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Why Work

In American colleges and universities, there is often a distinct separation between the academic disciplines that serve the professions and those that serve the liberal arts: the life of work and the life of the mind. In fact, in some institutions there appears to be a real bias against students who would choose a practical course over the pursuit of knowledge. Since George Fox University’s inception, we have been committed to an educational approach that is centered in the arts and sciences, but that also honors and prepares people for practical work.

Our initial catalog (1891) described it this way: “Pacific College [George Fox University] seeks to be definitely and positively Christian. It seeks to bring its students to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord. ... It seeks to assist its students to find their work in life and at least to begin their definite preparation for it.” At George Fox, we have dedicated ourselves to help students understand their talents, find their vocation and begin the “work” to which God has called them.

One of my favorite authors is a 20th-century English writer named Dorothy Sayers. She wrote a piece that I have found very helpful entitled “Why Work,” which appeared in her book Creed or Chaos. She believed, as I do, that much of the problem of the 20th-century church is that it separated the secular – the world of work – from the sacred, the work of the Spirit. Indeed, what did the church have to say to the carpenter or the plumber except pray more, remain true to the Word and attend worship on the Sabbath. Those are good messages to be sure, but they really left the church with nothing to say about 90 percent of the human experience – work. Thus, Sayers called for a different understanding of “work” by the Christian community.

“What I urged then was a thoroughgoing revolution in our whole attitude to work. I asked that it should be looked upon, not as a necessary drudgery to be undergone for the purpose of making money, but as a way of life in which the nature of man should find its proper exercise and delight and so fulfill itself to the glory of God. That it should, in fact, be thought of as a creative activity undertaken for the love of the work itself and that man, made in God’s image, should make things, as God makes them, for the sake of doing well a thing that is well worth doing.” – Dorothy Sayers, “Why Work” in Creed or Chaos

What a Christian university can do that no other institution can is to present all of life as “sacred” to students. At George Fox University, we do not prepare people for careers, but rather to do the sacred work of creativity in the areas that God has gifted them. In this issue of the Journal, you will read about some of our students who have graduated and are now performing the work to which God has called them – certainly a job well worth doing!

Robin Baker
President
New Honors Program Set for 2014

George Fox already has a reputation for academic rigor, but beginning in the fall of 2014, students will be presented with a new challenge. Modeled on the Socratic tutorial style, the William Penn Honors Program will hone students’ critical thinking skills by exposing them to classical texts and using discussion as the primary mode of instruction. Graduates of the program will be prepared to engage their culture meaningfully at the deepest levels – and do so in a humble and gracious manner from a Christian perspective.

Courses will be both writing and literature intensive. As students are presented with some of the great pieces of literature that have influenced Western civilization, they will be tasked with exploring how these works inform contemporary thought, and how they harmonize – or fail to harmonize – with the teachings of Christ.

Visit georgefox.edu/HonorsProgram to learn more.

Founder of Bob’s Red Mill Rekindles George Fox Connection

When Bob Moore visited George Fox in October, it gave aspiring entrepreneurs on campus the opportunity to rub shoulders with a nationally renowned executive. It also brought full circle a story that had been 35 years in the making.

Moore, founder of Bob’s Red Mill, presented a public lecture as part of the School of Business Executive in Residence Day. His visit also included a Q&A session with business students and a classroom visit in which he critiqued students’ business plans.

“I love your students,” said Moore, 83, who came dressed in his signature red blazer and ivy cap. “I wish I had some of that youthful energy.”

But Moore’s association with George Fox amounts to much more than a one-day visit. Back in 1978, he moved to Portland so he could attend seminary classes at Western Evangelical Seminary (now George Fox Evangelical Seminary). Part of his routine was to walk around the seminary neighborhood with his wife, Charlee, reciting Greek and Hebrew passages. It was on one of those walks that he happened upon an old feed mill that would later become the company’s first headquarters.

Today, Bob’s Red Mill produces more than $153 million in annual sales. On his 81st birthday, Moore made national headlines by giving his employees total ownership of Bob’s Red Mill through an employee share ownership program.

Visit georgefox.edu/BobMoore to see a video interview with Moore.
Student Documents Juniors Abroad Trip to India

It was no surprise that cinema and media communication major Cameron Smith packed a video camera before embarking on a Juniors Abroad trip to India last summer. What may have caught the aspiring filmmaker off guard was the exceptional footage he was able to get as he and a group of 20 other George Fox students and professors experienced the country’s culture, religion and people.

The result of those experiences was a short documentary in which Smith captured the group as they visited an orphanage, provided medical care for residents of a remote village, marveled at the Taj Mahal and navigated jam-packed city streets, where something as simple as crossing the road can be a harrowing experience.

“You learn very quickly that you never know what to expect from this country,” noted Smith in the documentary. But one thing is certain: the experiences he and his group had will have a lifelong impact.

Visit georgefox.edu/India to watch the documentary.

DMin Students Experience South Korea

Students in the Doctor of Ministry in Leadership and Global Perspectives program at George Fox Evangelical Seminary are located around the globe and most often interact with each other online. So, when they do meet face-to-face, they make sure the experience is a memorable one.

Last summer a group of 40 doctoral students and 12 staff and faculty met in Seoul, South Korea, one of three international advances they will participate in over the course of the three-year program.

Highlights of the experience included visiting the largest Methodist church in the world, getting a private tour of the Korean Demilitarized Zone, and taking in the sights, sounds and people of Seoul, a city with a history that stretches back more than 2,000 years.

For professor MaryKate Morse, the people she met during the advance “inspired me to think differently about my life and faith.” Student Sharenda Roam was also deeply impacted by the individuals she encountered. “Passion for a world beyond my own flourished as my heart embraced the Korean people,” she wrote. “This experience changed me forever.”

Visit georgefox.edu/Seoul to read more from Morse and Roam, and to view a photo gallery and video from the trip.

Berardi Joins Disaster Relief Efforts

When Superstorm Sandy devastated the East Coast in late October, Anna Berardi offered up her unique skill set to help.

Berardi, director of the George Fox Trauma Response Institute, joined the Red Cross’ disaster mental health team on a 12-day trip to Northern New Jersey, witnessing firsthand the physical and emotional toll the storm took on thousands of people.

Berardi participated in neighborhood canvassing, checking in on elderly and medically fragile residents who in many cases hadn’t yet received any assistance as long as two weeks after the storm. She also provided counseling services in Red Cross shelters, and accompanied residents who were finally being granted permission to visit their property for the first time. “These are highly charged experiences,” she explains. “Most residents are learning that entire neighborhoods are gone and now underwater.”

Also a professor of marriage and family therapy at the university, Berardi kept the George Fox community up to date on her activities via her Twitter account, @AABerardi.
Students Travel to Berlin and Boston to Represent George Fox

Junior Brice Ezell (pictured top) and senior Stephen Kenyon represented George Fox at the World Universities Debating Championships in Berlin this December. The students, who planned and financed the trip on their own, debated teams from around the world over three days of competition, finishing with 13 points, just five shy of the break to elimination rounds – certainly a good showing for their first major international competition.

George Fox ranks among the top British Parliamentary debate teams in the Northwest.

Junior Hannah McFarland, who spent last summer as a student researcher under biology professor John Schmitt, was selected to speak at the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Experimental Biology conference in Boston this April. McFarland’s abstract, “AKAP7 Regulates CaM Kinase Activation in MCF-7 Cells,” was selected from approximately 1,300 submissions. The selection, which also included a $1,875 travel grant, is a rare accomplishment for an undergraduate student.

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Lemmons Family Sponsors New Football Field

The university has received a major gift from the Lemmons family that will give the new football program a firm footing when it kicks off in 2014 – literally.

John Lemmons, founder of Pacific Fibre Products, and Larry Lemmons, the company’s president, together made a gift of $600,000 to George Fox University. Most of the gift will go toward the construction of Lemmons Family Field, a synthetic turf football field that will be located on the north side of campus.

“It is a privilege to invest a portion of what we have in ministries that positively impact our world and reflect our Christian values,” John and Larry expressed in a shared statement. “We count the education of George Fox as one of these ministries.”

While this is the single largest gift George Fox has received from the Lemmons, it’s certainly not the first. Other investments include the Lemmons Center, Bruin athletics and the Annual Fund. The university is now 74 percent of the way to its $7.2 million fundraising goal for the construction of Stoffer Family Stadium.

Visit georgefox.edu/StofferStadium to learn more.

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RECENT RECOGNITION

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the George Fox engineering program among the top 100 (No. 96) “Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs” in the nation for 2012-13.

In September, the George Fox University Sports Hall of Fame inducted athletes Rob Wunder (men’s basketball 1972-74), Ryan Muñoz (baseball, 1995-98) and Jon Newkirk (football, track and field, basketball and baseball 1962-66). The 1996 women’s track and field team was also inducted, along with long-time public address announcer and master of ceremonies Jim Jackson (’74) for meritorious service.

Assistant Professor of Counseling Keith Dempsey was one of 10 individuals honored at the William F. and Mary L. Bauman Foundation approved funding for a $137,000 grant that included $77,000 for repairs and upgrades to the Bauman Auditorium pipe organ. The grant also designated that $30,000 go to the Act Six scholarship program and $30,000 to the seminary.

Assistant Professor of Educational Foundations and Leadership Marc Shelton was elected president-elect of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration for the 2013-14 academic year.

The biology department welcomed a state-of-the-art molecular imaging system worth $48,000 thanks to a Science Undergraduate Research Grant from LI-COR Biosciences to biology professor John Schmitt and matching funds from the university. The instrument will be used in teaching labs and for numerous research projects, including the department’s ongoing research that focuses on understanding the genes and proteins involved in cancer.

 minion and the Creation of the American Republic (Oxford University Press, 2013)

Tell us about the subject of your most recent book, Roger Sherman.

Sherman was one of leading figures of his day. He was a member of the five-man committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence and an influential delegate at the Constitutional Convention. As a representative and senator in the new republic, he played a big part in determining the proper scope of the national government’s power as well as drafting the Bill of Rights.

What originally drew you to Sherman?

I was attracted to Sherman because he represents well the many founders who were influenced by Calvinist political thought. A close examination of his religious beliefs provides insight into how those beliefs informed his political actions. They played a big role in the founding generation’s opposition to Great Britain, and led them to develop political institutions designed to prevent corruption, promote virtue and protect rights.

What’s the No. 1 thing you hope readers take away from this book?

Contrary to oft-repeated assertions that the founders advocated a strictly secular policy, I argue in this book that most founders believed Christianity should play an important role in the new American republic. I think Roger Sherman is a great example of that.

IN PRINT

Junior Erin Kays provided illustrations for the book In the Wild Places, which features 115 poems by George Fox alumna Sarah Kateeen Hoggatt (GFES ’06). The project, which required Kays to produce 60 pencil illustrations, is her first foray as a published illustrator.

In June, Director of MBA Programs Chris Meade published a new book titled Financially Alive, in which he asserts that it is possible to not only survive, but thrive in the new world economy.

In January, Brian Doak’s book, The Last of the Rephaim: Conquest and Cataclysm in the Heroic Ages of Ancient Israel, was published. In the book the religious studies professor examines the giants of the Hebrew Bible.

Religious studies professor Paul Anderson edited and led the effort to rerelease Elton Trueblood’s book Abraham Lincoln: Lessons in Spiritual Leadership. The book reveals how Lincoln’s leadership skills flowed directly from his religious convictions.

Art professor Doug Campbell’s poem “Turning Radius” was published in Imago Dei: Poems from Christianity and Literature. Five of his poems also appeared in a recent issue of the magazine Nothing. No One. Nowhere.

English professor Ed Higgins’ poem, “Epistemology,” is part of an ongoing three-year national tour titled “Speak Peace – American Voices Respond to Vietnamese Children’s Paintings.” The touring exhibit pairs Vietnamese children’s paintings with peace-related poems by a number of American writers.

Religious studies professor Mark McLeod’s article, “Relaxed Naturalism and Caring About the Truth,” will be published in the spring 2013 issue of Forum Philosophicum.

“Vamump,” penned by history professor Paul Otto, was published in the Encyclopedia of Native American History.
Heritage Award recipient Esther McVey ('37) meets ASC President Wesley Jones at the Alumni Awards Celebration Banquet.

Recent grads reconnect at the Young Alumni Hors d’oeuvres Social.

† Family Bingo night was easily the most popular event of the weekend.

‡ Alumni celebrated their 60th, 70th and 75th class reunions at the Classic Bruins Supper.

President Robin Baker did his part to support the dance team by buying some Krispy Kreme doughnuts.

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The homecoming court, with king Joe Djanga and queen Tracy Berg.

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Every night, Marissa Huddleston cooks dinner, finishes her homework and laces up her sneakers. She runs a few miles, enjoying the darkness and the feeling of renewal it brings her. A former Miss Oregon pageant competitor, she sees beauty in the bun that has collapsed into messy strands around her glistening forehead; her sweat-stained pink T-shirt; her defined leg muscles. For a cancer survivor, there is nothing quite like the feeling of fitness.

During Marissa’s junior year of high school, she began noticing strange bruises on her legs. She was eventually diagnosed with stage III chronic myeloid leukemia. In 98 percent of cases, this type of leukemia occurs in people over the age of 60. At age 17, Marissa was the only minor to ever have been treated for it in the state of Oregon.

Though her bone marrow transplant was a success, Marissa was still extremely frail and weak. The doctors pulled her mother aside to discuss “options” if Marissa didn’t make it. Realizing the possibilities, her mom wheeled her daughter’s then-100 pound body out to a small garden for a heart-to-heart. Tears poured silently down Marissa’s face as she felt the warm breeze, suddenly experiencing a sense of peace she hadn’t felt in months. To her doctors’ amazement, her health began to improve drastically from that day on – she was allowed to go home 10 days later. She has now been cancer-free for more than four years.

After Marissa’s recovery, her best friend Ashley was diagnosed with lymphoma for a fourth and final time. They were together for the whole treatment process, and Marissa was able to share with her, pray and be there when she accepted Christ. She passed away later that year. Marissa both planned and spoke at Ashley’s funeral, continuing the penchant for public speaking that would become her desired career path.

Today Marissa is a junior communication arts major at George Fox, where she’s developing and refining that passion for using her story to inspire others – one race at a time. After months of training, building her weakened muscles and limited endurance, she successfully completed the Portland Marathon in 2010 with Team In Training, an organization that benefits the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The following year she became a mentor for other runners, and this year became Team In Training’s grassroots marketing coordinator. Never shy, Marissa also speaks on behalf of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which sent her and her family on an all-paid trip to the Caribbean during her illness.

Moved by the prayers and encouragement she received along her path toward healing, Marissa’s goal now is “to give some of that love back.”

“I believe God saved my life for a reason,” she says. “I run marathons, speak at events, raise money and awareness, and do whatever I can to fulfill His purpose in my life. It isn’t about the hard times that we go through, but how we use them to better ourselves and the world around us.”
Recent engineering grad Daniela Makowski has found her place in aerospace

By Kimberly Felton
Daniela (Sifuentes) Makowski’s favorite task at work is clambering atop the Boeing 234 Chinook – a helicopter that stretches 98 feet from nose to tail, the size of a blue whale.

We’re not talking into the Chinook, but on top of it. Today was a good day; she had to go up twice.

Really? Twice?

“I was looking at the tunnel cover over the shaft that transmits the power from the transmission box to the forward rotor head. I had to see how it works,” Makowski says with a shrug and a smile, holding up a technical drawing of the Chinook and pointing to a part that is, sure enough, smack in the middle of the top of the fuselage.

Makowski, 22, is a newly minted graduate of George Fox University’s engineering program. When she arrives at her job at Columbia Helicopters every morning, she parks in the back so she can enter through the hangar and greet these flying machines, rather than come through the front door and navigate the boring office space on the way to her cubicle. Any excuse is a good excuse for Makowski to crawl on something that defies gravity.

If you mess up, people die

Slender and petite, Makowski may look like a high school sophomore, but she talks the talk of an aeronautical engineer – and her job is to take the Boeing helicopter model 107-II (the civilian version of the Sea Knight CH-46) and the Boeing model 234 (the civilian version of the Chinook CH-47) and make them better, lighter, more efficient, stronger. These choppers move massive amounts of equipment, fight fires, work in logging operations and facilitate petroleum exploration around the world. Makowski toys with parts that keep the machines in the air and the people in them alive.

Less than a year removed from her graduation in the spring of 2012, Makowski is tasked with designing improvements, repair solutions and type-design changes that maximize the helicopters’ efficiencies and capabilities. Currently, she is updating the Federal Aviation Administration certification for the GE engines on the 107-II and designing a different structural configuration for an overhaul on another helicopter.

Does her job make her even the least bit nervous? Another shrug and smile. “When you work here, you have to take a class that basically says if you mess up, people die,” she says. “But it’s not that different from Xerox. If I mess up on a part for a copy machine, it can catch on fire and then the building may burn, killing people.”

She had that choice, between Xerox and Columbia Helicopters. But her story begins in another country, half a lifetime ago.

“It’s a miracle that I’m here,” she says, with a college degree.
with a job. Her parents could not help pay her college bills – but they got her to America.

From Peru to George Fox University

Twelve years ago, Makowski endured a year without her father, when he left his family in Peru and moved to America. Once he found a home and a job, he brought his wife, daughter, and son to join him, living in a studio apartment 10 minutes from downtown Los Angeles. He worked first in marketing, and now as a certified nurse assistant. Makowski’s mother, a kindergarten teacher in Peru, is a housekeeper in an assisted living home.

Though Makowski’s parents were able to move the family to Oregon, escaping the gang mentality surrounding their Los Angeles neighborhood, they had no spare change to build a college fund.

“People take things for granted here, like having money and a stable job,” Makowski says. “[Getting a job] was tough for my parents when they first got here. Before I was a permanent resident [with a green card], I couldn’t work. That was tough.”

But Makowski admits that being an ethnic minority may have played in her favor, too. “I have mixed feelings about it,” she says. “I’m glad I got my scholarships, but I’d like to think I didn’t get them because I’m Hispanic, but because I worked hard for them.”

Every week of her senior year of high school, Makowski applied for a different scholarship. She worked for the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, which awarded her a scholarship. An internship at Xerox the summer following her junior year at George Fox led to a part-time job that she carried through her senior year. Thanks to jobs and scholarships, she graduated with zero debt.

Copy machines or aerospace?

Xerox offered Makowski a full-time position, and she planned to stay – until massive layoffs threatened her sense of long-term financial well-being.

In the meantime, Makowski attended a career fair as part of a class at George Fox. Columbia Helicopters was there. “They called me to see if I wanted an interview, but my [future] supervisor was flight testing,” she recalls. “I had to call and bug them for three months before I got the interview.”

She also applied to Tektronix, Hyster and ESCO. Each company offered her a job, but she narrowed her decision to Xerox and Columbia Helicopters. Both offered her the same salary. “I had to decide where I wanted to spend the next five years,” Makowski says.

Her tour of Columbia Helicopters reawakened a childhood fascination with flying objects. “I was probably around 8 when I decided I wanted to be in aerospace,” she says. “Anything that has to do with flying things, moving things – it’s just really cool. As I got older, I realized that engineering would be the stepping stone into aeronautics and aerospace. Plus I like really big things that I can visualize. I couldn’t be in electrical engineering because everything’s so tiny.”

Intent upon a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, Makowski considered Ivy League schools. Yet when her long-distance track coach at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Ore., “had all these good things to say about Fox,” Makowski decided to visit. She was hooked.

“I knew this is where God wanted me to be,” she says. “I felt God saying, ‘I have something special for you here.’ Christ is incorporated into every class; in engineering, we were required to read a chapter of Celebration of Discipline.”

“The professors are so good at what they do. They teach you how to find a solution – how to manage projects and do it well.” Makowski now puts that skill into practice as she talks with mechanics to understand what they need her design changes to achieve and as she crawls over and under helicopters to understand how her changes will affect the bigger picture. All the while, she’s mindful that lives are at stake.

“I don’t think I’ll stop learning for a while,” she says; not only on the job, but also as she studies evenings and weekends for her Master of Science in Product Development at the University of Southern California, with a focus on aerospace. She expects to finish her degree in fewer than three years.

“I love my job,” Makowski says. “For an entry-level engineer, this is as good as it gets. I manage people and do engineering – not to mention I get to see and work on helicopters every day. At this point in life, this is my dream job. I prayed I would get an offer from Columbia, and so I did. This is the job I wanted.”

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Visit georgefox.edu/Columbia to see Daniela at work.
YOUNG ALUMNI ON THE RISE
“Do you know Michael Jordan?”

“Do you only wear Nike clothing?”

“Can you get me free shoes?”

There are a million silly questions that Nike employees are asked on a regular basis, and after eight years with the worldwide athletic footwear and apparel giant, Lisa (Foltz) Nishimoto has heard just about all of them.

She patiently answers each inquiry, knowing that the mystique surrounding the company’s world headquarters in Beaverton, Ore., makes it the modern day equivalent of Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory for sports fans in the Northwest.

Well, all except one – “Do you design shoes?”

To that, the answer is a resounding “No.” You see, Nishimoto, a 1998 graduate of George Fox, develops apparel for Nike – not shoes. “That’s another department,” she says in a way that’s kind, but just firm enough that you realize it’s not the first time she’s been asked.

“I work specifically on team product, which includes the uniforms and sideline gear for the high school and college levels,” she explains. Most of Nishimoto’s time is spent managing the process of how these highly technical and innovative pieces are created. She also oversees the process of taking those pieces from sketch form to the final physical product.

So, when the company decided to honor the rich heritage of the Army vs. Navy football game with special on-field uniforms for the 2011 contest, it was Nishimoto’s job to make sure it happened – and that both teams looked good.

“The task – “one of the projects I was most passionate about,” she says – required that Nishimoto pore over every single detail of each team’s uniform (pictured left), from ensuring an aesthetically pleasing design to incorporating Nike’s latest performance elements into one package that the company could be proud to unveil in front of the tens of thousands of fans in attendance, not to mention millions of TV viewers.

But Nishimoto doesn’t just work on the team apparel you might see on the field of play – she also oversees the production of school-branded shirts, shorts, warm ups and all other manner of clothing that everyday fans like to wear to feel a little bit closer to their favorite amateur athletic program.

Growing up, Nishimoto always had an eye for fashion. “I loved to sew and be creative,” she says. At George Fox, she had the opportunity to pursue that love as a fashion merchandising major with a business minor. The combination of creative and practical studies “provided a foundation for understanding the business,” though she is quick to note that her position required a lot of on-the-job training. “Nike is a very unique place,” she says.

More importantly, Nishimoto grew in her faith at George Fox. “I started to realize what I believed was what I really wanted to believe, not just because I was raised to believe a specific way,” she says – a concept she describes as “choosing my faith.”

These days, Nishimoto keeps busy with husband Michael, two young children – Gemma (2 years) and Ryo (7 months) – and the occasional sewing or knitting project. In addition, of course, to representing the most recognizable athletic apparel brand on the planet.

So the next time you don your favorite team apparel, don’t forget that a George Fox alumnus could very well have had a hand in its creation. Your shoes? She didn’t have anything to do with those, so stop asking.

By Jeremy Lloyd

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Fifty-plus and Counting

Over the course of his 25-year career as director of college basketball sports marketing at Nike, Eric Lautenbach has watched game tape with legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski and shared a limousine with NBA Hall of Famers Charles Barkley and Michael Jordan, just to name a couple out-of-this-world sports experiences. What does he have in common with DJ Wolf, a recent college graduate who just caught on with the company in October of 2011? They’re both George Fox graduates.

The two can add their names to a list of more than 50 former Bruins who go to work each day at Nike’s world headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. Their graduation years range from 1987 to 2012, and their job titles vary from vice president to lifeguard coordinator.

But Nike isn’t the only athletic apparel and footwear company to target job applicants with a George Fox education. Most notably, Iiley Thompson (G84) serves as general manager for the outdoor footwear division of Under Armour, while while Kristin (Herkelrath) Jones (G01) is a senior merchandise manager in Adidas’ running apparel division.

So why do companies like Nike keep coming back to hire George Fox graduates? There are a lot of reasons, but one thing is certain: They just keep doing it.
An Open Door

Just 30 years old, John Davis didn’t plan on a career in politics – but when the opportunity arose he was ready

By Sara Kelm
Running for public office is often like running a marathon. Candidates lace up their shoes over a year in advance of the finish line, and the campaign is all about endurance: attending debates, shaking hands, waving during parades.

Not so for John Davis, 2005 George Fox graduate and newly elected Oregon state representative. His run for office was more of a sprint.

In May 2012, Davis was working as a lawyer in downtown Portland and enjoying his newborn son, William, when the Republican primary selected the incumbent to run in District 26. In June, a scandal ended the incumbent’s re-election bid, leaving the district with no Republican candidate five months before the election.

A mentor once told Davis to “always make the decision that opens the door.” So when the opportunity for public service presented itself, Davis decided to take a chance. He opened the door and ran right through it.

Politics: Not the original plan

Davis hadn’t planned on being a politician. From an early age he was an entrepreneur – a “computer geek” who started a business helping elderly people learn computer basics.

But he didn’t have a clear direction until becoming a Christian in high school. Almost immediately, he felt a clear calling to serve others. “I was given this spirit of wanting to reach out, wanting to touch other people,” he explains.

That spirit led him to George Fox University. Though Davis had planned on joining the Marines, he visited George Fox and felt drawn to the campus “almost inexplicably.” He threw himself into his studies, earning a double major in religion and interdisciplinary studies, the latter of which combined biblical studies and sociology.

His unique study combination prepared him for his future professions. Davis says the religion courses taught him about the fallibility of man, which informs how he views society and the political system. The sociology classes, meanwhile, took philosophies out of Scripture and into the world.

Davis was also impacted by George Fox’s culture of service. His courses asked in-depth questions: How can these theories be applied practically? What does theology look like outside of the classroom? How does service and making a difference happen beyond a university setting?

It was during this time that he met and married his wife Sarah Boehr, a biology major at George Fox who would go on to graduate in 2004. He was drawn toward politics, but knew it wasn’t the right time. “I knew I had more preparation I needed to go through as a person,” he says.

Open doors for service

After graduation, the Davises spent a year in Southern California working with AmeriCorp. They ran a nonprofit that served families living around penitentiaries. It was eye-opening for them both. Sarah saw people who were stuck in jobs they disliked, and knew she wanted something different. “I wanted to be challenged. I wanted to do something great,” she recalls. The answer was nursing.

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Davis also has a different perspective on public office than some of his fellow politicians. “For some people, being elected as state representative will be the most important title they are ever given, and it’s easy for that to go to your head,” he says. But as a Christian, he’s mindful that his position was given to him by the Lord, and it could be taken away at any moment. Davis’ conviction is that his identity not be wrapped up in his title, but rather informed by the service to which his faith calls him.

So, on Nov. 6, 2012, John Davis was called to serve his community in the Oregon State House of Representatives. All because he went through an open door – or dozens of them.
Dream Jobs, Promising Realities

In the case of these five young alumni, the key to finding that ultimate job came down to a simple criterion – do what you love.

By Sean Patterson

Megan (Weber) Clark
Art ('06) | Owner/Graphic Designer, Clark & Company

Sometimes the greatest opportunities come out of adversity. Megan Clark knows that to be true from firsthand experience.

After graduating from George Fox with a degree in art, Clark landed a job at an advertising agency in Portland, then lost it when the company went bankrupt. That only meant bigger and better things for Clark, who launched her own design studio, Clark & Company (clark-and-co.com) and two online ventures – hi friend., a boutique for stationery and invitation suites (hifrienddesign.com) and The Exceptional Creative, a resource center for entrepreneurial designers (theexceptionalcreative.com).

As head of Clark & Company, she designs signage, logos and marketing materials for clients ranging from boutiques and cafés to iPhone application developers and private business owners around the world – from Australia to Philadelphia to Portland. She also specializes in one-on-one coaching and large-group sessions for graphic design entrepreneurs.

“What I love most is the variety in my work,” says Clark, whose studio provides a full spectrum of design, art direction and branding services. “Because I design for many different clients in different fields, I’m always researching something new and meeting really amazing people, many of whom are entrepreneurial themselves.”

While at George Fox, Clark conducted a senior graphic design project with a Canadian client that incorporated all facets of the business: in-person presentations, several rounds of revisions, estimates, invoices, deadlines and “everything else required to complete a real-life design job,” she says. It proved vital as she embarked on her career. “I learned more by simply digging into the real-world work than I ever would have, or did, working on fictional projects.”

Justin Sweeney | Business Marketing and Economics ('09)

Broadcast Assistant, Utah Jazz

The seeds for Justin Sweeney’s dream job were planted in the summer of 1996, when the then-9-year-old Alaskan visited his aunt and uncle in Layton, Utah. A drive past the Delta Center, home of the NBA’s Utah Jazz, piqued the youngster’s interest and sparked a lifelong love affair with the team.

Fast forward to 2013. Sweeney is inside the very same stadium charting statistics for Jazz play-by-play announcer David Locke – one of his responsibilities as a broadcast assistant intern for the 2012-13 season. Ultimately, he hopes the opportunity leads to a career in broadcasting.

“This is an organization I’ve admired and strived to be a part of since the fourth grade,” Sweeney says. “I’m still asking the question, ‘How did I get here?’”

The answer: the “divinely timed situations I experienced at George Fox,” he says. Sweeney arrived on campus planning to major in computer science and get a job in the technology field. He left with a passion to become a sports broadcaster, thanks to a rewarding experience at KFOX radio – including calling games for a national-title-winning women’s basketball team in 2009 – and the encouragement he received from professors and peers.

His love of the craft kept him in the KFOX booth for three seasons beyond graduation – a move he’s convinced helped land him the Jazz internship among nearly 100 applicants. “What’s neat is that 100 percent of my broadcasting resume comes from what I acquired at George Fox, before and after graduation,” he says. “My possibilities feel endless now.”
Greg Johnson | Interdisciplinary ('05), Master of Arts in Teaching ('10)
Art Teacher, Tigard High School

Teacher Greg Johnson’s love of art transcends the pieces he and his ceramics students create at Tigard High School. To him, the creative process goes beyond the kiln: it’s the key to unlocking potential, regardless of the arena.

“My heart is to re-teach students that creativity is the most important facet of intelligence,” he says. “I hope they take this from my classroom through college and into city councils, boardrooms and beyond.”

The nationalization and standardization of education has marginalized creativity because it’s not quantifiable, Johnson says. So he’s using his passion — working with clay — to convey a simple message: “I want students to see that their original ideas are valuable and always worth exploring.”

Johnson began Tigard’s ceramics program with “a few wheels and electric kilns” in 2010. To help jump-start the program, he organized 45 Tigard students and volunteers for an “Empty Bowls” fundraiser — modeled after the Mark Terry-organized events of the same name at George Fox — and sold 320 bowls in raising more than $2,000 for the purchase of a gas kiln.

The event’s success and the popularity of the program — 450 students enroll in ceramics classes each year — have convinced Johnson he’s in the right place.

“When you can make your job your passion, it’s so easy to excel and pour your heart into your work,” he says. “What I love most is developing the creative confidence of my students.”

He also loves his job for another reason: “I get to get dirty every day at work and don’t have to wear a tie.”

Rachel (Cook) Lowe | Business Administration ('04)
Management Analyst, Department of Defense

For Rachel Lowe, perhaps no job assignment has been as rewarding as the one she took on in March of 2012.

Lowe, a management analyst for a civilian agency within the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., was tasked with making arrangements for eight relatives of 9/11 attack victims to travel to the nation’s capital for a briefing. “I was able to see firsthand the direct impact of our work and support people who had experienced this national tragedy in such a personal way,” she says.

It’s all in a day’s work for Lowe, whose agency oversees a range of federal initiatives that include the Federal Voting Assistance Program, which helps military personnel living outside the U.S. vote, and the Defense Language and National Security Education Office, charged with attracting, recruiting and training a future national security workforce. Lowe is responsible for budgeting, travel policy oversight and looking after all manner of other details.

The No. 1 reason she loves her job: The fact that she assists “so many of the brave men and women who are on the front lines protecting our country every day,” she says.

Lowe is also a professional photographer and works part time for an events company that hosts galas at embassies around Washington, D.C. In addition, she is president of the U.S. Senate Youth Alumni Association, a group of more than 5,000 who participated in a weeklong educational experience that highlights public-service excellence.
When Aaron Strumpel joined George Fox as artist practitioner in residence for the fall 2012 semester, it gave students with a passion for music the rare opportunity to rub shoulders and strum guitars with a nationally renowned Christian musician who has released seven successful full-length albums and four EPs since launching his solo career in 2006.

While his stay, sponsored by the university’s Center for Peace and Justice, was short, it had a lasting impact on the lives of many students. Strumpel led worship, taught songwriting courses, worked with the chapel band and other student music ensembles, mentored students in one-on-one sessions and even found time for a few impromptu jam sessions out on the quad. In fact, Strumpel’s upcoming EP, *Elephant Trio: George Fox University Session*, will feature George Fox junior Nolan Staples on bass.

We caught up with Strumpel during his final days with the university to ask about his experience.

**What gave you your initial love for music?**
I always loved to sing in church; I loved hymns growing up. ... Music just moves me in a way that I can’t describe.

**How would you describe your musical style?**
I would call it experimental indie-folk.

**What type of songs do you like to write?**
I enjoy writing prayers; lyrics that are said in just slightly new ways that maybe help people approach God in a fresh way.

**When did you feel called to music ministry?**
I felt particularly called to it while I was touring with a missional band called Kindred in Peru ... I realized how much the body of Christ needed to be connected, and I realized that songs and stories were an amazing vehicle to do that.
What have you enjoyed most about working with students at George Fox?
The energy that they have. There’s an overall sense of optimism that college students here at George Fox have, and I’ve really enjoyed the energy and the vibrancy that it brings to our interactions.

Can you give an example of a student you have worked with?
Josh Tryan is a songwriter who comes in on Saturdays. He’s really creative. He writes very intricate guitar parts, and he writes very avant garde song structures into his songs. He is really advanced, so I give him a lot of constructive criticism, and I send him home with a lot of homework. He’s been a fun one to work with, and he’s become a good friend of mine.

Any words of wisdom for aspiring musicians?
The path of an artist is always changing. In the college years you begin to dream, but often your skill sets aren’t as developed as you’d like them to be. It’s wonderful when you can sit back and remember, I will grow in this, and I will become better and better as the years go by.

What have you learned from the students you’ve worked with?
I’ve relearned the passion levels that I had when I was a college student. It’s been really refreshing and exciting to use that to attack my own songs again in new ways.

Read about sophomore Shekinah Davis’ experience writing a song with Aaron Strumpel at georgefox.edu/song.

Visit georgefox.edu/Strumpel to watch a mini documentary on Strumpel’s time at George Fox.
**1970–79**

Jack Rea (G70) and Celesta (Johnston) Rea (n70) returned in August to Hong Kong, where he is provost/teacher at United Wesleyan Graduate Institute, an interdenominational seminary that trains Chinese pastors and workers. The Reas were in the United States and traveling for 13 months. Having resigned from the board of trustees and as school supervisor, Celesta is now enjoying substitute teaching in kindergarten and primary school.

Dell Dittus (G76) is athletics director and physical education teacher at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup, Wash. He recently had to name a new coach when George Fox hired his head girls’ basketball coach, GC Hillburn, to be a new Bruin women’s assistant coach.

Tim Weaver (G76) has been elected to the Dundee, Ore., City Council, receiving the most votes (30.3 percent) of four candidates for three positions in the city of 3,200. A Dundee resident for 12 years, Weaver retired in 2011 after 33 years with the Newberg-Dundee Police Department.

Mark Williams (G77) has been named the new musical director of the 60-member Second Winds Community Band in McMinnville, Ore. He has a career in elementary, middle and high schools, focusing on development, training and conducting of bands and choirs. He also is artistic director for the Dayton, Ore., Community Chorus.

Linda Byrd (G78) is with WorldVenture as team leader for its Kids Missions Camp program. She plans, coordinates and leads camp programs for youth ages 9-13. Her responsibilities also include research and development to expand the Northwest-based venture worldwide. In the fall she visited WorldVenture sites in Slovenia and Croatia.

Ramona (Barnett) Shepherd (G78) ended a 30-year coaching career in August, retiring as head volleyball coach at Mancos (Colorado) High School after 11 years in her second stint there. She was named district coach of the year five times and coached the Colorado all-state team three times. Her husband, Gordon Shepherd (G77), is also a retired teacher.

Steve Comfort (n79) has been promoted to Power and Utilities Supervisor at SP Fiber Technologies Co. in Newberg. He has been with the paper mill for 29 years. He has been an emergency medical technician since 1995 and was a volunteer firefighter and EMT with the Newberg Fire Department for 11 years, rising to the position of lieutenant. His wife, Elizabeth (Carlson) Comfort (G01, MBA04), recently resigned after three and a half years as CFO of Friendsview Retirement Community in order to move on to other opportunities.

**1980–89**

David Myton (G80) is in his second year as associate provost at Lake Superior State University in Michigan. He also remains professor of chemistry; a position he has held since 1993.

Christine (Hockett) Stanfield (n80) and Jeff Stanfield (G89), after 21 years of serving at Tenwek Hospital in Kenya, are beginning a new mission with World Gospel Mission. They have relocated to Uganda, where their work includes administrative responsibilities with WGM, the expansion of pastoral training, church ministries, compassionate and medical ministries, and children’s and youth ministries with Africa Gospel Church.

Nancy (Schwab) Sturdevant (G83) is now president of Precision Helicopters in Newberg, a firm she and her late husband (Dennis Sturdevant) (n81) established 30 years ago. She became president following his death last year. Located at Chehalem Air Park, which they’ve owned since 1990, the firm has invested in a new flight simulator and acquired a new Sikorsky S-61 helicopter.

Terry Dawson (G85) is juggling a schedule that now includes pizza shop proprietor in addition to his role for 16 years as pastor of Countryside Christian Fellowship in Coburg, Ore. Six years ago, he and his family established Coburg Pizza Co. as a way to build community in the small town. In April they expanded to Springfield, adding a new restaurant five times larger. Most of the time he’s the one bringing the pizzas to the customers. “After all, ‘minister’ comes from the Latin word for ‘servant,’” he says.

Greg Mozel (G85/MDiv91) and Carolyn (Bayly) Mozel (G86/MA93) are pastors at First Baptist Church of Amherst, Mass., a multicultural church located at the front entrance of the University of Massachusetts. He has been the lead/senior pastor since 1999. He also serves on pastor-mentoring teams for Vision New England, Gordon Conwell...
Munoz Overcomes MS in Style

When Ryan Munoz (G99) came from New Jersey to the George Fox University campus in September to be inducted into the Bruin Sports Hall of Fame, it was the first of two destinations on the West Coast.

A few days later he was in Hollywood, Calif., where he and his wife, Kristen, were invited to be part of the 64th annual Emmy Awards, showcasing their company’s wares as part of Boom Boom Room, a celebrity baby-gifting suite for stars and their children. “We were truly honored to be chosen for it,” says Munoz.

It was the culmination of a journey that began for the Munoz family in 2009. Plagued by constant back pain, Ryan underwent several tests. First, doctors told him he had cancer and only a few months to live, and then amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (known commonly as ALS or Lou Gehrig’s Disease), a disease that took his grandmother’s life.

When he was finally diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he “felt like having a party,” joked Munoz, relieved that his ailment wasn’t much worse.

During the early difficult times, Kristen came up with a creative solution to help the family financially and to also give back. They established a clothing-for-a-cause company, Eva & Estela Wear Ur Love, offering T-shirts that emphasize family values like faith, hope and love. Most of the company’s business is conducted online at evaandestela.com, named for their two daughters. Five percent of all their profits go to their local chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – profits that are sure to increase after the recent national attention their visit to the Emmys has garnered.

Thanks to a mix of therapies and regimes to treat his symptoms, Ryan continues to lead a nearly normal life. “He’s doing great, and if you looked at him, you’d have no idea anything is wrong,” says Kristen. “But he has to work twice as hard to appear that way.”


Seminary and Bethel Seminary. She is children’s pastor, guiding the KidsWorld Ministry program after serving in women’s ministry and eight years as an elementary school teacher. The church, which has 37 nations represented in its congregation, has received community awards for the homeless shelter, food pantry, medical clinic and ESL classes located on its campus.

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- **MA**: Master of arts
- **MS**: Master of science
- **MAT**: Master of arts in teaching
- **DMgt**: Doctor of management
- **MBA**: Master of business administration
- **GFES**: George Fox Evangelical Seminary
- **MDiv**: Master of divinity
- **DMin**: Doctor of ministry
- **MEd**: Master of education
- **EdD**: Doctor of education
- **EdS**: Education specialist in school psychology
- **PsyD**: Doctor of psychology
- **ADP**: Adult Degree Program

1990–99

Tim Harris (G92) is branch manager of Country Insurance & Financial in Beaverton, Ore. As Oregon district director of agencies for the national company, he made the decision to become the corporate sponsor for the Portland Farmers Market in 2010. In July, Harris received media attention as he handed a $1,000 check to a Portland high school student for designing a reusable bag available at the markets.

Andy Olson (ADP92) has returned to the Oregon State House of Representatives, elected in November for a fifth two-year term representing District 15, which includes portions of Linn and Benton counties. An Albany resident, he served for 29 years with the Oregon State Police, retiring in 2007 with the rank of lieutenant and heading OSP’s Albany patrol office. He is the current house Republican leader and in the 2011 session was house co-speaker pro tempore.

Charles Harrell (G93) in July was promoted to shareholder in Buckley Law P.C., where he specializes in business and real estate transactions, business law, real estate, land use and construction law. One of 12 shareholders in the firm, he is also a member of the George Fox University Alumni Board of Directors.

Janet Weber (G95) has been named to the 2013 Odyssey Award Committee of the Association for Library Service to Children and the Young Adult Library Services Association. Both are divisions of the American Library Association. The award is given to the producer of the best audio book made for children and/or young adults. She is a children’s librarian for the Tigard (Ore.) Public Library.

Ryan Chaney (G97), for the fourth consecutive year, has been voted “Best Wedding Videographer” by readers of Oregon Bride magazine. He is owner of Focal Point Digital Media in Salem, Ore. In its ninth year, the
ESTHER (MILLER) GEDDES MCVey, '37
Heritage Award
In 1937, Esther McVey graduated from Pacific College and moved to Sutherlin, Ore., to become a teacher. There she married her husband – who later became a senator – and they had six daughters. McVey started a radio show from her home and later hosted her own television show, Talk of the Town. She also hosted Be My Guest, on which she interviewed the likes of the Harlem Globe Trotters and the Kennedys. She later married Tyler McVey, a radio, TV and stage actor, and together they traveled the country and performed professionally. Ester turned 95 in June.

JOHN Lim, GFES '70
Seminary Alumnus of the Year
In 1992, John Lim was elected to the Oregon State Senate for District II, becoming the first first-generation Korean immigrant to serve in any state senate in the U.S. He attended Seoul Theological College, and in 1966 came to the U.S. to earn a master’s degree from Western Evangelical Seminary. He founded American Royal Jelly Health Products, and at 50 began serving as the local president of the Korean Society, president of the National Korean American Federation and president of the Asian American Voters Coalition.

GINA (WITHNELL) OCHsNER, ‘92
Outstanding Alumna
Gina Ochsner is an educator and prolific writer who has received widespread praise for her work. She is the author of the short story collection The Necessary Grace to Fall, winner of the Flannery O’Connor Award for Short Fiction, and the story collection People I Wanted to Be. Both books received the Oregon Book Award. In addition, her novel The Russian Dreambook of Colour and Flight was longlisted for the Orange Award (UK). Ochsner lives in Keizer, Ore., and divides her time between teaching at Corban University and writing. She is the recipient of grants from the Oregon Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Howard Foundation.

GAIL GRIMSTON, GFES '97
Christian Service Award
Gail Grimston dedicated more than four decades of her life to ministry with Young Life. She joined the organization in 1961 and spent the next 47 years working in different capacities – including as a club operations manager – before retiring in 2008. Grimston has led four trips overseas – three to Russia, where she helped start Young Life camps. She was also involved in Capernaum, a Young Life ministry to students with disabilities. The past four years, she has been a volunteer for the Act Six scholarship initiative.

KELLY (BILINSKI) ARISPE, ’03
Outstanding Recent Alumna
Kelly Arispe received her PhD in Spanish linguistics at the University of California, Davis, with a designated emphasis in Second Language Acquisition (SLA) in 2012. Prior to that, she completed her master’s in Hispanic linguistics at the University of New Mexico in 2006. She has taught Spanish linguistics and Spanish language courses at UC Davis, the University of New Mexico, San Jose State University and Sonoma State University. Last spring, Arispe accepted a tenure-track position at Boise State University to teach upper-division Spanish courses.

2012 HONORED ALUMNI
Beth (Kellogg) Kinzler (G00) is the new softball coach at Nampa (Idaho) Christian High, stepping up after one year as assistant coach. Previously, the former Bruin shortstop taught at Nampa High and was the freshman head coach during the 2003 season before becoming an assistant coach at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa for two years.

Lauren Barnhart (G00) is a freelance editor, writer and musician in Seattle. She is co-organizer of Seattle Women Writers and is working on an upcoming memoir and a book blog, The Synchronistic Reader. Her writing has been featured in the online journals Jersey Devil Press and Monkeybicycle, including a poem nominated for the 2004 Pushcart Prize. Previously, she was a literary agent at Artists and Artisans in New York City and director of publishing for the small press La Familia.

Ryan Dearinger (G02) is assistant professor of history and chair of the history department at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore. He also is faculty advisor for Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. Previously, he was an instructor at the University of Utah, from which he received a PhD in history in 2009.

Benjamin Friesen (G02) graduated with a doctorate in chemistry from Washington State University in 2011 and now is with Intel in Hillsboro, Ore., in the technology development group. He develops manufacturing processes to meet new chip designs and size requirements.

Paul Gramenz (G02) has been promoted to Salem (Ore.) Hospital Emergency Department chief and medical director of Salem Emergency Physicians Service. He has been with the Salem hospital since August 2009, following emergency medical residency at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Catherine Pearson (G02), a drama teacher for Logos Public Charter School in Medford, Ore., garnered media attention in October when she directed a group of homeschoolers in a flash-mob performance at the city’s Rogue Valley Mall. The 30 umbrella-wielding students, third-graders through high school seniors, performed “Singin’ in the Rain,” drawing an enthusiastic response and provoking an immediate encore.

Brian Van Bergen (G02) is the new Yamhill County (Ore.) clerk, running nearly unopposed after the incumbent removed her name from the ballot for missing a filing deadline. He takes office in January. A Newberg resident, he has been account manager and digital storefront manager for the Lynx Group in Salem, Ore.

Timothy Lafollette (G03) in June graduated from the Oregon Health and Science University Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program and has joined the Smockville Counseling Center in that role. He joins fellow George Fox alumni Jacqueline Head (ADP89, PsyD97) and Kristy Baker (PsyD05) in this private psychological services practice in Sherwood, Ore.

Melissa (Davis) Nyeholt (G03) is the new director for the Center for Faith and Practice at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pa., moving up from assistant director. She joined the Geneva staff in 2009 as assistant director with Campus Ministries, working in areas of community service, mentoring and discipleship, and missions. Previously, she was with Colorado Christian University as assistant director of the Life Directions Center.

Museum Fuels Warkentin’s Passion for Cars

Some people wait most of their career before landing their dream job — Aaron Warkentin (G05) is not one of them. Just seven years after graduating from George Fox, he is curator of one of America’s elite museums, the historic Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum.

“I guess it is my dream job,” says Warkentin, who started in October 2011, moving from a position as education director with the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas.

The position seems a perfect match for Warkentin, whose hobby is cars. He even worked as a mechanic before studying history at George Fox. Now he’s surrounded daily by some of the most classic of cars, emblems of an age when personal motoring came with style and elegance.

Nearly 2 million people, from all 50 states and 60 countries, have visited the museum since it opened in 1974. The museum has 150 vehicles in its collection and an archive that contains about 25,000 original photographs, blueprints, advertising pieces and books.

Warkentin became interested in museums while still at George Fox, interning at the Evergreen Aviation Museum in nearby McMinnville. “It was a perfect blend, mixing academics and education with my interests,” he says. He stayed there for nearly two years before moving to England for one year to study at Newcastle University, where he earned a master’s degree in museum studies. In his position as curator, Warkentin closely oversees all aspects of the museum’s layout, displays and written content, while managing a staff of 10 full-time, 12 part-time and 100 active volunteers. A current challenge is to “look at ways to engage new audiences,” especially younger visitors. “We’re bringing out the technology,” he says, including touch screens at each featured car to tell its history.

Aaron and his wife, Carolina (Gervais) Warkentin (G02), live in Saint Joe, Ind., where she is a stay-at-home mom with their year-old son, Aidan.
Blikstad Named Nonprofit CFO of the Year

The fact that Pamela (Geagel) Blikstad (G79) was named Portland Business Journal’s CFO of the Year in the nonprofit sector should come as no surprise. What might be surprising is that it took this long for her to earn the award.

Blikstad, vice president of finance for Medical Teams International, a Christian global health care and disaster relief organization, has worked at the Portland-based nonprofit for 12 years and has overseen more than $1 billion in gifts and product donations during her tenure. She manages a $16 million annual budget containing more than 50 distinct program fund accounts.

Blikstad says she’s most proud of overseeing the organization’s tremendous growth. When she joined Medical Teams, the entire operation was housed in one office in Portland. Now it has offices in Portland, Redmond, Wash., and Zeeland, Mich. The nonprofit also oversees eight field stations in countries around the world and operates 12 mobile dental vans.

Getting the foreign field offices up and running – and training the financial officers that run them – has been Blikstad’s greatest challenge. She frequently travels to different countries to conduct field audits.

The George Fox alumna’s financial expertise also helped the organization weather the recent economic downturn. “It’s been a turbulent 12 years for her to be here,” Medical Teams President Bas Vanderzalm told the Portland Business Journal. “The economy has had some serious ups and downs, and with Pamela’s help we’ve been able to navigate through some tough times. We’ve been able to trim our sails without having to cut back significantly on our services, and she has been key to that.”

In addition to her day job, Blikstad is actively involved in church ministries at Trinity Evangelical Church in Tigard, where she serves as director of women’s ministry and oversees annual community service projects with organizations such as the Good Neighbor Center and the Oregon Food Bank.

University. She recently received a grant for implementing an innovative new lab at the school. A grant from the American Chemical Association and Hach Chemical will allow a high school project to look at the impact of nitrogen-related pollution on air and water quality.

Brandon Wallace (G04) in September started a nine-month internship at Portland Fellowship. His internship includes being house resident assistant for five other men and being a small group leader for the organization’s Taking Back Ground program.

Jonathan Apan (ADP 05) and his wife, Dawn, are the new directors of the Salvation Army’s social service program in Everett, Wash. They also serve as new pastors at the Everett Salvation Army Church. He has served with the nonprofit Christian organization for 18 years, primarily in Oregon and Idaho. The Everett location serves up to 150 people each evening with fellowship meals.
and assists more than 2,000 individuals each month with food, after-school services, community meals and counseling.

Kirk Grover (G05) in July joined Salem (Ore.) Interactive Media as a web developer. He is part of a team that designs and builds websites for the more than 100 radio stations operated by Salem Communications. Previously he was in Portland with Salem Communications—owned 101.4, The Fish; 93.9, KPDQ; and 93.1, El Rey. He started with the company as a promotions intern his senior year of college.

Jennifer Overstreet (G05/MBA11) in June joined M+W Group, USA, which contracts with Intel, the world’s largest semiconductor chipmaker. As a project administrator, she works closely with a team of engineers under a project manager on Intel’s Hillsboro, Ore., campus. M+W Group is a global engineering and construction partner for technology-based clients. She had been at George Fox University for six and a half years as an enrollment specialist and enrollment counselor in the adult degree program.

Stephanie Steinhorst (G05) was one of seven regional winners and a national finalist for the National Park Service’s annual Freeman Tilden Award, the highest form of recognition for an interpretive ranger. Steinhorst is a park ranger and historical interpreter at the Andersonville National Historic Site in Georgia. She was recognized for developing the park’s Historical Interpreter Apprentice Program in which local high school students dedicate weekends to study area history, acquire interpretation skills and participate in the park’s living history weekend.

Michele Eave (MA06) has joined George Fox’s Graduate Department of Counseling as assistant professor of counseling. She was an adjunct professor at George Fox from 2007 through 2011, when she earned a PhD in counseling from Oregon State University. Last year she was assistant professor in the Corban University counseling program while also serving as clinical director of the Salem Free Clinics/Corban University Mental Health Clinic.

Stephanie Fisher (G06) joined the George Fox nursing department in the fall as an assistant professor of nursing. For the last three and a half years she was an advanced registered nurse practitioner for the Steck Medical Clinic in Chehalis, Wash. She earned a master’s degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing in 2008.

Arturo Lomeli (MAT06) in November became principal of Hillsboro (Ore.) High School. He moves to the position after two years as principal of South Meadows Middle School in the same district. He started with the district in 2000 as a sixth-grade teacher, then left briefly to serve as assistant high school principal in Patterson, Calif, before being named to the middle school position.

Ryan Hosley (PsyD07) has established Profinity Development, in which he is a development coach for business owners, professionals and other motivated individuals. Opened in 2007, it has offices in Happy Valley and Sherwood, Ore. As a psychologist, speaker, author and business development coach, he also offers services to individuals and families. His specialties are addiction recovery, trauma and family counseling.

Amanda Newman (G07), after five and half years as a reporter for the Newberg Graphic, resigned in August to enroll at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. She began her journalism career as an intern the final semester of her senior year at George Fox.

Laurie Brown (G08) is North Lake Tahoe outreach coordinator with Adventure Risk Challenge, a literacy and leadership program of UC Berkeley for high school youth. The year-round program links wilderness to academics, adventure to leadership and environmental science to literacy. Brown previously was a guide for several years at a small camp near Yosemite National Park.

Jenna Parisi (G08) is attending California State University – East Bay as a student in the school’s master of social work program. Until June she was with George Fox University in the registrar’s office as an enrollment specialist for three years.

Joe Ahn (G09, MBA10) has joined McClennen Bruer, a Portland marketing communications agency serving technology firms. He is a communications counsel with the agency. He moved to the position in September, leaving Waggner Edstrom Worldwide. His expertise is in media relations, social media and marketing programs for high-profile tech brands.

Jonathon Archer (G09, MAT10), Alison (Hudson) Childs (MAT10), Sharon (Ragalie) Covaciu (G08, MAT10) and Chad DeYoung (MAT10) have had their master of arts in teaching course research work published in the summer issue of School Leadership Review. The research looked at the use of technological tools in high school classrooms in the Portland area. Archer is an adjunct teacher (geometry and U.S. history) at Columbia Christian Schools in Portland, a credit recovery teacher (algebra) at Gresham High School and a residential counselor with New Vision Programs, where he works with teenage boys in a residential foster care facility. Childs teaches math and science classes at Chehalem Valley Middle School in Newberg. Covaciu is a science teacher for Hillsboro (Ore.) Online Academy. DeYoung teaches biology, physical science and classes within the natural resource pathway at McMinnville (Ore.) High School, where he also is an assistant varsity baseball coach.

Sharilyn Fuller (G09, MAT11) is in Galmi, Niger Republic, where she teaches children of the staff of Galmi Hospital, operated by SIM (Serving in Mission), an international missionary organization. She provides educational needs for K-6 children whose parents help more than 100,000 patients annually.

2010–12

Eli Matthews (MDiv10) has been elected to the Medford, Ore., City Council, winning two-thirds of the vote in his bid to retain his seat representing Ward 2. He was appointed to the position in April to fill a
Keisha Gordon (G12) has two new positions. She is manager of The Community Mentoring HUB in Newberg, providing direction, support and training to mentors and coordinators in seven county school districts in a program that helps troubled youth by providing an ongoing relationship with a caring adult. The all-time leader in points and steals in George Fox women’s basketball history, she is also a new assistant coach with the team.

Caleb Wirth (G12) joined the George Fox plant services staff in August. He spent seven summers doing residential painting jobs while a student and the last two summers as a volunteer camp counselor for people with special needs.

Marlee Zakrevsky (G12) has stayed with her alma mater after graduation to become a print services coordinator. She joined the university’s staff in August after working in mail and print services as a student employee since she enrolled in 2007. She was team captain of the George Fox track and field team in 2010-11.

April Anson (G00) drew national media attention when she constructed this 130-square-foot home to live in while pursuing her PhD at the University of Oregon. Read more and see photos of her cozy living quarters at georgefox.edu/tinyhouse.

JUST MARRIED

Carmen Anderson (G00) and Doug Zimmerman, April 29, 2012, in Salem, Ore.

Erin McKinney (G00) and Stephen Moreno, July 27, 2012, in Hillsboro, Ore.

Rebecca Freitag (G02) and Brandon Wright, April 21, 2012, in Scio, Ore.

Melissa Davis (G03) and Ryan Nyeholt, May 27, 2012, in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Kim Dittler (G04) and Erik Gellathy, Aug. 5, 2012, in Salem, Ore.

Damon Hanson (G06) and Renee Bowman, July 7, 2012, in Jacksonville, Ore.

Mandy Lefebvre (MAT06) and Lou Moreno, Oct. 13, 2012, in Newberg.

Matthew Fosket (n07) and Rachael Perrell (G08), May 8, 2012, in Tacoma, Wash.
Allyson Clemmons (G10) and Ryan Souders (G10), April 28, 2012, in Portland.

Ashley Parks (G10) and Kevin Burrow, June 16, 2012, in Silverton, Ore.

Bethany Foster (G11) and Mark Ross (G12), July 7, 2012, in Tigard, Ore.

Joshua García (G12) and Keri Moore (G12), July 6, 2012, in Beaverton, Ore.

BABY BRUINS

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Darci (Nolta) VandenHoek (G92) and Kirk VandenHoek (G93), a boy, Kevin Isaac, born Jan. 12, 2002, and a girl, Sheba Grace, born Jan. 18, 2005, in Kampala, Uganda; adopted May 20, 2012, in Sherwood, Ore.

Randy James (G94) and Amy (Kierulff) James (G97, MAT99), a boy, Tucker Evan, May 5, 2012, in Bend, Ore.

Vivian (Hauser) Farris (G98) and Cameron Farris, a boy, Landon James, June 12, 2012, in Redwood City, Calif.

Lisa (Foltz) Nishimoto (G98) and Michael Nishimoto, a boy, Ryo Jacob, July 3, 2012, in Portland.

Selena (Snider) Mack (G00) and Andrew Mack, a boy, Karsten Euriah, Sept. 28, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

Katie (McCoy) Christensen (G01) and Alex Christensen, a boy, Colin Matthew, July 9, 2012, in Puyallup, Wash.

Rachel (De Young) Davidson (G01, MAT02) and Zach Davidson (G02, MAT03), a boy, Ezra Edward, July 26, 2012, in Clackamas, Ore.

Nigel Hunter (G01) and Nicole Hunter, a girl, Lucy Grace Ruth, June 19, 2012, in Wenatchee, Wash.

Adam Lapp (G01) and Melissa (Crawford) Lapp (G03), a boy, Cameron Adam, April 9, 2012, in Puyallup, Wash.

David Kilian (G02, MAT03) and Nicole (Bostic) Kilian (G04, G09), a boy, Isaiah Dwight, Nov. 23, 2012, in Portland.

Cherish (Wilcox) Thiessen (G02) and Zack Thiessen, a boy, Bradley Oliver, Aug. 22, 2012, in Portland.

Emily (Martinez) Brent-Fuls (G03) and Evan Brent-Fuls, a girl, Daphne Ardell, Sept. 4, 2012, in Portland.

Brook (Payton) Puckett (G03) and Adam Puckett (G04), a boy, Josiah Adam, Oct. 8, 2011, in Tualatin, Ore.

Matt Burg (G04, MAT05) and Megan Burg, a girl, Ada Elizabeth, Aug. 19, 2011, in Newberg.

Emily (Condie) Christensen (G04) and Brad Christensen (G05), a girl, Joy Basma, Feb. 17, 2012, in Hong Kong.

Mark Johnson (G04) and Elissa (Hayworth) Johnson (G05), a boy, Micah James, March 30, 2012, in Portland.

Bethany (Thompson) Magnuson (G04, MAT06) and Ryan Magnuson (G04), a boy, Isaac Wesley, July 12, 2012, in Newberg.

Carrie (Sullins) Rosing (G04) and Casey Rosing, a girl, Norah Autumn, Oct. 6, 2012, in Sacramento, Calif.

Jarett Creason (G05) and Nicole (Thorne) Creason (G06), a boy, Jericho Craig, June 25, 2012, in Clackamas, Ore.

Kirk Grover (G05) and Sara Grover, a girl, Noah Kirk, Dec. 13, 2011, in Tualatin, Ore.

Mark Johnson (G05, MAT06) and Kara (Geertz) Johnson (G07), a boy, Luke David, Aug. 17, 2012, in Newberg.

Megan (Hinkle) Stangland (G05) and Jason Stangland, a boy, Gunnar Michael, May 24, 2012, in Gresham, Ore.

Bethany (Tibbs) Alanko (G06) and Gordon Alanko, a girl, Corinne Elisabeth, Dec. 22, 2011, in Boise, Idaho.

Kevin Bennie (G06) and Amy (Taggart) Bennie (G07), a girl, Ksena Grace, July 25, 2012, in Chino, Calif.

Jack Brown (MDiv07) and Marcie Brown, a boy, Samuel Arnold, June 6, 2012, in Winston Salem, N.C.

Bradley Paulin (G09, MBA10) and Sarah Paulin (G09, MAT12), a girl, Alice Elizabeth, Sept. 25, 2012, in Portland.

Vladimir Tkach (G09) and Violetta Tkach, a boy, Joshua Wyatt, July 7, 2012, in Vancouver, Wash.

Melissa Corwin (MA10) and Brandon Corwin, a boy, Miles Brandon, Feb. 2, 2012, in Oregon City, Ore.

Sarah King (MBA12) and Bubba King, a boy, Ulysses Reuben, Oct. 8, 2012, in Portland.

IN MEMORY

Phyllis (Thorne) Anderson (n33), Sept. 17, 2012, in Sherwood, Ore.

Elva (Aden) Graves (n41), July 12, 2012, in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Oliver Kettering (MDiv51), Dec. 29, 2011, in Glendora, Calif.

Willis Green (G60) Oct. 1, 2012, in Gresham, Ore.

Wendell Pitts (G70), Oct. 15, 2012, in Bend, Ore.

Kim Cooke (ADP90), Aug. 18, 2012, in Joplin, Mo.


John Hartford (MEd01), Sept. 21, 2012, in Redmond, Ore.

Emily (Blinkhorn) Cole (MAT06), Aug. 8, 2012, in Portland.
WHAT'S BRUIN / events and announcements

Dinner for Eight
February 19 and March 13
Do you remember what it was like as a student to wonder what life would bring after graduation, or how much you craved a home-cooked meal? Dinner for Eight allows you to connect with current students and share lessons learned from your life. Will you consider hosting four to eight students in your home for dinner and conversation? Visit alumni.georgefox.edu/events to sign up.

Portland Trail Blazers Game
April 12
Alumni, parents and friends of George Fox will gather at the Rose Garden to enjoy a Blazer game against the Oklahoma City Thunder. This is a great chance to take in an NBA basketball game while getting to know others in the George Fox community. Tickets are $17 each. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu for more information and to purchase tickets.

Classic Bruin 50-Year Reunion
May 3-4
Class of 1963, it’s time for your 50-Year reunion! Come back to campus May 3-4 to visit with friends from college, laugh and share memories with former classmates over good food, and march in the commencement ceremony. Visit classicbruins.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134 for more information.

Broadway Across America and Oregon Ballet Theatre
George Fox now offers discounted tickets to Broadway Across America and Oregon Ballet Theatre performances in Portland to anyone in the George Fox community. Upcoming performances include Swan Lake (Feb. 16), War Horse (Feb. 27) and Addams Family (June 26). Visit broadway.georgefox.edu or call 503-554-2134 for more information.

George Fox University Golf Tournament
July 11
Join fellow golfers for the annual George Fox Golf Tournament at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. We are seeking sponsors and players for the tournament, which supports George Fox Athletics. Many sponsorship levels are available. Visit golf.georgefox.edu for more information.

Homecoming and Family Weekend
October 25-27
Whether you are coming back to campus to visit with old college friends, spend time with your student, or both, this will be a fun-filled weekend your whole family will enjoy. Events will include the Coronation & Variety Show, reunions, lectures by current professors, the annual Family Weekend Luncheon with President Robin Baker, a kid friendly tailgate party at the soccer games, the Alumni Awards Banquet, theatre and music performances, Family Weekend Bingo and much more! Contact alumni and parent relations at 503-554-2134 for more information.

Do you find estate planning complicated or have an estate plan that is out of date? If so, George Fox has the resources to help.

Call or write for your free “Will and Trust Planning Guide” and “Estate Inventory Form.” We can help provide you with information on:

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- Powers of Attorney
- Living Trusts
- Property Disposition

Have questions? Contact Dave Adrian at 503-554-2113 or e-mail him at dadrian@georgefox.edu.
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When Randy Dalzell, owner of Athletic Transportation Services, LLC, was hired as head coach of the George Fox cross country team last summer, it greased the wheels for a plan that would have Bruins everywhere roaring in approval. Dalzell allowed the university to wrap one of his charter buses in blue and gold, with a prominent George Fox athletics logo on the side. The result? One of the meanest looking buses you’ll ever see, and some very confident George Fox athletes.

From left to right: Derek Dixon (baseball), Chelsea Wilson (volleyball), Cole Ramey (basketball), Matt Wood (track and field), Alex Keenan (baseball)