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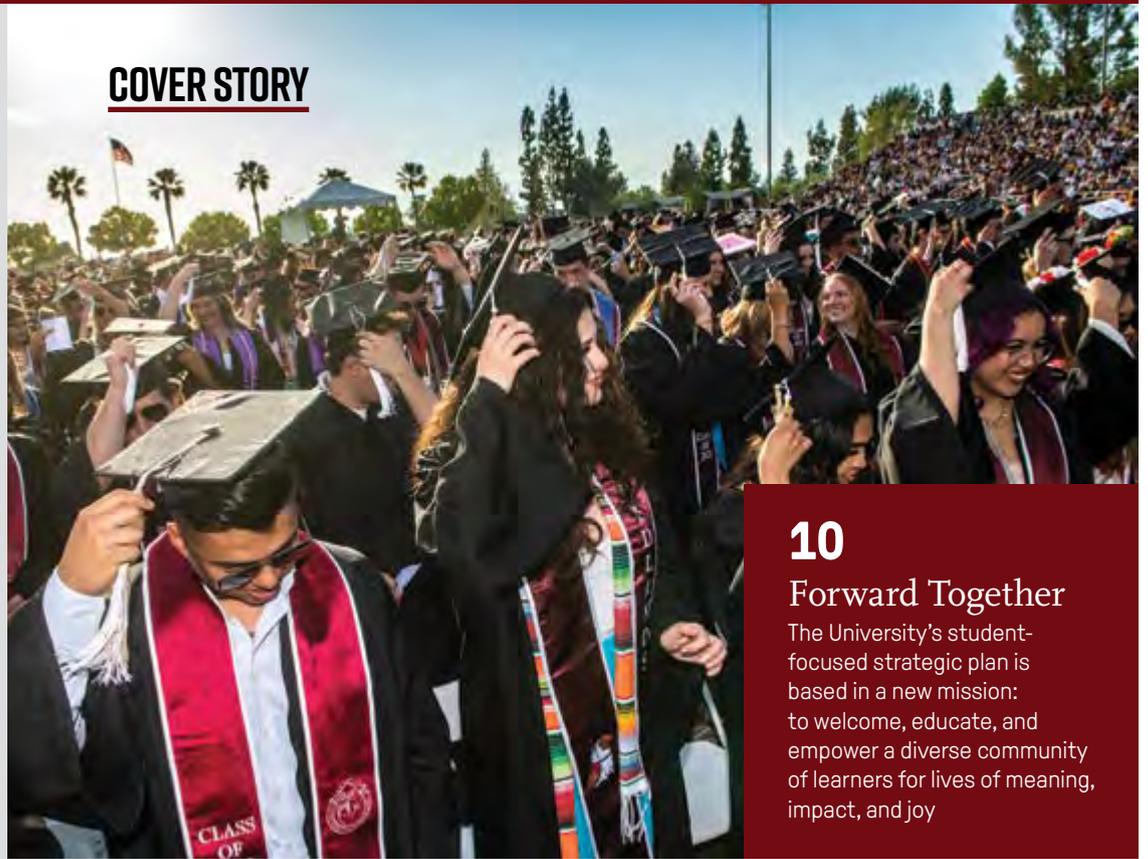
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THE "OCH TAMALE" CHEER

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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*also spelled Deyatty

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We promote fairness, integrity, liberty, and equity in our thoughts, service, and actions to lead our local communities and the world.



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President Krista Newkirk joins in the ice breakers at the First-Year Journey Picnic on August 23, 2023

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You are already familiar with the stately beauty of our Redlands campus — and now so is Hollywood. In case you missed it, the University of Redlands was featured in *A Little White Lie*, released in theaters in April 2023 and currently streaming. It features Kate Hudson, Don Johnson, and Michael Shannon.

The University also achieved internet fame by hosting internationally renowned K-pop band Aespa's newest music video 'Spicy', which has garnered more than 105M views on YouTube!

Letter from the President

A new academic term always brings renewed energy and enthusiasm to our University. It is a time for exploration, personal growth, and developing a sense of purpose.

As we begin the new year, I have a renewed sense of optimism as I see some early success through the implementation of our strategic plan, *Forward Together*. We continue the work to meet our vision of being the leader in California in providing a student-focused, personalized education that drives student success. This work will guide our path toward constant innovative excellence. Many of the stories throughout *Och Tamale* showcase our successes on this journey and offer a glimpse into our future.

On that note, keep an eye out for the University's new brand campaign — *Relentlessly Redlands* — which launched in August. This reinvigorated brand identity celebrates our community's commitment to pursuing progress and it resonates with our students, many of whom note how they were forced to be resilient during the pandemic and beyond. This new brand campaign also represents a significant milestone for our University as we launch a targeted marketing campaign to grow our recognition regionally, nationally, and internationally. To be successful in the future, we must expand our strong reputation, attract more students, and forge new partnerships with companies and organizations.

I am proud to announce that the University received a successful six-year reaffirmation of accreditation from the Western Association of Schools (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), indicating that our University continues to meet or exceed core accreditation standards. Accreditation provides our students with many opportunities, such as being eligible for federal funding.

In true Bulldog form, we are seizing our moment with optimism and dogged determination. Together, we have the strength to turn challenges into opportunities and uncertainties into accomplishments.

Thank you for being an integral part of our University, and here's to a successful academic year.

Go Bulldogs!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Krista L. Newkirk'.

Krista L. Newkirk, J.D.

THE COLLEGE /

FRANK PEREZ



The University's highly anticipated Esports arena has opened its doors and students are excited about the new opportunity on campus. The arena includes more than 30 gaming setups, a content creation studio, a film review room, indoor and outdoor lounges, a coach's office, welcome desk and competition stage.

ESPORTS ARENA READY FOR COMPETITION

"U of R Esports has helped me already find a community of people who are just as passionate about games as I am and has pushed me to get more involved to spread that same energy around the campus."

— Emory Ho '25

"Esports at the U of R has allowed me to make new friends and find a new community of people who are also passionate about gaming to take this hobby to the next level."

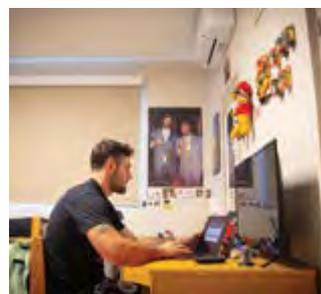
— Bella Portantino '24

"Doing Esports at Redlands has helped me recognize areas I can improve in and improve my communication."

— Nolan Brown '25

NEWLY RENOVATED ANDERSON HALL

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R U READY INTRODUCES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO COLLEGE LIFE

Run by the Office of Admissions, the program teaches prospective Bulldogs about the process of applying to college and offers a glimpse of life on campus

In partnership with Redlands Unified School District, the University hosted RU Ready – an overnight introduction to college life at U of R that aims to guide prospective Bulldogs on navigating the process while giving them a peek into the University experience. High school seniors and juniors experienced a night in a residence hall, learned about financial aid, attended a college applications workshop, and participated in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) activities with summer research students. They also had the opportunity to meet Redlands faculty and administrators and connect with peers from other high schools.

Prospective Bulldog Isabella Colmenares said, “R U Ready is important because I didn’t know anything about financial aid or how to apply. Attending has helped me tremendously because now I know where to start and where to go.”

Even if students don’t choose U of R, the program provides a solid introduction to college life, said Dylan Zamanis ’12, a high school teacher at Redlands East Valley. “RU Ready is important for students because, for many of them, it’s the first time they are learning about the realities of college, whether that’s financial aid, living requirements, or transportation.”

Ashley Rodriguez, a high school teacher at Redlands eAcademy, believes RU Ready is important for high school students because “they can see that they have a great university in their backyard. They also see that college is attainable, doable and that there are pathways and possibilities for them to attend a university.” **OT**





NATIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE A COLLEGE 'CRASH COURSE'

During the summer, University of Redlands welcomed 115 10th- and 11th-grade high school students and 70 visiting college admission and volunteer counselors to campus for a five-day college “crash course” with College Horizons, a non-profit pre-college program for Native American high school students.

Native educators and educational partner volunteers provided expert and one-on-one advising in a series of events designed to help students research their top 10 schools; complete college essays and resumes; learn interviewing and test-taking strategies; and receive financial aid and scholarship information.

This year, the U of R was one of two universities selected to host College Horizons, whose partner universities are colleges identified as successfully working with Native students through a combination of programming, financial aid, academics, retention and student support. [OT](#)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES WELCOMES NEW DEAN



Dr. Justin Rose joined the University of Redlands as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on July 1, 2023.

Rose came to the University of Redlands from Rhodes College in Tennessee, where he served as the dean for Faculty Recruitment, Development, and Diversity and chair of the Department of Politics and Law. In these roles, he collaborated with multiple academic programs to meet the college’s strategic planning goals. He also worked on the Rhodes framework for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Strategies (IDEAS).

He has a strong record of bringing stakeholders together to reimagine, enhance, and champion the liberal arts. While at Rhodes, he managed the budget, search process, and negotiation for all tenure-track and visiting faculty positions.

Rose also has experience in designing customized retention strategies for faculty. As dean, he worked within a shared governance structure to reconstitute several majors and minors, which supported overall strategic growth priorities.

In addition to his academic leadership roles, Dr. Rose has experience implementing enrollment and retention strategies.

Before his time at Rhodes, Rose was an associate professor of political science and director of the Africana Studies program at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. More recently, he served as an administrative fellow in the Office of Enrollment Services and the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging at the Harvard Kennedy School at Harvard University, where he enhanced the school’s recruitment of underrepresented groups.

Rose has a Ph.D. in government from the University of Virginia. He received his M.A. in political science from Baylor University and has a B.A. in political science from Rutgers University. In 2019, Rose published his first book, *The Drum Major Instinct: Martin Luther King, Jr’s Theory of Political Service*, with the University of Georgia Press. [OT](#)



EAST MEETS WEST IN ONE-OF-A-KIND PROGRAM

The next generation of Chinese counselors and psychotherapists came to Redlands this summer to complete their master's degrees

By Catherine Garcia '06

The University of Redlands School of Education and the nonprofit Hubei Oriental Insight Mental Health Institute (OI) in Wuhan, China, have partnered to offer the Master of Arts in Counseling and Psychotherapy (MCPT). This one-of-a-kind program is specifically for Mandarin speakers living in China. The first 27 units are completed both on the OI campus in Wuhan and in virtual classes, and the final 13 units are finished in Redlands, with the students attending classes and interacting with mental health professionals across Southern California.

"In today's globalized world, multicultural competence became a very important skill," Dr. Tingting Gao '23 from Shenyang said. "This ability allows us to understand, respect, and effectively communicate and work with people from different backgrounds." Gao, who holds a university faculty appointment in China, will use her expertise in biology and what she learned in the

MCPT program to inform her research, which involves inducing depression in mice and looking for pharmacological treatments.

Professor Rod Goodyear, the MCPT program coordinator, had already been working with OI on a large project to train clinical supervisors. In 2017, he took a group of Redlands counseling students to Wuhan as part of a travel-abroad course, accompanied by then-School of Education Dean Andrew Wall. While there, the Redlands delegation spoke with the founder of OI, Professor Guangrong Jiang, about ways the two institutions could collaborate, and the seeds for the MCPT were planted.

"Professor Jiang wanted to create a program unique to China that incorporated the very best training elements and had world-class faculty," Goodyear said. "The program he wanted to offer through OI could not offer degrees because OI is not an educational institution, but we are able to offer degrees."

Psychotherapy is a growing field in China, and it's vital that counselors receive quality training. During the Cultural Revolution, psychiatry was banned, and university psychology departments were shuttered. Today, there is no government regulation of psychotherapy and just 109 master's level programs in applied psychology, a fraction of the number available in the U.S.

Qiuzhi Xiong '23 from Nanchang was drawn to the program because of a strong interest in both multiculturalism and the LGBTQ community and wanting to have "a deep understanding of these two aspects. I believe that a professional mental health counselor needs to maintain a continuous learning attitude and absorb knowledge from different disciplines because human nature is complex. Without a more diverse perspective and broader knowledge reserve, it is difficult for a counselor to touch the deeper inner world of human nature, which is precisely the charm of psychological counseling."

The MCPT program was formally approved in 2019, but due to Covid, the inaugural group of Chinese students couldn't come to Redlands until this summer. There were 15 students in the first graduating cohort, with three remaining in China and joining their peers virtually, logging into Zoom four days a week at 5 a.m. to participate in the classes. Xingang Yu '23 from Chengdu stayed at home to care for her baby, and while the time difference was difficult, "every day, I still looked forward to seeing the teacher and my classmates through the screen," she said.

Yanyan Li '23 from Qingdao could also not attend the Redlands classes in person, but through Zoom could compare and contrast the different ways students learn in China and the U.S. "In China, basically the teacher plays a leading role, will chew up the knowledge and feed it to the students, will mark the key points, and everything is very detailed," Li said. "In the United States, it is necessary to take personal initiative, read books in advance, study in advance, and consult and discuss with the teacher in class if you don't understand any problems. This is the most different place for me." **OT**



DR. NICOL HOWARD NAMED DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

COCO MCKOWN '04, '10



Dr. Nicol Howard, who has served on the University faculty since 2016, has taken the helm as dean of the School of Education (SOE). She has served in several roles at U of R,

most recently as interim dean of the SOE. She led collaborative efforts to enhance academic programs, reduce expenses, maximize resources, and integrate innovative technologies. She also serves as co-director of the University's Race in Education Analytics Learning Lab (REAL Lab).

Howard holds a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis in cultural and curricular studies from Chapman University and a master's degree in educational technology from Azusa Pacific University. Before joining the University of Redlands, she was an educator in various capacities. She taught at the college, high-school, and elementary levels, and served as a program specialist in personalized and blended learning in California K-12 public school districts.

As dean, Howard will continue fostering partnerships with K-12 districts, community colleges, and partners while upholding the SOE's commitment to educational justice. She will also represent the School of Education on the California Education Dean's Council for the California Council on Teacher Education (CCTE). **OT**

20 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP

By Catherine Garcia '06

The School of Business & Society and Esri have had a dynamic partnership for more than two decades, and it's getting stronger every year.

"There is mutual respect between us," Liz Villegas, senior associate director of enrollment at the School of Business & Society, said. "They have a great team of people and we work well together."

Esri, the geographic information system (GIS) software company, was founded in Redlands in 1969 by Jack and Laura Dangermond. "Jack grew up in Redlands, kept the company here, and he has always been supportive of the University, and our spatial endeavors fit in with his company's goals and strategic initiatives," Dr. Steven Moore, director of the Center for Spatial Studies and Sponsored Programs Office, said.

The University of Redlands was one of the first schools to use GIS across its curriculum, with School of Business & Society students learning how to utilize spatial data to solve real-world problems. "It was very innovative, especially for a school of this size," Moore said, and the School of Business & Society remains "one of the few who incorporates that as a regular part of its program."

Esri has established several scholarships at the School of Business & Society, including the Esri-UR Women of Color Analytics Scholarship and Esri-UR Merit Analytics Scholarship, both launched in the summer of 2022 for students pursuing the Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) or Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Location Analytics. In the last year, recipients were awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships.



COURTESY OF AMAN BHATNAGAR '23 '24

Aman Bhatnagar '23 '24 is an international student from India. For his senior capstone in the College of Arts and Sciences, he designed and developed an impressive website that helps consumers find certified and approved home service professionals. He focused on data implementation, management, and interpretation, and

his undergraduate advisor, Dr. Trish Cornez, encouraged him to apply for the 4+1 Master of Science in Business Analytics Pathway.

Bhatnagar was able to take graduate courses while finishing his bachelor's degree, and during the upcoming academic year will complete the remaining MSBA coursework. Receiving an Esri-UR Merit Analytics Scholarship has been "a real blessing," Bhatnagar said, adding that having part of his tuition covered "allowed me additional time to better utilize these opportunities provided. I'm very grateful to Esri for this scholarship."

Making Business and Spatial Education Accessible

To make higher education more accessible, Esri offers fellowships for employees who enroll at the School of Business & Society. During the last academic year, 14 Esri-supported fellows – the largest-ever incoming group – started at the University, with each student getting their tuition covered. Esri employees can also take advantage of the Esri-UR strategic relationship through the Redlands Partner Network. The University awards significant tuition discounts to Esri employees and their spouses or domestic partners who enroll in degree programs in the School of Business & Society and the School of Education.



COURTESY OF JADA CLAY '24

Jada Clay '24 felt the same way when she was awarded the Esri-UR Women of Color Analytics Scholarship. "It has made it so much easier to focus on my studies rather than concerning myself with how I can afford to continue my education," she said.

Clay was drawn to the MSBA program because of her desire to commit more of her education towards management and learn how to make better decisions through analytics. "It has been one of the best educational experiences I have ever had," she said. "Not only are the professors and advisors so helpful, but they are readily available for their students." Clay is especially grateful for Anita Oshaben, the assistant director of enrollment. "From our first introductory phone call to the application review and process, and even the application of the Esri scholarship, Anita was always there," Clay said.

In December, the School of Business & Society and Esri celebrated their partnership during an event that launched the new book *Spatial Business*, written by School of Business & Society Dean Tom Horan and faculty members Avijit Sarker and Jim Pick, and published by Esri Press. The event recognized those bridging both worlds: Esri employees who are also Redlands students or alums. Fellows and scholarship recipients were also toasted, and remarks were made by Jack Dangermond and President Krista Newkirk.

Former classmates reconnected, new friendships were formed, and the latest Esri technology was on display for all to see. "It was awesome," Villegas said. "We try to do a lot with Esri in order to nurture our relationship, and this was a great collaboration." **ot**

NEW LEADERSHIP AT SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

COURTESY OF REV. DR. LAURIE GARRETT-COBBINA



Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina has been named dean of the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). Garrett-Cobbina has been part of SFTS since 2006, holding various roles such as the Shaw Family Chair for Clinical Pastoral Education, director of the Clinical Pastoral Education Program, and Shaw Chaplaincy

Institute for Spiritual Care Compassionate Leadership.

Prior to joining SFTS, Garrett-Cobbina served as director of spiritual care, a hospital-based healthcare chaplain, a clinical educator, and a senior pastor at churches in North Carolina and San Francisco. She holds a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies from the Graduate Theological Union, and a master’s in theology and a master’s in divinity from Princeton.

As dean, Garrett-Cobbina will provide leadership at SFTS, working closely with faculty and staff on curriculum development and student growth. She will also serve as the SFTS representative on the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) Council of Deans. As dean of the seminary, Garrett-Cobbina will represent SFTS on the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) Committee on Theological Education (COTE) and General Assembly (GA). **OT**

ALUMNUS EXPLORES CHALLENGING TOPICS

COURTESY OF REV. SAM CODINGTON '23



In his upcoming book, *Listening as Hosts: Liturgically Facing Colonization and White Supremacy*, Rev. Sam Codington '23 seeks to guide those who are “grasping for what to do in the face of such broad-reaching and painful wounds.”

His past also inspired him to explore these topics. Codington, the pastor and head of staff at Faith Presbyterian Church and Preschool in San Diego, has roots in South Carolina and North Carolina, and had relatives who were pastors and physicians during the Confederacy and Reconstruction era. “I desire for churches to be open-hearted and honestly attuned to the ongoing violence of white supremacy, which takes many forms, including cultural erasure, indifference, and theological Eurocentrism,” he said.

White supremacy and racialized violence “have animated much of society and church in the United States,” Codington said, and “from tracing the emergence of the modern concept of race to observing the evolution of Confederate monuments, *Listening as Hosts* crafts a picture of these historical dynamics and seeks to offer forms of liturgical resistance for churches and spiritual communities. Pastors, spiritual leaders, churches, and people of no faith will find invitations to listen deeply, discard oppressive expressions of Christianity, and search for community with one another and with the Earth.”

Listening as Hosts will be published by Cascade Books in spring 2024. **OT**



JAMIE SOJA

The San Francisco Theological Seminary conferred degrees to 24 graduates and awarded certificates to 18 recipients at a commencement ceremony in May.



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FULBRIGHT AWARDEE'S JOURNEY CONTINUES IN MONGOLIA

>> Erin Robles '22 said her decision to transfer to Redlands was 'life-changing'

By Jennifer Dobbs '17, '22

As an Asian studies and history double major, Erin Robles '22 was intrigued by the idea of taking Dr. Patrick Wing's "Mongol World Empire" course.

Robles, a transfer student and Proudian Scholar, didn't know much about Mongolia or its history, and "was interested as it was an intersection of my majors," she said. "Dr. Wing is a fantastic instructor and he made class engaging from the start."

As she learned more about Mongolia's past and present, Robles became fascinated by the country. "Erin brought curiosity and enthusiasm to the class, along with her talents as a researcher and writer," Wing said.

While exploring Fulbright opportunities, Robles saw there was an award for Mongolia, and worked with Prof. Julie Townsend, University of Redlands Fulbright advisor, and her recommenders to write an essay detailing her desire to teach there.

"Without the community of faculty at Redlands, who really get to know you and care about your future, I would not have been

able to even apply for a Fulbright," said Robles, the 28th Fulbright awardee at Redlands since 2008.

She was awarded a Fulbright to teach for 10 months in Mongolia, which is a "huge achievement and testament to Erin's hard work as a scholar," Wing said. "I think the Fulbright will allow her to experience Mongolian culture and build relationships that would be impossible otherwise. I am grateful to have had the chance to work with Erin, and I can't wait to see where her journey takes her."

Her decision to transfer to Redlands was life changing, Robles said, and "looking back, I would have been very unsatisfied had I continued down a different path." She was exposed to new ideas and topics and grew close to professors who "showed me how I could turn my interests into tangible goals. Redlands gave me the opportunity to explore my interests, which led me to my two majors, which then led me to take some great classes." **OT**

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THERE'S NO STRAIGHT PATH IN LIFE.

>> As these Bulldogs can attest, interests change, situations shift, and new opportunities arise, and sometimes, the best move is to veer off the track you've been on. It's all of those twists and turns that make every journey unique.

By Catherine Garcia 'o6



FRANK PEREZ

ADAM JOHNSON '20 – SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

It was a risk Adam Johnson '20 was excited to take.

After 20 years as a creative director for a printing company, Johnson had the opportunity to continue in graphic design or change careers entirely and become a teacher. He decided to take a chance and returned to school to earn his master's degree in learning and teaching from the School of Education.

"There was the fear of putting yourself out there," Johnson said, but as he got to know the members of his cohort, his comfort level began to rise. "The teachers were great, made it easy, and were welcoming, especially to someone who hadn't been in school for a while."

Johnson began drawing in the third grade and never stopped. Wanting to use his art and math skills, he initially went to California State University, San Bernardino to study engineering, but during his last calculus class, he didn't understand the theorem and realized he wasn't on the right path. A chance encounter with a friend in the student union led him in a new direction toward graphic design, and after graduation, he was immediately hired by a marketing company in Redlands.

"I was in the right place at the right time," he said.

Johnson enjoyed his work and had clients from around the world who were drawn to his creativity. At his 20-year mark, the company laid off most of the staff, leaving Johnson as the last man standing. "At that point, I thought maybe it was time for a change," he said, and inspired by his two children, he started substitute teaching at their elementary school.

It just clicked. Johnson was still doing some graphic design work but felt that teaching was the right fit and applied to the School of Education. Having 20 years of work experience helped him with time management and hitting deadlines. He knew he made the right choice when he told friends and family about his career change, and they were thrilled, saying he's always been great with kids. "It was scary at first to sit down and think about this big change in your life," he said. "But it's also exciting and rewarding."

Now a fifth-grade teacher at Kimberly Elementary School in Redlands, Johnson has had an eventful start to his new career, as he began teaching in the early days of the pandemic. Today, his students are all in the classroom, where he incorporates art and technology into his lessons.



ELAINE TALAMAIVAO '23 – SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SOCIETY

When Elaine Talamaivao '23 left her home in New Zealand for California, she carried something very important: an adventurous spirit passed down from her Polynesian ancestors.

Her relatives journeyed across the Pacific, from Samoa to New Zealand to Hawaii, and it was their stories, and the tales of others like them, that motivated Talamaivao to move to the United States to study filmmaking. She wanted to shine a spotlight on how they “survived the test of time and have been caregivers of the lands we inhabit throughout the South Pacific,” Talamaivao said. “I did not realize my own journey was going to be something that could be a film.”

While attending Riverside Community College, Talamaivao landed an internship and later worked as a production assistant at Warner Bros. “It didn’t click,” she said. “It wasn’t the industry I thought it was going to be. The stories coming out of Hollywood were not the stories that were relevant to me. It’s beautiful now, how almost 15 years later, we’re seeing more Pacific Island, Indigenous, and Asian American voices being heard.”

She earned her associate degree in 2010 and worked as a freelance photographer and choreographer, but in 2012, realized she needed “some sort of structure.” Talamaivao comes from a dancing family – her father toured the world performing Samoan dances – and she embraced those roots, launching Tala Mai

Moana – a Polynesian arts and storytelling group that promotes and teaches culture, language, dance, and creative arts from the South Pacific. Through partnerships with several cities in Southern California, Tala Mai Moana also offers classes for the public, like hula, kapa haka, and siva.

Tala Mai Moana is “my baby,” Talamaivao said, and a connection to her heritage. “I left home at a young age, and every single day, I don’t get to see my parents or siblings or the community that raised me. Living here, I had to create my own community to raise and uplift me.”

Talamaivao believes that people are like plants, and if they aren’t flourishing, it’s time for a change in the environment. After receiving her bachelor’s degree at the University of California, Riverside and working in marketing, Talamaivao was drawn to the University of Redlands, both to work and further her education. She is the department coordinator for the Office for Inclusion and Community, president-elect of the University of Redlands Staff Assembly, and a recent graduate, having just earned her Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from the School of Business & Society.

Talamaivao has never been afraid to chart her own path and hopes she can “truly show youth who want to take a leap of faith to just be whatever they want to be. If you have a strong community of people you can trust and truly call your pillars in life, you can do anything you set out to do.”

For more stories, visit redlands.edu/bulldog-blog. **07**

Exploration

We pursue a better understanding and appreciation of ourselves and the world through academic inquiry, research, experiential learning, and collegial discourse.



COURTESY OF GREG THORSON

MAY TERM TRAVEL COURSE “AUSTRIAN SOCIAL POLICY” – COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

By Katharina Napoletano '24

Students enrolled in the May Term travel course “Austrian Social Policy” utilized the city sites as their classroom to explore different social policies, broaden their horizons, and deepen their global perspective.

A variety of travel courses are offered during U of R’s May Term each year, and during the Austria trip, led by Professor Greg Thorson, students sought answers to questions, like how are social policies different in Europe than in America? How is the Austrian healthcare system different from American healthcare? How does the Austrian incarceration system differ from America’s system?

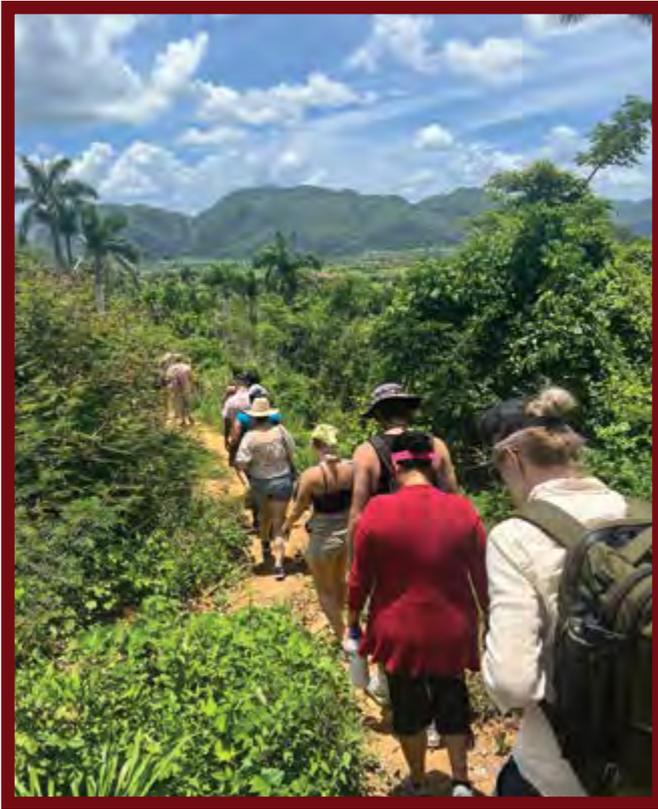
They also had the opportunity to reside in the historic Marketenderschlössl, a nearly 500-year-old castle overlooking the city of Salzburg, which also accommodates students in U of R’s Salzburg Semester. Classes were held on Monday through Thursday, where students delved into articles,

engaged in discussions, and contemplated the different economic and political factors that shape the Austrian government.

Beyond the classroom, Thorson led excursions to historical sites in various cities, facilitating discussions on how these places contributed to the nation’s history, culture, and narrative. In Salzburg, the class attended a musical concert at Hohensalzburg Fortress (a medieval fortress sitting atop a hill overlooking the city), visited DomQuartier (an architectural complex of the Cathedral and Residenz that comprises of four museums), and wandered through the halls of Hellbrunn Palace. They also explored Mozart’s home and birthplace and trekked across the picturesque landscape during a *The Sound of Music* tour.

Read reflections from students and more about this May Term travel course at redlands.edu/bulldog-blog. **OT**

COURTESY OF EDUCATION ECHO BLOG



STUDY AWAY TO CUBA – SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The School of Education study away trip to Cuba provided a rich experience for students, including the opportunity to live with Cuban families while studying the history, politics, and social institutions that structure much of Cuban society. During this study away in June 2023, students spent time considering Cuban society in relation to the policies and practices of the current U.S. political, economic, and educational systems.

In Vinales, the students learned about sustainability efforts, eco-tourism and environmental education in Cuba. They later toured old Havana, including Central Park, Santa Maria Beach, and Havana University.

Dylan Zito '24 said, “The more I learn about Cuba the more I love Cuba. I think my favorite part of this trip, aside from spending time with the incredible people here, is that I have the opportunity to learn truths and unlearn misconceptions about this country.”

“My host family and all the guides who led us on various tours were some of the kindest people I’ve ever met,” Tehya Tovar '23 said. “They take the curiosity of our group in stride and don’t shy away from difficult topics. I have experienced life-changing conversations about education, healthcare, and the impacts of the U.S. embargo.”

Read more reflections and learn about upcoming trips at www.redlands.edu/study/schools-and-centers/school-of-education/education-echo-blog. **OT**

COURTESY OF ALLISON FRAIBERG



CASTLES AND COMMERCE – SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & SOCIETY STUDY ABROAD

Poised at the gateway of East and West, each with an illustrious history, the cities of Central Europe have intrigued and inspired travelers for ages. In Spring 2023, School of Business & Society study abroad trip participants traveled from Prague’s gothic hilltop castles and glorious Charles Bridge to Budapest’s grand boulevards and architecture, offering visions of the European past and its vibrant present, with a final stop in Slovenia’s fairy tale capital of Ljubljana. Visits focused both on established and emerging business ventures, with a special focus on entrepreneurship and digital business in Central Europe.

Participants had an opportunity to network with start-up entrepreneurs, learn from leaders in technology sectors, and discover traditions that have guided business practices over the centuries. The trip, led by SBS Professor Allison Fraiberg, included business visits to the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Prezi headquarters, Edwards Lifesciences, Modular Timber, and more. Trips scheduled for 2024, which are open to students, alumni, and family members, include Cambridge, London, and Paris; Italy and Slovenia; and Singapore and Vietnam.

For more information about School of Business & Society Study Abroad, visit www.redlands.edu/businessabroad. **OT**

Inclusivity

We seek the different perspectives, experiences, cultures, backgrounds, abilities, talents, and contributions that comprise a global society and we work to build a strong multi-dimensional and sustainable community.

GRANT EXPLORES CONNECTIONS BETWEEN LITERATURE AND ENVIRONMENT

>> Dr. Heather King's latest project connects faculty and students through humanities, mapping, and hands-on learning

FRANK PEREZ



Through a Spotlight on Humanities in Higher Education Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, University of Redlands faculty will lead students and community members in a broad study of Octavia Butler's 1993 novel *Parable of the Sower*.

The grant, written by English Professor Heather King, provides \$60,000 for a two-year project built around *Parable of the Sower*, which imagines post-apocalyptic life in Southern California in 2024. The project will engage with the novel from multiple perspectives, like GIS mapping applications. "Parable of the Sower" investigates the connection between humans and nature; faculty from environmental studies will help develop those themes. This interdisciplinary approach is part of how the humanities prepares students for a variety of futures.

In the first year of the grant, professors from the History, English, Religious Studies, Race and Ethnic Studies, School of Education, Environmental Studies, Outdoor Programs, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies departments will share expertise in mapping software, and in the 2024-2025 academic year will infuse their new pedagogical skills into their curriculum.

Students in selected courses will read the book and write essays on it for a blog on the University of Redlands website. At the same time, the community will be invited to read *Parable of the Sower* through the One City, One Book program, with events hosted at the A.K. Smiley Public Library. During the spring, the project will culminate with lectures and panel discussions open to the public on *Parable of the Sower*, its themes, and Afrofuturism. In May, students from the Redlands campus will have the chance to explore the sequel, *Parable of the Talents*, in Marin.

The University is also partnering with Crafton Hills College, Redlands High School, and Redlands East Valley High School to bring the project to even more students. They will be doing "humanist work together so that the meaning of a text is something that they share across campuses," King said. "It's not faculty delivering their wisdom from on high to the community, it's learning from and with members of the community, to create a new understanding of the text." **OT**



FRANK PEREZ

UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$2.9M HSI FEDERAL GRANT

>> Funding will fortify existing programs and support development of new initiatives that create a sense of belonging for students

By Catherine Garcia '06

The University of Redlands received its first Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions Grant this spring and will use the funding to strengthen successful programs like First-Year Journeys and Summer Bridge while also developing new initiatives.

The \$2.9 million Title V federal grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Education and will be distributed over the next five years. Redlands achieved Hispanic-Serving Institution status in 2021, and the HSI Working Group – comprised of faculty members, students, and staff – spent more than a year discussing priorities and best practices and gathering input from the campus community before submitting their grant proposal, “Proyecto Dirección: Building Belonging and Latinx Success at the University of Redlands.”

“As an alumnae, administrator, and current doctoral student, I’m truly excited to see how this grant will help us partner with Latinx students to make their Redlands experience the best it can be,” said Anuradha Diekmann '19, director of corporate and foundation relations and an HSI Working Group member. Read more of the story online at redlands.edu/bulldog-blog. **OT**



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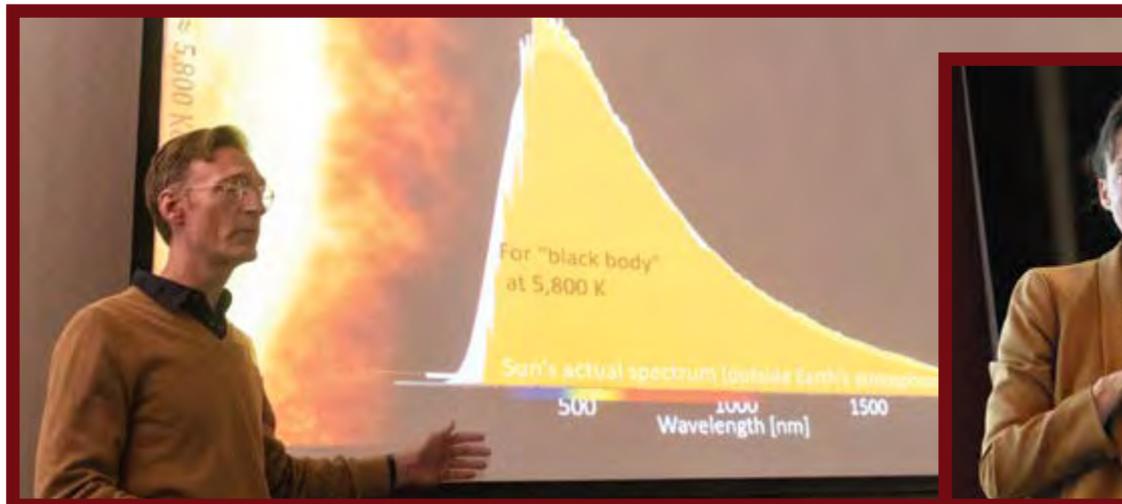
PRIDE MONTH AT REDLANDS

Purchased by Associated Students of the University of Redlands (ASUR) in 2019, the Pride Celebration Recognition Lights were renamed to “Colors of Love” in honor of Will Wright '22, who passed away in November 2020. Active in LUST (Listening and Understanding Sexuality Together) and the U of R Pride Center, he was a beloved member of the U of R community.

Justice

We promote fairness, integrity, liberty, and equity in our thoughts, service, and actions to lead our local communities and the world.

FRANK PEREZ



BRANDON DOWER

CAMPUS COMMUNITY PART OF GLOBAL CLIMATE EVENT

>> For the second year, Redlands participated in the Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice

By Katharina Napoletano '24

With an ambition to combat climate change and encourage those on campus, in our community, and beyond to act now in the face of adversity, the University took part in the second annual Worldwide Teach-In on Climate and Justice on March 29. Raising awareness, normalizing discourse, and reflecting upon our own actions were just a few goals of the event.

Created by the New York-based Bard Institute for Sustainability, the Teach-In was designed to initiate conversations about climate change on K-12 campuses and universities worldwide. The U of R was one of more than 200 schools that participated.

More than 30 speakers, including professors, students, and community members, gave five-minute talks on various topics, including how climate change impacts sleep, sustainable fashion, climate change, and gender inequality, and climate projections for Southern California.

Professor of Environmental Studies Valerie Rountree, who spearheaded the Teach-In at Redlands, encouraged people to

participate “because climate change affects everyone. [Not all people] have the same level of exposure to disasters, or the same vulnerability, or the same ability to bounce back after an event. Still, it will affect us all – and in fact, it already is ... Ignoring the problem will not make it go away,” she said.

“Climate change cannot be solved by a few – it requires collective action, creating change by all people working toward a common goal of mitigating the problem. The impacts of climate change are accelerating,” Rountree said, “and for many people, the past year has been a climate nightmare of flooding, fire, and record-shattering temperatures. And yet, we still have the time and tools to change the future.”

Rountree said it is the work that people do together over the next year, next five years, and next 10 years that will profoundly shape the world to come: “Engaging students and others within our own community is one of the most effective ways to raise awareness and build capacity to prepare for and solve the climate changes we face.” **OT**

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— Valerie Rountree, professor of environmental studies



Sylvia Méndez receives the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Redlands and was the commencement speaker for the School of Education.

CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST'S STORY DEPICTED IN DOCUMENTARY

>> *Méndez v. Westminster: For All the Children/Para Todos los Niños* screened at U of R followed by Q & A with writer and producer

By Victoria Van Huystee '22

Students and guests were part of a living history lesson at the screening of *Méndez v. Westminster: For All the Children/Para Todos los Niños*, an Emmy-winning documentary by writer and producer Sandra Robbie.

The film tells the story of the nation's first federal school desegregation decision. This often-overlooked 1946 Orange County case outlawed school segregation for children of Mexican ancestry in California.

Orange County first began segregating children of Mexican heritage in schools in 1913. By 1930, there were 15 segregated Mexican schools in the county. After the Méndez family moved to Westminster, Gonzalo Méndez, father to young Sylvia, became aware of the segregation of Mexican schools when his daughter was denied enrollment at the local "whites-only" public school. Outraged by the inequality, a friend directed Méndez to a lawyer who could possibly help him fight the matter with the school board.

The Méndez family, with the support of several other local Mexican families, took the school board to the Central District Court in Los Angeles and won their first case. The board appealed the case, which was sent to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals.

Many sent briefs expressing their support of the Méndez family, including the NAACP, Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), and Robert L. Carter and Thurgood Marshall – who would later act as the legal representatives for the 1954 *Brown v. Board of Education* case. The Federal Court upheld the District Court's ruling that the segregation of Mexican children in California was unconstitutional and in violation of the 14th Amendment. After the Méndez's legal victory, public elementary schools in Westminster School District and throughout the county began reintegrating.

During the question-and-answer session following the screening, Robbie engaged with attendees in discussions about the lasting impacts of *Méndez v. Westminster* on civil rights, how schools can help first-generation students, and how Hispanic-serving institutions, like U of R, can uplift and support the community.

Sylvia Méndez received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from former President Barack Obama in 2011. In 2023, she received the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from the University of Redlands and was the commencement speaker for the School of Education. [OT](#)



National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People

To highlight the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People on May 5, the University lit the columns of the Memorial Chapel red, coinciding with efforts of Assemblymember James Ramos '09 to have the dome of the California State Capitol lit red for the first time in recognition of the day.

Kindness

We foster a community that is friendly, considerate, respectful, and empathetic as we care for and shape citizens who understand that their actions and words impact others.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPARKS CAREER FOR REDLANDS ALUMNUS

>> **Elias Hackney '20 describes how completing his community service at the U of R made a meaningful impact on him and led to his career today**

By Katharina Napoletano '24



COURTESY OF ELIAS HACKNEY

Started in 2014 and completed in 2015, the Redlands football team built a bridge for Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times as one of their service projects. Elias Hackney is pictured here on the bridge.

“Redlands does a very good job of providing you opportunities and different experiences; you just have to be open to trying out everything you can and when you can.”

— Elias Hackney '20

As part of the University of Redlands undergraduate studies, students participate in a community service of their choosing. Elias Hackney '20 selected a unique May Term course, “Bulldogs Football in Service,” which ultimately guided his career path and his heart toward service.

During this course, about 30 members of Bulldog Football traveled to the mountains near Idyllwild and volunteered at Camp Ronald McDonald for Good Times. The camp offers a safe, fun environment for children battling cancer, where their families can escape for a week, create memories, and make friends. Children stay in cabins with fellow campers and participate in activities like horseback riding, swimming, and archery.

Hackney participated in “Bulldogs Football in Service” his freshman through junior years. Now, Hackney works as an operations associate at the camp, handling everything behind the scenes to ensure it is a safe place for the kids to enjoy themselves.

“I decided to have a career here at camp after seeing a session for myself,” Hackney said. “Once my time at Redlands was over, I took a summer position here at camp, where I could see the major impact it has on these kids. After graduating and experimenting with a few different career paths, I realized that a job like this – where I can see just exactly how my work enables these kids to be able to think about nothing but having a good time with their friends – makes working here something that I wanted to invest my time in.”

Some of his favorite memories while at the U of R involve the camp’s volunteer services. He believes participating in the May Term service with his fellow Bulldog Football players generated stronger bonds and enabled him “to find some lifelong friends and brothers.”

He recalls his volunteering as labor-intensive but rewarding. He and the other players raked pine needles to prevent fires, cleared paths, and painted fences. “The people in charge of us at the camp specifically told the team how much time and money our service saves them. Now that I work here, I can also say that the work that the Redlands Football team does for us is incredibly significant and is an essential volunteer group that helps ensure the camp has what it needs to run smoothly.”

Hackney advises his fellow Bulldogs to “keep your options open. Redlands does a very good job of providing you opportunities and different experiences; you just have to be open to trying out everything you can and when you can.”

To learn more about community service at the U of R, visit www.redlands.edu/student-life/community-service-learning. **OT**

“If there is one thing that remains consistent, it’s what kind and good people our students are.”

— Erin Sanborn, director of sustainable education and associate director of Community Service Learning



Heaven Rivera helps stock the Student Food Support Pantry.

FOOD SUPPORT PANTRY ENSURES STUDENTS CAN FOCUS ON STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES

Any University of Redlands student experiencing food insecurity has a place to go on campus where they can pick up bread, cheese, canned goods, snacks, and seasonal produce, no questions asked.

The Office of Community Service Learning (CSL) opened the Student Food Support Pantry on Jan. 21, 2020, with the shelves stocked thanks to donations from staff, faculty, alumni, friends of the University, and a generous gift from the Lightbody family. An additional gift from the First Baptist Church of Redlands was used to remodel a section of North Hall, where the pantry now has a permanent space that is private and easily accessible.

After seeing a rise in national statistics on college food insecurities, CSL decided it was time to jump into action. “It remains our belief that if students are hungry, their courses and activities suffer,” CSL Director Tony Mueller said. “The pantry offers basic food needs so that U of R students can focus on their studies and activities without the burden of hunger.”

Open Monday through Friday, the pantry is run by California Climate Action Corps fellows, students from the Volunteer

Center, and CSL’s graduate management intern, with the food provided in partnership with Feeding America Riverside and San Bernardino and the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County. Additional funding is provided by CSL, ASUR, and private donations.

Upon arrival, students are asked to sign in so CSL can report accurate numbers to the donors and food banks that sustain the operation. They can then pick up whatever items they need, from non-perishable goods to produce grown at the Sustainable University of Redlands Farm (SURF). It is a “take what you need and leave what you can” pantry, Mueller said, and students are following through.

“It really is a program built on trust for both our office and the students, and so far, it really has worked,” Erin Sanborn, director of sustainable education and associate director of CSL, said.

There is a whiteboard in the pantry where students can write suggestions and recommendations for items, and thank you notes are routinely left as well. “Often times if we are in there restocking and students come in, they’re always so gracious to have access to the space and the resources in it,” Sanborn said. “This is not surprising. If there is one thing that remains consistent, it’s what kind and good people our students are.”

To give to the Student Food Support Pantry, visit www.redlands.edu/student-life/community-service-learning/food-pantry. **OT**

Service

Through selfless acts, we contribute to the health and wellness of others as we strive to create a better society and world.



FRANK PEREZ

SERENDIPITY LED NEW POLICE CHIEF TO REDLANDS

By Jennifer Dobbs '17, '22

Rachel Tolber '98 has made history as the first woman to lead the Redlands Police Department, an accomplishment she never dreamed of when she started as an intern there more than 20 years ago.

The New Mexico native describes her path to U of R and to the police department as serendipitous. After submitting her Common Application with several schools selected in her senior year of high school, she received a phone call from then-U of R President James Appleton. He asked her where she wanted to go to school and she replied, "University of Rochester." At the end of their conversation, he said if the president of another university gave her a call, then she should think about it, but if not, he encouraged her to give Redlands a look.

One visit convinced her. "I came out, and it was gorgeous — a great campus and a great education. I just fell in love with it."

Serendipity continued during her junior year at Redlands. Tolber, a psychology and sociology double major, received a parking ticket and went to the police department to take care of it. While there, she met former Chief Jim Bueermann '87 who suggested that Tolber, who was interested in criminology, apply for an internship her senior year. She did and started as a research assistant in 1997.

"I'd already fallen in love with Redlands by going to school and was having such a great experience in the community," Tolber said. Working at the police department solidified her affection for the city and for local policing, and "I thought, 'I want to stay here, and this is what I want to do,'" she added. "I was fortunate."

Hired as a police officer in 1998, Tolber balanced work with continuing her education, receiving her master's in criminology, law and society from the University of California, Irvine in 2006 and master's in applied criminology from the University of Cambridge in 2011. She is also one of the founders of the American Society of Evidence-Based Policing (ASEBP) and a member of the Redlands Sunrise Rotary and steering committee for the Redlands Compact Club.

Following her passion has led to a rewarding career for Tolber, and that's one piece of advice she shares when she meets people around the community: do what you love, whatever it is, "because it makes every day getting up and going to work a joy," she said. Seeing women in law enforcement has always been important to Tolber. Now that she is chief of the Redlands Police Department, if "that makes a difference for somebody else, to either inspire them or open that door, great." **OT**

COURTESY OF JUAN CABRAL



BULLDOG ALUMNUS NAMED SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

>> Juan Cabral '05 now serves the Redlands Unified School District

With nearly three decades of experience in education under his belt, Juan Cabral '05 is ready for the next chapter of his career: serving as Superintendent of Schools at the Redlands Unified School District.

In his new role, the School of Education alumnus oversees 26 schools, 20,000 students, and 2,300 staff members. "Team RUSD's core values are rooted in its history, tradition, and family atmosphere," he said. "I wanted to be a part of the family."

Before coming to RUSD, Cabral spent 28 years at the Val Verde Unified School District, where he held several positions, including middle school teacher and assistant superintendent of human resources. He realized education was his calling shortly after graduating with his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Riverside. While working as a summer camp counselor, "It only took a week, and I knew I wanted to work with students to prepare them for life after high school," he said.

Cabral earned his master's degree in educational leadership from the School of Education, and remains driven by a determination to make decisions based on what is best for the kids. "I am committed, and always have been, to creating the conditions and systems necessary for all students to have the same opportunities for learning regardless of the barriers that are out of their control," he said. **OT**

COURTESY OF ERIC BOYNTON



BULLDOG TAKES HELM AT BELOIT COLLEGE

>> Eric Boynton '93 previously served as provost and dean of the college

Bulldog Eric Boynton '93 was named president at Beloit College in July 2023, following nearly four years of leadership as the provost and dean of the college, the institution's chief academic officer.

Boynton has more than two decades in higher education and nearly 15 years of leadership experience. He joined Beloit in 2019 from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, where he chaired the philosophy and religious studies department, directed interdisciplinary and Black studies programs, and founded and directed the honors program.

Shortly after joining Beloit in 2019, Boynton helped the college attract national recognition for its strategic initiatives broadening college-to-career pathways and putting teaching and mentoring first. He worked with faculty and staff to integrate career preparedness into every aspect of students' liberal arts experiences, including creating Career Channels that help students learn about various career paths while being connected with alumni who share their professional interests.

Boynton frequently speaks at national higher education conferences on organizational change, supporting students' career readiness, and holistic leadership in challenging times.

A Fulbright Scholar, Boynton holds a Ph.D. in the philosophy of religion from Rice University and a master's degree in religious studies from Vanderbilt University. **OT**

SINCE THE LAST ISSUE... WINTER AND SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

By Rachel Roche '02



LANCE FRANNEY

Men's tennis standouts Bryce Keim '23 (Spartanburg, SC) and Nils Plutat '23 (Sauerlach, Bavaria, Germany) earned their way to the NCAA Doubles Championship at the USTA National Campus in Orlando, Florida, as one of 16 duos in the tournament.



LANCE FRANNEY

Earlier in the spring, Ciara Aw '23 (Shoreline, WA) shined at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships by taking sixth in the Long Jump with a mark of 18' 3 3/4" for the inaugural All-America distinction of her career. Following an impressive haul of 18 All-Region selections, the Redlands track & field teams qualified 11 student-athletes for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships.



LANCE FRANNEY

The Bulldog women's basketball team secured the automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship by winning the SCIAC tournament in a wild 70-69 victory at the University of La Verne. Redlands hopped a flight to San Antonio, Texas, to face Hardin-Simmons University (TX) in the opening round. Hannah Jerrier '22 '23 (Canton, MA) was named the SCIAC Defensive Athlete of the Year and earned a spot on the D3hoops.com All-West Region Second Team. Alyssa Downs '22 '23 (San Francisco, CA) topped the school record books as the all-time scoring leader with 1,661 points over her career.



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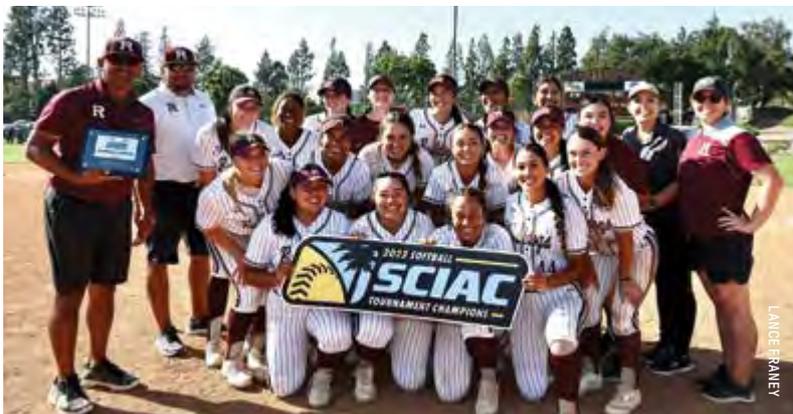
The women's golf team finished sixth at the NCAA Division III Championship for the program's third top-6 finish in the last three years. Jamie Zantua was named the WGCA West Regional Coach of the Year in his first year with the women's team. Hannah Jugar '23 (Chula Vista, CA) became a four-time All-American, and Kendall Nicholson '23 (Bellevue, WA) and Andrea York '24 (Oakdale, CA) earned Second-Team All-America honors.

GO BULLDOGS

The Men's Water Polo team completed a memorable season by winning the 2022 Division III Collegiate National Championship in a decisive 11-6 showing over Cal Lutheran University. While making their first appearance in the event, the Bulldogs put together an impressive performance that included a solid 18-6 win over Johns Hopkins University in the semifinal. Head Water Polo Coach Ryan Hall was named the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches (ACWPC) Division III Coach of the Year in just his third season at the helm. In addition, **Andrew Higginson '24** (San Diego, CA), **Liam Murphy '23** (Placentia, CA), and **Ron Gvishi '25** (Kiryat, Tivon, Israel) became ACWPC All-Americans, while **Drake Moody '23** (Camarillo, CA), Murphy, and Higginson garnered USA Water Polo All-Tournament honors.



#ICYMI: Bulldog Men's Water Polo Wins Division III National Championship



After winning the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament, the Bulldog softball team advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship for the program's second appearance in three seasons. Pitcher **Katlyn Gandara '26** (Whittier, CA) provided consistency and skill from the circle, resulting in National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-West Region honors and SCIAC Pitcher of the Year honors.



Pitcher **Tyler Reiter '24** (San Diego, CA) and third baseman **Max Clark '23** (Rancho Cucamonga, CA) represented Redlands on the D3baseball.com and American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Region Teams. Reiter posted an impressive ERA of 1.46 while earning seven wins and four complete games. Clark posted career-highs in batting average (.346), on-base percentage (.447), slugging percentage (.685), hits (45), and runs scored (45). Reiter also collected the first All-American accolade of his career with a nod from D3baseball.com.

For more information and day-to-day results of Bulldog Athletics, please visit WWW.GOREDLANDS.COM and check out our new website!

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Tom Jansen and Hannah Jugar exemplify the Bulldog student-athlete experience as Frank Serrao Scholar-Athlete Award-winners

Men's swimmer Tom Jansen '22 '23 (Pleasant Hill, CA) and women's golfer Hannah Jugar '23 (Chula Vista, CA) were recognized as the 2023 Frank Serrao Senior Scholar-Athletes of the Year at the April Honors Convocation for the College of Arts & Sciences.

Named in honor of longtime football coach and educator Frank Serrao, this award acknowledges the top male and female student-athletes who have competed in their final season and best exemplify academic achievement, athletic success, and community involvement.

"Tom has been a stalwart member of the Bulldog Swim and Dive team," Assistant Coach Ben Fields said. "Not only has he impressed with his performances in the pool, but he has led through his actions and by example throughout his five years with the team. His athletic record speaks for itself — All-American, school records, All-SCIAC — but his growth as a person and his efforts to be a great teammate have truly set him apart. I can't overstate what Tom has brought to Bulldog Aquatics, and I don't think it would be wrong to say he has been the strongest athlete — in the pool, on the deck, and in the classroom — at the TAC in the last five plus years."

"Hannah is someone that every coach strives [to have] in a student-athlete," said Head Coach Jamie Zantua. "Having her as a team captain makes my job so much easier. She is the leader of the Women's Golf team and every one of her teammates is better because of her. As a Bulldog, she's won nine individual titles and a handful of team wins and was a part of the runner-up finish in the 2022 NCAA Division III National Championship. She's an overachiever, on and off the golf course. Everything she gets involved in, expect her to be committed and give it her all. I can't wait to see what the future holds for Hannah. I know, with her work ethic, the future looks bright." Read the full story at redlands.edu/bulldog-blog. **OT**

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Edwin B. Hales Bulldog Bench Golf Classic tees up another successful day

By Rachel Roche '02

The 33rd Annual Edwin B. Hales Bulldog Bench Golf Classic took place on May 8 at the prestigious Redlands Country Club, raising important funds for the University of Redlands student-athlete experience. The tournament involved community members, business representatives, alumni, and friends of the Bulldogs in a fun-filled day that netted more than \$35,000 for Bulldog Athletics.

“On behalf of the University of Redlands and the Bulldog Bench, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our participants and sponsors in the 33rd Annual Bulldog Bench Golf Classic,” Director of Athletics Jeff Martinez said. “Your support makes a tremendous impact on our student-athletes and helps ensure the continued success of our athletic programs. As always, it was a great day to be a Bulldog!”

Overall, the event relies on the generous support of consistent and loyal corporate sponsors that supplied \$36,000 in donations to the 2023 tournament. These

significant supporters include top-level donors SEI, Brian R. Bloom-Architect, and KAR Construction, as well as Tilden-Coil Constructors, Lee & Associates, and Tovey/Shultz Construction. The Bulldogs also continued their partnership with Hatfield Buick GMC as the hole-in-one sponsor and welcomed H&L Charters and KAR Construction as lunch co-sponsors.

In addition to corporate sponsors and golfer fees, Redlands had 77 golfers take part in the event that included an opportunity drawing, a Las Vegas hole, mulligans, and more.

Before teeing off at the Redlands Country Club, participants enjoyed an informative clinic by PGA Professional Dave Stockton.

During the evening program, President Krista Newkirk shared her appreciation and showed her support for Bulldog Athletics. Martinez acknowledged the sponsors and handed out the golf awards for top four-somes, longest drive, closest-to-the-pin, and other on-course achievements. **OT**

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Alumni Celebrate Coach Jim Verdieck Tennis Center

By Sarah Armes Harwood

On Jan. 28, 2023, the University dedicated the Coach Jim Verdieck Tennis Center during a ceremony announcing the successful completion of the fundraising campaign and construction. It was a celebration of both Verdieck's legacy and Bulldog Tennis, with alumni spanning eight decades of the program in attendance.

More than 300 alums, parents, student-athletes, University staff, and friends participated in the festivities. The ribbon-cutting was followed by the inaugural rally on Court 2, Verdieck's teaching court, by his sons, Doug '70 and Randy '72.

It was a remarkable effort to bring this award-winning court to life. The University exceeded the fundraising goal for the project, with a total of \$3,029,443.23 secured in cash and commitments. "The goal was to build a facility fitting of Coach Verdieck's legacy – and one that was to address the needs of today's student-athletes," Danny O'Brien '86, a Bulldog Tennis alumnus who helped bring the project to life, said. "It was a humble start, but we now have a world-class facility in an iconic setting with orange groves and snowcapped mountains as the backdrop."

Ground broke on the construction in August 2022, led by Mark Bogh '87 and his team at Bogh Engineering, Inc., and passersby watched as the crew placed the 12 lighted courts, a post-tension concrete playing surface, two digital scoreboards, and four on-court spectator viewing areas. Since its opening, the center has received the 2023 United States Tennis Association (UTSA) Outstanding Facility Award and is one of only three educational institutions to have received this honor this year.

A legend at Redlands and in collegiate athletics, Verdieck was a Southern California native who began his career at the University in 1946 as the assistant football coach, eventually becoming the head coach of both the football and tennis teams. He led the football team until 1958, with a 34-19-3 record, including the team's undefeated season in 1956.

He remained the beloved men's tennis coach for over 37 years until his retirement in 1984 and is honored in six different Halls of Fame across the nation. Verdieck earned an incredible record during his tenure, with 921 victories and only 281 defeats. His teams captured 34 titles in only 38 years of SCIAC competition and boasted 15 national championships.

The University is proud of this new facility and credits the successful campaign to the many volunteers and supporters who made it possible. "Make no mistake," O'Brien said, "this accomplishment is the result of an alumni community effort." **OT**

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Mike Thoeresz '05 '10

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Doug Verdieck '70

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Town & Gown founding board members Trustee Carole Beswick and Trustee Larry Burgess '67

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Celebrating 40 years of Town & Gown

By Catherine Garcia '06

Before the University was chartered and the first cornerstone was laid for the Administration Building, Baptist leaders and city officials met often to discuss plans for the new campus and how it would shape Redlands. Over time, the relationship deepened, with the University becoming a hub of the community, and in 1982, a new organization celebrating the alliance was formed: Town & Gown.

The idea for Town & Gown came out of the University's 75th anniversary gala when organizers wanted to continue the festivities. "We realized we couldn't do something of that size every year, but we could create something that would keep the town and gown together and do something good as well," Trustee Larry Burgess '67, a founding Town & Gown board member, said.

Trustee Carole Beswick is a University of Southern California graduate and was well acquainted with USC's Town & Gown. Believing that Redlands could also benefit from a nonprofit philanthropic organization dedicated to supporting students with scholarships, she mentioned the idea to then-President Doug Moore and then-Alumni Relations Director Marilyn Bonney. "The seed was planted, and the other pieces started to fall into place," Beswick, a founding board member, said.

Town & Gown launched with 160 members and a mission to promote a mutually supportive relationship between the University and City of Redlands, provide scholarship aid to standout local students attending the University, and host programs and events that enrich the community. The first scholarships were granted in 1984, and since then, more than 300 have been awarded.

"From the very beginning, we wanted to be hands on," Burgess said. "That was one of the things that made us distinctive. Often, scholarships are awarded through a university admissions office. We wanted to be able to interview and select recipients, so we could keep our pulse on the kinds of students applying and learn about their goals in life. That's something we've never wanted to give up — it's really a terrific experience."

Today, the scholarship endowment is \$1.38 million, with the average awardee receiving \$3,000. In a partnership with Community Service Learning, Town & Gown also provides

Community Service Learning grants for faculty. Fundraisers are held to support Town & Gown's philanthropic endeavors, and throughout the years there have been memorable events, including the 10th anniversary gala when the Alumni House was transformed into a cruise ship.

Since 2009, Town & Gown and Esri have presented educational and cultural programs through the Redlands Forum, providing admission free of charge. Redlands Forum events are often the hottest ticket in town, with registration filling up well in advance.

"Town & Gown really helps solidify that Redlands is a college town by providing local residents with the opportunity to be involved with the University community and make life-long learning one of the benefits of living in Redlands," Shelli Stockton, director of strategic partnerships and community engagement, said.

When the University's new mascot, George, arrived in 2022, the community was invited to meet him during an open house at Citrograph Printing Co. in downtown Redlands. Co-owner Ryan Bailey, a past president of Town & Gown, said events like this are fun ways to make residents more aware of what is going on at the University. "When the University and local businesses are partners with one another, whether that is peripherally or more of an engaging partnership, the more the University is seen in town and the better the relationship with the overall community," he added.

In May, Town & Gown celebrated its 40th anniversary with an event that was a true testament to the ties that bind the University and city together. It began with a trip on the new Arrow train from campus to downtown Redlands, where appetizers and cocktails were enjoyed at The Overland. Everyone then got back on the train and returned to campus, where they had dinner under the stars on Ann Peppers Lawn.

With 40 successful years behind it, the future looks bright for Town & Gown. "There have always been enthusiastic, passionate people willing to step up to lead the organization" who are inspired by Redlands students, Stockton said. "Interacting with them makes members really understand what their scholarship contributions mean in these scholars' young lives." **OT**

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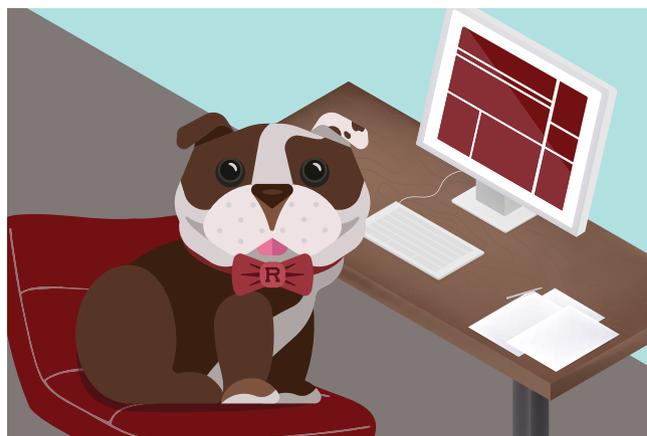
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Remembering Carol

By Sarah Armes Harwood

COURTESY OF JIM APPLETON



Carol and Jim Appleton

Carol Koelsch Appleton, first lady of the University of Redlands for 25 years, passed away on Jan. 13, 2023. Many remember Carol as the always warm and welcoming first lady who supported President Jim Appleton in his public duties by hosting dinners, appearing at events, and helping raise critical funds for the University. Behind the scenes, Carol was a talented artist and a woman of great faith. She drew inspiration from her family, as well as their many travels, especially to the Greek islands, where light, shadow, and texture influenced the artistic works completed in her studio.

Sharing her love of art meant a great deal to her, and she and Jim had the pleasure of teaching art and music respectively through the Salzburg program. Emeritus Chaplain John Walsh, who taught with them, shared that Carol “spent the month teaching the students how to draw. Most of these students had never even taken a drawing class in their lives. At the end of the month, the students presented a show displaying their art. It won’t surprise anyone that what they produced was amazing. Carol brought out an ability that moved us all.”

Her creativity was something she brought to all areas of her life. In her commitments to the University, she was a keen observer and deeply curious. “She never wanted to be the center of attention,” Jim said. “Instead, she would always take an interest in others to make them feel welcome. The relationships she built with those involved in the University were authentic.”

The late Richard ’52 and Virginia Hunsaker ’52 became close friends of the Appletons and gave generously to support Redlands, prompting Rich to tell Jim that Carol was the



Carol Appleton was as much an artist as she was the first lady of the University

COURTESY OF JIM APPLETON

strongest selling point for giving to the University. Honoring that long friendship, the Hunsaker children gave a memorial gift to the art department’s gallery program to support work that Carol was passionate about. Professor of Art Penny McElroy said Carol was “a wonderful artist and a generous, creative teacher and human being. ... This gift from the Hunsakers is a fitting acknowledgment of her involvement with art at Redlands and her conviction that an artist’s way of viewing the world is important.”

Those who knew Carol best also knew her deepest commitment was most noticeable in her daily expressions of love for her family. In one of the almost 500 cards, letters, and messages Jim received from Redlands alumni, friends, neighbors, and community members, former Vice President of Advancement Anita West noted this, quoting Pericles: “What you have left behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.” Carol lives on through her husband of 63 years; sons Steve and Jon, and daughter Jennifer; their spouses; six amazing grandchildren; Carol’s two sisters and their families; and Jim’s five siblings and their families.

From Oct. 1-27, the University will host “Carol Koelsch Appleton: Extraordinary Light of the Everyday,” a gallery of Carol’s artwork showcasing paintings she made across her lifetime. [or](#)

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested gifts be sent to the University of Redlands, Office of Development, P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373 or made online at www.redlands.edu/givenow.

Passings

Passings reflect deaths
May 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023*

The College

Mary Armstrong McCullough '44, Jan. 12, 2023.

Gordon Brown '45, Sept. 23, 2022.

Mary-Carol Walberg Burdett '46, Oct. 23, 2022. Family members include daughters Carol Lorraine '70 and Ann Leonard '73.

Byrns Fagerburg '46, Feb. 6, 2023.

Margaret Anderson Herbert '48, Apr. 2, 2023. Family members include daughter Jan Doyle '74, son Paul Herbert '77, Gay Donart '46, and cousin Jeanne Wylie '51.

Marjorie Ford '48, Dec. 6, 2022.

Patsy Mendenhall Chamberlain '49, Feb. 26, 2023.

Bob McClew '50, March 4, 2023.

Ann Borgman Heiney '50, Feb. 15, 2023.

Donna Spragg Pegues '51, Jan. 22, 2023.

Diana Copulos Holmes '51, Jan. 9, 2023. Family members include grandchildren Jesse Van Mouwerik '13 and Reid Van Mouwerik '16.

Marquita Dubach '52, Dec. 31, 2022. Family members include niece Dana Johnson '74.

Charlotte Dunn Jacobs '52, Jan. 19, 2023. Family members include sister Charlotte Jacobs '54.

Shirley Collins Rieger '52, March 11, 2023. Family members include daughter Sharon Tipple '74.

Mozelle English Green '53, April 21, 2023.

Mary Crowell Jordan '53, Dec. 22, 2022.

Utako Shiraishi Dwyer '54, Oct. 15, 2022. Family members include sister Ayako Grace Kim '50.

Ron Posey '54, Dec. 2, 2022.

K. Doug Carlson '54, April 30, 2023. Family members include brothers James Carlson '58 and Andrew Carlson '65.

Bob Clopine '54, July 10, 2022. Family members include wife Betsy Clopine '55, nephews William Clopine '83 and Russell Clopine '88, and niece Susan Ward '85.

Diane Conklin '54, Dec. 12, 2022.

Don Ruh '54, Jan. 6, 2023. Family members include wife Sandra Ruh '57.

Laverne Sorrels Baker '55, Jan. 6, 2023.

Joni Marshall Ellis '55, Jan. 10, 2023. Family members include daughter Judy Ellis Tetone '86.

Paul Gamaliel Perez '55, Feb. 23, 2023.

James McGee '57, Nov. 19, 2022.

Edward McArthur '58, Dec. 15, 2022.

Kaye Neil '58, March 12, 2023. Family members include nephews William Hardy Jr. '66, Christopher Hardy '72, and Gregory Hardy '75; niece Cynthia Munz '74; and Susann Hardy '75.

Nancy Trimmer Wulfing '58, March 15, 2023.

Herbert Iverson '58 '61, Jan. 22, 2023. Family members include daughter Esther Iverson '98.

Gene Outka '59, May 1, 2023.

Nolan Lockwood '60, Dec. 31, 2022.

Marilyn Markham Deatherage '61, May 7, 2022.

Pat Killeen '61, Dec. 26, 2022.

Joy Phillips Butler '61, March 14, 2023.

Betty Stone '61 '63, Jan. 28, 2023. Family members include grandson Coulter Stone '11.

Dean Branson '63, Dec. 12, 2022.

Al Turner '63, March 10, 2023. Family members include wife Elizabeth Turner '67 and daughter Margaret Turner '93.

Craig Wallace '64, Dec. 7, 2022. Family members include wife Alice Wallace '65.

Suellen Smith Guenther '64, Nov. 13, 2022.

Harold Shively '64, May 4, 2023.

Jim Brondino '64 '67, Jan. 13, 2023.

James Russell '65, Feb. 13, 2023. Family members include Violet Basan '42.

Collin Tong '67, Dec. 24, 2022.

Marguerite Feenstra Emrick '68, June 1, 2022.

Robert Watson '68, Sep. 3, 2022.

Jeffrey Coulas '69, Aug. 13, 2022.

Mark Judy '69, March 25, 2023. Family members include wife Terri Judy '69.

Virginia Butler '70, Nov. 30, 2022.

Karen Reiter Keen '70, April 28, 2023. Family members include husband Laurence Keen '68 and brother Robert Reiter '68.

Faye Crick '71, Jan. 15, 2023.

Roger Patterson '71, Feb. 16, 2023.

Nancy Doss '71, March 9, 2023.

Robert Hickernell '71, Feb. 24, 2023.

Carol Steele '72, Dec. 11, 2022.

Mary Payton Vincent '73, Dec. 18, 2022. Family members include daughter Danielle V. Griffith '05.

Fern Dewees '75, Oct. 28, 2022.

Karen Miller '72, Sep. 28, 2022.

Leslie Thiele '74, April 23, 2023.

Lisa Fitzgerald Heath '75, March 31, 2023.

Pauline Gruenler '84, Oct. 13, 2022. Family members include son Philip Gruenler '89 and Sheryl Gruenler '89.

Sean Granata '16, Aug. 7, 2022.

Schools of Education and Business & Society

Donald Schiavone '75 '79, April 8, 2023.

Patricia Erwin '83, Sep. 25, 2022.

Vivian Heaberlin '83, Dec. 5, 2022.

Alan Morris '84, July 15, 2022.

Carol Hoekstra '86, Oct. 24, 2022.

David Bauer '89, Dec. 28, 2022.

Gerald Kasinski '95, Oct. 14, 2022.

William Pearson '05, Dec. 29, 2022. Family members include wife Pamela Pearson '90.

Kirk Frazer '13, Feb. 25, 2023.

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Bill Van Ness Jr. '51, Aug. 10, 2022.

Dick Jennings '53, Nov. 9, 2022. Family members include wife Shirley Jennings '53.

John Orr '58, Feb. 25, 2023.

Sara Palmer '71, Jan. 2, 2023.

Jacqueline Riss '78, March 15, 2023.

Lily Stearns '85, Oct. 1, 2022.

Family members include husband John Stearns '87.

Carolyn Woodson '96, March 18, 2023.

Roger Shervington '04 '05, March 17, 2023.

Friends

Carol Appleton, Jan. 13, 2023. Former first lady of the University.

Ruth Colley, June 29, 2022.

Ann Davis, April 13, 2023.

Patricia Emenhiser, Aug. 5, 2022.

Helen Garcia, Jan. 24, 2023. Former adjunct faculty.

Arlene Lewis, Dec. 4, 2022. Wife of the late Rep. Jerry Lewis.

Carolyn Lowman, Jan. 6, 2023. Former adjunct faculty.

Mei Ling Shackelton, Nov. 27, 2022. Cortner Society member.

Morgan Stankey, Mar. 25, 2023. Stepdaughter of Past President Stuart Dorsey.

Mari Winter, Jan. 16, 2023. Former volleyball coach.

In memoriam

Frederick Swann, a renowned organist who served as the Adjunct Artist Teacher of Organ at the University for 11 years, passed away on Nov. 13, 2022, from cancer-related causes.

Frederick began his performance career young, playing the organ in his father's Methodist church at age 10. He graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in music and studied at the Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He went on to have a 65-year career as a concert organist, recording artist, and choral conductor, which took him to all 50 states and 12 countries. He was broadcast to an estimated 20 million viewers on the televised Hour of Power worship program.

When asked to teach at Redlands, he was enticed by the then-recent restoration of the organ in the Memorial Chapel and the ability to create a new program centered on the instrument. His mastery of the organ and his time at the University were deeply impactful for both his students and the faculty who worked alongside him. After years of sharing his talent with Redlands, he was honored with an honorary degree upon his retirement in 2018. Fred continued performing at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, California, until his passing. His memorial service began with 30 minutes of organ music to honor his career and passion.

Shirley Collins Rieger '52 passed away in her home of 55 years on March 22, 2023. Shirley was a committed educator who taught elementary school for over 30 years, starting in Yucaipa in 1953. She moved to Smiley Elementary School in Redlands in 1962, where she remained until retirement in 1986.

Born and raised in Whittier, Shirley came to the University in 1948. There she met her husband Chuck Rieger '52 during freshman year, and they were married her junior year. She was deeply involved with Redlands as a member of Alpha Theta Psi sorority, a member of the board of directors of the Alumni Association, and the co-chair, alongside Chuck, for their 35th, 40th, and 45th class reunions.

Shirley was deeply involved with the Redlands community beyond the University as well. She was a congregant and Sunday School teacher at Redlands First Baptist Church and a volunteer at the Redlands Historical Museum, Redlands Hospital Foundation, and Mustard Seed Tutorial Center.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband in 2014. She is survived by her daughter Sharon Tipple '74, son Craig, four grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. **OT**

*Only if the notification date was between Sept. 29, 2022 and May 26, 2023.

Class notes

Class Notes reflect submissions from September 29, 2022 to May 29, 2023

The College

1945

Rebecca Aides Ricker '45, '73 turned 100 years old on July 24, 2022. Becky had her 100th birthday party with a small group of family and close friends at her favorite restaurant in Costa Mesa, California. Becky is a veteran and served as a WAVE in World War II before she attended the U of R. She was a teacher and counselor in the Redlands Unified School District for many years. After retirement, she moved to Corona Del Mar, California, where she still lives at home.



Rebecca Aides Ricker '45, '73 turned 100 years old on July 24, 2022.

1958

Chuck Thorman '58 lives in Lakewood, Colorado. He continues to be involved with geology and recently traveled to Brazil.

Joanne Bennett Waldon '58 and **Stennis Waldon '58** live in the Royal Oaks retirement community in Bradbury, California, as does **Loren Sanladerer '58**. Loren does quite a bit of traveling. On April 27 **Chuck Thorman '58** joined Joanne, Stennis, and Loren for lunch.

Bentley Wallis '58 remains an avid reader and still tries to do a little writing. He is interested in astrophysics and spends a lot of time exploring the Creator's cosmos.

1959

Darilyn Dorris Bare '59 has moved to Bozeman, Montana, to be closer to her daughters and granddaughter.

Marilyn Bassford '59 had a flood of memories after hearing the U of R choir was scheduled to sing the Verdi Requiem at St. Paul's Church in Rome in June. Those memories include singing in the U of R Concert Choir, singing the Verdi Requiem at Our Savior Episcopal Church in San Gabriel, and working with the USO in Italy. Marilyn said, "Best job ever!"

Gloria Taylor Cropp '59 lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, in a continuing care facility where many of her old neighbors and church friends also live. She recently visited family in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and Quechee, Vermont. Gloria also went to her cabin in Big Bear and took a trip to the U of R to show some family the campus for the first time.

Jan Pellegrin Duggan '59 had a lovely cruise to Italy and all around Sicily and Malta. Much history and beauty!

Candy Howell Kimble '59 and John Thomas took a river cruise down the Rhine, visiting



Classmates Chuck Thorman '58, Stennis Waldon '58, Joanne Bennett Waldon '58, and Loren Sanladerer '58 met for lunch on April 27 in Bradbury, California.

several areas before moving on to Munich, Germany, and coming home from Amsterdam.

1960

Marian Taylor Cropp '60, Sherryl Morrison Taylor '64, and Tony Taylor '63 visited the Redlands-University Station on the Arrow rail line during their excursion to campus on Jan. 17, 2023.

1961

Annette Veenstra Bain '61, Gail Mungen Burnett '61, Judy May Sisk '61, and spouses Gary, Bob, and John had a very enjoyable lunch outing in Milpitas, California, at the end of March to catch up with each other's activities and hear about their families.

Bruce Johnson '61 reports that in March 2023 he traveled with daughter **Kirsten Cline '93** to Cambodia and Vietnam with a charity group he founded in 1993, Americans Helping Asian Children. Brother **Wendell Johnson '66** now lives in Cambodia, working with a de-mining NGO and aiding Cambodians affected by Covid. After visiting the temple of Angkor Wat to observe the sunrise, the three of them (in their U of R shirts, caps, and stoles) chanted the Och Tamale to the surprised looks of other tourists.

Carol Gustafson Jordan '61 and **Jim Jordan '61** are going on a small cruise boat around Japan and the east coast of Korea. The ship then sails to Dutch Harbor in the Aleutian Islands and Kodiak before ending in Seward, for a total of 21 days on board. After this trip, Jim and Carol will have visited 158 countries during their 63 years of marriage.

Ruth Emerick Love '61 married **Charles D. Love '59** after graduation and moved to the San Francisco Bay Area. She currently lives in Pleasant Hill, where they purchased their home in 1973. They had two sons: Tracy born in 1967 and Kevin in 1970. Tracy now lives in

Napa with his family (two sons for him and Colleen) and Kevin lives in Boise, Idaho, with his family (a girl and a boy with wife Kim). Tracy works for California Fish and Wildlife and Kevin owns a Macintosh store. Charles sadly died in February 2017 after a two-year struggle with Lewy body dementia. Ruth retired from teaching in 2004 and she and Charles travelled before he got sick. Now at soon-to-be 84, she enjoys the life she leads.

Deanna Dechert Passchier '61 is always interested about the lives and activities of her U of R classmates and is thankful to still be able to enjoy the many blessings while they are still here. Her two grandchildren spent their summer in Osaka visiting their Japanese grandparents and learning to speak and understand Japanese. Deanna's son met his wife while studying Japanese at the University of California San Diego and has traveled to Japan and participated in their local community wagon parade, which is similar to Pasadena's Rose Parade, with wagons pulled by young men.

Dominic Petillo '61 transferred to the U of R as a music major in 1960. He lived on campus with his wife and two children. He left U of R and went to work as a window clerk at the Redlands Post Office on Brookside Avenue. While there he met a visiting Australian family, and he traveled to Australia seven times. In 1990, he retired from the post office and moved to Honolulu, Hawaii.

Clarice Giberson Wiggins '61 and husband Harry took a trip in June to Santa Fe, New Mexico, where they viewed the artwork of a great uncle, Carlos Vierra, who was part of the Georgia O'Keefe art colony in Santa Fe. Also, their oldest grandson, Andrew, of Chandler, Arizona, just become engaged to be married.

Mike Williams '61 works in the minor surgery clinic (lumps and bumps) of the Anacapa Surgery Group at Ventura County Medical



Ed Matuishi '63, his wife Beverly, and two friends went to Kathmandu to spend a week giving dental services to 700 children in a Buddhist boarding school.

Center. This clinic is open five days a week, so having no nights and no weekends is like being retired. He's been happily married for 28 years to Evelyn, a gift from the County Hospital Medical Staff Office. Mike and Evelyn have three great-grandchildren and five grandchildren. All four of their children are alive and successful, as are their spouses. This all adds up to a good life.

Mike Young '61 and wife Nancy are retired and living in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has served at several Unitarian Universalist churches since 1965. An early community minister, he worked to develop programs for the Los Angeles Juvenile Court. He received several awards for interfaith, interracial, and social justice activities. He authored *A Preachers Poems*, published by Praxis International, and has been invited to present at the Parliament of Religions in Chicago in August. Mike and Nancy are chronic parents – 32 children in all, with two biological kids, one adopted, many foster kids, and several foreign exchange students. Nancy is a poet, artist, potter, sculptor, and docent at the Honolulu Academy of Art.

1963

Ed Matuishi '63 continues giving his skills to the least fortunate. Ed and wife Beverly, along with friends, went to Kathmandu, Nepal, to spend a week giving dental services to 700 children in a Buddhist boarding school. Ed also races his 1967 Porsche, coming in second in Monterey at the Laguna Racetrack. Ed has the energy to go fly fishing in Iceland, the Bahamas, Thailand, and Montana. Here is a man who is enjoying his “golden years.”

Carol Montgomery '63 still lives in Brooklyn, paints in watercolors, and leads tours of the museums of Brooklyn. Carol also works on environmental issues. She is most open to showing U of R alumni the beauty of her city.

Harold Phillips '63, while still living in Costa Rica and leading his thriving school, has branched out by becoming a coach for Dr. Joel Fuhrman's nutrition program. This program helps participants lose weight and attack a variety of diseases. Harold recognizes the difficulty in weaning people's addiction to the American diet.

Dave Shikles '63 and **Janet Lamb Shikles '64** enjoyed a hiking trip in Switzerland in July 2022, and in November traveled with friends to Israel and Palestine. They visited Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank, met with senior Palestinian officials, toured Jewish villages surrounding the Gaza Strip, visited the Golan Heights looking into Syria, toured the Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem, and visited many of the most famous Biblical sites. It was a fascinating but sobering trip.

1964

Bob Levy '64, who began playing bridge as a freshman, has achieved Sapphire Life Master status in the American Contract Bridge League. Bob is a retired public defender in Los Angeles and shares many interests with wife Jean, including their book club, classical music, and travel. He and fellow former staffers of the Bulldog have established a scholarship fund in memory of their advisor, Howard Hurlbut, to hopefully encourage students to become investigative reporters.

***Gary Larsen '64** went to Japan in March to see the cherry blossoms. **Phil Estermann '65** also happened to be there showing his grand-children Tokyo Disneyland. Phil and Gary had been roommates in Vets Village their senior year. While in Japan they looked up **Carl Adams '65**, who moved to Japan some 40+ years ago and has been teaching English. The three of them met up at a well-known yakitori restaurant for great food and shared memories of Redlands and Asia over the last half-century.



Wendell Johnson '66, Kirsten Johnson Cline '93, and Bruce Johnson '61 chanted the Och Tamale in front of the Angkor Wat Temple in Cambodia.



Marian Taylor Cropp '60, Sherryl Morrison Taylor '64, and Tony Taylor '63 at the Redlands University Station on Jan. 17, 2023.

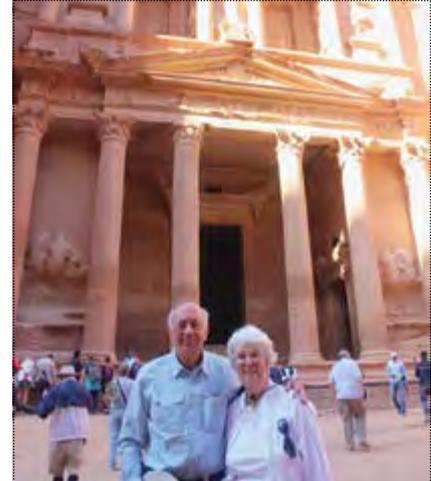


Gary Larsen '64, Carl Adams '65, and Phil Estermann '65 met up this spring at a yakitori restaurant in Japan.

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Jeanne Curry Clark '64, Diana McAllister Schmelzer '64, Sandy Chadwick Mussey '64, Sherryl Morrison Taylor '64, Judy Bingham Schipper '64, Dan Lewis '81, Sue Stickney Teele '64, Keri (Marilyn) Mohn '64, Sandy Taylor Golnick '64, Phyllis Tilton Scroggie '64, Linda Fisher Townsend '64, Karen Zirbel Pray '64, Kathy Burton Martinez '64, and Liz Strong '64. Not shown are Jan Peckham Pearson '64 and Vanessa Wilke '00, the Curator of Medieval Manuscripts and British History at The Huntington Library.



Kurt Van Horn '66 and wife Liz in Petra, Jordan.



Tom Bandy '66 rode his bike for five days on the Katy Trail along the Missouri River.



Mary Spelman Ince '66 (center) with composers Beth Denisch (left) and Elena Reuhr (right).



Sharon Uzzel Young '66 and Randy Young '66 harvesting olives in central Spain.



Bill Bollinger '65, Gary Byrne '64, and Gary Larsen '64 reunited in Santa Monica to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their travels abroad together from Salzburg.



Robin Linton McKenna '65 celebrated her 80th birthday with her family.

Judy Bingham Schipper '64 and many of the Women of '64 (aka the "Hot Tamales") held their annual gathering April 25-27 in Pasadena. They stayed at the Westin Hotel and visited the Huntington Library with **Dan Lewis '81**, Ph.D., who is the Dibner Senior Curator for the History of Science and Technology. "We plan an event like this about once a year and all women who graduated in 1964 are welcome," Judy said.

1965

Jim Allen '65 has spent the last year enjoying get-togethers with family, especially his eight grandchildren (ages 12 to 24). They had a busy week together on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, including hang gliding lessons at Kitty Hawk. His activities included taking several photography trips, such as seeing migratory waterfowl in the Florida wet-lands and attending a workshop in Moab, Utah, devoted to creating abstract art photos of the streams and rocks of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks.

Bill Bollinger '65, **Gary Byrne '64**, and **Gary Larsen '64** reunited in Santa Monica to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their travels abroad together from Salzburg.

Sam Brown '65 and his wife welcomed their fourth grandchild, Odysseus, to this crazy world. They live in Key West, Conch Republic, USA, and are building a summer cabin in northern Minnesota that they hope will be energy neutral. They still spend a few weeks a year in Aspen where Sam remains a member of the board of the Aspen Music Festival and School. Last year, they sponsored a position for Mikhail Voskresensky, a world-renowned pianist, who was then able to defect with family to the U.S. from Russia. Sam was also recently featured in the documentary *The Movement and the Madman*, available through NPR.

Rita Loftus Cavin '65 and husband Brooks cruised from December 2022, when they left Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to May 2023. They visited India, sailing from Kochi to Goa, and finished in London. They're looking forward to visiting Israel and Egypt.

Nancy Wheeler Durein '65 and her husband traveled to Spain and Portugal in the fall, staying in historic paradises. They were in Europe in May, trying to recreate the Danube cruise trip they were forced to cancel last year due to Covid. This trip didn't have the U of R alumni special features, unfortunately. Nancy has also been elected president of her P.E.O. chapter.

Sherry Netzley Engberg '65 got in some hiking and camping in nearby California hills, beaches, and deserts between rainstorms

this winter. The wildflowers were superb! Her other passion is doing her part to save the planet, so she is making energy-efficient renovations to her home and converting the yard to California native plants.

Karen Richards Gary '65 is ramping up her 33rd year with the Dippin' Dots business and is shopping for someone to come alongside and take over. She wants to pursue the "R" word! She had a great trip to Costa Rica last December, celebrating family birthdays and anniversaries, and saw San Diego classmates at lunch in April.

Barbara Anderson Hammond '65 was able to take a thrice-postponed and then altered trip this past September-October from Vancouver to Hawaii, with a primary focus on Alaska. It turned out to be a wonderful trip, with unexpectedly clear skies many of the Alaska days. Glaciers are even more spectacular than mere photos can show.

Kathy Terbeck Johnson '65 was chosen president of her P.E.O. chapter. One grandson is at the University of Nevada, Reno, one grandchild is a graduate of University of California Santa Barbara, and one granddaughter is a junior at the University of Oregon, Eugene. Next year, five of their six grandkids will be in university. They are very active in their church and several community projects.

Richard Kuller '65 has had a varied career, first as a director/choreographer/performer in Los Angeles and New York, and then as an instructor in theatre and dance at two California community colleges. He still teaches at Glendale Community College, keeps in shape as a dancer, and recently put together a short dance film. Richard remembered producing *This is America's Baby*, a project funded by the ASUR. He got help from a lot of talented students, and Ralph Hone was the faculty sponsor.

Toby Larson '65 has been invited to spend a week at a rented villa in Tuscany near Florence. After that, two weeks in the Balkans (Albania, Montenegro). He has also been appointed by the mayor of Chula Vista, California, to become a member of the board of trustees of the central library for a four-year term.

Beverly Lynn '65 is volunteering with U of R Greek organizations through the Greek Alumni Advisory Council and training to become a docent at Palomar Observatory. Travel during the last months included a trip with a small group that included **Bonnie Zoe Winn '66** to Jordan and Israel, and camping/hiking trips to North Cascades and Joshua Tree National Parks.

Eileen Beerman Mason '65 continues to travel extensively: a month in Italy, Spain, and the U.S. East Coast; a 25-day Antarctic cruise bookended by several days each in Santiago and Buenos Aires; and one week in Costa Rica. Soon, she'll visit the U.S. East Coast, Ontario (Canada), Tunisia, and Morocco. Locally, she's co-president of the San Diego Chapter of the American Harp Society, with a goal of promoting the harp by presenting concerts, hosting various student activities, and awarding scholarships.

Robin Linton McKenna '65 celebrated her 80th birthday with her family, including the daughters of her twin sister, Darlene, who passed away at age 62 from early Alzheimer's.

Bob McLaughlin '65 and wife Helene watch their five children thrive and celebrate their 11 grandchildren's birthdays and events. Thanks to computers they can keep track of them all. He plays and teaches pickleball to newcomers. He and Helene continue to share the gospel with children at Sunday School and in Good News Clubs. They are looking forward to frequent camping trips to Yosemite this year.

Coralie Lampiasi Prince '65 is grateful to have an incredible family and three grandkids that she sees often. She is still teaching in music, playing drum set in five bands, working with the Music Mobile Program of the Orange County Philharmonic Society, and working with the California Alliance for Jazz. Each year she presents John Prince Memorial Awards to students, including one to a student at California State University, Long Beach where John created and developed the amazing jazz studies/commercial music program in the early 1970s.

Judy Merlin Ross '65 is proud of son Joe, the first recipient of the endowed Virginia Stammer Eaton Chair in Genetics and Molecular Biology at Fresno State.

1966

Tom Bandy '66 rode his bike for five days on the Katy Trail along the Missouri River, camping and enjoying beautiful weather along the way. He wants to know who said retirement is retiring!

Al Chong '66 and **Dicki Hanback Chong '66** have celebrated 55 years of marriage and decided their chapter of international travel and cruising the world has come to an end. Now their favorite mode of travel is by car, driving from Colorado Springs, Colorado, to both coasts to visit friends and family and cheering on their six adult grandkids.

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Harriet Clough '66 continues to live near Mt. Shasta. She and partner Randy are enjoying fixing up a piece of property and hope to open it as a little store. She is a writer and has a website for her book, angelclough.com.

Mary Spelman Ince '66 had her solo exhibition of artwork, *Sense*, and artist talk at U of R as part of the Homecoming 2022 events. Mary also just completed a commissioned project of drawings set to world premiere compositions for a concert in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Longy School of Music (New Gallery Music Series). The compositions were Beth Denisch's *Star V* and Elena Ruehr's *Trust the System*.

Kurt Van Horn '66 and wife Liz took the Holland America Grand Africa voyage and circled the African continent. They logged 21,000 nautical miles, visited over 20 countries, went on three camera safaris, and visited multiple ports and cities. They recommend this trip to all travelers.

Bill Willisie '66 and wife are planning to be on hand for a total solar eclipse in Texas on April 8, 2024, in the small town of Kerrville, just south of I-10, about an hour's drive northwest of San Antonio. It will be the third total eclipse that his wife will have experienced.

Sharon Uzzel Young '66 and **Randy Young '66** toured Portugal and Spain for a month in the fall of 2022, including a day spent harvesting olives and pressing olive oil in central Spain.

1968

Marianne Olson Mitchell '68 and husband Jim moved to Coimbra, Portugal, in 2022. They live in an area near a hotel called Quinta das Lágrimas, which began as a hunting lodge in 1326 for the royal family. Coimbra is an old city dating back to Roman times and was the first capital of Portugal. Now it is a modern city, and they enjoy lots of concerts, theatre, lectures, and events.

John Spivey '68 has had his furniture work appear multiple times at both the Smithsonian and Philadelphia Museum of Art craft shows. In November 2023, his furniture will be exhibited at the Art Gallery at U of R along with a sculpture created by wife Barbara Federman. The show will run from Nov. 7 to Dec. 1 with a reception and artist's talk on Nov. 8.

1970

Nan Bourne Bassoni '70, husband Mike, and Australian shepherd Jasper are enjoying retirement. They divide their time between their home in San Jose, California, a condo

in the mountains, and exploring state and national parks in their travel trailer. *Editor's note: This is a correction from the Fall 2022 issue in which Nan was incorrectly reported as deceased.*

1972

Dennis Kelly '72 retired and went through hip replacement surgery on June 13. He is looking forward to the expected birth of his third grandchild, a girl, in September.

Alan Pierpoint '72 has been appointed to the board of directors of Southwestern Academy, the school where he was English department chair for 24 years until his retirement in 2015.

Rev. Doug Stivison '72 (Wesleyan exchange 1969-70) is listed on the church rolls as "honorably retired," but he remains busier than ever as the part-time pastor of two of New England's most historic pulpits. He is chaplain at the Seamen's Bethel in New Bedford, Massachusetts, the Whaleman's Chapel immortalized in *Moby Dick* with its unique ship's prow pulpit. Doug also pastors the First Congregational Church of New Bedford, dating to the 1600s as one of the oldest congregations in America.

1973

Jim Hustace '73 keeps busy being Hawaii's certified fine art appraiser. Wife Mollie still teaches AP Art History at Hawai'i Preparatory Academy in Kamuela, is the director of Isaacs Art Center, and the docent for the Laurance Rockefeller Collection at the Mauna Kea Resort.

1976

Cathy Moreland Schilling '76, **Carol Edwards Snodgrass '76**, **Caroline McAllister '79**, **Jim Snodgrass '68 '74**, **Janice Vance Christian '76**, and **Barbara McCormick Krause '73** traveled to Egypt in February and saw the pyramids of Giza.

1977

Tina Pershing Baine '77 has published a book about the history of Aromas, California, where she lived for the last 27 years. She spent over 12 years researching, writing, and collecting images for *Aromastory: The Overlooked History of an Underdog Town*, which released in November 2022.

Susan Collins '77 retired after 42 years working in information technology at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia – the last 12 years working remotely from SoCal. She's looking forward to the next adventure, whatever that might be!

Siblings Tim Thorman '77 and **Lisa Thorman Rusche '78** did quite a bit of traveling last year together, starting with a trip to Iceland in June, Liverpool and Scotland in August, and a Norway cruise with Tim, wife Sherryl, and daughters Liz and Lisa in September.

1978

Karen Andrews '78 and **John Plastow '79** are celebrating their 44th anniversary, having met while living in Anderson Hall. They have three grown children, with two each getting married this year. John and Karen live in Colorado Springs, where Karen is a para for special education 6th graders and John is the executive pastor for a growing church and teaches for multiple universities online. Between church and schools, John uses his Doctor of Strategic Leadership degree, which was completed in 2017. John and Karen hold the fondest of memories of their years at Redlands.

Ernie Caponera '78 and **Scott Lapsley '78** got together in February to share Alpha Gamma Nu memories in Corona del Mar, California.

David David '78 and **Debbie Sauder David '78** hosted **Gary Boseck '78**, **Debra Dickstein Boseck '78**, daughter Meghan, and husband Ryan Jusko in April at their home in San Diego.

Rita Boykins Foster '78 worked with her family and Etiwanda High School Student Achievement classes on a community service effort to support the HHT 1st Squadron overseas in Germany, many of whom had not been home in two years. Two separate shipments were sent to lift the spirits of and cover 50 troops, which included wool socks, knit beanies, board games, candy, snacks, toiletries, and cards.

Robin Quinville '78 is Director of the Global Europe Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington, D.C. She's hosted discussions on issues ranging from the war in Ukraine to the United Kingdom's future defense strategy to climate change. She's published several articles related to Germany's changing defense and security strategy as well. Robin and husband Tom Williams are enjoying spending time in Washington again after years overseas as U.S. diplomats.

Lisa Thorman Rusche '78 was busy again with fellow Thetas **Vandra Lochridge '97** and **Suzanne Stevenson Roberts '77** at the Theta house during Homecoming last October.



The Pierpoint siblings, all former Bulldogs: Alan '72, Marta '85, Kim '75, and Eric '73, enjoying a pre-pandemic family get-together in Steamboat Springs.



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Jim Hustace '73 and wife Mollie enjoy living in Hawaii.



Cathy Moreland Schilling '76, Carol Edwards Snodgrass '76, Caroline McAllister '79, Jim Snodgrass '68 '74, Janice Vance Christian '76, and Barbara McCormick Krause '73 traveled to Egypt in February.



Sherryl, Liz, and Tim Thorman '77, and Lisa Thorman Rusche '78 on a Norway cruise in September.



Thetas Suzanne Stevenson Roberts '77, Vandra Lochridge '97, and Lisa Thorman Rusche '78 were busy during Homecoming last October at the Theta House.



Rita Boykins Foster '78 worked with her family and Etiwanda High School Student Achievement classes on a community service effort to support troops overseas.



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Renee MacLaughlan Bozarth '79, husband Ray, and daughter Grace Bozarth '24 took a trip to Europe over Grace's winter break from U of R.



On March 7, 2023, Rhonda Hoenisch Fouch '79 was inducted into the Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors Association Hall of Fame.

1979

Renee MacLaughlan Bozarth '79 has two grandchildren — grandson Elliott is seven and granddaughter Eliza is one. Renee, husband Ray, and daughter **Grace Bozarth '24** took a trip to Europe during Grace's winter break from the U of R. They visited friends in London and various sites in Paris, including Disneyland Paris, and Barcelona, Spain.

Rhonda Hoenisch Fouch '79 retired in June 2021 after 41 years in education. She spent the past 25 years as athletic director at Redlands East Valley High School. On March 7, 2023, she was inducted into the Citrus Belt Area Athletic Directors Association (CBAADA) Hall of Fame. Rhonda and husband John spend time traveling between California, Missouri, and Kentucky where their children are collegiate athletic coaches. They have two grandsons, Brayden (two) and Jaxson (two weeks old).



Robin Adams-Burkett '81 wishes her class aloha from Hawaii.



Matt Clabaugh '81 was elected to the Board of Governors CSUF Philanthropic Foundation.



A Feast of Lights reunion with Gina Hurlbut '81, Doug Newton '81, and Fluery Jones Laycock '81.



Baker Egerton '81 (right) pictured with wife Marina (left) and their grandchildren.



(Counterclockwise from left) Mark '84 and Justine Cook, Scott Sanders '84, Lyndsey and Allen Arendsee '84, and Lora Sanders went on a cruise around Ireland in June 2022 for Allan's 60th birthday.



Three generations of Bulldogs at the Coach Jim Verdieck Tennis Center dedication: Paul Bolock '91 '01, Kendall Bolock '23, and Linda Thomas Liles '79 '88



Graham Everett '88 (center) celebrated his retirement after 34 years of service with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Linda Thomas Liles '79 '88 came to the Jim Verdieck Tennis Center Dedication to celebrate with son **Paul Bolock '91 '01** and granddaughter **Kendall Bolock '23** who played on the women's tennis team. All three are proud of their Bulldog legacy.

Karen Bowman Purpura '79 just graduated from Atlantic International University with a Ph.D. in Theology. She continues to do Catholic chaplaincy in hospitals and jails.

1980

Dee Gowan-Baker '80 has been a speech language pathologist since her graduation from U of R and currently resides in Minnesota.

1981

Robin Adams-Burkett '81 wishes her class aloha from Hawaii! After teaching physical education in the desert for 32 years, she retired from the California school system and moved to the Big Island, Hawaii, in 2017. She has taught PE in Hawaii since 2018. Husband of 41 years Bill Burkett is retired and enjoying the view from their lanai. Robin has been spending her free time as a longarm quilter and is planning her second retirement.

Cathy Ingram Bryan '81 welcomed grandson Gideon, on February 7, 2022. Husband Richard Bryan '81 sadly did not get a chance to meet his grandson; he died of cancer on August 26, 2018.

Matt Clabaugh '81 was elected to the Board of Governors CSUF Philanthropic Foundation. His son graduated from San Diego State University and is working in finance in San Diego. His daughter graduated from Tulane in May. Wife Debbie won a 40-year achievement award from Hoag Hospital. Sadly, his mother passed away at 94 years old. The vineyard is coming along slowly. He says that daughter's

"Wuhan Emotional Support Dog" is probably his now.

Baker Egerton '81 and wife Marina saw their youngest child marry. In February, they welcomed their fifth grandchild, Iris. They have three children, their spouses, and grandchildren living within 45 minutes of them in Chester County, Pennsylvania, where they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Baker leads corporate communications for a cybersecurity company.

Gina Hurlbut '81 came back to U of R for a Feast of Lights Reunion. **Jeff Rickard '69 '70** returned to direct some of the pieces as well, and Gina was able to visit several alumni. The Class of 1981 was also represented by **Doug Newton '81** and **Fluery Jones Laycock '81**.

Dr. Melissa Moore '81 began her 10th year serving as Superintendent of Schools for the El Segundo Unified School District. Melissa completed her doctoral degree in educational leadership at the University of Southern California in 2014. She is honored to continue to serve this highly-engaged community.

Allison Armstrong Moore '81 became a grandma last year! She has made many trips to Michigan this year to see him. Fortunately, her family decided to move to Southern California, so Allison is looking forward to spending more time with them. Her other daughter lives in Japan, so she will still be traveling often. In between trips, Allison enjoys painting and reading the class notes and catching up on classmates.

1984

Allan Arendsee '84, **Mark Cook '84**, and **Scott Sanders '84**, with spouses Lyndsey, Justine, and Lora, went on an Oceania cruise

around Ireland in June 2022 for Allan's 60th birthday.

1987

Terri Russo, M.D. '87 retired in May from Kaiser Permanente in San Diego after 25 years of medical practice.

1988

Graham Everett '88 has retired after 34 years of service with the Los Angeles Fire Department as chief of staff/deputy chief. Graham celebrated with fellow U of R friends and family at a retirement party on March 12th in Irvine, California.

Zea Shimahara '88 graduated in 2022 with a Master of Science in Resilient and Sustainable Communities.

Katie Morris Willis '88 is celebrating the 20th year of her business, Inland Empire Gymnastics Academy in San Bernardino. It opened with 45 students and today monthly enrollment is between 625-675 students. In its 20-year journey, the academy has employed several Bulldogs and taught many children and grandchildren of U of R grads.

1990

Penelope Owens DeLeon '90 joined the Shoes That Fit board of directors based in Claremont, California. She dedicated her career in education to advocating for children facing challenges. Her involvement with this amazing organization will bring her closer to kids who need and deserve extra support.

1995

David "Jamey" Heiss '95 attended the two-day Charlotte S. Huck Children's Literature Conference at the U of R at the beginning of March and got to hang out with

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Zea Shimahara '88 (left) graduated in 2022 with a Master of Science in Resilient and Sustainable Communities.



Michael Rosow '98 has joined the partnership at Maslon LLP in Minneapolis.



Billy Pope '01 assumed command of the 81st Training Wing and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi.



Moses Rambler '01, Joe Van Elk '01, Matt Osmond '00, and Bob Paulhus '98 climbed Mt. Whitney.



Barbara Morris '04 retired from the United States Air Force in April 2020 after nearly 30 years.



Victoria Woods '06 is working as a contractor for the City of Long Beach Planning Bureau.

fellow attendee **Jeff Stanners '98**, who coincidentally lived in Jamey's former dorm room in Cal-Founders.

Jim Styn '95 hasn't quit his day job in marketing at a video compression company in San Diego, but has started a podcast with his brother **John Styn, '93**, and their friend, Shonda. The podcast is called *Hard on the 80s*, where they explore the absurd movies that warped a generation.

1998

Michael Rosow '98 has joined the partnership at Maslon LLP in Minneapolis. He represents clients in loan workouts, creditor remedies, and bankruptcy; financial services litigation; and real estate litigation. Rosow was named an Attorney of the Year by Minnesota Lawyer in 2020, and he has been recognized by Minnesota Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in America.

2000

Matt Osmond '00, Bob Paulhus '98, Moses Rambler '01, and Joe Van Elk '01 climbed Mt. Whitney together.

2001

Billy Pope '01 of the U.S. Air Force assumed command of the 81st Training Wing and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi, on March 23, 2023. The 81st Training Wing teaches technical skills to more than 28,000 airmen every year. Keesler Air Force Base hosts 9,000 employees and 25,000 family members, and is also home to the Department of Defense's only fleet of Hurricane Hunter aircraft.

2004

Lexi Baldisseri '04 launched the entrepreneurial venture Second Brain HR, a boutique HR and operations consulting company, after 15 years working in technology. She partners with small and medium-sized businesses to help move them toward people operations excellence, skill up in project management, and coach HR leaders on the road to success.

Nicole Bowen Cline '04 married Chris Cline in Santa Barbara, California, in November 2022.

Barbara Morris '04 retired from the United States Air Force in April 2020 after nearly

30 years and the Department of Defense in 2023 after over 26 years.

Crystal Nguyen '04 published a trilingual children's book *Bánh Mi and You: A Counting Book from 1 to 10 in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese* in 2022.

Ann Nguyen-Chung '04 is a dentist and assistant dental director at Redding Rancheria Tribal Health Sciences. In 2020, she founded Happi Hippo Plant Organics, an eco-friendly, toxin-free vegan body care company carried in over 40 stores nationwide.

2005

Tyler Chester '05 won a Grammy for Best Folk Album for his production work on the Madison Cunningham LP *Revealer*.

2006

Roy Malone '06 is retired after 32 years as a public servant with the city, county, and state. He also served as a military police officer with the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He now lives in Louisiana where he spends time with family, paints, builds, and investigates his artistic expressions.



Alex Strand '07 received an Emmy Award for his work on Amazon Prime's Thursday Night Football Interactive Experience.



Kristina Dunkin '14 graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a Master of Science in Psychology.



Lilia "Lili" Dubey Boyer '16 is an RN BSN and now has an international certification as a lactation consultant.



Tomas Kneppers '14 has been working as a biologist, enforcing biological compliance to protect sensitive species.



Scott Adams '77, Lakshmi Velu, Chris Adams '09, and Diane Swanson Adams '82 celebrated Chris and Lakshmi's marriage in Chennai, India.



Helena Karchere '06, '07 was married last autumn to husband Matt. Also pictured is son Xavier.

at The Westly Group, were well supported by Redlands alums: best woman **Kirby McCord '11, '14**, best man **Devin McBride '14**, and groomsmen **Andrew Mills '11, Adrian Hernandez '13, Isaac Klapholz-Brown '13**, and **Darren Dahl '13**. The newlyweds honeymooned in Patagonia and have settled into their new home in Redwood City, California.

2014

Alex Carillo '14 moved to North Carolina in 2017, met wife Caroline in 2018, and married in July 2021. Their daughter was born in September 2022. While working as an adjuster, he is obtaining his MBA at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Kristina Dunkin '14 graduated from Our Lady of the Lake University with a Master of Science degree in Psychology (emphasis in school psychology). In August 2022, she received her license to practice as a licensed specialist in school psychology. On April 22, 2023, Kristina and husband Tony welcomed second child Lena Ilaria.

Alyssa Good '14 earned her Master of Science degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management from San Diego State University.

Tomas Kneppers '14 has been working for the past three years as a biologist at the PG&E Hinkley Groundwater Remediation Project, a project made famous by the 2000 movie *Erin Brockovich* starring Julia Roberts. His main duties are to enforce project-wide biological compliance to protect sensitive species. Recently, he trained to become a laser safety officer, allowing his company to use lasers to disperse large numbers of ravens to protect desert tortoise hatchlings.

Megan Thudium '14 married Hendrik Schmitt on July 22, 2022, in Ingelheim, Germany.

Victoria Woods '06 retired from communications in 2020 and created the podcast *Positive Vibes Only*. She self-published three Inspirational books, became a #1 bestselling author as a coauthor in a compilation book in December 2021, received a PR Strategy certification from Cornell University 2022, and is currently working as a contractor for the City of Long Beach Planning Bureau.

2007

Alex Strand '07, son of former trustee Chris W. Strand, received an Emmy Award for his work on Amazon Prime Video's Thursday Night Football Interactive Experience.

2008

Nick Fisher '08, '14 is the new executive director of C.A.S.A. (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of San Bernardino County. C.A.S.A. of San Bernardino County improves the quality of life for youth in foster care and juvenile justice care and foster care alumni, offering stable and consistent mentoring, advocacy, and supportive services.

2009

Chris Adams '09 traveled to Chennai, India, to celebrate his marriage to Lakshmi Velu. Parents **Scott Adams '77** and **Diane Swanson Adams '82**, as well as aunt **Kelli Hawley '82** and uncle **Craig Adams '81**, attended the festivities. A good time was had by all.

2010

Zack Braband '10 married wife Katie in Pleasanton, California, on August 12, 2017.

2011

Timmy Hendrickson '11 and **Rachel Emas '15** got married on March 4, 2023, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

2013

Kyle Hart '13 '17 and **Luci Schroeder '14** were engaged on December 24, 2022, at the top of Baldy Ski Mountain in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Reed A. McCord, '13 married Emily N. Fritze at the Gardener Ranch in Carmel Valley on July 23, 2022. The groom, vice president at Impossible Foods, and the bride, partner

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2015

Samantha Conway '15 and **William Steger '15** married in August 2021 in Oahu, Hawaii. They met in Prof. Jack Osborn's Business 226 class in 2012.

Leo Mora '15 and **Nancy Ye '16** married on campus in December at the Alumni House. They met in college and started dating after graduation. It was meaningful for them to have their wedding where the story started.

2018

Collin Gilmore '18 and **Chloe Woodling '19** are engaged to marry. Chloe started a Ph.D program in clinical health psychology at University of North Carolina, Charlotte. Collin finished a second BS in computer sciences and has started a career in computer programming.

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John "Scoop" Grant '82 has retired from the film and TV industry after 40 years. Health concerns forced early retirement, but luckily and happily, his union retirement package is taking good care of him.

Gayle Brandeis '90 has published *Drawing Breath: Essays on Writing, the Body, and Loss*, a book that collides embodiment with the writing life. Featuring essays from throughout her career (*New York Times*, *Longreads*, *The Rumpus*, and more), *Drawing Breath* traverses midlife desire amidst lifelong chronic illness.

Lilia "Lili" Dubey Boyer '06 is an RN BSN and now has an international certification as a lactation consultant. Lili is moving jobs as a nurse from Providence Health Services in Portland, Oregon, to Legacy Randall's Children Hospital in Portland, where she will be an RN lactation specialist.

Helena Karchere '06, '07 was married last autumn and started a new position as Director of the Bailey Program for Family Enterprise at the University of Denver.

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Vaughn Bernardez '99 started Carpenter Training Partners in December 2000 to train justice-impacted individuals, women, military veterans, and youth in construction. Training sites include Los Angeles, Pacoima, San Fernando, Orange County, and Adelanto.

Priscilla Grijalva '05 serves on the board of directors for the American School Counselor Association and is a school counselor in the Corona-Norco Unified School District.

Sarah Villarreal '05 received her Ph.D. in Leadership & Change from Antioch University.



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Sarah Sheppard '16, Michael Vollkommer '11, Timmy Hendrickson '11, Rachel Emas '15, Andrew Smith-Jones '12, Becky Harris '12, Samantha Pann '16, and Sara Bartell '15 celebrate Timmy and Rachel's marriage.



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Zack Braband '10 married wife Katie in Pleasanton, California, on August 12, 2017.



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Megan Thudium '14 married Hendrik Schmitt on July 22, 2022, in Ingelheim, Germany.



Leo Mora '15 and Nancy Ye '16 married at the Alumni House in December 2022.

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT /

FRANK PEREZ



Since starting at the University of Redlands in May, I have been asked several times about what attracted me to the role of Vice President for Advancement. My immediate response

is that this is a very exciting time to be a Bulldog. U of R is a compelling institution with a longstanding history of success. Today, with President Krista Newkirk's leadership, we have a clearly defined strategic plan that will propel the institution forward. This summer we saw many campus improvements like the Anderson Hall renovation and the new Esports arena. Looking forward, initiatives such as the Redlands Promise, University Village, the new Bulldog Bench Endowed Fund for Athletics, and the Hispanic Serving Institution grant we recently received will attract students, entice deeper community engagement, and strengthen Redlands' reputation of educational excellence.

Our Advancement team is here to help secure the resources that enable the University to thrive and continue producing outstanding alumni. It is an honor for me to work with this Advancement team at Redlands. This school has stood the test of time through the support of the local community along with generations of alumni and friends who have helped the University grow, adapt, and succeed. Our community insists that Redlands will not rest on its laurels and will consistently seek new ways to provide personalized, impactful learning and leadership experiences for our students. My team and I are eager to continue working alongside our most passionate and dedicated supporters – of which there are many – to see Redlands meet the challenges of today and become even stronger for future students.

From day one, with each person I meet at Redlands, I learn and understand what it means to be a Bulldog: determination, passion, goodwill, and dedication. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming months and during Homecoming, Family, and Reunion Weekend in October.

Och Tamale!

Jed Schwendiman
Vice President of Advancement

Creating a Lasting Legacy

The George P. Cortner Heritage Society, named for a man who selflessly served the University for many years, is comprised of exceptional donors who made philanthropic commitments to Redlands in their estate plans. The University is honored to celebrate these most recent individuals who, through their remarkable foresight and generosity, have chosen to make a lasting difference.

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& Forrest E. Greek
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Marguerite D. Scott '01

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Paying It Forward: An Alumna and Her Mentor Support the Next Generation of Bulldogs

By Sarah Armes Harwood

Summer Pinckney Groh '17 worked hard on her dream of earning a college degree.

As the first in her family to pursue higher education, she did not know where to start in the college hunt. With the aid of her mentor, Judy Gantz, Groh found the right school and received her diploma, and also gave a gift to help future Redlands students achieve their educational goals.

Gantz met Groh when she was attending high school with Gantz's son, and she feels a mother-like affection for her. "Summer is a hard-working, smart, and kindhearted soul who did not have any family members who went to college, so that culture was unknown to her," Gantz said. "My heart was committed to being sure Summer went to college." Gantz provided immense support to Groh as she mentored her and helped with SAT tutoring, college tours, travel, and special advising sessions.

"It was Judy that helped me see college could be a real possibility for me," Groh said. "Most importantly, she helped me gain the self-confidence to believe in myself."

When Groh arrived at Redlands, she found herself shy of funds for books during her first semester. However, Gantz was in close contact with Groh and loaned her the funds with the agreement that she would pay it all back in 10 years. Groh



Summer Pinckney Groh '17 was supported through her U of R journey by her mentor Judy Gantz

COURTESY OF SUMMER PINCKNEY GROH '17

agreed and dove into her Redlands experience, knowing that Gantz would be there to help guide her along the way.

Groh thrived at the University. As part of her requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies, she had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study abroad in Kunming, China. "Traveling to China on my own was the scariest thing I could think of," Groh said. "I had only been on a plane once and that was just from California to Oregon. It turned out to be one of the greatest experiences of my life."

After graduating and settling into her post-college life, Groh paid Gantz back for that special loan. Gantz then made a proposal: she could either gift the amount back to Groh to further her education or she would match the gift and they could give the funds to the University as a Redlands Fund Scholarship to help another student like Groh. Instantly, Groh decided to donate the money to pay the kindness that she experienced forward.

Gantz and Groh are thrilled to give the opportunity for higher education to someone else in need. "Summer wanted to help another young person grow, and my financial assistance came about because the University of Redlands gave so generously to Summer and saw her potential," Gantz said. **OT**

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