of it. He looked at where he was and how far he had come and finally asked himself, "Why fight it?"

By the summer of 2015, Brown had earned a spot at the Brevard Music Center in North Carolina alongside some of the top musicians in the United States. Last summer he participated in the Chamber Music Camp of Portland.

With graduation coming up in May, Brown is preparing for a master's degree in music performance. He's sending out video to Oregon, USC and Rice. Hanson says it's like preparing for three different recitals at the same time.

Ultimately, Brown wants to join a symphony. He dreams about cities like New York and Los Angeles. He loves that there's always something going on. He feels he can tap into the energy and the pulse of the city, and he likes the sensation of being alone and surrounded by people at the same time.

Like a spot in the NBA, the odds of earning a place with a top symphony are pretty long. Brown said it's no secret how you get there.

"I tell my own students that putting in the time is the most important thing, which is something I remember a teacher in studio saying," he says. "I tell my own students to practice every day, even if it's only for 15 minutes. That's the main thing that got me to where I am today."

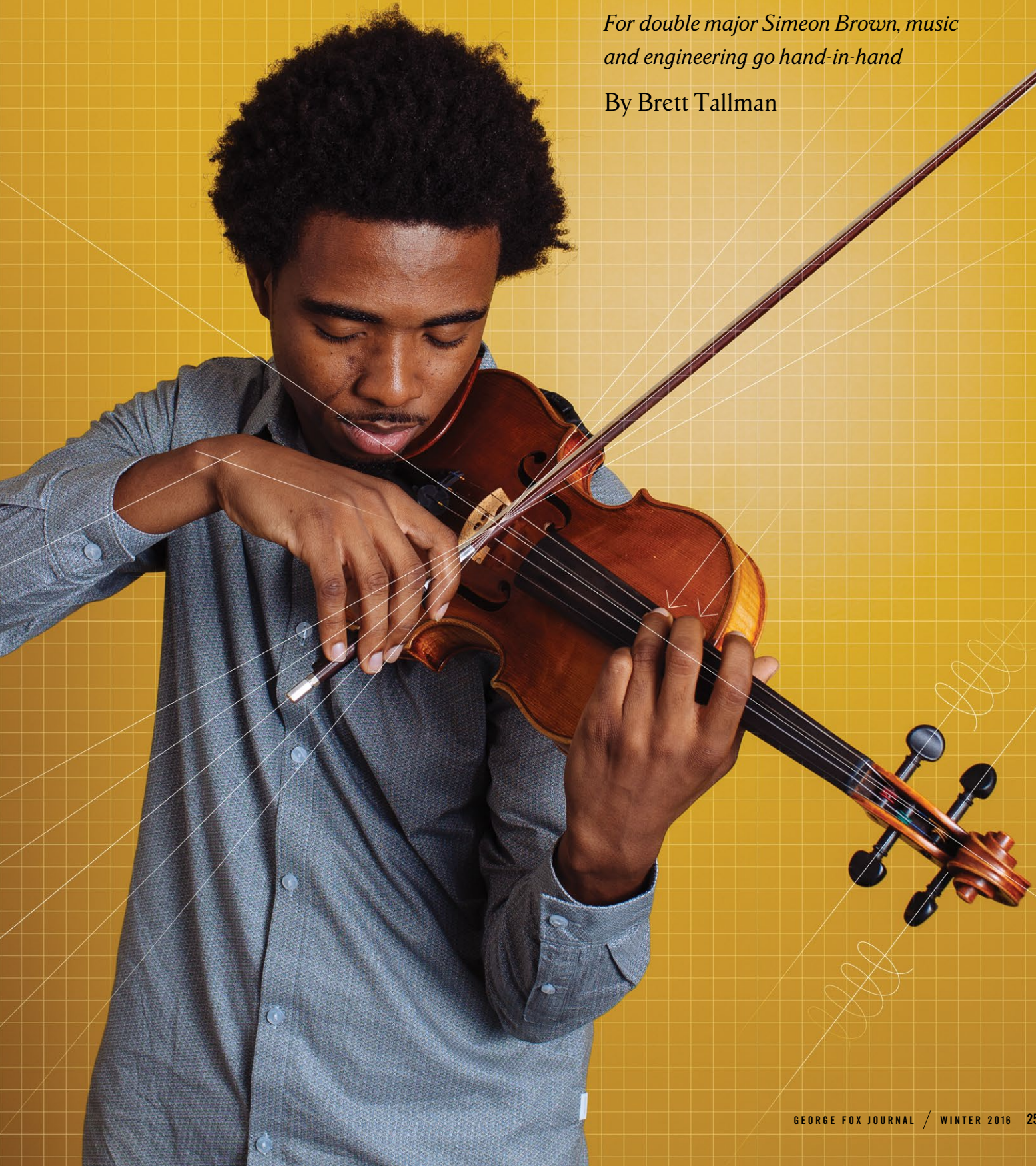
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Perfect Harmony

For double major Simeon Brown, music and engineering go hand-in-hand

By Brett Tallman



INTO THE FIRE

Alumni Liz Thompson, Janet Campbell and Kaylee Kolin blaze a path for a new generation of female firefighters

By Kimberly Felton



Janet Campbell (above) is the only woman on her crew with the Salem Fire Department.

Kaylee Kolin (left) and Liz Thompson (right) are among a small group of female firefighters who serve with Portland Fire & Rescue.

“Mommy! Mommy! A fire lady!”

The little boy in his mother’s arms waved frantically at Liz (Stephens) Thompson and her crew as they walked into the grocery store. But it wasn’t until he was in the parking lot that his exultant yells reached them inside. “I saw IT!”

“As if a ‘fire lady’ was a mythical creature,” says Thompson, a 1996 George Fox graduate and “fire lady” of 16 years. “My colleagues were laughing hard. Still one of the best lines I’ve heard.”

While Thompson, at 5-foot-10, holds her own, height-wise, with her male colleagues, Janet (Killary) Campbell shakes up stereotypes not just as a female firefighter, but as a petite one. “I’ve always been 5-foot-1½,” says Campbell, a 1995 graduate, “but I may be shrinking by now.” Nineteen years of carrying 45 pounds in gear can do that to a woman.

Kaylee Kolin is the rookie, fresh off her probation period on July 16 of this year. She applied in the fall of 2014, along with 4,000 applicants, prior to her graduation from George Fox in 2015. After the six-month vetting process – which included a written test, panel interview, physical agility test, and medical and background checks – she was one of 12 chosen from the first class. Then she entered her year of probation: six months in the training academy, followed by six months on a functional engine and truck crew, with exams every three months. The standards are the same for women as for men.

“I knew going in it was not a cakewalk,” Kolin says. “I knew I would have to work harder at this than I had for anything, ever. I’m smaller than your average firefighter. Mechanically, I have to do things differently. I’m completely competent and capable of doing anything the guys can do – I just have to approach things differently.”

Now a full-fledged firefighter with Portland Fire & Rescue, Kolin joins Thompson as two of just 48 women out of 674 total sworn fire personnel in the city. Thompson estimates about 10 of those individuals serve in office positions, meaning the 38 remaining women are a rarity in what has traditionally been a male-dominated profession. Campbell serves in the Salem (Oregon) Fire Department. She is the only woman on her crew.

Campbell was pursuing a bachelor’s degree in health and human performance at George Fox, intent on entering the medical field, when she went on a ride-along in an ambulance with the Newberg Fire Department. “They asked if I wanted to be a firefighter,” she says. “I had never even considered it.”

Recruited for the university’s first women’s soccer team in 1991, Campbell feels right at home in the Salem Fire Department’s team atmosphere. “I’m an athlete at heart,” she says. “This was the job for me because in this job you are part of a team. We work together and depend on each other.”

But Campbell isn’t the only former college athlete in the group. Kolin helped establish the university’s lacrosse team in 2014, which, as it turned out, was good practice for her future career.

“We started from nothing and in two years went from winning half of our games to having a winning season [11-5],” Kolin says. “We got to exceed expectations. When I was going through firefighter training, I thought about never being complacent, always going after goals and achieving something regardless of what other people think and what society may say.”

Thompson, who was recruited for basketball and track at George Fox, also (ruefully) recalled her days of team sports during

her training. “Training is challenging and exhaustive,” she says. “I remember wishing for two-a-day basketball practices instead of one day in training.”

The similar mentality required for both team sports and firefighting is obvious to Thompson, Kolin and Campbell. “Whether it stems from athletics or not, having a team-oriented mindset is important because it is how the fire service operates anything from small to large,” Thompson says.

“The dynamic is all team-oriented, and I like that,” says Kolin. “It’s like a career athlete, but you get to play with fire.”

All three women remain in touch with teammates from George Fox. Coaches, teammates and Athletic Director Craig Taylor were among the most influential people during their time on campus. “The relationships I formed were significant and lasting,” Thompson says. “I feel fortunate to have had friends and teammates who were genuine in their faith.”

“While soccer may have gotten me in the door, my growth in my faith and the relationships I developed at George Fox are what kept me there,” Campbell says. “When I attended George Fox, I was not interested in God. I had no idea how much God was interested in me. The education and experiences I received there gave me a better understanding of who I was and where I was going in my life. I got a clearer picture of what my interests were. My faith in Jesus became more real, and that influenced me greatly in how I chose to live out my life.”

“In my four years, my faith grew, my heart changed,” Campbell continues. “Today, I can say that I serve an awesome God, and I am proud to have chosen a path that is honoring Christ.”

None of the women thought this path would be easy. “I’ve expected it all to be difficult and challenging,” Campbell says. The sleep deprivation that comes with 24 hours on, 48 hours off, can be tough. So can dealing with people who don’t think women should be in this line of service, says Thompson, who isn’t afraid to set the record straight for anyone who thinks she isn’t capable. “As the ‘foul’ column in my basketball career shows, tact is not always my strong suit,” she says.

Yet the positives far outweigh the negatives – like “having the brothers I never wanted,” Thompson says, smiling.

“I’m always just like one of the guys,” Kolin says. “Politically correct has never been important to me. I’m just a firefighter. I’m here to serve you. I just do what I do because I love it.”

That camaraderie and love for their job is worth a lot, as is knowing they’re forging a path for others.

“A number of older women have approached me over the years with remarks of appreciation, stories of how they wanted to be in the fire department but were denied in some manner or another due to their gender,” Thompson says. “I love showing little girls and kids from diverse backgrounds that they can do this job.”

“The dynamic is all team-oriented, and I like that. It’s like a career athlete, but you get to play with fire.”

Annual Report to Donors

Thank you to the wonderful donors who supported our students and institution during fiscal year 2015-16. The total you gave to George Fox University between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016, was more than **\$3.6 million!**

Giving Highlights

“Growth” was the operative word to describe giving to George Fox in 2015-16.

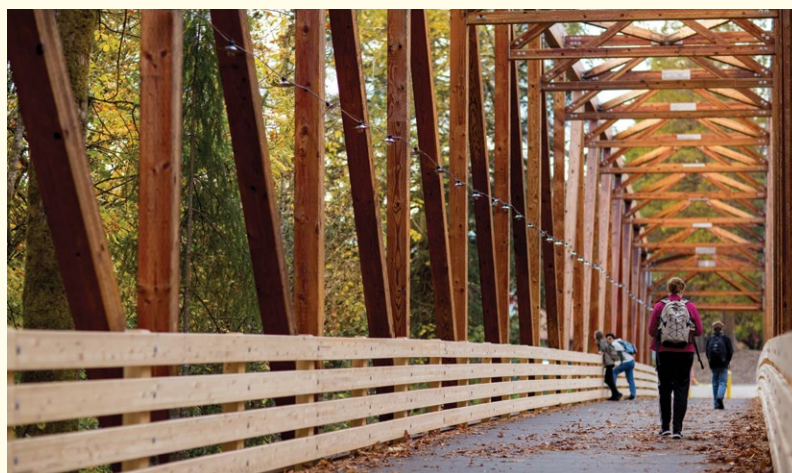
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This increase in giving does more than simply help our students – it sends a positive message to major donors, foundations and college rankings organizations that evaluate the percentage of alumni and friends who give annually.



Capital Projects Completed in 2015-16

- **Canyon Commons:** Our beautiful new dining facility opened this fall.
- **David and Melva Brandt Residence Hall:** To accommodate our growing student body, this dorm opened in the fall of 2015.
- **Crisman Crossing:** This bridge connects residence halls to the academic quad across Hess Creek Canyon. It is the longest clear-span timber truss bridge in the contiguous United States.
- **Hy Vista Retreat Center:** This remodeled property, donated by A-dec founder Ken Austin, provides a place for rejuvenation and deep conversation for our community.
- **Murdock Learning Resource Center/Portland Center Library:** Technology and infrastructure upgrades for these facilities were financed by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.



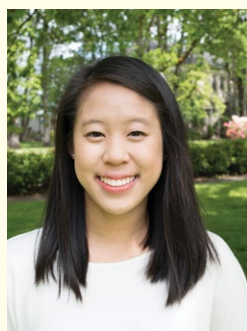
“When you give to something personal that you really believe in, there’s a lot of joy that comes back from that. The joy that we felt from being part of George Fox, of being embraced by the university, of attending events at the university – those are all wonderful things that come back to us because we chose to give.” – *Brad and Katharine Stoffer, Promise Campaign Honorary Co-Chairs*

Grant Highlights

- George Fox Evangelical Seminary received **\$462,065** from the **Lilly Endowment Inc.** to begin theological summer institutes that empower high school students to explore ministry callings.
- The **M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust** awarded up to **\$214,000** to remodel the Hy Vista Retreat Center property.
- The **William & Mary Bauman Foundation** awarded **\$153,000** in support of new instruments for the music department, the Act Six leadership initiative and the seminary.
- The **Boedecker Foundation** awarded **\$50,000** in support of the baseball campaign, football program and the art department.



Other programs and projects that received grant funding in this fiscal year included the Student Fund, numerous scholarships, student research stipends, Serve Day, the Doctor of Clinical Psychology program, the William Penn Honors Program, the chemistry and biology department, and the golf program.



"I would like to send my sincere thanks to all the wonderful donors for supporting and believing in our visions for the communities that we come from. To have allies that stand behind our hopes and dreams is incredibly encouraging and is a monumental support in and of itself. Your work is ultimately feeding into building the kingdom of God on earth."

– Rachel Nguyen, sophomore biology major



Looking Ahead – The Promise Campaign

The 2016-17 academic year represents the final push of a successful eight-year Promise Campaign to raise funds for essential capital projects, scholarships and the endowment for our future. From 2009 through June 2016, **\$36.6 million was invested in George Fox** thanks in large part to the generous gifts of alumni, parents, foundations, community partners, trustees and friends. Our remaining goal is to raise \$10.2 million to complete the campaign this fiscal year.

The campaign is focused on **three promises:**

1. *The promise of sustainable and relational growth*
2. *The promise of affordability for our students*
3. *The promise of a strong future*

These correspond to **three fundraising priorities:**

1. *Capital projects that provide much-needed space as our campus grows*
2. *Financial support for our Student Fund*
3. *Ongoing investment in the university endowment*

In particular, our greatest capital needs are support for the planned Student Activity Center, equipment for the new Engineering Innovation Center, and softball and baseball renovations.

If you are interested in being a part of our promise that students will Be Known for generations to come, we encourage you to contact Director of Development Robby Larson to talk about giving opportunities at 503-554-2130 or rlarson@georgefox.edu. Visit giving.georgefox.edu for more information and to review our Promise Campaign Case Statement.

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1930–39

Margaret Morse (n35) celebrated her 107th birthday Aug. 25 with a party at Friendsview Retirement Community in Newberg. Adjacent to Friendsview is the 12-acre athletic field that bears her name, bestowed in a 1989 dedication ceremony after she and late husband **Curtis Morse** (G33) donated \$40,000 to renovate the baseball, softball and soccer field complex. In 2000 the Morses were inducted into the George Fox Sports Hall of Fame for their longtime support of Bruin athletics.

Hazel (Williams) George (G38), now George Fox University's oldest graduate, turned 100 on April 24. She celebrated with a party at Heritage Place in Soldotna, Alaska, where she lives near her daughter, **Roberta (George) Tuning** (n66). Born in Idaho and raised on a chicken farm, George went on to teach first grade for 20 years. Her classmate, **Mary (Gearin) Green** (n38), a resident of St. Paul, Oregon, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 22.

1940–49

Roger Minthorne (G47), after 65 years of service, has retired from the board of directors of Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway, Oregon. His service to the 120-acre camp included a decade as board chair and 25 years as boys' camp director. The university's

1982 Alumnus of the Year has served on the George Fox Board of Trustees since 1974, including five as chair, and is now an honorary trustee. The art gallery in the Hoover Academic Building is named for him and his wife, **Mildred (Haworth) Minthorne** (G46).

Helen (Antrim) Cadd (G49) has written her second book, *Inconvenient Adventures*, published in August by Xulon Press with the goal of inspiring and motivating readers by her personal life story. She and her late husband, **Dick Cadd** (G49), who died in 2005, spent 35 years as teaching missionaries in the Philippines, with many years at Faith Academy. Now living in Newberg, Helen describes her life as she accompanied Dick through his career with the Four Flats Quartet, which later became the World Vision Quartet, and recalls their own music performances. She previously wrote two other books with her husband. Together they were recognized as Alumni of the Year in 2000.

1950–59

Pete Snow (n56), founder of George Fox University's art department and a 22-year faculty member until his retirement, continues in his signature craft of shaping and firing clay pots, now in his sixth decade. He was one of 35 local artists featured in the 24th annual Art Harvest Studio Tour in Yamhill County in September. His career and work, now focused on sculptures and wheel-thrown pots, were featured in an article in the Aug. 10 issue of the *Newberg Graphic*.

1960–69

Ronda (Brown) Vanderbush (n62) continues her work with Faith Mountain Ministries, which she and her husband founded in the late 1970s. The ministry features extensive evangelistic speaking and lecturing, a newsletter, and a radio broadcast heard across the Midwest. They traveled together for 36 years before his death in 2013. Her son now carries on the ministry and broadcasting while she continues to help with secretarial duties from her home near Orlando, Florida. Her book, *The Miraculous Journey of Henry Vanderbush*, was released last November.

Pete McHugh (G67) and **Debbie (Stewart) McHugh** (n69) were honored by the Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association for organizing the nation's best fundraiser in its class in 2015: a party Dec. 7 at the Scappoose (Oregon) Senior Center on Pete's 70th birthday. It raised more than \$10,000. CMT is a neuromuscular disorder with more than 2 million afflicted, including their 11-year-old granddaughter Lucy, daughter of **Brittany (McHugh) Gardner** (G96) and **Jason Gardner** (G97). Debbie is chair of the Portland-area CMT support group.

Nancy (Forsythe) Thomas (G67) authored *Close to the Ground: A Collection of Poems*, published in July by Barclay Press. In four sections she illustrates the grace of God hidden in the ordinariness of life. She and **Harold Thomas** (G69) were honored as Alumni of the Year in 2007. They spent decades in Bolivia as missionaries with the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, working with the Aymara from 1972 to 1989. They also taught at both the Bible school and seminary levels. From 1999 until recently, they served as founders and co-directors of the Center for Intercultural Studies, a master's degree missiological program at Bolivian Evangelical University in Santa Cruz, California.

Lowell Graves (G68) is now a health coach with Take Shape for Life in Lincoln, California, after leaving a position as gambling counselor for four years with Balanced Perspectives Counseling Inc. Previously, he served as a chaplain for eight years with American Baptist Churches USA.

1970–79

Peggy (Stands) Fowler (G73) in April was named the second winner of the *Portland Business Journal's* Joan Austin Lifetime Achievement Award, an honor that recognizes her as "One of the most respected business operators who ever led a Portland enterprise" and "One of the state's most powerful executives." She was CEO of Portland General Electric from 2000 to 2009 before stepping down after 35 total years with the company. Last year she was one of four recipients of Oregon History Makers medals, awarded by the Oregon Historical Society to individuals who have positively shaped the history, culture and landscape of Oregon.

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Peggy (Swaim) Hanson (G74) is one of the primary liaisons between her alma mater and nearby Friendsview Retirement Community. In her role as community life director she facilitates activities and events for residents, including a Fox and Friendsview program that connects George Fox students with their nearby older neighbors.

Deanne (Field) Van Vranken (G76) is Northwest district credit manager with Ferguson Enterprises in Portland. In her second year in the position, she is responsible for 14 associates and accounts receivable in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, with a value of nearly \$54 million. With the company for 22 years, she moved up from her previous position as credit manager for the Portland area – a job she held for three years.

Mark Kelley (G77, MA85) is on a one-year assignment as interim president of New Hope Christian College in Eugene, Oregon, where he has served as academic dean for three years. He joined the college in 2011 and has taught, served a year as registrar, and chaired a self-study process for national accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education. The college board is searching for a permanent president, and Kelley plans to move back to the dean's office next spring. Before moving to Eugene, he served for three years in the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends as a pastor of three churches in Washington.

Molly (Coyner) Cozens (G78) and **Paul Cozens (G78)**, after decades in his hometown of Seattle, in the spring relocated to Southern California where they are hosts for the 50-acre, 500-camper Idyllwild Christian Camp and Conference Center in the San Jacinto Mountains. After a career that included positions with IT for Safeway, as systems specialist for Eddie Bauer, in technical support with CarPart.com, and ending with appliance sales at a local store, he now helps on the facilities crew, leads nature walks, teaches campers astronomy and supervises archery. She was previously employed by noted leprosy and eye doctor Dr. Margaret Brand until 2014.

Nancy (Svendson) Moon (G78) has moved further north in Central Oregon, this fall becoming superintendent/principal of Mitchell School in Wheeler County. The only school in the district has 70 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Last year she was the new principal at Henry L. Slater Elementary

School in Burns, Oregon, after serving in Alaska for four years as a school administrator.

Neil Robbins (G78) in March began a new career: owner of Mt. Hood Cab and Shuttle, serving the Gresham and East Multnomah County (Oregon) area. He's also worked as owner of NGR Enterprises, a real estate firm, for two years. Previously, he spent nearly 18 years as a realtor and broker. That follows 28 years with Youth for Christ, starting as a campus life director in Portland for nine years and as executive director in Central Oregon for nearly 14 years.

Deborah Greenidge (G79) is in her fourth decade as a music and worship pastor, since 2013 serving as worship pastor at Tigard (Oregon) Covenant Church. She previously was creative arts pastor at Highland Christian Center in Portland for one year after 20 years as worship and arts pastor at Turning Point Christian Center in Vancouver, Washington, and six years as music minister at New Hope Community Church in Portland, starting in 1985. She has also taught music, directed high school and collegiate choirs, recorded and produced CDs, led weekend retreats and seminars, and cowrote *Undaunted: the Daring Journey of Faithfulness*.

1980–89

Doug Linscott (G80) is in South Africa as an independent missionary with Ethembeni (Zulu for "Place of Hope") in Mpophomeni. It is an HIV/AIDS ministry established in 2000 by the Howick Community Church as a social outreach program, now with more than 100 missionaries, staff, consultants and volunteers. He and his wife started in South Africa with Acts of Mercy in 2010, then transitioned to World Evangelism for Christ and now work through World Outreach Ministries.

Jeff Loe (G80) is executive director of finance and operations for the Sunnyside (Washington) School District, supervising a budget of more than \$90 million that serves 6,600 students and 750 certified and classified employees. He joined the district in 2010 after serving for four years as business manager and interim superintendent with the Grand Coulee (Washington) School District.

Edward Woods (G81) is director of the Mid-Willamette Education Consortium, part of Chemeketa Community College, headquarter-

ed in Salem, Oregon. He's been director the last two years after seven years as regional coordinator for a consortium that promotes career technical education and extended learning opportunities and includes two community colleges and 29 high schools in Marion, Polk, Yamhill and Lincoln counties.

Keith Pearson (n82) gained attention this May throughout England and in Oregon when he pedaled his recumbent Inspired Cycle Engineering trike more than 1,600 miles from his home in Widnes near Liverpool to the Shetland Islands in Scotland and back. It was a fundraising effort that resulted in 2,837 euros (\$3,200) for the Alzheimer's Society in England. He is a member of the George Fox University Sports Hall of Fame, honored for his strength in middle distance races with the 1980 track team.

Ric Drury (G83) at the beginning of the year established his own business, Graphic Art for all Things Printed, in Portland, after retiring early from his corporate communications production position with Pendleton Woolen Mills, where he worked 28 years.

Retha McCutchen (GFES83) in July began a one-year term as interim superintendent of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. She has been a member of the Yearly Meeting since 1974 and has served as a pastor, associate pastor and associate superintendent. Her previous experience includes working as general secretary of Indiana-based Friends United Meeting and director of Ramallah Friends Schools in the West Bank in the Middle East.

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- G** Traditional graduate
- n** Traditional nongraduate
- 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
- GFES** George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- MDiv** Master of divinity
- DMin** Doctor of ministry
- MEd** Master of education
- EdD** Doctor of education
- EdS** Education specialist in school psychology
- PsyD** Doctor of psychology
- DPT** Doctor of physical therapy
- ADP** Adult Degree Program



Bryce Fendall (G84) is vice president REO (real estate owned) with Statebridge Company, headquartered in Denver, providing special loan services for the mortgage industry. In the position since 2014, he resides in McPherson, Kansas, and conducts business in Denver, Portland and Kansas.

1990–99

Jennifer (Hooper) Barker (G91, MA09) is an employee relations business partner with Intel in Hillsboro, Oregon. She started the position in June 2015, providing coaching to managers and employees on various issues. She says the position is the culmination of a background that includes a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Multnomah Biblical Seminary, work with local churches and the urban ministry, a George Fox degree in clinical counseling, working with Washington County (Oregon) Mental Health, and experience in a private practice providing mental health counseling.

Pam Manion (G91) in May became senior project manager/senior analyst with Resource Data Inc. in Portland, a custom software, geographic information system and IT consulting firm. She moved from a position as a project manager and business analyst with the Salem, Oregon, website design firm Galaxux Inc. Previously, she was with Oregon Health Authority for nearly four years as a project consultant guiding the development of a web-based contract management system.

Ronnie (Philpot) Meisenheimer (G91, MAT04) is a physical education specialist at Keizer (Oregon) Elementary School, the largest elementary school in the Salem-Keizer School District with 660 students. She has been at the school for 11 years and also has served as a mentor teacher to new teachers in the district and as a supervising teacher to college students in teacher preparation programs for physical education.

David Wilson (G92) in April became key account manager for Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals in Portland, moving from senior institutional consultant after a year and

a half. He started with the company in 2010 as senior institutional specialist. Previously, he was with Eli Lilly and Company for just over six years as a hospital account specialist after seven years as a regional director for Northwest Basketball Camps.

Eldred Brown (G93) in June earned a Distinguished Toastmaster Award, the highest honor for a member of Toastmasters International. To receive the award a member must complete several projects in both the communication and leadership tracks, a process that takes several years. He is a software development engineer in his third year with Beyondsoft in Vancouver, Washington, part of a global IT consulting, solutions and services provider.

Jerrie Lyda (G93) is an independent financial adviser who has his own firm, Lyda Financial, a four-person office in Newberg established in 2006 that focuses on estate, financial and wealth planning, and utilizes the Dave Ramsey SmartVestor Pro program. Previously, he was with Country Insurance and Financial Services for two years.

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Stevens Leads Change from College to University

If there were any lingering doubts about the decision to change George Fox's designation, they certainly weren't evident on this morning.

It was November 1995 when President Ed Stevens stepped to the podium in chapel with the news: The school, defined as a "college" since opening its doors in 1891, was soon to be classified as a "university." Spontaneously, the crowd of students roared in approval.

The name change wouldn't become official until July 1, 1996, when the college would merge with Western Evangelical Seminary, but this moment encapsulated the excitement of an undeniable reality – that George Fox, a "small college" its first 105 years, was on the brink of exploding beyond such a limited definition.

Just a decade before, such lofty aspirations seemed farfetched. With only 549 undergraduate students in 1986, the school was regionally focused and limited in its scope. But Stevens recognized the importance of expanding into adult- and graduate-level education. The school was the first in the Northwest to add an adult degree-completion program in 1986, and added its first graduate-level offering, a doctor of psychology program, in 1990. Now, with the addition of WES



and its theology, ministry and counseling programs, George Fox would more than double its number of graduate programs to 12 and push enrollment beyond 2,000 for the first time.

A campus celebration under sunny skies on July 1, 1996, included the unveiling of a "George Fox University" sign on the corner of Meridian and Sheridan streets. And while the new name reflected growth – colleges traditionally adopt the name "university" to indicate an expansion of programs – Stevens was insistent the school not lose touch with its traditional roots.

Writing to the campus community after the merger was announced, Stevens affirmed that George Fox would adhere to the tradition of being a "Colonial-model" school – an institution where students were highly valued, general education is emphasized, campus is the focus and teaching is paramount.

"It is my understanding that George Fox University will have the purpose, goals and values of the Colonial colleges and universities," he wrote. "The George Fox/WES merger clearly is a win-win type of relationship – and the decision comes after many months, even years, of discussion, planning and prayer. I'm excited about the possibilities for good and for God."



David Thomas (G93) and Debby (Harney) Thomas (G94) are back in Newberg after concluding a 20-year assignment in Rwanda as missionaries involved in holistic community development with Evangelical Friends Mission. He is continuing with the EFM organization as a full-time missionary, and will continue serving the Rwanda effort with two visits a year in addition to mentoring/coaching visits to two other fields in Northern India and Ecuador. This fall she is visiting assistant professor of management at George Fox. She has been with the university since 2014, teaching adult degree program and business classes and serving as an academic advisor for the Doctor of Ministry in Leadership in the Emerging Culture program.

Tammy (Petersen) Prouty (n94) is a partner, for more than 14 years, with Sound Financial Planning Inc. in Mt. Vernon, becoming a certified financial planner in 2007.

Jason Williams (G93) is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Started as a new church plant 15 years ago, the congregation changed locations eight times before moving this May to an available church building. Before leaving to plant the church he was with Normandy (Tennessee) First Baptist Church for a short time after five years as a youth and music minister with Shelbyville Mills Baptist Church. During that time he attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, receiving an MDiv from the Billy Graham School of Mission.

Carl Anderson (G94, MBA11), after 21 years with Tilikum Center for Retreats and Outdoor Ministries, has joined his alma mater as a certified arborist and university carpenter. At Tilikum he was the property manager, overseeing all aspects of maintenance and improvements for the 93-acre camp northwest of Newberg. Since 2002 he also has been an adjunct faculty member at George Fox, specializing in outdoor ministries classes.

Collin Mitts (G94) is owner/president of CM Quality Insulation in Kalispell, Montana, started in 2004, and is active as a Young Life volunteer.

Pete Rusaw (G94) is the teaching pastor at Wapato Valley Church in Gaston, Oregon. He was one of the original planters of the church in 1999, along with his wife, **Amy (Richards) Rusaw (G94)**. This fall she joined the George Fox University staff as a custodian after being a stay-at-home mom and working for the last

year with CCI Greenheart of Chicago as a local coordinator, recruiting placements for foreign exchange students. He also has taught mathematics at Forest Grove (Oregon) High School and as an adjunct professor in mathematics at George Fox University. They live in Cornelius, Oregon.

Jeff Boyer (G95) is an award-winning regional sales manager with School Specialty Inc., based in Bend, Oregon, where he manages account managers covering eight Northwest states. Last year (and in 2012) he received regional sales manager awards. He is now in his 12th year with a company that is the industry's largest provider of educational products and services, ranging from basic school supplies and furniture to curriculum-based solutions.

Donell Campbell (ADP95) has been promoted to associate professor II at Biola University, where she is assistant director of nursing. She joined the faculty in 2012 after more than 30 years in nursing and the previous three years on the nursing faculty at the University of Great Falls in Montana. She was with Providence Health and Services in Oregon for 26 years, the last five as an educator with Providence Newberg Medical Center.

Jennifer (Streger) Estrada (G95) is now a publishing proposal specialist with Northwest Evaluation Association in Portland, after being senior test publishing associate. The association offers assessments, professional development courses and reporting to help educators have accurate and comprehensive data to provide optimal learning paths for students. Previously, she was a computer specialist at Horizon Christian Schools in Tualatin, Oregon.

Robin (Horine) Henderson (PsyD96) in January became chief behavioral health officer and vice president of strategic integration for Providence Medical Group in Portland. She left her role as vice president of strategic integration at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend, Oregon, where she had been since 2001. She is now responsible for the strategic direction, operations and integration of behavioral health services across the health system and through primary care, in addition to overseeing the development and implementation of Providence's strategic plan.

Liz (Hunt) Hoffman (G96), inspired by her George Fox Juniors Abroad study trip in 1995 that included a stop in Prague, is now head-

ing to the Czech Republic. After eight years in Alaska, she and her husband have been appointed as missionaries and are raising funds for a two-year assignment with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission) in or near Prague. Their goal is to leave next April after a two-week "vision trip" this November to narrow the focus of their ministry.

Patrick Johnson (G96) in April became the newest member of the Newberg City Council. He was appointed to fill the open seat (a volunteer position) created by the departure of another George Fox alumnus, **Tony Rourke (G95)**, who resigned to take a position as vice president of underwriting for FirstCare Health Plans in Austin, Texas. Johnson moved to Newberg four years ago and previously served on the city's budget and planning committees. In his day job he is a promotions and winner specialist with the Oregon State Lottery in Salem, Oregon, in that role for two and a half years. Previously, he has been a writer and reporter for several Oregon newspapers and organizations.

Eric Tuin (G96) has established his own business, 2N Civil, LLC, a full-service civil engineering design and consulting firm in Englewood, Colorado. He started the company in 2007, purchasing the Denver-area office of High Country Engineering. Prior to the purchase he had worked for the company for 10 years, serving as vice president for engineering and as engineering division manager and project manager.

Carla Williams (n96) is with Adair Homes Inc. as branch administrator for its Lincoln City, Oregon, site. She joined the company, the Pacific Northwest's largest custom home builder, in 2007 after 12 years at George Fox, including four as an administrative assistant in graduate admissions and five as marketing coordinator in the marketing communications office. Her position with the 12-site firm includes project managing all aspects of the local construction process.

Linda (Pinkerton) Dallof (G98) returned to her alma mater in August to become an administrative assistant in George Fox's Doctor of Physical Therapy program. She left the university and her position as administrative assistant for Health and Counseling Services in 2001 to become a full-time mom and, for the last eight years, teach piano lessons. Her husband, **Todd Dallof (G96)**, is a network engineering technician with Comcast Cable, in his



seventh year in that position, responsible for trouble shooting and installing Edge devices for Comcast networks. He started with the company in 1997.

Jamie Ridley-Klucken (G98) has been named 2016 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year for Virginia, receiving the award from the Virginia Pharmacists Association. She was cited as “a great role model to students (who) emphasizes the importance of giving back to the pharmacy profession.” Earlier, in March, she was named interim director of student affairs at Shenandoah University in Auburn, Virginia, where she is assistant professor of clinical sciences with the Bernard J. Dunn School of Pharmacy.

Aaron Marshall (G98) received two honors in 2016. In the spring he garnered “40 Under 40 Class of 2015” recognition from *Pacific Coast Business Times* as part of “a new generation of dynamic leaders” who are reshaping the local economy. And, in March, the California Department of Education and California Association of Museums awarded him the 2016 Superintendent’s Award: Excellence in Museum Education. It recognizes the outstanding achievements in programs serving K-12 students. He is director of education for the Santa Barbara Zoo, in that role since 2013, and also is a consultant and coach with the Wellgroup, offering leadership development.

Carmen (Guerricagoitia) McLean (G98) has been nominated by President Obama to serve on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, one of three nominated on Sept. 27. Her nomination must be approved by the U.S. Senate. She has been a partner at the Washington, D.C. office of Jones Day since 2011, where she represents multinational companies in matters relating to contract, copyright, tort and antitrust disputes. She started at Jones Day as an associate in 2001 and currently serves as co-chair of its diversity committee and as the pro bono and public service partner for the firm’s capital office. In 2012 she received the Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year Award from the District of Columbia Bar.

Sharon (Davis) Ramirez (n98) is chaplain with The Elizabeth Hospice, the oldest and largest hospice provider in the San Diego area. The palliative care center serves nearly 500 patients each day and offers comprehensive counseling and grief support through its Center for Compassionate Care. She has been

with the hospice center for three years following six years as a spiritual counselor with San Diego Hospice and The Institute for Palliative Medicine.

Josie (Smith) Weiss (G98) in February began a new position as membership director of the Seattle Yacht Club, responsible for recruiting, vetting, orientation, records management, communications, in-house and social media marketing, and community outreach and networking. She moved from a position of nearly five years as banquet and event manager for Craft Brew Alliance at Redhook Brewery in Woodinville, Washington.

Thomas Kolodge (G99) is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Mountainview Oral Surgery and Dental Implants, with offices in McMinnville and Newberg. A biology major at George Fox, he attended New York University School of Dentistry, then continued on to complete medical school and residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Sheila Lumley (MBA99) is a new product initiative specialist with Ultra Clean Technology in Portland, in that position for just over five years after three years as a miniature rifle optic commodity specialist with Leupold & Stevens in Portland.

Nancy Newton (G99) is in her 17th year as an administrator with Clackamas (Oregon) County, currently in her seventh year as deputy county administrator after previously serving seven years as assistant to the county administrator. She began as deputy director of the county’s Office for Children and Families in 2000. Her position involves relationships with county commissioners, capital projects, human services, public safety and technology programs.

Salvador Zamudio (G99, MBA11) is founder and president of Applied Growth Transitions Inc., a professional training and coaching firm headquartered in Salem, Oregon. The company provides instructions, in a bilingual and bicultural format, for the development of management and supervisory personnel as well as technical training in the areas of safety as well as Department of Transportation and OSHA compliance. Starting as a field worker, Zamudio eventually rose to executive positions with larger national firms, including Color Spot Nurseries and Hines Horticulture.

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Micah (Lehman) Kavedzic (G00) and her family live in a small town in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where she is the training coordinator with Operation Mobilization, helping prepare new workers in their ministry and in the process of learning and adapting to their host. Operation Mobilization is a Christian evangelism organization with more than 3,000 young people living and sharing in more than 110 countries.

Christian Klaue (MEd00) in July received a doctoral degree in educational leadership from Northcentral University in Arizona. He is principal, since 2013, of Campbell River (British Columbia) Christian School, with 167 kindergarten through high school students. Previously, he was principal of Maranatha Christian School in Williams Lake, British Columbia, for 12 years and principal of Sharon Academy in Langley, British Columbia, for 10 years.

Britton Lacy (G00) in September was appointed product manager for the professional turf sector of Barenbrug USA at its headquarters in Tangent, Oregon. He is responsible for technical and sales support for the firm’s network of turf distributors. He also is involved in research and development to bring new products to the U.S. turf market. Previously, he worked for Tri-City Country Club in Kennewick, Washington, as general manager and golf course superintendent.

Robin Rogers (G01) in July was promoted to senior instructor at the American English Institute at the University of Oregon, where she began as an adjunct instructor in 2006. Teaching English as a second language to international students, she has helped the department grow from 100 students to more than 850. She first taught English for three years at George Fox’s sister school, Shengte Christian College in Taiwan, then returned to the United States to earn a master’s degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Seattle Pacific University in 2006.

Aaron Wright (G01) is senior scientist in the Integrative Omics Group in the Earth and Biological Sciences Directorate at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, a part of Battelle, in Richland, Washington. His research group is a leader in microbial activity-based protein profiling, with research efforts extending from human health to bioenergy and



microbial community structure. He also is an adjunct professor in the Gene and Linda Voiland School of Chemical Engineering and Bioengineering and the School of Molecular Biosciences at Washington State University.

Cindy (Lewis) Colyer (G02, MAT04) and **Jeremy Colyer** (MAT04) this fall started a new school in Woodburn, Oregon: Las Manitas Bilingual Preschool. She will speak to the class only in Spanish while he instructs in English. The couple has traveled extensively in South America to hone their language skills. He was a math teacher for 10 years in the Gervais (Oregon) School District before moving last year to Woodburn High School in its wellness, business and sports school. She taught second grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Woodburn, in its dual language immersion program, before becoming a stay-at-home mom for four boys.

Kristin (Granlund) Farber (n02) and her husband own and operate Farber Swim School in Beaverton, Oregon. Established in 2010, it grew to more than 400 swimmers and now has opened a satellite site at the Portland Athletic Club. She manages the business side of the operation and is program coordinator after a background with Oregon State University's recreation department, KidSpirit youth programs, Willamette Valley Girls on the Run, the Mittleman Jewish Community Center and the Tualatin Hills (Oregon) Park and Recreation District.

John Knox (MAT02) had his newest book published in the summer: *Sacro-Egoism: The Rise of Religious Individualism in the West*. Using McMinnville, Oregon, as a case study, it discusses the relationship between secularization, participation in religious practices and belief, and the emergence of radical individualized expressions of faith in the West. He is an online instructor of apologetics in Liberty University's School of Divinity and a scholar-in-residence at the Biblical Studies Center in Boise, near his home in Nampa, Idaho.

Tracy (Elisara) Sailors (G02) is global planning-release manager with Nike in Beaverton, Oregon, in the position for a year after five years as lead purchasing and inventory planning analyst for emerging territories, working with nine territories. Previously, she was in the supply chain field handling logistics, demand planning, customs and distribution. She now works with Nike tech teams overseeing the release and testing strategy for upcoming deployments.

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Brandt Begins Serve Day Tradition



Former George Fox University President David Brandt says he made a miscalculation when he started Serve Day in 1999. "I was convinced that students and employees were the main beneficiaries of the program," he says. "But it didn't take long to find that recipients felt they were the huge beneficiaries."

Eighteen Serve Days later, it's still uncertain who benefits the most — those serving or the individuals and organizations being served — and that, perhaps, is what makes the annual event held each September so meaningful. This fall more than 2,000 students, faculty and staff assisted nonprofits, public agencies, churches, retirement homes and individuals at 108 sites in five surrounding counties. They constructed, painted, weeded, cleaned and visited with seniors as the campus closed its doors for the day.

Serve Day, Brandt says, "is a visible project that reflects the character" of George Fox University. "Given the value it brings to the community, the good will it generates and the relatively low cost, I am surprised others haven't tried to emulate it."

Although Brandt — the university's 11th president, from 1998-2007 — is noted as being the founder, he credits the real inspiration for Serve Day to two vice presidents during the 1998-99 school year: VP of Enrollment Management Andrea Cook and VP of Student Life Eileen Hulme, who together proposed the idea to him.

"I believe the real genius of the proposal was the inclusivity of the plan," he says. "This was not only for students to learn, but for all of us to show the importance of service in the life of Christians. I agreed this was a great idea and should be implemented as soon as feasible."

Serve Day started the next fall. According to Campus Compact, a national coalition that promotes community service in higher education, it was the first instance of an entire university shutting down for a day for such activity.

In his opening comments on that first Serve Day, Brandt said, "It's crucial that we practice what we preach. It's the way of Jesus."

Nearly two decades later, the act of "practicing what we preach" has become ingrained in university culture.

"It's amazing this project has continued so long," says a pleased Brandt, who now lives in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. "It's relatively easy to generate enthusiasm for a few years, but to do it for 18 years tells me this is more than a fad."

Keri Ingraham (G03) in July began as the new director of Prestonwood Christian Academy's virtual academy in Plano, Texas, after earning a doctor of education degree in Christian education leadership from Regent University in May. She has been in Christian education for 13 years, most recently as head of school at Brooklake Christian School in Federal Way, Washington.

Ben Weinert (G03) has become a licensed childcare administrator, working with Heartlight Ministries, a Christian therapeutic year-around residential program for troubled teens in Hallsville, Texas. He joined the ministry

in 2003 and spent two years with the house staff and as house director before moving into his current role as residential and program director.

Rebekah (Harvey) Westmark (G03) is youth services librarian for the Coos Bay (Oregon) Public Library, in that role for three years after receiving a Master of Library and Information Science degree from Wayne State University in 2013. She provides services, programs and collection development for children up to age 18. Her husband, **Adam Westmark** (G04), is self-employed, operating a construction company.



Rebecca Phipps (MA05) is a licensed professional counselor in her own practice in Aubrey, Texas. After receiving her degree she worked for Catholic Charities of Oregon for 12 years and through a federal grant created and managed "Between Us," a relationship counseling program serving individuals, couples, families and churches at no cost.

Michelle Forbes (G05) is a history teacher at Gyeonggi Suwon International School in South Korea. She teaches in the International Baccalaureate World School and the Middle Years Program, a faculty member since 2012.

Elizabeth (Mehl) Greene (G05) in June published *Lady Midrash: Poems Reclaiming the Voices of Biblical Women*, released by Resource Publications, an imprint of Wipf and Stock. A writer and composer working in several creative writing and musical genres, she lives in Alexandria, Virginia, and is a visiting researcher at the Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. She has a doctorate from the University of Maryland,

where she has taught. She has also taught at Howard Payne University.

Stephanie Lilley (G05) in May received an MBA from Colorado State University and in July transitioned to a new position, becoming a senior accountant with Agrium/CPS in Loveland, Colorado, one of the world's largest providers of agricultural nutrients and fertilizer. She previously was an accountant for several organizations, including an airline consolidator, an association management company and government agencies.

Jesse Merz (MAT05), an actor, director, producer and writer, is now a theatre arts instructor at Butte College in Oroville, California. As an actor he has appeared off-Broadway and in regional theatre, summer stock, feature films and radio in 120 cities in 34 states nationwide. He has also directed more than 50 theatrical productions. His career includes more than 19 years as a professional actor with Actors' Equity Association and more than 20 years with the Columbia Gorge School of Theatre and Columbia Gorge Repertory Theatre as artistic director and master teacher of acting.

Andrew Paine (G05) is an assistant professor of business and management and assistant men's soccer coach at Hope International University in Fullerton, California, from which he received a master's degree in business administration in 2011. He previously was head coach of the women's soccer team from 2011 to 2013 while an adjunct professor, following five and a half years as an assistant women's soccer coach at George Fox. He was also a CPA for Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Kevin Parker (MBA05) has announced his plans to leave his position in the Washington State Legislature, ending four terms and eight years as a representative from the 6th District, the Spokane/Cheney area. He plans to spend more time with his three children. He owns six Dutch Bros. coffee shops in the Spokane area, with nearly 80 employees. He also has served as an adjunct professor with both Gonzaga and Whitworth universities.

Christina (Maguire) Schiedler (G05, MAT06) began in June as a math teacher at Hawthorn Academy, a free charter public school in West

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Bruins Win 2004 Baseball Championship

Several times during the 2004 NCAA Division III baseball championship game, George Fox pitcher Scott Hyde took a look at his arm and, speaking to it as if it were functioning independently of his body, asked the appendage a simple question: "What are you doing?"

Hyde's disbelief was justified. By his own admission he was "pooped," even before his first pitch that Tuesday in the deciding game against top-ranked Eastern Connecticut State University. And for good reason: He'd pitched two innings of relief just two days before and hurled a complete-game victory in the tournament opener on Friday.

With his Bruin pitching staff depleted because of fatigue, head coach Pat Bailey had planned to give inexperienced freshman Zach Wilson the start. Then he checked the Warriors' lineup, which included All-American pitcher Ryan DiPietro, and felt he had no choice. He would go with Hyde.

"We were hoping to get three innings out of him," Bailey said of Hyde, the workhorse who finished the year 14-1 with a 1.99 ERA and a nation-leading 191 strikeouts. "To have him last all nine innings, oh my goodness, it's unbelievable."

Hyde gave up three runs in the first three innings but settled down after that, retiring 21 of the final 23 batters he faced. The performance locked up a 6-3 victory that capped off a 40-10 season and gave George Fox its first team championship



in any sport at the NCAA level.

The victory was all the more impressive in light of the circumstances: George Fox had played Aurora University (Ill.) the night before in a game that finished around midnight. "We were beat and not too happy when they told us we had the early batting practice time that morning," recalls then-assistant coach Marty Hunter, now the Bruins' head coach. "But we battled through it and got the job done."

Eastern Connecticut State won the first game on Tuesday – handing George Fox its first loss in the double-elimination tournament – but Hyde and company rebounded in the

winner-take-all second game that afternoon.

For his efforts, Hyde earned First-Team All-American honors and was named National Co-Pitcher of the Year and Most Outstanding Player of the Division III Tournament. He was later drafted by the New York Mets in the seventh round of that summer's Major League Baseball draft. Bailey was named the 2004 Div. III National Coach of the Year, and shortstop David Peterson earned First-Team All-American recognition.

Not bad for a team that was unranked during the regular season and needed an at-large bid just to qualify for the 2004 postseason.



Jordan, Utah. Previously, he spent two years at the American International School of Utah, where he taught math with the Utah Christian Home School Association Co-op in Draper. He also taught as an adjunct mathematics professor at Western Wyoming Community College for a year.

Theresa Scott (G05, MBA07) is an account manager with Avnet Electronics, working in its Southwest Portland sales office. She has been in the position for five years, living in Newberg. Avnet is a global distributor of electronic components, IT solutions, embedded technology and services.

Heidi (Janosek) Tornberg (n05) has made some changes to her chiropractic clinic in Newberg, including a new name, a new location and a second practitioner. She established her practice in 2009 as Janosek Chiropractic, but with her marriage and name change it is now called Kismet Chiropractic and has moved to a new office building that allows for an additional chiropractor. She received her professional degree in 2007 from the University of Western States in Portland.

Jeff Cook (MA06) is back in Oregon, starting in August as assistant pastor at Gateway Presbyterian Church in The Dalles. He was in Oregon previously from 2002 to 2010 when he was associate pastor at Canby Alliance Church for nearly five years. He then established Edgewater Counseling Services before leaving to become assistant professor in the marriage and family program at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. In addition to pastoral ministry at a variety of locations since 1994, he most recently worked as assistant professor and clinical director with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Saurra (Oleson) Heide (G06, MEd09) this fall shifted her position at George Fox to become assistant professor of education. For the last three years she was associate director of clinical practices in the School of Education. Previously, she worked in the Greater Albany (Oregon) School District, teaching second-through fourth-grade classes her last six years. She also is currently enrolled in George Fox's Doctor of Education program.

James Holtzclaw (ADP07) is a member of the Idaho House of Representatives. A Republican, he represents District 20 (in the Meridian area of Ada County), elected in 2012 and reelected in 2014. He is an associate broker with Re/Max Elite in Boise, starting in 2009,

and has owned Holtzclaw Property Management since 2003.

Travis Lund (G06) is an assistant professor at Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he primarily teaches chemistry courses for nurses and allied health science students. He is in his third year after completing a year of postdoctoral research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earning a PhD in biochemistry in 2013 at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Jeffrey Anderson (MA01, PsyD07) is staff psychologist with Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, in the position since 2013. He moved from a position as therapist with Providence Health Systems in Portland, a post he had held since 1999.

Joshua Bunce (MDiv07) is on the faculty of Barclay College in Haviland, Kansas, teaching Bible and ministry classes and chairing the youth ministry department. He began in 2009 after serving as associate pastor at Netarts (Oregon) Friends Church while attending the seminary.

Shawn Marie Fox (G07) is in her third year as a nurse practitioner with the Yakima Valley (Washington) Farm Workers Clinic. She earned a master's degree in nursing (certified as both a family nurse practitioner and certified nurse midwife) from Emory University in 2014 after receiving her bachelor's degree from the university in 2012. She also served with the U.S. Peace Corps for more than three years as a health/water and sanitation volunteer.

Jessica (Rosenbohm) McMullan (G07) has been promoted to staff embedded software engineer with A-dec in Newberg, starting in March after being a senior embedded software engineer the previous four years and a software engineer from 2008 to 2010. In her role she develops control systems for dental equipment and works to integrate the technology of ancillary devices into the core dental equipment.

Yvette Sablan (G07) in May was named special assistant for the Drug Abuse and Rehabilitation Program for the United States Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands. She was appointed by Gov. Ralph Torres to fill the newly created position, established to coordinate a program developed in collaboration with a newly installed NMI drug court to serve individuals who choose to participate in

a treatment program. She previously worked for the Marion County (Oregon) Health Department and with the county district attorney's office for victim assistance, serving as a special assistant for the office's drug abuse and rehabilitation program.

Ryan Sticka (G07), after serving in the Beaverton (Oregon) and Amity (Oregon) school districts as a school counselor for the last five years, is now vice principal at Faulconer-Chapman School in the Sheridan (Oregon) School District. He and **Stephanie (DeGraff) Sticka** (G08) live in Newberg, where she is a stay-at-home mom after being a medical-surgical registered nurse for five years at Willamette Valley Medical Center in McMinnville, Oregon, and later at Providence Health & Services in Newberg.

Daniel Bennett (G08) this fall started a new position at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where he is assistant professor of political science, responsible for reinvigorating the major. He moved from Eastern Kentucky University, where he was assistant professor of government for two years after one year as a lecturer at the University of Washington. He earned a PhD in political science and government from Southern Illinois University in 2013.

Rebekah Cline (MA05, PsyD08) has been accepted as part of Pioneers, an evangelical missions agency, and is in the fundraising stage to begin work with Cornerstone Counseling Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand, with the goal of starting next spring. Currently she is in Tacoma, Washington, self-employed/contracted with the Washington Department of Social and Health Services, providing assessments for its assistance programs. Previously, from 2011 to 2013, she worked for Allenmore Psychological Associates in Tacoma, Washington.

Tim Larrance (MBA08) in April became vice president of sales and marketing for Cascade Brewing Company in Portland. This followed nearly six years with William Grant & Sons as district manager, then area manager for five states.

Kaitlin Nirschl (G08) in 2014 received a doctorate in psychology with a concentration in neuropsychology from the American School of Professional Psychology in Washington, D.C. She is now in her second year with the Veterans Administration Healthcare System in



Mountain Home, Tennessee, where she is an inpatient clinical psychologist. She also has been responsible for the development of the therapeutic program in the acute inpatient psychiatry unit.

Brian Snider (G08) is on the George Fox campus full time as assistant professor of computer science after serving a year as an adjunct professor while also working as a chief engineer for BioSpeech in Portland. Currently a PhD candidate in computer science and engineering at Oregon Health & Science University, he earlier was a data warehouse architect for George Fox in 2015.

Ashley (Stallman) Sonoff (08) and **Kevin Sonoff (08)** are both in government positions in the Portland area. In June she earned a master of public administration degree from the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Washington, and is now a local government management fellow with four Portland metro area governments. Previously, she was in the private sector working as an operations specialist and global buyer at Columbia Sportswear. In August, he started as public affairs officer with the United States Attorney's Office, District of Oregon, in Portland. Previously, he was in the Presidential Management Fellowship program as an emergency management program specialist with FEMA, with positions with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

James Thompson (G08) has established his own firm, Thompson Law Office, in Olympia, Washington, providing DUI and criminal defense services. He previously was an associate with Chapman Law Office for a year after a year and a half as an associate with Nehring Law, both in Williston, North Dakota. He received his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2013.

Andrea Fletcher (G09) in June became emergency medicine residency coordinator at Baylor College of Medicine. She moved from a similar position as residency coordinator at Baylor for one year following nearly four years as residency coordinator and EMS Fellowship coordinator at Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. She coordinates continuing medical education events, working with residency leadership in evaluations of the residents and faculty.

Mat Hollen (G09, MDiv15) and **Rebecca (Couch) Hollen (G09, MAT10)** are living in Salem, Oregon, where in November she was one of 10 Salem educators awarded a 2015 Crystal Apple Award for excellence in teaching. She is a choir teacher at Walker Middle School after starting her teaching career at Claggett Creek Middle School, both in the Salem-Keizer School District. He is one of two pastors at Evangelical Covenant Church-St. Thomas Covenant Church in Salem, serving there for six years after working with Young Life for five years.

Jana (Lee) Kelsay (G09) is regional administrator with Young Life in the Northern Oregon/Southwest Washington Region. In that role since July 2013, she previously was office manager with Little Explorers Preschool and Kindergarten for three years.

Chad Kmiecik (MA09) this fall stepped up to become the new middle school principal with Nampa (Idaho) Christian Schools, shifting from his previous roles as teacher, dean of students and technology coordinator. He earned an educational specialist degree from Northwest Nazarene University in 2015. Prior to joining the school a year ago he was with the Nampa School District for seven years.

Tony Thompson (ADP09) is an investigator with the Canyon County (Idaho) Prosecutors Office, working in the special victims unit on child abuse and sex crimes. He also deals with compliance issues for registered sex offenders in addition to online child pornography file sharing and child enticement cases. Previously, until 2011, he was with the Caldwell (Idaho) Police Department for 20 years as a patrol officer in its D.A.R.E. office, school resource officer, juvenile detective sergeant and street crimes unit sergeant.

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Jordan Beanblossom (G10) has been promoted to employee communications specialist with A-dec in Newberg, moving in November from a position as HR coordinator, for which he edited the company's internal quarterly magazine and newsletter. He now works with global strategic communications in addition to planning corporate and special events. He started with the dental equipment company in 2011.

Chelsea Grissom (G11) began this fall as a third- and fourth-grade special day classes teacher with the Bellevue Union School District in Santa Rosa, California, after two years as a mild/moderate education specialist with the Glenn County Office of Education in Willows, California.

Rachel Henley (G10) this spring completed a master of arts degree in education, emphasizing teaching the culturally and linguistically diverse, with Regis University in Denver. She is in her fifth year as a kindergarten teacher with Escuela de Guadalupe, a 180-student dual-language (Spanish and English) Catholic school in Denver. Previously she was a literacy teacher and tutor for a nonprofit.

Justin Howard (G10) is a software engineer with Machinima in Burbank, California, in his second year. The company, a global YouTube network mostly focused on gaming, originated in 2000 as a hub for its namesake, machinima – videos that use and manipulate video-game technology to create animation. He also enjoys working on open-source projects on the side.

Joshua Johnsen (MA10) is in his third year as church life coordinator with First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Grants Pass, Oregon, coordinating ministries such as Sunday school, hospitality, special events and worship arts. He previously was a skills coach with Kairos Northwest, a mental health-related residential treatment facility in Grants Pass.

Ryan Marchbanks (G10) is now a captain in the United States Marine Corps, promoted in June. He is an AH-1W Super Cobra pilot, based at Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. He began as an officer candidate in July 2009 and became an officer in 2011. He became a naval aviator in 2014 and advanced to pilot in April 2015. He and **Bethanie (Ann) Marchbanks (G11)** live in Kailua, Hawaii.

Bryan Martz (G10, MBA12) is a global brand digital producer with Nike in Beaverton, Oregon. Previously he was with Billups, an out-of-home media specialist agency based in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Bo Sanders (GFES10) this fall is back at George Fox Evangelical Seminary as visiting professor of theology. An ordained minister of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, for the last five years he has served as minister of chil-



dren, youth and families at Westwood (California) United Methodist Church and also was co-pastor of Loft LA, a venture using an interactive and immersive model of music, media and conversation to impact the unchurched population of West Los Angeles.

Genevieve Wymer (G10) is a medical social worker, working on a pediatric floor and with the hemophilia treatment center at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children in Honolulu. She started in August 2015 after completing a master's degree in social work at Hawaii Pacific University.

David Green (G11) in August joined the George Fox marketing communications office as video producer following four years with his own company, David Green Media, as a photographer and videographer for companies that included Nike, Apple and H&H Outfitters. He also spent nine years as a training and retail sales specialist with Apple in Tigard, Oregon, and from 2014 until this year as a high school youth pastor at Portland Christian Center.

Melissa Kelley (G11) is back in Oregon after finishing graduate studies in molecular and cellular biology at the University of Wyoming, earning a PhD. She is now assistant professor of biology at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Justin McCorkle (G11), a nuclear submarine officer with the U.S. Navy, is currently attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, working toward a master's degree in electrical engineering. He joined the Navy two years before his George Fox graduation and received his commission at Officer Candidate School a few months later. He has served as a junior officer on a Virginia-class fast-attack submarine, the USS North Dakota, and is a qualified engineering officer of the watch and officer of the deck.

Jessi-Ann Michaelson (G11) in August graduated from Vanderbilt University with a master's degree in nursing, specializing in adult gerontological acute care and cardiovascular nursing. In October, she joined Saint Thomas Heart in Nashville, Tennessee, as inpatient heart failure nurse practitioner. As part of her duties she assesses and evaluates end-stage heart failure patients for advanced therapy options including ventricular assist device implantation and heart transplantation.

MEMORABLE MOMENT

Women's Basketball Achieves Perfection



After losing seven seniors and all five starters – and virtually starting anew with 10 freshmen – the 2008-09 women's basketball team appeared destined for a rebuilding year. It was anything but. The Bruins, led by 13-year head coach Scott Rueck, stormed to a Northwest Conference title, a 27-0 regular season and a 5-0 run in the postseason to finish a perfect 32-0. George Fox capped it off with a 60-53 victory over Washington University of St. Louis in the NCAA Division III title game.

John O'Keefe (DMin11) is author of his fourth book, *The Naked Jesus: A Journey Out of Christianity and Into Christ*. He is the lead pastor, in his second year, at CrossBridge Christian Church in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Paige (Copenhaver) Parry (G11) is back on the George Fox campus, now teaching in the same classrooms where she earned her degree in biology. She is assistant professor of biology after four years at the University of Wyoming, where she recently earned a PhD from the school's program in ecology, with research focusing on quantifying the factors and mechanisms that determine patterns of plant species composition, particularly in forest communities.

Teresa Brisbin (MA12) in May relocated her business, Whale Eagle Counseling, to Newberg. Formerly a licensed practical nurse, she says her observations led her to believe patients often were not receiving enough help to deal with the psychological effects of being ill or having family disruptions. Now

she offers those counseling services. Involved with the National Alliance on Mental Illness for 15 years, she teaches the organization's Family-to-Family program.

Ashley Brown (G12) is a registered nurse, in her second year with St. Luke's Health System in Boise, Idaho, working as a telemetry nurse for patients requiring heart monitoring. She also is a volunteer with Genesis World Mission, helping in a clinic to provide basic assessment and education to patients unable to otherwise obtain health care. After earning a George Fox biology degree, she completed a nursing degree in 2014 at Creighton University, where she was named Nursing Student of the Year.

Lynn Cowdrey (ME12) has a new assignment in addition to his full-time position as principal of South Wasco County (Oregon) High School. This fall he is also the new girls' basketball coach. He began at the 126-student Maupin, Oregon, school a year ago following more than 20 years as teacher, coach and ath-



letic director at Alsea (Oregon) High School. This year is his first time coaching since the 2011-12 season.

Matthew Domes (G12) is in his fourth year as domestic customer service representative for A-dec, a dental equipment and furniture manufacturing company in Newberg. He gained attention in July for a newspaper article about his side business, NW Tops. Using computer numeric-control-automated milling machines in his garage, he produces designer spinning tops, attracting buyers from as far away as Australia, Malaysia and Europe.

Amanda (Grandon) Fink (G12) is a pediatric cardiac sonographer with Northwest Congenital Heart Care in Tacoma, Washington. The clinic provides diagnostic and therapeutic procedures for infants, children and young adults with congenital or acquired heart disease. She is a Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer and started her position in November.

Muxing Zhu (G12) is now back in Shenzhen, Guangdong, China, where she is vice president of Shenzhen JiaYuan WenHua ChuanBo, a company she helped found to focus on early childhood education. Her duties include general operations for the 10-person firm and giving lectures. The company's curriculum is designed for kindergarten teachers, students and their families so that education is more systematic. It includes an app for parents to easily track what their children are learning and how to help them at home.

Christopher Benjamin (G13) is now choir director for both Henley High School and Henley Middle School in Klamath Falls, Oregon. He began this year after completing a master's degree in education at Concordia University in May, leaving behind positions as a tenor with the Portland Symphonic Choir the last five years and as music director for Christian Youth Theater in Portland the last two years.

Jeff Brown (MDiv13) is a clinical chaplain at Larned (Kansas) State Hospital, the largest psychiatric facility in the state. Now in his third year, he oversees areas for those who are incarcerated while waiting trial; those who are voluntarily committed and/or are waiting for evaluations; and those in the sexual treatment program who have served their time and are preparing to go back into society.

Emily-Grace Cropper-Russel (G13) in April became a gift and database specialist in the advancement office of George Fox University.

Most recently she worked for Youth Outreach as a job development specialist and as a site director for YouthWorks, a Christian missions ministry for teenagers.

Grace Muange-Kambumba (G13) is a registered nurse and in April began as a medical telemetry nurse at Emanuel Medical Center in Portland. This follows two and a half years at Albertina Kerr in Portland, a center providing programs and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges.

Tiffany (Daggett) Patton (G13) is marketing events coordinator with Planar Systems, a digital display manufacturing company in Beaverton, Oregon, moving from a position as transaction specialist.

Christina Polowicz (G13) in September became a public relations account manager with Pinckney Hugo Group, a marketing communications firm in Syracuse, New York. She previously was a communications specialist at Mohawk Valley Health System in Utica, New York, and an assistant account executive at FleishmanHillard in New York City. She has a master's degree in public relations from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Jordan Reed (G13) and **Nathalie (Hort) Reed (G14)** live in Beaverton, Oregon, where he is with Enterprise Rent-A-Car as a management trainee and also a social media contractor with Christian Business Men's Connection. She is a pediatric registered nurse, in her second year with Nursingale, a nonprofit providing in-home skilled pediatric nursing care for medically fragile children and young adults in the Portland area.

LeAnn (Veenendaal) Bowers (G14) and **Levi Bowers (G15)** are living in Eugene, Oregon, where she is a toxicology lab technician/operator with Nepenthe Laboratory Services, a clinical medical testing service. He is a freelance writer with Merchant Maverick, a comparison website that reviews and rates merchant services providers, after starting with The Center for Autism and Related Disorders in Eugene as a behavior therapist.

David Brandon (MAT14) is a career technical education teacher with the Jewell School in Seaside, Oregon. He teaches computer-aided design, welding, wood shop, metal shop, agriculture and forestry to sixth- through 12th-graders at the 165-student school. In his

third year of teaching, he previously was a supervisory residence adviser for five years at the Tongue Point Job Corps Center in Astoria, Oregon.

Hayley Delle (G14) is the only one to have filed for an open seat on the Newberg City Council and was elected in November, taking office at age 23. She is manager of the recently opened Social Goods Market and Newberg Wine Lockers business, which features organic and locally sourced products. Previously, she was a marketing manager and graphic designer at Loen Nursery in Sherwood, Oregon.

Devon Hanbey (G14) is senior engineer with Barghausen Consulting Engineers in Kent, Washington. The firm offers civil engineering, land surveying, land use planning and related services.

Tyler Magill (G14) is a structural engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, living in Portland. He previously was a volunteer structural engineering intern with Engineering Ministries International.

Andrew Olson (G14) in August became development coordinator for Compass Health in Everett, Washington, a private nonprofit organization providing mental health and chemical dependency services in four counties. In addition to individuals it also provides consultation, training and educational services to other providers, law enforcement and correctional facilities.

Randall Rene (G14) is planning and design manager with Comcast Cable in Portland. It's his fifth year in that position but he has been with the company since 2001, starting as headend technician for five years, then headend supervisor for six years. He now oversees the planning and design of cable communication systems, including assisting in the construction process. He is a current MBA student at George Fox.

Shelbye Renfro (G14) is back in Rwanda, Africa, using her degree in international studies as field director with Word Made Flesh. She saw the needs of the country during her senior year at George Fox when she spent a semester in Kigali. Rwanda was torn apart in 1994 when more than 1 million people were killed in an attempt to wipe out the Tutsi population. Word Made Flesh is working specifically with women and children in some of the poorer neighborhoods.



Zach Schultz (G14) is a field service engineer with Tokyo Electron in Wilsonville, Oregon, an electronics and semiconductor company that supplies equipment to fabricate integrated circuits, flat panel displays and photovoltaic cells. He moved from a position at Genentech in San Francisco, where he was an inspection technician.

LaTosha (Clem) Akana (G15) in September began a one-year commitment with AmeriCorps, serving at the Yreka (California) Resource Center as a family support aide. Her clients have needs ranging from food assistance to parenting classes.

Kyle Dreibelbis (G15), using his degree in mechanical engineering, started immediately with Instrument Sales and Service Inc. in Portland, where he is a mechanical engineer for the firm, one of the largest factory-authorized remanufacturers of automotive electronic components in North America. In his spare time he continues his running career, finishing third in this July's Oregon Marathon.

Sean Eberhardt (G16) has joined MassMutual Oregon as a financial professional, one of 50 associates at the life insurance company based in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

Breijanna (Ney) Engelman (G15) and **Sam Engelman (G15)** are living in Atlanta, where she just completed her first year as a logistics planner at WestRock Company in Duluth, Georgia, a corrugated packaging company. He is an analyst with the Meridian Wealth Management team for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney.

Alana Espineli (G15) runs her own business, Alana Espineli Graphic Design, in Bellevue, Washington, working with clients on posters, identity design brochures, magazine ads and resumes. She worked previously with the communications consulting firm Carpool Agency and with World Vision.

Jammie Hoberg (DPT15) has joined PT Solutions in Eugene, Oregon, as a physical therapist, returning to where she previously worked before completing her studies. She is one of five staff members at the private outpatient clinic that specializes in orthopedic and biomechanical treatment.

Diana Koba (G15) is back on the George Fox campus, starting this fall as an enrollment specialist in the registrar's office after three years with Kohl's department store in Sherwood, Oregon.

Elizabeth Luras (G15) in March was named Oregon Woman Veteran of the Year by the Oregon Department of Veteran's Affairs. The award recognizes those who exemplify service as a veteran and as an outstanding member of the Oregon community. She is an Army military intelligence veteran, recognized for her advocacy work, testifying before Congress on military sexual trauma, and working with the White House to improve veteran services. She also hosts a radio program, *Soldier Talk Radio*, and is director of operations for That Others May Live Foundation, headquartered in Las Vegas.

Jordan Nelson (G15) has joined George Fox University's financial aid department as a loan specialist after a year as a writer and editor for Merchant Maverick, a California-based firm specializing in online reviews of point-of-sale software and merchant accounts. While a student she was a consultant in the Academic Resource Center for two years.

Brenda Pedersen (G15) in December became a human services case manager for the Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities division, based in Salem, Oregon. She previously worked for a nonprofit hospice in Prineville, Oregon, where she was the bereavement and volunteer services coordinator.

Lizzy Riese (G15) is back on the George Fox campus as a part-time coordinator and recruiter for the university's elementary education adult degree program, starting in September. She also is working part time as an innkeeper at Hillside Inn in Newberg, after previously working as an academic records specialist in the registrar's office at Linfield College for a year.

Mica Sandoval (MBA15) has two careers at two Oregon higher education institutions: Oregon Health & Science University and Portland State University. At OHSU she is with the department of psychiatry as an administrative assistant, starting in May. She also is head women's lacrosse coach for PSU, named a year ago to coach the school in its inaugural season in the Northwest Women's Lacrosse League.

Keithen Schwahn (G15) is middle school pastor (manager) with Westside: A Jesus Church in Tigard, Oregon, after serving as a ministry apprentice at Countryside Community Church in Portland.

Brett Vernon (G15) has been hired as the full-time physical education teacher for C.S. Lewis Academy in Newberg, and also has been named the private Christian school's new soccer coach. This expands his role from serving part time as head boys' basketball coach last year, when he guided the Watchmen to the Casco League tournament title in his first season.

Jacob Vahlenkamp (G15) in October started as a library assistant on a half-time basis in George Fox's Murdock Learning Resource Center, where he was a work-study student for four years.

Peter Vogelesang (G15) is an MI electrical build support engineer with Jacobs Technology in Allen Park, Michigan.

Jaynani Cababat (G16) is the new clearinghouse coordinator for Love INC in Newberg. The nonprofit organization helps connect families in need with local churches and service agencies who can help. It now involves 43 churches and 154 service agencies in eight Yamhill County cities.

Andy Comfort (G16) is in the process of heading to Masatepe, Nicaragua, in conjunction with International Teams, a nondenominational evangelical ministry with teams working worldwide. He is currently raising funds to cover expenses, with the goal of leaving next summer. He is hoping to help in projects such as building preschools, running small businesses, starting a chicken farm for eggs, and teaching English in a nation ranked second-poorest in the Western Hemisphere.

Emily (Jackson) Gigoux (G16) has remained on the George Fox campus, joining the university's advancement office as advancement events coordinator. While a student she worked as a photographer in the marketing communications department and also as a student employee for the alumni and parent relations office.

Shealtiel Hart (G16) is now a fourth-grade teacher at Broadwater Elementary School in Billings, Montana, after student teaching at Faith Academy International School in the Philippines.

Aliyah Jackson (G16) has been hired as a music teacher at Deep Creek-Damascus School where she teaches music at the K-8 school, part of the Gresham-Barlow (Oregon) School District.



Olivia Longenbaugh (G16) is now a fifth-grade teacher at the 680-student Auburn Elementary School, part of the Salem-Keizer (Oregon) School District, after student teaching at Dundee (Oregon) Elementary.

Bryan Neufeld (G16) and **Keiko (Fujii) Neufeld** (G16) are living in Boise, Idaho, where he is a firmware engineer with Hewlett-Packard and she is a software development engineer with Clearwater Analytics and also owner of Sakura Photography, specializing in portraits and showpiece images.

Sydney Thiessen (G16) has started her career as fine and performing arts coordinator and theatrical technical director for Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Oregon. She is one of eight on the arts and communication staff for Oregon's second-largest high school (2,822 students).

JUST MARRIED

Jennifer Streger (G95) and **Joel Estrada**, June 6, 2016, in Oregon City, Oregon.

Joyce White (G00) and **Daniel Madison White**, Aug. 1, 2015, in Boise, Idaho.

Christina Maddy (G05) and **Roland Romero**, Aug. 6, 2016, in Troutdale, Oregon.

Andrew Paine (G05) and **Sara Highhouse**, July 30, 2016, in Corona, California.

Lisa Riesterer (G08) and **Rob Schlegel**, July 22, 2016, in Silverton, Oregon.

Becca Couch (G09, MAT10) and **Mat Hollen** (G09), July 11, 2015, in Salem, Oregon.

Amanda Roberts (G10) and **Jared Costin**, Aug. 27, 2016, in Tumwater, Washington.

Luis Ruiz (G10) and **Jennifer Fowler**, Aug. 1, 2015, in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Timothy Fouch (G12) and **Barbora Bajova**, June 5, 2016, in Trnava, Slovakia.

Amanda Grandon (G12) and **Arthur Fink**, Feb. 13, 2016, in Maple Valley, Washington.

Breanna Nix (G12) and **Zachary Bogar**, Jan. 9, 2016, in San Dimas, California.

Jacob Trachsel (G12) and **Anna Pruitt**, March 28, 2015, in Oregon City, Oregon.

Tiffany Daggett (G13) and **Matthew Patton**, Dec.

11, 2015, in Anaheim, California.

Jordan Reed (G13) and **Nathalie Hort** (G14), March 26, 2016, in San Diego.

Anna Harder (G14) and **Tyler Doran** (student), July 30, 2016, in Newberg.

Helena Riddell (G14) and **Andrew Tweet** (G14), June 12, 2016, in Monmouth, Oregon.

Zach Schultz (G14) and **Anna Reister** (G15), Nov. 13, 2015, in Wilsonville, Oregon.

LaTosha Clem (G15) and **Kolten Akana**, June 12, 2016, in Yreka, California.

Sam Engelman (G15) and **Breijanna Ney** (G15), July 4, 2015, in Anacortes, Washington.

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

Stephany Bell (G16) and **Cody Coblentz** (G16), July 30, 2016, in Willamina, Oregon.

Keiko Fujii (G16) and **Bryan Neufeld** (G16), May 27, 2016, in Eagle, Idaho.

Joel Rurik (G16) and **Katyn Lundquist**, July 2, 2016, in Gig Harbor, Washington.

BABY BRUINS

Ian Reschke (G96) and **Sara Reschke**, a boy, Noah Matthew, April 26, 2015, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Mindy Joy (Thompson) Strickland (G01) and **Bryce Strickland**, a girl, Wren Elizabeth, June 16, 2015, in Vancouver, Washington.

Janelle (Didericksen) Howard (G02) and **Ken Howard**, a boy, Logan Miles, Oct. 9, 2015, in Issaquah, Washington.

Donna (Garton) McCowan (G03) and **Jeff McCowan**, a girl, Adira Margaret, April 8, 2016, in Portland.

Michael Bean (G04) and **Alyssa (Schaad) Bean** (G10), a girl, Elizabeth Sylvine, May 25, 2016, in Nampa, Idaho.



Justeen (Lane) Brown (G04, MAT05) and **Aaron Brown** (G07), a boy, Lucas Marshall, July 6, 2016, in Medford, Oregon.

Tim Holland (G04) and **Laura Holland**, a girl, Charlotte "Charli" Grace, April 12, 2016, in Washington D.C.

James Neill (G04) and **Holly (VanBrocklin) Neill** (G06), a girl, Sophie Marie, Aug. 29, 2016, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Kelly (Cudney) Wesley (G04, MAT05) and **Travis Wesley** (G08), a girl, Katelyn Louise, June 12, 2016, in Portland.



Jonathan Apuan (G05) and **Dawn Marie Apuan**, a girl, Reagan Leana Joy, Feb. 29, 2016, in Seattle.

Elisabeth (Mehl) Greene (G05) and **Samuel Greene** (G05), a boy, Declan Sequiel, Dec. 7, 2015, in Alexandria, Virginia.

Michelle (Flores) Miller (G05) and **Chase Miller**, a girl, Erin Marie, Feb. 9, 2016, in Vallejo, California.

Joshua Strickler (G05) and **Christa Strickler**, a boy, Jeremiah Owen, April 18, 2016, in Winfield, Illinois.

Rebekah Shelton Harris (G06, MEd08) and **Steve Harris**, a girl, Eleasaid Hope, Jan. 20, 2016, in Roseburg, Oregon.

Eliza (Morain) Knieriemen (G06) and **John Knieriemen**, a boy, Alex John, July 12, 2016, in Edmonds, Washington.



Eva-Lynn (Johnson) Lund (G07) and **Travis Lund** (G06), a boy, Elias John, April 22, 2016, in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

Amaris (Tronson) Longmire (G07) and **Nick Longmire**, a girl, Mckinley Faith, March 2, 2016, in Issaquah, Washington.

Caitlyn (Boultinghouse) Bennett (G08) and **Daniel Bennett** (G08), a boy, James Michael, Sept. 11, 2015, in Richmond, Kentucky.

Bethany (Zirschky) Bostedt (n08) and **John Bostedt**, a boy, Laurence Jacob, Nov. 16, 2015, in Denver.

Kelsie (Howell) McKenzie (G08) and **Shawn McKenzie** (G08), a boy, Zachariah Richard, March 7, 2016, in Tualatin, Oregon.



Hannah (Bishop) Pitts (G08) and **Nathan Pitts**, a boy, Elijah Richard, Nov. 16, 2015, in Bellevue, Washington.

Cassie (Thissell) Robbins (G08) and **Kyle Robbins**, a girl, Mia A., Aug. 20, 2015, in Coos Bay, Oregon.



Molly (Meadows) Bailey (G09) and **Patrick Bailey (G09)**, a boy, Calvin Patrick, Oct. 19, 2015, in Newberg.

Jana (Lee) Kelsay (G09) and Aaron Kelsay, a boy, Declan Aaron, April 1, 2015, in Portland.

Benjamin Niccum (G09) and **Christina (Miller) Niccum (G09)**, a boy, Jasper Darius, March 25, 2016, in Portland.



Jill (Lepire) Schlosser (G09) and Erick Schlosser, a boy, Bennett Erick, May 12, 2016, in Clackamas, Oregon.

Silvi (Luft) Enstad (G10) and Bjorn Enstad, a boy, Amos Bishop, March 26, 2015, in Portland.

Justin Howard (G10) and Joy Howard, a girl, Juniper Joy, Jan. 16, 2016, in Burbank, California.

Bryan Martz (G10) and Molly Martz, a boy, Beckham Oliver, May 4, 2015, in Portland.

Danny Lybarger (G11) and Allison Lybarger, a girl, Josephine Quinn, April 15, 2016, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Jacqueline (Pickett) Lai (G12) and Gregory Lai, a girl, Joy Noel, Feb. 19, 2016, in Bethesda, Maryland.

Brandon Porter (G12) and **Danika (Osterberg) Porter (G12)**, a girl, Tilia Genevieve, March 23, 2016, in Portland.



Grace Muange-Kambumba (G13) and Matthieu Kambumba, a boy, Amos Bless, Dec. 7, 2014, in Hillsboro, Oregon.

IN MEMORY

Esther (Geddes) McVey (G37), July 12, 2016, in Eugene, Oregon.

Abigail (Miller) Crisman (G43), June 19, 2016, in Newberg.

Bertram "Bert" Frazier (G50), Oct. 11, 2016, in Portland.

Mildred "Mickey" (Thiessen) Hadley (n50), Sept. 20, 2016, in Newberg.

Charlotte (Passolt) Cammack (G57), Sept. 30, 2016, in Ontario, Oregon.

Jack Newell (n60), March 24, 2016, in Boise, Idaho.

Vince Misztowt (n68), April 9, 2016, in Seattle.

Daniel Pike (G73), Aug. 29, 2016, in Bakersfield, California.

Karen Bates-Smith (G77), Oct. 9, 2016, in Newberg.

Glynnis (Polk) Childress (G79), May 13, 2016, in Portland.

Adam Mathewson (G83), March 24, 2016, in Portland.

Sandra (Chamberlin) Thornton (G83), April 10, 2016, in Newberg.

Julie Harper (G87, MA99), July 18, 2016, in Newberg.

Myrlene (Hull) Rourke (G90), Oct. 29, 2016, in Portland.

Joe Krumm (G93), Sept. 28, 2016 in Portland.

Bob Larson (G98), Aug. 20, 2016, in Newberg.

David Hoff (G03), June 19, 2016, in Beaverton, Oregon.

Christabel Lauinger, Aug. 31, 2016, in Newberg. Music faculty, 1963-2002.

Julia Hobbs, Aug. 31, 2016, in Shelbyville, Tennessee. Professor of Christian ministries, 1975-91.

Roy Hiebert (G56), June 30, 2016, in Newberg. Associate director, Plant Services, 1975-87. "Campus Grandpa," 1987-2016.



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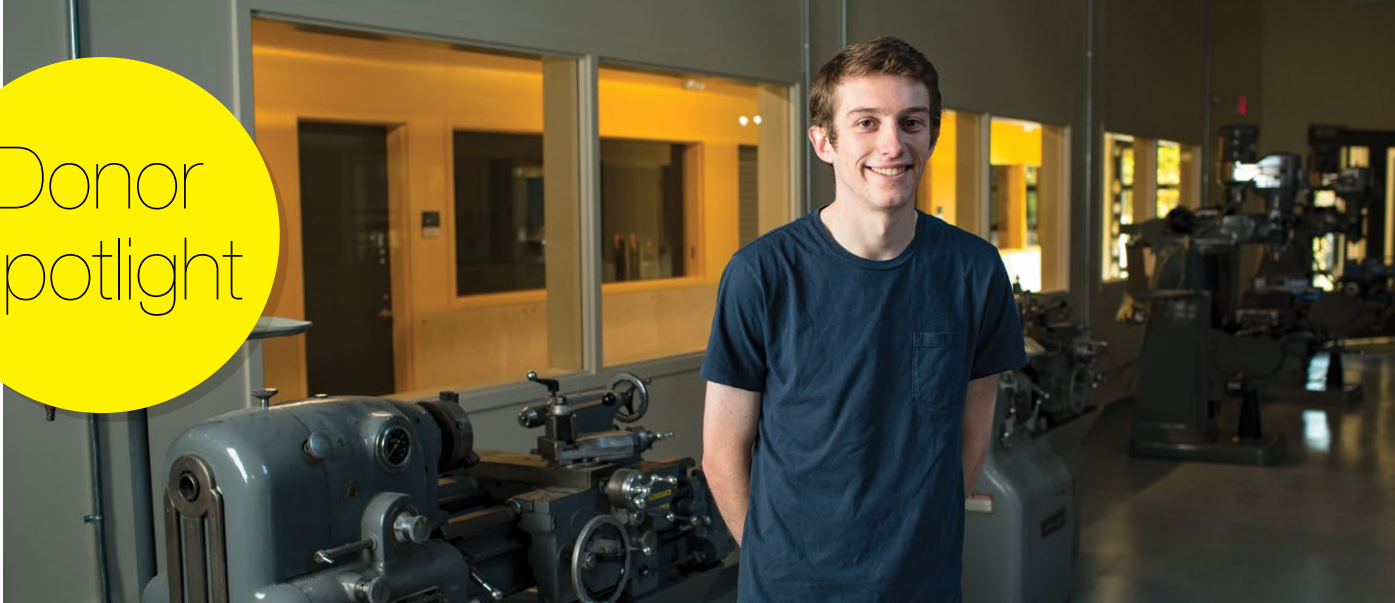
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Donor Spotlight



Recent Graduate Funds Engineering Scholarship

Allen McLeod received a full-ride scholarship to attend George Fox – now it's his turn to give back

By Sean Patterson

If there is one physics principle Allen McLeod can appreciate, it's that of inertia – the reality that, as defined by Sir Isaac Newton, “An object at rest stays at rest until acted upon by an outside force, and once in motion continues in motion.”

In fact, McLeod, a 2014 graduate of George Fox's mechanical engineering program, related to the concept so much that he decided to name his newly created, fully endowed scholarship – intended for students in George Fox's engineering major – the “Inertia Fund.”

The scholarship was made at an exciting time for the College of Engineering, which recently opened a new collaborative design-build space, the Engineering Innovation Center, that equips current and future students to learn at the highest levels.

McLeod comes by his affinity for Newton's First Law honestly. As a sophomore at George Fox, he received a full-ride scholarship from the Raymond H. Berner Memorial Foundation, covering all of his tuition expenses his final three years at the university. Now he wishes to put the principle of perpetuity into action.

“I chose to start a scholarship, which is very small in comparison to what I was given, but hopefully it can grow and have a significant impact for a lot of students. I was given a lot, and I'm starting to give back with this,” he explains.

And while McLeod is reluctant to divulge the exact amount of the gift, the minimum commitment to start any scholarship at the university is \$5,000. His desire to create inertia is also apparent in the decision to endow the award, meaning it will be invested and pay toward the scholarship indefinitely. After the funds are invested for a year, they will start paying out in 2017 to a senior engineering student who carries a minimum 3.0 GPA and exhibits “outstanding character and leadership.”

Ultimately, as the endowed scholarship grows, McLeod hopes

the fund can be expanded to assist underclassmen and, eventually, provide one student a full year's worth of tuition.

In addition to his financial contribution, McLeod, a furniture design engineer at Newberg-based dental equipment manufacturer A-dec, is returning to his alma mater to assist in the classroom as an adjunct instructor in the College of Engineering. “I learned a lot here and want to pass on some of that knowledge,” he says. “The personal connection you get at George Fox really prepares you for the workplace. Professors give you a lot of attention, understand what your goals are and take the time to get you there.”

McLeod hopes other recent graduates see the value in giving back – regardless of the amount. Many students don't fully comprehend all the donors that make their education possible from behind the scenes. “I've told a few people about what I'm doing and some say, ‘Oh, I don't know if I'd ever be able to do that, so I just don't want to think about giving.’ They hear that so-and-so donated land or a building and think they can't make a difference. But if you could buy one book for one student every semester for 20 years, that's still a significant gift. We all remember what it's like the first day when you have to go buy your books.”

“If someone donated \$80 or \$100 each semester, and could buy someone a book, I think that would be something that could be fulfilling for both the donor and the student who gets a book out of it. Your gift doesn't need to be a high-dollar amount, and that's what I'm trying to convey to my friends.”

That's also one of the reasons McLeod didn't want to name the scholarship after himself. “I want it to be bigger than me,” he says. “My hope is that other people get on board and want to pitch in. That's the idea behind the name ‘inertia’ – once in motion it continues in motion. So hopefully this is a little nudge to get something going.”



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Fire Women

George Fox alumni Liz (Stephens) Thompson ('96) and Kaylee Kolin ('15) are inspiring the next generation of female firefighters. Both assigned to predominantly male crews with Portland Fire & Rescue, they're not the only Bruins sending stereotypes up in smoke. Read more on page 26.