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FUTURE**

**'DO GREAT
THINGS'**

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on his nine years as
president of 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.

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Dear *Och Tamale* reader,

This is a special issue of *Och Tamale* magazine in several ways, marking a moment in our history involving many transitions.

Change of leadership

On Nov. 9, 2020, President Ralph W. Kuncel and his “partner in all things,” Nancy Kuncel, announced they would be retiring from the University’s presidency on June 30. “As we step out into our own next professional passions in life, we can anticipate that the openings we leave for you may help inspire the revival of spirit the University so desires for 2021,” he wrote.

In place of the letter usually published in “View from 305: Thoughts from the President’s Office,” this issue instead features an interview with President Kuncel on some of the highlights of his presidency and their impact on the University’s long-term future (see pages 2–7).

As we go to press, the Board of Trustees has announced the selection of the 12th president of the University of Redlands, Krista L. Newkirk, J.D. (see back cover). Newkirk, who will be the first female president of the U of R, is currently president of Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She will join the University of Redlands in July. Look to the next issue of this magazine for a more complete introduction.

Passing of the pandemic

I fervently hope that this period also marks what will ultimately be viewed as the end of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our news stories in this issue include coverage of virtual

events over the past several months and an announcement from the University that it intends to return to in-person learning on all campuses this fall. This issue’s cover story, “Stepping into a post-pandemic future,” (see page 16) presents a variety of U of R experts pondering the big-picture issues of where the pandemic has brought us and where we go from here.

On-brand redesign

Reflecting our optimism for the future, you may have noticed some changes to the magazine’s design—updated fonts, a splash of blue here and there, and some additional motifs. Thanks to our senior graphic designer, Juan Garcia, for bringing this new look to life.

These changes follow in-depth work of the University of Redlands with consulting firm Ologie to hone the brand of the University and its schools to help us communicate what we have to offer in unique, consistent, and compelling ways. The collaborative process involved more than 120 interviews with a variety of University constituents. As a result, we are better able to articulate the promise the University makes to its students every day—bringing together access and opportunity to inspire meaningful lives—as well as dozens of proof points of how the University delivers on this pledge. We hope this work will help position the University to thrive in its own remarkable, curious, kind, determined, authentic, and inclusive way in our post-pandemic future together.

Warm regards,
Mika Elizabeth Ono

“The pandemic offers this moment to ask, ‘What have we learned that we want to build on?’”

—Professor of Political Science Althea Sircar

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President Ralph W. Kuncel
to Bulldog community:

‘Do great

WILLIAM VASTA



2016 “We are far from what we were when we walked onto campus that first time back in 2012, yet we are not done evolving into who we will be,” says President Ralph W. Kuncel at the 2016 College of Arts and Sciences Commencement ceremony. “This is just as true for me ... and the University ... as it is for you. Today is not an ending point; rather, it is just another beginning.”

2012 “The critical decisions are the ones that have a long-term impact, shaping the University’s future potential—not next year, but 20 or 30 years in the future,” says Kuncl, shown here attending his first Cabinet meeting. “The focus is always on the future and the possible.”



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2020 “What would [Martin Luther King Jr.] say about his ‘dream’ from a half-century ago?” Kuncl asks a gathering of Bulldogs about to join a Peace Walk across campus during Martin Luther King Jr. Week. “Was it merely one man’s dream, or can you and I do something to make it a reality?”



By Mika Elizabeth Ono

To mark the occasion of Ralph W. Kuncl’s departure from the U of R presidency at the end of June, *Och Tamale* magazine partnered with Ellie Obrochta ’19, one of the many people Kuncl has mentored over the years, to interview him about the highlights of the last nine years and his vision and hopes for the future of the University. (The interview has been edited for length and clarity.)

Watch parts of this interview and other commentary in the video “Themes and variations: President Ralph W. Kuncl orchestrates future possibilities for U of R” at www.redlands.edu/FarewellDrK.

Ellie Obrochta ’19 for *Och Tamale*: How did you approach the job of being University President?

Ralph W. Kuncl: Despite many competing priorities as President, I tried to keep in mind the importance of relationships, as well as the big-picture direction of the institution. The critical decisions are the ones that have a long-term impact, shaping the University’s future potential—not next year, but 20 or 30 years in the future. The focus is always on the future and the possible.

OT: What were the biggest challenges?

RWK: Many positions at the University serve one constituency or another—be it students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, donors and University friends, or the local community. The President serves all of them. We’ve had plenty of situations that are controversial, whether it’s racial injustice in America or the pandemic. Everyone has valid opinions, but the President has to counterbalance all of the competing views and carefully navigate the constituencies.

OT: What were the biggest satisfactions of the job?

RWK: It is satisfying to be able to make an impact on the issues one cares about and to help expand the future opportunities for this University, and I’ve been able to do that to a large extent. Mentoring is one area that is very meaningful to me. As many people will tell you, I find it tremendously rewarding to help faculty and students achieve their professional goals. I hope I’ve made a little difference in their lives; they’ve made an enormous impact on me. ▶



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2021 “What’s amazing is that people will get off of the train [when service starts early next year] and land on a platform with a pavilion, and it will look like it’s been there forever on the University campus because it’s architecturally aligned with the rest of the University’s iconic buildings.”

NATHAN STROUT '02 '11



2013 “I have a dream that within a decade a young woman will step off the light rail extension of the Metrolink ending at the new University Village station,” says Kuncl during his inauguration ceremony. “She will find herself on our new, progressive South Campus and be exploring the most impressive advanced college community she could ever imagine.”

The coming train station

OT: Construction crews are working on the final stages of the Arrow line train route. How did the rail station come to be part of your vision for the University?

RWK: The rail station was part of my vision for the University from the beginning. I mentioned it in my inauguration address in 2013. When I got to Redlands, I asked myself: “What is the biggest asset the University isn’t using?” The answer was real estate. I thought the 30 acres of dirt and wild growth on the southern part of the main campus could be transformed into a vibrant destination by the train station and a surrounding University Village. I imagined the space would feature pubs and fine dining and boutiques, perhaps also a green grocer, a coffee house, and open green spaces where musical ensembles could perform in the evening. The Village would also feature high-quality, multigenerational residences that would be attractive to faculty, alumni, graduate students, and the community. All of that is going to become a reality in the future.

OT: Where are we now in terms of the rail station and University Village development?

RWK: We can think of the project in three parts: the rail tracks, the station pavilion, and the eventual University Village. The rail tracks are the furthest along. The San Bernardino County Transportation Authority is soon to begin testing the rail line

with old diesel engines. Actual passenger service on sleek new energy-efficient trains is slated to begin in early 2022. The station was completed in early May. What’s amazing is that people will get off of the train and land on a platform with a pavilion, and it will look like it’s been there forever on the University campus because it’s architecturally aligned with the rest of the University’s iconic buildings. The Village itself will take longer. We’re at the stage now where there has been a request for proposals, or RFP, that, through competition, will result in the selection of a master developer who will over years acquire investors and will envision, design, and construct that Village in phases.

OT: In 20 years, how do you think the rail station will shape the University?

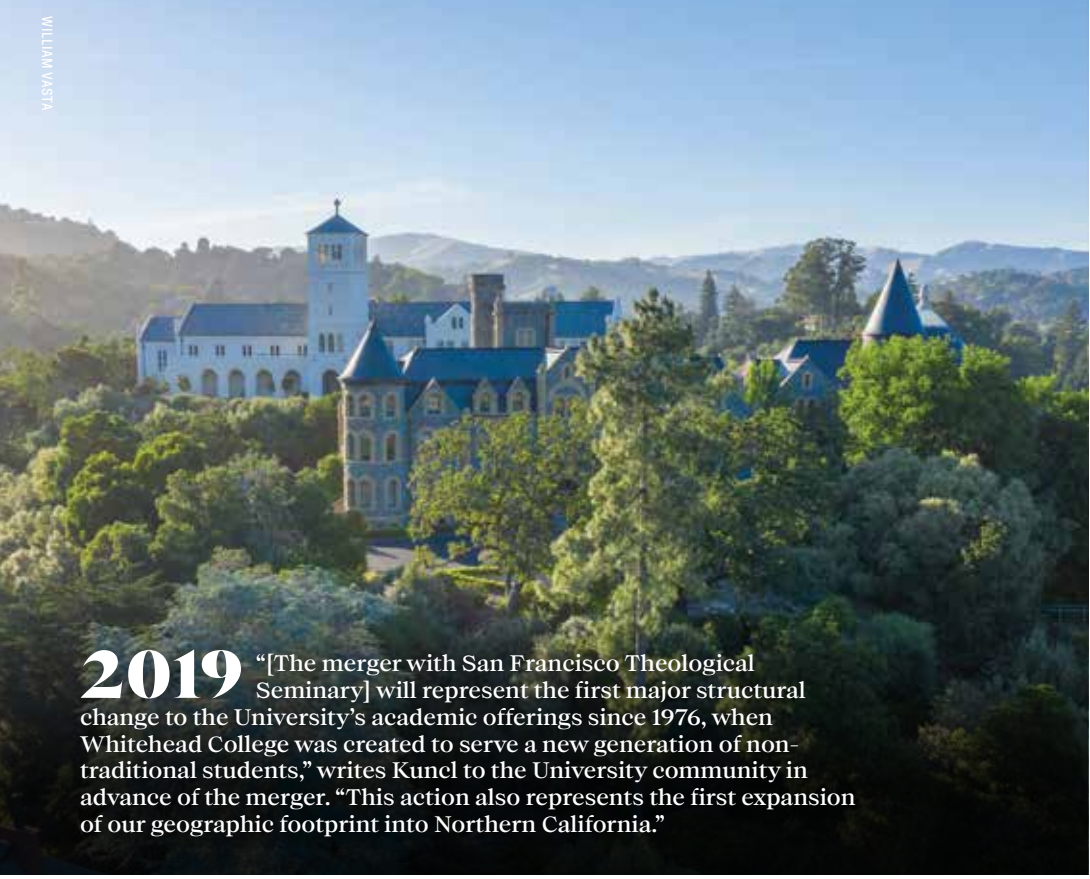
RWK: It’s inevitable—in 20 years, the University community will take entirely for granted the rail station, train service, and University Village. The train will connect Redlands and all of Southern California, making it easy for prospective students to visit our campus and for our students to take advantage of volunteer service, recreational, and internship opportunities across Southern California. That will be transformative. In addition to being a social and cultural destination, the project will also create economic development for the

City of Redlands and the University, helping to support everything we do.

Addition of the Marin campus

OT: The University of Redlands’ merger with the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) in July 2019 was one of the most significant changes during your time as president. Was a merger something you had planned to do during your presidency?

RWK: A merger was not something anyone could have planned on. But it’s important to have a prepared mind, and, in our strategic planning process North Star 2020 led by Provost Kathy Ogren, we thought about the possibility of partnerships with the right kind of institution. Such a major undertaking would only be considered if it enhanced the University of Redlands’ mission and strategic goals. And that’s the opportunity that came along. To be successful, I’ve always said that a merger has to involve institutions that are financially complementary and culturally aligned. Those are the two things that can kill a merger and frequently do. But there also needs to be more: “One plus one equals two” is not interesting; “one plus one equals three” is very interesting. Our merger/acquisition created a new Graduate School of Theology and a new campus to host



2019 “[The merger with San Francisco Theological Seminary] will represent the first major structural change to the University’s academic offerings since 1976, when Whitehead College was created to serve a new generation of non-traditional students,” writes Kuncel to the University community in advance of the merger. “This action also represents the first expansion of our geographic footprint into Northern California.”

new interdisciplinary academic programs, as well as conferences and events.

OT: What advantages did you see in the merger?

RWK: The University of Redlands gained a pristine 19-acre campus in Northern California only 15 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge, a significant endowment, and a highly regarded graduate program in theological studies. SFTS maintained its identity and 150-year-old purpose as a seminary and stabilized its financial outlook. Both institutions expanded opportunities for their students and alumni. For the U of R, that includes internships, mentorships, and networking within the dynamic Bay Area. For SFTS, that means access to education on such diverse topics as management, counseling, leadership, and nonprofits.

OT: In 20 years, what do you see as the Marin campus’s role within U of R?

RWK: If we activate the *potential* of the Marin campus, the University will thrive. Geography will no longer limit us: one university, but multiple places, both real and virtual. In 20 years, I see the Marin campus as a multidisciplinary center with programs not only from the Graduate School of Theology, but also the Schools of Business, Education, Music, and Continuing Studies, as well as vibrant collaborations among our

schools—just one example might be a degree in liturgical music. The Marin campus will also become a sought-after conference center that leverages the incredible location and facilities there.

Our House celebration

OT: One of the occasions you introduced into the academic life of the University was *Our House*, an annual celebration of creative and scholarly work. What was the origin of the *Our House* celebration?

RWK: The name for *Our House* came from [Professor] Art Svenson’s brilliant spoken word performance at my inauguration ceremony on Feb. 20, 2013, when he looked at me directly and said, “Take care of our house!” In that moment I felt the weight of the responsibility to not merely lead but take great care. While many academic institutions have some sort of formal celebration of scholarship, I noticed that was a missing element at Redlands. So, with the provost, I designed a way to publicly present and exhibit scholarly research to broad audiences, to celebrate that work.

OT: What has been the result?

RWK: *Our House* is now an annual program recognizing the diverse creative and scholarly talent of our faculty and staff. I am continually impressed to see the variety



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and creativity involved, whether it is poetry, musical compositions, politics, languages, scientific research, or accounting handbooks. Trustees have paid attention and learned more about the University’s scholarship.

OT: In 20 years, how do you see *Our House* making a contribution?

RWK: Since *Our House* encapsulates a core aspect of the University of Redlands—its intellectual and creative life—I think *Our House* is here to stay and will continue to enrich the life of the University for decades to come.

Forever Yours fundraising campaign

OT: The nine years of your presidency have coincided with all phases of the *Forever Yours* campaign, which has almost reached its goal of raising \$200 million. What were your initial thoughts about the campaign when you started the job as President?

RWK: When I was interviewing for the position of President, I said, “If you hire me, the campaign starts today, and I will seek to double the endowment.” And that’s what we’ve done. Of course, it takes a dynamic team. We’ve nearly met the \$200 million goal—we’re almost there.

OT: What was a highlight of the campaign for you?

RWK: One moment that mattered greatly in the campaign was when the late Rich Hunsaker ’52 and Ginnie Hunsaker ’52 [see page 30] made a transformational \$35 million pledge—the largest gift in the University’s history—to establish the ▶



2017 “The University will experience more financial stability and a greater ability to withstand crises because of its expanded endowment,” says Kuncl of the ambitious \$200 million *Forever Yours* campaign, which is almost complete. Here, a musical tribute at Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend kicks off the public phase of the campaign.

2021 “The University’s role as an anchor institution in the community really stands out,” Kuncl says of U of R’s response to the pandemic, which included a vaccination clinic (shown here), COVID-19 testing center, food donations, and a walk-in medical clinic for the homeless.



Hunsaker Scholarship Prize. The scholarship is awarded annually to a select number of exceptional and entrepreneurial incoming students from diverse backgrounds who will become leaders in society and will follow the Hunsakers’ example by giving back to their communities and the University.

OT: What will the long-term impacts of the campaign be—in 20 or 30 years?

RWK: The University will experience more financial stability and a greater ability to withstand crises because of its expanded endowment. And the person who will break the Hunsakers’ record gift to the University could be a Hunsaker Scholar.

COVID-19 and the Redlands community

OT: It has been quite a year, with the pandemic and all that’s involved in responding to these once-in-a-lifetime circumstances. As an M.D., how did you approach the problem of keeping the University community safe?

RWK: As a medical professional, I was earlier than most in January 2020 in seriously considering that COVID-19

could become a pandemic. After all, in my academic and medical career I had lived through six of the worst pandemics in history: Hong Kong Flu of 1968, HIV/AIDS of 1981 to present, SARS in 2003, H1N1 Swine Flu of 2009, and Ebola and Zika of 2014. In mid-February 2020, I put together a team to convene and take charge in case the “novel coronavirus” became a public health emergency; I knew we would need to make critical decisions on supplies, communications, and procedures if a pandemic emerged. I had hoped we were overpreparing, but unfortunately, these turned out to be necessary precautions. Throughout the pandemic’s duration, our University community’s health and safety, as well as that of our friends and neighbors, were my highest priority. I always quoted the most authoritative medical sources (that’s the “Fauci effect”) and tried to use common sense.


OT: Could you describe the impact of COVID-19 on the University?

RWK: COVID-19 has affected every aspect of our operations and every member of our community. Yet, we have continued

to pursue diligently our goal of delivering a personalized education to our students. Professors, students, staff, and alumni have risen to the occasion by being adaptive and creative. In addition, the University’s role as an anchor institution in the community really stands out. This included donating more than 13,000 pounds of food for those in need; partnering with Loma Linda University to open a walk-in medical clinic for the homeless; working with the County of San Bernardino to provide a COVID-19 testing center; and collaborating with Redlands Community Hospital to launch a vaccination clinic on the Redlands campus. We prayed for health and safety. But I believe in action: as the late Congressman John Lewis said, “When I pray, I move my feet.”

OT: In 20 years, what do you think the effects of the pandemic will be?

RWK: Unfortunately, human memory means many of us will have comfortably forgotten lessons learned, just like the 1918 influenza pandemic. Some things, like wearing face coverings and hosting virtual conferences, will remain part of our culture. However, the spirit with which we met the

2018 “Maybe the most fun experience for me was when I won a chance to conduct the Redlands Symphony Orchestra playing the National Anthem,” recalls Kuncl, who is an amateur vocalist and passionate about music. “I invited Angel Blue ’05, our alumna and now Metropolitan Opera star, to join me by singing and improvising. It was extraordinary. ... Music will continue to be a distinctive and enriching part of the University of Redlands, as new generations of students and faculty embrace all that the music program has to offer.”

pandemic—the determination, innovation, and compassion—are qualities that are part of the DNA of this institution and will last far longer than the next 20 years.

Music

OT: Anyone who knows you knows that you love music and enjoy performing as an amateur vocalist. Have there been any changes to the music programs since your arrival?

RWK: I believe the music programs, in general, have thrived since I have been here, including a new master’s in vocal chamber music. The School of Music’s success probably has little to do with me, though, and a lot to do with the steadily increasing creative talent of faculty and students. One event I did elevate is the President’s Honor Recital. I took a personal interest and tried to engage the audience for these wonderful performances by personalizing the featured students, who were selected through auditions.

OT: What were some of your favorite memories of your presidency?

RWK: They have to do with musical performance, of course. I remember walking through the streets of Manhattan in 2013, parading with U of R’s Nicholle Andrews and the choristers towards Carnegie Hall, where I joined the University of Redlands choirs in a performance of Mozart’s *Requiem*. Then there was a performance of Verdi’s *Requiem* with Joe Modica [now director of the School of Music] in Hollywood, in 2014, which was a fundraiser for the Wounded Warriors Project. Perhaps one of the greatest highlights of my time was the chance to perform with the choirs and University orchestra in the 2014 Feast of Lights conducting Handel’s *Hallelujah Chorus*. At the four performances, I had a trick up my sleeve for the students in the orchestra—I conducted about 10 beats faster each night until, on the last night at breakneck speed, they couldn’t believe the excitement in the air. Maybe the most fun experience for me was when I won a chance to conduct the Redlands Symphony Orchestra playing the National Anthem. That idea seemed just too ordinary. So I invited Angel Blue ’05, our alumna and now Metropolitan Opera star, to join me by singing and improvising. It was extraordinary.

OT: What do you see as the role of music at the University in 20 years?

RWK: Of course, music will continue to be a distinctive and enriching part of the University of Redlands, as new generations of students and faculty embrace all that the music program has to offer. I see a future with a robust, interdisciplinary performing arts program and center, with music, theater, dramaturgy, and dance.

Looking ahead

OT: You are stepping down from the presidency at the end of this academic year. What is ahead for you?

RWK: I am reminded of what Cornel West said about faith: “We’ve forgotten that a rich life consists fundamentally of serving others, trying to leave the world a little better than you found it. ... In many instances we will be stepping out on nothing, and just hoping to land on something.” I have faith it won’t be long before I am fully immersed in other meaningful pursuits—which already encompass several nonprofit and corporate board memberships, including chairing the Board of Directors of the Tuition Plan Consortium [the parent of the Private College 529 Plan with its 300 member colleges and \$400 million in assets under management] and as a director of the fintech firm three+one [a national start-up corporation providing financial services, liquidity analysis, and banking RFPs].

OT: What message do you have for the U of R community?

RWK: There is enormous potential for this University, and now it is up to you, members of the Bulldog community, to decide what to make of it. Take my vision of the Marin campus and the University Village and its train ... and do great things. Vision alone is not enough; you have to make things work. As scripture goes, “Without vision, the people perish.” But *with* vision, you’ll have a university that is truly compelling. **OT**



The COVID-19 vaccination clinic on the University of Redlands main campus serves people who live or work in San Bernardino County.

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COVID-19 RESPONSE

U of R combats pandemic by hosting community testing, vaccination centers

The University of Redlands stepped up to meet community needs during the pandemic by hosting two major endeavors: a COVID-19 testing center, introduced in November 2020 in partnership with San Bernardino County, and a vaccination clinic, which opened in March 2021 in collaboration with Redlands Community Hospital and other local organizations.

“This is a historic moment,” says U of R Vice President for Administration Michelle Rogers. “These public health efforts reflect the University’s dedication to its core values and to our University and local communities.”

COVID-19 testing site

The San Bernardino County COVID-19 testing site in University Hall on the U of R main campus offers testing free of charge, helping to contain the spread of the virus by identifying people who otherwise might not know they are infected.

The site is a “win-win-win partnership,” says University Dean of Student Affairs Donna Eddleman. “Our University community gets convenient access to free COVID-19 testing; the larger Redlands community has a new testing site within easy reach; and the county facilitates an increase in testing to help limit local cases.”

Since the University’s COVID-19 protocols have included a weekly testing requirement for those living, learning, or working on a U of R campus, many members of the U of R community have made use of the testing site. This included the College of Arts and Sciences students who chose to return to residential life for the spring semester; students taking in-person experiential classes, such as labs and studios; and faculty, staff, and on-site administrators.

Vaccination clinic

The vaccination clinic, located at the University’s Orton Center, is serving residents of San Bernardino County according to state guidelines for eligibility.

The University is managing the site’s non-clinical volunteer staffing—about 60 people per day and site maintenance. Redlands Community Hospital is handling the health-care aspects of the clinic, including registration; securing, transporting, and tracking each dose of the vaccine; and recruiting hospital medical staff to administer the shots.

“Having a convenient location in the center of Redlands made the process of getting a vaccine so easy,” says U of R employee Sarah Griffin ’19, ’20, ’22, who also volunteered at the clinic. “I feel really fortunate that the University was so proactive in making the vaccine available.”

The vaccination effort was part of a citywide collaboration, dubbed Operation Greater Good, spurred by a sense of urgency to vaccinate members of the Redlands community. In addition to the U of R, members included the Redlands Fire Department, Redlands Police Department, Esri, and Redlands Unified School District.

‘What made you decide to move to campus?’

On Jan. 16, the University of Redlands welcomed about 460 residential students in the College of Arts and Sciences back to the main campus, with numerous COVID-19 health and safety precautions in place, including weekly testing. This was the first time a significant number of students resided on campus since the California governor’s stay-at-home order was issued in March 2020.

Some students answered the question, “What made you decide to move to campus?” as they moved into residence halls at the beginning of the year.

“I decided to move to campus because this is my first year, and I thought it was worth it. I’m glad that Redlands has precautions in place to make it happen. Obviously, it’s going to be different, but to me, it’s my college experience. So far, I’m happy. I like that the dorm feels very roomy, and my friends and I are already planning socially distanced activities.”

—**Abby Gordon ’24**
Germantown, Maryland

“I want to be a music major, and I found that trying to learn an instrument—like the piano or even my instrument of choice, which is guitar—in a virtual setting wasn’t something I could internalize. I’m nervous, but I’m excited. It’ll be a learning experience.”

—**Mitch Owens ’24**
New York, New York

“My hometown, St. Louis, is very different than Redlands. I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to come to campus, even with restrictions in place. Although my classes are online, I felt being able to come to campus and meet people, even when we’re socially distanced, would be a huge benefit to me. I’m in a group chat with everyone in my residence hall, and people have been really nice and helpful throughout the whole process.”

—**Alayah Lipnick ’24**
St. Louis, Missouri

“I am a junior, and I’ve been gone for almost a year now. It’s a beautiful campus. Yeah, it’s not going to be the same feel. But you’re here in the town of Redlands, with other people who are in the same position as you are. I’m feeling good about it. While it’s not going to be the same as when we first were here, I’m looking forward to the new and different ways we can still enjoy college life.”

—**Garrett Falkenstine ’22**
Tucson, Arizona

“I play for the Redlands basketball team, and I wanted to be engaged with my sport. I’m excited, and I’m ready for the spring semester.”

—**Angeline Roque ’23**
San Diego, California

“I decided to move back because I wanted to be closer to my friends, and I thought it was a better decision for me academically. I just wanted to have more human interaction because we’ve been lacking that for a long time.”

—**Ata Bekce ’23**
Istanbul, Turkey

“I feel like I work better in a more academic environment. I felt I needed more focus, and on campus, that’s where I found it. There were also time zone differences because I’m from outside of the country, so navigating that was kind of difficult.”

—**Ivan Dogbegah ’22**
Rolle, Switzerland

“I decided to come to campus because I really wanted to be able to experience all of those things that my parents and my friends talked about living in the dorms. My parents both studied here and lived in the same hall I’m living in—my mom actually lived in the same suite. I was really excited when I found that out.”

—**Christine Crowe ’24**
Downey, California

“I’m excited to move to campus because I’m ready for a little bit of change in any way possible. After being in Portland with my lovely family, I’m just ready to find a way to move on with life at this time.”

—**Sarah Fulmer ’24**
Portland, Oregon

U of R plans to return to in-person instruction in the fall

On March 4, the President’s Cabinet announced the intention for the University to return to in-person instruction and regular housing occupancy for the fall semester across all its schools and campuses.

“This return to in-person opportunities has been accelerated by the U of R vaccination clinic on the Redlands campus,” wrote the Cabinet. “The clinic is currently facilitating COVID-19 vaccinations for U of R faculty, staff, and administrators, as well as others in the Redlands community, in accordance with the state’s phase system.

Our vaccination campaign is a critical step in keeping our entire community safe and emerging on the other side of the pandemic. Of course, the University will continue to follow health and safety guidance from the County of San Bernardino, the State of California, and the Centers for Disease Control for the fall semester, and will be ready to pivot should any change occur.”



During the spring semester, the Redlands campus welcomed back students such as Heaven Rivera ’21 (left) and Sabrina Nunn ’21.

THE COLLEGE / CONTINUING STUDIES

Partnership launches academic summer semester

The University of Redlands is launching an online summer term, thanks to a partnership between the School of Continuing Studies and the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

This past year's transition to online education, in which students often took courses from an off-campus residence, made completing the traditional four courses a semester challenging for many. The new summer term allows students to earn credits in upper- and lower-division courses in art, math, biology, business, history, religion, communication sciences and disorders, political science, and sociology.

"Although the University has considered adding a summer term many times, it never seemed quite right—until now," says Provost Kathy Ogren. "We are happy to adapt in this way to meet the needs of our students during this extraordinary time in our nation's history."

In addition to current, entering, and outgoing CAS students, the courses will be open to high school students; students from other schools, colleges, and universities; alumni; lifelong learners (65 and older); and others interested in participating.

In this inaugural year, the summer session will consist of one eight-week term, running from June 14 to Aug. 9, 2021. All but one lab skills course (offered by the biology department) will be taught virtually. In future years, the summer term will include online, hybrid, and in-person options.

Steve Wuhs, interim CAS dean, says he is pleased students will have a way to stay on track to graduate in four years, adding, "With so many respected professors signed on to teach, our students will have the opportunity to build strong relationships with their instructors, just as they do throughout the year."

CAS student Avery Tax '23 reached out to express her gratitude for the new choices. "I am happy to know I will be able to get a couple of courses out of the way in the summer. I work a lot during the school year, and it would be nice to take fewer courses during fall and spring semesters."

COLLEGE HAPPENINGS

Candace Glendening named Professor of the Year

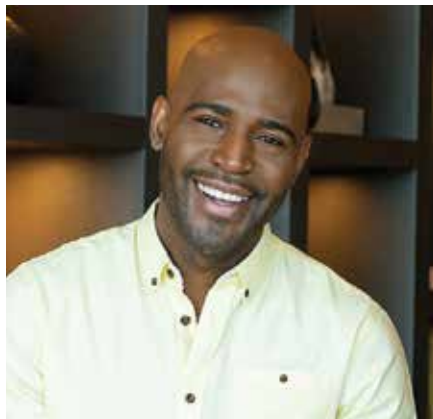


CARLOS PUMA

Professor Candace Glendening creates a video lesson for her fall 2020 class.

Candace Glendening, who has taught biology and chemistry at the University of Redlands for nearly 17 years, is the 2021 Mortar Board Honor Society Professor of the Year. In one anonymous nomination form, a student wrote: "I hate science; it's never been my strong suit, and I have dreaded every course I've had to take that is science-related. But Candy changed my opinion."

COURTESY OF KARAMO BROWN



Queer Eye's Karamo Brown empowers U of R students

"I don't subscribe to the term 'coming out,'" said reality-television personality and mental health advocate Karamo Brown at an Associated Students of the University of Redlands event. "I believe the actual process is letting people in. That's what you're doing—you're deciding on who you want to let into your life. Whether it's regarding your sexuality or gender identity, you're letting people in because you trust them, you love them, and you know they'll support you and uplift you."

COURTESY OF LARRY CHARLES



Larry Charles shares insights from world of comedy

Larry Charles, who is a comedy writer (*Seinfeld*), producer (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*), director (*Masked and Anonymous with Bob Dylan*), and Netflix docuseries creator (*Dangerous World of Comedy*), talked to students on April 6 about getting out of your comfort zone to pursue intellectual topics. "When you are trapped, there are very few avenues that are appropriate to diffuse situations, and humor is one of them," he said. "That's why people turn to comedy. The best comedy taps into the things that we're afraid to think or say, and the same thing should be said of all art."

COMMUNITY SERVICE LEARNING

U of R joins new California Climate Action Corps

The University of Redlands, along with several other organizations, is participating in the state's latest program to battle the devastating effects of climate change. This program—California Climate Action Corps—is part of California's comprehensive climate strategy and deploys trained volunteers to support climate action projects in communities across California.


As the only university selected to participate in the program's inaugural year, the University of Redlands welcomed three Corps fellows—Helena Candaele from Los Angeles, Bryan Miranda Quintana from Long Beach, and Jennifer Solis '21 from Yucaipa—to campus in late January following their training as part of the first corps cohort. While at Redlands, they will help advance the University's new urban forest project.

"The fellows will build upon the idea we are calling 'Treestock,' which was inspired by a highly successful partnership last year between the University and [geographic information systems company] Esri to give away trees in the community," says Tony Mueller, director of Community Service Learning.

The foundation for the Treestock farm model was developed by a team of students in Professor Mara Winick's business consulting class, including the Treestock branding model, nursery partnerships, and identification of indigenous trees that will survive the heat of the Inland Empire, Mueller says.

The project utilizes the existing Sustainable University of Redlands Farm land on the main Redlands campus. The fellows will spend the next eight months planning and establishing a nursery to grow trees, mapping the Redlands north side community, and working with elementary schools and the water conservation district to increase the tree canopy in Redlands using saplings from the sustainable farm. The fellows will also work with U of R students and the University's Roots and Shoots chapters to distribute trees in the Redlands community.

"The shade from trees will provide cooling in our hot summer months and beauty in neighborhoods year-round," Mueller says. "The project will engage the fellows, our students, and the community in the efforts of environmental justice and service-learning."



Climate Action Corps fellows Helena Candaele, Bryan Miranda, and Jennifer Solis '21 (left to right) are helping to advance the University's new urban forest project using Sustainable University of Redlands Farm land.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

U of R partners with Redlands Unified in teacher workshops



WILLIAM VASTA

“The partnership exemplifies how we work with our community on social and leadership issues to strengthen justice and equity in education and beyond.”

—Naslund Endowed Dean
Mario Martinez

A partnership between the University of Redlands and the Redlands Unified School District (RUSD) makes it possible for educators to learn how to affect social change in their schools.

“It was about supporting teachers who were interested in doing social change work with their students and were looking for direction,” says U of R School of Education Professor Brian Charest. “We facilitate workshops where district educators reflect on ideas about leadership and social change. They then develop goals and action plans to work on with their students at their schools.”

Charest and School of Education Professor Mikela Bjork, with the help of the School’s Naslund Endowed Dean Mario Martinez, wrote the partnership proposal under the auspices of the recently established Inland Empire Educators for Social Justice (IEESJ). An extension of the School of Education’s Center for Educational Justice, the IEESJ was formed at the urging of the School’s undergraduate and graduate students.

Martinez says the IEESJ and its new collaboration fit well with the School’s vision to inspire justice-related dialogue and action. “The partnership exemplifies how we work with our community on social and leadership issues to strengthen justice and equity in education and beyond. It is a privilege to work with RUSD on this important initiative.”

Both Bjork and Charest hope students, teachers, and other school community leaders will learn to engage in democratic practices through the work that they do with the teachers who participate. “It’s also about movement-building and social change work,” Bjork says. “To create space for those kinds of things to happen is really exciting for both of us.”

Accelerated pathway program in business offers new opportunities

In order to enhance opportunities for its students, the University of Redlands is launching two new accelerated programs in business enabling students to earn both an undergraduate and master's degree in as little as five years, saving time and money.

The program—a partnership between the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the School of Business—allows CAS students to choose between a Master of Business Administration (MBA) or Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) degree.

“We started the Bulldog MBA in 2018 to encourage undergraduate students to continue and earn a graduate degree with one additional year of study,” says School of Business Senecal Endowed Dean Thomas Horan. “The accelerated master’s program is an expansion of that initiative. We have already received a positive reaction from students.”

CAS students accepted into the accelerated program are automatically enrolled in the University’s School of Business and will take required graduate-level courses in their third and fourth years.

CAS Interim Dean Steve Wuhs notes, “The accelerated MBA and MSBA programs are a wonderful opportunity, and not just for our business students. Students from across the College can pursue whatever their passions are as undergraduates—in the arts, in the natural or social sciences, or the humanities—and now pair that passion with skills and aptitudes from our School of Business programs. The pathway is clear, accessible, and a strong example of our desire to connect liberal arts education and professional development.”

For students who started their final year at the School of Business before the end of the 2020-2021 academic year, the tuition cost for the 32-unit MBA or MSBA is approximately \$25,000. This results in a 30 to 40 percent tuition cost savings compared to the standard program cost of earning one of these degrees.

“The Banta Center stands as a testament to the [Banta] family’s compassionate and sensitive understanding of the role of ethical and purposeful leadership in contemporary business,” says the center’s director, Professor Carlo Carrascoso, shown here at a 2018 Banta Center event.



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BANTA CENTER

Cultivating an understanding of ethics

Celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2021, the Banta Center for Ethical and Purposeful Leadership is the University of Redlands forum for conversation, inquiry, and debate on ethical and purposeful leadership.

The Center hosted a March webinar, “Managing in Changing Times: The Weight of COVID-19 Responsibilities and Organizational Sustainability,” as part of a lecture series that brings together prominent scholars and professionals.

“We are balancing the issues of safety and responsibility that have been brought about by the COVID-19 crisis and are confronting [issues of] employers’ and organizations’ continued viability,” said Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business Thomas Horan, while introducing the lecture.

Moderated by the Center’s director, Carlo Carrascoso, the panelists included Jonathan Phillips, a law partner at Larson LLP; School of Business Professor Bing Bai; and Randal Walker ’88, vice president for clinical engineering (eastern region) at Agility Health and founder of the Walker Ethics Award, which

promotes awareness of and engagement with ethical issues in organizational life.

The Center is made possible through the support of the Banta family, including David Banta ’63, ’65; Stephanie Banta ’63; Mark Banta ’89; and Kimberle Banta ’89. Serving as the foundation for excellence in individual and organizational decision-making, the Center was initially founded as the Banta Center for Business, Ethics, and Society in 2006 and was renamed in 2018 to reflect the School of Business’s focus on 21st century leadership styles, skills, and approaches.

Mark Banta ’89 is proud of what the Center has accomplished over the past decade and a half and is excited for what it is to come under current leadership. “Our family wants to integrate a discussion of ethical issues throughout the University that can cultivate a better understanding for students and the entire community,” Banta says. “As Redlands students become more engaged citizens, they will have a better sensitivity to these problems in our world.”

IN THE COMMUNITY

New report spotlights U of R's community and economic impact

The University of Redlands recently released its community impact report, highlighting the significant social and economic impact it delivers to the regional and local economies.

According to the new report, which was commissioned by the University and conducted by Lynne I. Davidson LLC, the University of Redlands contributes \$125.7 million to the City of Redlands economy and \$185.6 million to the larger San Bernardino County economy annually through its operating expenses and capital expenditures.

"We value our strong ties to our local community," says U of R President Ralph W. Kuncl. "The University's economic impact includes \$72,000 in rental fees we subsidize for local organizations annually. Over the last two decades, we have also donated nearly \$900,000 in direct gifts to the City of Redlands for vehicles, fire trucks, and library assets."

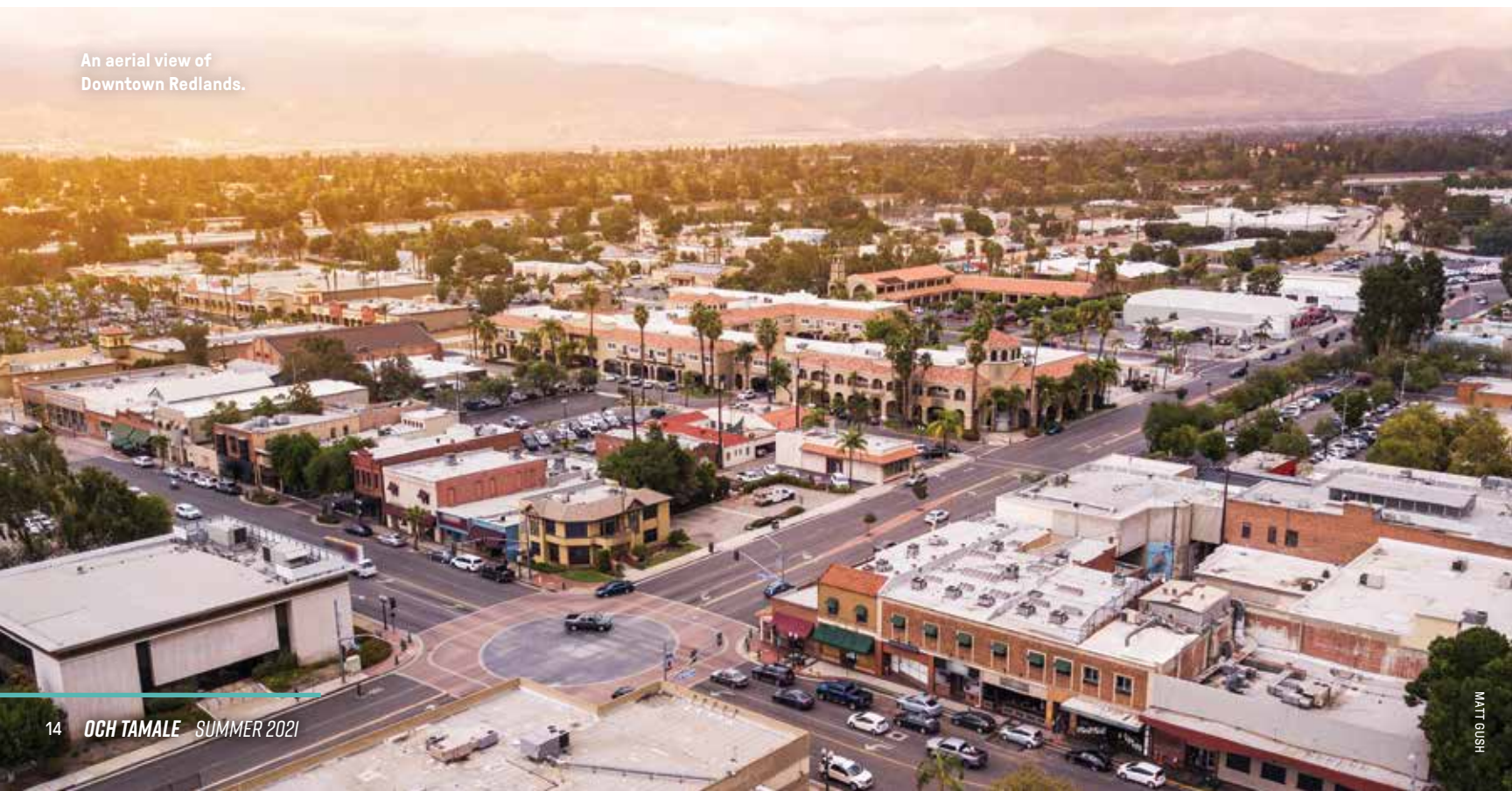
Additionally, over 100,000 hours of community service are provided by University of Redlands students. Of these hours, the report estimates that 54,000 service hours directly benefited the local community, including children's mentoring programs, work-study tutoring, and other service initiatives in the city of Redlands. These hours amount to more than \$2.4 million in social value, annually.

"We are deeply grateful to the City of Redlands, which has supported this University since its founding in 1907," says Vice President for Advancement Tamara Josserand, who initiated the report. "Everyone who is affiliated with the University should take immense pride in the many ways that our organization benefits local and regional communities."

Additional highlights included in the report:

- Specific ways the University benefits the local economy, such as attracting 44,500 visitors annually
- Opportunities for local students created by the University, including guaranteed admission and scholarships to the College of Arts and Sciences for qualified students graduating from school districts, including Redlands, Yucaipa-Calimesa, Chaffey, Corona-Norco, and Apple Valley; a streamlined transfer process from the California community college system; and discounted School of Business tuition programs for employees of more than 400 partner organizations
- Cultural and social programs, including artistic performances and lectures through Town and Gown, the Office of Community Service Learning, and other parts of the University

An aerial view of
Downtown Redlands.



ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH

Watching wildlife in Bearpaw Reserve

By Laurie McLaughlin

When University of Redlands students reviewed the images dispatched from cameras they mounted in a local forest last September, they were both surprised and delighted at what they saw: a blonde bear and a cinnamon bear.

"I knew that black bears, the only species of bear in California, could be blonde, but I had certainly never seen one before," says U of R ecologist Wendy McIntyre, who holds the Hedco Chair for Environmental Studies and whose current research examines mammal population movements in the San Bernardino Mountains. "The cinnamon bear was a reddish-brown, and we know they are both adult male bears because they were so large. Having different-colored hair is pretty unusual."

In February, March, and April, McIntyre and 12 undergraduate students in her Ecology for Environmental Scientists course traveled up to the Wildland Conservancy's Bearpaw Reserve in Forest Falls, about 20 miles from the University's Redlands campus, to install new, high-quality, wildlife motion-detector cameras. Funding for the cameras, which capture multiple 10-second color videos with sound, was provided by several faculty research and teaching technology grants to McIntyre.

Fire sparks change in focus

Images of animal activity have been gathered by both still and video cameras, strapped to trees and roots with bungee cords, for about four years under McIntyre's guidance. The data collected contributes to the multiyear research conducted by the students and the professor as they try to understand how the hubbub of humans at the nearby Thurman Flats Picnic Area affects animal activity.

McIntyre's students have visited Bearpaw and tracked many of the animals onsite. Summer Science Research students have also created a series of posters using geographic information systems data to establish the location and range of animal activity.

Anna Jones '21, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and is planning a career as a field biologist, explains her senior capstone project: "I use data collected over the last couple of years to analyze the distribution and behavior of the bears in the area. Being able to set up cameras, look at footage, and analyze data has been a great experience. It's amazing to see the kind of wildlife that's in an area so close to campus."

Jones's research took an unexpected turn last September when the El Dorado wildland fire burned through large parts of the preserve. Because of the fire and subsequent mudslides, Bearpaw Preserve had to close to the general public. Luckily, McIntyre's student teams, adhering to strict safety measures, were still able to install the new cameras. The equipment helped Jones and other students see and hear the effects of the fire. "We are now collecting data to see how the fire might have affected the bears' distribution," says Jones. According to McIntyre, "The student researchers have not seen any bears or mountain lions since the fire. They may have gone to another place and haven't returned."

However, the deer, foxes, and squirrels have come back to Bearpaw in abundance. Because the trees burned down, plenty of new vegetation has sprouted in the open sunshine. "The deer are having a heyday with a lack of predators and lots to eat," she adds.

While it is too soon to have definitive answers, "What we see is super interesting," says McIntyre. "The Wildlands Conservancy is also really interested in our discoveries, because staff want to know what's there and how the animals are faring."



Greta Jursch '21 installs a wildlife camera on a tree in Bearpaw Reserve on a recent Ecology for Environmental Scientists class field trip.



Illustrations by Niki Fisher



STEPPING

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FUTURE

While vaccines have brought light to the end of a long, dark tunnel, COVID-19 has changed our lives, perhaps forever. In many ways, we're at the start of a new era. Apart from newly acquired bread-baking skills, what have we learned? How will a year of living with the coronavirus shape our future? As we begin to emerge from the pandemic, U of R experts provide their perspectives on where we go from here. ▶

By Lilledeshan Bose '22 and Katie Olson

Mobilizing mental health care

In Samuel Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, the two main characters spend the whole play waiting for the action to begin.



"I feel like that's where we are right now," says **Matt Gragg, director of the University of Redlands Counseling Center.** "We're

sitting around, trying to make the best of the situation we're in, but we're just waiting."

While the reopening of post-pandemic America may seem to be occurring at a glacial pace, perhaps because we are watching for it with so much anticipation, there is movement. January brought some College of Arts and Sciences students back to the residence halls on the Redlands campus, and thanks in part to vaccinations, including the Redlands campus clinic's program (see page 8), March saw many California counties begin climbing the State's tier system to gradual loosening of local restrictions for dining, entertainment, and socializing with friends.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Gragg and his team pivoted to offer their free, confidential services for students remotely.

During the fall semester, therapists dropped into virtual first-year seminars to ensure that students were aware of their resources. Five group therapy options were introduced this spring: managing college during the pandemic, LGBTQIA+ support, transgender and gender-questioning support, drug and alcohol support, and grief support.

Gragg sees telehealth sessions, which so far seem to be as effective as in-person therapy, as one of the adaptations that will outlast the pandemic. "It's now so convenient. Students don't have to drive to campus, and some students don't want to be seen coming out of the Counseling Center because people might judge them. Once you've experienced telehealth, it's hard to go away from it. We'll likely continue to offer it, even after we return to in-person care."

Unfortunately, Gragg also sees the long-term effects of what he refers to as "chronic trauma"—caused by personal and economic losses during the pandemic—driving a continuing need for mental health care. Still, he looks to the future with hope.

"The main thing about therapy is the relationship," says Gragg. "The medium isn't

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as crucial. Therapists have empathy for you and are supporting you through whatever you're going through. That's the key."

Lessons for K-12

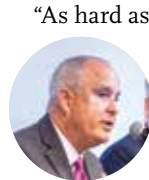
Since March 2020, COVID-19 has disrupted the education of more than 150 million students worldwide. In the United States, vulnerable and disadvantaged communities have been hit especially hard.



"It's alarming that the first reaction when schools close is, 'How are children going to eat?'" says **School of Education Professor Ann Blankenship**

Knox. In a way, she says, that has been the pandemic's silver lining: "Everyone now sees that our educational system is responsible not just for educating children, but for ensuring food security and safe child care as well. Now we have a far better picture of the inequities that exist and can try to address them."

Vulnerable communities experienced disproportionate losses, including learning losses, with significant long-term implications. According to the Brookings Institution, the pandemic-related learning losses will cause students around the world to cumulatively lose \$10 trillion in labor earnings over their work lives—for context, that's about half of the annual economic output of the United States.



"As hard as the teachers worked across the state of California this year, many students were not able to learn the quality or quantity of information that they would have in a normal year,"

confirms **Redlands Unified School District Superintendent Mauricio Arellano**, who teaches personnel management at the School of Education. "School districts will have to relax graduation requirements for students

who may have failed a class this year, but in a normal setting, these students would've done just fine."

Arellano notes school districts will need to get creative with additional measures to help bridge the learning gap. These might include lengthening the school day or school year and making summer school more robust.

Despite the challenges, the lessons from the pandemic could offer an opportunity to create a more equitable and resilient educational system. Investments in remote learning—via multimedia content, remote training, and learning assessments—can provide a more personalized education. For example, school district staff and administrators realized during the pandemic that some students thrive in a virtual environment.

"We already have an award-winning virtual school program called eAcademy," Arellano says. "We're looking to expand that program because many kids operate more successfully in a virtual space, with a more individualized approach to learning."

According to Knox, educators have also expanded their pedagogical skills and become more agile: "The pandemic forced us to work through change, and I think some of that—using technology in face-to-face classes for example—is going to stick. And, we'll have more online options for students, faculty, and staff in terms of employment flexibility."

For now, Arellano says the school district is making sure students transition back to school in a positive way. "Their experience was pretty traumatic, so we are reviewing routines, making sure everyone knows safety protocols. We're trying to return back to normalcy one step at a time." ▶



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The collision of the personal and professional

The pandemic’s imperative to shelter in place has sometimes put the personal and professional spheres on a collision course. Following the closure of schools across the country, parents—especially women—were called on to take on additional responsibilities for family care.



Professor of Business Administration and Management Jill Jensen notes in September 2020, the job market saw a large portion of

women leave the workforce just as children were expected to log into virtual classrooms. Both gender and cultural dynamics were at play in this socioeconomic shift, she says.

Jensen has been considering the “gap year”—time that some young women take to leave the workforce to have and care for children—and its consequences in the context of the pandemic.

“If women do take a year off, there are estimates that, when they return, their pay is 30 percent lower,” she says. “Individual cases may vary, but the toll of the pandemic is predicted to have more long-term consequences for working mothers than for working fathers.”



The shift to a virtual work environment is another factor heightening tensions between the personal and the professional, according to

School of Business Professor Shindale Seale, who also works as an independent cultural equity and diversity strategist.

“The online space is now the new office,” says Seale, “and not only are we seeing stress

from constant meetings, but we’re also seeing people stressed from having their homes virtually invaded by their coworkers and having to deal with family and work all at once.”

Additionally, virtual work introduces new concerns about equity and inclusion. Workers who might have less traditional living situations might feel vulnerable, and those without a reliable internet connection are unable to fully participate. “Inclusion and equity are no longer ‘just diversity’ issues that only focus on marginalized groups,” says Seale. “Inclusion requires that all voices are valued, and they feel psychologically safe to contribute.”

In all cases, Seale emphasizes the importance of balance and intention when organizations approach their teams. Being aware and sympathetic to the myriad challenges people are facing is paramount for business success.



Kelly Dries, executive director of the Office of Career and Professional Development, points out the potential

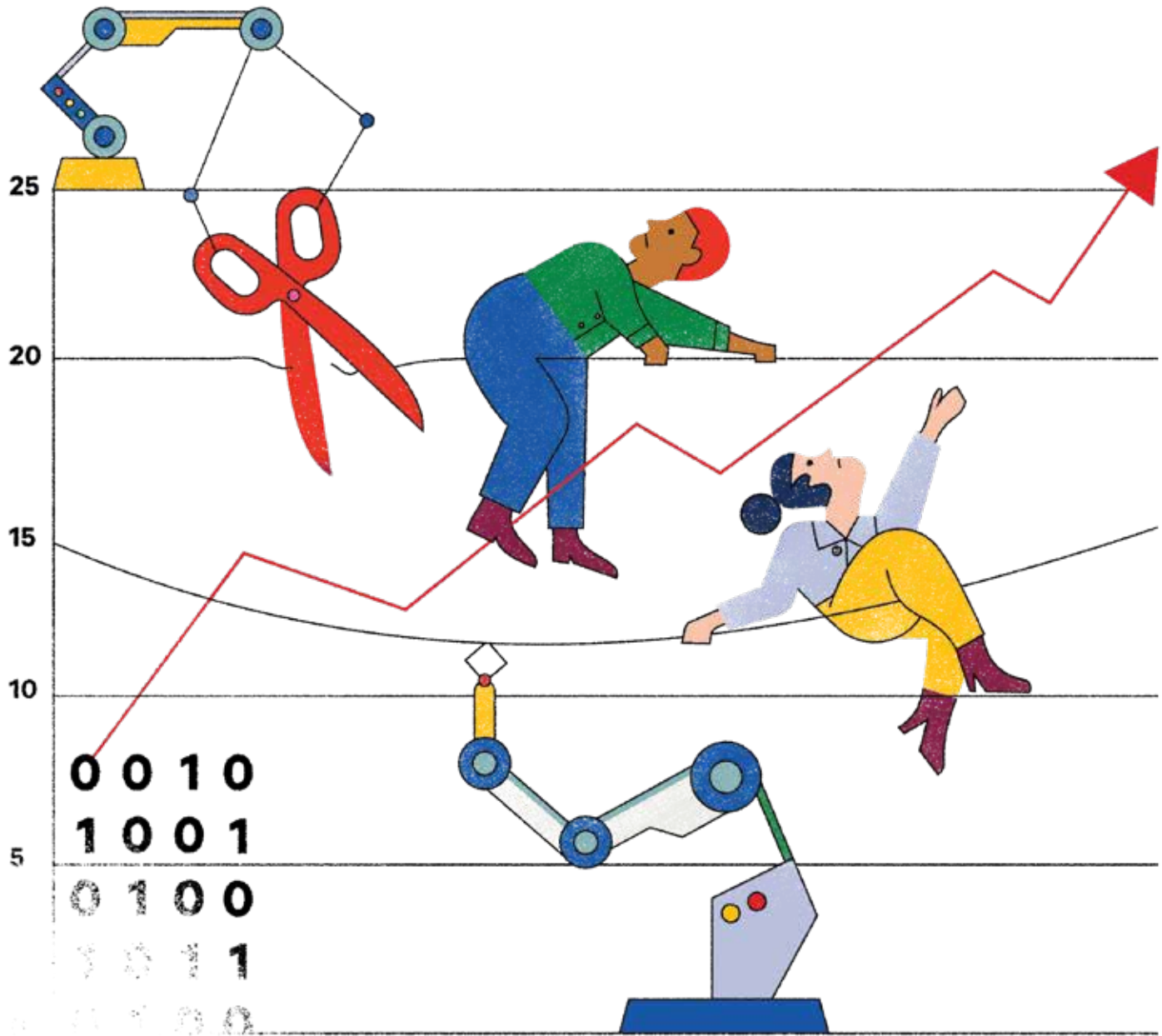
upsides of virtual work, training, and recruiting—especially the increased flexibility offered. Along with her team, Dries has seized the opportunity presented by the pandemic to host virtual job fairs exposing Redlands students to open positions across the country.

“Before the pandemic, employers were dipping their toes into virtual recruiting,” Dries says. “But now, employers are being forced to go virtual. This will likely continue because it’s helping employers—they can recruit from anywhere.” ▶

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—Professor of Business Administration and Management Jill Jensen





A different kind of recession

Many people, however, have not been fortunate enough to land a job during the pandemic. In 2008, students in Jensen's courses were submitting assignments about layoffs during The Great Recession. This past year, the focus has been unemployment brought on by COVID-19.



Professor of Economics Nathaniel Cline notes that the economic implications of the recent pandemic-induced recession are unique.

Requiring businesses relying on face-to-face interaction to shut down has resulted in the first service-based recession.

"One of the hard parts of the recession has been figuring out how to characterize somebody who has been furloughed from their job and it's unclear when they will be able to go back," he says. "Many of our normal definitions and categories don't fit."

In addition, Cline says, policymakers' goals differed from the typical recession—instead of stimulating the economy as a whole, they sought ways to help people pay their bills while limiting physical interaction. "One of the core questions of these policies is: How do we pause an economy without fundamentally changing it? That's a very different objective than how we usually kickstart the economy."

Despite continuing challenges, Cline sees a balance on the horizon. "Supply chain issues are still among the most cited problems in our manufacturers' surveys, and they certainly account for some of the

price increases we've seen," he says. "The expectation is that, as vaccine distribution increases, we will see these supply chain issues resolved and prices moderate."

Despite the recession's unique qualities, Jensen suggests it is also exacerbating long-term structural shifts. "Some of the decade's biggest challenges are superimposed on top of transitions that were already going to take place," she says. "The people I'm worried about are those who were fired right away in industries that had to shut down. There are going to be long-term structural consequences if those populations are not able to find work or recoup their losses."



Johannes Moenius, the William R. and S. Sue Johnson Endowed Chair of Spatial Economic Analysis and Regional Planning in the

School of Business, agrees. As the economy heads out of the recession, he observes a split recovery.

"Jobs in the highest income categories, where employees are able to work from home, are more plentiful now than they were before the pandemic hit," says Moenius. "But for groups within the lowest income category—25 percent of wage earners—there are now about 30 percent fewer jobs. Some of those job losses within the service industry or small businesses, are permanently gone, even after vaccinations set us on a path to 'normal.'"

Consumption patterns changed during the pandemic as groups refrained from large gatherings and high-touch connections.

People consumed more goods (5 percent more in 2020 than previous years) and fewer services. "Shopping, commuting, traveling, and the way we work all will change permanently," he says, "and transform our economy."

In addition to noting changes in consumer behavior, Moenius—a frequent commentator in media outlets from *The Washington Post* to ABC News—highlights how fast automation, which was already altering the economic landscape, accelerated in the face of COVID-19.

"Employers are now actively pursuing automation to a degree we expected to happen in five years or so," he says. "[The use of increasingly capable machines means] the easiest way to fortify one's supply chain against pandemics is to exclude humans from it as much as possible. The next thing will be a fridge that recognizes you need milk and automatically orders it from the store, which delivers automatically. People will be taken completely out of that process."

A matter of life and death

Much has been written on the mortality rates from the pandemic. Early in 2021, the United States officially met a grim milestone of 500,000 deaths from the coronavirus.



Some communities have been hit harder than others. **Professor of Race and Ethnic Studies Jen Tilton** notes, "COVID-19 has laid bare

the fact that we have such deep radical inequalities in access to not just health care, which may save our lives if we get sick, but also housing, so that we can isolate from each other. We have radically unequal access to jobs that let us shelter in place to not risk exposure. Many people in our community don't get a paycheck if they stay home, so they can't make that choice."

According to a Feb. 16 *Vox* article, people of color died at about double the rate of whites. People of color also died young: More than 40 percent of patients under age 45 who died of COVID-19 were Hispanic, and about a quarter were Black.

"There's a growing awareness and a rise in conversations saying the status quo is not OK, that we all have a moral responsibility to do better," Tilton says. ▶

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Alongside the immediate realities of the grim pandemic death toll is a harsh longer-term trend, which **Professor Greg Thorson**, who holds the **Ken and Lynn Hall Endowed Chair of Public Policy at the U of R**, and undergraduate Edison Forman '21 discussed during a Hall Network for Innovation and Policy virtual Brown Bag Speaker Series lecture in March.

Thorson explained the research he conducted with Forman: “Even before the pandemic, we saw a marked increase in mortality rates among non-Hispanic, [high-school educated] white men. We’re seeing a lot of drug and alcohol poisoning, opioid addiction, record levels of suicide, and high levels of chronic illness.”

These afflictions, Thorson noted, are the telltale signs of what have become known as deaths of despair. Many causal factors are at play in this trend, including a worsening labor market from a disintegration of manufacturing jobs due to automation and global trade; tensions between social privilege and economic disadvantage; and other aspects of gender, race, and age. Those experiencing problems have few places to turn—as Thorson observed, “The social safety net in the U.S. is more holes than net.”

And health issues aren’t the only result. “For those who survive and live, it also affects their political behavior, party identifications, and issue positions,” said Thorson. “Part of that was expressed with support for Trump in 2016—that type of anger and those issue positions will impact politics and policy for years to come.”

Heightened conflict

As the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked global havoc, it also heralded various inflection points for American democracy—Black Lives Matter demonstrations following the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, and Breonna Taylor; protests against mask mandates and vaccines; and the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6.



Professor James Krueger, the director of the Health, Medicine, and Society program in the College of Arts and Sciences, notes it is no

surprise that the pandemic fanned the flames of conflict in the United States.

“Historically, public health has always been politicized,” Krueger says. “The tensions between social-level interventions aimed at prevention—like social distancing and mask wearing—and the way that comes into conflict with medicine and political structures that are deeply individualized is the nature of public health.”



Yet this conflict dovetails with other deep currents in American society, also with historic roots. While some people say the United States has never been so divided before, **College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean and Professor of History Kathy Feeley** reminds us, “In 1861, the crisis of the U.S. Civil War tore the nation apart. Our responsibility is to understand how slavery and racial discrimination have shaped the world that we live in today. Looking to the past will help us understand what we can do and not feel powerless.”

Nevertheless, the stakes today feel unusually high.

“Historically, public health has always been politicized.”

—Professor James Krueger, the director of the Health, Medicine, and Society program





“How do we use what we’ve learned during this pandemic to be more inclusive, to come together and support one another with compassion?”

—Professor of Political Science Althea Sircar



According to **Professor of Political Science Althea Sircar**, this is no accident. “During 2020, we saw opposite sides framing the [political] conflict as existential,” she says. She notes that, to the right, left-wing politics represented a threat to “America as a nation of white people and white masculinity in general.” People on the left used similar language, saying right-wing policies threatened people of color, LGBTQ+, immigrants, and those of different religious identities.

“What causes people to take politics seriously is a sense that their personal existence is implicated in some way,” she says. “The pandemic was already an existential threat to all human beings because it is so deadly, so there was a sense of heightened urgency.”

A key question, says Sircar, is how seriously people will take the consequences of the pandemic: Once vaccines are widely available, many underlying issues—economic and racial inequality, structural change in the economy, health disparities, access to education—remain.

“The pandemic offers this moment to ask, ‘What have we learned that we want to build on?’ How do we use what we’ve learned during this pandemic to be more inclusive, to come together and support one another with compassion? It would be really sad if this experience, which is something that we all hold in common, ended up driving us farther apart.”

The way forward

Krueger, for one, hopes reassessments from the pandemic lead to public-health innovations. “There is room for hope,” he says. “A large reason the U of R Health, Medicine, and Society program has been successful is that there’s a greater general awareness of the way many factors work together to contribute to health. It isn’t just a question of the individual. That recognition can have some pretty profound effects if it translates into action for communities.”



Interim College of Arts and Sciences Dean Steve Wuhs, a professor of political science, addresses the divides in our society: “Do we need to heal?

Yes. But healing isn’t a passive process; it is about rebuilding trust and confidence in one another so that we have a common set of assumptions and understandings about democracy, about science and expertise, about how elections work, and about civil rights.”

While acknowledging many economic challenges, Jensen hopes that this year has resulted in moments of personal and professional reflection and inspiration. She notes periods of disruption can encourage people to try new things, whether that is switching careers, going back to school, reprioritizing how to spend time, or finding new ways to approach old problems.

“Things have changed in the past,” she says. “The country doesn’t always stay the same—politics shift, policy shifts. We can always do something different. We can reimagine ourselves.” **OT**

Redlands voices in the news

University of Redlands faculty and administrators were quoted in the media on topics ranging from California politics to their recent creative and scholarly works.



“This recognition [of ranking fifth in the West for regional universities in *U.S. News & World Report*] is a nod to the hard work, commitment, and time invested by students, faculty, and staff whose collective focus is fixed on creating the best educational experience possible.”

—**Provost Kathy Ogren** in *Redlands Community News*, “[University of Redlands ranked among the top in the west,](#)” Oct. 1, 2020



“Blackness is associated with death in European and American literature, in our cultural imagination, and as of late, with the public discourse. Every day something has tried to kill us and failed. So what does it mean to be Black and alive? I don’t want ‘Black and alive’ to be incongruous. I want Black people to live.”

—**Andre Myers, professor of composition**, in *Albany Times Union*, “[Classical Notes: Composer Myers on being Black, alive,](#)” Nov. 3, 2020, on the occasion of the debut of his piece, “Black and Alive,” by the Albany Symphony



“Nothing about business in 2020 was business as usual. With the pandemic, social and political unrest, and economic upheaval, 2020 was a turbulent year for many.”

—**Thomas Horan, Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business**, in *Redlands Daily Facts*, “[How to attend University of Redlands’ virtual ‘Business in a Changing World,’](#)” Nov. 27, 2020, promoting the Dec. 5, 2020, event that drew more than 400 people and featured Pacific Market International Founder and Global Strategist Rob Harris, SEADE Coaching and Consulting CEO Shindale Seale, and Esri Head of Commercial Enterprises Cindy Elliott



“People are more open to having the conversations that were previously suppressed or only held within certain circles.”

—**Conroy Reynolds, School of Education Counseling Department chair**, in the *Inland Valley Daily Bulletin*, “[Inland people of color increased clout in 2020,](#)” Dec. 28, 2020



“The accomplishment that means the most to me were the opportunities, the one-on-one moments with students, where I’m able to encourage them to learn that they can make a difference ... and try to teach them how to do that, and to encourage them to use their abilities and voice.”

—**John Walsh, Omer E. Robbins Chaplain Emeritus**, *Redlands Daily Facts*, “[University of Redlands chaplain retires, but not from his love of teaching,](#)” Jan. 8



“Voters’ biggest cue will always be partisanship, as much as people don’t want to admit that.”

—**Renée Van Vechten, professor of political science**, on NPR’s CapRadio, “[Gov. Gavin Newsom Navigates Compounding Crises—And A Potential Recall—Halfway Through His Term,](#)” Jan. 25



“I think [Louise Fitzhugh, author of *Harriet the Spy*] was fortunate—I think I can say this—in having a terrible childhood. She wasn’t crushed by it. It made her angry, and it made her into a fighter.”

—**Leslie Brody, professor of creative nonfiction**, in the *Orange County Register*, “[How this Redlands professor unlocked the mysteries of ‘Harriet the Spy’ and its author,](#)” Feb. 22 (Brody’s biography of Fitzhugh was also reviewed in *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Boston Globe*.)

U of R faculty ‘take over’ *Academic Minute*

During the last week of February, five faculty members in the humanities or social sciences were featured on Inside Higher Ed’s podcast series, *Academic Minute*, highlighting their new projects.

- Jessie Hewitt, professor of history, spoke on “Men, Madness, and Marriage in 19th-century France.”
- Jennifer Nelson, professor of women, gender, and sexuality studies, discussed “Inequality and Health Care.”
- Tim Seiber, professor of science and media studies, focused on brain scans in “Pictures on the Threshold Between the Living and the Dead.”
- Kathy Feeley, associate dean, professor of history, and director of the Proudian Interdisciplinary Honors Program, addressed “The Rise of the Hollywood Press Corps and the Making of the Modern American Press.”
- Kelly Hankin, professor of film studies, discussed “The Personal is Professional: The Study Abroad Video Contest.”

“It only takes one person to lose the game, and the same is true during the pandemic,” says Women’s Assistant Volleyball Coach Kierra Jones.

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FROM COACH TO CONTACT TRACER

By Katie Olson

In the early months of 2020, Bulldog Women’s Assistant Volleyball Coach Kierra Jones was in between athletic seasons. She spent her workdays reviewing video footage of past games, developing practice plans, and talking with recruited student-athletes. As she was gearing up for the spring season, news of the COVID-19 pandemic took over. While her routine was drastically changed, the pandemic would give her an opportunity to flex her skills and meet the community’s needs.

When the pandemic was first announced in March of 2020, Jones felt that the spread of the novel coronavirus would be under control by that summer. After students were sent home and campus closed, the National Collegiate

Athletic Association (NCAA) announced that upcoming seasons and championships were canceled.

“We had no idea what was going on, but our main priority was that our student-athletes were OK and were able to make it home safely,” she says.

Keeping the community safe

The health and wellbeing of student-athletes weighed on Jones’s mind throughout the summer and into the fall, when the majority of assistant coaches were furloughed. But in January, the assistant coaches were asked to come back—with the added responsibility of joining the Student COVID-19 Case Team as case managers and contact tracers.

Jones worked with other full-time assistant coaches for Redlands athletic teams:

Breann Nelson (women’s soccer), Chris Hernandez (baseball), Dominic Lopez (track and field), Aaron De La Rosa (football), Cody Carlson (men’s soccer), Andrew Clarey (track and field), Joey Rodriguez (strength and conditioning), David Lord (football), and Cory Coombe (men’s basketball).

The assistant coaches dedicated 20 or more hours a week to contact tracing duties. Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the team used clear protocols to notify, interview, and advise the close contacts of patients with confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19.

Jones conducted video calls and follow-ups with the reporters, then checked on the contact every 48 to 72 hours throughout their quarantine. Having moved from the Midwest to assume her position at Redlands, Jones knows what it’s like to be alone in an unfamiliar place. “If a student sounds like they’re having a tough time, I call and text more frequently,” she says. “I try to be as comforting as possible while they’re in isolation.”

Director of Athletics Jeff Martinez was impressed by his coaches, who took their new responsibilities in stride. “These coaches have become experts in COVID-19 management,” he says. “When their head coaches, staff members, or students have questions, they are able to answer them and move us forward.”

Leading by example

Being a part of the Student COVID-19 Case Team has given Jones an optimistic outlook on the future; she’s also glad to be back on the volleyball court. In accordance with NCAA COVID-19 guidelines, she and Volleyball Head Coach Lisa Lindberg hosted spring practice on the U of R’s outdoor sand volleyball courts as the majority of the team returned to campus.

Looking forward, Jones is eager for every team’s safe return to the league. While she knows that some of her favorite aspects of athletics—a full gym of cheering fans, a sweaty mid-game team huddle—might not return for a while, she finds solace in the commonality that exists between being both a coach and a contact tracer.

“Just like we need teammates to win our games, we need everyone to wear a mask, wash their hands, and do their part,” she says. “It only takes one person to lose the game, and the same is true in the pandemic. We’re better together.” **OT**

RESUMING ON-FIELD OPERATIONS

How Bulldogs jumped back into competition after the COVID-19 pandemic

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22



Three hundred and twenty-two days. That's how long Director of Athletics Jeff Martinez, coaches, athletic staff, and student-athletes at the University of Redlands paused in-person sports activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It has been pretty emotional," says Martinez, who has worked in Bulldog Athletics for four decades. "Without a doubt, the months [from March 2020 to February 2021] have been the most challenging in my professional career."

Staying connected

Associate Athletic Director Rachel Roche remembers the stress and uncertainty of last year in March, when the National Collegiate Athletic Association canceled the winter and spring seasons. "Everything was ripped away in a matter of days," says Roche. "When I left the office, I didn't know when I would be back or how long this would last."

Head Coach Mike Schmidt was in North Carolina with track and field student-athletes at the time, their national championship

competition suddenly halted. "It was devastating," he recalls.

However, as the months stretched on, Martinez, Roche, Schmidt, and the rest of the athletics staff worked hard to keep Bulldog student-athletes engaged virtually, checking on the 500 student-athletes by video, phone calls, or text.

"We were managing the different experiences of our students across the country," says Roche. "We do this work to support students, and being removed from them for so long was difficult and strange."

And yet, Schmidt notes, "Our mission is to develop quality student-athletes, and part of that is teaching them how to be comfortable with uncertainty. There is no greater situation to test that lesson than COVID-19."

A joyful return

While hopes for an in-person 2020 fall season were not realized, this year has been a step in the right direction. Bulldog Athletics resumed limited in-person sports activities on Jan. 25; by the end of March, 12 of 17 teams had begun competing again.

The return to sports was accompanied by a host of new COVID-related safety procedures—a daily health assessment, temperature checks before each interaction, and COVID-19 testing that often exceeded the once-a-week College of Arts and Sciences requirement.

It also meant all 170 on-campus student-athletes were housed together in five residence halls (Founders, East, Merriam, North, and Williams). Roche notes this was particularly beneficial for first-year student-athletes who had a strange first semester, helping them "gain immediate connections with their teammates also living in the same space." Nearly 200 additional student-athletes live off-campus.

Foundation for the future

Schmidt saw the spring season as an opportunity to build a foundation for the future: "It was a chance to restart, reboot, and set forth some of our principles and philosophies." With health and safety as his number-one priority, Schmidt's goal was to "give our student-athletes the best possible



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The women's soccer team practices with COVID-related safety precautions in place.

2021 Scholar-Athletes of the Year



Calhoun Helmberger '21

SAM KEARBY



Brenna Dolen '21

MAMA BRITO

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—Track and Field Head Coach Mike Schmidt

experience this year, given the restrictions that we have.”

Both Martinez and Roche are cautiously optimistic about the future. They considered the spring season a developmental season, one where students could “build relationships and practice the sports they love,” says Martinez, who admits he still misses the “sweaty hugs” from his Bulldogs.

Roche says the Herculean effort of having student-athletes on campus competing was only made possible by the work and the coordination efforts of U of R employees in Student Affairs, Harvest Table, Residence

Life and Housing, Athletics, the San Bernardino County testing site, and others.

“We didn’t even know if competition was possible; there were so many unknowns,” she says. In the end, it was all worth it. “Giving many of our student-athletes the opportunity to compete was the reward.” **07**

The 2021 Frank Serrao Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year are football player Calhoun Helmberger '21 and track and field competitor Brenna Dolen '21. In the classroom, Helmberger impressed faculty, gaining various academic accolades as a double major in political science and public policy while also earning All-Conference honors as a three-year starter of the offensive line. Dolen represented Redlands on the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team as a successful psychology major who also became an All-American and school record-holder in the triple jump. [Read more about them at GoRedlands.com.](http://GoRedlands.com)

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Lasting Legacy

Remembering Rich Hunsaker '52 and Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22

In January, the University of Redlands community was devastated by the loss of two of its most honored and beloved alumni, Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52 on Jan. 3 and Rich Hunsaker '52 just nine days later on Jan. 12. Their passings mark the end of an era for the University, as the couple shared a deep love for their alma mater and transformed Redlands in unparalleled ways.

When reflecting on their giving to the University, Rich said, "Redlands is a small university, and our gifts can really make a difference. ... We can see the good that our gifts do, and I think that's the main motivation for us to give."

The couple is survived by their four children, Debbie Edgcomb, Brian Hunsaker, David Hunsaker, and Edie Barvin; their spouses, John Edgcomb, Nancy Hunsaker, and Elizabeth Hunsaker; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and Rich's late brother's wife, Beverly Hunsaker. In lieu of flowers, the Hunsaker family has requested memorial gifts to the Hunsaker Scholarship Prize Endowment. Gifts may be sent to University of Redlands, Office of Development, P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373 or made online at www.redlands.edu/givenow.

Lifetimes of love and loyalty to Redlands

1930

Virginia "Ginnie" Moses is born in Glendale, California, to parents Horace Moses and Edith Woodworth Moses.

1930s



1940s

1948

Rich and Ginnie meet as first-year students through the Associated Students of University of Redlands (Ginnie was freshman class secretary; Rich was freshman class president). At Redlands, Ginnie was a member of the Delta Kappa Psi sorority, University Choir, and Dance Club.

Reportedly after their first date (a Pi Chi fraternity ski party at which Ginnie broke her ankle), Rich went home and told his parents he had met his future wife.

1950s

1955

Rich and Ginnie start their family with the birth of their daughter, Debbie, followed by Brian, David, and Edie.

1960s



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Forever ours: Tributes to Rich and Ginnie Hunsaker

Rich and Ginnie's impact is truly unmatched, perhaps most evident in the ongoing "ripple effect" on all members of the University community—past, present, and future. *Och Tamale* invited several trustees, alumni, faculty, and friends to share their reflections on the Hunsakers' lasting legacy.

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Selfless, genuine, fun-loving, and devoted are among the many words that flood our minds when thinking about Rich and Ginnie. Our friendship deepened in 2016 when they invited us to join them on an alumni cruise to Alaska, and we enjoyed lunch with them every three months until the pandemic hit.

We will never forget the Board of Trustees' announcement regarding the Hunsakers' first million-dollar gift to endow a faculty chair. This demonstration of their love for the institution was an emotional experience. We still remember the standing ovation and many more celebrations of their generosity over the years. A longtime member of the Student Life Committee, Ginnie often expressed how the students were the heart of the University. The Hunsaker Scholarship Prize was a brilliant example of this belief. They were proud of these students, just as they were proud of their children and grandchildren—Ginnie's purse with their family photo featured on it said it all! We are so very fortunate the Hunsakers cared so much for their University. Their expressions of that love will carry forward for years and years, benefiting students and those who follow in their footsteps.

**Char Burgess '69, '71, dean emerita,
and Larry Burgess '67, trustee**

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I have been a faculty member in the University's Biology Department for more than 20 years. During that time, I have been privileged to see the power of the Hunsaker family's philanthropy. There is no place on campus that better illustrates the University as a community than the Hunsaker University Center—it is the center of campus. As the Hunsaker Chair for Teaching Excellence, I work to support all faculty to continue to improve their teaching, often by sharing our successes and innovations, sometimes by bringing in talented instructors from outside of the University so we can learn about their practice with pedagogies. I also had the honor of being the mentor for the inaugural class of Hunsaker Scholars, a group of 16 incredibly talented students. We continue to see the impact of all subsequent classes of Hunsaker Scholars.

**Ben Aronson, Virginia Hunsaker Chair in
Distinguished Teaching**

1931

Richard "Rich" Hunsaker is born in Long Beach, California, to parents Simeon Vive LeRoy Hunsaker and Pearl Clark Hunsaker.



1952

Rich and Ginnie graduate from the University, Rich with a degree in economics, and Ginnie with a teaching credential. Ginnie taught kindergarten, while Rich followed his father into the real estate development/property management business, S.V. Hunsaker & Sons.



Shortly after graduation, they make their first gift of \$25 to their alma mater. To honor this philanthropic legacy, nearly all Hunsaker Scholars

from the first cohort have made a minimum \$25 gift in Rich and Ginnie's memory, all of which several University leaders and administrators have matched.

On July 11, Rich and Ginnie wed, beginning nearly 70 years of marriage.

1966

Rich forms his own enterprise, Hunsaker Development Company, managing more than 3 million square feet of properties located throughout Southern California.

RICH AND GINNIE HUNSAKER

Rich and Ginnie Hunsaker's scholarship donation made it possible for me to attend the University. Their commitment to making higher education accessible to all is a true testament to their character; they saw something special in Redlands and made it their mission to help others have a great college experience like theirs.

The Hunsaker Scholarship Prize not only made the University financially accessible for me, but it also provided a community that shaped my college experience. It united me with some of my dearest friends and helped connect me with mentors, staff, and faculty who were there for our cohort from orientation to graduation. The Hunsakers' gift was life-changing for me and my cohort, and I couldn't be more grateful.

Willow Higgins '19, Hunsaker Scholar from the inaugural cohort

R

After I arrived on campus in 2018, I quickly learned about the magnificent impact that Rich and Ginnie Hunsaker had on the University. As I got to know them, I realized that Rich and Ginnie served as the embodiment of generosity in its truest form. Through their service on the Board of Trustees and countless committees, panels, and groups over the decades, they gifted our University with the treasure of their time. Through their support, advice, and mentorship to students, faculty, Board members, and presidents, they gave their talents. While their philanthropic gifts transformed our University in many incredible ways, the humble generosity of their spirit has also left an indelible legacy on our community. We see this spirit in the thousands of service hours our students volunteer to our local organizations and the additional duties that our faculty and staff have shouldered from the pandemic. I see this generosity of spirit throughout our community in so many ways, and I cannot help but think that Rich and Ginnie are still so proud of their alma mater.

Tamara Michel Josserand, vice president for advancement

R

The Hunsakers did so much for our Global Business program! First, they supported my chair in management focused on global business. Then they endowed a second chair [which Walter Hutchens holds] in global business. Rich attended our annual dinners for the past 10 years and was active in mentoring our students. We could always count on the Hunsakers to support our efforts, and it was because of their strong investment that many alumni created their own programs within Global Business. The Hunsakers were the lynchpins that made the program what it is today.

Jack Osborn, Hunsaker Chair in Management

1972

Rich is elected to the University's Alumni Association Board of Directors.

1975

Rich receives the University's Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award.

1984

Rich and Ginnie endow the **Richard C. Hunsaker Chair in Management**, a position first held by Keith Barnes.



1970s

1980s

1990s

1994

Rich receives the Alumni Career Achievement Award. The same year, **Hunsaker University Center**, often called the "heart" of the main Redlands campus, opens.

2000s

2002

Rich and Ginnie celebrate their milestone 50th reunion. Apart from their many forms of service to their alma mater, the couple volunteered on their reunion committee several times over the years.

2003

Ginnie joins the University's Board of Trustees, on which she serves until 2012. One of her roles was vice chair of the Student Life Committee.

2006

Rich and Ginnie receive Centennial Awards.

2010

Rich and Ginnie establish the University's **Endowed Chair in Global Business**.

2010s

** Rich and Ginnie's generous philanthropic support extended to many of the University's capital and endowment projects, including the Armacost Library renovation, Bulldog Athletics, Irvine Commons, Memorial Chapel, Stauffer Center for Science and Mathematics, and Student Science Research.*

1973

Rich joins the University's Board of Trustees and serves loyally for 48 years. He serves on the Executive, Campus Planning, Finance, and Executive Evaluation and Compensation committees.

1982

Rich receives the Jubilee Medallion in honor of the University's 75th anniversary.



Rich Hunsaker '52 and Richard Fisher '65

1985

Rich begins serving as chair of the Board of Trustees, a position he holds for 15 years.

1991

Rich and Ginnee endow the Virginia Hunsaker Chair in Distinguished Teaching, a position first held by Bill McDonald.

1995

Rich and Ginnee begin supporting scholarships for participants from The Wooden Floor (formerly Saint Joseph Ballet), an organization that provides dance, academic, and family programs to low-income youth. The couple previously served as co-chairs of the organization's Board of Trustees and supported dozens of high-need Wooden Floor students through their later U of R educational journeys.

2001

The University bestows Rich and Ginnee with honorary degrees, recognizing the couple as Doctors of Humane Letters.

2005

Rich and Ginnee co-chair the \$100 million Centennial Campaign. In this capacity, they match \$5 million in leadership pledges and gifts to the endowment*.

Rich and Ginnee name an endowed deanship in the School of Business for their good friend and fellow trustee Jess Senecal '52.



Ginnee Hunsaker '52, Rich Hunsaker '52, Carol Appleton, and Jim Appleton

Bonnie and I first met Rich and Ginnee Hunsaker when I joined the Board of Trustees in 1987. They immediately struck us as warm, cheerful, friendly, humble, and genuine folks—which turned out to be unfailingly the case as we worked closely together for the next 34 years. Ginnee and I connected with our discovery that, as children, we grew up (albeit a dozen years apart) within one block of each other in Glendale and attended the same schools.

During his 15 years as Board chair, Rich (in partnership with President Emeritus Jim Appleton and a committed Board of Trustees) led the University's recovery and resurgence after difficult financial years in the 1970s and early 1980s. Following his chairmanship, Rich continued as a member of the Trustee Executive Committee, ultimately serving 48 years as a trustee. Ginnee joined the Board as an active member, and together they provided the University with invaluable leadership, continuity, and stability.

The Hunsakers' unprecedented generosity of loyalty, time, talent, and treasure to the University was coupled with their unusually modest and unassuming, yet inspirational, leadership by example. They never regarded their prominence as an entitlement to exercise personal control over others or the University's direction. In my experience, that humility and generosity of spirit are quite unusual, and I have always admired their selfless leadership. They truly loved the University, and both fit perfectly into the Biblical assessment: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Richard Fisher '65, Board Chair Emeritus and trustee

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When Jim Appleton and Frank Wong invited me in 1991 to become the inaugural holder of the Virginia Hunsaker Chair in Distinguished Teaching, I was, of course, delighted and looked forward to meeting the University's generous benefactor. At a subsequent dinner to celebrate the new endowment, Ginnee asked me where I'd grown up.

"Just down the road," I answered, "in Glendale."

"Really?" she exclaimed. "That's my hometown, too!"

Grateful for the connection, we started telling Glendale stories. There were two high schools in town then, and I asked her which one she attended.

"Glendale High," she answered.

"I went to Hoover," I replied. "But maybe you ran across my mother, Alice McDonald, who taught history at Glendale?"

"Alice McDonald! She was my favorite teacher!"

A wonderful coincidence—a teaching chair to the son of her favorite teacher—led to a much closer relationship between us. Ginnee visited my mother, then in her 90s, several times in Redlands, renewing their relationship. My mother, in turn, was delighted; Ginnee's gift of a "distinguished teaching" chair had much deeper roots in both our families than any of us could have imagined.

Bill McDonald, inaugural Virginia Hunsaker Chair in Distinguished Teaching

University of Redlands

WILLIAM VASTA



The “R Story, History in the Making” event during Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend 2014, past, present, and future Bulldogs gathered in the Memorial Chapel for the announcement of the Hunsakers’ historic gift.


R

Carol and I met Rich and Ginie in 1987 at the Center Club in Orange County, and it was their enthusiasm and commitment to the University that convinced us that we also wanted to be a part of the exciting future of the U of R. Rich was the best Board chair one could imagine. His advice was invaluable; he liked to think “big”; he was very engaged but understood the difference between policy and detailed implementation, so the fit was perfect. Ginie was an unassuming mentor and friend, so observant of the interests and needs of others, with high standards for herself and all of us. Her advice never went unheeded. Her love for her wonderful family brought a twinkle to her eyes.

We all know about their enormous generosity to so many places that they touched. Once they completed a given commitment at the University, Rich was willing to consider our next important development. Their heartfelt gifts transformed the landscape of this University; their legacy will be honored forever. Just as impressive, Carol and I experienced the enviable balance between their humble spirits, gracious manner, and drive for excellence. Our hearts are filled with joy from the times spent with this marvelous couple whose lives are indelibly linked to our University. We also experience a deep pain with their passing. We have the highest admiration and most profound love for Richard and Virginia Hunsaker.

Jim Appleton, president emeritus

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If you wish to share your reflections on the Hunsakers’ legacy, email ochtamale@redlands.edu. 

2010s

2014

During the “R Story: History in the Making” celebration, the University announces Rich and Ginie’s \$35 million commitment to establish the **Hunsaker Scholarship Prize**, intended to “find and fund those special leaders who would come after them.” It is the single largest commitment in the institution’s history, attracting scores of potential enrollees and funding 47 students.

2015

Rich and Ginie grace the cover of *Och Tamale* magazine, “The Transformational Power of Giving.” In the interview, Ginie notes, “Giving is a personal thing—I wouldn’t tell someone to give their last cent to anyone. They might need it. ... *Wanting* to give, that’s what’s important. When you want to give, you find a way.”

The Board of Trustees honors Ginie with the distinction of Life Trustee, and honors Rich with the title of Board Chair Emeritus.

2017

Rich and Ginie are named honorary co-chairs for the \$200 million *Forever Yours* campaign, the largest fundraising effort in the University’s history.

2019

The first cohort of 15 Hunsaker Scholars graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences.



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2020s

2020

Rich is named a Life Trustee and is selected by the Board of Trustees as a recipient of the Mattison B. Jones Trustee Medal for Exceptional Service. The medal is named after the Board’s first chair, who served 34 years—awarded only in genuinely exceptional circumstances. It is a fitting tribute to Rich, whose comprehensive tenure on the Board of Trustees exceeded that of the award’s namesake by more than a decade.

2021

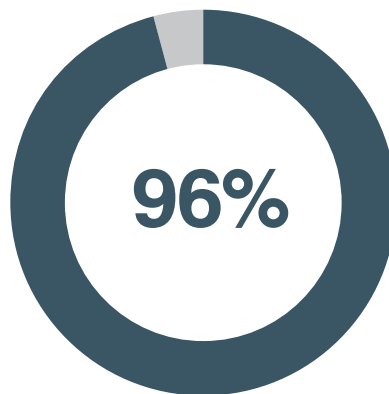
Ginie passes away on Jan. 3, and Rich could not wait any longer to be with his sweetheart, dying peacefully on Jan. 12.

FOREVER YOURS, FOREVER OURS



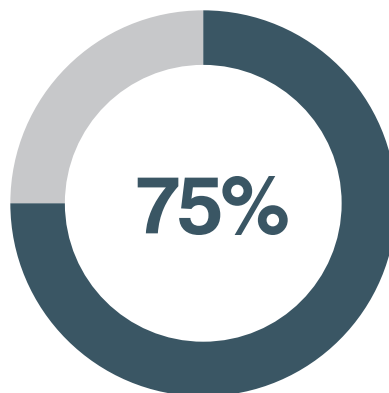
Inspired by the philanthropic leadership of Rich Hunsaker '52 and Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52, in 2013 President Ralph W. Kuncl made a personal promise to encourage others to follow in their footsteps and express personal commitments to the University. Through their collective giving, alumni, parents, employees, students, and friends of the University continue to honor the Hunsaker legacy as the *Forever Yours* campaign draws closer to its \$200 million goal, with more than \$192 million raised to date.

“For those of us fortunate enough to have known Ginnie and Rich, we recall with fondness and admiration their shared love for the University of Redlands, their unmatched commitment to the institution’s future, and nearly seven decades of faithful philanthropy,” says Kuncl. “Their innumerable contributions of time, talent, and treasure continue to serve as an inspiration to all of us and a reminder of the importance of giving back. Their legacies are incomparable. Our hearts are broken with their passings.”



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DUAL PASSIONS: ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY FOR BLACK SCIENTISTS

How a U of R marine ecology elective changed alumna Kaylee Arnold's life

By Lilledeshan Bose '22

When Kaylee Arnold '13 first visited the University of Redlands more than a decade ago, she “just fell in love with it.” At the time, the School of Music was the big draw. Arnold was a cellist and wanted to explore music and science. At Redlands, she performed in the orchestra, playing at musical events, including the Feast of Lights annually, while she worked toward a degree in biology.

Growing up in Oceanside, California, Arnold was always at the beach on the San Diego coast, fascinated by tide pools and aquariums alike. But she thought her interest in research and science could only translate into becoming a doctor.

That changed in a marine ecology class with Professor Lei Lani Stelle, where Arnold volunteered to observe gray whales on the Orange County coast. Stelle's research team measured and recorded whales' breathing rates to monitor whether their behaviors changed when whale-watching boats were around.

During Arnold's first foray into field research, the class helped her realize the vastness of scientific research and the career potential of science: “That course completely changed my whole path and is a big reason I'm a scientist today.”

After Redlands, Arnold explored various careers in animal studies. She worked at an aquarium, then a marine fish hatchery. She studied bottlenose dolphins. She also volunteered at the San Diego Zoo, where she developed an interest in wildlife and infectious diseases. That led her to graduate school at Tulane University, where she studied ecology and evolutionary biology.

Today, Arnold is earning her Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Georgia, where she's focused on understanding the effects of anthropogenic stressors on gut microbiomes and how landscape changes affect pathogen transmission between animals. Her translation: “I study insects that spread diseases, and I look at their gut bacteria to understand how they transmit diseases.”

Finding her path in research and science has also led Arnold to another passion: advocating for Black scientists.

Last May, Black scientists were motivated to publicize the challenges of being Black while exploring nature outdoors after birdwatcher Christian Cooper was harassed by a white woman in New York's Central Park. The group, including Arnold, created dozens of online campaigns to celebrate Black academics, scientists, and naturalists.

Birders created the hashtag #BlackBirdersWeek to highlight their belonging in outdoor spaces; neuroscientists created the hashtag



Kaylee Arnold '13 is earning a Ph.D. in ecology at the University of Georgia. Here, she holds a jar of bugs at the University of Panama, Panama City, while visiting a collaborator's research lab in 2018.

#BlackinNeuro; microbiologists used #BlackinMicro; marine scientists, #BlackinMarineScience.

Arnold participated in various campaigns as a marine scientist and microbiologist. The experience was phenomenal, she says. “There are more Black folks than even we know and are showcasing.” The campaigns not only normalized Black people working in the sciences, they also gave the Black community a platform to discuss systemic Black exclusion from the sciences, as well opportunities to network and find Black resources.

Scientists from Europe and Africa participated, too. “Visibility is a huge thing, and Black folks need to see themselves in different spaces,” says Arnold. “It shows that we exist, we're here.”

Inspiring younger generations and improving representation is vital, adds Arnold, who already conducts K-12 STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) outreach for public elementary schools in Georgia. “Just showcasing young Black college students who are doing science [alleviates] a lot of stereotypes,” she says. “That's why I work in public schools as much as I can, so I can say, ‘I look like you, and I'm doing these things. If this is interesting to you, you can do this, too.’ That's something that I didn't have, so it's really important for me to try to be that for other kids.”

After Arnold finishes her Ph.D., she hopes to work for a government institution like the Smithsonian, conducting wildlife disease research. She also wants to continue to do outreach with underserved public schools. No matter where Arnold lands, Redlands will hold a special place in her heart. She keeps in touch with former professors like Stelle and was recently a guest speaker in her class.

Arnold says, “Redlands shaped me and who I am as a scientist more than I could have ever known or fully understood at the time.” **OT**

Class notes

Class notes reflect submissions from
Aug. 4, 2020, to Feb. 22, 2021.

The College

↘ 1954

Nancy Blue '54 has had a little trouble being “bossed” by her children after so many years of “bossing them.” Thanks to their love and caring, she is now living at Belmont Village Senior Living in beautiful Cardiff by the Sea, California. No more cooking, cleaning, or doing laundry, which are other big changes to which she is getting accustomed. She just finished reading the recent book by **Bob Steinbach '54** and loved it. She wishes all of her classmates good health and happiness.

Roger Cullen '54 and his wife, Beverly, still live in San Antonio, Texas, but are mostly living a virtual life via text and Zoom with their family. One of their grandsons graduated from college, while their eight granddaughters' hugs and kisses have also been mostly virtual as well. “We can't wait for a better year than 2020 for our family and yours.”

Carl Davis '54 retired after 50 years as a judge and moved from his Redlands home to nearby Plymouth Village. “No more maintenance, repairs, or gardening! Yea, I love my new home.”

Don Ruh '54 and **Sandra Luchsinger Ruh '57** celebrated a combined Thanksgiving and Christmas with their family on Dec. 15 and hope to do the same this year for their 60th wedding anniversary. They are thankful **John Gruendyke '55** arranged their first blind date, and five years later, **Ron “Squeek” Davis '54** reunited them. Former roommates **Jim Ellis '54** and **Horace “Bunny” Gillette '54** were part of their wedding party.

Bob Steinbach '54 and his wife, Virginia, continue to enjoy life in San Diego, made even better by their new 65-inch TV with a simple remote gadget and closed captioning. They have been in contact with **George Guynes '54** and **Lota Hodge Guynes '54**, who are now living near their daughter-in-law in Spring, Texas. Bob retired from Grossmont College after 30 years in a variety of teaching and administrative positions and their worldwide travel adventures.

↘ 1955

Joan Rogers Anderson '55 and husband Frank sold their beachfront condo in Laguna Beach and moved with their cat, Kitoko, to Issaquah, Washington, where they are residents at Timber Ridge, a large retirement community. They are enjoying the Pacific Northwest and new friends. Classmates are welcome to contact Joan at joanfrank1955@yahoo.com.

Phyllis Daniel '55 never thought she would have enough time to read, but these last months have been generous with that kind of time. Three Zoom book groups (one nonfiction, one fiction, and one library-sponsored and structured on the Dewey Decimal System) have helped guide her choices. Among her favorites are *The Dutch House*; *Olive, Again*; *Other Minds: The Octopus, the Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness*; and *The Sun Is a Compass*. Former classmates can contact her at phyllisdaniel@sbcglobal.com.

MaryAnn Black Easley '55 continues to assist writers via Zoom in completing works of fiction, memoir, and poetry. She regularly enjoys longevity stick via FaceTime with her former U of R roomie, **Audrey Nichol Hauth '55**, and MaryAnn tutors long-distance university students living in Japan and Brazil. While this has been a period of loss,

she has discovered a new purpose in assisting others. Online shopping for necessities has become almost an obsession, and front-door delivery allows more time to value what is truly important in life.

Audrey Nichol Hauth '55 keeps busy doing longevity stick (while masked and at a distance) in the city of Seal Beach or via FaceTime with former college roommate **MaryAnn Black Easley '55**. She also enjoys the autoharp, walking every day, playing Scrabble, and sipping wine with cautious friends (sitting at a distance) beside her beautiful koi pond.

Patty Perkins Hayden '55 admits life has been hard since her husband, **Kent Hayden '53**, suffered a stroke in October 2020 and passed away in January. In trying to uplift her spirits, she finally developed—with the help of a former art student—a website, peepspaintings.com, as a way to display and market her artwork, a long-term dream realized after 20 years.

Bob Wallace '55 now resides in assisted living in Claremont, California. While lockdown has been difficult, this period has also brought gifts, such as time to reflect and imagine this as a “threshold,” a beginning of something new (even at this end of life!).

↘ 1956

Dorothy Wallis Simmer '56 is part of Treble Clefs, a group of 16 women who sing at retirement homes, assisted living facilities, and community events. She loves the rewarding experience and will be happy to resume singing when the pandemic is over.

↘ 1959

Penny Wickett Kennedy '59, '90 and husband Martin sold their home in Florence, Oregon, and moved into a lovely home in Eugene, Oregon. It is located in a 55-and-older community with a fishing and duck pond. They are also rain birds and head south to Las Vegas for the winter. They wish for everyone to be safe.

Marilyn Kerr Solter '59 knows that travel is the most frequent news story from the class! COVID-19 has certainly slowed that down, but she is hopeful that soon she will receive stories that folks are “on the road again!” Stay safe, get that vaccine to protect yourself and others, she says, and hopes to hear about exciting adventures in the near future!

Jim Strand '59 has moved to Alexandria, Virginia, to be closer to family and would like to know if there is another U of R classmate nearby. Let Marilyn Solter know so she can connect the two of you!

↘ 1960

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Kit Carson '60 has a new book, *The Tough Guy Book Club*, written after working in the county jail library for more than three years.

Marilyn Heyler Hettick '60 and husband Vergil could not have a big golden anniversary party, but their daughter arranged a Zoom celebration of 50 wonderful years of marriage with family and friends from all over. Marilyn enjoys daily walks with her dog around their Yorba Linda, California, neighborhood. After a 25-plus year hiatus, she had her Steinway piano tuned and resumed weekly piano lessons. It has been a great challenge for her octogenarian brain to relearn reading music, putting her fingers on the right keys, and hearing the sounds. She has plenty of free time to practice and is loving the music. Photography continues to be a serious passion, but she has taken recent photographs in their garden and on local

walks rather than on trips. In the past, both she and Vergil have had numerous award-winning images at the Orange County Fair competition, and they hope this venue will resume when COVID-19 is history.

Ann Parks '60 has been isolating in place since the pandemic began, so to stave off cabin fever, she and partner Kent Williamson hike in their beautiful Northern New Mexico mountains two or three times a week. They miss their chorus, the Sangre de Cristo Chorale, but hope they will reconvene in 2021.

Cynthia MesKimen Sharp '60 is vice chair of the Cottage Village Coalition, a permanent low-income tiny home development. She is also an active participant in a transitory housing development with the City of Cottage Grove, Oregon.

↘ 1961

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Kenneth Barnes '61, '65 (B. Div.) is a retired minister in the United Church of Christ. He served churches in Orinda, Hayward, Kensington, Laguna Beach, New Jersey, Sonoma, and Tiburon. He has also had pulpit exchanges in England and Scotland. Ken and his wife celebrated 52 years of marriage. Their daughter, a choreographer and dancer who lives in New York City, is married to an actor. Ken enjoyed running and ran several marathons; he does not run anymore but he uses an elliptical machine every other day. Now, he calls on elderly, housebound, and hospitalized congregants in the church he served in Berkeley. Ken enjoyed his time at the U of R and played freshman football. He transferred to UC Berkeley and was on the boxing team. Coming from a small-town high school with just 20 students in his senior class, he appreciated the care and attention he received at Redlands.

Gail Mungen Burnett '61 and her husband, Bob, participated in a Road Scholar trip to Key West, Florida, in February 2020. They spent an interesting week in the unusual party atmosphere, enjoying the scenery and historical artifacts. Author Ernest Hemingway was a frequent resident, and his former home is on display, including many well-cared-for cats (some with six toes, a must-see for Gail). Also, this was the location of the Truman Key West White House, where Truman spent some of his challenging presidency on restful vacations. Gail and Bob enjoyed a schooner ride in the bay and too many servings of key lime pie. To celebrate their



MaryAnn Black Easley '55 assists writers in completing works of fiction, memoir, and poetry.

46th anniversary, they stayed at a bed-and-breakfast overlooking the ocean in Pacific Grove, California, with nice meals, walks, and good weather.

Bruce Johnson '61 has been reliving some old memories and creating new ones. While purging family memorabilia, he uncovered old photos from the time his father, **Richard L. Johnson '30**, spent at Redlands (1927-1930). These photos showed the campus when only a few buildings existed (Chapel, Ad Hill, and four dormitories). Then he had a thrill during a FaceTime phone call with his grandson, **Nathan Mestre '24**, currently a freshman in East Hall with the track team. Nathan is a fourth-generation Bulldog. He led Bruce on a virtual one-hour walking tour of the campus, pointing out the "new" buildings and their functions, while Bruce pointed out the "old" buildings and their functions during his time. Bruce can hardly wait until he is able to visit Nathan in person on campus! He also steered Nathan to a "Gay 90s Special" pizza at the Gourmet Pizza Shoppe in downtown Redlands. He is the only first-year student known to Bruce who already knows the "Och Tamale"!

Roy Madsen '61 and **Linda Houghton Madsen '61** remember the following experience from their college days: "Let's face it, Class of 1961, we got off to a pretty shaky start at the U of R that autumn of 1957. As it turned out, ours was the last class of scientific and mathematical ignoramuses ever admitted to the University. When we headed off to college, how were we to know that a world-shaking event was about to occur (Oct. 4, 1957) that would make it seem that we had grown up in the Dark Ages? Yes, the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik 1. We were excited. At a given time when it would be visible from Redlands, clusters of us students converged near the Hall of Letters. We stood hushed and expectant, faces turned skyward in the pre-dawn darkness, finally spotting a bright "star" blinking across the heavens. With Sputnik 1, a new era of technological and scientific discovery began, along with a national shame that America hadn't properly prepared its K-12 students. The resolve to correct that deficiency meant that no future class after ours would be quite as unprepared in math, science, and technology. We weren't off to the best start! Nevertheless, the Class of 1961 seems to have turned out pretty well after all!" Linda mourns her friend **Mary Judith Dunbar '61**, who introduced Linda and Roy and was godmother to their daughter.

Deanna Dechert Passchier '61 has had a busy 60 years since leaving Redlands. She and her husband married in 1962, enjoying 59 years together and still counting. They traveled back to Salzburg for the 50th reunion

and had plans to join the 60th Salzburg reunion before it was canceled. Their joys are their two sons and four lovely grandchildren. In addition to teaching piano for 51 years, several of Deanna's poems will be published this year in another Osher Lifelong Learning Institute poetry collection. Some of her poems explore the pandemic and thoughts on family, friends, freedom, and travel. She and her husband had a Super Bowl party that consisted of bridge-playing friends, with the football game muted.

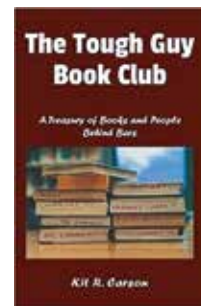
Jackie Strong '61 says that it does not seem like it has been 60 years since she graduated from the U of R! She recently moved to Riverside to be closer to her brother and his family, and she likes the very nice retirement community where she now lives. She is beginning to make new friends and enjoys the great meals prepared for her each day.

Clarice Giberson Wiggins '61 was blessed as a freshman to live in Grossmont residence hall with a sophomore, **Ellen Casey Mayr '60**. They hit it off and have remained friends ever since. In fall 1989, Clarice applied for and was accepted as the U of R admissions representative for Northern California, a position she held until 1993. During that time, she visited many high schools and community colleges, met with prospective applicants, and staffed high school college nights and community college transfer days. Clarice and her husband attended many Feast of Lights festivals, and one memorable time, they attended with their pastor from the Watsonville First United Presbyterian Church, **George Erickson '52, '54**, and his wife, Donna.

Mike Williams '61 is still working in a surgery clinic, but for a surgeon, no night or weekend calls is like being retired. His wife, Evelyn, continues with the senior ministry at their United Methodist Church. She cares for most of the congregation, which is an older group. When Evelyn first had Mike attend a service with her, he discovered that he knew most of the songs! Those hymnals in the U of R chapel were Methodist, he guesses. He and Evelyn were going to strike it rich and rent out their upstairs to a college student from Cal State Channel Islands, but along came COVID-19, and that plan went up in smoke. Mike and Evelyn are both well, happy, and living for each day. And Mike still misses **Fernand Jennings '61**.

↘ 1962

Betty Mann Smith '62 and her husband, Norm, moved to a continuing care community called Eskaton Village in Carmichael, California. They are in the independent-living section and would love visitors when the pandemic ends.



Kit Carson '60 has written a new book after working in the county jail library.

Caroline Brigham Vassallo '62 and husband Tony have built their own home in Santa Barbara—a mid-century modern—and hope to stay there for many years. She has pretty much beaten her colon cancer and never, until now, stopped playing table tennis or going to exercise classes. She and Tony keep busy with their house rentals; she enjoys working alongside their gardener on the landscaping. While working on her scrapbooks, she is reminded of the years at the U of R and many wonderful people.

↘ 1963

Marilyn Anderson '63 barely escaped New Zealand when COVID-19 hit. She and her husband made it home but now wonder if that was the best decision.

Steve Habner '63 got his vaccination early. Married 55 years, Steve and his wife, a registered nurse, have become "shot givers" in the health clinic of their Washington county. Steve is hoping to visit his brother, **Joel Habner '59**, in Boston this summer, having recovered from COVID-19. Steve teaches an adult Sunday class at his church. He is currently working on a 50-year-old Fiat 500L.

Dan King '63 reminds everyone that "we are coming into that age when we will be losing friends and spouses. Say a prayer for those still walking around with a head filled with memories, and stop and drop them a well-received note."

Mary Robinette Plimpton '63 and her husband, Harlow, have been married for 52 years. She has fond memories of English professor Dr. Hone. Along with his family, Dr. Hone built strong ties with the 1962 Salzburg group. Like many in her class, Mary has an unlimited time agreement with Zoom.



Audrey Nichol Hauth '55 remains busy with her philanthropy work and exercise programs.



John Hintz '64, Jim McElvany '63, Chuck Wilke '64, Tony Taylor '63, and Dave Shikles '63 ride the Coachella Grande.

Mary Berry Robinette '63 lost her husband, Bob, of 55 years in May 2020 after a four-year battle with prostate cancer.

Doty Rogers '63 tries to call two old friends each day to keep in touch; she contacted her freshman class roommates **Arrah Dolle Dial '63** and **Marilyn Hagen Anderson '63**.

John Seiter '63 and his wife, Linda, celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary and their second COVID-19 vaccination. They have moved from their longtime home in Pasadena to Carpinteria, California.

Chuck Shackelton '63 and his wife, Mei Ling, celebrated their golden anniversary and their first vaccine shot.

A survivor of prostate, melanoma, and skin cancers, Chuck attended his 60th class reunion from Long Beach Poly and was delighted to see Billy from the Mouseketeers and Billy Jean King in attendance. As always, Chuck is very involved in his church.

Steve Teele '63 and his wife, **Sue Stickney Teele '64**, have survived the pandemic wearing a mask and keeping socially distanced. Sue is an elder of her church, and Steve serves on the finance committee to stay busy. Zoom allowed a reunion of their Salzburg group.

Diane Willis Yamagata '63 welcomed her second grandson, Oliver, into the world on Jan. 9. He joins his older brother, Sebastian.

➤ 1964

Chuck Wilke '64 joined **John Hintz '64**, **Jim McElvany '63**, **Dave Shikles '63**, and **Tony Taylor '63** to ride the Coachella Grande in Palm Springs in March. The Bulldog group has completed many rides together over the years.

➤ 1965

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Jim Allen '65 escaped last fall to Washington for two weeks of photography, primarily in the Mount Rainier and Olympic national parks after months of COVID-19 hibernation. "It was the first time I have focused on photography as art, which opens a whole new world for me," he reports. Jim stopped twice in Olympia, Washington, on his trip to eat pizza at Dirty Dave's Pizza Parlor—the successor to the Gay 90s pizza place he frequented as a U of R student. The current menu includes Dave's Special, Combination, and The Bulldog. Still delicious!

Bill Bollinger '65 swore he would never retire ever since starting his teaching career at California State Los Angeles in 1976, but COVID-19 changed his plans. "I love teaching in the classroom, but I wasn't up for online." Meanwhile, he was delighted to finally correspond with **Janet Lamb Shikles '64** to thank her for recruiting him in 1963 to go on the Fisk University exchange program. This experience set him on the road to becoming a historian.

Sam Brown '65 and his wife, Allison, continue to split their time between Key West, Florida, and Aspen, Colorado, where they have been heavily involved in the Aspen Music Festival. They are also building a family home in Minnesota, where they have strong family ties. They recently became grandparents for the third time but are desperately missing in-person time.

Rita Cavin '65 and her husband, Brooks, are staying put, Zooming with friends and family. She is painting in her studio, sketching, walking in the park, and being active in a book club.

Patty Kelly Compeau '65 is tutoring science on Zoom to several elementary and middle school students. She and her husband spent three weeks in New Zealand last spring and got the last flight home on March 21. Part of the time, they were with a friend who was lecturing on his book, *A Lincoln*. The lectures were titled "Lincoln and Leadership" and brought forth interesting discussion among the attendees about the different leadership styles in New Zealand and the United States. They have been able to take a few trips along the West Coast to see friends and family. They are also involved with social justice activities, doing what they can to follow Martin Luther King Jr.'s teachings about mutuality and reaching out to others.

Fred Emmert '65 continues to create spectacular aerial photos of the Southern California area, including amazing pictures of Redlands. See his work at airviews.com.

Janet Putnam Kornmesser '65 reports that virtual singing has become her favorite activity. It provides a way to connect with new friends and visit churches. Having moved to Tucson, Arizona, just as everything was shutting down for COVID-19 last spring, she continued to attend church and Sunday school in Bremerton, Washington, via Zoom. During the summer, she started singing virtually with her former choir in Redlands. She has recently connected with two more virtual choirs in Tucson-area churches. It makes for a busy Sunday but has been a wonderful way to keep up with old friends and make new friends.

Jim Page '65 and his wife, Barbara, have been enjoying their family and retirement in the Oro Valley area near Tucson, Arizona. **Jim Allen '65** and **Sam Brown '65** have visited and shared old times and stories with them over the last few years. Last fall, they watched wildfires on the



HISTORY MYSTERY

Rev. Henry Dittmar was a history professor at the U of R from 1948 to 1978; this is a photo of a Salzburg student dance in the 1960s from his archive. Can you spot yourself?

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 40 of the fall 2020 issue, **Wally Pereira '73** (Johnston) says, "That day has been very meaningful for me for the past 51 years. Oct. 15, 1969, was 'The Moratorium to End the War in Vietnam.' As I recall, this was the first anti-war demonstration at the U of R, and it was driven by those of us at Johnston College.

"At Redlands we decided to march to the City Hall from campus. We organized to have marshals (the students with black armbands) to keep everyone together. At the City Hall, we stood on the steps and read the names of the fallen in Vietnam. Each of us who chose to read were given 15 minutes to read the names published in the Congressional Record. We read around the clock until we finished all of the near 40,000 names.

"My 15 minutes were some of the longest in my life. I left the stairs shaken. So many names were in the pages already read, and so many more to be read! From my experience, the demonstration was disciplined and well-managed by the marshals. I also recall it was peacefully received by the community of Redlands."

Anna Napoli remembers different aspects of that day; then a new professor at the University of Redlands and a six-week resident of Redlands,

she recalls signs on some Colton homes saying "Traitors" and men with old-style video cameras recording the group's progress. "Word was that we'd all earned a place on President Richard Nixon's 'enemies list.' I stood quietly in front of the rebuilt First Methodist Church until the group dispersed, then walked up Cajon Street to Professor Jay and Jane Roberts' house where I hitched a ride home."

DJ Jensen '73 says, "The whole Moratorium movement was spearheaded by **Sam Brown '65**. No rumbles downtown, but Redlanders definitely gave us dagger looks. On a personal note, the summer before I left home in Ventura my dad informed me, 'If I ever see you in an anti-war march, I'm yanking you out of college!' Thank Buddha, sleepy Redlands did not show up on any TV broadcasts!"



flanks of Mount Lemmon from their house; fortunately, they did not need to evacuate. Jim is recovering after coronary artery surgery in early February.

Coralie Lampiasi Prince '65 has participated in jazz workshops, conferences, and meetings virtually on Zoom with people from around the world. She continues as the elementary representative on the California Alliance for Jazz (CAJ) board and was just elected to the CAJ Hall of Fame. Her husband, **John Prince '65**, was in the first group elected to the Hall of Fame many years ago. She has been teaching musical theater and piano online. She misses playing drums in several bands, often at senior citizen facilities. She enjoys Zooming with her grandchildren, three of whom were in her musical theater class on Zoom, and having a brief vacation on Lake Mead, Nevada, and in Indio, California, with family.

Drew Rodgers '65 and his wife have isolated themselves in their cabin on the Oslo Fjord in Norway, where they spend their time walking the dogs, cross-country skiing, and ice fishing. He is also teaching French, Spanish, and Norwegian via FaceTime and writing articles for a Norwegian newspaper on developments in the USA.

Rick West '65 is the president and chief executive of the Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles and will retire in 2021. During his seven-and-a-half-year tenure at the Autry, Rick is credited with transforming the institution founded as the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in 1988 by actor-cowboy Gene Autry and his wife, Jackie, along with another singing cowboy, Monte Hale, and his wife, Joanne.

▷ 1966

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Douglas Ades '66 moved to California after 52 years in New York City to get away from the pandemic. "Ha!"

Bob Baity '66 has been busy this year playing golf and tennis at Belfair, a golf community located in Bluffton, South Carolina, just off Hilton Head Island. He was part of two winning golf teams this year. Bob belongs to the Belfair Men's Golf Association, which has 800 members with biweekly tournaments.

Tom Bandy '66, Bob Millen '66, Rob Stebbins '66, and Marty Udell '66 met for lunch in Carlsbad, California. They debated whether Marty should shave before their October reunion. Bob and Rob volunteer together at Southern California golf courses in a consistent struggle to improve their games.

Sylvia Marcinko Chai '66 with her husband, W. Alvin Chai, co-founded Software Systems Technology, a multinational technology firm that designs and builds massive online, real-time software systems for numerous corporations such as AT&T. Sylvia edited the book *Standard Programming in Cobol*, which was written by her husband and brother-in-law; it became a bestseller in the field. Sylvia is part of the American Guild of Organists, an exam coordinator for Florida, and recently became the dean of the Tampa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. She is currently director of music for Blessed Sacrament Church and director of Hispanic ministries at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Tampa. A freelance writer, Sylvia is a regular contributor to *Slovakia* magazine and *Jednota* newspaper. She and her husband have five children and eight grandchildren.

Harriet Clough '66 earned a degree from University of California, Santa Barbara, with a major in nutrition and dietetics. She then earned her dietetic internship at University of Iowa and worked a year as a dietitian in Brooklyn, New York, to earn the money to circle the globe for a year and a half. She plans to write a book about those

experiences in the next couple of years. After returning home, she earned a master's at UC Davis and spent the rest of her career as a hospital dietician and WIC (the abbreviation for the federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children) dietician in Crescent City, California. She continues to write, and sees her book, *Hello Myrmidon*, as one of her most sterling accomplishments.

Ann Stacy Coppin '66 spent February preparing to move to the house next to her daughter's family in Riverside, California. At the time she moved, she expected her house to sell quickly!

Jerilynn Smith Crivello '66 volunteered less and spent more time helping her daughter, **Catherine Choate Mahmoudi '96**, and her son-in-law, **Naysan Mahmoudi '96**, who have two sons navigating Zoom school, and one preschooler.

Carol Munnecke Fox '66, her longtime partner, Jay Henderson, and her five grandchildren have been living in Honolulu this year. They walk from their apartment to beautiful Ala Moana Beach, where they enjoy long swims almost every morning at sunrise. Carol's 10-year-old nonprofit, the East-West Philanthropy Forum, has survived the year and is moving forward connecting philanthropists from the Eastern and Western hemispheres around important causes, such as climate change, oceans, education, and rural revitalization.

Paul Gregorio '66 drove from Portland and **Scott Harvey '66** came from Sacramento so the two could meet for lunch in Truckee last August. After eating fish tacos under the darkening skies from the California and Nevada fires, they had a freewheeling discussion about life, just like during their freshman year as roommates in Cortner Hall.

Lou Hays '66 and his wife, Michelle, are back in the United States after living in Canada for two years. They are residing in Charleston, West Virginia, where Michelle is serving as the priest at St. John's Episcopal Church. Lou is hoping to get back into part-time ministry when the pandemic subsides and is looking forward to visiting family and friends.

Tom Hoover '66, wife Renee, **Tom Bandy '66**, and wife Gail, enjoyed getting together in Newport Beach.

Joe Hull '66 is a volunteer COVID-19 contact tracer for Martha's Vineyard Board of Health. He will be administering COVID-19 immunizations in the clinic during phase two. He and his wife supervised their two grandchildren's Zoom school for three months so their daughter could go back to work in person at the hospital. He has learned how to cook many new dishes from great recipes in *The New York Times*. Hiking with his family has become a regular activity now. Joe misses going to the health club and seeing movies in theaters.

Joyce Collins Landsverk '66 has some new hobbies: writing her autobiography for her kids and grandkids and making chalk art by her driveway. She is also continuing to paint with watercolors. Joyce is scholarship committee chair for the Assistance League of Santa Monica. Despite the group's thrift shop closure due to COVID-19, they were still able to continue four-year awards. For a good read, she suggests *Mornings in Jenin*.

Don Marshall '66 answered Yo-Yo Ma's call, who, in partnership with the *PBS News Hour*, requested contributions from the public under the title, "Songs of Comfort." Yo-Yo Ma recognized that tough times bring people together with a desire to collaborate. One collaborative vehicle is through music—and technology. This concept developed into an ongoing *PBS News Hour* arts and culture series called "Canvas," which has a parallel presence on Facebook. Don's contribution, in which he is playing the saxophone, can be found at <https://youtu.be/4QJ1z7f2wrY>. His wish is that you may feel inclined to "smile," at least for a few moments.



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Carol Munnecke Fox '66, her partner Jay Henderson, and her five grandchildren live in Hawaii.



Bob Baity '66 (right, in blue shirt) plays on two winning golf teams in 2020.



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Sylvia Marcinko Chai '66 and her husband, W. Alvin Chai, have five children and eight grandchildren.



Paul Gregorio '66 and Scott Harvey '66, friends since their freshman year as roommates in Cortner Hall, meet for lunch in Truckee, California.

Dave Partie '66 performed Haydn's "The Creation" and Mozart's "The Coronation Mass" with the Brentwood Palisades Chorale in 2019. The same year, as a member of the Cal Phil Chorale, he performed at the Disney Concert Hall, singing music from Bizet's *Carmen*, *Armistat*, *The Lion King*, and *The Mission*. During that concert, he had the unforgettable experience of singing "Old Man River." Eighty years earlier, his mother, at the age of 19, sang another song from *Showboat* on radio station KMBC in Detroit for her fiancé, who later became Dave's father.

Norma Shade Snelling '66 is the editor of a national monthly newsletter for the National Search Dog Alliance. She helped found the organization '15 years ago and has about 450 searchers in 42 states that certify as search teams. She has personally worked as a dog searcher for 32 years, finding dogs from 11,000 feet in Sequoia to under a house. She and her husband are retired; they have two daughters and four grandchildren. She has had many life experiences, such as living in Aruba when her husband worked for an oil company; raising 80 head of cattle and growing grapes in San Joaquin County, California; and serving as a San Joaquin County Sheriff reserve officer.

Parke Terry '66 and his wife, Lynn, had travel plans that COVID-19 busted, but they were able to tour Chile, Argentina, and Brazil last February. Highlights included visiting small boutique wineries around Santiago, crossing the Patagonian Andes via backroads, and a backstage tour and samba lessons at one of Rio's Carnival schools. They both retired at the end of 2014, Parke from his job as senior director of government affairs with Greenberg Traurig, and Lynn as deputy executive officer for the California Air Resources Board.

Orange County Thetas from the Class of 1966 recently met on Zoom. **Carol Rice Williams '66** lives in North Carolina; **Margie Royer Wyneken '66** enjoys trips to their mountain cabin; **Sandy Matthews Burnside '66** is as physically active as ever; **Dottie Janks Ortiz '66** is working on a family history project; **Bonnie Winn '66** is looking forward to the 55th reunion; **Carole Ann Maddux Checco '66** got to spend Christmas holidays with relatives; and **Cathy Carter Wieschendorff '66** is doing lots of reading and Zooming.

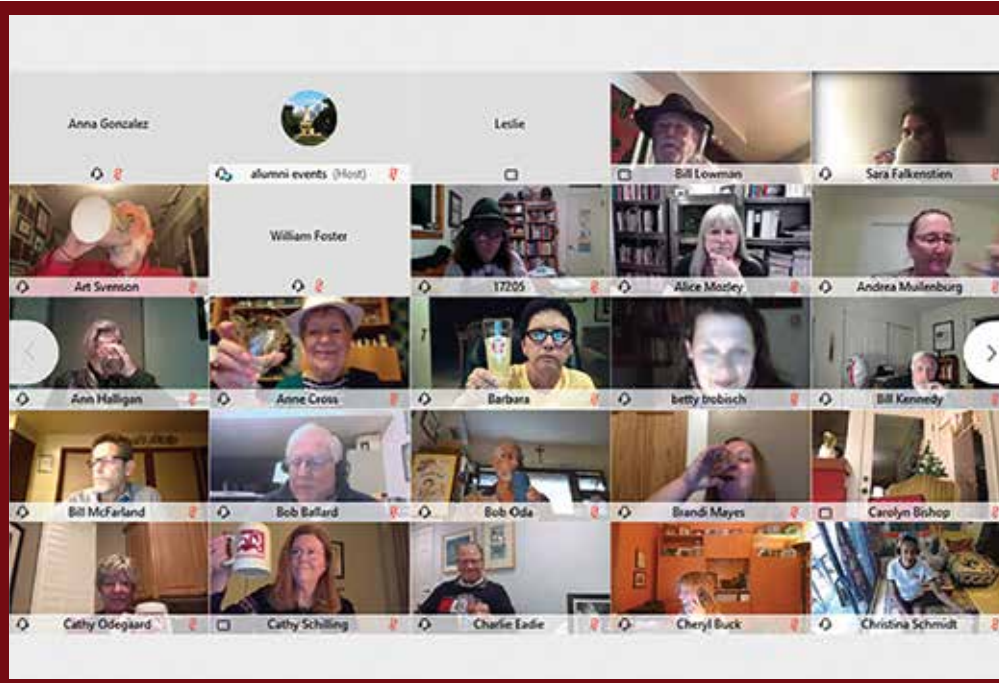
Dale Walker '66 found that this year involved many things that did not happen: travel, celebrations, home improvements, and the most difficult, canceling her yearly escape from winter in Canada to Hawaii. She has been filling her days with walks along the dykes and beaches of the Salish Sea, reading *The Book of Joy*, container



Parke Terry '66 and his wife, Lynne, tour Chile, Argentina, and Brazil before the pandemic.



Renee Hoover, Tom Hoover '66, Tom Bandy '66, and Gail Bandy (left to right) get together in Newport Beach, California.



Celebrating 60 years of Salzburg

On Dec. 3, 2020, more than 220 alumni gathered virtually to celebrate six decades of the University of Redlands' signature study away program, offered at its international campus in Salzburg, Austria. The evening's master of ceremonies was **Bill Lowman '70**, who served as the inaugural Mozley Endowed Salzburg Director from 2012 to 2014. **Alice Mozley '70**, who studied in Salzburg as a U of R undergraduate in spring 1969 and chaired the \$3 million Salzburg Campaign, was recognized for her generous endowment of the program's directorship.

For the whole story, read:
www.redlands.edu/60-years-of-salzburg

gardening, trying to paint using watercolors, teaching Spanish to a friend's granddaughters, and enjoying photography. Her next project will be delving into ancestry. She is hoping for a true reunion in October.

Marty Walter '66 and his wife, Joy, are alive and well in Boulder, Colorado. He is still a math professor at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and finishing up the second edition of his book, *Mathematics for the Environment: As if Survival Matters*. Joy is a research associate at Anschutz Medical Center. They celebrated the third birthday of their granddaughter, Emmy.

John Yeomans '66 and his wife, Mary-Ellen, managed a trip from Toronto to Redlands last January, just before the COVID-19 pandemic. Tennis partner **Randy Verdieck '72**, former psychology professor Robin Pratt, and old friends **Char Gaylord Burgess '69, '70** and **Larry Burgess '67** were among those they visited. John and his wife retired from the University of Toronto five years ago. He has been lecturing widely on Christopher Marlowe and Mary Sidney, who led a group of playwrights writing the first published plays attributed to William Shakespeare.

Sharon Uzzel Young '66 and **Randy Young '66** are working on their 55th reunion, hopefully to be held during Homecoming 2021. The reunion event features dinner on Friday, Oct. 22. The Class of 1966 will also have tables at an all-school picnic at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. Save the date!

∨ 1967

Marianna Banks King '67 published her first book, *The Crisis of School Violence: A New Perspective*, on Dec. 1. Issued by Michigan State University Press, this interdisciplinary work has been called "the definitive book about school violence" by KCBX public radio host Guy Rathbun. More information about the book can be found at schoolviolencebook.com. She notes that the time she spent at Redlands was pivotal in her life and remembers the school with great fondness.

∨ 1968

Mike Nugent '68 moved from Valencia, California, to Plano, Texas, in September 2019 to be near his two daughters and 10-year-old grandson. He reports his basketball career

has officially ended after 39 years as a college and high school referee. He retired from teaching in 2004 and currently tutors math part time in his new community.

Krystle Himes Shapiro '68 has lived in Sandpoint, Idaho, for 43 years. She has taught secondary school, worked as a licensed medical massage therapist with cancer patients and the elderly, completed a master's degree in holistic nutrition, and published a book, *The War Within, A Holistic Approach to Preventing Veteran Suicide*. She is currently working in management at an independent senior housing facility and teaching massage therapy-kinesiology to young students.

Becky Smith Snedigar '68 continues teaching piano lessons during the pandemic on Zoom. This technology allows her to teach students who do not live near her Los Altos, California, home. **Steve Hadder '81** is one of her students.

∨ 1970

The Class of 1970 50th reunion has been postponed. Please stay tuned for new details.

Mary Nelson Hunt '70, Ken Hunt '69, and Bill "Whale" Lowman '70 live on Coronado Island, California, and either bike ride or lawn bowl every day with masks and socially distanced to keep their sanity and health.

Bob Lange '70 is suffering through the pandemic by giving FAA "709 checkrides" and doing candy drops at the Palm Springs Air Museum. The 1963 Cessna L-19 "Bird Dog" that he flew at the Redlands Air Show last year won first place for classic aircraft. Things seem to go full circle; he took his first flight lesson at the same airport while a sophomore.

∨ 1971

Class of 1971, save the date for your 50th reunion during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 22-24! The reunion dinner will take place on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

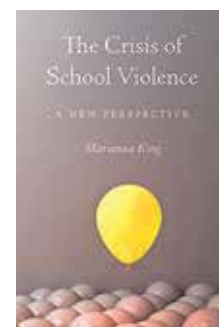
Bill Black '71 has published a new collection of interviews, *Grit and Grace: Black Fathers Tell Their Stories*. The book is based on 23 interviews with dads about the challenges



Mike Rothmiller '78 is a *New York Times* bestseller.



Bill Black '71 co-authors a book based on 23 interviews with dads about the challenges and benefits of parenthood.



Marianna Banks King '67 publishes her first book, which has been called "the definitive book about school violence."

Mixing chemistry and business

Greentown Labs CEO Emily Reichert '96 found her calling as both a scientist and a business leader in the climatetech industry; her incubator addresses the planet's daunting climate change issues

By Laurie McLaughlin

The clock is ticking for tackling one of the planet's biggest threats, says Emily Reichert '96: "We have 10 to 12 years left to address climate change if we don't want our children to live in an unlivable world," she says. "We need to address these issues today, but part of that is developing technology that doesn't yet exist."

Reichert's company, Greentown Labs, North America's largest climate technology ("climatetech") business incubator, currently supports more than 100 climate solutions-focused startup companies working on the global challenge.

"The climatetech and energy industry generally consists of very large companies and institutions that are highly regulated—it all tends to move slowly," says Reichert, who joined Greentown Labs in 2012 to jumpstart the incubator's growth; the following year, she became the firm's first employee and chief executive officer. "Startups are integral to the work of large companies because they see things in a new way."

Focusing on electricity, water, buildings, transportation, manufacturing, and agriculture, Greentown Labs has hosted about 300 startup climatetech companies since its inception. The company's 100,000-square-foot laboratory in the Boston area's Somerville, Massachusetts, supports early-stage entrepreneurs seeking funding by providing the tools and lab space for endeavors such as prototyping and bench chemistry. As the demand and available funding for these climate-focused companies expands, so does Greentown Labs. It opened a second facility in Houston, Texas, on April 22—Earth Day.

Discovering chemistry

Reichert discovered chemistry during her first year at the University of Redlands. "I had a really cool chemistry professor, Dr. Barbara Murray, who inspired me and showed me what a chemist could look like," says Reichert, who hails from Tempe, Arizona. "For women, that's a pretty important thing—if you usually see only men in white lab coats, you don't imagine yourself in that role."

"Emily was one of the brightest stars during my teaching career at Redlands, and she frequently sat on the floor in my office doing her homework," says Murray, now professor emeritus. "She thought chemistry was so fun, and she had great time doing it."

Murray encouraged Reichert to study chemistry in graduate school and provided a summer research fellowship bolstering her credentials, support that launched a stellar academic and professional odyssey. Reichert earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University



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of Wisconsin-Madison and started her career as a scientist. She then moved to Warner Babcock Institute for Green Chemistry, helping build the company from the ground up as director of business operations.

When Reichert was in town for her 20th Bulldog reunion in 2016, she and Murray caught up over lunch. Murray says, "[Emily still enjoys] what she's doing ... and found a way to do science and add business to it."

Business is in the formula

Having excelled in management at Warner Babcock, Reichert felt it was time to expand her credentials: "I knew science, and I knew management, but I didn't know the language of business," she says. "At the time, I was looking to join or start a company in cleantech, green chemistry, and/or other clean industries."

Her networking while earning an MBA at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan Fellows Program led her to the nascent Greentown Labs. There, she raised \$1.5 million right out the gate on her way to constructing a custom-designed incubator space for entrepreneurs, expanding the team to 35 employees and securing many millions more in funding.

Reichert garnered a long list of accolades while working both at the chemist's bench and within corporate leadership. Most recently, she was named among *Business Insider's* 100 People Transforming Business and honored with the Northeast Clean Energy Council Decade of Influence Award and the New England Women in Energy and Environment Achievement Award. She has also served on the Massachusetts Governor's Economic Development Planning Council and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce's National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. She is the recipient of the prestigious Barr Foundation Fellowship, which celebrates exceptional civic leaders in the greater Boston area.

"Our entrepreneurs move fast and change the overall momentum of the industry," says Reichert, who orchestrates the relationships between incubator startups and large global energy-related corporate partners. "If we can make some of the solutions come to life more quickly, then I think we have done our job at Greentown Labs." **01**



Bob Lange '70 flies a 1963 Cessna L-19 "Bird Dog."



Anne Carpenter Fitzpatrick '77 (left) and her sister, Charlotte Carpenter Lewis '79, travel on the U of R Salzburg excursion in 2018.



Renee Maclaughlan Bozarth '79 (right) has lunch with Louise Doyle Valente '79 (center) and Renee's daughter, Grace Bozarth '24.

and benefits of parenthood (<https://amzn.to/38bnPzk>). This book is his second publication about fatherhood in collaboration with his writing partner, Tom Tozer. His first, *Dads2Dads: Tools for Raising Teenagers*, was published in 2013.

↘ 1972

Elizabeth Hovey Boatwright '72 has a new book, *The Last Things We Talk About: Your Guide to End of Life Transitions*. Elizabeth is a relief chaplain in oncology outpatient palliative care medicine at Stanford Health Care. She has more than 25 years of ministry experience serving diverse cultures and extensive work in the arts and financial planning.

Sherri Harrell Camps '72 and husband Richard canceled trips, parties, and everything else in the past year that could put them at risk of this dreadful virus. They are, however, thoroughly enjoying retirement and have found they are well-suited to sheltering in place together. They are blessed to have two vacation homes to head to when needing a break from the Bay Area.

Scott Lieberg '72 and **Linda Robinson Lieberg '73** report that life is great in Star, Idaho. They look forward to seeing other U of R alumni living in or visiting Idaho.

↘ 1973

Steve Kosareff '73 published his second book, *Satin Pumps: The Moonlit Murder that Mesmerized a Nation*, a true-crime memoir about the infamous 1959 Finch-Tregoff murder case, with WildBlue Press on Feb. 2. Bernard Finch and his girlfriend/medical assistant, Carole Tregoff, conspired with others to murder his wife, Barbara Jean, at their West Covina, California, home. Finch was the Kosareff family physician.

↘ 1974

Linda Williams '74 retired as professor emerita from Kent State University and is now actively pursuing her tennis and pickleball career and enjoying her grandchildren.

↘ 1979

Class of 1979, please visit our Facebook group, University of Redlands Reunion Class of 1979.

Renee Maclaughlan Bozarth '79 had lunch with **Louise Doyle Valente '79** and Renee's daughter **Grace Bozarth '24**.

Charlotte Carpenter Lewis '79 has been acting and singing in musicals from San Diego to Santa Barbara, California, since 1980. To finance this habit, she has worked day jobs in television production,

office property management, and started a vintage retail business, Miss Charlotte's Vintage, finding and restoring treasures from the 1920s through 1960s. Also, as a designer, her home has been featured in two national design magazines. In 2018, she traveled with her sister, **Anne Carpenter Fitzpatrick '77**, on the U of R Tulip Time, The Rhine, and Salzburg excursion, where she was reunited with fellow Salzburg classmate, **Jennifer Small Weeks '80**. Charlotte resides in Burbank, California, with her husband of 24 years, Bill Lewis, a talented actor, musician, writer, and director, whom she met when they starred opposite each other in a production of *The Music Man*.

Gregory Stanfield '79 has practiced law for more than 25 years and was recently named firm managing partner for Hanna, Brophy, MacLean, McAleer & Jensen in Oakland, California.

↘ 1980

Dennis Heil '80 married Debbie Machado on July 7, 2020.

↘ 1981

Terri Crawford '81 says living in rural Idaho means she is less obviously impacted by COVID-19. She has been working from home for about 15 years, so not much has changed there. A big change is coming, as she had planned to retire in February (before she sent this class note).

John Dunlap '81 works in environmental regulatory consulting and lives in San Francisco. He keeps busy with existing and new clients, and like many in COVID-19 times, he does a lot of phone and email work. John remarried on Aug. 30 in Lake Arrowhead, California, to Julia Tian. They reside in two homes in San Francisco, one in the Financial District and the other off Ocean Beach in the Outer Sunset. They try to exercise every day by biking, hiking, kayaking, or running.

Robert Howard '81 shares, "It might be a tad edgy, but I've spent the better part of the year doing this: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=OLAK5uy_kGv_rFu3WslYqaM2_ewfphPI47cHYox0k."

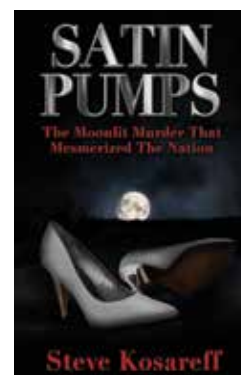
Dan Lewis '81 is writing a new book under contract with Simon & Shuster about 12 species of trees worldwide. Unlike his previous three books with big academic presses, this one is coming along very quickly. Dan has been in touch with former Professor of Literature and Writing Bruce McAllister. Dan works diligently on his electric guitar every day playing blues and jazz. He completed lots of substantial remodeling on the home front over the last few months: a new outdoor covered patio with a fire pit, a gigantic fan for summertime, and a new deck and yard remodel, as well as a major master bathroom remodel with a steam shower! The kids are itching to be back at school.



In law practice for more than 25 years, Gregory Stanfield '79 is named a firm managing partner.



Elizabeth Hovey Boatwright '72 has a new book relating to her job as a relief chaplain in oncology outpatient palliative care.



The second book by Steve Kosareff '73 is a true-crime memoir about the infamous 1959 Finch-Tregoff murder case.

Mark MacLean '81 spent 30 years in investment banking in London, England. Now he is living back in his hometown of Vancouver, Canada, and consulting for a few clients and sitting on a small group of advisory boards. He has two grown and wonderful children: Ginny, who just got married and lives in England; and Bobby, who is 27 and lives in Vancouver. Summers are spent sailing in the Gulf Islands and keeping fit with his new obsession for cycling and, of course, still playing tennis. Mark shares that he is not quite as good as the days with Coach Verdieck but still wins a few senior events.

Paul-Jahi Price '81 has been researching and writing. His new book, *The Sociology of Waiting: How Americans Wait*, will be issued in June by academic publisher Lexington Books. Currently, Paul is a professor of sociology at Pasadena City College in California.

Deb Rivera Theoldore '81 was laid off in July 2020. Luckily at 61, she was able to find a new job at Lab Corp as lab manager. Due to testing COVID-19, she was extremely busy and worked 14 to 16 hours a day until October 2020, when her body fell apart from long hours. She is now trying to recuperate on disability. Her mom passed away suddenly at age 80 in April, which was very difficult. In February, Deb welcomed a new grandson, Rockford, who joins cousins Emerson (age 5) and Bryce (age 3).

↘ 1982

Jeff Carpenter '82 made a brief appearance on the *2021 Rose Parade Television Special*. The show took the place of the canceled Tournament of Roses Parade, in which he had ridden on the City of Hope float the prior year. In late 2016, Carpenter, never having smoked, was diagnosed with stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer that metastasized to his brain. He credits City of Hope with saving his life. He is currently living (cancer-free) in South Pasadena, California, with his wife, Ariel, and has three children: Cody, Emma Rose, and Jake.

↘ 1984

Jenni Pancake '84 was named one of the California Lawyers of Year for her work in inverse condemnation law. This award is among the California legal profession's most sought-after recognitions. This year, *The Daily Journal* recognized 12 legal teams for contributions in areas of law ranging from capital markets to real estate. Jenni was recognized for the city's victory in *City of Oroville v. Superior Court*, a 2019 decision of the California Supreme Court changing the causation standard in inverse condemnation cases to include an analysis of whether the alleged property damage was the result of an inherent risk of the public entity's project. This decision provides governments a new defense in lawsuits claiming property damage and is the first victory for the government in decades in this area of law in the California Supreme Court. Jenni is senior counsel at Colantuono, Highsmith & Whately PC, which serves as city or town attorneys for Auburn, Barstow, Calabasas, Chico, Grass Valley, Lakeport, Ojai, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena, and Yountville, and many other counties, cities, and special districts as special counsel.

↘ 1990

Jennell Sausser Newell '90 and her husband were excited to purchase their dream "retirement" home in Sonora, Mexico, last year, and COVID-19 triggered the full-time move from the Bay Area to the mountains. Jennell shifted to a full-time telecommute lifestyle well before the shelter-in-place order, and she feels fortunate to have been ahead of the curve. While that degree in English literature didn't "pay off" in any direct career, she feels it has served her tremendously in the form of communication and avid

reading habits. Right now, Jennell has a full practice of clients; she helps women in business and spends her days at home, with the dogs and chickens, admiring the view. She wonders, "How is it that we are old enough to buy 'retirement' places?"

Kristin Stephenson Parkinson '90, '91 worked as a speech-language pathologist covering the three schools in the Odyssey Academy district, pre-K through high school, in Texas. Kristin and husband **Mark Parkinson '91** celebrated the December graduation of their oldest son, Paul, an aerospace engineering major at Texas A&M. They are pleased that he is working as a logistics project engineer with Barrios Technology. Two sons out of college and employed and one to go! Their youngest, Jack, is an electrical engineering major at Texas A&M. She and Mark love being a "Mimi" and "Pops" to Paul's son, 4-year-old Arthur. They survived the crazy winter storm in Texas and report they have never seen anything like it in their 30 years of living there! Cheers to a better 2021 as we move toward spring, albeit slower than hoped!

Matt Rouse '90, '92 became the dean of the school of science, technology, and health at Biola University in fall 2020. The second edition of his book, *Neuroanatomy for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology*, was published in 2020.

↘ 1994

Rebecca Brophy '94 was laid off after 21 years as an executive assistant at Pacific Bell Yellow Pages in 2017. She's currently working two contract jobs at Frito Lay in San Jose, California, and Intuitive Surgical in Sunnyvale, California. She was previously a contractor at Lockheed Martin in Palo Alto. She says it has been great being a contractor at so many places and is hoping she will finally be hired for a full-time job with benefits in 2021!

Preet Srivastava '94 attended the Academy of Art University, San Francisco, after graduating. She lived and worked in New York City for 15 years and returned to San Diego with her 8-year-old son. She recently had a show at the Fresh Paint Gallery, which ran through Jan. 31 and featured expressionistic impressionistic figurative oils.

↘ 1995

Classes of 1995 and 1996, save the date for your joint 25th reunion on Friday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., at the Alumni House.

Jeff Hughes '95 began 2021 by starting a new job as a salesforce consultant for Ryan Consulting; he married Jennifer Adamany in April.

↘ 1996

Emily Reichert '96 was named one of *Business Insider's* 100 People Transforming Business in North America in the energy category. Emily is the CEO of Greentown Labs, the largest climatetech startup incubator in North America (see page 46).

↘ 1997

Joanna Bell Hadlock '97 is now at CeriFi as the director of product development. She spent eight years in the classroom before transitioning into the ed-tech space. Over the last 15 years, she focused on building different K-12 learning solutions. She lives in Queen Creek, Arizona, with her husband, Brett, and two kids, Ty and Annabelle.

↘ 1999

Casey Sylvester Daniel '99, '20 was fortunate to enjoy some good in 2020. On Oct. 21, she completed the final class for her Master of Science in organizational leadership at U of R. The same day, she and her husband, Steve, left for Jamaica (with 13 friends) to celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary and retie the knot.

↘ 2001

Paul Lucero '01, '07 was named a finalist for California League of Middle Schools teacher of the year. Paul is an Advancement Via Individual Determination (commonly known as AVID) and WEB teacher at Joe Baca Middle School in the Colton Unified School District.

↘ 2002

Marianna Oller Branch '02 had a busy 2020. She earned a Ph.D. in counseling from the University of North Texas and got married to Jason Branch. They are expecting their first child in July 2021.

↘ 2004

Dailyn Brown '04 and Eric Sellers were married in Borrego Springs, California, on Nov. 14, 2020. It was a micro wedding, but a few U of R alumni were still in attendance: **Jerilyn Nolfi Brown '65, Vicki Brown '86, Bill Dwyer '86, and Kimberly Marsbury Nielsen '04.**

Elizabeth Mackey-Sall '04 will join the Santa Barbara law firm DT Law Partners. She is a California licensed attorney and estate planning expert and spent six years managing her private practice in the San Francisco Bay Area before moving to Santa Barbara. Elizabeth graduated magna cum laude from Southwestern Law School with a public service distinction in 2013. She served as a professor of law and taught the school's bar exam preparation program before launching her law practice in 2014. She counsels clients on all aspects of estate planning and administration, including wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, advance health-care directives, powers of attorney, charitable giving, probate administration, conservatorships, and other complex estate planning services.

Erin Minckley '04 published her book, *Artists Who Thrive: Building Resilience, Relationships, and Results*, in December 2020; it is available on Amazon, or a signed copy may be acquired at profitableartist.org/buy-the-book. The book is part memoir and part manifesto about her journey into entrepreneurship from having been a starving artist.

Keegan Tanghe '04, Brad Wenzel '04, Mike Werner '04, and Luke Willard '04 enjoyed reminiscing over a round of golf at Eagle Glen in Corona, California.

↘ 2005

Angel Blue '05 received a 2021 Grammy Award for Best Opera Recording with co-star Eric Owens as the stars of the Metropolitan Opera's "Porgy and Bess." The production of George Gershwin's 1935 opera about life in an African American community in Charleston was the Met's season-opener in 2019 and was part of a broader effort exploring race in opera.

Robyn Stringfellow '05 is working on a leadership team to transform public education in the inner city. Their teaching integrates humanities and creates an interdisciplinary curriculum. She is also teaching students and families how to build sustainable urban farms and volunteering with the League of Women Voters. She is also a proud parent of a 4-year-old boy!

↘ 2006

Neeka Cannon Aguirre '06 and **Larry Aguirre '06** are doing well. Neeka will be achieving tenure at Mendocino College as the history department chair, and Larry earned his Doctor of Medical Science from University of Lynchburg last May.

Jocelyn Buzzas Arthun '06 and her husband, Mark, have relocated to Malaysia. They will live in Penang for the next few years, where Mark works for medical device company Smith + Nephew as the managing director of their new manufacturing facility. They look forward to all of the adventures that this opportunity will bring!



Dailyn Brown '04 and Eric Sellers celebrate a beautiful fall wedding in Borrego Springs, California.



Jocelyn Buzzas Arthun '06 and her husband, Mark, enjoy their new life in Malaysia.



Robyn Stringfellow '05 (in red) thrives on transforming public education.



Keegan Tanghe '04, Mike Werner '04, Luke Willard '04, and Brad Wenzel '04 (left to right) play golf.



Casey Sylvester Daniel '99, '20 celebrates her 10th wedding anniversary in Jamaica with her husband, Steve, and friends.



Preet Srivastava '94 displays her art at the Fresh Paint Gallery in La Jolla, California.



Elizabeth Mackey-Sall '04 joins a new law firm in Santa Barbara, California.



Willie Mae Michiels '15 and Jack Bueermann '16 are engaged in Ashland, Oregon.



Lauren Roberts '16 and Robert Magdaleno '16 are married on June 12, 2020.



Jennifer Rowlett '14, '19 and Dvir Maltzman are overjoyed with their engagement.



Deborah Arroyo '08 returns to U of R to take graduation pictures after earning her M.S. in speech-language pathology.



Maggie Smith '14 (left) and Brittany Oster '14 celebrate Brittany's graduation from medical school.



Hannah Lewis '14 and her husband prepare for the birth of their first child in June.



Carly Brownsberger '13 is radiant on her wedding day with Daniel McNeil.



Melanie Moreno '16 and Tommy Hartwig '15 tie the knot on April 25, 2020.



Sarah Koplowitz '14 coaches people to heal with self-care.

Evan Baughman '06 has released his first collection of horror stories, *The Emaciated Man and Other Terrifying Tales from Poe Middle School*, which is now available through Thurston Howl Publications. Evan is also a playwright, and his original scripts have been published by Next Stage Press, Heuer Publishing, YouthPLAYS, and Drama Notebook.

Thomas Solomon '06 and his wife had their first child, Webb Solomon, on Oct. 4, 2020.

Bob Toomey '06 is the department chief of podiatric surgery at Inova Fair Oaks Hospital in Fair Oaks, Virginia. He is a fellow of the American College of Podiatric Medicine and a diplomate of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine.

↘ 2008

Deborah Arroyo '08 graduated with an M.S. in speech-language pathology from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

↘ 2011

Allison Cyr '11 was chosen as 2021 California Teacher of the Year. Allison is a third-grade, multiple-subject teacher at Lyndon B. Johnson Elementary School in the Desert Sands Unified School District in Riverside County.

↘ 2013

Christen Montero '13, '16 is an officer of the incoming board of directors for the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Tri County (San Bernardino-Riverside-Los Angeles). Christen is the co-founder of both the Marketing Consulting Agency and Blue Social, an app that allows you to be introduced to people close by in real life using short-range wireless technologies.

Anish Nanda '13 received his M.D. degree in December 2020.

↘ 2014

Gina Chapman '14 and **Mariya Shpungina '14** launched Meraki Performance Studio in the Bay Area. The studio offers artistic training in acting, dance, and music that allows students to reach their full potential to master their craft authentically, collaborate with peers, and cultivate community through the arts. Studio and virtual classes are available for students of all ages and skill levels. Visit merakiperformancestudio.com for more information.

Alyssa Good '14 started the Same Business Different Day podcast. She and her co-host interview business-minded people to dig into the details behind building a business and inspire upcoming entrepreneurs. Check it out on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Podcasts: @samebizpod. If you own a business and would like to share your experiences on the podcast, email samebizpod@gmail.com.

Margaret Greco '14 welcomed Vienna Rose Talbert in March 2019, and exactly one week after Vienna Rose's first birthday party, they went into strict lockdown because of the pandemic. At the end of 2019, Margaret started a blog and podcast, LEAKYTITS (leakytits.com). Initially focused on millennial motherhood, it is currently changing direction. The blog will focus on practical parenting, and the podcast will focus more on "mom thoughts" while raising a child. In addition to LEAKYTITS, Margaret started a fundraising company. In 2015, she started grant writing and has continued writing/editing for multiple nonprofit organizations. At the end of 2020, she opened the Greco Group: Grants & Funding Development (thegrecogr.com), which helps startup nonprofits, small and mid-sized established nonprofits, and small for-profit businesses earn funding through private and government grants. It has taken off and is an amazing experience. So far, they have acquired more than \$20,000 in funds for their clients and cannot wait to see where 2021 takes them!

Sarah Koplowitz '14 continued her education in the health and wellness world in 2018-2019 with the Integrative Institute of Nutrition, where she became a certified health coach in Los Angeles. Her business has included coaching and private cooking since day one. When the pandemic hit, it was very challenging as she went from cooking and meeting with her clients weekly in their homes to staying at home. She pivoted and is still doing so! Today, she is coaching people to realize the importance of self-care. It has been a time where people understand the importance of their health, physically and mentally.

Hannah Lewis '14 and her husband are very excited to prepare for the birth of their first child in June. Once the pandemic is over, they would love to have guests come and visit the three of them at their new house in Tucson, Arizona!

Brittany Oster '14 and **Maggie Smith '14** were engaged on Nov. 25, 2017, and planned to be married in May 2020 but postponed the wedding due to COVID-19. They will instead get married in August 2021. Brittany started medical school at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in fall 2016 and received her M.D. in April 2020. She had the opportunity to graduate early and start working in a COVID-19 unit in the Bronx. New York needed all the help it could get at that time! In June 2020, Maggie and Brittany moved to Maryland, where Brittany began her training at the University of Maryland to become an orthopedic surgeon. Maggie completed the Teach For America program and received her master's in education in September 2019. She taught fourth grade at a public school in the Bronx for three years and is now teaching third grade in Baltimore. Last but certainly not least, they became dog moms! Rex was rescued in Kuwait and brought to the United States to find his forever home. They adopted him in December 2020.

Jennifer Rowlett '14, '19 is celebrating an engagement! Dvir Maltzman proposed to her on Jan. 23, and she said yes! 2021 is starting pretty well for them.

Miya Senzaki '14 is back home in Palos Verdes Estates and looking forward to making a trip back to Redlands! In the meantime, she has been working for a company that distributes paint sticks and can openers to home improvement stores and distribution centers, including one in Redlands. She enjoys writing and photography and is mulling the idea of sharing her work in print or online. She has not reconnected with fellow alumni or had virtual hangouts but would love to do so in the future. Please feel free to say hi on Facebook!

↘ 2015

Willie Mae Michiels '15 and **Jack Bueermann '16** were engaged on Dec. 24, 2020, in Ashland, Oregon. The two met at the U of R in the theatre department.

Christian Ruiz '15 proposed to **Ashley Keller '14** on Oct. 23, 2020. Christian and Ashley met in Cortner Hall and through Greek life. Christian, a Sigma Kappa Alpha, and Ashley, an Alpha Sigma Pi, were together for eight years before their engagement.

↘ 2016

Melanie Moreno '16 married **Tommy Hartwig '15** on April 25, 2020.

Lauren Roberts '16 and **Robert Magdaleno '16** were married on June 12, 2020.

↘ 2017

Nicolas Pognato '17 and **Danielle Selivanov '17** were married on Nov. 1, 2020.

Keana Moore Suda '17, '18 and **Evan Suda '17** were married on Oct. 3, 2020.



Evan Baughman '06 releases his first collection of horror stories.

↘ 2018

Rebecca Bayer '18, '20 became a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy.

Johnston

↘ 1981

Leonard Cuff '81 retired in 2016 from a career that included a lot of software engineering and a bit of work as a licensed therapist. Everybody correctly guesses that those are two very different kinds of work. He and his wife, Terry, have been together for 35 years, and Leonard is spending time in his garage woodshop, playing guitar, singing, and—no thanks to COVID-19—watching more TV than ever before.

Jan Ogren '81 recently watched slides of Johnston College's 1981 graduation, bringing back many memories. She also reviewed pictures of classes and her graduation contract review. Jan is working from home, which she loves as she has more time to garden. She is also finishing her book, *Laughing with Spirits*, and updating her blog, JanOgren.blog.

Beth Raps '81 has spent decades money coaching and fundraising, and now her career has a new integration: helping others manifest their calling. She invites her classmates to join her Facebook group, Map Your Calling (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mapyourcalling>), a space to share how your calling moves you into action, just like the amazing students and alumni we read about in *Och Tamale*.



Rebecca Bayer '18, '20 is a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy.



Terri Horton '04 is an expert advisor for the United Nations AI4SDGs Global Cooperative Network.



The National Afterschool Association names Helen Welderufael '20 one of the 2021 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders.



Brad Mitzelfelt '98 receives his M.A. in communication from the University of Kentucky.



Liam, son of Cassandra Wachtel '19, knows his future is bright as a Bulldog!

↘ 1991

Karen Yin '91 is the author of *Whole Whale* and the founder of Conscious Style Guide, The Conscious Language Newsletter, and the Editors of Color Database. In 2017, she won the ACES (The Society for Editing) Robinson Prize for editor of the year. Acclaim for her writing includes a Lambda Literary Fellowship, a Table 4 Writers Foundation grant, a Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Nonfiction grant, and a selection of her flash fiction by the Los Angeles Public Library for its permanent collection. Her debut picture book, *Whole Whale*, is a story about making space for all and will be published by Barefoot Books in May 2021. Find her at KarenYin.com.

↘ 2001

Kelsey Myers '01 spoke to the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies community on Feb. 25 about how the knowledge he acquired as a Bulldog led to a career in broadcast journalism. Myers, now a senior media strategist at the Redlands-based technology company Esri, was an Emmy Award-winning producer for CBS News. He also worked at ABC News's *20/20*, CNN's *Larry King Live*, and other network, cable, digital, international, and local TV and radio broadcast platforms. His talk was part of the Kathryn Green Endowed Lecture Series, which invites Johnston alumni back to campus for conversations with students.



Kelsey Myers '01 speaks about launching his career in broadcast journalism after graduating from the U of R during his talk as part of the Kathryn Green Endowed Lecture Series in February.

↘ 2003

Gianni Amber North '03 is a filmmaker, writer, and producer. She co-founded the production company IndieFemme with her sister. On March 23, she gave a talk to Johnston students as part of the Kathryn Green Endowed Lecture Series, which invites Johnston alumni back to campus for conversations with students. Gianni was introduced by her Johnston advisor, Professor Emeritus Bill McDonald.

↘ 2013

Carly Brownsberger '13 married Daniel McNeil on Feb. 22, 2020. In attendance were **Erica Alfton '12**, **Kevin Cornell '13**, **Becky Harris '12**, **Tory Haynes '11**, '13, **Megan Hipkin '13**, **Lexi Isaacs '13**, **Emma Janeczko '12**, **Jessie Liroff '13**, **Alleah Schweitzer '14**, and **Andrew Smith-Jones '11**.

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↘ 1978

Mike Rothmiller '78 has two new books, volumes 1 and 2 of *True Crime Chronicles: Serial Killers, Outlaws, And Justice ... Real Crime Stories from the 1800s*.

↘ 1980

Harriett Shockey '80 moved to San Antonio, Texas, in August 2019. She lives in an independent living apartment in a retirement community near her son and daughter-in-law.

↘ 1989

Deborah McCart '89 became a licensed professional counselor in 2020.

↘ 1991

Steven Yamshon '91 was cited among the top 100 financial advisors by *Financial Times*.

↘ 1998

Brad Mitzelfelt '98 received a Master of Arts degree in communication from the University of Kentucky on Dec. 4, 2020. He is currently a public affairs consultant to the U.S. Department of Energy in Lexington, Kentucky, and a member of the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

↘ 1999

Gregory Hostetler '99 moved to Peoria, Arizona, after living in Redlands for 42 years.

↘ 2004

Terri Horton '04 was selected as an expert advisor for the United Nations AI4SDGs Global Cooperative Network on the ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI) to support global sustainable development goals (SDGs).

↘ 2012

Jennifer Silvestri '12 is a commissioner for the Second District on the San Bernardino County Behavioral Health Commission.

↘ 2019

Kassandra Wachtel '19 welcomed son Liam on June 21, 2020.

↘ 2020

Janelle Parmer '20 finished a fiction drama novel that she started a decade ago, *The Other Side of the Ledge*.

Helen Welderufael '20 was named among the 2021 Next Generation of Afterschool Leaders by the National Afterschool Association. Helen is a regional operations analyst at Think Together, an afterschool program in San Bernardino County, California. **UT**

Class Notes for alumni of the Graduate School of Theology, home of San Francisco Theological Seminary, are listed in *Chimes* magazine (www.redlands.edu/chimes).

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Giving voice to Black history in the Inland Empire

by Laurie McLaughlin

“These are the kinds of projects that tie us to the land and to America.”

—Denise Spencer '12, '14 (MAM)

Makaley Montano '24 has lived in Redlands all her life, but she says, “I never learned about the Black history here—I never even knew it existed.” That is, until she took a course called Black History of the Inland Empire as part of her spring semester at the University of Redlands.

During the course, students interviewed dozens of local Black elders and recorded valuable oral histories to better understand the region’s evolution. “We learned about Black history and helped bring it to life through newspapers, census records, podcasts, maps, and watching and conducting oral histories,” she says.

Jennifer Tilton, professor of race and ethnic studies, taught the Black History of the Inland Empire course. “Students tell me when they grow up in Redlands, in school they learn about white orange grove owners,” she says. “They don’t learn about the Black or Mexican families who have been in Redlands since its founding and helped build the city. The only Black history students learn is a really simple story of slavery and Martin Luther King Jr. in the South, but they don’t learn anything about the vibrant Black communities that existed right here.”

An ambitious initiative

The ambitious oral history initiative is being relaunched through a partnership between Tilton and the Cal State San Bernardino (CSUSB) John M. Pfau Library, with additional funding and support from the University of California Riverside Public History Program. The library manages the “Bridges That Carried Us Over: Archiving Black History” project, an archive established in 2007 by the Honorable Wilmer Amina Carter, who represented California’s 62nd Assembly District from 2006 to 2012, and her late husband, William Henry “Ratibu” Jacocks.

Tilton and her students reinvigorated the archive project with support from civic and religious organizations, such as Congregations Organizing for Prophetic Engagement, NextGen United, *Black Voice News*, UC Riverside Public History program, and Second Baptist Church. Working with these community partners allowed the class to conduct new interviews to help tell the full range of diverse stories of Black communities in the 20th century.

“Our long-term goal is to use the oral histories and other community archives to change the ways we teach history in K-12 schools throughout the Inland Empire,” says Tilton of the project, which continues indefinitely. “If we can figure out how to tell the full and diverse stories of all the people who built the cities we live in right here in the Inland Empire,” she says, “then I think we can figure out how to build fully diverse and inclusive communities today.”

Denise Spencer '12, '14 (MAM) coordinates training for the oral history project and conducts interviews alongside the students. “When you’re African American in this country, it’s a life struggle to feel a sense of belonging and connection,” she says. “These are the kinds of projects that tie us to the land and to America. This project will create an archive of the Inland Empire’s living history so we can hear the voices of the people for generations to come.” **01**

The Gay Anns Social Club, a social support group, is shown here in 1954. This photo was taken by Henry Hooks, who shared his oral history with Redlands students in March.



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All in the family

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22

When Lauren Villanueva '16 drove down Colton Avenue for her first visit to the University of Redlands in 2011, she felt she had found the right school for her. Villanueva and her mother, Jane Kihara, met with Director of Tennis Geoff Roche '96. Later, they received a campus tour from a member of the Bulldog tennis team.

"I came from a small town with close ties," says Villanueva, a native of El Segundo, California, "and my first impression of Redlands was its strong community."

At age four, Villanueva and her younger sister learned tennis from their father, Loyd Villanueva. In high school, she initially focused on basketball until injuries led her to dedicate herself to tennis. Lauren recently taught her fiancée, Mike, to play; she says, "Tennis has always been a family sport for me."

A global business major who studied abroad in Spain her junior year, Lauren's fondest memories of Redlands include the Bulldog tennis team. "They were my family for four years, and they still are," she says. She recalls trips with her teammates: piling into a 15-passenger van headed to Santa Cruz, California; seeing snow for the first

time in Indiana; and traveling to Kalamazoo, Michigan, for nationals her senior year.

Her father flew to watch her last match, and Lauren treasures that moment, as well as the "grads and dads" tennis match she and her three closest tennis teammates hosted: "Dad and I have shared great memories with Bulldog tennis. The parents in the program had a good experience, too."

When Roche asked Lauren to help coach tennis at the U of R after graduation, she was initially nervous. "Coaching is a different experience," she says. "You may have to break some tough news, and, of course, you're not always going to win." When forming her coaching style, Lauren looked to mentors like Roche. "Coach [Roche] taught me a lot, both as a person and as a player. Having my players' backs was the most valuable thing I took from him, as well as the importance of communication."

Lauren served as an assistant coach for three seasons while working full-time at Esri, an international supplier of geographic information software, web GIS, and geodatabase management applications. She started as an intern with the company the summer after graduation thanks to an introduction from Lauren's other former

Tennis Coach Steve Marshburn '01. Five years later, she is working on technology company Esri's managed cloud services team in project management and consulting. "My Redlands experience gave me a little bit of everything," Lauren says, "and that helps because I wear a lot of hats!"

Lauren made her first charitable gift to her favorite U of R sport in 2018 and recently pledged a five-year commitment to support the \$3 million Tennis Campaign Complex, structuring her contribution in monthly payments.

"I am excited for a new chapter for our courts and the new memories that will be made," notes Lauren, whose gift will name a bench in Court Three, where she finished her Redlands singles career. "Bulldog tennis is such a big part of who I am today. I believe in the program and want to share that experience with future generations of players and their families." **OT**

The Tennis Campaign Committee is aiming to raise \$1 million by Dec. 31, 2021, to begin early construction of the tennis complex in 2022. To learn more about these plans or to get involved, visit foreveryours.redlands.edu/bulldog-athletics or contact Ericka Smith at ericka_smith@redlands.edu or 909-748-8357.



CLASS NOTES REPORTERS

COURTESY OF HEATHER HUNT DUGDALE '96



Let us celebrate you

As the daughter of Mary Nelson Hunt '70 and Ken Hunt '69, I have been grateful to serve as my class notes reporter for several years, as it encourages me to check in on my friends regularly and keeps me in the loop of all that is happening with my classmates. I have even forged new Bulldog friendships through my service! I share my fondest memories and deepest friendships with those I studied with in Salzburg, fall 1994.

Those experiences shaped my years at Redlands and were the very reason I chose the University. The same goes for my parents. Now, I am a mother to three daughters: a college freshman, high school junior, and high school freshman. (My mother and her friends are happy to know my girls are just as sassy as I am, so karma has come to roost!) I will always be grateful for my years at Redlands and the class reporting that keeps me connected.

—Heather Hunt Dugdale '96

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The College

Betty Talbot Wynn '44, Sept. 29, 2020

Doris Brown Fleenor '45, Aug. 21, 2020

Margaret Todd Hackleman '46, Dec. 25, 2020. Family members include brother James Todd '44.

Kathleen Sauls Saucier '46, July 30, 2020

Marian Earley Schemmer '46, Aug. 24, 2020

Hazel Cook '47, Oct. 6, 2020

Paul Trejo '47, Sept. 15, 2020

Robert Crampton '48, March 6, 2020

Sammy Haight '48, Feb. 19, 2020. Family members include sister Nicky Haight Horn '52.

Jamie Brown Miller '48, Aug. 31, 2020

Gordon Palmer '49, Dec. 29, 2020. Family members include daughter Pamela Palmer Marienthal '74.

Patricia Webb '49, Dec. 17, 2020

Elizabeth Lynn Carr '50, Nov. 12, 2020. Family members include brothers Robert Lynn '48 and Arthur Lynn '49.

Shirley Dyer Hargrave '50, Oct. 21, 2020

Ines Kuhn Taylor '50, July 28, 2020. Family members include son David Taylor '07.

Richard Bailie '51, Oct. 4, 2020

Robert Lienau '51, Dec. 13, 2020

Greg Welton '51, Jan. 24

Ben Curtis '52, Jan. 10

Carole Butler Hobart '52, July 23, 2020

Wayne Welch '52, Jan. 12

Pat Phillips Graham '53, Dec. 17, 2020

Kent Hayden Jr. '53, Jan. 19. Family members include wife Patricia Perkins Hayden '55 and daughter Michelle Hayden Pister '94.

Rae McClellan Davies '53, Sept. 10, 2020

Carol Feltenberger Bishop '54, Dec. 1, 2020. Family members include son David Bishop '79.

Gene Hickie '54, Nov. 3, 2020. Family members include sister Carolyn Hickie Mock '56.

Charles Russell '54, Sept. 11, 2020

Boyd Browne '55, Jan. 29, 2020

James King '55, March 3, 2020. Family members include sister Cecelia King Evans '59.

Dwight Webb '55, Sept. 11, 2020

Carolyn Larrabee Getchell '56, Sept. 25, 2020

Ernest Briese '57, Aug. 21, 2020

Altha Gillette Hedman '57, Nov. 26, 2020. Family members include daughters Kathy Hedman Manzano '93 and Linda Hedman Punongbayan '99.

Tom Murphy '57, Aug. 19, 2020

Jack Black '58, Sept. 26, 2020. Family members include wife Julia Kaestle

Black '59, son John Black '84, daughter Julie Black Crandall '89, sister Mary Ann Black Easley '55, and brother William Black '72.

Marge Johnson Dieterich '58, Aug. 3, 2020

Amos Isaac '58, Jan. 20

Donald Fouts '59, Aug. 12, 2020

Charles Williams '59, '71, Aug. 17, 2020

Gary Casella '60, Nov. 22, 2020

Kathy Jarrell Harlan '60, Jan. 25

Thomas McClain '60, Oct. 6, 2020

Maile Mahikoa Duggan '61, Jan. 12

Mary Judith Dunbar '61, Oct. 19, 2020

Christopher Rubel '61, March 7, 2020

John Wallace '61, Dec. 25, 2020.

Family members include wife Judith Francis Wallace '61.

Joan Eberth Sells '62, Jan. 1

Flo Nygaard Spruance '62, Oct. 4, 2020

Larry Fein '63, Sept. 23, 2020

Mary Hoke Hawkins '63, Aug. 18, 2020.

Family members include son Nicholas Hawkins '95, daughter Carolyn Hawkins Brooks '96, and sister Martha Hoke Kennedy '66, '68.

Eugene Jozens '63, Sept. 24, 2020

Dennis Lindshield '63, Dec. 17, 2020

Renie Miller Scherer '63, Jan. 29. Family members include husband James Scherer '63, son Scott Scherer '92, and brother Mike Miller '66, '73.

Charles Thompson '63, Oct. 26, 2020

Bonnie MacKenzie '65, July 29. Family members include husband Robert Johnson '64.

Robert Mohr '66, Oct. 12, 2020

Russ Frazier '67, April 19, 2020

Beverly Kasper Watterson '67, March 7, 2020. Family members include husband John Watterson '66 and son Mark Watterson '02.

Donna Cook '68, '82, March 9, 2020

Ann Holcombe '68, Sept. 9, 2020

Ron Reis '68, '69, Oct. 31, 2020

Diana Thomas '68, July 15, 2020

Bill Cureton '69, Nov. 23, 2020

Joseph Jones '69, July 9, 2020

Michael Ewald '72, Sept. 30, 2020. Family members include sister Joan Ewald '74.

Sharon Weaver '73, Aug. 28, 2020

Deborah Bybee Graves '74, July 7, 2020

Steve Johnson '76, Sept. 3, 2020.

Family members include wife Janalee Danis Johnson '76, son Matthew Johnson '01, and brother David Johnson '64.

Samual Patalano '77, Dec. 22, 2020.

Family members include wife Lynne Harry Patalano '77 and son Andrew Patalano '13.

Nadine Feldheim '78, Nov. 11, 2020

Dennis Needham '78, Nov. 8, 2020

Anthony Tricoli '79, Jan. 22

Chuck Wideen '87, Jan. 10

Jill Jackson '95, Aug. 14, 2020.

Family members include mother Janet Floyd Jackson '62.

Rodney Miceli '02, Oct. 24, 2020

Neil Muller '08, Dec. 12, 2020

Emily Holzer '11, Oct. 21, 2020.

Family members include sister Rebecca Holzer '17.

Gabriela Vasquez '16, Sept. 14, 2020

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Janice Kibby '74, Dec. 7, 2020.

Family members include husband Ronald Kibby '69.

Alice Esquer '75, Dec. 23, 2020

Benjamin Acma '78, Aug. 17, 2020.

Family members include daughter Stacey Acma '98.

Jerry Grant '78, Aug. 28, 2020

Harry Papageorge '78, May 28, 2020

David Ramos '78, Jan. 2

Edna Almodovar '79, Aug. 15, 2020

Jerry Bramlett '79, Aug. 18, 2020

Anna Lou Livingston '79, Sept. 7, 2020

Donald Lorack Jr. '79, '89, July 12, 2020

Alfred Olson '79, March 1, 2020

J. Harold Thomason '79, May 6, 2020

Kenneth Dudschus '80, June 12, 2020

James Lyle '80, Aug. 15, 2020

Doris Sanders '81, Dec. 1, 2020

Lloyd Adams '82, Aug. 22, 2020. Family members include son Mark Adams '96.

Monte Eagle Jr. '82, Aug. 26, 2020

Christine Mills '84, Oct. 16, 2020

Charles Cervantes '86, Oct. 2, 2020

Randy Knudtson '89, Aug. 31, 2020

Miriam Page '91, June 12, 2020.

Family members include husband Charles Page '81.

Gloria Henning Settle '91, Oct. 1, 2020

Lynda Carlson Kelley '94, Aug. 3, 2020

Taft Holloway '96, Nov. 15, 2020

Tom Grimes III '01, Dec. 19, 2020.

Family members include sister Rebecca Grimes '96.

Robert Brown '04, April 25, 2020

Friends

Judy Barnes, July 21, 2020. Former executive assistant for three U of R presidents, 1986–1994.

Beverly Carmichael, Nov. 25, 2020.

Avid supporter of the School of Music, particularly the Feast of Lights. Family members include Steve Carmichael '67.

Harvey Ericson, Dec. 30, 2020.

Established an endowed scholarship in memory of his late daughter, Debra Ericson '78, and son-in-law, Chris Perez.

Jo Ann Little, Sept. 20, 2020. U of R employee, 1971–1991.

David Olson, Aug. 22, 2020. A volunteer for the President's Circle Leadership Committee and a contact for two endowed scholarships that he helped his clients establish. Family members include Nancy Olson Best '80.

Diane Reid, Nov. 17, 2020. Established two endowed scholarships with her late husband, David Reid '47.

Elton Roberts, Oct. 18, 2020. Adjunct professor in the School of Education, 1992–1999.

Marvin Siddel, May 17, 2020. Adjunct faculty member, 1983–2004. Family members include daughter Rachel Siddel Wallace '96.

In memoriam

Richard Hunsaker '52, Jan. 12

(see page 30).

Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52, Jan. 3

(see page 30).

Elizabeth (Bette) Bass '69, '71 died on Dec. 21, 2020, after bravely fighting cancer. She was 73. Born Dec. 2, 1947, in El Paso, Texas, Bass attended elementary school in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and graduated from high school in San Mateo, California. She majored in communicative sciences and disorders at the University of Redlands and studied abroad in Salzburg, Austria, during her junior year, igniting her lifelong love of travel. Bass continued her studies of communicative sciences at U of R, earning her master's degree and later becoming an adjunct professor.

She spent most of her career as a speech and language pathologist for schools in Upland and Chino in San Bernardino County. An avid learner, patron of the arts, and traveler, she immersed herself in learning Spanish while visiting Spain, Mexico, and Cuba to better help the students and parents with whom she worked. She fully embraced the life and culture of every country to which she traveled, experiencing adventures with cousins and friends from high school, college, and her teaching world.

Bass is survived by friends Joanne Dierdorff and Gary Overstreet; godson Brooks Dierdorff, his wife Melissa, and their son, Jack; her many Clymer cousins; and godson Michael Lisano. She was predeceased by her parents, Elizabeth Clymer Bass and Thomas David Bass, and close friend Maury Durall, a U of R communicative sciences and disorders professor. In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, Bass's

loved ones have requested memorial gifts to the Elizabeth Bass Student Travel Fund, which can be sent to University of Redlands, Office of Development, P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373 or made online at www.redlands.edu/givenow. An online memorial site is available at www.forevermissed.com/elizabeth-bass/about.

Mary Dropkin passed away on Jan. 8, 2021. Born in 1950, Dropkin discovered a love of the harp in the seventh grade and developed her talent, sharing it with others both as a performer and teacher. Beloved by her students, Dropkin was artist teacher of harp at the University of Redlands. A frequent soloist and active chamber musician, she appeared with orchestras and chamber ensembles throughout Southern California and was principal harpist for the Redlands Symphony Orchestra, Desert Symphony, Riverside County Philharmonic, and the San Bernardino Symphony. A leader in the Inland Empire harp community, Dropkin was president of the American Harp Society's local chapter, and she chaired the society's national convention hosted at U of R in 2018. Dropkin was also founding director of LA Harptette, a professional harp quartet, and directed the University of Redlands Harp Camp.

A graduate of the University of Southern California (B.M.), where she also did graduate work, Dropkin was known for her commitment to music education and taught students in her home studio in Claremont, California. She also was a harp instructor at Pomona College and Cal State San Bernardino. In an online tribute to Dropkin, members of the LA Harptette wrote: "Music education was one of Mary's priorities and passions. Her love of cultivating a community of harpists through educational opportunities was an inspiration to many. Mary was a very special light and spirit in this world. She was a rare and beautiful gem of the earth and a musician who played with passion, grace, class, and virtuosity."

She is survived by her partner, John Gann; sons, Brian and Scott; and extended family. The U of R School of Music plans to hold a special memorial concert in Dropkin's honor.

James Fougousse died on Feb. 22 in Schwarzach im Pongau, Austria, at the age of 76. Fougousse was born on Aug. 24, 1944, in Marshall, Texas. On Jan. 21, 1967, he married Sally Carolyn Strecker. That same year, Fougousse graduated from the University of Dallas in Irving, Texas, as a German major. He received a Fulbright Fellowship Award to Vienna and worked on his Ph.D. in English philology and comparative literature at the Leopold Franzens Universität in Innsbruck, Austria.

Upon his return to the University of Dallas, he served in numerous capacities, including dean of men, assistant to the president, dean of students, chairman of the foreign language department

(while also teaching classes in literature and German), and director of the Rome Program, a position he held until 1989. After serving as dean and director of studies for the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein and the founding director of the Austrian program for the Franciscan University of Steubenville (where he was called "Papa Foug"), Fougousse established a Rome program for Duquesne's McNulty College of Liberal Arts. In 2001, he became director for the University's Salzburg program, from which he retired in 2010. Salzburg alumni will remember his phenomenal memory for history and literature, as well as his ability to make both academic and personal connections with peers and students. Following his retirement from the Salzburg program, Fougousse resided in Bad Gastein, Austria, until his death.

He is survived by Sally, his wife of 54 years, and his six children and their families—Lisa (Fougousse) and Jeff Mobus and their children, Emily (with husband John and daughter Cecilia) Forbes-Mobus, Carolyn Mobus, James (and wife Brie) Mobus, and John Mobus; Sarah (Fougousse) and Michael Tiller and their children, Katherine, Helena, Joan, Patricia, Anna, Joseph, Gemma, and John; Sister Mary Laetitia of the Father of Mercies of the Poor Clare Colettines of Rockford, Illinois; Peter and Susie Fougousse and their children, Gabrielle, Genevieve, Sebastien, Cosette, Delilah, and Roman; Carl and Marisa Fougousse and their children, August, Oliver, Linus, and Simon; and Kristin (Fougousse) and George McCartney and their children, William, Ronan, Georgia, Viggo, and Soren. Also mourning his passing are his younger brother, Richard, and sister-in-law, Rosemary; many nieces and nephews; extended family members; and dear friends. Fougousse filmed a special video message for the Salzburg 60th reunion, which can be viewed at www.redlands.edu/fougousse60th.

Carol Ann Franklin passed away on Jan. 22. Born in 1946, Franklin had a long and varied professional career at the University of Redlands. She joined the faculty in 1976 and served as a School of Education faculty member, associate dean, program developer, researcher, and governance leader for 32 years. She was designated professor emerita of education in recognition of her commitment to a variety of initiatives and programs, including an early geographic information system project related to the Salton Sea and a multi-year summer geography camp for local youth. Franklin made foundational contributions to establish and sustain the University's Ed.D. program, and she was the director of the Student Success Partnership program, which provides mentoring, workforce training, and life skill development for foster youth.

Franklin received a Town and Gown Award of Distinction and was awarded the University's 2014 Frank J. Rice Memorial Service Award, which honors those who embrace the spirit of giving. She earned a Ed.D. from Indiana University, a master's in environmental science and community college teaching from Western Michigan University, and a bachelor's in biology from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Franklin's School of Education colleague and former Naslund Endowed Dean Andrew Wall shares a remembrance: "Carol was an exceptional person, who offered wise counsel, incredible guidance to students, and was a champion for those who might not have otherwise had opportunity. I will remember our conversations warmly, as she extended grace and wisdom freely to me over the years. I relished in hearing the story of her academic journey, her remarkable commitment to the University, and the tremendous contribution she made to foster youth."

Frank Martinez '47 died on Sept. 27, 2020, at age 98. Martinez was born in San Francisco in 1921 to a Nicaraguan immigrant, Frank, and his mother, Caroline, whose father immigrated from Austria. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943 to 1946 and was stationed in the Pacific Ocean theater during World War II. Martinez received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Redlands in 1947, a master's degree in history from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1953, and a doctorate in education from USC in 1963. A member of Kappa Sigma Sigma fraternity, Bulldog baseball, and Yeoman, he stayed active with his alma mater, serving on the University's Alumni Association Board of Directors from 1975 to 1978.

Martinez was a history teacher at Citrus High School and Citrus College before his longstanding career at Cuesta College, a community college that now has campuses in San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles, and Arroyo Grande, California. As vice president and assistant superintendent, he developed the first curriculum and hired the founding faculty for Cuesta College during its inception in 1964. He later became the college's second president and superintendent in 1977, positions he held until his retirement in 1988.

In March 1951, Martinez married Lois Martinez in Glendora, California. The two were together for 59 years before Lois's death in 2010. He is survived by their four children: Larry Martinez, Jay Martinez, Mark Martinez, and Barbara Martinez, as well as two grandchildren, Julian and Lulu Martinez.

Ray Roulette '53 passed away on Aug. 31, 2020, at age 88, while recovering from heart surgery. Born in Inglewood, California, he attended University of Redlands, where he was a member of Alpha Gamma Nu fraternity, Bulldog cross-country/track, University Choir, and

Yeoman. After graduating from UCLA, Roulette worked for the Los Angeles Unified School District for 38 years as a math teacher and administrator. He married his childhood sweetheart, Gail Ruth Roulette '54, on July 18, 1953. After a brief stint in the Army, the couple settled in Inglewood for 17 years, moving to Torrance 50 years ago. A supporter of many charities and local school programs, Roulette served several organizations, including Los Cancioneros Master Chorale, the Methodist Church, AFS Intercultural Programs, and Torrance Sister City Association, but his favorite volunteer job was chairing his church's family camp. He was a longtime class notes reporter for the Class of 1953, and in 2018, he and Gail established the Roulette Family Endowed Scholarship, as they felt their U of R experience was a gift and a foundation for their successes. He is predeceased by his brother, George; and leaves the love of his life, Gail, wife of 67 years; daughter Diane (Mac) Ortega; son Mark (Peggy); adored grandchildren Mary (Jay) Newman, Annie Ortega, Erin (Robbie) Mills, Colleen Ortega, and Ryan Roulette; five great-grandchildren; and brothers Bill and John.

Don Winter died March 4, 2020, in Mercer Island, Washington Born Oct. 6, 1931, in Buffalo, New York, Winter attended Amherst College for his undergraduate degree and earned his Ph.D. in applied mathematics from Harvard University in 1963. He married in 1958 and raised three children. After two years in the U.S. Air Force, Winter worked for Sylvania Electric in Boston and then relocated to the Seattle area to work for Boeing in the applied research department. His passion for teaching pivoted his career in an academic direction, and he became a professor of applied math and oceanography at the University of Washington for 15 years. In 1986, Winter joined the faculty at the University of Redlands in the engineering, mathematics, and physics departments and received the distinction of faculty emeritus when he retired in 1997. He loved teaching students and sharing his curiosity about how math can model the world's physical environment. Winter also was passionate about studying the impact of human activity on terrestrial and marine ecosystems and was particularly proud of research he completed in 1962 for the National Bureau of Standards on radar reflections from the moon. This research was used, in part, to help determine what the lunar surface was like for the Apollo missions. After raising his son, Danny, with Sharon Deng '88, '91, he moved back to Washington in 2011. A classical music lover, Winter was also an accomplished pianist who loved Rachmaninoff and playing on his 1918 Steinway. He is survived by his four children, Becca Moss '89, Tim Winter, Geof Winter, and Danny Deng-Winter. **OT**





WORTH 1,000 WORDS

School of Education graduate Mercy Grace Hernandez '21 poses with Addie on the Redlands lawn during this year's virtual Commencement season.

ON SCHEDULE

For a current list of University events, visit www.redlands.edu/news-events.

Saturday, Sept. 18

Rah, Rah, Redlands!

Ted Runner Stadium, Redlands campus

Bring your family and friends to cheer on the Bulldog team at Rah Rah Redlands! The whole community will enjoy this family-friendly tailgate party sponsored by Town & Gown celebrating the second home football game of the season. For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

“The House That Jack Built”
20 Years of Global Business at
the University of Redlands

*6 p.m., Newport Beach Country Club,
Newport Beach*

Join us as we pay tribute to Professor Jack Osborn and celebrate two decades of the University's outstanding global business program with alumni and friends. At the event, Osborn will be honored with an endowed chair bearing his name. For more information or to share your global business memories, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Thursday, Oct. 14

Celebrating a Lasting Legacy:
A Tribute to Richard Hunsaker '52
and Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52

*11 a.m., Memorial Chapel,
Redlands campus*

In January, the University of Redlands community was devastated by the loss of two of its most honored and beloved alumni, Ginnie Moses Hunsaker '52 and Rich Hunsaker '52 (see tributes on page 30). Their passings mark the end of an era for the University, and we will join together as a community to honor this special Bulldog couple and the many ways they transformed Redlands. For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

December

Feast of Lights

In December, the U of R will celebrate the 74th Feast of Lights at the Memorial Chapel. Celebrate the holiday season—in person—with the Feast of Lights, 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, go to sites.redlands.edu/feast-of-lights or contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Friday, Oct. 22 – Sunday, Oct. 24

Homecoming & Family Weekend

Redlands campus

We are excited to welcome Bulldogs back to campus to reconnect with classmates and make new memories. During the weekend, we will be celebrating the Classes of 1960 and 1961 (60th reunions), Classes of 1965 and 1966 (55th reunions), Class of 1971 (50th reunion), and Classes of 1995 and 1996 (25th reunions). For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/homecoming.



Friday, Nov. 12 – Sunday, Nov. 14

150 Years of San Francisco
Theological Seminary

San Anselmo

Celebrate 150 years of SFTS “forming, reforming, and transforming through spirit and service” by joining us for a weekend of events in San Anselmo.



Friday, June 3 – Friday, June 17, 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.

Making beautiful music through the generations

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22



The Turnquist family celebrates Bill Turnquist '53 and Marilyn Gould Turnquist '53 (front row, third and fourth from right) during their 60th anniversary in June 2013. Also pictured are daughters Lynn Turnquist Spafford '76 (front row, fifth from right), Karen Turnquist Vandenberg '78 (back row, third from right), and Janet Turnquist Watt (front row, second from right).

Marilyn Gould Turnquist '53 was at first hesitant about the idea of attending the University of Redlands like her mother, Helen Barker Gould '21, and uncle, Erwin Barker '21, but Helen had loved her time at Redlands so much and wanted Marilyn to have the same experience. It didn't take long for Marilyn to love it, too.

Marilyn met Bill Turnquist '53 at her first freshman dance in 1949. He asked her to "share the last dance" with him. She agreed, but she thought Bill was a little too serious for her. However, by their junior year, after working together on committees for many campus projects, she found his seriousness, intelligence, and quiet humor much more appealing. The U of R campus was so important to Bill that he proposed to Marilyn in front of the Administration Building facing Memorial Chapel. They married right after graduating, Bill with an economics degree and Marilyn with a degree in religious studies. A 63-year Redlands love story had begun.

Music was a vital part of Marilyn's U of R experience, a passion shared with her late husband and their daughters, Lynn Turnquist Spafford '76, Karen Turnquist Vandenberg '78, and Janet Turnquist Watt, as well as her beloved cousin, Douglas Gould '52. Marilyn was part of the "Orange Pepto" deputation group that brought the Redlands experience to other campuses and community groups, and sang in choir and other musical performances. Although not a

performer, Bill appreciated the music all around him on campus, and served the U of R as Associated Students of the University of Redlands President his senior year.

When considering colleges, Spafford and Vandenberg only applied to their parents' alma mater, where the sisters enjoyed the Feast of Lights and other alumni activities on campus while growing up. "I felt the majesty and gloriousness of that music and was drawn to the excellence of the University's music program," says Spafford, who became a music major and conducted the women's glee club for two years, in addition to singing in the concert choir and chamber chorale. "I had many opportunities that I would not have had in a larger setting." Spafford, who recalls living in Bekins Hall like her grandmother, went on to become a professional musician and music educator.

A multiple subject elementary education major, Vandenberg recalls attending Bulldog football games with her family as a child. As a U of R student, she also sang in the concert choir, followed her grandmother to Delta Kappa Psi (Bill was a member of Alpha Gamma Nu), and credits her Salzburg semester with sparking her enthusiasm for travel. "I loved the friendships I made at Redlands, and from the moment I hit campus, I learned many new things."

Both Spafford and Vandenberg were inspired by their father's commitment to his alma mater, including his service on the Alumni Association Board of Directors,

President's Circle Leadership Committee, and Class of 1953 Reunion Committee. Vandenberg says her father, who received the University's Distinguished Service Award in 1976, also gave his time and treasure to several other organizations—including San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), where he served on the Board of Directors. "He would have been thrilled with the merger [between U of R and SFTS], with two of his greatest passions coming together," says Spafford.

Before Bill passed away in 2016, he expressed a desire to create an endowed scholarship at the University that meant so much to him and his family. In the 2003 memory book for their 50-year reunion, Bill wrote, "Redlands introduced me to my wife, started me on a career, and encouraged me with an ethic of integrity and service. I am nostalgic and grateful."

The William H. Turnquist Family Endowed Scholarship will support students studying business or music. "Redlands is where it all started, and music was so important to Bill," Marilyn says. "It adds so much to one's life."

Spafford agrees, "He loved and appreciated music. ... Dad wanted the scholarship, so we wanted it, too." **OT**

For information on how you can establish an endowed scholarship in memory of a loved one like the Turnquist family has, please contact Ericka Smith, senior philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-8357 or ericka_smith@redlands.edu.

Change Service Requested

U of R names Krista L. Newkirk as its next president

The University of Redlands Board of Trustees announced on April 26 that Krista L. Newkirk, J.D., will serve as the 12th president of the University of Redlands. Newkirk, who will be the first female president of the U of R, is currently president of Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She will join the University of Redlands in July.

“We had many qualified candidates from across the country come forward with interest in this position,” says U of R Chairman of the Board Leland C. Launer Jr. “Throughout the process, we remained dedicated to identifying the best individual to lead our University into the future. As a candidate, Krista stood out due to her range of experience in colleges and universities, large and small; successes as the head of an institution of higher education; and passion for making connections within our community.”

U of R Presidential Search Committee Chair and First Vice Chair of the Board Larry Burgess adds, “We are delighted to welcome Krista to Redlands and excited for the potential she brings to the next chapter of the University’s history. Based on her outstanding track record of consensus-building, problem-solving, and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, she was the top candidate of our 21-person search committee and received a unanimous vote by the Board of Trustees.”

A graduate of University of Nebraska (where she majored in English and minored in philosophy) and College of William & Mary Law School, Newkirk will hit the ground running upon arrival at the University in July. In addition to getting to know members of the Redlands community, her first priorities



include launching a new strategic planning process to follow the University’s successful North Star 2020.

“I am excited to be joining the University of Redlands,” says Newkirk, who led Converse College for the last five years and previously worked at University of North Carolina, Charlotte. “This is an especially important time in the history of the University. I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working with the dedicated and talented faculty, staff, trustees, students, and alumni, as well as reaching out to community members and businesses. As we continue to reassess what the higher education landscape will look like following the pandemic, this is our opportunity to create together a bright future.”

Newkirk succeeds Ralph W. Kuncl, who notified the community last fall he will retire from his current role on June 30, after nine years at the helm of the U of R (see pages 2–7 for Kuncl’s reflections). For more information on Newkirk, look to the next issue of *Och Tamale* magazine; in the meantime, see www.redlands.edu/presidentnewkirk.