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leader,
*a new
era*

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joins the U of R

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Originally called the "Psalm of Collegiate Thanksgiving," the "Och Tamale" cheer was written by cheerleader C. Merle Waterman '20 and classmates Walter J. Richards '21 and Jack Slutsk '22. The "Och Tamale" is recited when the Bulldogs score a touchdown, at pep rallies, Homecoming, alumni events, or as a greeting to fellow alumni.

Och Tamale Gazolly Gazump
 Deyump Dayadee* Yahoo
 Ink Damink Dayadee Gazink
 Deyump, Deray, Yahoo
 Wing Wang Tricky Trackey Poo Foo
 Joozy Woozy Skizzle Wazzle
 Wang Tang Orky Porky Dominorky
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“The ‘why’ of what we do is apparent every single day—it is our students. It is satisfying to meet a shy student when they move in, and then see them a year later when they are a confident orientation leader. That growth is why I’m here.”

—President Krista L. Newkirk

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Connecting with you

Before I arrived at the University of Redlands as president on July 19, I had heard of its friendly, tight-knit community. But the warmth of my reception has far exceeded anything I could have imagined. Thank you to everyone who has helped my family and me feel so welcome!

In my first few months as a Bulldog, during my initial “listening tour,” I have attended more than 400 meetings and events with faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University. I’ve cheered on from the stands every fall Bulldog athletic team—Go Dawgs! I’ve also seen some wonderful student musical and theatrical performances. Whether or not I have yet had the opportunity to meet you in person, I hope this issue of the magazine will help you get to know me better. Although it feels little awkward to see stories about myself, I want to make sure I have the chance to connect with you.

In this issue, you will also find coverage of the fall semester as we’ve returned to most in-person classes and activities. It is wonderful to have students back on our main Redlands campus, learning inside and outside the classroom. Like many U of R faculty and staff members, I relish the bustle of students moving between classes, the sounds of music rehearsals that I can hear from my office, and the excitement at games. You will see some of that activity reflected in these pages, with stories on the unveiling of an expanded Fletcher Jones Innovation Center (page 9); a day in the life of some of our student-athletes (pages 14-16); and on-campus events including the Art Faculty Show, visit of NBA star and



President Krista L. Newkirk tours the main Redlands campus in July with Admissions Bulldog Ambassadors Logan Scherrer '22 (left) and Erik Vargas '23.

stuttering community advocate Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, and discussion with *Skid Row Marathon* documentary filmmakers (page 9).

Our community has come together to create a safe environment for these activities in the face of the continuing presence of COVID-19. I am proud to report that our overall campus vaccination rate is 94%, case management protocols are supportive and effective, and our case numbers are very low (less than 0.5% for residential students). A big thanks to every student, faculty, and staff member whose efforts have contributed to our success in this area!

Among the developments featured in this magazine is the launch of the School of Business & Society, which consolidates and enhances our business programs—a strategic evolution that will help future business leaders and their organizations make the world a better place (page 8). Thanks to the efforts of many, the University held its inaugural Juneteenth celebration with three days of programming (page 12). And, to help us cross the finish line in our historic \$200 million *Forever Yours* campaign

by December 31, 2021, generous alumni **Todd Lightbody '70** and **Connie Shattuck Lightbody '70** have stepped up to match donations up to \$2,000 from all new donors (page 36). If you haven't made your contribution yet and you want to be included in our historic campaign, now is your chance!

I look forward to the many exciting months and years to come as a member of this wonderful community. My inauguration on Feb. 23, 2022, is open to all. There we will consider the history of the University, discuss the current state, and envision the future together. Come back to the University, reconnect with other Bulldogs, and fall in love with your alma mater all over again as Bulldogs for Life.

Forever yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista L. Newkirk".

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.



THE COLLEGE /

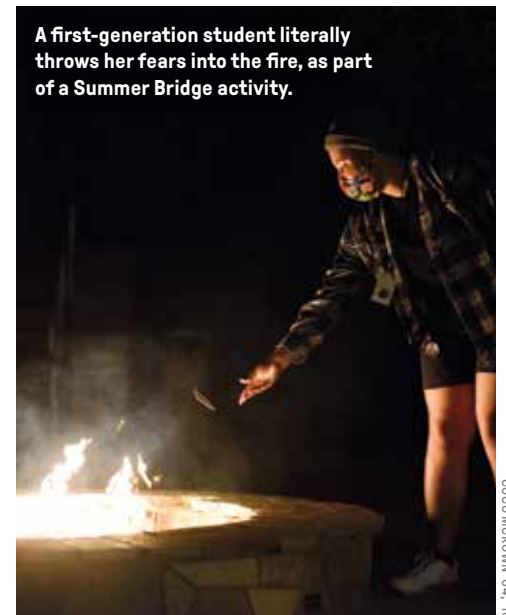
A bridge of support for first-generation students

In July, the University of Redlands first-generation program Summer Bridge offered an in-person experience for transfer students and incoming first- and second-year students who are the first in their families to attend college. During the four-day event, attendees sampled residential life in Williams Hall and had the opportunity to get early first-hand experience in a college classroom while meeting professors and staff, connecting with mentors, and engaging in community-building activities.

“Before Summer Bridge, I had many worries and unreliable beliefs about college life,” says Eunice Franco ’25. “Now I know of many clubs, professors, and friends who will help me throughout my next four years.”

Hosted by Campus Diversity and Inclusion and made possible by leadership support from The Patricia & Christopher Weil Family Foundation and the Knossos Foundation, Summer Bridge was first established in 2004.

A first-generation student literally throws her fears into the fire, as part of a Summer Bridge activity.



COCO MCKOWN '04 '10

Graduate students from the geographic information systems and vocal chamber music programs participate in a dual, outdoor Commencement ceremony in August.

ARTS AND SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDIES /

Double ceremony celebrates GIS, vocal chamber music graduates

On Aug. 4, the College of Arts and Sciences held an intimate ceremony for graduates of the geographic information systems (GIS) and vocal chamber music master’s programs. The vocal chamber music students were the first-ever group to graduate from the program, which was launched in 2019.

Addressing both groups, President Krista L. Newkirk congratulated GIS students on their research, which had been displayed during the program’s symposiums, and commended vocal chamber music students on adapting to virtual performances during the COVID-19 pandemic. “Your accomplishments are tremendous, and your future is bright and filled with opportunity,” she said.

As degrees were delivered, Professors Fang Ren, Mark Kumler, Ruijin Ma, and Doug Flewelling addressed and applauded each of the students in the 38th cohort of GIS master’s students. More than 400 GIS

professionals have graduated from the M.S. GIS and M.G.I.S. programs over the past two decades.

Acknowledging the historic nature of the vocal chamber music graduates, School of Music Director Joe Modica harkened back to the program’s conception in his remarks. “Today is the culmination of faculty innovation, dreams becoming reality, and a testament to this special place we call the University of Redlands,” he said. “Like all of our students, the vocal chamber music students have overcome tremendous challenges over the past year and a half. Through all of this, they have become stronger musicians, continued to create, and have become lifelong friends and colleagues. I’m excited to see where the next part of their life journey takes them.”



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The Class of 2025 lines up to enter the Memorial Chapel for the President's Welcome Convocation in September.

THE COLLEGE /

WELCOME, BULLDOGS!

The University of Redlands greets its newest Bulldogs in a convocation ceremony. The **521 students** joining the Class of 2025 are **39% first-generation students** and **13% legacy students**, coming to Redlands from **366 high schools** in **29 different states** and with **22 countries of citizenship**. About **34% are recruited athletes**, and **23 students are attending the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies**. In addition, **72 transfer students** joined the U of R this fall. A second convocation ceremony was held to welcome the Class of 2024, as many of its students were living on-campus for the first time this year as a result of the pandemic.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY /

New assistant provost in Marin keeps students top of mind

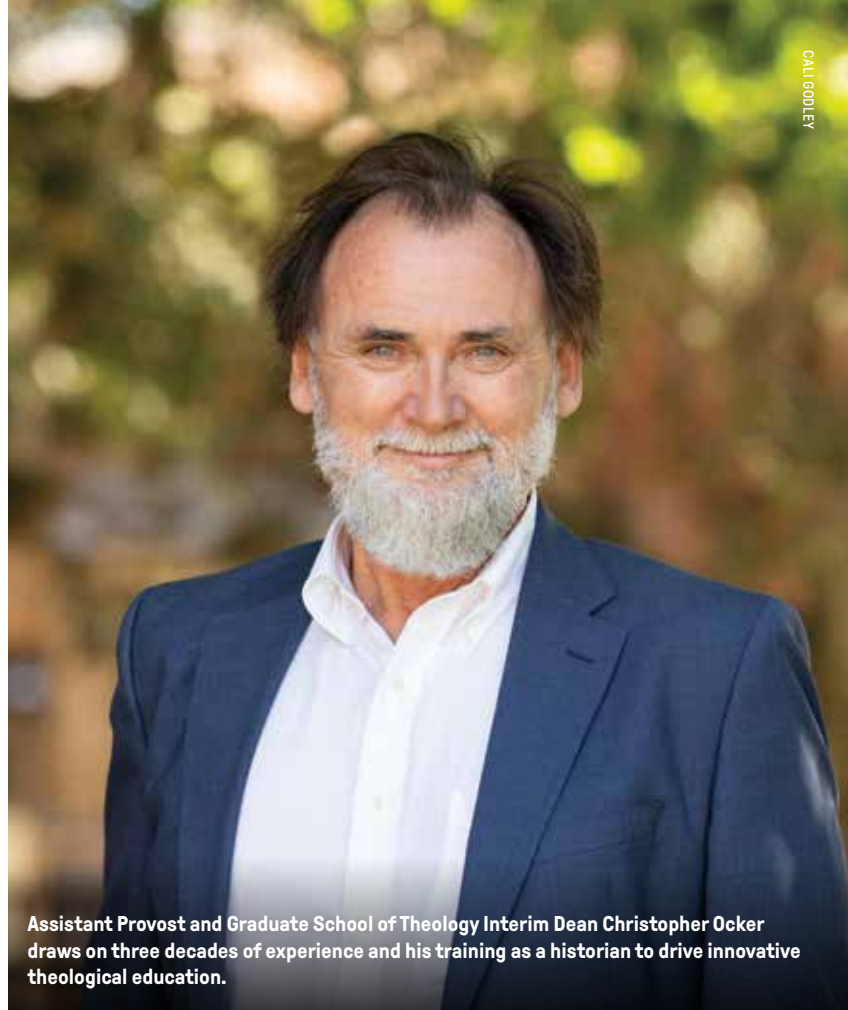
In July, the University of Redlands appointed Christopher Ocker as assistant provost at the University's Marin campus and interim dean of the Graduate School of Theology (GST).

"As assistant provost, I hope to be a conduit of information to the president, provost, and President's Cabinet," Ocker says, "keeping decision-making aligned with the educational purposes of the U of R."

Ocker says the GST is navigating a course between the past traditions and achievements of the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), which merged with the U of R in 2019, and its future within the University.

"Outcomes are still taking shape," he says. "Our commitment not only to other Christian churches, but also to other religious traditions and faith communities involves an orientation toward education and justice in a diverse community of traditions."

Ocker came to SFTS in 1991 and has been a member of the core doctoral faculty of the Graduate Theological Union at Berkeley since 1992. "As interim dean, I want to do anything I can to improve, deepen, and sustain student-faculty relationships," he says. "I'll continue to teach the history of religion at the GST. It's really important for a dean to have students and the experience of the classroom top of mind."



Assistant Provost and Graduate School of Theology Interim Dean Christopher Ocker draws on three decades of experience and his training as a historian to drive innovative theological education.

THE COLLEGE /

U of R's human-animal studies major is first on West Coast

Human-animal studies (HAST) began at the University of Redlands 20 years ago as a four-week May Term course. It has grown in popularity ever since, and U of R is now offering College of Arts and Sciences students the opportunity to major in the field.

While scholarship and interest in HAST are rapidly growing due to climate change, concerns about animal welfare, and an increasing number of pet owners, only eight other institutions in the United States offer HAST majors to undergraduates. Currently, the U of R is the only one on the West Coast.

"HAST is an interdisciplinary field that examines the complex and multidimensional relationships between humans and other animals," says Psychology Professor Catherine Salmon, program director.

"It consists of work across disciplines in the social sciences, the humanities, and the natural sciences."

The list of HAST-related jobs is long, Salmon says, and includes work in administration, fundraising, marketing, outreach, humane or environmental education, animal protection, development, policy, research, animal-assisted therapy, veterinary medicine, and more.

Philosophy Professor Kathie Jenni, one of the program's architects and proponents, says HAST, previously offered as a minor at the University, is a distinctive program: "Every year students have told us that they came to the U of R because we offer HAST and their other top-choice schools did not."



Professor Kathie Jenni says HAST is a distinctive program.



Professor Catherine Salmon says the list of HAST-related jobs is extensive.



Hispanic/Latinx students take part in the 2019 Students of Color Commencement Ceremony.

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION /

Redlands receives Hispanic-Serving Institution designation

In June, The U.S. Department of Education designated the University of Redlands as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), a status that officially recognizes Redlands' ongoing commitment to serving Hispanic/Latinx Americans among our student populations.

The designation will allow the University to pursue a variety of federal grant funding opportunities to strengthen programs, facilities, and services to better serve Hispanic/Latinx Americans and other underrepresented populations. Campus stakeholders remark on what the designation means for U of R.

"[Becoming an HSI] acknowledges the work we have been doing to recruit Hispanic/Latinx students and their families. ... The HSI designation is the first step on our pathway to ensuring Latino student success."

—**Belinda Sandoval Zazueta, associate vice president of admissions**

"Many influential organizations have considered Redlands an HSI for years—since we first reached 25% Hispanic enrollment—and seeking formal federal recognition shows we are proud of this aspect of our institutional identity."

—**Adriana Alvarado, professor of education**

"This kind of recognition ... becomes a form of accountability and responsibility to better serve underrepresented students. Now more than ever, the University has the opportunity to serve its students, not just Hispanic or Latinx students but also those who are Black, Indigenous, and students of color. I am excited to see what is in store at Redlands and what kinds of resources this new recognition will bring."

—**Montserrat Pineda '22**

"The HSI designation serves as a recognition of the important role the University of Redlands plays in empowering our Hispanic/Latinx students to succeed personally and professionally. At the School of Business & Society, we have embraced a diverse student body throughout our more than 40 years of history. We are currently more diverse than ever with a student body that is 40% Hispanic, 62% people of color, and more than 50% first-generation. The HSI designation will allow us to pursue resources to advance educational opportunities and experiences benefiting current and future students."

—**Thomas Horan, Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business & Society**

"One of the factors that drew me to the University of Redlands was how the student body's demographics were representative of the area from which it recruits. Working [at an HSI] will help me make the sciences—and college education—an appealing and successful pathway for future students."

—**Martin Hoecker-Martínez, professor of physics**

Ad campaign highlights U of R's value and affordability



Tactics for the campaign span both traditional and digital mediums, including airport ads (pictured), to increase awareness of the value of a Redlands education.

The decision to attend college is one that prompts many questions—where to enroll, what to study. Top of mind for many families is how much it will cost. In a new marketing campaign launched in September, the University of Redlands is translating complex financial aid policy into clear tuition guarantees for prospective first-year students.

“So often we hear families say they could never afford a private university education,” said Vice President for Finance Kevin Dyerly ’00, ’04 in a recent interview with *Redlands Community News*. “Our Redlands Promise aspires to make students and families aware of the fact that a U of R education is more affordable and attainable than they think.”

The Redlands Promise offers the following commitments to qualifying high school seniors admitted to the U of R:

- A California student with a GPA of 3.5 or higher and family income of \$110,000 or less will have full first-year tuition covered with grants and scholarships
- An Oregon or Washington student with a family income of \$60,000 or less will have full first-year tuition covered with grants and scholarships

- Regardless of family income or state of residence, an entering first-year student with a GPA of 3.5 or higher will pay no more than \$22,000 in 2022
- Students are guaranteed the ability to graduate in four years or less
- Opportunities include the cost-saving 4+1 pathway to earn a bachelor’s degree and master’s in business or education in only five years

The campaign grew out of a desire to emphasize the University’s outstanding value—an exceptional, personalized education at an affordable cost—while raising awareness about the University of Redlands.

U.S. News & World Report recently recognized the U of R among the top four universities in the West for value, and the sixth-best in the West overall. The *Washington Monthly* also rates the U of R highly (top 6% of master’s universities) in its ranking of contributions to the public good through social mobility, research, and opportunities for public service.

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—Vice President for Finance
Kevin Dyerly ’00, ’04

“This is the next big step in fulfilling our mission,” says Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business & Society Tom Horan.



WILLIAM VASTA

BUSINESS GRADUATE STUDIES /

University of Redlands launches School of Business & Society

Societal focus ushers in a new era, bringing together offerings from the former School of Business and other U of R programs

In a bold move to prepare students for a changing business environment, University of Redlands officials announced the launch of the University of Redlands School of Business & Society. The first of its kind, the School of Business & Society integrates and enhances the University's business programs to empower students to positively impact their community and the world.

University President Krista L. Newkirk made the announcement during Homecoming and Family Weekend to an audience of students, families, faculty, and friends of the University, saying, “The U of R's new School of Business & Society is a strategic evolution that will help future business leaders learn how to use their organizations to make the world a better place.”

Thomas Horan, the Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business & Society, says: “The issues that businesses are facing now always involve broader societal considerations. Therefore, it is incumbent upon business

schools like ours to prepare students to be those new business leaders.”

This new school will build upon the strengths of the former School of Business with several pillars including: purposeful leadership, social and ethical responsibility, diversity and inclusive excellence, and geographic information systems (GIS) and society. Says Horan, “Integrating these pillars will help our students develop critical insight and the skills necessary in today's ever-changing business climate. In short, this is the next big step in fulfilling our mission.”

The School of Business & Society also creates career opportunities for undergraduate majors through 4+1 programs to the MBA and M.S. in business analytics. Additional collaborations are under way with faculty and programs that include business and society elements.

Longtime supporter of the University Esri President Jack Dangermond applauded the effort as “a natural evolution that will speak

to the changing nature of corporate leaders that have to be created.” Along these lines, Esri's recent \$250,000 award to the School will be used to support research and curriculum developments in applying GIS to enhance corporate social responsibility, as well as a new Esri-U of R scholarship for historically underrepresented students to pursue such ambitions.

College of Arts and Sciences Interim Dean Steve Wuhs observes, “The umbrella of business and society provides students with new opportunities and pathways to strengthen their career opportunities.”

The School of Business & Society celebrated its launch on Nov. 11 at Business for a Better World, an event that featured speakers Judy Samuelson, vice president of the Aspen Institute; Elsa Luna '04, chief operations officer and chief financial officer of KPCC radio; and Cindy Elliott, director of global business and corporate sustainability at Esri.

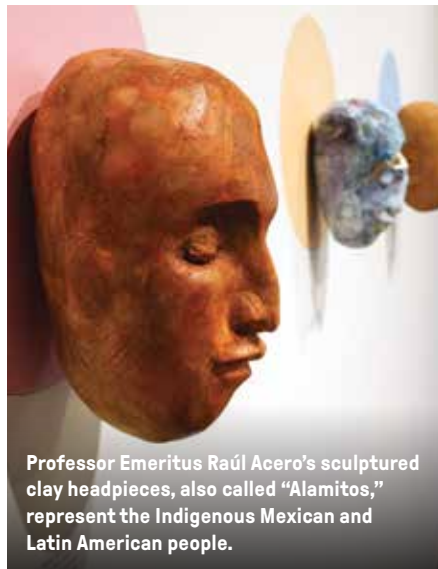
COLLEGE HAPPENINGS /



COURTESY OF JUDGE CRAIG MITCHELL

Judge Craig Mitchell (center) runs with the Skid Row Running Club in the film *Skid Row Marathon*.

Cabrera. “It’s important to take the time to learn that backstory. All of us understand that fundamental need—to be cared for, to be loved. Running is secondary.” The event was funded by the Associated Students of University of Redlands and cosponsored by U of R’s School of Education Office of Student Success, Department of Race and Ethnic Studies, R.E.A.C.H. (Read, Empower, Attain, Create, Hope), and Office of Community Service Learning.



CARLOS PUMMA

Professor Emeritus Raúl Acero’s sculptured clay headpieces, also called “Alamitos,” represent the Indigenous Mexican and Latin American people.

Together Again: in person, in art

The University of Redlands Art Faculty Show was the first in-person opening at the Peppers Art Gallery since the COVID-19 lockdown. Faculty members—including Raúl Acero, Tommi Cahill, Munro Galloway, Qwist Joseph, and Penny McElroy—showcased their sculptures, digital art, and paintings in the exhibit *Together Again*. “We have faculty shows to open the gallery season so people, especially students, can see what their teachers do,” says Acero, who is a professor emeritus. “I think it’s really important for students to know that you also make art, which means that you’re all in the same boat.”

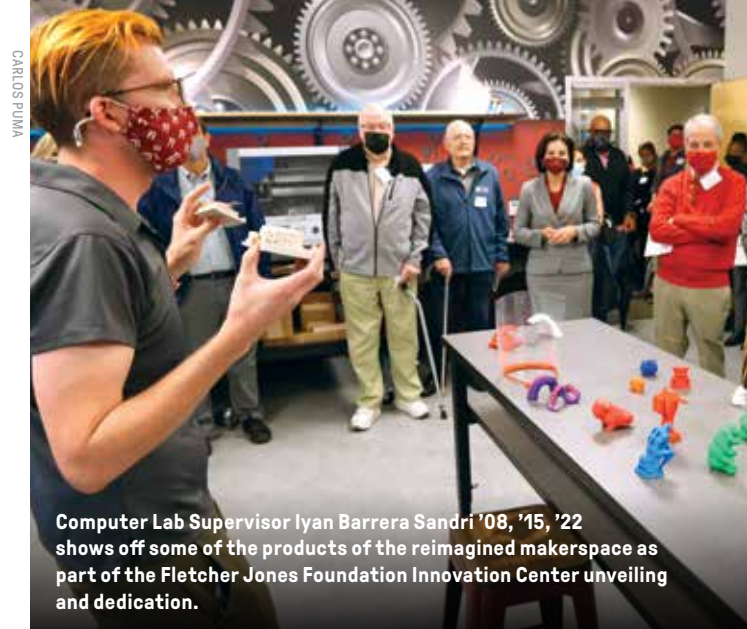


COCO MCXQWYN '04, '10

MKG speaks before Professor Lisa LaSalle and her class about his experiences with stuttering.

Pro basketball player shares insights on stuttering

Former Dallas Mavericks player Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, or MKG, spoke to graduate students in the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department about transforming his challenges with stuttering into a passion for helping others. “What I want the public to know about those who stutter is that we are no different,” he said. “When you fall, you get up, and you’re going to fall again, and you’re going to get back up. That is the type of example I want to set and show to my family, my friends, and the public eye about those who stutter.”



CARLOS PUMMA

Computer Lab Supervisor Iyan Barrera Sandri '08, '15, '22 shows off some of the products of the reimagined makerspace as part of the Fletcher Jones Foundation Innovation Center unveiling and dedication.

TECHNOLOGY /

University unveils Fletcher Jones Foundation Innovation Center

“Och Tamale!” exclaimed talking animatronic robots at the Fletcher Jones Foundation Innovation Center unveiling on Oct. 8. Thanks to the Foundation’s generous grant of nearly \$1 million, the expanded and renovated space now includes an upgraded makerspace, collaborative work areas, and configurable teaching and learning spaces.

At the event, President Krista L. Newkirk welcomed guests, noting the “digital transformation across campus that addresses the diverse learning needs of our students.” Newkirk also recognized the 40-year partnership the University has had with the Fletcher Jones Foundation, as well as its collaboration with Garner Holt Productions, a manufacturer of animatronics and animatronic figures, special effects, and show action, to bring the Center to life.

U of R Chief Information Officer Steve Garcia credited emeriti faculty Larry Harvill, Bob Engel, and Dave Bragg with creating the first Fletcher Jones Foundation Computer Center in 1984. “We stand on the shoulders of these visionaries,” said Garcia. “They were responsible for bringing personal computers onto our campus well before everyone had their own devices.”

Vice President for Advancement Tamara Michel Josserand also thanked the Fletcher Jones Foundation and the colleagues who contributed to the grant. Josserand introduced a video message from Mary Spellman, the foundation’s executive director and treasurer.

Spellman recalled standing in front of the Center’s doors two years earlier with the U of R team “who had a dream for how technology could enhance the lives of students and faculty at the University. It is exciting to celebrate the culmination of that dream with the opening of the Innovation Center.”

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION /

Advancing access, equity, and inclusion at U of R

In October, the U of R Inclusive Community and Justice Fund (ICJF) committee chose seven community projects to help advance access, equity, and inclusion at the University. “A wide range of proposals was submitted this year and we appreciate each of the ideas brought forward,” Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer Christopher Jones says.

The winning proposals include:

Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration—Submitted by Enrollment Assistant Tekia McNeil, this project was awarded \$10,000 to give a voice to the diverse lived experiences of the Black community at Redlands and bring awareness to Juneteenth Emancipation Day.

Center for Educational Justice—Faculty Professional Development on Teaching for Equity and Inclusion and Honoring the Radical Legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. as a Resource for Teaching the Notions of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Submitted by Professor Jose Lalas, this project was awarded \$8,000 to hold a series of workshops and webinars to support people of color at the University and elevate the practice of diversity, equity, and inclusion for all.

Developing Pathways to Higher Education – Submitted by Professor Brian Charest, this project was awarded \$7,000 to develop new pathways to higher education for local students of color and for formerly incarcerated individuals.

Embedding Restorative Justice Work into Student Culture – Submitted by Director of Equity and Title IX Coordinator Erica Moorer, this project was awarded \$6,000 to train and engage students in facilitating restorative justice processes.

Scholarship to Assist Marginalized Student Workers – Submitted by Office of Career & Professional Development Assistant Director of Marketing, Communications, and Events Thomas Guzowski, this scholarship was awarded \$5,000 to promote retention of student workers by offering support for educational expenses.

“Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Political Science” Student Discussion Group – Submitted by Professor Althea Sircar, this project was awarded \$4,300 to support students interested in the study of race, gender, and politics.

Expert Consultation to Support U of R’s Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Federal Grant Submissions – Submitted by Associate Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations Anuradha Diekmann ‘19, this project was awarded \$2,500 for U of R to work with a national expert to provide a report recommending future strategies.

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—Senior Diversity and Inclusion Officer Christopher Jones

“Graphic design is everywhere, and it influences everything,” says David Hazward '22.

CARLOS PUMA

IN THE COMMUNITY /

Designing to make a difference



Coming from a family of medical personnel, David Hazward '22 grew up thinking he would become a doctor because he wanted to help people. But when a high school art teacher introduced him to the field of graphic design, Hazward realized he could make a difference in another way—by amplifying voices through art and design.

“Graphic design is everywhere, and it influences everything,” he says, noting that he was a creative kid who spent long afternoons at his local library in Beaumont, California, sitting at tables and drawing. “Nowadays, we’re so immersed in technology. Graphic design can help accentuate causes and issues that people care about.”

For him, this means raising awareness of the plight of marginalized communities. As Black Student Union president, Campus Diversity and Inclusion (CDI) multicultural intern, and a member of the Black Student, Faculty, Staff, Administrators, and Alumni Association, Hazward spends much of his time planning, promoting, and facilitating events for students on the University of Redlands campus. He even says there’s a running joke that he lives in CDI because he usually can be found somewhere in Hunsaker University Center.

Over the course of his involvement, he has designed posters and other materials for events and helped bring artists of color to campus to engage with students. As part of the recent inaugural Juneteenth event, he helped compile a catalog of local Black-owned businesses called *The Black Pages: A Modern Greenbook for the Inland Empire* (download it at www.Redlands.edu/IEblackpages).

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—David Hazward '22

Historically, *The Negro Motorist Green Book* was a published travel guide listing hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and other establishments where Black people would be safe from discrimination and violence in the segregation-era South. Taking this idea and applying it to the 21st century, Hazward and other University community members compiled a 10-page booklet of medical offices, barber shops, bookstores, and other businesses where students of color will feel safe and understood.

“Having grown up in the Inland Empire, I was always surrounded by people of color and frequented Black-owned businesses,” says Hazward, who savored the experience of getting in touch with local Black entrepreneurs to include in the book. “Now, new students will be able to easily find a place to get their hair done, among many other services.”



WORTH 1,000 WORDS

Admissions Operations Manager Joy Clark, president of U of R's Black Student, Faculty, Staff, Administrator, and Alumni Association, holds the Juneteenth flag as part of the University's inaugural Juneteenth celebration. Organizers of the three-day observance were later recognized by a proclamation from the mayor of Redlands.



WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE A STUDENT-ATHLETE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS?

Three athletes talk about their day-to-day lives as students, competitors, and teammates

By Lilledeshan Bose '22
Photography by Carlos Puma

ALEXIS WALLACE '22 MATH MAJOR CROSS-COUNTRY AND TRACK TEAM MEMBER

A 'super-welcoming' team

"I made my decision to come to Redlands after an overnight visit with the track team. Being a student-athlete was nice because I had my instant group of friends. All cross-country runners are super-welcoming and inviting. I mean, who likes to run? Not many people. You've got to be a little crazy to enjoy running—so you're constantly surrounded by those people. We love hanging out together, and we always have a good time. There's no drama anytime on our team."

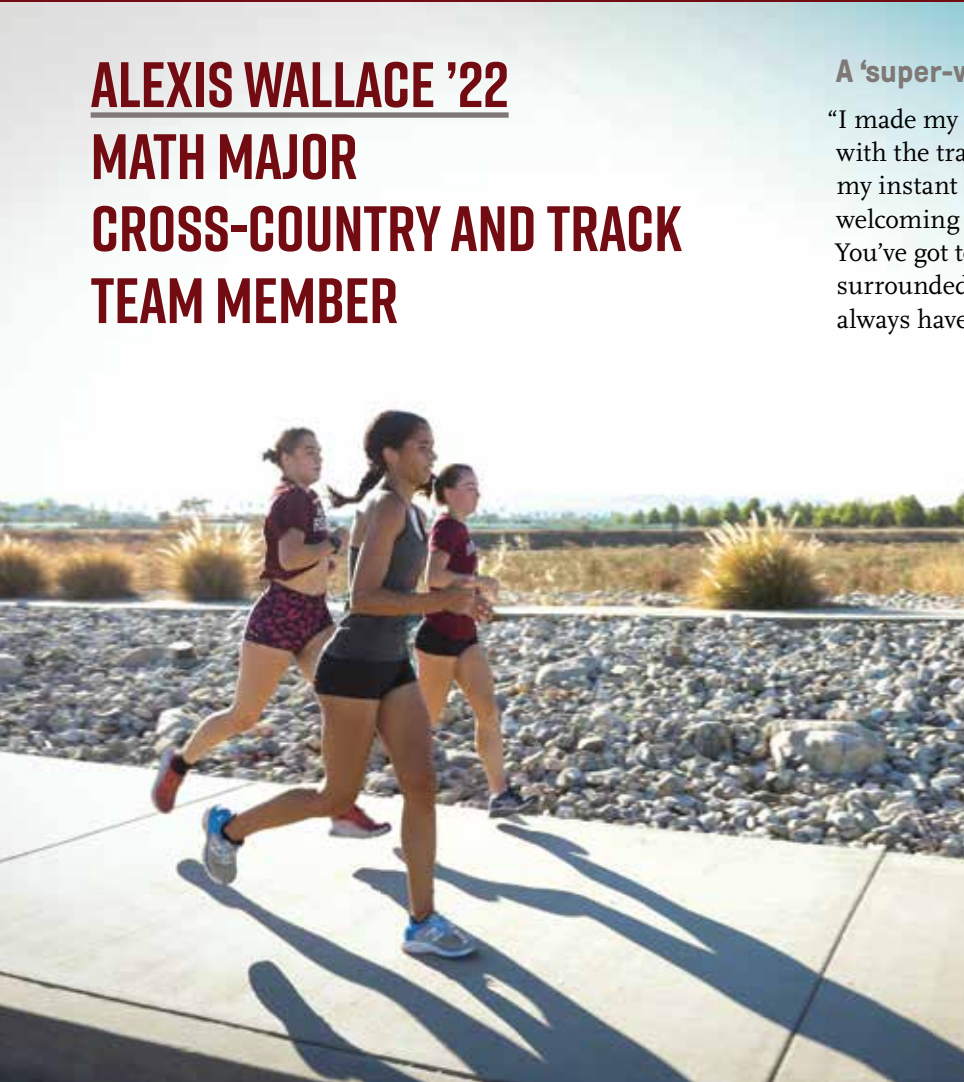
Balancing sports, school, work

"In August, preseason, we get up to run at 7 a.m., before it gets too hot outside. Afterward, we maybe lay by the pool, eat with friends. Then we go for a second run—another six miles—later in the day. During track season, we have practice at 7 a.m. We run for 12 miles. Then I go to class: 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and then 1 p.m. Then we have practice again at 4 p.m.—we either lift weights or run 3 miles.

It's demanding, but it's fun with all my friends. It's hard to balance sports, school, and work, but I've managed it the last four years. The small class sizes at Redlands help me a lot academically, and I enjoy the one-on-one instruction. It also helps that I always have my coaches' support; it's easy to go in and talk to them."

Finding answers

"In my freshman year, I took a May Term course in math called Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos. I was the only first-year in class with juniors and seniors. It was intimidating. By the end of the class, my professor told me I was top in the class. It was rewarding to hear. That's when I thought, "Maybe I should be a math major." I really enjoy math because there's always an answer. Whenever you're in English class and write an essay, one professor may love that essay and one professor may hate it. In math, it's either right or wrong, and there's no discussion about it."





DRAKE MOODY '23 **GLOBAL BUSINESS MAJOR** **ATTACKER, MEN'S WATER POLO**



'If you're not moving your legs, you'll drown'

"I started playing because my dad was a water polo player on the Denmark national team. Scoring is always fun, but my favorite thing about water polo is my team's camaraderie and sense of community, especially in college, where everything's new and you're learning to be an adult. You don't know how to socialize sometimes; having a team makes it a lot easier and more fun.

Depending on the day, we have morning practice at 6 a.m. I'll be up at 5:30 a.m., we get breakfast as a team, then we all go our different ways for classes. Then, we all meet back up at the pool at 4 p.m. for our second practice.

Aside from the dead hair and red eyes from chlorine, water polo athletes usually have a great sense of athletic skill. We're constantly moving in the water. I probably eat three plates a meal, nine plates in total every day, because we burn so many calories. If you're not moving your legs, you'll drown. So water polo players have more grit. We're tough."

Forming friendships

"Being a student-athlete at Redlands is nice because it's a smaller campus, and you form friendships with different teams. My suitemates are in track and field; we all have the mentality of being a student-athlete and can relate to the grind."

Communicating with coaches and professors

"As a global business major, I have a lot of intensive courses, but as long as you do all your work, it's not too bad. The most important thing about being a student-athlete here is communicating with your coaches and professors because you're constantly going to practice, going to class, and doing homework." ▶





MAKAYLA SORENSEN '24 **BIOLOGY MAJOR** **MIDDLE BLOCKER,** **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Striking a balance

“My biggest thing coming into college was finding that balance between academics and volleyball because I was always the student who needed to take AP classes and get an A in every class. That’s why I came to Redlands—the culture here is geared toward academics. I get to continue playing the sport that I love but still really focus on my academic career. That was very important to me.

On my first visit to Redlands, I saw how supportive the community was. It’s the best part of being a student-athlete. When I’m not playing my games, I like to go support other teams here at Redlands. I know other athletes do the same for us.”

Goals for the game

“I started playing volleyball when I was 12 years old. As a middle blocker, I’m the first line of defense with my hands over the net. I’m trying to slow the ball down, get a block, or channel the ball into another direction toward the passers.

We have team breakfast before every practice, and then we do something called “tapping in,” where we set our goals for our game or practice. It could be personal; it could also be for the team, so we’re mentally focused. Then we go from there. My goal today was to have no hesitation, go for every ball, play with confidence, and be aggressive on the court.”



A team, on and off the court

“I’ve always loved science. I find it challenging, and I like learning things that are hard to understand. This semester I have biology, organic chemistry, and statistics. It’s challenging being a biology major and a volleyball player. That’s where time management and a lot of planning comes into play. Some of my teammates have similar courses, so we study together. We work as a team both on and off the court to get our coursework done.” **OT**



Shirin Hameister '22 (left), Sonal Patel '24 (center), and Yessenia Yorgesen all took part in organizing a computer science camp in San Bernardino this summer.



“There were times when facilitators were teaching each other, and moments when the kids were teaching us.”

–Shirin Hameister '22

IN THE COMMUNITY / SCHOOL OF EDUCATION /

U of R education students expand computer science access for kids

By Katie Olson

As a coordinator in the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS) Digital Learning Innovation Department, Sonal Patel '24 provides professional development and educational technology support to educators and administrators across the county's 33 school districts that together serve about 450,000 students. As a doctoral student at the University of Redlands School of Education, her focus is on ways to expand computer science access and equity.

Last summer, Patel applied this focus to her job and co-organized a free, virtual computer science summer camp for elementary school students. The goal, alongside SBCSS colleague John Duran, was to provide a fun and educational online experience. “Computer science allows students to engage with problem-solving and critical thinking as they tap into their creative abilities,” she says.

A unique opportunity

The camp, which was funded by the county's Expanded Learning Department, launched in July with 13 U of R student volunteers instructing 80 children.

Patel says it opened up computer science education to a diverse set of students in San Bernardino County. “This may not have been possible if students were asked to come in person. I was delighted that school districts supported this virtual summer camp by providing access to computers, wifi, and other resources,” she says.

Partnering with SBCSS made complete sense, says U of R Associate Director of the Office of Student Success Yessenia Yorgesen. “Our graduate students gained the early fieldwork experiences needed to complete their teaching program, and it was a great avenue to serve the educational community.”

Exploring computer science

The camp's first week focused on block-based coding, while the second half concentrated on physical computing. Instructors and students familiarized themselves with computer science education software and tools, such as Google CS First, browser-based coding platform Piper computer kits, and single-board computer kits from Raspberry Pi. After learning the basics of the Python programming language, students were able to start building their own systems.

One silver lining from the pandemic? Facilitators found that students were easier to teach virtually, because the school districts distributed Chromebooks to every student for online learning. Shirin Hameister '22, a camp facilitator and a student in the School of Education's Learning and Teaching program, says the experience was valuable for everyone: “There were times when facilitators were teaching each other, and moments when the kids were teaching us.”

A win-win

The camp's success means Patel is already looking forward to growing computer science events at SBCSS, with possibilities for hybrid camps, taught by more Redlands graduate students. “I loved making connections with the kids—it was amazing, and I hope they are inspired to continue pursuing STEM.” **OT**

RESEARCH SKILLS GET A TURBO BOOST IN A LIBERAL ARTS SETTING

Student Science Research teaches students multidisciplinary skills

By Lilledeshan Bose '22

Every year, the University of Redlands hosts the Student Science Research program, in which around 30 students conduct hands-on, intensive research alongside their professors. During the 10-week summer program, students live on campus and receive a stipend for their work, thanks to the endowment support made possible by the John Stauffer Charitable Trust and other generous donors.

Eric Hill, professor of physics and coordinator of the program, says the experience is a tremendous asset for students pursuing a career in science. Professors and students work on long-range projects, including tracking marine life off the Los Angeles coast with Professor of Biology Lei Lani Stelle, mathematical modeling with Professor of Math and Computer Science Steve Morics, and surveying bears and other wildlife at the Bear Paw Reserve with Hedco Chair for Environmental Studies Wendy McIntyre. Participants are chosen each year from dozens of applications.

Many students create their experiments with the support of professors, who help them troubleshoot their projects. "It's really rare for undergraduates to be this involved in research," says Shaun Weatherly '22, the Lewis Student Science Researcher. While many universities permit undergraduates to conduct research in federally funded projects, those students are usually only allowed to work on one or two problems, says Morics. "At Redlands, students have a lot more freedom to work on their experimental designs."

At the end of 10 weeks, students showcase the results of their research at a poster symposium.

Shaun Weatherly '22 (left), Professor Rebecca Lyons (right), and University of California, Riverside graduate student Sasha Karapetrova conduct research on the Learnard Glacier in Alaska.



COURTESY OF JASON WATERS

Here's what students have to say about their research experience:



Chloe Levine '22,
Levings Student Science
Researcher, biology and
math major with a studio
art minor

Research: Gathering baseline arthropod population data for grassland restoration at Redlands Gateway Ranch with Professor of Biology Dustin Van Overbeke.

Why it's important: "We want to see if the abundance and diversity of arthropod populations will improve as native plant species are restored and whether they will replace invasive species after 10 to 15 years."



Suphanat Isarangkoon '22,
molecular biophysics
emphasis at the Johnston
Center for Integrative
Studies

Research: Loma Linda University donated a decommissioned scanning electron microscope to U of R; Isarangkoon is figuring out how to get it up and running with Hill. He also helps Hill prep for advanced lab classes.

Why it's important: "The scanning electron microscope is roughly 500,000 times more powerful than anything we currently have and will allow us to see detailed cell structures. If we can get it to work, it will help students in the physics, biology, and chemistry departments conduct their research."



Rylie Weaver '22,
Hunsaker Student
Science Researcher,
math and physics
major with a computer
science minor

Research: Studying necessary and sufficient conditions for monotonicity failure in ranked-choice voting with Morics.

Why it's important: "I want to be able to look at a voter profile, the election results, and tell if it's possible that ranked-choice voting has caused a monotonicity failure in that election. Eventually, my research can allow citizens to evaluate whether we want to use ranked-choice voting or not."



Summer Brown '22,
chemistry and
history major



Shaun Weatherly '22,
Lewis Student Science
Researcher, biology and
chemistry major with a
physics minor

Research: Modeling the mass transfer of a pollutant known as nonylphenol through glacial environments and characterizing its biodegradation by bacteria (*Pseudomonas aeruginosa*) in the Sierra Nevada Mountain range with Professor of Chemistry Rebecca Lyons.

Why it's important: Brown says, "Nonylphenol is an endocrine-disrupting compound that mimics estrogen in the human body, which has been linked to testicular, breast, and endometrial cancer. Nonylphenol is a surfactant that's in many pesticides, so it tends to accumulate in areas where there's heavy pesticide use, like the Central Valley, where the Sierra Nevada is located. About 62 percent of Los Angeles County sources its water from the Central Valley, so all that nonylphenol comes downstream into our water."



Amber Francis '22,
environmental science
major with human and
animal studies and
spatial studies minors

Research: Monitoring the human effects on marine mammals off the Los Angeles coast with Stelle.

Why it's important: Understanding how humans affect animals and laying the foundation for further research on how mammals change their behavior. **01**

More than knowledge

Students speak about extra benefits of the Student Science Research Program

- 1. It teaches transferable, employable skills:** "If I didn't want to go to graduate school, I could probably get a job as a lab technician as soon as I graduate because I've learned so many applicable skills, such as replicating DNA in a chemistry lab," says Brown.
- 2. Students are constantly problem-solving:** From fixing faulty equipment to adjusting modeling calculations, Weatherly says students learn to work in tricky situations and hone critical-thinking skills.
- 3. Students build a great network:** "I've made a lot of really good friends here," says Levine. "We started rock climbing, going on hikes, and just spending time together. It's nice to have a group of people in different scientific fields with similar interests because you can bounce ideas off them. It gives you a greater perspective."
- 4. Extra mentorship:** "I feel like the program prepared me for graduate school—it made me ready to start working with professors on an individual level," says Weatherly.

Amber Francis '22 documents marine mammal behavior on a whale watching boat with Professor Lei Lani Stelle.



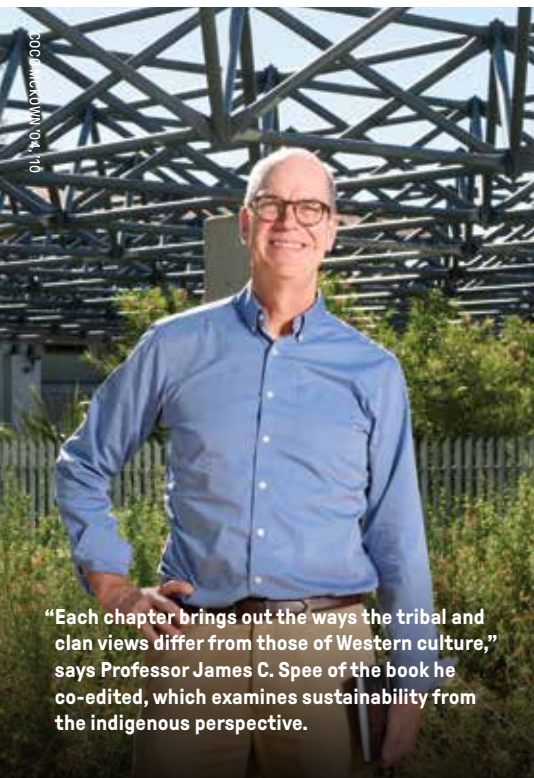
A SHOWCASE OF U OF R SCHOLARSHIP AND CREATIVITY

In October, the Our House celebration of scholarly and creative accomplishments of the University of Redlands community unveiled its booklet and held its event. From online musical performances during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and reflections on finding compassion in difficult times to tribal Hopi history, the work was as exciting as it was diverse. Here's a look at a few of the many highlights.

By Katie Olson and Laurie McLaughlin



"I wanted to think about beauty as the doorway to compassion and empathy," says Wendy Farley, the Rice Family Chair of Spirituality in the Graduate School of Theology.



"Each chapter brings out the ways the tribal and clan views differ from those of Western culture," says Professor James C. Spee of the book he co-edited, which examines sustainability from the indigenous perspective.

Perceiving inherent beauty in everything that exists

Wendy Farley began her career as a philosophical theologian. In the last 25 years, she has also studied contemplative practice and theology in Christianity, Buddhism, and other religious traditions. She has infused her book, *Beguiled by Beauty: Cultivating a Life of Contemplation and Compassion* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2020), with practical advice for opening the door to compassion, empathy, contemplation, joyfulness, and finding beauty in a society rife with challenges and injustice.

"I felt like we are entering a really difficult and dangerous period of our history," says Farley, the Rice Family Chair of Spirituality in the Graduate School of Theology, about conceiving this book. Dealing with issues such as climate change, political division, and street violence, she says, "makes it very important to offer the resources for developing compassion for each other."

That means a sense of justice and compassion for *all* beings—even those you might feel hostile toward, she says. "There's a lot written on compassion, but I wanted to think about beauty as the doorway to compassion and empathy for people who are suffering and are experiencing difficulty. It's a different way of nurturing our capacity for good."

Exploring accessible avenues for contemplation "isn't just sitting down and stilling your mind, which can be difficult for many people," she says. Farley offers simple practices to connect to the divine source: "It's working your mind to always put it in a place of positive attributes—in the place of the divine goodness—in all the different contexts of your life."

Understanding clan and tribal sustainability through millennia

An insightful conversation with an Australian colleague led James C. Spee to conceive and co-edit *Clan and Tribal Perspectives on Social, Economic, and Environmental Sustainability: Indigenous Stories From Around the Globe* (Emerald Publishing Limited, 2021).

"In Australia, every course in every university must have some content that reflects the role of indigenous people," says Spee, professor of strategic management, sustainable business, and entrepreneurship, with a joint appointment with the School of Business & Society and the Department of Environmental Studies. The book examines sustainability on all continents from the indigenous perspective and what it has meant for survival—socially and economically—across millennia.

The collection of chapters are written by an array of experts, including members of clans and tribes. In addition to serving as editor, Spee

wrote a chapter, "Sustainable Relationships Are the Foundation of Tribal Clan Perspective." Lawrence Gross, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians Endowed Chair of Native Studies, Race, and Ethnic Studies at the University, penned the chapter, "The Resolution by the White Earth Anishinaabe Nation to Protect the Inherent Rights of Wild Rice."

The book approaches issues using a triple-bottom line—people, planet, profit—and assesses the themes of wellness, politics, leadership, entrepreneurship, and sustainability. "Each chapter brings out the ways the tribal and clan views differ from those of Western culture," says Spee, who has incorporated the book and its authors (as speakers) in his U of R sustainable business course. "This book gives readers a path for listening to diverse voices and learning from them."

Book about tribal history is the result of a decades-long collaboration with the Hopi Tribe

Truly collaborative work between archaeologists and Native American tribes has been regrettably rare, says Farquhar Professor of Anthropology Wes Bernardini. Partnerships that span multiple decades are virtually unheard of, which makes Bernardini's work with the Hopi tribe over the past 20 years all the more remarkable. His long-running collaboration with the Hopi Tribe has recently culminated in the publication of *Becoming Hopi: A History* (The University of Arizona Press, 2021).

The book combines archaeology, oral tradition, ethnography, and historical documents to present 2,000 years of the tribe's history. Using dozens of color illustrations and photographs, it was written with multiple audiences in mind, including academics, tribal people, and the general public.



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"The full story of Hopi history can't be told or known without tribal input," he says. "Archaeology and historical records only go so far, and no one record can stand on its own. There are multiple threads that weave together to tell the story."

Two Hopi editors participated in each step of the book's research process, and Hopi coauthors contributed to every chapter. One hundred free copies of the book were distributed to Hopi villages and schools, a purchase made possible by the U of R

Farquhar Professor of the American Southwest Endowment. A 30-page magazine version of the book was also distributed to every Hopi household.

Bernardini hopes that *Becoming Hopi* encourages younger generations of the tribe to explore their own history more deeply and perhaps even consider careers in heritage preservation.

Pandemic-era performances go virtual

In 2020, when it came time to think about presenting the University's signature Feast of Lights holiday worship concert, the director of the two-hour choral and instrumental event was ready to go big despite the necessity of a virtual approach.

That's because, in the previous months, Nicholle Andrews, U of R director of choral studies who oversees the Feast of Lights, and her husband, Brad Andrews, director of music admissions and music technology, had conceived and directed dozens of virtual performances. Many of these involved U of R choral and music students and the Phoenix Chamber Choir in Vancouver, British Columbia, where Nicholle is artistic director.

While each online pandemic-era presentation was a mammoth, painstaking exercise with considerable immersion in technology, cooperation, and patience, the results garnered immense viewership and praise from around the world.

"To produce a three-minute virtual choir video with 30 to 40 singers takes about 50 to 60 hours of audio and video editing,"

says Brad, and many of their finished productions were close to 60 minutes long. "That doesn't include the hours singers spend preparing their individual videos."

From an educational perspective, the mission was to create a way for students to perform and improve their musicianship during an otherwise solitary

time. "They also learned how to produce virtual recordings and now have valuable technological skills," says Nicholle, who credits the students for seizing the experience. "Without their work, we would not have the performances, which are the heart of the videos." ▶



Brad and Nicholle Andrews conceived and directed dozens of virtual performances during the pandemic campus closure.

'An astonishing combination of hard reality with visionary light and love'

Professor of Religious Studies Karen Derris wrote her book, *Storied Companions: Cancer, Trauma, and Discovering Guides for Living in Buddhist Narratives* (Wisdom Publications, 2021), in the wake of a terminal cancer diagnosis. A scholar of South and Southeast Asian Buddhist traditions, Derris found a new purpose in reading ancient stories. Within this work, she weaves her trauma and illness with the narratives of the Buddhist literary traditions.

Storied Companions provides a relatable understanding of these stories, about which she wrote her doctoral dissertation at Harvard University. They also illuminate Derris's navigation of a terminal illness. "My past self, that young, healthy student, attempted to understand the relationships among buddhas. My focus was entirely upon those past, present, and future



Professor of Religious Studies Karen Derris's book reflects the wake of a terminal cancer diagnosis.

TOMMI GAHILL

buddhas. I wasn't much interested in what was happening to all the ordinary people in the crowd around them," she writes. "My illness brings me into the crowd, a crowd of people, who like me, know that their present is limited and perilously uncertain."

Janet Gyatso, Hershey Professor of Buddhist Studies at Harvard Divinity School, says: "This book holds an

astonishing combination of hard reality with visionary light and love. ... The result is a gift to its readers, teaching us how to see our own reality, whatever that might be; teaching us how to place ourselves directly into stories of great profundity from Buddhist tradition; and teaching us how to read our own life stories through the lucid lens of honesty with which Derris tells us hers."



School of Education Professor Brian Charest says his students see themselves "not only as teachers but also as individuals who can work within their communities to effect change."

Teaching teachers inside juvenile hall

School of Education Professor Brian Charest remarks on his students' interest in justice and equity issues. "They see themselves not only as teachers but also as individuals who can work collectively within their communities to effect change.

"Many of my students come from the Inland Empire, and they'll be returning to the communities in which they were raised to put their education into practice."

Charest knows they'll have an impact—he has seen the evidence. In 2019, he and co-editor Kate Sjoström published *Unsettling education: searching for ethical footing in a time of reform* (Peter Lang Inc., 2019), a collection of essays in which teachers share their efforts to resist standardization and reimagine their approach to education. More recently, he published *Civic literacy in schools and communities: Reviving democracy and revitalizing communities* (Teacher's College Press, 2021). The book explores what teachers can learn from community organizers about connecting the work in

schools with the concerns in communities. He also wrote a chapter, "On the Margin of the Margins: Teaching Teachers Inside Juvenile Hall," in *Minding the Marginalized Students Through Inclusion, Justice, and Hope: Daring to Transform Educational Inequities* (Emerald Group Publishing, 2021), a book co-edited by Jose L alas, director of the School of Education's Center for Educational Justice.

To humanize the learning experience for Redlands students, Charest teaches a course, *Critical Perspectives on Education and Inequality in America*—the first of its kind in the University's School of Education and part of an international Inside-Out Prison Exchange program. In the past, students visited a San Bernardino juvenile detention center to conduct face-to-face discussions with incarcerated youth, addressing the purpose of public education in society and the intersections of race, class, gender, and discipline in schools. This year, the course takes place in the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco.

Harriet the Spy author's truth-telling launched generations of diarists

In Louise Fitzhugh's 1964 seminal children's novel, *Harriet the Spy*, a young girl keeps a notebook to record her observations about her friends, neighbors, and classmates. Creative Writing Professor Leslie Brody encourages her students to do the same.

"Louise Fitzhugh was herself a truth-teller and a realist," says Brody. "She recognized how children, in particular, are hostages to the ideological winds. Louise makes the case in all her books for children's liberation; she provides life-preserving strategies children may employ in their power struggle with adults. Lying is one time-honored tactic; self-reliance is another."

Brody authored a biography about Fitzhugh, *Sometimes You Have To Lie: The Life and Times of Louise Fitzhugh, Renegade Author of Harriet the Spy* (Seal Press, 2020), as well as a stage adaptation

of *Harriet the Spy*, which has resulted in nearly 30 productions in the last five years.

Fitzhugh was brought up with the conventional argument that small fibs lubricated social relations, and sometimes it was kinder to lie. A girl especially needed to calculate the odds in an unforgiving social code that could turn a misunderstanding into a lifetime grievance. "In adolescence, when Louise realized that she was a lesbian, she also came to understand the risks attending exposure: condemnation by family, denunciation by religion, punishment by state and federal laws," adds Brody.

"She has shown free-thinking children they can be happy as themselves, while her truth-telling has launched a million diarists. That's the legacy for which so many readers love her and why they fondly remember their Harriet experience."



Creative Writing Professor Leslie Brody presents a biography of *Harriet the Spy* author Louise Fitzhugh.

EMILY TUCKER

A critical media study of the ingrained beliefs about international education

In her new book, *Documenting the American Student Abroad: The Media Cultures of International Education* (Rutgers University Press, 2021), Professor of Film Studies Kelly Hankin explores the documentary media cultures that shape the understanding of study abroad.

"There are a lot of truisms about the practice of study abroad—that it's transformative, that it will magically turn us into global citizens, that long-term cultural immersion is better than short-term travel," says Hankin, who has taught in the University's Salzburg Semester

program. However, she adds, the rhetoric and the representation of the experience don't match.

Documenting the American Student Abroad focuses on media produced by the study abroad stakeholders, from students and vendors to thought leaders and the U.S. government. She examined students' vlogs; she also looked at the "ubiquitous and quite dubious study abroad 'video contest,' which the industry has capitalized on for self-promotion," she says.

"The field lacks the ability to fully understand the ways in which its own values are often undermined by its media practices," she says. "Students looking for examples of study abroad experiences online will see industry-backed, award-winning videos of students in full-on holiday mode—jumping in the ocean, on speedboats, or horseback riding.

"We need to help students and study abroad practitioners understand the meaning of the images they produce. Otherwise, the industry will continue to promote study abroad as if it's a spring break holiday." **OT**



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IN THE COMMUNITY /

U of R student embraces role as interfaith ‘vaccine ambassador’

By Katie Olson

Bella Sturr '22, a religious studies and biology double major from Whittier, California, has always known that she wanted to pursue medicine. Recently, she joined the University of Redlands chapter of Faith in the Vaccine, combining her fields of study as a vaccine ambassador in the local community.

“The delta strain [of COVID-19] is hitting groups that are not vaccinated especially hard. We want to work with them in both a practical and information-based way to encourage vaccination,” says Sturr, describing the group’s advocacy. “That’s our main goal.”

Sturr, a recipient of the Debra G. Ericson, M.D. and Chris W. Perez, M.D. Memorial Endowed Scholarship and the Ila Bright Evans Endowed Scholarship, is among the many volunteers across the country trained by the Interfaith Youth Core to raise awareness in religious communities of the importance and efficacy of getting vaccinated. Alongside U of R alumni, faculty members, and students, Sturr works to increase vaccination rates in San Bernardino’s evangelical communities.

With her fellow ambassadors, Sturr created vaccine fact sheets and other guidance in a variety of languages to reach different communities and engage with as many people as possible. The diverse backgrounds and experiences of



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—Bella Sturr '22

the group’s members made this effort possible—something that Sturr believes is deeply valuable. To her, that’s the true definition of interfaith work.

“Being part of an interfaith community is how I started to understand different opinions while being kind and friendly,” she says. “I really like learning about other people and what they believe.”

Sturr grew up surrounded by different faiths, and that background allows her to make connections with others; she was raised in a Quaker household, and members of her extended family have roots in Catholicism, Christianity, Judaism, and Buddhism.

That breadth of belief systems translates to her experience in the interfaith community at the University of Redlands, where Sturr found the space to ask questions. Emeritus Chaplain John Walsh

and Professors Lillian Larsen and Bill Murray-Holmes ignited her academic interest in religious studies, fueling what she now considers a “genuine passion.”

“I believe in the scientific theories of creation and evolution; I believe evolution is real and that climate change is real,” she says. “But it doesn’t mean that I don’t also believe in a higher power. As I’ve gotten older, I am attracted to ideas about healing the whole individual and holistic approaches to medicine. Religion and science can coincide with and relate to one another.”

Much like her academic interests, Sturr embraces communities comprising many faiths and their potential to create peace. “Interfaith communities are like jigsaw puzzles,” she says. “You take a bunch of different pieces and put them together to create a coexistence.” **OT**



Donna (Johnson) Ashby '83 and Jim Ashby '82 on the main Redlands campus by the Phi Beta Kappa courtyard.

health, to ensure that the institution stays true to its mission, and to keep leadership accountable," says Ashby, whose five-year term began July 1, coinciding with newly appointed President Krista L. Newkirk's start date.

As chair, Ashby keeps the Board focused. "The Board plays a pivotal role in shared governance, working closely with Newkirk, her Cabinet, and the faculty," he says. "I talk frequently about flying at altitude because it's not the Board's responsibility to tell Krista or the Cabinet how to do their jobs or to tell faculty what they should teach. The Board focuses on the 'why' of it all, engaging in strategy-setting, higher-level issues, and big decisions, ensuring that the institution stays true to its purpose. We, your Board, are stewards, servants, and passionate contributors of time, talent, experience, relationships, and personal resources."

Overcoming numerous challenges—including COVID-19, budget constraints, enrollment concerns, increasing competition, falling demand, and price inflation—are big pieces of the puzzle Ashby wants to solve, he says. "Certainly, the past two years have been the most challenging in our history. We have to figure out how we take Redlands' wonderful heritage and meet the market where it is."

He also notes the changing constituency of the Board of Trustees—now with more women and people of color than in previous times—will help ensure diverse and balanced perspectives on those key questions. "We're inviting more dialogue, more work, more tough questions of the status quo—the Board's experience and influence will help us work through the various challenges at Redlands," he says. "Change occurs by intention but not without difficulties. Having the will, setting clear goals, building specific plans, resourcing, and executing are all key. We've got miles to go, for sure. But the impact from these changes, coming from the Board's sensitivity to what's happening globally around unintentional bias and diversity, equity, and inclusion, I expect will continue to make forward progress."

Ashby is excited about the University's future and is appreciative of the "excellent additions" to the Trustees over the past 16 months, including **Jan Berckefeldt '67**, **Javier Garcia '02**, **Dan Hanson '75**, **Eugene "Mitch" Mitchell '90**, and **Colin Romer '18**. "We have lots of challenges, but we are going to see a lot of positive movement," he says.

He adds, "We are so fortunate to have recruited Krista Newkirk as our 12th president. I've been impressed so far by her style, demeanor, approach, intelligence, and energy. I look forward to working closely with her and all of our stakeholders to not just be relevant, but to be a vibrant beacon of hope for Redlands and the world at large. Yes, one could say that I'm 'all in.'" **BT**

In service to the U of R

Board of Trustees welcomes
Jim Ashby '82 as chair

By Lilledeshan Bose '22 and Laura Gallardo '03, '22

When successful health-care executive Jamison (Jim) J. Ashby '82 was asked to serve as the chair of the U of R Board of Trustees early this year, he knew he had to do it. It wasn't just because of his Redlands legacy and family connections. Ashby's father, Ted Nicolay '44, sat on the Board when Ashby was a student, and his sister, Kathleen Ashby Modlin '88, is also a Bulldog. In addition, Redlands was where Ashby met his wife of 37 years, Donna (Johnson) Ashby '83, as well as his business partner, Sherri Medina '82, '84, with whom he served as a U of R trustee.

More than that, Ashby says he accepted the role because, after serving as a trustee for seven years, he felt called to lead the University during this period of extraordinary transition. "I've always stepped up and taken responsibility for getting things done when asked. It's in my DNA I suppose," he says. Prior to this role, Ashby held several leadership positions, including chair of Academic Affairs and second vice-chair of the Board. He also served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors in the 1990s.

Ashby describes himself as a "service-oriented leader" and has served as CEO in three different multistate companies, including in the health-care and veterinary fields. His current endeavor, Nova Health, focuses on urgent and primary medical care. He has also held top leadership roles in numerous for-profit and not-for-profit boards, so developing people, building teams, and growing impactful organizations is a passion for him.

The U of R Board of Trustees' most important duties are threefold: "to be a fiduciary body—responsible for the University's financial

Members of the 2021-2022 Board of Trustees gather for a meeting at the main Redlands campus in October.



A new
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President
Krista L. Newkirk
joins the U of R ▶

by Lilledeshan Bose '22 with additional reporting by Mika Elizabeth Ono and Katie Olson



At this year's College of Arts and Sciences Convocation in the Memorial Chapel, University of Redlands President Krista L. Newkirk, J.D., stood in front of a podium delivering remarks to 619 members of the Class of 2025.

Donned in a U of R mask and regalia, she remarked that she and the new Bulldogs had something in common: They'd both packed their bags and left the comfort of their homes for a grand adventure at the U of R.

"We're in this together," she said. "I officially name you *my class*."

She added, "If you see me wandering around campus, lost, help me out, and I'll do the same for you. And if neither of us can find where we're going, we'll just go get coffee together, OK?" ▶

President Krista L. Newkirk addresses the Class of 2025, which she officially dubbed "my class."



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Listening and learning

When the University of Redlands welcomed Newkirk as its 12th president in July, the University was emerging from challenging times, along with the rest of the country. Faculty and administrators worried that the Bulldog community felt alienated after 18 months—the most prolonged period that classes had not been held in person in U of R’s 114-year history.

As many students and staff returned to U of R campuses in the fall (following others who chose to live on campus in the spring or who never stopped reporting to work to carry out essential functions), Newkirk’s friendliness and high-touch persona heightened a sense of optimism and reunion. Newkirk’s energy and *joie de vivre* reminded many of what Redlands meant to them and of all the great things the University makes possible.

Newkirk introduced herself to prospective students and their families touring Redlands, as well as members of the local community. When she walked across campus, she stopped and complimented the groundskeepers on their work. She interviewed students doing summer research, visited with Bulldog athletes, chatted with graduate students and faculty members, and kept meticulous track of the names of people she met during donor visits. She enlisted her French bulldog-pug mix, Cookie, as her sidekick at her signature listening event called “Cookies with Cookie.” She also traveled to a few of U of R’s regional campuses, including the picturesque grounds in Marin county.

Throughout her nonstop first months at the U of R, Newkirk’s most important priority was to connect with U of R constituents, listening to different perspectives on what makes Redlands unique and learning how she could help build a better and stronger University.

◀ In the first days of her tenure, Newkirk spends time learning as much as she can about the U of R: (top) walking with the football team at Rah Rah Redlands; (center left) visiting a science lab; (center right) asking questions during her signature listening event, “Cookies with Cookie”; and (bottom) gathering with Head Swim and Dive Coach Leslie Whittemore and student-athletes.



President Newkirk near Stewart Chapel at the Marin campus.

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A lifetime of meeting challenges

Newkirk is no stranger to hard work; growing up on a cattle ranch in Missouri, at age six she knew how to feed cattle, install light switches, and sow and hoe in the family garden.

But, in the late 1970s, the bottom fell out of the market for beef cattle. Newkirk witnessed her parents struggle to keep their family afloat in face of the farm's foreclosure. Then, at the age of 40, her father passed away due to a stroke.

"My mom, who didn't know much about cattle ranching, was left with a 15-year-old, a 13-year-old, an 8-year-old, 200 head of cattle, four horses, three dogs, and a cat," Newkirk recalls. "She was trying to figure out what she was going to do."

In watching her mother's struggle, Newkirk observed the person who seemed to have all of the answers was the estate attorney, who was a woman. It was a

pivotal moment: "I decided, very young, that I would go to law school because it was going to be important for me to learn what I needed to know to protect myself and my family."

After a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Newkirk indeed went on to earn her Juris Doctor degree. She attended the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary, where she served as editor-in-chief of the *William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*.

After law school, she worked as an attorney in private practice and at a Fortune 300 company. While she loved litigation and being in the courtroom, she discovered those opportunities were more limited than she would have liked as most cases were settled through mediation. ▶

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—Krista L. Newkirk

Fun facts about Krista

Pets

Newkirk loves animals, and considers the family's two dogs—Sasha, a rescue pup, and Cookie, a French bulldog/pug—family.



On her bucket list



A safari in Africa and caring for baby elephants.

Recent read

Jesmyn Ward's *Sing, Unburied, Sing*

Favorite place

Anywhere quiet, without light pollution, near water. "Somewhere I can really see the stars."



Favorite band

Queen

Downtime

Reading or listening to a good audiobook and cooking.

How she keeps perspective

"Even in times when I am stressed, I can find the funny in the situation. Once you can laugh at something, it makes it easier to find a solution."

Favorite color

Cobalt blue



Newkirk lunches with first-generation students in the Summer Bridge program (before the indoor mask policy).

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Recognizing opportunity

When she got a chance, Newkirk moved to higher education, landing a job with University of North Carolina (UNC Charlotte). The fit was a good one, and she thrived as part of UNC Charlotte's legal team for more than eight years. During this time, Krista was selected by her peers as a Legal Elite in the corporate counsel category by Business North Carolina in 2010, was a graduate of Leadership North Carolina's Class XIX in 2012, and served on several boards, including as chair of the Education Section of the North Carolina Bar Association, the Institute for Social Capital which she helped to establish, and the Women + Girls Research Alliance.

One day, UNC Charlotte Chancellor Philip Dubois walked into her office and shut the door, which was not an everyday occurrence. He told her he needed a chief

of staff and asked her to take the role. Newkirk recalls, "He also said, 'I would groom you to be president—I think that's something you'd want to do.'"

She accepted the job. "It turned out to be a great thing," Newkirk says. "It helped me to rise above the narrower legal perspective, allowed me to solve problems across different divisions that affected a lot of people, and reduce barriers for students. It was fun, challenging, and helped prepare me to be a university president."

After about four years as chief of staff, Newkirk applied to be president of Converse, a small, liberal arts college in South Carolina for women. "Converse and I were a good fit for each other," she says. Under five years of her leadership, Converse College—now Converse University—enhanced its financial,

academic, and cultural strength. It developed an innovative strategic plan, launched its first doctoral degree program, expanded its master's degree offerings, and changed to a coeducational, residential university with a women's college. "It was a wonderful and challenging experience," she says.

When the University of Redlands job came to Newkirk's attention, she saw tremendous opportunity. "From the Marin merger, the train depot (having been at UNC Charlotte, where we brought light rail onto campus), the *Forever Yours* campaign, to the history of the U of R, it was clearly a very exciting institution," she says. She was also intrigued by the way U of R schools and programs—such as the "gem" of the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies—were addressing current social issues with their curricula.

“Krista is articulate, thoughtful, engaging, and visionary—the type of leader we were looking for. All of us knew immediately she was remarkable.”

—Chair of the Board of Trustees
Jim Ashby '82

Taking the leap

Still, she hesitated. Newkirk didn't want to move her family—her husband of 21 years, Lew Glenn, a Naval Academy grad and a practicing partner at Ascension Law in Charlotte, North Carolina, and their two sons, a student at Texas A&M and a junior in high school, across the country.

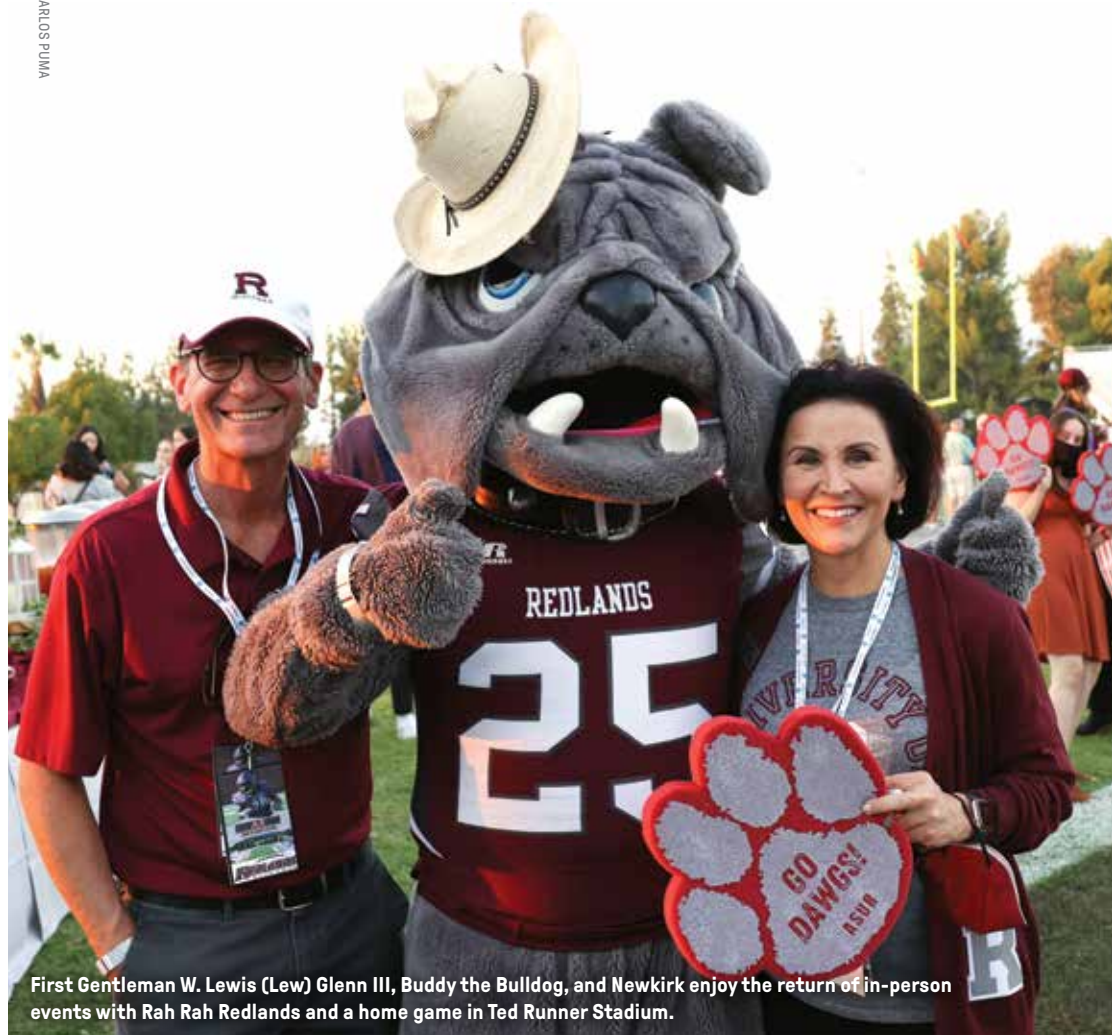
She also didn't want to leave Converse, which fed her passion for women's issues and empowerment, and the region, where she was involved in several boards and had been honored as one of the 50 Most Influential People and one of the 25 Women of Influence in the Upstate of South Carolina.

“It wasn't until I came to [the Redlands] campus and met the people, witnessed the talent of the faculty and staff, and saw the deep commitment, expertise, and engagement of the Board of Trustees that I knew this was the right move.”

Chairman of the Board of Trustees Jim Ashby '82, who was a member of the Presidential Search Committee chaired by Trustee Larry Burgess '67 under the direction of then-Board Chair Leland C. Launer '77, says they chose Newkirk from a large and impressive pool of candidates. The committee's foremost task was to look for the most competent person for the job. “The fact that the most competent person is also our first female leader was something that resonated with us on the search committee,” he says.

He adds that Newkirk impressed from day one: “Krista was articulate, thoughtful, engaging, and visionary—the type of leader we were looking for. All of us knew immediately she was remarkable.” ▶

CARLOS PUMA



First Gentleman W. Lewis (Lew) Glenn III, Buddy the Bulldog, and Newkirk enjoy the return of in-person events with Rah Rah Redlands and a home game in Ted Runner Stadium.



Newkirk strolls through La Fourcade Community Garden with Naslund Endowed Dean of the School of Education Mario Martinez after her first official Cabinet meeting.



Newkirk converses with Joe Quinones '24 (left, Johnston) and Collin O'Connor '22 in The Den.



Newkirk attends the Celebrating Endowment and Legacy Luncheon during Homecoming 2021. Front row, from left: Alice Mozley '70, Diego Lujano '25, Alejandra Rivera '18, '21, and Lynn Hall. Back row, from left: Ken Hall '60, Newkirk, and Professor Greg Thorson.



Newkirk walks with students after her Welcome Convocation during New Student Orientation week.

Embracing the ‘why’

In her previous presidential experience at Converse, Newkirk says she learned a lot about developing a team and creating an environment of trust and support that encouraged people to innovate.

“We are in a time of disruptive change,” she says, “and I think we must be creative in our solutions.”

When she reflects on the best parts of leading an institution of higher education, Newkirk thinks of her grandfather, who grew up poor, on a dairy farm. He had dropped out of high school to elope with Newkirk’s grandmother before receiving his high school diploma. He ended up going to college, earning his master’s degree in education, and serving as a superintendent of several private schools across the country. “He would study the pictures of his students so that on the first day, he knew every single one of them by name. It was important to him to know each student and encourage them to do their best,” she says.

At the U of R, she reflects, “The ‘why’ of what we do is apparent every single day—it is our students. It is satisfying to meet a shy student when they move in, and then see them a year later when they are a confident orientation leader. That growth is why I’m here.” **OT**

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—Krista L. Newkirk

Meet the First Gentleman

by Mika Elizabeth Ono, Lilledeshan Bose '22, and Katie Olson

Former Naval officer, practicing lawyer, and spouse of U of R President Krista L. Newkirk, W. Lewis (Lew) Glenn III is eager to engage students and the greater Redlands community.

University of Redlands President Krista L. Newkirk's historic appointment as the first woman to assume the leadership position is related to another first—an inaugural first gentleman. Former Naval officer, practicing lawyer, and Newkirk's spouse, W. Lewis (Lew) Glenn III, is eager to engage students and the greater Redlands community. Glenn speaks about his role, background, and interests.

OT: You're making history as the University's inaugural first gentleman. How do you hope to live the role?

Glenn: In large part, I want to respond to how the University and the community want me to live the role. My primary role—first gentleman or otherwise—is to take care of Krista. And, in large part, that's the way I serve the University and the community first and best because what she does is intense, difficult, and demanding. The better support she has, the better she can do that job.

It's interesting that [Town & Gown] has a traditional built-in role for the president's spouse, which is a great idea. I'm totally on board with being as active a member of that organization as members want me to be—I think it's an important relationship and it serves the community.

OT: What's one aspect of the position that you enjoy the most?

Glenn: I enjoy the interaction with the people that comes with being Krista's "plus one," without some of the pressure that accompanies her role. I get to have great conversations with folks on the periphery of whatever is going on. I get to go to fun events—sporting events, performances, art shows, and all these things that are part of the community of a university. I'm looking forward to that aspect of university life.



Married 21 years, W. Lewis (Lew) Glenn III and Newkirk are proud Bulldogs.

OT: Tell us about your background in law and the military, and how that influences both your position as first gentleman and your work as a lawyer.

Glenn: I served five years in the Navy—three years on a destroyer out of Charleston, South Carolina, and two years on destroyer squadron staff as a scheduling officer and then operations officer.

How does it translate? I did some really stressful things in the Navy.

I've driven a 10,000-ton destroyer through a fishing fleet in the middle of the night. That kind of experience gives you perspective on the things that really matter.

[After] the Navy, I went to law school. I enjoyed it—having just come out of the Navy, it was easy. I treated it like a job. I went to school from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, whether I had class or not, and did all my work during that time.

Currently, I do commercial litigation and a lot of real estate professional defense for agents, appraisers, surveyors, or others involved in residential real estate. When deals go bad, I defend those folks. On the commercial side, I do general commercial litigation—anything companies might fight about.

OT: What's something about Krista that everyone should know?

Glenn: What you see is what you get. Krista's defining characteristics are her integrity and her commitment. She's not going to tell you what you want to hear—she's going to tell you the truth. She isn't going to give up on you or a situation. She's dogged and determined. All of that is part of her commitment to whatever she has chosen to do. **OT**

LAUNCHING A GENEROUS MATCHING CHALLENGE

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22



Todd Lightbody '70 and Connie Shattuck Lightbody '70

As the University of Redlands looks ahead to completing the historic \$200 million *Forever Yours* campaign later this year, two of its most loyal and generous alumni leaders have issued a special challenge to alumni and friends.

As an extension of their continued generosity, **Todd Lightbody '70** and **Connie Shattuck Lightbody '70** are matching donations from all new donors to the campaign through Dec. 31. “We fully support the campaign’s goal to preserve and enhance every aspect of the Redlands experience,” says Connie,

who completed her Bachelor of Arts in history at Redlands. “Todd and I hope this challenge inspires new donors to support the areas of the University that they love most.”

The Lightbodies will match, dollar-for-dollar, all individual gifts up to \$2,000 from new campaign donors through the end of the calendar year. The match will support the same fund to which the new donor gave. Through these collective contributions, the couple will match up to \$100,000.

“Todd and Connie represent the extraordinary generosity of our Redlands community,” says President Krista L. Newkirk. “We are incredibly grateful for their inspired leadership to leverage new donor gifts in this special way, especially as our momentum grows and we progress closer to our goals.”

The couple hopes to inspire younger alumni to make their first gift to their alma mater. The Lightbodies’ first gift was in 1984, supporting Todd’s fraternity Alpha Gamma Nu. Says Newkirk, “In the beautiful philanthropic tradition of Rich and Ginnie Hunsaker, whose first gift to Redlands was \$25, Todd and Connie’s vision shows how gifts of all sizes are important to our University community.”

Associate Vice President for Advancement Gabrielle Gomez Singh '96, '01 has worked with the couple for many years, and remarked that their longtime philanthropy to Redlands has been inspirational to her. “Todd and Connie have supported so many areas of the University, including endowed scholarships, student loan opportunities, the Salzburg Semester, and the student food pantry,” says Singh. “Their priority has always been directing their philanthropy in ways that directly touch the lives of our students. This matching challenge will undoubtedly do that across the institution in many meaningful ways.” **OT**

“Celebrating Rich and Ginnie Hunsaker’s ‘ripple effect’”



President Krista Newkirk (right) and President Emeritus James Appleton unveil a portrait to memorialize beloved alumni Rich Hunsaker '52 and Ginnie Hunsaker '52 at the University of Redlands Memorial Chapel on Oct. 14.



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Shining a new light on told stories

Three Bulldogs in the museum world—Vanessa Wilkie '00, Daniel Lewis '81, and Rick West '65—talk about how their Redlands education helps them ask questions and tell stories.

By Lilledeshan Bose '22 and Katie Olson

Vanessa Wilkie '00: 'I learned not to be afraid of asking questions'

Vanessa Wilkie '00 says University of Redlands Professor Jim Sandos's class sparked her passion for history, but it was a semester abroad in Salzburg that led her to abandon plans for law school and move forward, by investigating the past.

In Europe, not only did she get to see and touch actual sites where significant historical events occurred, she also had a front-row seat to history in the making. Wilkie recalls, "I remember sitting at a McDonald's [in Budapest], talking to our Hungarian host about living in a country that had been behind the Iron Curtain and what it could mean for Hungary to join NATO. You don't get that experience easily, but Redlands made it possible."

Curating as connection

Wilkie, who double-majored in government and history at Redlands, says her experience directly impacts her current work as the curator of the Huntington Library's collections of medieval manuscripts and British history.

"A liberal arts education is about figuring out logical ways to blend the subjects that seem disparate but are actually connected to the way we think about the world," she says. "So much of U of R's teaching is about professors asking students questions instead of the other way around. I learned not to be afraid of asking questions."

After Redlands, Wilkie went on to earn her Ph.D. in British history from University of California, Riverside. She was the Lossett Visiting Professor of History at the University of Redlands before joining the Huntington in 2013.

Wilkie is also on the Huntington's advisory committee for the arts initiative named /five. Her team collaborates with arts and cultural organizations to encourage the use of the Huntington's library, garden, and art collections in innovative ways, whether with site-specific installations, educational programming, performance pieces, film, or other art forms.

Developing a curatorial voice

The initiative has allowed Wilkie to develop her curatorial voice by assessing the library's collections and highlighting voices that have been marginalized and silenced in the past. When museums closed during the pandemic, the Huntington staff used the time to rethink how they presented the library collections. "The world has changed dramatically since 2013," she says. "We took the opportunity to refresh our exhibits in ways that are more relevant to the conversations people are having today."

One example is the presentation of the Ellesmere Chaucer edition of Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, the most complete version of the text and one of the most important works in the library's collection. "The exhibit used to be exclusively focused on England and the 14th and 15th centuries," she explains. "Now, the display brings [out stories of that time putting] England in conversation with the rest of Europe, which more accurately reflects what was happening during the Renaissance."

Her constant reinvestigation of the perceived canon is partly due to her liberal arts education at Redlands. To this day, it helps her read historical text and ask the right questions—about the past, and moving toward the future. "I think this is a time for museums to be bolder and brighter; as I develop my curatorial voice, I want to encourage institutions to be braver about reconciling with their past and the impact they've had on the way the public engages with history and art."

Daniel Lewis '81: 'Everything has a history'

Daniel "Dan" Lewis '81 has worked as a curator in different capacities at the Huntington Library for 25 years, but his love for books had humble beginnings. Growing up in Hawaii, his family rented a television once every four years to watch the Olympics, but otherwise he had to entertain himself with printed material.

Now the Dibner Senior Curator for the History of Science and Technology in the library's Curatorial Collections Department, Lewis spends his days with rare books and manuscripts—buying them at auctions, assessing their authenticity, curating informational exhibits, and helping visiting researchers find material for a vast array of projects.

While his love of books began in childhood, his interest in rare materials developed when he worked as an associate archivist at the A.K. Smiley Public Library under U of R Trustee Larry Burgess '67, who was head of special collections at the time.



Vanessa Wilkie '00 and Daniel "Dan" Lewis '81 are curators at the Huntington Library.

On his first day, Lewis transcribed a letter written during the Civil War. Witnessing the irreplaceability of such items for the first time, "I was hooked," Lewis says. "I've never really looked back."

Infinite opportunity

A top-ranked junior tennis player in Hawaii, Lewis was lured to the mainland by Redlands' tennis program—then led by Coach Jim Verdieck—and the promise of a liberal arts education.

Lewis quickly formed a network of close-knit friends at Fairmont Hall, due in part to his participation as an editor of the University literary magazine, *Zanja*. He loved Professors Bruce McAllister and the late Ralph Angel, who were critical to launching his career: "They were so accessible and inspirational."

Lewis says his time at the University of Redlands as an English and creative-writing student has been essential to his work as a storyteller and writer. Beyond that, being a Bulldog gave Lewis a feeling of infinite opportunity, which was a stark contrast to the harsh environment of the boarding school he had previously attended. Redlands prepared him to succeed beyond campus: "I felt like I could do anything."

A unique perspective

Daily, Lewis and his colleagues manage one of the world's most extensive and renowned independent research libraries. Apart from housing books, the Huntington's library contains other materials among its 11 million items, from truly extraordinary books and manuscripts to those without a lot of research value, such as the knife used to stab Secretary of State William H. Seward the night of Abraham Lincoln's assassination. The diversity of objects, manuscripts, and other materials that the library owns makes for an equally unique population of researchers from around the world who want to access them. ▶



At the Autry and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, Rick West '65 sought to change how Native communities relate to museums.

Interacting with those researchers, called “readers” by the library, is one of the most rewarding aspects of Lewis’s job: “The fact that researchers produce knowledge that radiates out to a wider world and is used in all sorts of ways is really satisfying.”

A researcher himself, Lewis is now writing his fourth book, which investigates 12 species of trees from around the world and takes a journalistic approach to a story of conservation. Writing combines Lewis’s three passions—books, history, and nature—and he takes the same approach to writing as he does to curation.

“Everything has a history,” he says, noting that some writers can draw others into topics they never knew they could be interested in. “You can see [a person’s] world tilt on its axis a degree or two when that happens.”

Rick West '65: ‘Redlands showed me the beauty of what can happen’

By the time Rick West '65 retired as president and CEO of the Autry Museum of the American West last summer, he’d already spent most of his career in high-profile jobs, including clerking at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, representing Native American interests as a constitutional and legal spokesman in Washington, D.C., and serving as the founding director of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian.

Elevating Native culture

For all these jobs, however, he had one motivation: the desire to elevate Native American civil rights and culture. West, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, took a circuitous path to this mission. At the University of Redlands, he majored in American history and political science and graduated magna cum laude. He says, “I loved Redlands because learning expanded my notion of American democracy, pluralism, and what that meant in terms of inclusivity.” Afterward, he earned his master’s at Harvard University. However, “I didn’t hear much Native history in what I was being taught about American history at Harvard. And this was in the 1960s, where there was this pulsation to change and question things, going from the retrospective to the perspective.”

He pivoted and decided to go to Stanford Law School, “for the very specific purpose of practicing American Indian law.” Partly, he credits this change of direction to the U of R. “Redlands had such a significant role in my educational grounding—it gave me the gift of a liberal arts education, so that I was able to find my own way and choose [my path] afterward. I had lots of opportunities to expand my horizon. ... My experience showed me the beauty of what can happen.”

A Redlands legacy and continued engagement

Born in San Bernardino, West was raised in Muskogee, Oklahoma, by artists who were also academics; his father, Walter Richard West Sr., was a renowned painter and art professor. “If I had a nickel for every hour my brother and I spent playing in museums as a child while my father was doing business, I’d be rich,” he says. His mother, Maribelle McCrea West '34, a piano major who earned a bachelor’s in music and a bachelor’s in English, was a music professor; it was because of her that Rick and his brother, James Lee West '68, attended Redlands.

Rick still sits on advisory boards at various institutions and has maintained a consistent engagement at Redlands through the years, serving as a trustee from 1993 to 2002 and on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Today, he sits on the Partnership for Native Students Steering Committee at Redlands.

Now that he’s retired, he’s eager to travel and spend more time with his grandchildren. But he’s also excited about his next chapter—literally.

“I’ve spent much of my professional life in museums and on environmental issues, but I also want more time to write,” he says. “People have talked to me about writing a memoir, but I feel my legacy comes out in different forms. Generationally, it appears in my daughter’s practice as a doctor and faculty member at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. It also comes out in my son’s work; he’s a filmmaker working on a documentary on sports teams and mascots called *Imagining the Indian*. The long-term impact of my work as a lawyer pursuing Native rights and as a museum director is very much a part of my family’s life.” **OT**

Class notes

Class notes reflect submissions from
Feb. 22 to Sept. 6, 2021.

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Dixie Root Zimmer '47 is doing great in Ventura, California. She enjoyed a memorable 95th birthday on Oct. 27, 2020. Friends and family celebrated COVID-style with a drive-thru party arranged by her daughters at her residence. After a year of quarantine and isolation, Dixie is delighted that her senior living facility relaxed its policy to permit visitors. Dixie learned to Zoom and FaceTime so she could keep up with family. Her book club will soon be meeting together in person. She was married to **John Zimmer '43** for 71 years before his passing in March 2019. She loves music and frequently played the piano for churches where John served as pastor. Before moving from their longtime home in Carpinteria, California, to a senior living apartment, John and Dixie sold her baby grand piano. A few years later, she bought an upright piano and is now delighted someone can come to her apartment to tune it. John and Dixie loved learning and travel. After retirement, they enjoyed Elder Hostel (now Travel Scholar) trips as well as leading trips to the Holy Land. Dixie is a devoted supporter of the hearing impaired and served on the board of Gaudet University in Washington, D.C.

▾ 1954

Elvin Bartel '54 is thankful for U of R and its profound impact on his life. He credits his time there for an excellent 42-year career in education, mostly in the Bonita Unified School District and two years as director of the International School in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. He and his wife, Jayne, have a son and three daughters, all with successful careers, and eight delightful grandchildren. They live in Rancho Mirage, California—traveling elsewhere during summers—and remain thankful for their good health, memories, and friendships made at U of R.

Roger Cullen '54 will always cherish fond memories of his years at U of R as part of the ukulele comedy team, Cullen & Nuffer, with **David Nuffer '54**. They performed before the entire student body seated on the Administration Building steps on pep rally nights; in addition, they wrote and performed numerous songs for their Pi Chi Brothers and their girlfriends. **Ben Taylor '55** and **Wes Reed '55** made up the remainder of the quartet; they sang together for more than 50 years after graduation. Roger is now competing with Ben to see who gets to be the soloist!

Carl Davis '54 is enjoying life in Redlands' Plymouth Village but could not wait for the pandemic to end so he could return to his favorite hiking and socializing vacation spots in beautiful Big Sur, California. He notes, "The lack of tourism resulting from the pandemic was quite good for the heavenly environment of the area, but mass tourism is taking

its toll again." His long career as a judge makes him thankful for his years at U of R.

Ron "Squeek" Davis '54 celebrated his 89th birthday in July with his wife, Dionne, by returning to his hometown in Coronado, California. After making memories there, they joined family members in their former residence in Idaho before returning to their home in La Quinta, California. He remains thankful for his experiences and friendships while at U of R, his career as a teacher and administrator, and for his years of good health and the happiness they share today.

Jean Burnight Fenton '54 and **David Fenton '52** married in August 1952 and remain happy as they approach their 70th anniversary. In 1996, David retired from his Episcopal church ministry and moved from Fallbrook, California, to Eugene, Oregon. Jean isn't the active gardener she once was but continues to make flower arrangements for their church. They enjoy visits from their daughter, who lives in Southern California. While it seems ages ago, they continue to share so many fond memories of their happy times while at U of R.

Don Ruh '54 has never stopped reflecting on what U of R has meant to him in his life. He loved football and track and field, but knew he would never make USC's teams. Thankfully, he chose U of R, played his heart out, and also won the heart of his wife of 60 years, **Sandi Luchsinger Ruh '57**. His coaching career started with being the line coach for Jim Verdick and Ted Runner as a graduate assistant. Then after nine years as a prep coach, he eventually spent 50 years at Mt. San Antonio College as a teacher, coach, and relays director. He and Sandi tell their story in the book, *On the Playground of Life, with the World's Greatest Teammates*.

Mary Rector Russell '54 and **George Russell '54** celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary and "are still going strong." According to Mary, they met in their high school chemistry class, back when there was no chemistry between them. While she attended U of R as a first-year student, George went to community college and then Whittier College before transferring to the U of R as a senior. Mary says, "It wasn't long before he won my heart, and our happy life together started." They are both thankful he chose to be a Bulldog rather than a Poet.

Ruth Jordan Van Epps '54 will always be grateful that Professor "Uppy" Downing was her first-year counselor. He listened to her academic goals and helped her complete a B.A. in elementary education in three years. She and **Larry Jackson '54** planned to marry after graduating; she taught to financially support them while Larry studied at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. Plus, she promised her dad she would earn her degree before getting married. Uppy helped plan her course load and schedule—including what classes to take by correspondence and during summer sessions. A second enormous benefit was being honest with her regarding Dr. Tolle, head of the education department. Apparently, the doctor had an enormous ego and prided himself that very few students completed the program in four years without at least one



Audrey Nichol Hauth '55 (right) kayaks at Lake Tahoe with her daughter, Sheree.

summer session. (He was not helpful to her in achieving her goal.)

▾ 1955

MaryAnn Black Easley '55 is awaiting the birth of her third great-granddaughter while teaching classes in fiction, memoir, and poetry to older adults, hosting Zoom critique workshops, and tutoring English-as-a-second-language students at Soka University.

Audrey Nichol Hauth '55 broke out of pandemic isolation to travel to Nevada, where she did some kayaking with daughters Sheree and Linda at Lake Tahoe en route to Ketchum, Idaho.

Robert Strom '55 commented on unidentified aerial phenomenon in his seminal article, *We Are Not Alone: Extraterrestrial Technological Life In Our Galaxy*.



Robert Strom '55 writes about the probability that we are not alone in the vast universe.



Carol Jones Webb '59, '73, Julie Kaestle Black '59, and Cynthia Decker Perkins '61 (left to right) live in the same retirement community.



Annette Veenstra Bain '61, Judy May Sisk '61, and Gail Mungen Burnett '61 (left to right) reunite after COVID-19 isolation.

↘ 1958

Jane Goodwin Gropp '58 and her husband, Lou, spent the summer at their house in Quogue on the south fork of Long Island. Their daughters have a house nearby, and they've had some wonderful family time together. They returned to their main home in Greenport, only 45 minutes away.

Ginny Stinson Hanna '58 and her little neighborhood in Novato, California, decided in April 2020 to have physically distanced get-togethers outdoors. They sat six feet apart, wore masks between sips of wine, and spent time together. This evolved into a weekly event during spring, summer, and fall, and they have become great friends as a result. Now they are all vaccinated and still look forward to meeting weekly, enjoying wine and the occasional potluck supper. They often say, "At least the pandemic brought us together."

Rod Stephens '58 and his wife, Shirley, have been masking and physically distancing. Their son, Jim, works at Trader Joe's and has been doing the same. They are blessed with moderate summer temperatures, although a brief heatwave did make them appreciate the luxury of air conditioning. They love Beaverton, Oregon, having moved from Redding, California, one of the triple-digit towns.

↘ 1959

Julie Kaestle Black '59 moved this spring into La Costa Glen, an independent living retirement community in Carlsbad, California. To her delight, she met **Carol Jones Webb '59, '73**, who also lives in the community, and both were in Alpha Sigma Pi at U of R. Just recently, **Cynthia Decker Perkins '61** also moved into the community. The three women enjoy dinners together and reminisce about their wonderful years at U of R. They wonder if there are other U of R alumni at La Costa Glen? If so, let Julia know so she can make the connection!

Jim Hoopes '59 is in Phillip Island, Victoria, Australia. "We're pleased to hear that the United States is emerging from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Australia is fortunate to have been lightly affected by the virus—at least so far."

Lauralee Horner Lindholm '59 and **Ray Lindholm '60** had a family reunion at Big Sur State Park, California, in May, where Ray was a ranger-naturalist with **Gordon Clopine '58** for two summers. The couple then traveled to Big Basin State Park. Lauralee says the park would recover from the extensive fire damage, although it will be a while before it is ready for camping again.

Julie Ulmer Mathews '59 used the pandemic shutdown to write her recollections about her ancestors! She calls it the "family saga." The memoir includes activities at the U of R: the Pajamarino, panty raids, pinning serenades, Homecoming parades, and more. Julie asks, "Do today's students have any of our kind of fun?" Good question!

Wayne Mitchell '59 is an American Indian. He and his wife, Marie, commissioned a sculptor, Elk Woman, to create a sculpture they intend to donate to the Heard Native Art Museum in Phoenix, Arizona. The sculpture will be their legacy at the museum and is entitled "Honor the Treaties." It features a multitude of designs, including a war bonnet and a peace pipe. The sculpture's unveiling will be on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m., and U of R alumni are cordially invited to attend.

If you are not getting emails from **Marilyn Solter '59**, please send your updated email address to mjsolter@verizon.net!

↘ 1961

Annette Veenstra Bain '61, **Judy May Sisk '61**, and **Gail Mungen Burnett '61**, and their husbands held a pre-reunion reunion in Sunol, California, after a year and a half of COVID-19 isolation. The former Redlands suitemates caught up on all the news and planned their trip to Redlands for the 1961 class reunion in October.

Jim Jordan '61 retired after 53 years of medical practice.

Dreux McNairy '61 is still managing peoples' money, now in his home office. He is getting along OK after losing his wife of 54 years.

Deanna Dechert Passchier '61 and her husband miss their two granddaughters, who are now in Canada with their parents. The border is still closed between Canada and the United States because of the pandemic. The border is open to Las Vegas, so they can visit friends there. Deanna keeps in touch often with her Salzburg roommates, **Caroline Brigham Vassallo '62** in Santa Barbara and **Nancy Stillwell Turecek '62** in San Diego. Deanna and her husband enjoyed taking their two grandsons (4 and 6) to the Wild Animal Park in San Diego with their son, Jason, and his wife, Miyuki, from Osaka, Japan. The boys are fluent in Japanese and English having attended a Japanese pre-K. Deanna is still teaching piano and managing rentals for long-term clients. She and her husband play duplicate and party bridge for fun at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Cal State University, Fullerton and with friends. Her Poetry for Pleasure class just published a collection titled *Grey Matters*, where each poet was given eight pages. Netflix takes the place of movie date night, and, like most Californians, they eat "out" under tents in the parking lot at Ralphs. The worst part comes later: gaining weight ... but they manage some fun after all.

William Roethlisberger '61 and his wife, Mary, have moved from their lake home to a retirement cottage about seven miles away. Recently, they took a 6,500-mile road trip in a van through the Southern and Western U.S. (excluding California, Oregon, and Washington) with their youngest son, Eric. That trip was followed three weeks later with a fishing trip near the Canadian border. Their sons are looking after the "old man" so he does not fade away. William asks that God extend His blessings to all classmates. 1957-1961 were great years at U of R!

↘ 1962

Ellen Franklin Beans '62 still lives in Moraga, California, with her husband, Larry. During the long months of the pandemic, she and Larry logged in more than 350 miles of biking in the Northern California area, discovering new trails and riding familiar ones. After George Floyd's death and a rally in their town, she was inspired to read extensively about African American history and became



Rick Carson '64, Rick Bramble '65, Tom Rothhaar '64, Gary Reinert '64, Dave Wilson '63, Bill Capps '64, Gary Larsen '64, and John Tincher '64 (left to right) gather once a year to reminisce and enjoy each other's company.

involved in local efforts to expand their thinking and actions around diversity, inclusiveness, and equality, which she found meaningful and inspirational. In addition, she is in her 13th year of writing a short biweekly e-bulletin distributed to nearly 2,000 Moraga residents to keep them informed on what is going on in their town as a way to build connections, belonging, and participation.

Les Janka '62 and his wife, Michele, have moved into the new house they built on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. They are looking forward to an island pace of living.

↘ 1963

Ed Collins '63 still lives in Manhattan Beach, California, and celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with wife Taffy. Ed remains deeply involved with the Los Angeles Union Rescue Mission helping to resolve the homeless issue.

Bruce Hunn '63 and his wife, **Joyce Smith Hunn '63**, have moved to Corrales, New Mexico, to be close to their son and his family. They remain deeply involved in their church and Bruce's professional organization. Bruce has rekindled his relationship with his former U of R roommate, **Dean Branson '63**, a "continent away" in Michigan.

Dan King '63 just had a second grandson graduate from the United States Naval Academy. Nick joins his older brother, Wyatt, as a graduate in the aviation branch of the Navy. Both are going to flyjets.

Mary Blount Mainer '63 became a widow in April when her husband passed away.

Bert Marcum '63 and **Barbara Bolles Marcum '63** were finally able to visit their boat, which was anchored in British Columbia for more than a year.

Marvin Ott '63 is still on the faculty of John Hopkins, is a senior scholar at the Wilson Center of the Smithsonian, and regularly writes articles for the newspaper in his Maine hometown. He is like a border collie, needing lots of work and activities going on.

Harold Phillips '63 recently earned his certification for scuba diving, an incredible achievement for an 80-year-old dude.

Mary Baptie Plimpton '63 has been immersed in trying to block permits to grow cannabis in the small valley that has been her family home since the late 1860s. She has been involved with this issue since early May researching issues and preparing arguments, triggering flashbacks to finals weeks during her time at the U of R.

Don Rowland '63 is an accomplished author on the history of Los Angeles and Orange County. Don has deep roots in the settlement of the Irvine Ranch properties. He is currently trying to ready himself for the next item on his bucket list.

Janice Hemphill Verity '63 and her husband, Roger, moved to The Terraces in Los Altos, California, to be near their children and grandchildren. You can still communicate with them via email.

Jean Oliver Whitt '63 spent her 80th birthday on the White Stallion Dude Ranch in Tucson, Arizona. All variety of activities entertained the family gathering of **Meredith Whitt '93**, **Brian Whitt '92**, his wife, Sarah, and Jean's granddaughters, Charlotte (8) and Elizabeth (5). Charlotte is planning to be in the Class of 2031 at the U of R.

Dave Williams '63 made his living in Sausalito, California, buying small homes during the 1960s and 1970s. He rented them to young baby boomers and then sold them to the same folks. When the economy tanked, he would take off in his 40-foot sailboat to Mexico, Tahiti, Fiji, New Zealand, or somewhere in the Caribbean. He does not sail anymore, but he swims daily in the Pacific Ocean. He has two sons and lives on Kauai. He has an orchard, a vegetable garden, some chickens, and a few ducks. When he went to Redlands, he was known as Dave Werts. He changed back to his birth name, Dave Williams.

For about 40 years, the men of Chi Sigma Chi **Classes of 1963, 1964, 1965, and 1966** gather once a year to reminisce and enjoy each other's



John Oliver '64 is working on a photo book of historical residences in New Orleans, Louisiana.

company. This year, the rescheduled reunion occurred at Meritage Restaurant in Temecula, California, with **Rick Bramble '65**, **Bill Capps '64**, **Rick Carson '64**, **Gary Larsen '64**, **Gary Reinert '64**, **Tom Rothhaar '64**, **John Tincher '64**, **Mike Weeks '66**, and **Dave Wilson '63**.

↘ 1964

Bob Johnson '64 announced at their 55th Class Reunion luncheon that he and **Bill Bruns '64** were gathering donations to establish a memorial scholarship in honor of **Howard Hurlbut '59**, who educated and inspired student journalists as an advisor and mentor for *The Bulldog* from 1962-1968. The campaign has since raised \$168,000, and the first scholarship will be awarded this fall "to help preserve Howard's enduring legacy and support the vital importance of journalism education and experience at the college level." Fundraising for the scholarship will continue in the years ahead.

John Oliver '64 and his wife, Karen, are regular visitors to New Orleans, where a close friend teaches at Tulane University. John has continued his photography and is working on a photo book of historic "shotgun" residences in the Marigny and Bywater residential areas. "These spectacular neighborhoods are often overlooked by tourists to the Big Easy," John reports. "Many were built from 1885 to 1915 and are still occupied by the families of the original owners. There is a real neighborhood feel to these off-the-beaten-track areas, including residential homes, restaurants, bars, and music venues." John added that their friend, Lisa, and her neighbors rode out Hurricane Ida with no damage to life, limb, or homes. "The next day, since there was no electricity and none in sight, the neighbors gathered their perishable food and came together for an outdoor picnic and barbecue."

↘ 1965

Bill Bollinger '65 and wife Carmen stumbled upon a picture of Bill, **Gary Byrne '64**, **Gary Larsen '65**, **Dave Sawyer '64**, and **Vern Shields '64** while preparing to attend the October reunion. Since Bill can't even recognize himself in old photos,

Gary Larsen tells us that it was probably taken by their dearly missed **Shirley Maniccia Wilke '64** in Salzburg or Vienna in fall 1962.

Kathy Terbeck Johnson '65 and **Hank Johnson '64** are staying healthy and busy volunteering for their church. Several other projects and travels have been postponed for obvious reasons! Home projects and doctor appointments keep them out of trouble. Their six grandkids are now all in high school and universities. They have realized how blessed and fortunate they are to be here and still have each other. They have lost too many dear friends!

Bob McLaughlin '65 seems to be sticking to his fourth retirement from education. Two ministries (teaching children's Sunday school and Good News Clubs in the community) and playing pickleball are taking up some of the slack. Bob is the director of the Wine Country Classic Pickleball Tournament in October.

Jim Schoning '65 lost his first spouse, **Ginny Jarrell Schoning '63**. Later, he reconnected with Chere Roberts, who attended high school with him in Bremerhaven, Germany, where their fathers ran the U.S. military port together. Their high school was a barracks for Nazi stormtroopers during WWII. They were married in 2005 and have traveled extensively since then. They keep up with **Gil Lynch '65** and **Joyce Thomas Lynch '65**, **Parke Terry '66** and wife Lynn, **Paul Malone '65** (the best man in both of his weddings), **Bill Bruns '64**, and **Bob Johnson '63**. Bob's wife **Bonnie MacKenzie '65** passed away recently after a lengthy illness. Jim worked for many years around the California State Capitol. He worked with the Coro Foundation in 1965-1966 and later joined the staff. He continues to be involved with the Coro governance and alumni affairs and has encouraged several recent U of R alumni to join their fellows program.

Jim Tomlin '65 began teaching social studies at Hemet High School immediately after graduation thanks to the U of R intern program. He was "encouraged" to begin cross country and officially assisted in track. They had several winning seasons. In the classroom, he helped send 25 future graduates to the U of R. He received an M.A. in teaching from Redlands in 1966 and an M.A. in history from the University of Connecticut in 1970. He spent the next 37 years teaching and coaching track at Corona Del Mar High School in Newport Beach, the last 12 as head coach. He "coached" varsity Advanced Placement U.S. history until he retired in 2006. Jim attributes his success to professors Burchell, Appleton, Morlan, Jennings, Mayer, and Applewhite. Coaches Runner and Savage were fine examples, as well as inspirations of how to organize, prepare, and compete.

↘ 1966

Marty Walter '66 has spent most of the COVID-19 year at home. He is a math professor at the University of Colorado and is working on the second edition of his book, *Math for the Environment: As If Survival Matters*. It lists necessary conditions for the survival of human civilizations. His wife, Joy, is

working at a center for cognitive disabilities, and daughter Liv and husband live in Vermont working on environmental models, teaching physics, and raising their 3-year-old daughter.

Bill Willsie '66 is number 82 out of 11,000 people waiting for his delivery of the first-ever solar/electric vehicle produced by the Aptera Motors Corporation of San Diego. It is partially powered by the sun and will go 1,000 miles between charges.

John Yeomans '66 and his wife, Mary-Ellen, are retired and living in Toronto with their younger daughter, Lauren. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, she hasn't performed with her woodwind quintet. Their son Michael is at Imperial College, London. This June, Michael updated his dad on the Wimbledon Championships from Wimbledon Centre Court. This court is where John and his 1966 Redlands teammates watched Billie Jean King win her first title. He and **Bill Schoen '66** played with and against her in California for many years. John's article "The Countess Who Created Shakespeare," is being scrutinized by many research groups.

↘ 1967

Gary Jackson '67 was selected and inducted into the National Bar Association Fred Gray Hall of Fame, which is reaching the mountaintop of law achievements for him. In addition to this recognition, he enjoyed participating in Redlands' inaugural Juneteenth presentation and celebration. During the past pandemic year, he reached out to several members of the Class of 1967 who entered Redlands in September 1963. That year molded all of them because of the March on Washington, the Birmingham bombing, and the assassinations of Medgar Evers and President John F. Kennedy.

↘ 1968

Don Ford '68 has returned to ministry half-time at Harmony United Methodist Church in Coos Bay, Oregon, after a short retirement. He and his wife purchased a home there overlooking Haynes Inlet at 87-foot elevation. After 72 weeks of online worship, he returned to in-house worship and continued with online worship on Facebook, which you can find on the Harmony United Methodist Church Oregon page. He attended two U of R football games played at nearby Linfield College.

Nancy Bailey Franich '68 asks the Class of 1968 to please send her your news. "Don, Peter, and Memory responded to a desperate email I sent a few days before my deadline, begging for something to put in the Class of 1968 column. My heartfelt thanks to them because I know all of us immediately open the *Och Tamale* to see our class notes. How disappointing if I have nothing to report! Help me out for the next issue. Thanks!"—Nancy

Memory Jockisch Holloway '68 is working on behalf of the Whaling Museum of New Bedford, Massachusetts, where she has translated essays from Portuguese for an exhibition catalogue on the artist Domingos Rebelo. Her three children are in various parts of the United States and Australia, where she lived for 20 years before returning to

New York to teach at Vassar College and later at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where she received the University President's Award for public service. She currently is teaching for Massachusetts Humanities in a program for low-income urban adults. Her three grandchildren live in Melbourne, Australia. In past years, they have joined her in Maine for the summers. Their pandemic gatherings have been on WhatsApp to write short essays on fish and Australian birds. Australians vote every year for their favorite birds, and her grandchildren report that this year the kookaburra is going to beat out last year's winner, the cockatoo.

Peter Konrad '68 retired on Sept. 30 after 36 years of managing grant-making foundations. He enjoyed his years in the field, working with many kind, generous people he will miss, but he looks forward to joining his retired wife and all his friends who are enjoying their retirements.

↘ 1975

Janet Kimmy Cooper '75 reports that retirement after 34-plus years at FedEx allows so much more time to focus on violin playing, as well as her favorite needlework. Her symphony orchestra work has largely been on hold during COVID-19. But once they were all vaccinated, Janet and her music club friends used the time well by learning new chamber music. She and her husband, Steven, plan to resume road trips in the fall.

Maureen McElligott '75 welcomed her first grandchild, Naomi, on May 12. She continues as chaplain at Redlands Community Hospital two days a week and loving Naomi the rest of her time.

↘ 1978

Brad Anderson '78 will retire in 2022 after 37 years with Nestlé and three years with California State University, Fullerton. He received numerous awards and accolades, including the most recent Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award in *Millennium* magazine in 2021. He looks forward to continued contributions to the community and travel.

David David '78 and **Debbie Sauder David '78** attended the wedding of daughter **Cindy Proskafalas Dell '78** in Honolulu in July. While there, they went on a private tour of the island with a company called "Donna's Detours." What a fun surprise it was to realize that their guide was **Donna Ambrose '79**! Debbie, Cindy, and Donna are all Delta sorority sisters. Small world! David also met up with his old roommate, **Ernie Caponera '78**, at the Tip Top European Deli in Carlsbad, California. They reminisced about their trip to Salzburg while having a Salzburg platter of bratwurst and knackwurst. They were known as the 7-Ups. Their Alpha Gamma Nu fraternity plaque was stolen years ago, so David has spent the last year recreating it, and now it is making rounds among the alumni before its final journey back to campus.



Bill Bollinger '65, Vern Shields '64, Gary Larsen '64, Dave Sawyer '64, and Gary Byrne '64 (left to right) gather in fall 1962 while studying abroad.



Renee MacLaughlan Bozarth '79, Gina Griffin Huribut '81, and Lisa Russell Pflueger '80 (left to right) reminisce over lunch.



Steve Turner '79 meets up with Bigfoot on a hike!



David David '78, Cindy Proskafalas Dell '78, and Debbie Sauder David '78 (left to right) celebrate at the wedding of Cindy's daughter.



David David '78 and Ernie Caponera '78 show off the new Alpha Gamma Nu plaque that David recreated.



Susan Martini Truman '83 and Nate Truman '83 are proud parents at their son's July wedding.



David David '78 (left) and Debbie Sauder David '78 (right) go on a tour of Hawaii led by Donna Ambrose '79 (center) last summer.



Bill Chute '81 visits Arches National Park in Utah.

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‘The gift of a global perspective’

Professor Jack Osborn’s two decades of service are honored with an endowed chair in his name.

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22

Professor Jack Osborn was the center of an event on Oct. 13 at the Newport Beach Country Club, where 100 alumni, colleagues, students, and friends gathered to celebrate his 20 years of service to the University of Redlands. Osborn was recognized for developing the University’s Global Business Program and an endowed chair was named in his honor.

Introduced by U of R Trustee Chuck Wilke '64, President Krista L. Newkirk welcomed the crowd, noting Osborn’s commitment to personalized education. “Coming together to honor and recognize the many accomplishments of an esteemed faculty member who has touched the lives of hundreds of Bulldog students is what we are all about at the University of Redlands,” said Newkirk.

More than 260 students have graduated from Global Business under Osborn’s leadership.

Following dinner, three alumni—Kara Babb '09, director of e-commerce, marketing, and customer experience of Signify North America Corporation; Taylor Guerrero '14, senior manager of global sourcing of Target Corporation; and Reed McCord '13, vice president, business operations and strategy of Impossible Foods—took the stage. They shared their personal experiences in Global Business, reflecting on how the personal care of



The Hunsaker Chair of Management has been renamed the Jack Osborn Professor of Management in honor of Professor Jack Osborn (above in 2012), who was feted this month at the Newport Beach Country Club for his 20 years of service to the University of Redlands.

Osborn’s mentorship led them out of their comfort zones. Cris Gunter, owner and chief executive officer of Bravo Foods, also spoke as Osborn’s mentee.

President Emeritus James Appleton recognized Osborn’s love of his students and the opportunities he helped provide, including through his leadership of the Fulbright Scholars program. “This responsibility required identifying candidates for this prestigious award and mentoring them,” said Appleton. “Through Jack’s leadership and care, 24 of our scholars have been awarded Fulbrights, a distinction not typical for universities of our size.”

Appleton then spoke about the endowed chair, which Osborn assumed in 2001 as the Hunsaker Chair of Management following Professor Emeritus Keith Barnes. Rich Hunsaker '52 and Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52 made a generous leadership gift to establish a chair to “promote the study of management in a liberal arts context, recognize an outstanding teacher and scholar, and enable the recipient to further their professional career.”

“Rich discussed with me his wish to rename the Hunsaker Chair of

Management for Professor Osborn as he appreciated Jack’s work so much,” said Appleton. “I wish [Rich] was here to experience it.”

Appleton and Newkirk conferred the endowed chair medallion to Osborn for the Jack Osborn Professor of Management, noting that his “name now is forever a part of this University.”

The event closed with grateful remarks from Osborn, who has called his career at Redlands “the best thing I’ve done,” and University Chair in Global Business Walter Hutchens, who committed to “care for and enhance the ‘house that Jack built.’”

As the global head of product strategy at PIMCO, Kim Stafford Korinke '00 knows firsthand the impact of Osborn’s work. “Jack implicitly understands that the greatest gift you can impart to someone is the gift of a global perspective.”

“It was rewarding to see so many former students come together with a common experience,” said Wilke, who serves on the Global Business Advisory Board, after the event. “This younger cross-section of our alumni showed their enthusiastic feelings for Jack.” **DT**

To make a gift in Osborn’s honor to the Jack Osborn Professor of Management Endowment, visit www.redlands.edu/givenow.

Welcome, new Alumni Board members!

The Alumni Association Board of Directors welcomes its newest members this fall, including front row (left to right) **Chrystina Smith-Rasshan '02, '20** and **Lynn Turnquist Spafford '76**; back row (left to right) **Janet Peckham Pearson '64**, **Ayesha King '10**, **Christian Curry '20**, **James Benanti '99, '05**; not pictured **Abbi Fine '21**, **Alex Hyland '20**, **Bear Ride '78 (M.Div.), '91 (D.Min.)**, and **Leslie Sernaque-Falcon '22** (Maroon and Grey Student Ambassadors president and student representative).



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▷ 1979

Renee Maclaughlan Bozarth '79, **Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81**, and **Lisa Russell Pflueger '80** met up in Tustin, California, for lunch. Many stories regarding their time at the U of R and in Anderson Hall were discussed.

Randy Malchow '79 and **Pam Butts Malchow '80** moved to Black Mountain, North Carolina, in 2012. Before that, they lived in Norco for 25 years. Their youngest son, Everette (23), lives in Irvine and works at Disney. Their oldest son, Cameron (31), lives in Riverside with his wife, Liz, and two daughters, Julie (1) and Emmy (3). Cameron is in project management with a firm in Pennsylvania. Daughter Jamie (33) is married to Doug and has two children, Abigail (8) and Jeremiah (6). They live a half-mile down the mountain from Pam and Randy. Jamie does web design and marketing promotions. Doug works for Randy doing handyman and light construction work. Pam is now "retired" and has been homeschooling their granddaughter Abigail. She will be team teaching next school year with daughter Jamie in taking on Jeremiah and Abby (thus "retired" stays in quotations).

Sharon Harvill McAuliffe '79 writes from Fort Walton Beach on the Panhandle of Northwest Florida, land of beautiful sugar-white beaches and hot, humid summers. They do get freezing temperatures occasionally during the winters, which they love, although with climate change, they are trending milder. Sharon and her husband, Tom, have now lived there for 11 years, after six in Hawaii. They both went into real estate a year after arriving (long story), which suits them well as they look toward easing into retirement. They celebrated 29 years of marriage this year! No kids, just their kitty cat, Gigi. This is a very "red" area politically, and Sharon is very involved with the local Democratic organizations. She is also on the County Recycling Advisory Committee, working hard to transition the county (and perhaps the entire Panhandle) into the next era of sustainable waste management. Between real estate and extracurriculars, Sharon

is quite busy! Tom renovated a 1970 Shasta camper trailer over the past several months, and they will soon be weekendending at some of the local state parks and beaches. Sharon sends her best wishes and Och Tamale to all of her late-1970s classmates!

Karol Moore Schmer '79, '82 lived in Grossmont Hall for three years (1976-1979) and graduated a year early, so most of her classmates and friends graduated in 1980. She completed the M.S. in communicative disorders in 1982 and retired in June 2019 after 36 years of employment as a school-based speech-language pathologist (20 of the last years with the Corona-Norco Unified School District). It was a fabulous career, and she would have continued working except her already-retired husband, Ron, gave her a little nudge to retire so they could travel and camp more. She and Ron just celebrated 40 years of marriage and live in Corona, where they met and started dating while attending Corona High School. They have four adult children, two of whom graduated from U of R: **Leslie Schmer '07, '09** and **Megan Schmer '14**. Karol had not visited the U of R since her graduation and was amazed by the physical growth of the campus. Their daughters enjoyed their time at Redlands and felt they had a great experience. Both were gainfully employed in their desired professions upon graduation. Retirement life is good and includes lots of time camping and hanging out with their four children and grandchildren.

Brian Szepkouski '79 reports that life is good in Bernardsville, New Jersey, where he, his wife, and their son, Stephen (16), live and work. Stephen was thoroughly engrossed in his "exploring entrepreneurship" course with USC this summer. His daughter Hannah (28) lives in Providence, Rhode Island, while officially working in Boston for a tech startup. They're looking forward to a little R&R in Turks and Caicos this summer and showing Stephen the good ol' U of R (he's planning to major in business), along with a few other colleges in November when they are in Temecula, California, for a family wedding.



Martha Fulmer Mendoza '82, **Rhonda Hoenisch Fouch '79**, **Melodie Zinck Scott '80**, **Sue Gehman Gilleland '81**, **Kelly Kennedy Ducey '81**, and **Gigi Murtaugh Garcia '80** (left to right) take a cruise to celebrate the retirements of Rhonda, Kelly, and Gigi from teaching.

Steve Turner '79 and **Rebecca Fischer '79** were presenters at the Florida Academy of Collaborative Professionals in Tampa. The title of the presentation was "Let's Open Your Suitcase: Unpacking Family Trauma in Collaborative Divorce." Rebecca is a national leader in the field of collaborative divorce, the nonlitigated collaborative process to make divorce less traumatic. Steve and Rebecca reconnected a number of years ago, and with Steve's anti-trafficking work focused on the trauma that human trafficking victims experience, they realized there was a common touchstone on the impact of trauma in so many aspects of people's lives. If you check out Rebecca's bio on her law firm's website, you'll see all the incredible things she has been doing! The firm is Fischer and Feldman in Hollywood, Florida.

Louise Doyle Valente '79 celebrated her 31st anniversary with Dan Valente this year and feels fortunate to continue to consort with Redlands grads on a regular basis. Their fabulous kids, Marissa and Isabella, are doing great even though they both went out of state for college. She celebrated her 34th anniversary running Pacific Coast Speech Services specializing in providing speech pathologists to school districts in the local area. She loves to mentor Redlands communicative disorders students at the bachelor's or master's levels and welcomes phone calls and emails. She is never short of advice for her fellow Bulldogs!

Ruth Ann Irvin Walker '79 has lived in the San Diego area for 35 years and has been fortunate to devote herself to many volunteer activities through her church, community, and the U.S. State Department. After serving as a volunteer host family for 17 amazing high school exchange students from 11 countries (each for an academic year) while raising their two sons, Ruth Ann and husband Frank transitioned to volunteer hosting short-term visitors through the State Department's

International Visitors Leadership Program for several years. Both experiences were marvelous, and they made friendships from all over the world! Two years ago, they decided to jump into full-time hosting and became hosts through Airbnb. If you love people (and don't mind doing lots of laundry), it's great! They enjoy having families stay in their home and sharing all of the things to do in San Diego. If any U of R Bulldogs come their way, they'd love to see you (airbnb.com/h/Casa-de-Walker).

↘ 1980

Paul Anderson '80 reports he has had a great life, been around the world, ensured the quality of his employer's businesses, and helped many people jumpstart their own businesses. He owes most of his enjoyment and work to the education he received and the people he met at the U of R. If it weren't for the variety of people and the experiences they all shared, he does not think he would have had such a great life. He often wonders how many U of R people have crossed his path. When you're "going around the world," you never

know who and what important paths you may have crossed. A big "hello and I hope you're all doing well" from an ex-Anderson Hall "dormmate." Somewhere, someday, maybe he will be able to enjoy seeing everyone again. He never made it to becoming a high school music teacher. Such is life!

↘ 1981

Bill Chute '81 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Arches National Park in Utah this summer.

Robert Groeber '81 has retired from working for the city of Visalia, California. He and his wife, **Jackie Harris Groeber '80**, are moving to the Ventura, California, area after living in Three Rivers for many years.

Connie Pezoldt Smith '81 has recently retired. She was a principal for the Orange School District. She is working on her doctorate in education at U of R.

↘ 1982

Martha Fulmer Mendoza '82, Rhonda Hoenisch Fouch '79, Melodie Zinck Scott '80, Sue Gehman Gilleland '81, Kelly Kennedy Ducey '81, and Gigi Murtaugh Garcia '80 took a Duffy boat cruise to celebrate the 2021 retirements of Martha, Kelly, and Gigi from teaching (cumulative 101 years)! They are enjoying their "endless summer!"

↘ 1983

Nate Truman '83 and **Susan Martini Truman '83** have good news! Nate's acute lymphoblastic leukemia is in remission after a stem cell transplant in January. He is back doing charity events and appearances with his movie and TV star cars from StarCarCentral.com. Susan is principal of the Home School Coastal Academy, with a big boom in new students due to families looking for options other than the public schools. Their oldest son, Christopher, was married July 24 to Alix Brawn, and their youngest child, Mindy, is now teaching in-person at a private school.

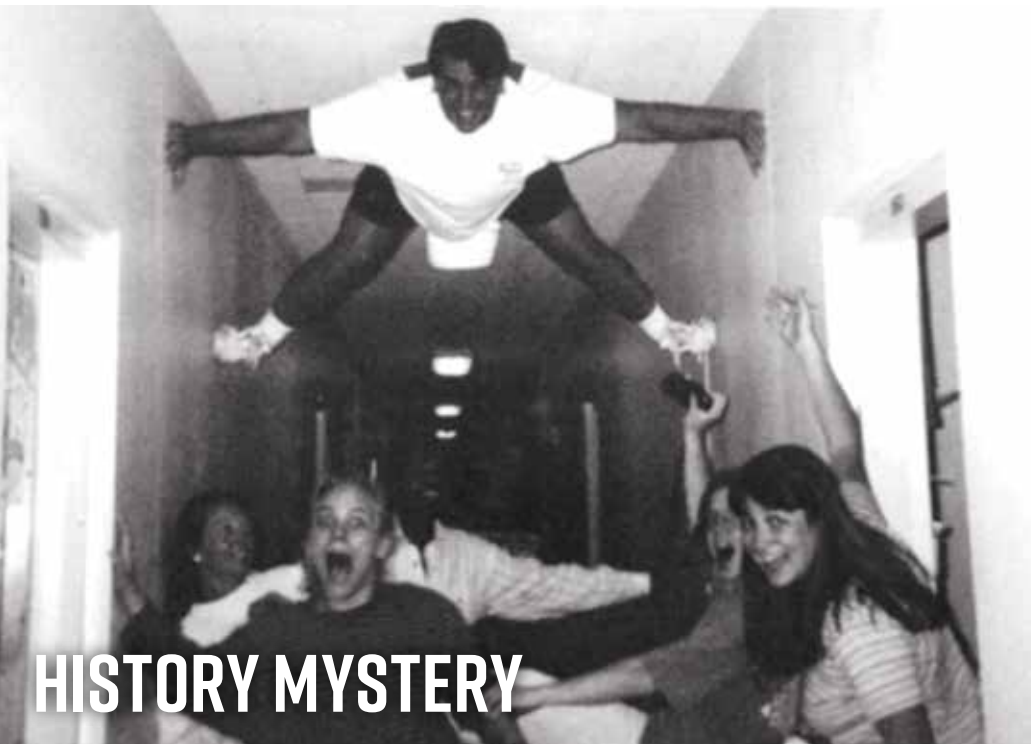
↘ 1986

Tom Westerfield '86 was promoted to president of Frisco Lender Services LLC, a subsidiary of Fairway Independent Mortgage, a top-five nationwide mortgage lender earning a 2021 Top Workplaces USA award by Energage, an organization that develops solutions to build and brand top workplaces.

↘ 1990

Reeve Baily '90 celebrated full vaccination with a long-awaited golfing escape to the glowing red hills of Sedona, Arizona, with **Andy Levack '92, Scott Scherer '92, and Adam Del Deo '92**. Fellow alumnus **Christopher White '92** volunteered as caddy and bartender for the group (but he can't wait to play next year).

Kiersten Larsen Garibaldi '90 created a YouTube page for quick yoga poses this past year, listed under Kiersten Garibaldi. She also teaches at least one beginner's yoga class in person a week. She volunteers at a second-hand shop for women and as a lunch lady at the elementary school where



HISTORY MYSTERY

This 1996 photo makes us wonder ... is this student duct-taped to the ceiling, or did U of R just have its own Peter Parker? Who is this acrobatic Bulldog? Did this feat take place in a residence hall? What exactly is everyone doing?

Send information to *Och Tamale*, University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373-0999 or email ochtamale@redlands.edu.

In response to our photo from the archives on page 42 of the summer 2021 issue, **Pam (Washburn) Ramsaur '69** writes, "What fun for me to realize that the photo from Dr. Dittmar's archive was actually of my spring 1967 Salzburg group! Dr. and Mrs. Tritt were the other faculty leading our group, and their son (Bob?) is in the photo. Other names are slowly filtering into my memory: Pictured are **Laurie Bosworth Skinner '69, Dave Shoffner '69, Mark Judy '69, and Keith Beck '69**. This semester was the highlight of my college career and opened the world to me. I attended the virtual reunion wearing my dirndl (surprise, surprise) and enjoyed all the reminders of that wonderful time. Dr. Dittmar was the best!"



COURTESY OF PAIGE SPOFFORD FROM THE REV. HENRY DITTMAR ARCHIVE

COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

her children attended. She mastered sourdough English muffins with a 100-year-old starter from Montana. She read *Breakfast with Buddha* and says it's a good read that made her laugh out loud. She jumped started her '71 Westy bus in the middle of a busy intersection, which was a first for her. It's the little things in life, right? She is almost an empty nester; her oldest, Kayla, is married and in her third year of dental school. Corey has headed off to Montana for grad school in accounting. The youngest, Kyle, is a junior at Ohio University majoring in industrial engineering.

Keith Perry '90 survived lung cancer, chemotherapy, and radiation. He went on to run a triathlon with a missing lung.

Sydney Stevens '90 released a new single, "Winds of Change," plus a CD and songbook, *Waltz of Life*, in 2020. She was fortunate enough to record two songs with Pansy Chang (Pink Martini cellist) and Keiko Araki (Oregon Symphony violinist). Currently, Sydney is working on a collection of 12 piano and vocal songs titled *Footprints* set for a 2022 release. On a few songs, she teamed up with her husband and fellow musician, Brian, on vocal harmony and guitar. Check out Sydney's new website at sydneystevenswatermusic.com for a listen! She also has live performances on YouTube. When she is not in her music studio, Sydney can be seen taking care of animals.

↘ 1994

Rebecca Brophy '94 is busy working two contract jobs at Frito Lay and Intuitive Surgical in the regulatory department. Not a lot of time for anything else. She knows this pandemic was hard for many people, but she has always liked being home, and the traffic was less. Now that everything is opening up, she is bummed that so many people are out and about and not social distancing, as if they don't care anymore. She's fortunate enough not to know anyone that has died of COVID-19 even though she was extremely sick last March, the sickest she has ever been!

Gloria Cheung Henderson '94 and **Andrew Henderson '92** are back on stage again as theaters reopen. Gloria is reprising her role as Grace Farrell with her daughter as the title character in *Annie*. They love performing as a family!

Pete McCall '94 published a second book, *Ageless Intensity: High Intensity Workouts to Slow the Aging Process*, with publisher Human Kinetics. The book was released on Aug. 1, and readers can learn the science of how exercise can be the fountain of youth!

Heather Pescosolido Thomas '94 has changed careers after nearly six years working for a nonprofit. She now works as the admissions coordinator at a private day school in San Luis Obispo, California. She loves the change, working in education, and the school for which she is working.

↘ 1995

John Albert '95 was promoted on July 1 to assistant superintendent of human resources for the Escondido Union School District.

Leslie Ferguson '95 is enjoying life in the San Diego area. She is a member of the San Diego Poets Underground and a repeat performer at So Say We All's visual/audio monologue performance storytelling showcase. Her debut memoir, *When I Was Her Daughter*, is slated for publication this November from Acorn Publishing. For more information, visit LeslieFergusonAuthor.com.

Cori Gadbury '95 and her husband have returned to the United States after spending a few months living in Germany helping family during the pandemic. Cori started a new job at United Talent Agency as a tour marketing director.

↘ 1996

Brenda Beck Brunton '96 works for Inspire Brands as a construction manager supporting Dunkin', Baskin Robbins, and Sonic. Brenda, her husband, Jamie, and their two boys, Ryder and Tanner, recently moved to Carlsbad, California.

Heather Hunt Dugdale '96 and best friend **Molly Sinclitico Engblom '96** enjoy living close enough in San Diego to have their kiddos on rival high school teams for Friday night lights—Molly's son, Jack, for football and Heather's daughter, Reese, for cheer. One of the many gifts Redlands gave them was a lifetime friendship.

Annalisa Haldy Ghidossi '96 regularly regales her class with her adventures in beautiful Switzerland and this summer's visit to Oregon with her husband, Michele; son, Patrick; and daughter, Emily.

Ulla Hester '96 is working as a transportation planning consultant in Denver. She lives in Boulder with her husband and rescue dog enjoying all the hiking, biking, skiing, running, and swimming Colorado has to offer. Since graduating, she has worked in Silicon Valley, lived and worked in Boston during and after earning a master's degree in city planning from M.I.T., and has called Colorado her home since 2014.

Jennifer Bell Knecht '96 graduated from California State University, San Bernardino with a master's in administration in December 2020.

Cristy Crain Libatique '96 is in her third year as principal for Tehachapi High School and Monroe Continuation High School in California. She just bought a house for her and her two boys, ages 15 and 12.

Jennifer Argue Moffet '96 continues to awe with her math skills. She loves her job teaching, while also enjoying fun adventures with her husband, Aaron; son, Evan (who is attending University of Texas at San Antonio); and her silly, sweet, musically talented son, Chris.

Nikki Spearmint '96 has her hands full running after her three girls: Reese (seventh grade), Rylie (fourth grade), and Rhea (second grade), who are very happy to be back at school in person.

Rich Spelts '96 and **Becky Robinson Spelts '96** have three insanely smart kids—well, two of them at least seem to be smarty pants with awards for 4.0 GPAs, while their big brother was just dropped off at Colorado Christian University. All this information



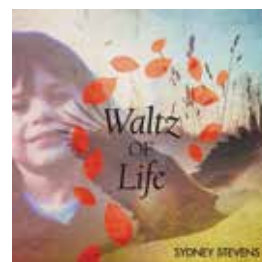
Leah Larkin '00 and Rob Seifert '02 welcome a baby Bulldog, daughter Elin.



Luke Willard '04, Keegan Tanghe '04, Mike Werner '04, and Brad Wenzel '04 (left to right) cool off in Keegan's pool this summer.



Heather Thayer '04 and Luke Willard '04 take in music and art at the Laguna Beach Sawdust Festival.



Sydney Stevens '90 releases a new single, CD, and songbook.



Matt Ambriz '13 and Jessica Medvec Ambriz '13, '17 are proud first-time parents to Vincent.



Jacque Balderas Cavanagh '13 and her husband, Josh, welcome a daughter, Quinn.



Elijah James Kinsey, born in November 2020 to Dominique Atherley Kinsey '13 and her husband, Mike, has Bulldog spirit!



Emily Owens Yensen '13 and her husband, Zac, welcome their baby boy, Archer Owens Yensen.



Evan Baughman '06 receives the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year Award.



Emily Owens Yensen '13, Lindsey Zehner Meuser '13, and Lauren Zehner Mulhern '13 (left to right) pose with their sons in their hometown of Portland, Oregon.



Irene Chow '06 homeschools her three children.



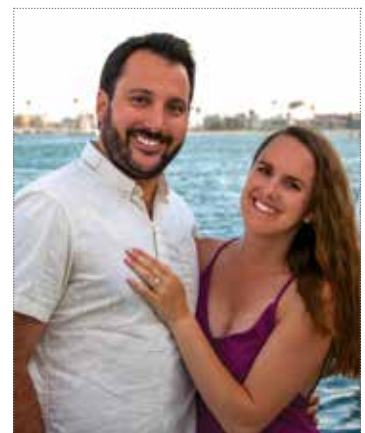
Victoria Llort '13 is the new government and regional affairs coordinator for the Coachella Valley Water District.



Rebecca Alder '14 and her new fiancé, Eddie, are engaged on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.



Daniela Frey '14 and fiancé Mike are engaged to be married next summer.



Amanda Westerfield '14 and Grant Piercy celebrate their May engagement in Long Beach, California.



Adam Sjoberg '21 joins a long line of Bulldog alumni in his family.

was obtained from Becky's Facebook page, so she gets the first round of drinks in a contest hosted by **Heather Hunt Dugdale '96** to get classmates to give her their updates.

↘ 2000

Leah Larkin '00 and **Rob Seifert '02** welcomed daughter Elin on Feb. 5. Her big sister, Emersen, is a third-year student at University of Redlands! Elin joins sisters Hannah, Emersen, Callan, and brother Thomas!

Rebecca Romo Weir '00 accepted a position as general counsel of The Stronach Group, a privately held international company in the entertainment and hospitality industries that owns many of America's premier horse racetracks. She is excited about the new challenge.

↘ 2002

Riste Simnjanovski '02, '04 and **Lauren Gutenberg '06** welcomed their second child, a daughter. Elle was born on March 30. Riste, Lauren, and their children, Uriah and Elle, currently reside in Redlands, California.

↘ 2003

Anthony Akau '03 is now Brother Anthony Akau after joining the Benedictine Monastery, where he resides.

Melani Schuss Armstrong '03 is going on her 14th year at Intuit. She was promoted to senior product manager this past winter. She and her husband purchased their forever house last summer in San Diego, California, and could not be happier. Their kids, Leah (9) and Ian (7), are doing well and keep them on their toes.

Darin Durante '03 has started a new position with Adidas North America in Portland, Oregon.

Anne Dickhoff Ramallo '03 won a writing contest for her short story "One More Rose Gold Sunset."

Lara Urrutia '03, '06 returned to higher education to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California Thornton School of Music after teaching piano and accompanying

at the U of R School of Music for a decade. She maintains a highly active performing career and is currently preparing to teach for her 12th year at the U of R.

↘ 2004

Nicole Bowen '04 relocated to Santa Barbara, California. She was nominated as a 2021 Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Woman of the Year candidate and was recognized as the Gold Coast (Santa Barbara and Ventura County) Woman of the Year runner-up. During just 10 weeks this spring, she raised more than \$35,000 for LLS.

Eric Engman '04 and his wife have relocated to Ohio. This fall, he begins graduate studies at Cornell University, where he is pursuing an executive MBA/M.S. in health-care leadership.

Aland Failde '04 relocated to Orange County, California. He has a new role in marketing at Second Dinner, a gaming startup working on a Marvel video game.

Keegan Tanghe '04, Brad Wenzel '04, Mike Werner '04, and Luke Willard '04 gathered at Keegan's for a small reunion in Corona, California.

Heather Thayer '04 and **Luke Willard '04** enjoyed music and art at the Sawdust Festival in Laguna Beach.

↘ 2006

Evan Baughman '06 is a theater and creative writing teacher at Wilmington Middle School STEAM Magnet in the Los Angeles Unified School District. His play for elementary school students, *Sprout Wants Out*, was published by YouthPLAYS, and it can be found at www.youthplays.com. His spooky plays for teens, *Fear Pressure* and *The Dodo Challenge*, were published by Next Stage Press, and they can be found at www.nextstagepress.net. A *Romeo and Juliet*-inspired play for teens, *Untragically Ever After*, was published by Heuer Publishing, and it can be found at www.hitplays.com. He is also the recipient of the 2020-2021 Teacher of the Year Award at his school.

Irene Chow '06 graduated from the School of Education with K-8 general education credentials. While she is no longer teaching in a regular classroom setting, she uses her skills daily while homeschooling her three children.

Bob Toomey '06 became a fellow of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, as well as chief of the podiatry section at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital. He is a partner at Potomac Podiatry Group.

↘ 2009

Ashley Stahl '09 has a new book, *You Turn: Get Unstuck, Discover Your Direction, Design Your Dream Career*, to help graduates figure out their best next career move.

↘ 2010

Melissa Hall Darcey '10 was selected for the highly competitive Kenyon Review Online Writers Retreat for Educators.



A new book by Ashley Stahl '09 helps graduates figure out their best next career move.

↘ 2013

Matt Ambriz '13 and **Jessica Medvec Ambriz '13, '17** welcomed their baby boy, Vincent, on March 7.

Jacque Balderas Cavanagh '13 and her husband, Josh, welcomed their baby girl, Quinn, on March 6.

Dominique Atherley Kinsey '13 and her husband, Mike, welcomed a boy, Elijah James Kinsey, on Nov. 27, 2020.

Victoria Llorc '13 is the former programs and public affairs manager for Mission Springs Water District, Desert Hot Springs. She also worked as a strategy and policy advisor for County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez and interned in the office of U.S. Rep. Raul Ruiz. In her new role as government and regional affairs coordinator for the Coachella Valley Water District, she will represent the district at meetings and events with other governmental agencies, stakeholder groups, and various business, water industry, and legislative organizations. She will coordinate subject matter experts, lobbyists, and policymakers. Other duties include outreach to elected officials and policymakers, developing a local city staff committee, and coordinating special projects. She sits on the board of directors for the American Outreach Foundation, Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of the Desert.

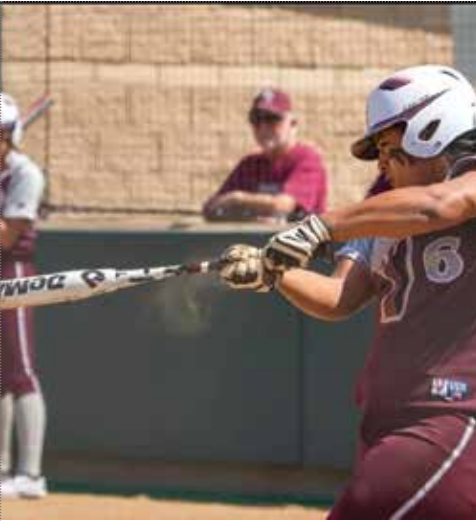
Emily Owens Yensen '13 and her husband, Zac, welcomed their baby boy, Archer, on Feb. 23. Emily and Archer also visited **Lindsey Zehner Meuser '13, Lauren Zehner Mulhern '13**, and their sons, Taylor Meuser and Christopher Mulhern, in their hometown of Portland, Oregon.

↘ 2014

Rebecca Alder '14 got engaged on June 3. She and her fiancé, Eddie, have known each other since high school and have been dating since November 2017. This summer, they took a vacation to the island of Kauai, where Eddie proposed to Rebecca on a cliff overlooking the ocean. It was a dream come true, and she's so excited to spend her life with him!

Daniela Frey '14 got engaged to her fiancé, Mike, on March 20. They will be married next summer. Daniela recently moved to Newport Beach.

Amanda Lievanos '14 played softball for the University of Redlands from 2010 to 2014 and again in 2015 as a grad student to replace a year that she missed due to injury. Last year, it was announced that she had been inducted into the University of Redlands softball Hall of Fame. However, due to



Amanda Lievanos '14 is an inductee into the Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend.



Michael Huizar '08 retires after 30 years in the United States Coast Guard Reserves.



Lauryn Pena '17 proudly shows off her new book.

COVID-19, they were unable to have the official induction ceremony. In October 2021, Amanda was inducted into the Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend! It is an accolade she is very proud of!

Christine Teixeira '14 got engaged on Jan. 1 to her boyfriend of four years, Scott Millikan.

Cassandra McCulley Tuiasosopo '14 married Timothy Tuiasosopo and was promoted at work. Her new job title is manager of inside sales for the newest NHL franchise, the Seattle Kraken (their first puck drop was Oct. 23).

Kira Rojanaroj Wegner '14 and **Derek Wegner '04** welcomed daughter Palmer on Jan. 3. Kira's son is Greyson, 3. Kira's husband is now the youth pastor at the ARK Redlands Church, which is on the corner of E. Citrus Ave. and N. Grove St., right down the street from the U of R. She got a new job this year as the new music and choir teacher at Valley Preparatory School in Redlands.

Amanda Westerfield '14 was engaged to Grant Piercy on May 22 in Long Beach, California, where they are both from!

↘ 2016

Kelsey Warren '16 earned a master's of public health at Colorado School of Public Health.

↘ 2018

Nathan Hierlihy '18, a former Bulldog football kicker and punter, signed a contract with a spring professional football league. He will play for the Alphas in Indianapolis, who play in the same stadium as the Colts.

↘ 2021

Rachel Caruthers '21 is attending Alliant University to obtain a master's in marriage and family therapy.

Adam Sjoberg '21 is the 13th member of his family to graduate from the U of R. The LaFourcade Community Garden was endowed in memory of his grandfather, Ronald J. LaFourcade. He has a handprint made in 2005 when he and four other grandchildren "worked" in the garden. His family members include his parents, **Teri LaFourcade '89** and **Paul (Skip) Sjoberg '90**, his sister **Sydney LaFourcade Sjoberg '19**, brother **Jay Sjoberg '23**, grandmother **Beverly Tompkins LaFourcade '59**, and paternal grandfather **Richard Sjoberg '61**. His aunts and uncles are **Ron LaFourcade Jr. '84**, **Lisa LaFourcade '87**, **Gary Regalado '86**, **Denise LaFourcade '92**, and **Kelly Cooper '95**.

Johnston

↘ 1986

Camille Leon '86 recently published her uplifting self-help book, *Fresh Starts: Transformation*

in Action. Camille invites readers to indulge in a new beginning as they embark on a journey toward positive change and a better life. Her book intertwines her personal experiences of changing her life for the better with introspective questions and reflection-focused exercises. She shares her story of finding balance and restoration after a long history of putting her work before her wellness.

↘ 1994

Loran Inman '94 has been blessed with the opportunity to transition his counseling practice into three days a week virtually since February 2020 and looks to continue this for as long as he possibly can. He continues to work with a lot of people to address issues related to trauma, addiction, and mental illness. His son, Judah (11), just completed the fifth grade and plays on a select baseball team. His wife, Natalie, is a psychology associate for a state facility that works with intellectually delayed adults. They have done well through the trying times of COVID-19 and traveled a few times out of state. They are thankful and blessed in so many ways and look forward to what the coming year brings.

Schools of Education and Business & Society

↘ 1989

Doug Everhart '89, '91 is involved in University of California, Irvine campus news and at the national level on the executive committee of the United States Health Promoting Campuses Network helping campuses adopt the International Okanagan Charter as a guiding document to aid them in becoming health-promoting universities.

↘ 2008


Michael Huizar '08 retired after 30 years in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. He entered service in June 1991 and retired on July 19.


↘ 2017


Lauryn Pena '17 has a new book, *Love and Mardi Gras*, an American fiction novel tracing the self-development of a young woman who becomes immersed in the vibrancy of New Orleans during Mardi Gras. In doing so, she learns to navigate a post-break-up world while reclaiming her own power and identity. Readers can purchase the novel wherever books are sold. Lauryn also utilized her Redlands MBA to release a one-of-a-kind nonfungible token (NFT) of the book, available to purchase on Opensea. If you would like to contact Lauryn, she can be contacted via Instagram @loveandmardigras or email inquiry@loveandmardigras.com. **OT**

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CLASS NOTES REPORTERS

COURTESY OF NANCY DUREIN '65



Let us celebrate you

I absolutely loved my four years at Redlands. My semester in Salzburg was the most profound, wonderful experience of my life (other than marriage and family, of course!). We were thrilled when our daughter, **Julie Durein Ruhle '96**, chose Redlands. It was fabulous to be back on campus frequently and to sing in the Feast of Lights. During that time, Marilyn Bonney encouraged me to become involved and asked me to co-lead the San Francisco Bay Area alumni group, which was very active at the time. I loved

meeting alumni from other classes.

Being the 1965 class reporter is such fun. I've come to know classmates I didn't know 60 years ago, and I've maintained and renewed friendships with so many other fellow Bulldogs. Helping to plan the last three reunions has been delightful, and I'm hoping for a large turnout this fall.

I am extremely proud of this University and its myriad accomplishments and achievements over the decades. It is truly an outstanding institution. I cherish my U of R associations and am grateful that I can contribute in some small way.

—Nancy Durein '65

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The College

John Duffy '45, April 15
Margaret Evans Masson '46, July 23
Glenn Lundell '47, Jan. 17
Wayland Parsons '47, Jan. 2
Dea Beardslee Coombes '48, Aug. 15
Jane Dumbleton Glenn '49, July 4
Janet Bullock Van Emon '49, June 2
Alice Lane Wymer '49, Jan. 29
Bill Cadwallader '50, Feb. 9. Family members include daughter Mary Cadwallader '83 and sister Joan Cadwallader Ash '56.
Aileen Haller Parkes '50, Nov. 26, 2020
Marilyn Widle Ramey '50, July 19
Sylvia Schutz Devoss '51, Feb. 20
Bill Rowland '51, Nov. 9, 2020. Family members include wife Evelyn Cline Rowland '51.
Douglas Duncan '52, April 22
Hugh Huntley '52, Feb. 21. Family members include sister Carol Huntley Wolff '55.
Kenneth Fry '53, July 25
Bill Walcher '53, May 6. Family members include son John Walcher '89.
Bob Bell '54, '61, May 29
Polly Reynolds Bullwinkel '54, May 12
Josephine Kuttruff Lofton '54, July 8
Jeanne Ludlow Ray '54, Jan. 23
Rod Skager '54, June 2
David Ballesteros '55, '95, Aug. 5
Susan Lawrence Lawson '55, March 21. Family members include brother David Lawrence '58.
Patricia Thomas Gaboury '56, July 24
Lawrence Elson '57, July 4
Dorothy Murray Hawkins '57, March 20
Marvin Loper '57, June 17
David Phillips '58, March 4
Barbara Renfrew Armstrong '59, July 28
Grace Calderwood '59, Jan. 13
Clara Pairo Farley '59, July 4
David Fitzsimons '59, July 8

Penny Wickett Kennedy '59, '90, Aug. 1. Family members include daughters Susan Jameson Hopper '89 and Wendy Jameson '94.
Lon McClanahan '59, May 21
Lennon Paige '60, Jan. 12
Judy Dunbar '61, Oct. 19, 2020
Janis Yates Kaukola '61, May 1
Jean Bailey Lehman '61, July 10
Dave Hauser '62, March 2. Family members include brothers Alan Hauser '65 and Philip Hauser '67.
Sydney Woolworth Hauser '62, March 3. Family members include brother Bill Woolworth '61.
Joyce Franklin Anderson '63, Feb. 16. Family members include sister Ellen Franklin Beans '62 and brother David Franklin '68.
Judith Burger Carrington '63, Feb. 8
Carolyn Schulz Guth '63, May 18
F. Paul Thimsen '63, May 26
Shari Templin Bassett '64, March 10
Sam Kirk '64, Feb. 3
Arthur Akina '65, Feb. 12
Roger Gates '65, July 7
John Herrell '65, March 27. Family members include wife Constance Cooper Herrell '67.
Sarah Stevenson Helt '66, March 31
Chuck Milhiser '67, Feb. 18
Pam Goldsworthy Corns '68, May 15
Nancy Daum Johnson '68, July 21
Nick Miller '68, Jan. 10
Edward Holm '70, July 23
Bruce Andrews '71, Nov. 21, 2020
Bob Reiland '72, Aug. 11
Phyllis Jerscheid '76, May 2
Debora Most Biddick '77, Jan. 17. Family members include daughter Jacqueline Biddick Pendery '01, '05.
Susan Lawrence '77, May 6. Family members include son Devin Lawrence '96, '98.
Phillipp Schmidt '78, May 18. Family members include sister Kristen Schmidt Cameron '75 and brother Mark Schmidt '80.
Paul Freeman '81, April 9
Jeffrey Mumma '81, May 30. Family members include sister Rebecca Mumma '78.
Stephanie Raddatz '92, May 15
Wendy Garthwaite Hand '95, March 29. Family members include

husband Michael Hand '95 and sister Tracy Garthwaite '95.

Rikki Shackelford '95, Aug. 1
Casey Dumont '01, Aug. 7
John Pearson '09, April 19

Johnston

Angela Brown '83, March 20
Cari Ann Tomlinson Tosso '97, Dec. 11, 2020

Schools of Education and Business & Society

Joan McCauley Hargrave '52, July 27
Jo Nickell Raab '74, Aug. 17
Mercedes Sgroi '74, May 1
Mary Burke '76, May 14
Joseph Esther '77, Feb. 7
Norma Brown '78, Jan. 13
Ann Bingham-Freeman '79, March 14. Family members include daughter Erin Freeman '13.
Daniel Gott '79, April 27
Judith Puestow-Pelka '79, June 13
Raymond Huff '82, Jan. 7
Janet Wilhelm '83, Aug. 15
Gail Clark '84, June 17
Jean Hollinger '85, Aug. 13
Sharon Hagelstrom Philips '85, April 3
Lena Longo '86, July 26
Matthew McNally '88, Aug. 13
Linda Pack '88, Aug. 16
Michael Sullivan '92, March 25
Otis Vaughn '92, Jan. 31
Phil Messina '93, Feb. 11
Therese Garrity '98, April 30
Duane Mathis '98, July 6. Family members include wife Suzanne Waters Mathis '97, son Marvin Mathis '96, '01, daughter Melanie Mathis Sherif '98, and daughter Melissa Mathis '01.
Rowena Avery '99, May 4
Lynn Lightcap '07, March 20
Anthony Garcia '13, Jan. 29

Friends

William Engs, July 2. Former adjunct faculty member for Whitehead College.
Linda Krajewski, June 1. Visiting faculty member and former adjunct faculty in the psychology department.

Robert Maybury, April 12. Former professor of chemistry.

Jerry Stanners, June 3. Bulldog track and field enthusiast. Family members include former U of R track and field coach Jeff Stanners '98.

Evelyn Wilcox, Aug. 21. Former Town and Gown Woman of Distinction award recipient.

In memoriam

Ed Barwick '47 passed away peacefully Aug. 23 at age 95. During WWII, Barwick began U.S. Navy pilot training while at the University of Redlands, where he met his future wife, Dorothy Wilcox Barwick '47. As co-captain of the football team, he led the Bulldogs to their first undefeated, untied season in 1945 and was named twice to the First Team All-Conference. Ed transferred to the University of Southern California and played in the 1946 Rose Bowl. He completed his education at Redlands with the GI Bill and later contributed to the endowment to fund scholarships for generations of students studying business and education. He was proud of providing jobs in Napa, California, with Ed Barwick Motors, where he always put customers first. His community service included teaching business at Napa College, and extensive civic engagement with Rotary International, the Elks Lodge, Napa State Hospital, Napa Salvation Army, the Gasser Foundation, and many other organizations. He also served four terms on the Napa City Council and was the driving force in securing long-term water rights for Napa from California's North Bay Aqueduct Water Project in the 1960s; the Edward I. Barwick Jamieson Canyon Water Treatment Facility was named in his honor. Ed and Dorothy were married 57 years before she passed away in 2004. He later married Linda Shirey and enjoyed their retirement until her passing in 2018. Ed was also preceded in death by his granddaughter, Kristen. He is survived by daughter Ann Houseal '74 and her husband, Bob '74; son Bruce and his wife, Lisa; son Steve and his wife, Shirley; grandchildren Jennifer, Ryan and

wife Lisa, Stephanie and husband Jeremiah, Stuart and wife Fania, and Matt and wife Jane; 10 great-grandchildren; family friend Christy Witham; and nieces and nephews.

Jeanne Walker Cornwell '51 died on July 26 at age 92. Cornwell was a member of Delta Kappa Psi sorority and the SPURS and Mortar Board honor societies. She married Wray Cornwell '51 in 1952. Jeanne was an active volunteer and served on the University's Alumni Association Board of Directors, and served as the Class of 1951 reporter for 50 years. She was president of the Altadena Republican Women's Club and Friends of the San Marino Public Library, and was involved in San Marino PTA, PTSA, and PTAffiliates. She served as a deacon and ran the library at San Marino Community Church. Jeanne and Wray were also members of the Friends of the Huntington Library and Alaroma dance club, and active supporters of The Old Mill Foundation and Huntington Medical Research Institutes. In 2004, the San Marino Rotary Club honored the couple as Paul Harris Fellows for their contributions to the community. Jeanne was preceded in death by Wray and her sister, Mary Frances Walker Hendon '47, and brother-in-law Larry Hendon '47. She is survived by son Tom Cornwell; daughter Kay Cornwell Romer '83 and her husband, Greg; and grandchildren Ella Cornwell, Laura Romer '15, Colin Romer '18, and Glenn Romer.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis, whose congressional district encompassed large parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties, died July 15 at the age of 86. On Aug. 5, his memorial service was held at the University's Chapel. He and his wife, Arlene, established an endowed student science research fund. The Redlands campus's nearly 15,000-square-foot Lewis Hall—housing classrooms, labs, a studio, and Environmental Studies and Geographic Information Systems faculty offices—is named for the congressman. The longest-serving Republican congressman in California history, he retired in

2013 after 40 years as an elected representative, serving most notably as the chair of the House Appropriations Committee and House Republican Conference chairman; he also had a reputation for his bipartisan work and camaraderie. Early in his career, he was elected to the San Bernardino City Unified School District Board, then State Assembly, where he was an integral force in the creation of the South Coast Air Quality Management District, before heading to the U.S. Congress. He is survived by Arlene; brothers Ray and John; children Jenifer, Jerry Jr., Jeff, and Dan; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sally Wieschendorff Morris '61 passed away on June 11 at age 82. She double majored in education and political science at the University of Redlands, was active in SPURS honor society, Delta Kappa Psi sorority, and was a member of the U of R's first intercollegiate tennis team. She also spent a semester at American University in Washington, D.C. She met Pat Morris '59 at U of R, and they married in 1961. In 1964, they moved to San Bernardino, where they worked and raised their family; Sally taught middle school, and Pat practiced law. Sally was also an active University alumna and served as Alumni Association Board of Directors president. She devoted decades to community service and leadership to Inland Harvest, the First Presbyterian Church of San Bernardino, the Superior Court's Students in the Courthouse program, Girl Scouts, refugee resettlement, a group home for abused children, and San Bernardino Symphony's Music in the Schools program. After working with former President Jimmy Carter on a Tijuana Habitat for Humanity project, she co-founded the Habitat for Humanity San Bernardino chapter. She also helped found both the Community Arts Productions performance group and a program supporting youth in juvenile hall. Sally is survived by Pat; daughter Katie Morris Willis '88; son Jim and his wife, Dawn; granddaughters Maggie and Abby; grandsons Aidan and Owen; her brother, Jim

Wieschendorff '63 and his wife, Cathy '66; and many nieces and nephews.

Patricia Fleming Opp '48 passed away on April 14 at age 94, in Pasadena, California. At University of Redlands, she earned a bachelor's in English with a minor in music and was a pianist. She was a member of Alpha Theta Phi sorority and SPURS honor society, and she later served on the University's Alumni Association Board of Directors. At U of R, she met Walter Opp '40, and they were married for 30 years until his death in 1982. As a travel agent, Pat traveled the world and arranged trips for others to enjoy. She was kind and thoughtful, and she participated with friends in high school reunions, as a sorority sister, and as president of women's clubs and charity groups in Pasadena. Pat was known for the beautiful parties she threw and was a talented decorator. She is survived by her three daughters, including Marti Opp Adams '78, and their husbands, and five grandchildren, including grandson Peter Adams '13.

Alexandra Pierce, School of Music faculty emerita, passed away Feb. 1 at age 86. A composer, pianist, music theorist, author, and educator, Pierce was a professor of music and movement at Redlands from 1968 to 2001. In 1976, the University commissioned Pierce's award-winning five-movement composition, *Behemoth*, for the U of R orchestra. A recent *Musical Assumptions* blog review of a new *Behemoth* recording stated: "Her technique at orchestration is excellent—as good as any better-known 20th century composer. She often lets her material travel in a hockey-like fashion around her very large-sounding orchestra." According to Kile Smith's tribute on his composition- and music-related blog, "much of her music is inspired by animals and by the Old Testament." Besides *Behemoth*, she leaves behind a rich collection of music for piano, voice, choir, and chamber ensembles. In 2007, Pierce published *Deepening Musical Performance through Movement: The Theory and Practice of Embodied Interpretation* (Indiana University Press), summarizing a lifetime's

work on bringing together the aural, structural, and somatic aspects of musical performance; she also co-authored two books on exploring and enhancing movement with husband Roger Pierce; she and Roger, also a professor and later a Rolfer, collaborated on many other projects, including *Moving Voices*, a poetry performance troupe. Alexandra earned a Bachelor of Music from University of Michigan, a Master of Music from the New England Conservatory of Music, a Master of Arts from Harvard University, and a Ph.D. from Brandeis University.

Dwanna Runner died on July 12 at age 84. She was an administrative assistant at the University of Redlands until 2010 and worked for President James Appleton. In 1992, she married former Bulldog Head Football Coach and Athletic Director Ted Runner '48, who passed away in 2002. She was a regular attendee at many Bulldog sporting events alongside longtime friend Sally Cummings '56. Dwanna is survived by two children; six grandchildren, including William Millar '16; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Bruce Varner, prominent Inland Empire attorney, philanthropist, Bulldog parent, and longtime supporter of the Redlands Scholarship Fund and Town and Gown, died May 8 at age 84. Varner was a founding partner in the law firm of Varner & Brandt, and he served on the University of California Board of Regents, including a term as chairman of the Regents. As a philanthropist, he helped advance cancer research at the University of California, Riverside. While Varner could have had a promising career in professional football, he chose a career in law and earned a law degree from UC Hastings College of the Law in 1962. He stated in a 2011 newspaper article that the highlight of his legal career was a Stater Bros. proxy fight enabling the late CEO Jack Brown to win control of the grocery chain. Varner is survived by a brother; four children, Kevin Varner, Sean Varner, Brett Varner '91, '05, and Nicole Orue; and eight grandchildren. **OT**

ON SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021–
Saturday, April 23, 2022

Various exhibits
Peppers Art Gallery

Raúl Acero, Nov. 16–Dec. 12; Penny McElroy, Jan. 18, 2022–Feb. 6; Herb Weaver, Feb. 15, 2022–March 13; Senior Art Show, April 5–23. Gallery hours are 1–5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 2–5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit www.redlands.edu/gallery for show details or call 909-748-8508.

December
Feast of Lights



In December, the U of R will commemorate the 75th Feast of Lights at the main Redlands campus. Celebrate the holiday season in person with a time-honored campus tradition—a service of worship celebrating the story of the birth of Christ and the symbolic message of the star of Bethlehem as it led the Wise Men to the stable. For more information, visit sites.redlands.edu/feast-of-lights or contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Friday, Dec. 3
Moveable Feast
5 p.m., Casa Loma Room

As a prelude to the Feast of Lights, Town & Gown will host its annual Moveable Feast. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a delectable sit-down dinner. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/townandgown.

Tuesday, Dec. 7
Redlands on the Road: Seattle
5:30 p.m., The Westin Bellevue

Our new president, Krista L. Newkirk, is going on the road, and she wants to meet our alumni in Seattle! We invite you to join us at this event to share your thoughts with her and network with fellow Seattle alumni over drinks and appetizers. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

For the most up-to-date list of University events, visit www.redlands.edu/news-events.

Sunday, Dec. 12
A Canadian Brass Christmas
7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel

A master of concert presentations, Canadian Brass has developed a uniquely engaging stage presence and rapport with audiences. The hallmark of any Canadian Brass performance is entertainment, spontaneity, virtuosity, and, most of all, fun. Tickets can be purchased at www.redlands.edu/canadianbrass or by calling the Ticket Office at 909-748-8116. The Ticket Office is open Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022
Seegerstrom Series: My Fair Lady
2 p.m. matinee, Seegerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa

My Fair Lady tells the story of Eliza Doolittle, a young Cockney flower seller, and Henry Higgins, a linguistics professor who is determined to transform her into his idea of a “proper lady.” But who is really being transformed? To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022
Vintage Johnston
6 p.m., Orton Center

The annual Vintage Johnston Wine Tasting and Dinner is a fundraiser for the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies' Student Project Fund. Come to bid on silent and live auction items, win raffle prizes, sample an amazing array of wines, and enjoy lively conversation. For more information, contact Margaret Ruopp at margaret_ruopp@redlands.edu or 909-748-8839.

Thursday, Feb. 17–Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022
The Thanksgiving Play
by Larissa FastHorse
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Feb. 17, 18, 19, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

Good intentions collide with absurd assumptions as a troupe of artists scrambles to create a pageant that manages to celebrate both Turkey Day and Native American Heritage Month. Directed by theatre business majors James Johnston '22 and Thomas Johnston '22. Tickets may be purchased online at www.redlands.edu/theatre-productions. For more information, contact Theater Arts, 909-748-8728.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022
Presidential Inauguration
Main Redlands Campus

Save the date for the Inauguration of Krista L. Newkirk, 12th president of the University of Redlands. For information, visit www.redlands.edu/inauguration2022 or email inauguration2022@redlands.edu.

Saturday, March 5, 2022
Seegerstrom Series: Wicked
11 a.m. luncheon; 1 p.m. matinee, Seegerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa

Two girls meet in the land of Oz. One—born with emerald green skin—is smart, fiery, and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious, and very popular. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good makes for the musical the *New York Times* called “Broadway’s biggest blockbuster.” Prior to the show, President Krista L. Newkirk will enjoy lunch with attendees, who will have the opportunity to share their thoughts with her and network with fellow alumni. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Friday, March 11–Saturday, March 12, 2022
Charlotte S. Huck Children's Literature Festival Adult Conference
Orton Center

Learn and refuel in a collegial atmosphere surrounded by educators, librarians, parents, students, authors, illustrators, editors, and those interested in children's literature. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/charlottehuckfestival.

Sunday, March 20, 2022
President's Honor Recital
4 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Since 1983, the President's Honor Recital has provided a public showcase for outstanding student performers selected through audition. This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Thursday, April 7, 2022
University of Redlands Giving Day
Anywhere you are!

This crowd-driven fundraising event supports areas throughout the University, unlocking challenges and matching opportunities for your favorite programs, athletic teams, campus organizations, and more! Show #URallin for what matters most to you at Redlands! For information about Giving Day or to become an ambassador, visit www.redlands.edu/giving/giving-day.

Friday, April 8, 2022
The Queen's Six
7:30 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Based at Windsor Castle, the repertoire of The Queen's Six extends far beyond the reach of the choir stalls: from austere early chant, florid Renaissance polyphony, lewd madrigals, and haunting folk songs to upbeat jazz and pop arrangements. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Redlands on the Road: New York City

Our new president, Krista L. Newkirk, is going on the road, and she wants to meet our alumni in the Big Apple! We invite you to join us at this event to share your thoughts with her and network with fellow New York alumni over drinks and appetizers. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Wednesday, May 4, 2022
Redlands on the Road: Washington, D.C.

Our new president, Krista L. Newkirk, is going on the road, and she wants to meet our alumni in the nation's capital! We invite you to join us at this event to share your thoughts with her and network with fellow D.C. alumni over drinks and appetizers. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.



Friday, June 2–Friday, June 16, 2022
Celebrating 60 years (and beyond!) of Redlands in Salzburg
Bohemia, Danube, and Salzburg, Austria

You will start your journey in Prague, then venture through Bohemia to your boutique river cruise vessel for an eight-day luxury journey down the Danube. After the cruise, you will head to Salzburg to enjoy four nights at the Hotel Sacher, the five-star Grand Dame of the city. Join your fellow alumni to connect or reconnect with Salzburg and celebrate more than 60 years of study in Austria for the University of Redlands! To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

“My passion is the process of teaching itself,” says Valorie McLaughlin '75.



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Helping tomorrow's teachers, today

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22

When Valorie McLaughlin '75 came to the University of Redlands to earn her master's degree in education, she was a stay-at-home mother taking a temporary break from teaching to raise her family.

“My older daughter [Suzanne] was just two years old, and I was expecting my younger daughter [Aimee] when I started,” says McLaughlin, who had taught fourth, seventh, and eighth grades in Alvord Unified School District in Riverside. “I was totally into motherhood, but I also loved studying.” McLaughlin kept a diary during this time when her children were little, which she later published as a book, *Suzanne & Aimee*.

As a School of Education student, McLaughlin blossomed in the U of R's intimate classes and small group seminars. To this day, she recalls discussions on Jean Piaget's child development theories with enthusiasm. A few years after receiving her master's degree, McLaughlin returned to her alma mater to teach a curriculum class in the Hall of Letters, accompanied by her young daughters, who remember the building from those days.

Supervising yesterday's student teachers

Before McLaughlin returned to full-time teaching, she met Barbara Phelps '45, '68 and began volunteering at Redlands Unified School District. Phelps became a friend and mentor in her career, providing her with hands-on experiences and special projects. When McLaughlin was set to retire after 31 years as a K-12 educator, Phelps—who had been a student-teacher supervisor at the University—encouraged her to consider also becoming a supervisor.

“Barbara knew I could encourage student teachers with helpful feedback,” McLaughlin says. During her 14-year tenure at the University, she supervised nearly 200 Bulldog student teachers, helping them with classroom management. “I wanted my students to develop their own teacher voices and styles,” she says. “Also, I told them that they were really teaching when they got their students to *think*.”

Supporting tomorrow's student teachers

McLaughlin and her husband, Forrest Greek, have embarked on a journey of giving back to the schools where they each have special

connections. It is a passion project for the couple, and they are approaching their philanthropy with excitement and thoughtfulness.

After consulting the U of R Development Office, McLaughlin started the Valorie McLaughlin Endowed Scholarship Fund for Student Teaching, which will provide financial support to aspiring teachers in perpetuity. As she grows the endowment, she also will make gifts that will enable the School of Education to begin awarding the scholarship later this year. Additionally, McLaughlin has included a provision for the scholarship in her trust.

A passionate lifelong learner like his wife, Greek has been alongside McLaughlin throughout the entire process. “Anytime we have discussed the scholarship, you can see the shot of animating energy in Valorie,” says Greek. “I am lifted up by that. It has been so exciting for both of us.” Greek is making similar gifts to Crafton Hills College.

McLaughlin is thrilled to re-engage with the School of Education. “Establishing these scholarships is an extension of my professional life,” says McLaughlin. “My passion is the process of teaching itself. Helping those becoming teachers was my passion as a supervisor, and that continues to find expression in the next chapter of my career.” **BT**

For information on how you can create an endowed scholarship at the University, please contact Tony Truong, assistant vice president for advancement, at 909-748-8358 or tony_truong@redlands.edu.



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