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Catching Air
Senior art major Alicia Nilo trades in her paintbrush for inline skates at the world-class Chehalem Skatepark, located just over a mile from the university’s Newberg campus. Built in 2000, the park boasts 29,000 square feet of skatable surface, plenty of room for Nilo to carve a line. It’s one of the many hidden treasures near Newberg awaiting students willing to venture a few miles from campus.

Answering God’s Call to Diversity

I find it interesting how certain encounters can impact the course of our lives. I had one such experience a little more than 10 years ago when I sat in Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta listening to a young man, Tim Herron, speak about his passion for educating the urban youth in his hometown of Tacoma, Wash.

Herron had a vision: That young people who would not normally get a chance to go to college would have the opportunity to do so at quality institutions willing to provide full-need scholarships. It was the first presentation I’d heard that described a partnership in which an outside program would use its local resources to identify emerging leaders from a variety of cultural backgrounds who had a desire to make a difference, both on campus and in their communities.

That program was Act Six, and it wasn’t long after I heard Tim’s presentation that we introduced the program at George Fox. Under then-president David Brandt’s leadership, it was essentially the seed we planted that declared our commitment to creating a more diverse campus. Since that time, thanks in part to the Act Six program and a variety of other scholarships and initiatives, our ethnic minority student population has more than tripled – from 10 to 33 percent.

Some would say that creating a more diverse campus community is a good addition to what we already do at George Fox – but I would disagree. As I see it, God doesn’t call us to embrace diversity as an add-on. Instead, he calls us to fully embrace the diverse world he has created in everything we do.

And while I’m happy with the progress made, we have by no means achieved that goal. There is more work to be done, particularly in our efforts to recruit more diverse faculty and staff. But I do think we can take a moment to appreciate how our community has grown and changed in the past decade, especially as we celebrate the 10th cadre of Act Six students that will be joining us this fall.

I’d encourage you to read more about this program and the impressive group of scholars it has brought to our university on page 12 of this magazine.

These students have brought new perspectives, become leaders on campus, and have helped create a diverse, thriving community that more accurately reflects the kingdom of God.

Robin Baker
President
Study Shows University Generates $140 Million for Local Economy

There’s no doubt an institution like George Fox can have a significant impact on the surrounding communities. But recent findings by professor Nate Peach and a group of 13 George Fox students detailing the economic impact the university has on Yamhill and Washington counties resulted in a staggering figure: $140 million.

That’s right, Peach and students in his economic development course determined that George Fox was responsible for approximately $140,065,887 of the local economy’s income in 2014, including nearly $11 million in “direct” spending and more than $29 million in “indirect” spending – income and jobs created through the spending of students and university employees.

Results were derived using the Bureau of Economic Analysis’ Regional Input-Output Modeling System (RIMS II), a standard model applied by economic development practitioners.

The university’s sources of income and spending in the local economy considered in the report include revenue from undergraduate and graduate tuition, spending on new buildings, undergraduate student spending, capital and operating expenditures, and employees’ salaries and benefits. Visit georgefox.edu/EconomicImpact to view the full report.

Powers Publishes Landmark Findings on Heat Dissipation in Hummingbirds

How do hummingbirds avoid overheating even as they beat their wings up to 70 times per second? Recently biology professor Don Powers and a group of colleagues set to find out.

Their findings, published in the journal Royal Society Open Science and publicized by the BBC, Science Online and several other media outlets, accomplished more than resolving an interesting scientific query. It provided valuable insight into the hummingbirds’ future as a pollinator amid possible climate change.

The answer became clear thanks to footage taken with Powers’ infrared thermal camera: The birds have three hot spots from which excess heat is expelled – around the eyes, under the wings, and on the feet. These “windows” for heat loss average 14.5 degrees warmer than the rest of the bird’s body surfaces. During hovering, their hottest activity, hummingbirds expand their eye spots and lower their feet to cool down.

“Understanding how they get rid of the massive amounts of extra heat they produce during flight is key to predictions of how birds will fare in the face of inevitable global warming,” Powers explains. “This could be particularly important for hummingbirds because they are key pollinators when they drink nectar from flowers. If climate change impedes their ability to forage, the result could be a decline in plant reproduction and substantial changes in ecosystem structure.”

The next step in Powers’ research is to investigate how effective this heat dissipation technique remains as temperatures increase.

Plans Announced for New Student Activity Center

Beginning in the fall of 2018, George Fox students will have a new 30,000-square-foot space in which to work out, play and congregate. Plans call for a student activity center to be built on the east side of campus, overlooking Hess Creek Canyon and adjacent to the recently completed Canyon Commons dining hall. The facility will tentatively include two basketball/volleyball courts, a 5,400-square-foot area dedicated as office space for student government and clubs, a fitness center, a rock-climbing wall, a yoga/dance/aerobics studio and a student lounge. The two basketball floors will also be used for campus-wide events.

“Ultimately, this building is being designed to enhance the student experience,” says Brad Lau, vice president of student life. “We’re excited for what this means for George Fox and for the students who will use this space for everything from intramural sports to dances to club meetings. It will be a dynamic space for student involvement, engagement, activities and leadership.”

George Fox, Newberg Ranked Highly for Safety

Safety is a significant concern on college campuses across the country. Fortunately, parents of George Fox University students can rest a little easier knowing that the city and campus it calls home have been named among the safest places to live - not once, but three times.

First, home security review website SafeWise ranked the area the fifth safest place in Oregon, based on FBI Crime Report statistics. Not to be outdone, public safety organization BackgroundChecks.org listed Newberg as the fourth-safest city in the state, based on FBI violent crime data, internal research, and analysis of social media and language.

On a broader scale, well-known college rankings website Niche.com named the George Fox campus the 38th safest in the nation, taking into account factors like campus crime rate, local crime rate and student surveys.

While the accolades are nice, it hasn’t stopped the university from implementing a complete emergency response plan that incorporates campus-wide communication, employee training and building-specific preparations for a variety of emergency scenarios.
University Honors Top Teachers, Researchers

The university’s annual awards for teaching and scholarship represented a wide spectrum of disciplines—business, nursing, education and seminary—and honored both longtime professors and relative newcomers.

At the undergraduate level, Stephanie Fisher (nursing) and Tuan Tran (education) were recognized as the top teacher and scholarly researcher, respectively, while professors Neil Becker Sweeden (seminary) and Craig Johnson (business) were honored with the corresponding awards at the graduate level.

Fisher, a George Fox alumna and assistant professor of nursing, specializes in teaching pathophysiology, pharmacology and health assessment while overseeing clinical instruction. She’s also been instrumental in helping bring international service-learning trips back to the nursing department.

Since joining George Fox in 2011, Tran has disseminated research at 10-plus national and international conferences and contributed a series of publications to numerous journals. He aspires to secure a National Science Foundation grant to continue funding a project that educates elementary school students in computer coding, as well as to pioneer a STEM-computer science minor for elementary education students at George Fox.

At the graduate level, Johnson, a professor of leadership studies who has worked at the university since 1998 and is retiring this summer, was honored for the fact that, during his tenure, he published four books (many of which are used at a number of universities), 31 peer-reviewed journal articles and eight chapters in edited books. He’s also made 64 conference and 18 professional presentations and had his work cited more than 1,100 times.

Becker Sweeden’s passion for research and teaching lies at the intersection between theology and culture. Most of the classes she teaches or has taught are hybrid, with the majority of interaction online, and include Essentials of Christian Theology, Women in Church History, and History of Christian Spirituality and Renewal.

IN PRINT

Joseph Clair (honors) in May published the book Discerning the Good in the Letters & Sermons of Augustine (Oxford University Press), which is part examines Augustine’s application of his own moral concepts.

Kathy Heringe (English) in April published her latest book, Reflectors: Virginia Woolf and her Quaker Aunt, Caroline Stephen (Peter Lang), in which she compares the lives and works of these two influential women.

Lisa Graham McBurn’s (writer in residence) new book, The Table: A Spirituality of Food, Faith, and Community (Brazos Press), is an exploration of many of the issues central to farm-to-table eating, was published in January.


Bill Jojilt (English) and Ed Wiggles (English) authored chapters in the textbook Guides and Literature (Full Media Services), published in April. It is the third volume in the Guides and the Disciplines Series, of which Paul Anderson (Christian studies) is the founding editor.

Joanne Graham (Christian studies) contributed a chapter, “The One for the Many Theme in James Torrance’s Theology,” that appeared in Theology and Transformation. J. I. Torrance’s Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society (Wipf and Stock), in which she compares the lives and works of these two influential women.

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University Readies to Celebrate 125 Years

On Sept. 9, 1891, what was then known as “Pacific College” began its first day of existence with just 15 students. Today, George Fox University enrolls nearly 4,000 students, offering more than 40 undergraduate majors, seven graduate programs and an adult degree program.

While the landscape of the campus it calls home has changed greatly over the years, its founders’ vision of a thriving Christ-centered educational community has not.

To commemorate this legacy, throughout the 2016-17 academic year the university will honor notable alumni, celebrate historical milestones, and gather for special events and speakers. Visit alumni.georgefox.edu/events for special events and speakers.

Gift Brings ‘The Saint John’s Bible’ to Campus for Second Year

A lead gift of $20,000 from Larry and Sharon Heitz of Scottsdale, Ariz., has launched the fundraising and return of the Heritage Edition of The Saint John’s Bible to campus this fall. The work is an exact replication of the original in Minnesota—the first major illuminated, hand-calligraphed Bible in more than 500 years—and is designed to last for a millennium.

Last year, Christian studies professor Paul Anderson organized a lecture series and special viewings of the Bible, while also publishing a 10-essay series about it in The Huffington Post. The second year with the Bible will feature Volume 1, Proverbs, and a number of events will be organized to commemorate its return to campus as part of the university’s 125th anniversary celebration.

Recent Recognition

Lash Payne (seminary) in March was the President: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies 2016 Book Award for her book Gender and Pentecostal Revival: Making a Female Ministry in the Early Twentieth Century.

Rick Lundberg (theatre) in April was awarded the Kennedy Center Gold Medal at the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival in Denver, while theatre students Olivia Anderson, Micah Bevis, Sydney Yvonce, Cambrina Herrera, Chloe Dawson and Zach Murray all came home with regional awards in a variety of categories.

Susanna Steng (education) had her research, “A Case Study of Teacher Reflection: Examining Teacher Participation in a Video-Based Professional Learning Community,” published in the spring 2016 issue of the Journal of Language & Literacy Education.

Ed Wiggles (English) penned “If You Could Only” in April was published in Metaphor, a Philippines-based literary print journal.


Jim Souer (theology) collaborated on a research paper titled “RHEB1 Expression in Embryonic and Postnatal Mouse” that was published in the December 2015 edition of the journal Histology and Cell Biology.


GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY 125 YEARS
A Translation for a New Generation

By Sara Kelm

Professor Paul Anderson works to update the world’s most widely read translation of the Bible

Two priests, two religion professors and a Quaker meet to translate the five writings of John. It sounds like the set-up for an elaborate joke, but it’s not. Instead, it’s happening now, and the Quaker is none other than prolific author and George Fox professor Paul Anderson. This team – comprised of renowned biblical scholars, accomplished authors and PhDs – was chosen from among the leading Johannine experts in the world to help revise the New Testament of the New American Bible. This translation, used for Catholic liturgy, education and preaching, is one of the most widely read in the world, so the translators’ goal is to faithfully follow the Greek text, while also ensuring it can be read and recited with fluidity. “We are looking for euphony instead of cacophony,” says Anderson, who serves as professor of biblical and Quaker studies in the university’s College of Christian Studies.

On average, the committee meets via phone or video conference every two weeks for two and a half hours. Prior to their meeting, each scholar translates the assigned chapter or chapters individually, using a document that has three columns: the Greek text, the English translation, and color-coding for each individual. Then the group meets and finds consensus, it is indeed a serious contribution to the translation work is an ecumenical way to make a contribution.”

But there was a catch. “We had to come up with something that they could build themselves – with materials accessible to them – so that meant no PVC pipe or anything that you’d normally purchase at a Home Depot,” explains Elder, the team leader. “It also had to be something they could easily construct and pass on to the next generation – something that would be sustainable and durable.” It was with those conditions in mind that four engineers-to-be – Ryan Elder, Devon Donahue, Marcus Mateo and Colin Daniel – began designing the system in the summer of 2015. What they came up with was a tripod-like frame made of sticks and ropes that would use gravity to filter water into a bucket below. Mounted atop the stand was a water purifier that would be supplied by Embrace Compassion.

The prototype worked in trials at home, but how would it perform on site? Elder and Donahue dedicated a good portion of their winter break to find out, traveling to Arjo in December and spending two weeks building a stand and training locals on how it worked and how they, too, could build one.

“We were successful in making a stand that would be able to accommodate 50 families,” Donahue says. “But we approached this thinking long-term. That’s why it was so important to teach them how to do it themselves. Embrace Compassion had the water filters; they just needed us to come up with a way they could practically be used.”

Prior to the students’ arrival, a young boy holding a filter over his head needed 15 minutes to fill one water bottle. “Think about how tired that kid’s arms are going to be if he has to do that over and over,” Elder says.

Ultimately, the project resonated with all four students, each of whom is studying a different discipline within the university’s College of Engineering, with Elder majoring in computer, Donahue electrical, Mateo mechanical and Daniel civil engineering.

For Elder, it helped reinforce his choice for not only a career, but a calling. “This project reminded me why I wanted to be an engineer,” he says. “It was the perfect example of using the skills God gave us to help others.”
Dining in Style
George Fox students and recent alumni living near campus over the summer were invited to enjoy a slice of pizza and a first look at the newly constructed Canyon Commons, a 30,000-square-foot facility featuring wooden-beam construction, skylights and expansive windows designed to take advantage of the towering trees and lush natural scenery of Hess Creek Canyon. Though much detail work remains to be done, the new dining hall will be ready for students to enjoy in the fall.
The 2007 introduction of the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative triggered a three-fold increase in George Fox’s ethnic minority population in the last 10 years – a pivotal development that has forever changed the face of the university and opened doors to scholars who never dreamed a private-school education possible.

By Sean Patterson

Arthur Lucatero recalls the day his world suddenly changed – when a session with his counselor at Tigard High School altered the direction of his life.

A recent emigrant from Mexico, Lucatero had long dreamed of working in the computer industry, specifically with Microsoft. The initial plan was to continue working at his fast food job, graduate from high school and attend community college part time before transferring to a four-year institution.

It was then that his counselor suggested he look into scholarships. “I’d never heard of George Fox at that point,” he says. “But I was told about this Act Six program they had, and I thought, ‘Why not apply?’ I had nothing to lose.”

Nothing to lose, yet so much to gain. Fast forward four years: Lucatero, a 2015 graduate of George Fox with a degree in computer science, works at Microsoft’s world headquarters in Redmond, Wash., as an identity program manager, fulfilling his lifelong ambition to work at one of the world’s most prodigious computer companies. “Who knows where I’d be today if not for George Fox and Act Six,” he says flatly. “I may have still been on the path to get here, but I wouldn’t have been nearly as far down the road.”

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Act Six: The Beginnings

It was for students like Lucatero – Portland-area youth, many of them from a multicultural background, identified as strong leaders – that the Act Six leadership and scholarship initiative was introduced at George Fox in the fall of 2007. Core to the program – created by the Northwest Leadership Foundation and conducted in partnership with the Portland Leadership Foundation, an affiliate of Young Life – was the development of students who would lead on campus and return as “agents of change” to their home communities. Those accepted into the program are provided with a full-need scholarship to cover all their tuition and housing costs – a commitment to which the university designated $909,965 in 2015-16, an average of $36,399 per student for 25 students.

Nine Act Six students joined the university that first fall, and eight of them went on to graduate – an 89 percent graduation rate that has remained remarkably consistent in the years since. Of the 69 students who have come through the program in the last decade, 60 have graduated or are currently enrolled (87 percent).

The impetus to start Act Six was twofold: Give students from underresourced communities the opportunity to learn and lead, and diversify the George Fox campus, which, in the mid-2000s, had an ethnic minority population of about 10 percent.

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Agents of Change

The 10th cadre of Act Six scholarship recipients pose for the camera during their George Fox portrait shoot. As stressful as a full-fledged photography session can be, the group handled it like pros. After all, it was nothing compared to the pressure of the highly competitive scholarship selection process they made it through to get to this point.
A Current Student’s Perspective

As an Asian American, Rachel Nguyen has admittedly struggled with the stereotypes associated with her ethnicity— that Asians work harder, are more driven and earn good grades. Yet, her Act Six is more than a scholarship—it has helped her see herself in a new light.

“I find it to be a daily struggle of proving to others that I am more than what the Asian stereotype says about me,” says Nguyen, a biochemistry major who just completed her freshman year. “I am hard-working, not because I am Asian, but because I believe that I must wholeheartedly serve Christ in all that I do. I earn good grades, not because I am Asian, but because I believe the education I receive and the degree I am working toward is for my neighbors Jesus has called me to serve.

“They say that my ethnicity is a burden for me, that I must strive past what the Asian stereotype says about me,” says Nguyen. “I choose to strive more than what the Asian stereotype says about me. I am hard-working, not because I am Asian, but because I believe that I must wholeheartedly serve Christ in all that I do. I earn good grades, not because I am Asian, but because I believe the education I receive and the degree I am working toward is for my neighbors Jesus has called me to serve.”

Rachel Nguyen believes that God has created her in such a way that she can work in Vietnam, China or potentially with Doctors Without Borders. “I hope to put my Vietnamese- and Spanish speaking skills to good use wherever I end up,” she says.

Making a Difference

Students like Nguyen are among a long line of Act Six Scholars who plan to use—or are using—their degree for ministry purposes and/or to better their own underserved communities. Recent graduates include Anna Villela Rohelel Magana, a social work alumnus working as an immigration counselor at Lutheran Community Services Northwest; and Blake Shelby, an author and speaker who presents workshops as a disability advocate across the region.

Bálic Baxley, a 2005 graduate now interning with the Young Life-operated Washington Family Ranch in Central Oregon, doesn’t mince words: “If not for Act Six, I’m not sure I would have gone to college. Asking how Act Six has impacted my life is like asking how water affects the grass. It has helped me to grow. It came along, chose me, and told me from day one that I have a voice, a purpose, a set of natural gifts and abilities that are brimming with the potential to generate change in the community.”

An Emphasis on Diversity

Today, George Fox’s ethnic minority population has more than tripled since the mid-2000s— to about 33 percent—and Act Six is just one of many reasons why. The university now annually recruits about 50 international students, mostly from China, resulting in approximately 120 international students on campus in a given year. George Fox also partners with South Central Scholars, a Los Angeles based organization that equips high achieving high school students from low income families to attend college. The university provides a supplemental $30,000 scholarship, renewable all four years, to about 10 of these scholars annually.

Still other students take advantage of the Multicultural Leadership Scholarship, part of the school’s annual Scholarship Competition, to earn between $2,000 and $5,200 annually under the stipulation that scholars hold leadership positions on campus and attend monthly class cohort meetings.

Collectively, those in the Act Six, South Central Scholars and Multicultural Leadership programs are “Mosaic Scholars” — a metaphor for the diverse nature of students who embody the definition of the word “mosaic” (a multi-colored decoration that forms a picture or pattern). The university enrolled 86 Mosaic Scholars in 2005.

“I talk a lot about intersectionality with our students— this idea of their socio-economics, their gender, all of that playing into who they are and how they experience diversity in their lives,” says Jenny Elsey, director of multicultural life. “So although race and ethnicity is my primary locus, I don’t think we can talk about those things in a void without those other subjects. The reason why I think diversity is important is because it’s fundamentally tied to our theology and to our theological mandate.”

“Taking it a step further, Elsey sees reconciliation as the ultimate byproduct of a more diverse campus. “I believe this idea of reconciliation is in the arc of God’s narrative,” she says. “You see in the stories again and again that he is consistently working to reconcile and realign all things back to him. The world looks at diversity and it’s about power—the idea that ‘I’ve been in power, and you’ve been oppressing me, I’m going to take over you and take over power.’

“But it should be a different story for Christians. We are actually talking about this idea of creating a place where that need to fight for power doesn’t exist because we’re actively reconciling with one another. We’re hearing each other’s pains. We’re validating the hurt that’s been there, but we’re also working toward something different. And in the midst of that, I think our students are better for it.”

Rebecca Hernandez, associate vice president for intercultural engagement and faculty development, echoes her sentiment. “Diversity is not an add-on to what we’re doing,” she says. “It’s not about the ‘incivility’ of who we are. That’s a really paternalistic and inappropriate way to look at it. It’s that God has called us into his work and that we, out of our faith commitment, will do that work.”

Concurrently, there are demographic realities to consider. “One in two kindergartners [in this country] are of color,” Hernandez says. “That’s our student population of the future. So if we want to be relevant, if we want to be around, we need to be responding to that demographic. That’s the more pragmatic, bottom-line way of looking at it.”

The Act Six Process

Retention rates are typically low for college students outside the dominant culture, even among scholarship recipients. Elsey credits the system in place for high retention rates. It begins with a rigorous selection process, in which about 300 applicants are narrowed down to a cadre of about seven who join the campus each fall. Once chosen, students engage in a series of weekly meetings, three hours each session, from January until school begins in August.

They also attend a convention and have a wilderness experience together, all to create camaraderie with one another. George Fox also partners with South Central Scholars as a support network for one another, learning together how to get involved in community development, how and where to serve, and how to articulate their own story in the broader context of the importance of diversity.

For Vanessa Braulia Palma-Aispuro, a member of the program’s 21st anniver- sary cadre that will join George Fox this fall, the Act Six scholarship was a make-or-break proposition. “I recall telling my sister that it was George Fox or nothing,” says Palma Aispuro, whose older sister, Janette Quan Torres, was a member of the fourth Act Six cadre. “I had applied to many colleges, but I knew that if I did not receive a scholarship it would not be long before I would be forced to drop college and support my family.”

And her aspirations? “I plan to major in nursing. I want to find purpose. I want to find a piece of my identity in Christ. I want to feel that I can be successful despite the limits society places on me.”

Giving Back

Ultimately, one of the primary objectives of Act Six is giving back to the communities from whence students came. For Lucatere, that means staying involved in Urban Teen, a national program that focuses on bringing STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education to youth of color ages 13 to 18 through the program, he’s traveled to Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles to facilitate workshops on mobile apps development.

Additionally, last August he helped facilitate the UrbanTeens Day at Microsoft, which invited 80 teens for a daylong STEM exploration event at the company’s Redmond campus. “It was truly special for me, because it brought together two organizations that I care deeply about and allowed me to share with the youth what Microsoft is like.”

And what possibilities may lie ahead.
Chris Richey doesn’t look like a gymnast. And he isn’t. With broad shoulders and thick wrists, he looks like a catcher, maybe, or a fullback. And with his hair clipped short to his scalp he looks like a Marine – which he is. Yet the former medic chooses to explain, by analogy, his mental preparation for combat in the terms of a gymnast.

“I remember the stress levels, and I can see where [a veteran suffering from PTSD] is at because I've dealt with it in my Marines.”

Actually, I saw it on TV,” Richey says. “I was bored one night and there was a documentary on about gymnasts. Before they started a routine, they would just think about it. They would play it out in their head first, and their body would know how to act. It made perfect sense because it was exactly what I had been doing.”

Though it wasn’t part of his training during the nine months Richey spent in Iraq, he was constantly asking himself, “What could happen next?” and “How would I handle this?” So when a suicide bomber in a VBIED vehicle born improvised explosive device exploded between Richey’s Humvee and a bus carrying Iraqi soldiers, he had already rehearsed the scenario in his head.

“Richey was looking at Iraqi soldiers whose bodies were decapitated. Richey is quick to point out that a Marine medic, called a field trauma specialist, is actually a Navy corpsman attached to a Marine unit. He went to boot camp with the Navy, received his medical training from both Marine and Navy doctors, and wore some, but not all, of the dress uniforms from both branches.

None of that mattered in the field. Richey’s role in his unit was to care for every aspect of a Marine’s well-being. “Over there, we were mom,” he says.”

Richey left the military in June of 2007. It has been nine years since he served in Iraq, but there is immediacy to his stories. The details are clear and vivid, but not rehearsed.

The years after 2007, however, have been hazy, if not unacknowledged. Following his discharge, Richey spent time in the active reserve. He was sent to Trinidad and Tobago, and later to the Caribbean on joint-services humanitarian operations. Eventually, he moved back to Beaverton, Ore., and took a job driving a tow truck for AAA. He made decent money and liked the work, but, encouraged by his wife, Cortlyn, he decided to go back to school.

Ultimately, Richey hopes to become a psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioner, or PMHNP. It will require three years of graduate work on top of the two years he has left at George Fox. But, in addition to the autonomy that comes with the title nurse practitioner, Richey would be able to offer veterans a combination of physical and mental care like he once provided for Marines at Camp Ramadi.

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That doesn’t mean he isn’t trying to incorporate veterans into his time at George Fox. Richey’s clinical instructor, Angela Russell, works at the VA hospital in Portland.

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Richey hopes to follow in Russell’s footsteps, but right now the VA hospital only accepts nursing students from OHSU and Portland State. With Russell’s help, he hopes to change that. “It’s a different view of the situation,” he says. “I remember the stress levels, and I can see where [a veteran suffering from PTSD] is at because I've dealt with it in my Marines.”

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Richey sees a bigger pattern for his life unfolding, but he is more interested in talking about the present. After all, at the time of this magazine interview spring finals were just a few days away, and the demands of the nursing program don’t leave much time for gazing into the future.

“The nursing program is a full-time job,” he says. “If you’re not in class, you’re in clinicals. And if you’re not in clinicals, you’re studying.”

That doesn’t mean he isn’t trying to incorporate veterans into his time at George Fox. Richey’s clinical instructor, Angela Russell, works at the VA hospital in Portland.

“There is an instant camaraderie with vets – with anyone in their circles, really,” he says. “so Angela and I hit it off right away.”

Richey hopes to follow in Russell’s footsteps, but right now the VA hospital only accepts nursing students from OHSU and Portland State. With Russell’s help, he hopes to change that. “It’s a different view of the situation,” he says. “I remember the stress levels, and I can see where [a veteran suffering from PTSD] is at because I've dealt with it in my Marines.”

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The 100-Year Effect

By Jeremy Lloyd

Alumnus Kent Thornburg has made it his mission to change the way we view nutrition and chronic disease — for this generation and those to come.

Kent Thornburg’s office is relatively unimpressive — at least for a man of his stature. It’s small, with mostly blank walls, a simple desk and a plain round table for meetings.

But until you peer out the expansive floor-to-ceiling window and take in the stunning view of Portland’s South Waterfront that you remember where you are: OHSU Knight Cardiovascular Institute, 14th floor, Center for Developmental Health. Here, under Thornburg’s direction, cutting-edge research is conducted, exploring ways to prevent conditions like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. The center takes up a lion’s share of the 14th floor, teeming with scientists exploring ways to prevent conditions like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity.

If you get up and go across the placenta, affect the baby, and those nutrients can change the expression patterns of genes in the baby,” he explains. “So now the genes can either become protected from disease, or they can actually make you more vulnerable — depending on how many nutrients and which nutrients you get. What’s profound about this is we now know that chronic disease comes from a developmental process, not by some genetic thing that happens to you as you age.”

Thornburg’s voice rises with enthusiasm as he explains, as if for the first time, a field of study he’s been immersed in since 1988, when an English scientist by the name of David Barker postulated at an international conference Thornburg was attending that a person’s risk for heart disease was determined by how much they weighed when they were born. The two became friends and collaborated in their research efforts for many years, eventually bringing the 100-year effect to Thornburg’s work.

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There are a series of really large gaps in our knowledge about how nutrition leads to disease,” he says. “And I won’t live long enough to figure them all out. The people I’m training now at OHSU will have to tackle these questions one at a time. There’s a lot of work to be done.”

Thornburg, a 1967 graduate of George Fox and a longtime university board of trustees member, has a passion for educating this generation of young people about the benefits of proper nutrition. It’s one of the reasons he’s involved in implementing the “Nutrition Matters” initiative at George Fox University, a fitness awareness program sponsored by a grant from Bob and Charlee Moore, the same philanthropists whose donation launched the Moore Institute.

“I’m extremely proud of George Fox University for being willing to take this on,” Thornburg says. “The Moore Institute is interested in building programs for colleges and universities all over the country, and George Fox stepped up to the plate first. It’s so urgent that we change the course of heart disease.”

After all, the next 100 years starts now.
For civil engineer Dylan Yamamoto, service work is an integral part of his personal ministry. But that wasn’t always the case. "My goal when I came to college was to be an engineer. I had no idea what engineers did, but I knew they made good money so I’d be able to get rich and surf all the time," Yamamoto confesses. "That was the only thing I had in my mind that I wanted to do.”

Four years later, Yamamoto’s occupational direction hasn’t changed, but the heart behind it has. "I feel like I’m leaving here with actual direction from God and more than just selfish desires," he says.

Before he accepted his diploma in late April, Yamamoto accepted a job with Kiewit, one of the largest construction companies in the country. The way he sees it, his job is the staging ground for a personal ministry of service using his engineering knowledge and skill.

It is a ministry that has already begun in May. Less than two weeks after graduation, Yamamoto traveled to Nicaragua with engineering professor Mike Magill and several others from George Fox. There, the team helped design a horse therapy arena for disabled children.

And all of it — Nicaragua, graduation, Kiewit, the change of heart — almost didn’t happen.

After his first semester at school, Yamamoto wasn’t enjoying himself and complained to his parents, hoping they wouldn’t make him go back. "They told me to stick it out another year," he says, "and I’m so thankful that they did.”

In November, recent alumna Mikayla Greenwell will embark on a three-year mission to Romania. She will leave family, friends and the comforts of home behind. And all because she said “yes” on the spur of the moment — more than once.

The first yes came in response to going on a serve trip to Romania in May 2013. Until that trip, Greenwell admits she didn’t even know where the Eastern European country was. Still, the experience transformed her.

“I really saw how people’s lives change when you listen to their stories," she says. "Relationship is such an important part of ministry. That’s what Jesus did. He had compassion for and he suffered with people."

The second yes came in Romania, when Greenwell was informally invited to spend a semester-long internship in the country, which she completed in the spring of 2015.

Today, having just returned from her third trip to Romania (another yes!), Greenwell is packing for a significantly longer three-year commitment.

Greenwell will be working with international advocacy group Word Made Flesh, primarily coordinating logistics for short-term mission teams. She will introduce new missionaries and visitors to Romania and Word Made Flesh, in addition to working in community development with children and families as a social worker.

Greenwell, who completed a dual degree in biblical studies and social work, says Word Made Flesh offers the perfect marriage of her disciplines. When she thinks about her impending adventure, she remembers what started her down the path in the first place: “I just kept saying ‘yes’. . . and it led to things I couldn’t even imagine.”
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instead of spending his summers focused on getting a tan, Cody Coblentz spent them in a laboratory focused on conducting cancer research. The decision to trade swim trunks for a lab coat, it turns out, was a good one.

In June, Coblentz began full-time work as a research assistant with the Knight Cancer Institute at Oregon Health & Science University, joining a laboratory team that leads the world in cancer study and treatment. And those summers dedicated to research helped get him there.

“They were surprised,” he recalls of his OHSU interviewers. “Usually you don’t even get to look at certain machines until you’re a graduate student. Having access to the techniques and equipment I used at George Fox is really rare.”

Working with biology professor John Schmitt for two summers, Coblentz helped characterize important relationships between cell proteins essential to combating cancer. In April, he presented his findings at a major industry conference in San Diego.

In addition to his summer research, Coblentz acknowledges the importance of his undergraduate experience. “I’ve talked to people who’ve graduated and gone on to other programs, and there’s just story after story of people who are really grateful for the level of preparedness they got here at George Fox.”

Coblentz eventually plans to attend medical school to pursue an MD-PhD dual degree, which would equip him to conduct research that better informs the way he treats patients.

Through it all, Coblentz plans to lean heavily on his faith as he helps patients navigate the most difficult experience of their lives. “In cancer there’s a lot of hopelessness, so I think just to be able to sit down with patients and tell them there is hope in Christ – even if they’re not Christians – there’s power in that kind of truth.”

Keiko Fuji didn’t waste a single moment during her tenure at George Fox. In fact, looking at her laundry list of accomplishments, some might be inclined to believe she’s discovered a way to manipulate the time-space continuum.

When asked about the use of a time machine, Fujii declined to comment. But if you know her, that scenario seems entirely plausible.

For starters, she just completed her bachelor’s degree in computer science. On top of that already demanding course of study, Fujii was an inaugural member of the University Innovation Fellows chapter at George Fox, a national program supporting innovation and entrepreneurship on college campuses.

In 2015, Fujii founded and chaired the Association for Computing Machinery – Women (ACM-W) chapter at George Fox. “ACM-W is something near and dear to my heart,” she says. “I have a real passion for getting women and girls more into STEM.” The same year, she founded and served as an officer in the Students for Innovation, Design and Entrepreneurship (S.I.D.E.) club.

As if that weren’t enough to keep her busy, Fujii was also a member of two choral groups and the university chapel band, served as treasurer of the swing dance club, worked as a computer science lab assistant, and was a NASA space grant scholar. She also spent her summers interning at HP.

Now, thanks to all her hard work, Fujii has landed a great job with Clearwater Analytics as a software engineer in cloud technologies and database administration.

How did she do it? “I was just keeping Christ at the center and focusing on him, saying, ‘You’ve put me here for a reason’ and believing he was going to get me through it.”

“Oh, and sleep,” she adds. “Sleep helped, too.”
Basketball star Justine Benner will extend her stay on campus to pursue a career in physical therapy.

By Sarah Reid

This fall Justine Benner will take her George Fox University adventure from one team to the next - from the basketball court to the physical therapy lab. She wrapped up her undergraduate career with a degree in exercise science while setting two women's basketball single-season scoring records along the way. Her next stop is the Doctor of Physical Therapy program, where she'll spend the next three years pursuing her doctorate. Benner knows the value of being part of a team. She played a pivotal role in the Bruins' powerhouse women's basketball program and says the lessons she learned from head coach Mike Meek will translate well to her graduate studies. "Every game we said we would go 1-0, and that was the only focus," she says. "I can look at each day, each test and each patient that way. I can put my focus on that situation." Being an athlete requires servant leadership, hard work and constant learning to stay ahead of the competition, and a career in physical therapy requires the same. Benner recalls the joy she experienced watching a stroke patient make progress through physical therapy, and wonders how another job could possibly be more fulfilling. "I want to go to work because I want to change people's lives," she says.

Looking back, Benner remembers how it felt to visit the George Fox campus during high school. Even then, she had a feeling it would be important in her life, though she didn't realize her stay would last seven years. Looking ahead, she can't wait to graduate a second time from George Fox University - this time as a doctor.

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1960–69

Lee Fendall (GG61) continues to lecture nationwide. In March, as the Beanie Lecture Series guest speaker at William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa, he lectured twice in a series designed to encourage discussions about Quaker principles and philosophies. Retired in 2000 from George Fox University, where he directed the peace studies and international studies programs, he continues involvement with programs in Africa as a volunteer consultant for ministry training among Friends churches in Kenya, Burundi, the Congo and Rwanda.

Terri (Quonset) Brown (GG66) received recognition in October as a nominee for the 2015 annual Oregon Governor's Volunteer Award. She was honored for more than six years of service with Love INC in Newberg, which connects families in need with local churches and service agencies who can help them. Now retired, she was a longtime administrative secretary for the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Jerry Sandoz (GG66) and his wife, Barbara, continue to live on Greenwood Ind. headquarters for One Mission Society. After extended missionary service, they now work as needed, including making annual mission trips where there is a short-term need. He became a missioner with the organization serving as field treasurer and business manager in South Korea in 1972 following an assignment with World Relief Commission in South Vietnam and South Korea. In 1997, they relocated to OMS world headquarters, where he became treasurer in 2000 before retiring in 2004.

1970–79

Elaine King (GG70) is manager of the data services section of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System. She has been with PERS since 2003, starting as a retirement counselor and works with retired Oregon teachers. Rockaway (GG70) and Deidre Hilley (GG77) in September moved from Meidiland in Central Oregon to Rockaway on the Oregon Coast, where they are now caretakers for Harbor Villa, part of the Northwest Yearly Meeting's Twin Rocks Camp. She also serves as camp chaplain, and both work with grounds maintenance and housekeeping for the four cabins that serve small groups. It marks a return to Twin Rocks, where they were summer staff coordinators and program directors from 1988 to 1999. For the last 10 years they have pastored the Metolius Friends Community Church.

Kathleen (Ringland) Berryna (GG75) is operations manager and partner with her husband of Tri-Neck Wealth Strategies, an investment firm in Medford, Ore. She is a Certified Senior Consultant, a former long term care district manager with Capital Assurance Co., representing Southern Oregon, and more recently an insurance counselor with AAA.

Debbie (Frost) Johnson (GG75) the last original member of the Voices of Liberty, a capella Americana singing group that entertains at Epcot at Disney World, has had her own songs. She retired Oct. 31 after more than 30 years of singing in seven 15-minute costumed performances a day in the American Adventure Pavilion. Along the way she performed for four presidents (Bush, Carter, George H.W. Bush and Reagan) and even helped Mickey and Minnie Mouse at the National Christmas Tree Lighting at the White House. Over the years the group's repertoire has grown to nearly 80 songs with a message of patriotism and love of country. Her husband, Derric, former artist in residence and director of music ministries at George Fox, was the first Voices of Liberty director and the primary arranger. The Johnsons now plan to spend more time traveling together and pursuing his creative projects. Her final performance drew feature coverage in the Orlando Sentinel and videos on YouTube.

Mary (Tucker) Walsh (GG75) is executive director of the Candy’s (C2) Educational Foundation, now in her ninth year. Formed in 1997, the foundation has raised nearly $1 million through private donations, endowments and fundraising.

Nina (Kunkel) Bowen (GG70) has coauthored a historical fiction novel, The Legend of King Max, published in October by Outskirts Press. The Orlando Sentinel and videos on YouTube.

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Opportunity Knocks for Gunthers to Show Love to Neighbors

Melinda (Russell) Gunther (G92) and Maria Scott’s friendship started with a knock on the door.

One summer day in the community of Chandler, Ariz. One day, she opened her door to find Gunther there, asking if she needed anything – home repairs, yard work, maintenance, anything. All free of charge. Scott was certain she was being scammed, open and near open and near open.

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Philip Brownell (MA95, PsyD99), after living and practicing in Peru for the last 11 years, has moved to Idaho to join Family Health Services, working four days a week in Twin Falls and one day in Coeur d’Alene. Previously, with Benedict Associates in Bermuda he was seeing children through adults for a variety of psychological disorders, utilizing his certification by the European Association of Gestalt Therapists, and completing a professional coach, certified through the International Coach Federation. In addition, he is the author of three books: Spiritual Competency in Psychotherapy, Gestalt Therapy and Gestalt Therapy for Addictive and Self-Destructive Behaviors.

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Lisa Estelle Cummings, whose husband is also a George Fox graduate, has a PhD in counseling and psychopathology, and now has more than 2,000 students in Reno, Oregon, Washington and California. Fifteen years ago, she became chief academic officer for Coral Academy of Science in Las Vegas, responsible for overseeing the start-up and operations of the charter school, serving in that position for a year after joining the academy seven years earlier to serve as a teacher for eighth-grade language arts and, later, as principal of the school's senior dorm during after eight grades.

Zach Davidson (G02, MAT03) is the new principal of Damascus Oren's Christian School, starting last fall after 15 years in public school education: the last 12 with the Estacada (Oren.) School District as a teacher and junior high school administrator. The school of 240 students and 27 employees is new to him. With Rachel DeYoung (G01, DeYoung) Davidson (G02, MAT03) is the 1997 graduate, and her parents and brother have been teachers there. Also, Zach and Rachel have served on the school committee, and they have two children, Addy and Alex. 

Angela Wense (G03) is teaching fifth grade at Whitter Elementary School in Washington, Ill., and also teaches Zumba fitness classes in her free time.

Katie Cauton (G04) in September began working with Women's Healthcare Associates in Portland as a credentialing specialist. Previously, for just over five years, she was with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Oregon as an executive assistant to the development director. She was a volunteer leader with Hands On Greater Portland.

Tommy Marquez-Stein (MBA04, G01) won the top award given out by the Oregon Small Business Development Center State Advisory Council. She is director of the Small Business Development Center at Portland Community College, located at its CLIMB Center. The 2015 award recognizes individuals who have made a significant professional contribution to small businesses in their community and Oregon. She has 10 years of experience working for large, mid-sized and small businesses and has owned several companies. She participates in the advisory council for the Oregon Community Foundation, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) school established in 2008. It now has more than 2,300 students in Reno, Nev., and Las Vegas in a college prep curriculum. She moved from her position as executive director of Oregon Connections Academy. Oregon's largest tuition free virtual school serving in that position for a year after joining the academy seven years earlier to serve as a teacher for eighth-grade language arts and, later, as principal of the school's senior dorm during after eight grades.

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Mary Storl (G06) is the father of football player and George Fox student Jake Storl. Jake Storl (G10) is a sophomore quarterback and is also a student in the business management program.

Kayin (Mathae) Griffith (G08) in December joined SGA Solutions of Anchorage. She works with nLight Photonics, an American laser manufacturer.

Steven McLane (G09) is planning a Kickstarter campaign for his new board game, "The House of Cards." The game is based on a deck of playing cards, and it features deception, secret identities, and a squirrel. He lives in Albany, Ore.

Jeremy Castle (G07, MBA15) in August was named manager of business operations for the Kelowna, British Columbia, Falcons baseball team. This marks the team's third manager in as many seasons.

Doug McCann (G07) is the face of Oregon Blueberry Farms and Nursery, one of the state's largest family-owned blueberry operations. He is responsible for sales, marketing, and the farm's marketing department. The farm is located in the Blue Valley region of Oregon, and the berries are picked by hand.

Scott Granger (G08, MAT2015) is a quality control technician at a Portland-based Mercy Corps.

Elizabeth Chapin (G10) is the new pastor of the Community Church in Arnold, Calif., starting last June, after being an administrator in the Wenatchee (Wash.) School District, after being a district teacher for nearly two years. She was also serving as an adjunct faculty for online students at Seattle University.

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Kevin Severson (G07) is an alumnus of Wycliffe Bible Translators, working in the world's largest independently owned advertising agencies.

Elizabeth (Rodman) Larson (G06, MA11) is planning a Kickstarter campaign in August to raise money for her book, "Give Our Children an Eternal Future, Education Decision: Learning From the Past to Protect the Future." She lives in Redmond, Ore.

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Dougherty is now a business owner of The Little Bow Company in Portland, Ore., where she had been since January 2013 and Nicole nine months later. She do a mix of book cover designs, product creations and art direction, as well as planning and running marketing campaigns. The company publishes a SONGS, a back list of 200 titles and has sold million books globally, all affirming values and helping readers grow spiritually.

Chelsea Cason (G12) in July began as a gift officer, moving from a position as a tax experienced assistant with the South Coast Education Service District in Coos Bay, Ore., serving as a registered nurse at Dr. F.H. Reimringer followed her lead in May as district nurse in nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She began in February after serving a fourth grade school teaching position as a registered nurse at Dr. F.H. Reimringer followed her lead in May as district nurse in nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She began in February after serving a fourth grade school teaching position as a registered nurse at Dr. F.H. Reimringer followed her lead in May as district nurse in nursing from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb.

Emily (Fakkema) Couch (G13) started in January as a financial analyst specialist with St. Vincent’s Mercy Medical Center in Portland, Ore. She has an opinion piece, “Good Parent-Teacher Communication Helps Students,” published in the Klamath Falls Herald and News.

Ian King (DBA13) is now using his degree, not in his chosen profession — technology — but in what he served as an adjunct faculty member at three Portland area institutions: Oregon Institute of Technology, Pioneer Pacific College and George Fox University. This follows more than a year spent as the manager of a teller service as an intern.

Tami (Bastow) Crosby (Ore.) Health Hospital, where she is a registered nurse serving in labor, delivery and postpartum care. Of nearly two years, then spent more than 27 years as assistant principal, then as principal of 600 students. In her free time she enjoys reading, spending time with her four kids and traveling.

Elise Porter (EdD14) in March was named the new assistant superintendent for the West Coast Air Defense Sector. His new position includes leadership of a high school, middle school, and elementary schools, with a total of 1475 students.

Jessica Adrian (G13) is in her first year of teaching, with 23 students in her third grade class at Malt Road Elementary School in Newberg, where she said her student teaching.

Tim Duvall (G13) just after graduation, became project director for Natural Stone Designs in Sherwood, Ore., which fabricates and installs natural and engineered stone products.

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Sarah (Roberts) Lee (G13) in August joined the George Fox University Registrar’s Office as an enrollment specialist, moving from a position in the development office as phonathon supervisor for three years as a student.

Remi Gentry in October he will be a command and control officer for the West Coast Air Defense Sector. His new position includes leadership of a high school, middle school, and elementary schools, with a total of 1475 students.

Anna Vella (Ratnes) Magan (G13) is an immigration community organizer and Community Services NW, a nonprofit human services agency in Woodburn, Ore. She started at graduation after being an intern with the organization. She is partnered with the Board of Immigration Appeals and assists clients with immigration forms, provides representation and translations, helps with services including legal representation, and coordinates citizenship classes.

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Elise Porter (G15) in August started as youth director at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Salem, Ore., responsible for both middle and high school programs. Previously he served eight months as youth intern at Cedar Creek Church in Sherwood, Ore., for eight months.

Eleonora Hernandez (MA15) who established her own firm. Elisheh Herrera Counseling, in Salem, Ore., just began in May. Herrera, 19 years in Portland, a fashion-driven design house creating visuals and imagery and offering services ranging from fashion lookbooks and ad campaigns to brand strategy and events. He also has been a freelance since 2010. He describes his work as “immaterial abstract,” inspired by light with the arm of creating truly visual narrative. His client ad collaborations have included Uber, Pendleton Woolen Mills and Timberline Nite. Crec and a dozen press publications.

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SANDOZ (MA06) and Shanae Mobley, a girl, Korra Rasmussen, Sept. 5, 2015, in Newberg.

LEVA (G95) and Jordan Sandoz, a boy, Nolan Sandoz, Aug. 22, 2015, in Newberg.

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MILWaukee, Ore.

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Rob Felton (G92) and Kimberly Bunnison, a girl, Jordan Bunnison, Dec. 12, 2015, in Newberg.

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Adrian Collins (G00) and Lisa (Beaman) Collins (G00), a girl, Emmelyn Ruth, Aug. 15, 2014, in Sacramento, Calif.

NORMAN (MA09) and Molly Kennealy, a boy, Emery Norman, Dec. 2015, in Redmond, Wash.

JACOBSON (MA11) and Sarah (Kleeman) Jacobson, a boy, Jaxon Bunsen, Jan. 27, 2016, in Vancouver, Wash.

HALL (G76), March 18, 2015, in Portland.

LINDSEY (G75), Oct. 27, 2015, in Monroe, La.

EMMET (G76), March 18, 2015, in Portland.

KOOGAN (G80), March 6, 2016, in Newberg.

ABSINTH (MDiv76), Dec. 24, 2015, in Portland.

ROSS (G10, MAT11) and Scott Robison, a boy, Nolan Sandoz, Aug. 22, 2015, in Newberg.

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NEVAN (G75), March 18, 2015, in Portland.


BELLUS (G05), Oct. 30, 2015, in Giga Harbor, Wash.

EDMONDS (G90), March 6, 2016, in Newberg.

WILDE (G90), Jan. 27, 2016, in Vancouver, Wash.

ROGERS (G10) and Jason Russell, May 30, 2015, in Portland.

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All-Nighter
What is a university photographer to do when students head home for the summer? For Joel Bock, the answer was simple: wake up at 2:30 a.m. on a clear May morning and set up a challenging shot that captured both the stars above and campus below. The result — after many hours of editing — was a scene usually only witnessed by students in an all-night study session.