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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.

Och Tamale Gazolly Gazump
Deyump Dayadee* Yahoo
Ink Damink Dayadee Gazink
Deyump, Deray, Yahoo
Wing Wang Tricky Trackey Poo Foo
Joozy Woozy Skizzle Wazzle
Wang Tang Orky Porky Dominorky
Redlands! Rah, Rah, Redlands!

*also spelled Deyatty

Letter from the editor

I don’t usually include a letter in Och Tamale magazine, but at the urging of some of my colleagues I’m going to offer a few thoughts to kick off this issue. As someone who has lived in five countries and nine states, I deeply appreciate the richness that an international perspective provides. I also understand some of its challenges—and the sense of mastery that can result after rising to meet them.

Some of my favorite memories are from a five-month stay in Mexico during a gap year between college and graduate school. As President Ralph Kuncl points out, some of your most basic assumptions are challenged by international travel.

Suddenly, the U.S. looked stodgy and safety-obsessed next to the fatalistic attitude toward driving on marginal roads, swimming in powerful rip tides, and operating ungrounded appliances (I survived a few shocks by a “live” washing machine in my host family’s home). The conveniences of the U.S. were underlined by cold showers every morning and the necessity to share my seat on the bus with the occasional chicken.

Yet who knew that laughter and conversation with people you just met could be so fulfilling? Or that avocado and cilantro make a wonderful soup topping? Or that Coca-Cola could act as a home remedy for altitude sickness? Or that French (which I had studied previously) and Spanish shared so many words? Today, my international experiences inform my daily life with both an awareness of the diversity of human experience and respect for our common humanity.

Working on this issue of Och Tamale has been particularly fulfilling. Hearing about the many “aha” moments that Bulldogs have lived on their international journeys makes me proud to be part of the University of Redlands and its commitment to providing a personalized education, connecting students to a world of opportunity.

—Mika Elizabeth Ono

Letters to the editor

A good friend, an alumna, called after she had read the last issue of Och Tamale. She loved the cover story but had questions: “How much did that cost us? Will my future donations go to pay off this huge mortgage? I bet the U of R will be paying for another 30 years.”

When I told her the University receives all property free and clear, with a $30 million endowment and no debt obligations to close the acquisition, she about fell off her chair. The finance story is an amazingly positive feature of the University’s expansion.

—Ken Hall ’60, University trustee

(see class note on p. 36 from Hall)

While reading about the union with the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) in the last issue of Och Tamale, I reflected on a chance encounter I had with SFTS during my time as a Redlands student.

Letter from Norman Wong ’65

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Even better than predicted

One of the five foundational priorities I cited for the University of Redlands in my inauguration address was internationalization. Why do I believe internationalization is so important?

It is not just that we are located on the Pacific Rim, the gateway to Asia; or that almost 90 percent of global growth is occurring outside the U.S.; or that international and domestic politics are now entangled in unanticipated new ways.

International experiences are critical because of their long-lasting educational value. As a rule, cross-cultural experiences make people more creative, adaptable, and open to different points of view. As Mark Twain said, “Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness.”

My own trips to places such as Japan, Thailand, and Europe challenged social assumptions small and large, and introduced me to different ways of living. Instead of storing a month’s worth of food in large refrigerators, people made frequent trips to produce-laden markets and plan for a single day. Instead of eating hurriedly on public streets while headed to work, everyone expected to savor each and every meal, preferably sitting with others. Instead of the provincialism of home, one saw the inherently outward purview of others.

Five years ago, in this very magazine, I predicted a future U of R enriched by opportunities from around the world: “In 2020, a far greater proportion of College of Arts and Sciences students will be international. More and more Redlands professors and students will go into the world for service or research: Our Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems students will provide support to doctors working in rural Africa to combat AIDS, while our Fulbright scholars will teach in underserved parts of Central America.”

Here we are, on the cusp of 2020. Tomorrow has arrived. How did my predictions stand up?

Despite the headwinds of current immigration and visa policies, my forecast of a larger international student population has been amply fulfilled; the international student population of College of Arts and Sciences, while still modest by absolute standards, has increased eightfold. With this expansion, we not only provide opportunities for students whose home countries do not offer the benefits of a liberal arts education, we furnish students from this country with a peer group that can foster a worldwide perspective.

Our MS GIS students and faculty are indeed traveling the world to support healthcare practitioners and policy, although currently focusing on health threats such as diabetes and plague more than HIV-AIDS. The environment is another calling; Abby Bohman ’18, ’19 (MS GIS), for example, is part of a larger Redlands effort to monitor deforestation in Panama (see page 24).

And, as reported in the last issue of Och Tamale, our Fulbright students now number 24 over the last decade. The most recent trio, Brenna Phillips ’19, Lidya Stamper ’19, and Theo Whitcomb ’19, are teaching and researching in the Netherlands, South Africa, and India, respectively (not currently Central America, but who knows what next year will bring?).

But, in many ways, the story of U of R’s internationalization is even better than I anticipated because it has flourished broadly across multiple facets of the University, including outside our traditional undergraduate programs.

The School of Business offers robust international opportunities, enabling students like Jeremy Cruz ’18 (see page 26) to participate in a study abroad trip to England and France and to participate in a consultancy capstone project in Iceland. Professor Michael MacQueen has accompanied 10 groups of business students on cross-cultural comparative-business investigations over the past eight years.

The School of Education also has a story to tell. The School has introduced world travel for its students. In addition, it has forged a new partnership with the Hubei Oriental Insight Mental Health Institute to help meet China’s growing demand for mental health counseling professionals. These initiatives represent an amazing level of internationalization in comparison to our peers.

People often say these kinds of far-reaching experiences fundamentally transform them. The tremendous personal and professional impact on students and recent graduates can be seen in the stories in this issue (see page 20). But even decades later, alumni look back and recognize how they were changed. Alice Mozley ’70, now a life trustee, was inspired to found the directorship of the same Salzburg program that she attended as a student 50 years ago.

“Salzburg was the best thing that ever happened in my life,” she says. “Having never been outside of California, it completely changed how I viewed the world. We were in Europe during some major political events, and witnessing them firsthand was historic. While some things from those years have faded in my memory, my extraordinary time in Salzburg has stayed active in my heart and mind.”

The challenges of tomorrow will be pervasive ones for planet Earth—emerging and virulent infectious diseases know no borders; technological innovations both simplify and amplify global communications (and can create massive-scale misinformation); scarcity of alternative energy and water resources create geopolitical stresses; tariff barriers are as fractious as international borders; transnational migration and immigration stir the pots of regional politics and economies; and climate change affects the world as a whole. To meet these challenges and create the next opportunities, we will need engaged global citizens, like those we produce at the University of Redlands.

Forever yours,

Ralph W. Kuncl, PhD MD
President
University of Redlands
A warm welcome

This fall, the University of Redlands welcomed new students across the University, including at its new Graduate School of Theology in Marin.

The College of Arts and Sciences greeted 738 first-year and 94 transfer students on the Redlands campus with Convocation and Orientation Week. The members of the Class of 2023 represent 24 countries of citizenship; 39 percent are first-generation college-bound; and 11 percent have a family legacy with the University.

In Northern California, the Graduate School of Theology held its convocation on Sept. 9, welcoming students pursuing both master’s and doctoral programs. New cohorts in the School of Education and School of Business began with less fanfare, but no less excitement.

Among the new faces on the Redlands campus are faculty members, including Christopher Gabbitas, a former member of the King’s Singers who will help launch the Master of Music in Vocal Chamber Music program; Ning Ren, a professor of accounting whose research interests are tax avoidance, financial reporting, financial contracting, and corporate governance; and Sujin Shin, a professor of communication sciences and disorders who is also a practicing speech-language pathologist. Dustin VanOverbeke, previously a visiting professor, joined the Redlands faculty this year; his research interests fall within the scope of insect-plant interactions.
While U of R First-Year Journey experiences have traditionally consisted of outdoor adventures, this year entering College of Arts and Sciences students had a choice of several academic immersion sessions, which offered a different route to many of the same benefits.

Developed through a collaboration between Associate Dean of Academic Programs Anne Cavender and Director of Recreation Andrew Hollis, this year’s two new academic immersion journeys focused on Southern California literature, as well as pop culture and architectural design; a session on geographic information systems is now in its second year.

Professor and Director of Media and Visual Culture Studies Piers Britton led the session on popular culture and architectural design. Students analyzed films and learned about modern architecture, which included a field trip to Frank Lloyd Wright’s Hollyhock House in Los Angeles and meeting Redlands modernist architect Clare Henry Day. The group also traveled to La Jolla to kayak with the other First-Year Journey groups.

Britton says, “Students may be reticent or anxious about college, and these opportunities offer reassurance that what they’re embarking on is doable.”

According to Hollis, academic immersion experiences provide many of the same benefits as the trips to the wilderness that U of R has offered for the past 14 years. Students learn how to set goals, deal with uncertainty and adversity, and enhance their communication and decision-making skills. They also learn technical skills, risk management, self-awareness, and how to be a part of a team.

“During First-Year Journeys, groups cook meals together, reflect on their trip experiences, and receive guidance from current students and each other,” says Hollis. “These trips are about small groups, building community, and promoting transferable learning outcomes. Ultimately you don’t always need the mountains for that.”
U of R and Tuskegee students explore London together

This summer, a group of University of Redlands and Tuskegee University students spent three weeks documenting the sights of London for a study abroad course on storytelling. In addition to learning about the region’s history, politics, and culture and how these elements can come together in photos and narrative, the group shared personal experiences and perspectives, making for a meaningful international learning experience.

When she was designing the course, Art Professor Tommi Cahill asked Allison Fraiberg, a communications professor and associate director of international programs for the School of Business with whom she had collaborated before, to embark on the project with her. Their two disciplines—art and writing—exemplified the course’s learning objectives.

“My Ph.D. is in English, so narrative studies were the foundation of my training,” says Fraiberg. “Tommi and I relied on our respective fields of expertise as we worked with students to build their own stories of London.”

Each morning, Cahill and Fraiberg delivered lectures on the streets of London, which, in Cahill’s words, “really brought the classroom to life.” After spending the day taking photos, each student posted five photos in a private Facebook group, where classmates could comment on them and engage in discussion.

In addition to taking photographs, the group spent time in Liverpool and Brighton learning about British history, from the country’s slave trade to the Beatles, Brexit, and immigration. “Having U of R and Tuskegee students on the trip together was magical,” says Cahill. “Each student brought something different to the experience, which allowed them to learn a lot from each other.”

Joshua Williams, a communications major from Huntsville, Alabama, was one of the four Tuskegee students in the class of 18. Williams was attracted to the course because he wanted to learn about photography from Cahill in an international context. He says he learned to examine art on a deeper level and to attach a story and purpose to each photo he takes.

Meeting U of R students was a highlight for Williams: “Even though we were all from the United States, Tuskegee is somewhat foreign to Californians, so I enjoyed getting to know the other students.”

Similar to other art classes at the University of Redlands, students engaged in two critique sessions. Each student printed 20 photographs and received feedback from their classmates and professors. The final critique displayed the culmination of work, revealing the students’ unique perspectives through photography. After the trip, a book was created featuring the students’ photos.

In addition to the course’s academic worth, Cahill says that studying abroad is a valuable experience for students. “It’s important to get to know other cultures so we can understand different perspectives and see where others are coming from,” she says. “Everyone on this trip learned something new, and many of them said it was a life-changing experience.”

New Study Away director joins Redlands

Andrea Muilenburg has joined the University of Redlands to lead the Office of Study Away in the College of Arts and Sciences.

“Andrea has a wealth of international education experiences from around the world,” says Kendrick Brown, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “I am confident she will be a trusted source of study away opportunities for our students and work collaboratively with College faculty to fulfill our commitment to internationalization.”

Most recently the director of study abroad at Santa Clara University, Muilenburg’s experience includes working for the U.S. Peace Corps in Honduras and BorderLinks in Tucson, Arizona, and Nogales, Mexico. She has also worked in international programming for Loras College (Dubuque, Iowa), University of Wisconsin-Madison, San Jeronimo Bilingual School (Cofradía, Honduras), and Syracuse University.

Summer Institute keynote addresses how to humanize education

“Students internalize the narratives they’re taught, which is why it’s important to allow them to see the world from their points of view,” says University of San Francisco Professor Patrick Camangian, keynote speaker at U of R’s 15th annual Summer Institute on Leadership for Educational Justice on July 9. “Self-love allows people to rewrite the ends of their stories.”
Graduate students examine education in Cuba

What can we learn from the Cuban educational system? Students from the School of Education traveled to Cuba for two weeks last summer on a study away trip probing this question.

Over the course of their travels, graduate students lived with Cuban families and visited museums, government buildings, elementary school classrooms, and the University of Havana to learn about academic life and see the teacher-education system in action.

“While there is a sense of competition within the Cuban educational system, there’s far more emphasis placed on collaboration and support for all students,” observes Professor Brian Charest.

Tracee Auville-Parks ’21 noticed that, unlike the system in the United States, student teachers in Cuba follow students from class to class. She hopes to implement a similar holistic approach in her work as a high school and college composition teacher. “Once students feel comfortable in the classroom,” she says, “they can learn and grow more easily.”

Each year the School of Education hosts an array of international study trips, each with a connection to the School’s commitment to educational justice. Groups have traveled to China and Scotland to investigate clinical mental health counseling and New Zealand to learn about approaches to curricula by indigenous people, such as the Maori; the next trip will be to the University of Redlands’ international campus in Salzburg, Austria.

KPCC executive Elsa Luna describes her career journey

School of Business event focuses on purposeful leadership

Elsa Luna ’04 shares her journey as part of the School of Business’s 21st Century Leadership Speaker Series.

Elsa Luna ’04, a U of R School of Business MBA who is chief operating and financial officer for public radio station KPCC, shared her inspiring journey as part of the School of Business’s 21st Century Leadership Speaker Series. The event, held in Pasadena on July 11, drew approximately 90 attendees, including trustees, alumni, students, faculty, staff, and community members.

Tom Horan, who is the H. Jess and Donna Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business, opened the proceedings by describing how Luna’s “personal arc of leadership” embodied the values the School is committed to fostering, both in the classroom and in the broader community.

In her remarks, Luna traced her path from her immigrant parents’ encouragement and emphasis on hard work to her “big break” as finance director for an airline catering company.

Eventually, however, the human cost of the company’s focus on the bottom line began to weigh on her. It was at that point in her career a friend suggested nonprofit work.

“The nonprofit sector has something called a double line return,” Luna said. “A double line return [means] not only do you have to manage the business responsibly—you have to pay your employees and you have to pay your bills—but, more importantly, you have to do it with purpose. You have to do it with mission.” With that realization, Luna began to pursue opportunities with nonprofit organizations.

Today, Luna feels she has finally found her passion at KPCC. She can learn about public media, fulfill the public good, and work with women, particularly “those of color like myself,” to achieve their dreams in a socially meaningful way. “I have been fortunate along this journey,” she said.

The event was hosted by University Trustee Becky Garnett ’69 and her husband, Bill; the U of R Office of Alumni and Community Relations; and the U of R School of Business. The 21st Century Leadership Speaker Series is part of the School of Business’s Purposeful Leadership Initiative.
Spatial research takes the stage

Anthony M. Vazquez ’19, a recent graduate of the University of Redlands Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems (MS GIS) program, spent the last year using mapping tools to evaluate habitat recovery in the Falkland Islands, a region where military conflict has left the grasslands studded with landmines.

He worked closely with the Falkland Islands government to use imaging data to measure how habitats were recovering following a government initiative to clear the minefields. His research, which can inform decisions about whether to open the grasslands to public use, shows which areas are bouncing back—and how quickly.

Vazquez was just one of dozens of Bulldogs presenting research at the Esri User Conference in San Diego July 6 to 12. The University also hosted a reception with more than 200 students, faculty, and partners in attendance.

“It’s great we’re showcasing the diversity of spatial work being accomplished at the University,” says U of R Center for Spatial Studies Director Steven Moore, who notes presentation topics ranged from levels of a pesticide in Sierra Nevada glaciers to the placement of Redlands student teachers in underserved areas, and the spatial dimensions of public health concerns such as diabetes. “We had a tremendous presence at the User Conference.”

Sponsored by leading global location intelligence company Esri, which is headquartered in Redlands and has close ties to the University, the annual Esri User Conference brings together leading spatial studies researchers and advocates from around the world.

Thomas Horan, who is the H. Jess and Donna Senecal Endowed Dean of the U of R School of Business, was another member of the University of Redlands community presenting at the conference. He noted more and more employers are looking for team members skilled in using spatial data.

“We’re infusing spatial thinking into our business school, which is carried forward by our alumni as they enter the workforce,” says Horan. “We want our graduates to be able to strategize, to have a vision, and to plan.”

Many of the Redlands students and alumni at the Esri User Conference aim to apply spatial studies in their careers.

Vazquez, for one, said his project was a great way to get hands-on experience in GIS while earning a valuable degree. “I want to thank the University of Redlands,” he says. “Without the University, all its professors, and my cohort, this project would not have happened—and I wouldn’t have had this amazing experience working on it.”

A meeting with conservation hero Jane Goodall

A group of Redlands students, alumni, and staff meets with famed biologist and conservationist Jane Goodall (left) on July 9 at the Esri User Conference in San Diego. The Bulldogs shared the work they had been doing with Roots & Shoots, Goodall’s youth conservation organization, in a conversation that lasted nearly two hours.
On Sept. 7, alumni and friends joined with faculty, staff, and students to celebrate the new University of Redlands campus in Marin, established earlier this year by U of R’s merger with San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). The merger also resulted in a U of R Graduate School of Theology.

“What a momentous two years it has been,” said Jim McDonald, special advisor to the president for external constituents and president emeritus of SFTS. “This weekend is a representation of the great promise that this new chapter holds for this school of theology, bringing together the combination of that 150 years with the 100-plus years of Redlands history—250 years of history between the two institutions. We’re united now in our mission to educate students, advance scholarship, and celebrate service.”

In addition to tours and a labyrinth walk, the day included a deans’ panel and sessions in theology, business, and education exploring the theme of purposeful leadership.

Two new programs—a Master of Arts in Learning and Teaching and a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership—will launch on the Marin campus in January.

One of the early events of the semester was an appearance by Nyle DiMarco, a leader and ambassador for the deaf community. DiMarco—who first stepped into the public spotlight as the last model standing on The CW’s America’s Next Top Model and as the winner of the mirror ball trophy on ABC’s Dancing with the Stars—shared his barrier-breaking story as a deaf man who has risen above stereotypes. The event was sponsored by Diversity Initiatives, Associated Students of the University of Redlands, and Johnston Center for Integrative Studies.

On Oct. 1, model, actor, and deaf activist Nyle DiMarco tells the U of R audience he views his deafness as an asset, not a liability.

On this fall, Greek life at Redlands now includes Gamma Delta Rho, created by its members to provide a space for students of color. Here, Alieu Corr ’21 (left), Gamma Delta Rho president, stands with Corinna Martin ’21, president of Alpha Chi Delta, whose members were instrumental in helping Gamma Delta Rho through the accreditation process.
U of R marks a decade of Tree Campus USA recognition

The Arbor Day Foundation recently named the Redlands campus a Tree Campus USA for the 10th year in a row.

“This is a community that loves trees,” says Tony Mueller, director of community service learning at University of Redlands. “When we lose one, especially one of the large oaks, it’s noticeably gone. That’s why each year our facilities grounds crew and the Community Service Learning Office plant trees to provide shade for years to come.”

The University of Redlands, which boasts more than 3,000 trees on its 160-acre main campus, is one of only two private universities in Southern California to earn this year’s Tree Campus USA designation. To earn the designation, a college or university must meet five standards: maintaining a tree advisory committee, drafting a campus tree-care plan, dedicating annual expenditures for its campus tree program, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

In his congratulatory letter, Arbor Day Foundation President Dan Lambe wrote, “We celebrate your diligence in improving the environment and quality of life at University of Redlands. Your entire campus community should be proud of your sustained commitment to environmental stewardship.”

Faculty members exhibit wide-ranging points of view

The annual Faculty Art Show—displaying works by Professors Raúl Acero, Tommi Cahill, Jim Callans, David Fairrington, Anna Gaitan, Munro Galloway, Qwist Joseph, and Jeff Wilson—showcased paintings, sculptures, photographs, and multimedia pieces from Sept. 17 to Oct. 20.
University of Redlands faculty, staff, and alumni were recently quoted in media from the Los Angeles Daily News to U.S. News & World Report.

“We’ll start to see some coalescing around [2020 Democratic] candidates come fall. … They’re in the speed-dating mode, not the marriage proposal stage.”
—Renée Van Vechten, professor of political science, in “What’s more important than California Democratic Party leader? How about President?” Los Angeles Daily News, May 30

“I’m feeling pretty optimistic [about my career goals]. … There’s a lot of opportunity, and a lot of interest in finding good people.”
—Lidya Stamper ’19, Fulbright scholar, in “Collegiate class of 2019 leaps into working world at prime hiring time,” The Press-Enterprise, June 17

“It’s not all about how you start. How you finish, as you ramp up for the transition from high school to college, can make a strong statement to an admissions office.”
—Kevin Dyerly ’00, ’04, vice president for enrollment, in “How to get into college: 7 strategies,” U.S. News & World Report, June 26

“With so much attention on the [for-profit law school] sector, they are not really as sanguine about for-profits as they used to be. There is extra scrutiny applied now.”
—Riaz Tejani, professor of business ethics, in “Western State College of Law in Irvine has a new buyer,” Orange County Register, Aug. 15

“What’s unusual about SFTS is that we’re able to hold spirituality and social justice together. And we have a passionate commitment to innovation. As churches change, we want to be on the cutting edge of what’s next, so we can address both the needs of rural poverty and the unique challenges of urban ministry. We’re working to expand our ministries of justice, peace, and healing to meet the demands of the 21st century.”
—Jana Childers, dean of the U of R San Francisco Theological Seminary, in “San Anselmo’s Julia Morgan-designed Architectural Marvel,” Marin Magazine, Sept. 20
ART SVENSON, the David Boies Professor of Government at the University of Redlands, has a secret he’s finally ready to tell.

“One of my professors in graduate school visited an early teaching experience of mine; after the class, he quietly told me that I should think about doing something else.”

To any Bulldog who has ever taken his class, the story is so unlikely it will sound like fake news.

“Apparently I was incoherent, and I misspelled a couple of words on the board,” he adds. Luckily, the discouraged Svenson didn’t give up. “I resolved to turn it around, so I just kept trying. I decided to bring into class what I thought was meaningful and not all that I had learned in grad school. So I walked back to the classroom and tried it differently.”

Close to four decades later, he’s still coming back.
Along the way, he has collected more than a few accolades for his teaching: the U of R 1992 and 2013 Mortar Board Professor of the Year Award (with more than a dozen honorable mentions) and the University’s 1983, 1986, and 1997 Outstanding Teaching Award. His innovative teaching methods have won him two Fulbright Scholar grants in China—in 2011 to Renmin University in Beijing and in 2016 to Sichuan University in Chengdu. And that’s not to mention the U of R’s Research Award, Centennial Award for Outstanding Service, Armacost Award for Faculty Service to Alumni, and Town and Gown’s Award of Distinction.

In August, Svenson accepted one of the highest honors an American professor can receive in his field: the American Political Science Association’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

**Front-row seats**

Svenson grew up in Fresno, California, where his father was a professor in the political science department at Fresno State College. As a child, he wanted to become a pilot, or a violinist, or lawyer. Two constitutional law professors—William Kolstad at Fresno State during his undergraduate studies and C. Herman Pritchett at University of California, Santa Barbara during graduate school—made such an impact on Svenson that he decided: “Teaching is what I want to do for the rest of my life.”

Constitutional law, which Svenson considers the very fabric of American government, sustains his passion for teaching. “There’s a real consequence to what our Supreme Court does [in our lives],” he says. “The cases are packed with human interest stories, and the issues and arguments are enormously engaging.”

That passion has grown alongside his regard for U of R students, and Redlands, his home for 38 years: “Our students are very intelligent, hardworking, and dedicated. They’re future-oriented—I love this about them. They think about tomorrow, which makes them more impressive today. Most of all, they’re just plain nice people. We get along great, and they’ve made me.” He adds, “In class, we discuss and challenge each other over legal issues and arguments—and it’s always been a great pleasure.”

Malie Minton ’20 first encountered Svenson via his Introduction to American Government class. “As a first-year, if you are interested in anything related to political science, Art is talked about a lot,” she says. Minton and her friends wanted to make sure they got front-row seats for Svenson’s class, so they all arrived 30 minutes early. Minton proudly states she has kept the front row, middle aisle seat for each class she has with him.

Svenson’s classes cover in-depth content, and they are tough, she says: “He consistently pushes you to think critically, apply what you’ve learned throughout the semester, and formulate your own opinions. These lessons are
not something that you ever stop utilizing—in or out of the classroom.”

Noah Kaufman ‘16 agrees. “Art’s deeply incisive mind made me question many of my beliefs, and he did so in a way that made me unafraid to critique my own fundamental beliefs.”

And despite his legendary status, it is Svenson’s humanity that makes him an extraordinary teacher. Kaufman says, “As my academic advisor, Art helped me navigate arguably the most important question with which we are all presented: ‘What do you want to do with your time on Earth?’ I know that I am not alone; Art must have guided thousands of students to help them see how they wanted to direct their lives.”

‘Chalk-dust-flying dives’

A few years ago, Professor Renée Van Vechten watched another professor receive the American Political Science Association’s Distinguished Teaching Award. “Immediately, it made me think of nominating Art, because I can’t think of another person on the planet who is more qualified to receive this award. He’s legendary on our campus, and he ought to have that reputation nationally.”

She brought the idea to the rest of the Political Science Department, where the group worked to nominate Svenson without his knowledge. They commandeered Svenson’s teaching evaluations and found in every category—from motivation and mentoring to effectiveness in helping students learn and course management and design—his scores were nearly perfect. With help from Alumni and Community Relations, testimonies from more than 60 students, colleagues, and alumni were compiled into a thick binder—letters of enthusiastic support that spoke to Svenson’s extraordinary level of dedication as a teacher and mentor as well as his deep impact on his students.

“What makes Art an ongoing favorite on campus is his extraordinary exuberance in the classroom,” says Nancy S. Wien ’88. “He’s well-known for chalk-dust-flying dives at a particular point he wants to highlight on the board, all the while raising and lowering his impassioned voice in ways that advanced dramatists would envy, keeping everyone’s attention rapt.”

The performative aspect of Svenson’s classes make him—and the subject matter—even more memorable. This he credits to playing the violin professionally for 50 years. (Svenson was the principal second violin with the Redlands Symphony for more than 35 years.) “You can’t play music and not be moved passionately about what you play,” he says. “When I’m inside an orchestra making music, it reminds me of what a good classroom requires—prepare, prepare, prepare, then perform.”

Svenson compares teaching a good court case to playing a good symphony: “You want to go back to it again and again,” he says. “When I walk into my classroom for the 39th time this year, I will talk about a court case called Marbury vs. Madison. But it will not be the 39th time I have taught that case. It will be the first, because my students will wrestle with this case, ask me questions, and make observations I have never heard before.”

The highest standards

The American Political Science Association has about 10,000 members from 100 countries around the world, yet it honors only one each year with the Distinguished Teaching Award. The award has been given to only a handful of people; it was established to honor those who exemplify the highest standards of the profession.

Having received it, Svenson says people may think now is the perfect time to retire, say to settle into a quiet life with his wife, Nancy Svenson, who is associate vice president for enrollment management at the University of R, and 15-year-old daughter, Elle. (Their oldest daughter, Cece, died of leukemia at the age of 9 in 2012.)

But, as he sits in his office beneath a wall of postcards former students have sent from all over the world, retirement could not be further from his mind. Classical music streams from his computer; books on the writings of the Supreme Court line the shelves; and mementos of a four-decade teaching career are displayed throughout.

“Why have I been at Redlands for 38 years? It’s a beautiful campus. I’m surrounded by outstanding colleagues, and I have the most wonderful students. … After I got this award, it quickly dawned on me that this is really about the inspired and inspiring University of Redlands students, and this University, which is devoted unambiguously to teaching excellence. So congrats to them.”

His mementos include a shirt with “F**** the final! We don’t need no damn test” emblazoned on it, worn as part of an early morning mock protest in front of his home in 1993 by his students studying a free speech case. (He loved it and took his students out to coffee afterward.) In his cabinet is a stack of old-fashioned grading notebooks (“I can look up the grades of every student I’ve ever had”) and a whole shelf of index cards—a whole postcards former students have sent from all over the world—worn as part of an early morning mock protest in front of his home in 1993 by his students studying a free speech case. (He loved it and took his students out to coffee afterward.) In his cabinet is a stack of old-fashioned grading notebooks (“I can look up the grades of every student I’ve ever had”) and a whole shelf of index cards—a whole shelf of index cards—again, one for every student since 1981.

“I still get nervous about going into class,” Svenson admits. It’s one of the reasons he is certain he has to keep on teaching. The others include his classroom tools—chalkboard and chalk—and his love for back-to-school shopping. “The day I’m not nervous, or when the classroom is cluttered with technology, or when I don’t care about a new back-to-school shirt, then I’ll know it will be time to hang it up.”

To read letters of enthusiastic support for Svenson and his teaching, visit www.redlands.edu/artletters.
In basketball, traveling is a violation that occurs when a player with the ball moves one or both feet illegally. Last summer, men’s basketball Head Coach Jim Ducey ’78 brought his two assistant coaches and 11 players back to the more well-known meaning of the word. In August, the group went on the most wide-ranging tour the men’s basketball team has experienced, visiting four countries—China, Egypt, Austria, and Germany—in three continents. (If you include a breakfast layover in Turkey, the team visited five countries.)

A learning opportunity

Ducey has coached men’s basketball at the University of Redlands for 13 years and has led past teams to France, Ireland, and New Zealand. The National Collegiate Athletic Association allows athletic teams to go on travel tours every three years, so that’s how often Ducey plans a trip. He calls it “a great learning opportunity for my guys.” Planning every three years allows each player—whether a first-year, a transfer, or a junior—to go on a trip at least once.

Ducey knows first-hand about the benefits of leaving your comfort zone and developing “a better picture of what this world is all about,” since he traveled to 12 countries in Europe alone after graduating from the U of R in 1978. This year’s two-week, around-the-world jaunt was especially significant because most of the players on his team had never been abroad.

Team bonding was a significant perk. Brit Foster ’20, a forward who recorded each day of the trip in a diary, knew it was a story to tell his kids and grandkids one day. Being with his teammates 24/7
helped him learn to communicate better. “[During games] our coaches give us a plan, and we have to go execute it,” he says. “Getting a lot closer to our coaches helps with getting the message across to one another as teammates.” It also brought him out of his shell: “The patience I learned just from being around everyone else all the time was so important.”

**A year and a half of preparation**

It takes a year and a half to plan a travel tour and costs between $2,000 and $3,500 per player. Ducey raises money in various ways. (This year, thanks to the continued support of generous basketball alumni and friends, he was able to use his development budget.) After nailing down the countries to visit, Ducey uses his network, including fellow alumni and friends from various international basketball associations, to organize the exhibition games with coaches in different time zones. Former U of R basketball coach Gary Smith was instrumental in organizing the games in Germany.

He also makes sure the players immerse themselves in the culture and history of the countries they’re visiting. In the first week, the team visited Beijing, China, where they played two games with the Western Academy of Beijing men’s basketball team. The U of R coaches also led a coaching clinic in between sightseeing to the First Emperor of China Qin Shi Huang’s Terracotta Warriors in Xi’an, the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, and Tiananmen Square.

Like his teammates, Hass Berry ’20, a shooting guard, is grateful for his experience: “I got to see so many things in different countries. Most people don’t get to do that in their lifetimes.” Berry, a race and ethnic studies major, says that just experiencing first-hand how different the United States was from other countries helped inform his perspective. “Water, for instance, is so accessible in America,” he says. “It’s not so in other countries. It makes you not take certain things for granted.”

**Playing across continents**

After seven days in China, the team traveled to Egypt at the invitation of Ducey’s former tennis teammate Hadi Rahimi ’78, who was an All-American at U of R. The students saw the pyramids, rode camels, and learned about the history of Egypt. The eighth wonder of the world was Foster’s highlight: “It’s one thing to see the pyramids in a history book or pictures, but when you’re standing next to one, it’s amazing.”

After Egypt, the team headed to Europe, traveling between Munich, Germany, and the U of R’s international campus in Salzburg, Austria. The coaches drove two minivans and a station wagon on the Autobahn and communicated via walkie-talkies. Ducey says one of the highlights in Germany was visiting the Eagle’s Nest on Obersalzberg Mountain, which offered a 360-degree view of the Bavarian Alps. From the peak, the group could see both Germany and Austria. The team also played three hard-fought games against professional basketball teams FC Bayern Munich, TSV Oberhaching, and Baskets Vilsbiburg (University of Redlands won this game 90 to 70). The Bulldogs finished their tour with an overall winning record of 3-2.

Despite the months of planning, a bit of inclement weather, and a wayward camel, Ducey says the trip was well worth it: “It’s good for the team. It sets a tone for the rest of their lives.”

**Bridging cultures with basketball**

Kyle Milligan ’15 traveled to New Zealand with Ducey’s team three years ago. Now the assistant men’s basketball coach at Chaminade University of Honolulu, he says their trip helped his U of R team build toward a bigger goal: “We worked better together during the subsequent seasons. I also realized how global the sport of basketball is. You meet people through the game, and you learn their way of life. It shows how basketball can bring you together with other cultures.”

Years later, Milligan still hasn’t forgotten that trip: “My former teammates and I will talk and say to each other, ‘Can you believe we did that? Can you believe we had that?’”

**WOMEN’S SOCCER GOES TO PORTUGAL**

Also on the road this year was the women’s soccer team, which traveled to Portugal in May. There, the players won three games, in addition to touring the city of Évora (including Roman ruins, shown here), visiting the tallest European castle of its kind in Beja, and enjoying the sun in Lagos.
On Sept. 14, fans at Ted Runner Stadium witnessed the debut of a brand-new, state-of-the-art videoboard. This system not only announced Bulldog football’s 58-7 victory against the University of Puget Sound, but also showcased the power of the Campaign for Bulldog Athletics.

As the largest videoboard in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC), it replaces the stadium’s previous scoreboard of 35 years with a 15HD-pixel, 19-by-33.5-foot display.

“We are thrilled to be enhancing the overall fan experience at Ted Runner Stadium,” said Director of Athletics Jeff Martinez. “This project will positively impact all our teams, allowing us to further promote the efforts of our student-athletes.”

The videoboard will highlight upcoming competitions and accomplishments of student-athletes from all 21 men’s and women’s teams.

With a goal of $20 million, the Campaign for Bulldog Athletics is chaired by Trustees Tom Gilmer ’62, ’67 and Jim Schroeder ’65. Gilmer and Schroeder were on the field for the countdown to the videoboard’s unveiling, and fans were provided with a behind-the-scenes view as the Bulldog football team prepared to enter the stadium.

“It was great to see the videoboard light up for the first time,” says Schroeder, who played basketball as a Redlands student. “It gave us a sense of accomplishment in completing an early-phase project of the Athletic Campaign. Athletics programs are not only critical to the University’s recruiting efforts, they are a vital part of our mission, providing opportunities for leadership, learning, and community building.”

Several partners brought this project to fruition, including Pepsi as a title sponsor and Harvest Table Culinary Group as a major sponsor. Bulldog Athletics also worked closely with Daktronics, the company that designed and manufactured this videoboard along with several other athletic scoreboards and systems throughout campus. Additionally, the University collaborated with Redlands East Valley High School’s video production class and the Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program to create the Bulldog Live Video Crew for the game.

Gilmer, a former dual Bulldog student-athlete in football and cross-country/track and field, knows firsthand the importance of these programs. “Our student-athletes graduate at higher rates, achieve higher GPAs, and more actively participate in University life,” notes Gilmer. “Our alumni’s fondest memories at the University often involve athletics. We appreciate everyone’s financial support to date and hope to keep the momentum going in this important campaign.”

To learn more about the Campaign for Bulldog Athletics, visit foreveryours.redlands.edu/bulldog-athletics. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities with the videoboard, contact the Office of Development at 909-748-8050.
Global horizons

Steve Wuhs, assistant provost for internationalization at the University of Redlands, spoke to Mika Elizabeth Ono of Och Tamale about the campuswide summit held this spring and other developments enhancing the University’s global perspective.

Och Tamale: How do you describe internationalization at the University? Where have we been, and where are we going?

Steve Wuhs: We started consciously “internationalizing” in 2013, when Ralph Kuncl became president and set it as one of his priorities. However, as part of the new Council on Comprehensive Internationalization, we quickly realized the University was already very international in its curriculum and study abroad programs. International work is part of who we are. We are creating global citizens. So, in addition to improving and expanding our programs, part of the internationalization effort has been making what we have and what we’ve done more visible. The exception is international students: A decade ago, we weren’t actively recruiting international students, and they made up only 5 percent of our student body. Now, we recruit internationally, the number of international students has increased eightfold, and we have resources dedicated to supporting them, including Rebecca Freeland of the Office of International Students and Scholars.

OT: How did you come to organize the internationalization summit in March?

Wuhs: When I was approached by a consulting program to advance internationalization at the University, I reviewed their goals and realized we were already doing what an external observer would recommend. We recognize faculty for their global work; offer majors and minors for students to pursue global interests; offer study abroad across the University; provide opportunities as pathways for students to move into international careers; and produce Fulbright scholars and Peace Corps volunteers. Internationalization is hardwired into Redlands because the faculty has viewed it as an essential part of a good education.

So the idea behind the summit was to tap the Redlands community on where to go from here. We reviewed what we had done in the past five years and set the agenda for the next five. How do we ensure students get the most out of their international experiences? How do we make sure these experiences are accessible? Every student should have a global experience while at the University—that’s my baseline commitment. They don’t have to leave campus for that, though. This year, we tried some online collaborations. We also recently signed a memo of understanding with a new partner in Mexico—Autonomous University of Baja California in Mexicali, just over the border—to enable short-term visits for students who can’t afford the airfare to Spain or who can’t take a semester away.

OT: What were some of the highlights?

Wuhs: Dean Andrew Wall spoke on unexpected successes and the importance of leadership. Five years ago, the School of Education was not actively pursuing internationalization. Now, faculty members are enthusiastic; they’ve introduced a curriculum requirement for a global experience, and they offer multiple study abroad courses every year. The School has established collaborative relationships in Haiti and Honduras, and is developing a new counseling program with the Oriental Institute in China.
Five students also spoke, giving wonderful accounts of the value of different kinds of global experiences. Sonia Gomez ’17, ’18 spoke about how study abroad in the School of Business changed how she saw the world and how she is raising her daughter. Fernando Martinez ’19, who was in my Mexican Politics class, which is delivered in Spanish, talked about how the class made him prouder of being Mexican and bilingual. It was touching and unexpected.

We also talked about the Residence Life living-learning community we call the Global Quarter, now in its third year. Students interested in international experiences, as well as some international students, live together and participate in internationally themed programs. The Global Quarter doubled in size this fall with the addition of Merriam Hall (for returning students) to North Hall (for first-year students). This expansion was a proposal from the summit.

OT: What else did you hear from participants?

Wuhs: There was support for continued “language across the curriculum” efforts, which use a language other than English as the medium for a course. For example, Professor Munro Galloway recently taught a class on French art in French. These classes give students the ability to practice and refine language skills they’ve developed in our language programs, as heritage speakers, or through study abroad; students are also able to connect language skills to professional development.

Similarly, a multilingual translation/interpretation course has been taught by Jennifer de la Cruz, head of interpreting services at the San Bernardino County courthouse. The class focuses on the techniques of interpretation and translation with some information on translation careers. Last year, the class included students whose second languages were French, Spanish, Mandarin, and Arabic. This year, there’s Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Japanese. It is fun to see students excited about exploring the cultural differences that the act of interpretation reveals.

These courses were paid for by an innovation grant from the University. I’m hopeful these classes will continue, although we need to work toward sustainability in terms of resources and faculty time. Other ideas from the summit included developing certificates in intercultural competency, introducing minors that integrate language and culture, and ensuring students’ schedules enable participation in semester-long study abroad.

OT: For you, what was the best part of the summit?

Wuhs: Everyone was at the table: Student Affairs, Advancement, Enrollment, faculty, the deans, the president, the provost, our international student advisors. I appreciate how we think about internationalization here in an integrated way. All of our efforts—the curricula, study abroad, international students, and even fundraising and communications—are bound together, more so because we’re a small school. We have common underlying goals.
Here are 12 facts that show the depth and breadth of the international experience at the University of Redlands.

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A world of opportunity

How five Bulldogs went abroad and discovered new versions of themselves

By Lori Ferguson and Mika Elizabeth Ono

What is so powerful about the international experience? Och Tamale magazine caught up with five University of Redlands students and recent alumni to see how their travels abroad changed them and opened doors to new opportunities.
Nicholas (Nick) Burchett ’19 works as a cellar master for M2 Wines, where he is responsible for managing the vineyard’s wines in process.
Building confidence and competence

When Nicholas (Nick) Burchett ’19 entered Redlands, his eye was set on medical school. He was recruited to the University, his brother’s alma mater, as a member of the University’s track and field team. “I chose Redlands because I fell in love with the sense of community and appreciated the small class size,” he says.

The biology major soon realized, however, that medicine wasn’t his calling and began to look for other ways to use his degree. A conversation with a winemaker at Markham Wines in Napa, who had also been a biology major, inspired him. “Taking grapes, fermenting them, and then aging them is such a scientific process, but also artistic in a way,” Burchett says. “When I learned that my biology degree would help me, I knew I wanted to pursue a career in winemaking.”

Burchett was also keen to hone his skills in French—a language he had studied in high school. With the encouragement of his advisor, Professor Frank Bright, he decided to spend a semester during his junior year in Nantes, a city on the Loire River in western France.

To get ready, Burchett took advantage of a class called Crossing Cultures: Pre-Departure, taught by Susan Goldstein, a U of R psychology professor. According to Goldstein, research shows that preparation is valuable to make the most of study abroad. In general, her message to students in her class is: “Learn as much as you can about the place you’re going, think about how you might experience life there, and plan. You want to be able to troubleshoot if you run into problems.”

Burchett, who had not traveled outside the country before, took the advice to heart. “The pre-departure course helped me anticipate how being a part of another culture and speaking another language would affect me psychologically,” he says. “And the post-trip course [also offered by Goldstein] was great, because it gave me a way to process my study abroad experience and understand how what I had learned in France could help me at Redlands and after graduation.”

During his time in France, Burchett confirmed his love of the French language and discovered a wellspring of confidence he didn’t know he had. “At one point, I had a bad bout of homesickness,” he recalls. “I decided I needed to remind myself why I went abroad, so one day after class, I took the water taxi across the river to another small town, sat in a café by the river, had a glass of wine, and watched the world go by. It grounded me, and I felt my homesickness dissipate. Apart from working on my language skills, I feel the semester abroad enabled me to become more independent.”

This kind of personal growth is often the outcome of international travel, according to Goldstein. “Students are generally more confident when they return home,” she says. “They’ve lived on their own, gotten lost, and found their way.” Goldstein also cites benefits such as an increase in creativity and the ability to tolerate ambiguity; in addition, “study abroad and diversity experiences have been linked to increased degree completion and retention, as well as greater emotional resilience.”

Today, Burchett serves as cellar master for M2 Wines in Acampo, California, tasked with managing all the Lodi vineyard’s wines in process. He is responsible for tasting the wines and making sure they’re aging well and getting ready to be bottled. The job seems like a perfect fit for a double major in French and biology. And Burchett believes his time abroad enhanced his ability to pursue the job of his dreams.

“Studying abroad is a great experience academically speaking, but it’s a bigger life experience,” he says. “It helps you grow as a person.”

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Abigail (Abby) Bohman ’18, ’19 (MS GIS) has had a passion for the world since the tender age of five, an attitude she attributes to her parents and grandparents. Her grandfather was in the Air Force in World War II, and her parents are longtime employees of the National Park Service. “It has always made sense to me to travel and try new things,” she says. “The learning experience is so much bigger when I’m in a new place.”

Mindful of this love for other lands, the Port Angeles, Washington, native weighed opportunities for study abroad when selecting her undergraduate institution, which led her to Redlands: “The multitude of international options offered at the University made it very appealing.”

Once a Redlands undergraduate, Bohman became an environmental science major and took full advantage of opportunities at the University. Enrolling in three international May Term classes, she studied whales in Ecuador and the Galapagos with Biology Professor Lei Lani Stelle, took a geology class in Iceland with Environmental Studies Professor Hillary Jenkins, and learned about tropical forest ecology and restoration in Panama with Environmental Studies Professor Daniel Klooster.

“May Term is a great program, really one of the best things the University has to offer,” she enthuses. “The experiences allowed me to do activities in places I never would have experienced otherwise. This deepened my appreciation for the planet and its diversity of people, cultures, and the environment, which is something that affects my attitude every day.”

Professor Susan Goldstein, whose research spans study abroad and intercultural experiences, notes that the length of study abroad is less important than its fit for the individual student. “Research shows that, despite popular opinion, total immersion doesn’t necessarily equal success,” she says, noting that students’ needs and affinity for adventure varies. “What’s most important is a personalized experience.”

For Bohman—who also spent a semester in Tanzania learning about wildlife management—her chosen experiences abroad transformed the way she approached her academics. “Before going overseas, I was more concerned with maintaining a high grade-point average than really learning,” she confesses, “but after studying abroad, my focus changed. I wanted to understand the subjects I was studying, and I started to enjoy the content of my courses much more.”

Bohman’s travels also impacted the kinds of classes that captured her imagination back at Redlands, and she began seeking out courses with a cultural angle—for example, Professor Patrick Wing’s History of the Islamic Middle East and Professor John Glover’s Mapping African History. She also started seeing connections across disciplines, such as linking what she was learning in a physical geography class to studies in Islamic history.

After graduating with her bachelor’s degree, Bohman enrolled in the U of R master’s in geographic information systems (GIS) program. “I wanted to pursue a degree in GIS because it is a very diverse field where I can merge and compare many aspects of the world,” she says, adding that she had heard good things about the Redlands program. “It’s also a growing and powerful field, which I find exciting.”
In her studies, she was able to leverage her previous contact with a client in Panama and returned there to conduct research. Her master’s project focused on a new method using drones to monitor tropical deforestation, since cloud cover posed a problem for satellite imagery.

Bohman finished the GIS program in August and is now employed as a consulting utility forester with Environmental Resources Management; she’s tasked with mapping out PG&E electrical lines that could be potential fire starters in Central and Northern California and using many of the GIS skills she honed abroad.

But she has not lost her love for foreign lands. “I’m compiling a list of organizations that do environmental and humanitarian work in Africa and familiarizing myself with their operations,” she says. “My main goal is to keep learning from many places and cultures of the world.”

Today, Bohman uses many of the GIS skills she honed abroad in her job as a consulting utility forester.

“The learning experience is so much bigger when I’m in a new place.”

Bohman goes to Iceland with a Redlands geology class.
Jeremy Cruz ’18 (MBA) encourages other business students to study abroad: “You may encounter something you’ve never thought about before.”
As a premium payments specialist with insurance brokerage firm HUB International, Jeremy Cruz ’18 (MBA) is charged with making sure the company’s clients are paid and prepared to help those facing the unexpected, no matter when or where it comes.

“The enormity of the insurance industry and the importance of the kind of work I do really hit me during my School of Business study abroad program when I visited Lloyds of London, a huge building that houses underwriters of multiple big name insurance companies,” says Cruz. “Insurance for a lot of multi-billion dollar construction projects is handled through that center. It’s incredible.”

A Los Angeles native and the first in his family to earn a graduate degree, Cruz was drawn to University of Redlands by the campus culture, especially the openness and accessibility of professors and staff. He was particularly interested in gaining a greater understanding of the global economy and international trade.

“I wanted to learn how business and culture worked in other countries,” he says, “so I jumped at the chance to travel to England and France.”

He admits to being both surprised and reassured by what he learned: “Businesses in Europe sometimes approach issues differently because of variations in laws and regulations—U.S. laws tend to be much more structured. But I also discovered businesses there face many of the same challenges we do.”

Energized by the two-week trip abroad (preceded by three Saturdays of preparation and followed by the completion of a research paper and travel journal), Cruz applied to take part in the School of Business global consultancy capstone course.

Students in consultancy capstones, domestic or global, are put in teams of three or four and assigned a client and project, from marketing to new product development and feasibility studies. According to School of Business Professor and International Programs Director Michael MacQueen, “It’s a great way to finish our business programs. In addition to providing valuable experience for our students, it can really make a difference for the companies they consult with, whose executives are so appreciative of the fresh perspective students bring to the table.”

Cruz and fellow teammates created a branding campaign for a cosmetics start-up in Reykjavík, Iceland. The project included three Saturday pre-engagement sessions; a week in Reykjavík to meet with company founders, assess their needs, and report preliminary findings; and the creation of a 136-page comprehensive report that offered recommendations on branding, marketing, and packaging.

Cruz’s advice to other students who may be considering a study abroad opportunity at Redlands? “Do it! You’ll learn a lot from the experience as well as from other students, and you may encounter something you’ve never thought about before. The two-week trip is very doable—the faculty are extremely supportive—and the capstone project is an interesting and rewarding experience.”

Fellow School of Business graduate Nicholas (Nick) Caputa ’17, who completed his B.A. at the University’s San Diego campus, is similarly enthusiastic. “My whole trip [to the U.K. and France] was eye-opening,” says Caputa, who had never before been abroad. “For one thing, I saw clearly the ability to network effectively is key to almost every industry—talking to others helps fuel the creativity that allows you to come up with ideas and then grow them.” Caputa is currently using some of these insights as founder of Envision Finance Corporation.

In response to such enthusiastic feedback, MacQueen is eager for others to engage in international experiences. “I want to make sure everyone knows about our international programs,” he says. “Many other business schools don’t offer them, and they give our students a remarkable opportunity to experience global business firsthand. I have come to realize the incredible impact these courses have on the lives and perspectives of our students. Traveling to another country to study business can influence a student’s view of the world in profound ways.”

Cruz’s study abroad trip to England and France inspires him to pursue a global consultancy capstone course in Iceland.
Aiming to change lives

As a teacher in Puyang, China, Baohua Liu ’19 (M.A. in clinical health counseling) watched people labor to master a new language while she instructed international students in Chinese and Chinese students in English. But she also witnessed colleagues, friends, and family struggle with another type of problem: mental health issues.

“There are few clinical mental health counselors in China,” she explains. “People can access Chinese traditional medicine like acupuncture and herbal therapies, but Westernized counseling is not readily available, and it’s needed. In my own family, my father has depression and my nephew has ADHD, but neither can get appropriate treatment.”

Liu was teaching Chinese to K-12 students in the U.S. when a friend, a visiting professor at Redlands, told her about the University’s program in clinical mental health counseling. “It’s hard to change careers in China, especially in your early 40s, as I am,” she admits. Her family questioned her decision; she already had a stable and prestigious job as a lecturer. “But I got a rare chance to come and study at Redlands, so I jumped at the opportunity. Luckily, my husband is very supportive, not just financially but also emotionally.”

Liu’s bold decision was motivated by her desire to help fill the need for mental health counseling in China. According to School of Education Professor Rod Goodyear, “China has about 135 master’s programs in clinical or counseling psychology, a small fraction of the number of programs we have in the United States, despite a Chinese population four times greater.”

Coincidentally, Goodyear had been building on his close professional connections with China’s top psychologists to spearhead a collaboration between the U of R and Hubei Oriental Insight Mental Health Institute of Wuhan, China, to help address this shortfall. Liu has served as both an interpreter for visitors and a student advisor for the program, which will welcome its first cohort on campus in 2021. In this new venture, Chinese students will complete 27 of 40 mental health counseling units at Redlands.

Liu completed her Redlands degree in July. “These past two years have been very hard—harder than I expected,” she concedes. In addition to the change of subject matter, Liu found the American learning style markedly different. “In China, in most public schools and colleges, students are told what to do: repeat, memorize, recite, and are not encouraged to question. But in the U.S., you must be proactive and self-directed. You have to plan and manage your time.”

The pressure and pace of the last two years were intense, but Redlands classmates and professors were kind, she adds.

“My classmates shared notes, included me in study groups, and encouraged me to continue when I felt like giving up.” Liu’s professors also provided her with emotional and academic support so she was adequately challenged, while respecting her background.

Hideko Sera, associate dean of the School of Education and a former international student from Japan, emphasizes that Liu’s point of view enriched her peers as well. “I know firsthand we can learn the most about ourselves and others after leaving our comfort zone,” says Sera. “Because students in our School are going to be administrators, educators, teachers, and counselors, international experiences are important for them to put themselves in someone else’s shoes and develop empathy.” Sera notes the U of R program has a unique curricular requirement involving global comparisons of mental health issues and treatment, paired with short-term study away opportunities.

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As for Liu, she is relieved to finally have her degree in hand. “I can’t believe I made it,” she says with a gentle laugh, and she is grateful for all that she has learned—about her new field of study as well as herself. “Before I was very passive, but now I’m proactive and I feel free,” she says. “I’ve learned to think critically, rather than take things at face value, and I’ve discovered that I can construct my own reality.”

Liu is eager to take what she’s learned back to China. Ultimately, she would like to teach in a university and offer counseling services to private clients there: “With the knowledge and skills I’ve gained, I know I can lead a more successful and constructive life in China.”

Liu also vows to encourage others to broaden their horizons through study abroad. “You’re not only increasing your education, but also growing personally and learning more about yourself,” she says. “This experience has given more meaning to my life.”
“With the knowledge and skills I’ve gained, I know I can lead a more successful and constructive life in China,” says Boahua Liu ’19, who graduated from Redlands with an M.A. in clinical health counseling.
DeniseDiaab’19 (M.Div.) is grateful for the range of her experiences with the San Francisco Theological Seminary, including a trip to Israel.
When Denise Diaab ’19 (M.Div.) was offered the opportunity to travel to Israel with one of her San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) professors, she didn’t hesitate. 
“A voice in my head said, ‘Ya gotta go,’” she recalls. Diaab joined Rev. Yolanda Norton, professor of Hebrew Bible/H. Eugene Farlough Professor of Black Church Studies at SFTS (now part of U of R’s new Graduate School of Theology), for the two-week trip.
“I had already taken a class from Professor Norton and learned a lot, so I knew I would be studying things on this trip that I wouldn’t encounter any place else,” says Diaab. “And having the opportunity to return to Israel and swim in the Dead Sea—something I regretted missing on my first visit in 2010—seemed redemptive.”

The trip did not disappoint. It spanned an archaeological dig in the Jezreel Valley (a large fertile plain in Israel’s Northern district), living on a kibbutz, staying in a hotel owned by Palestinian Christians, and talking openly with people they encountered along the way.

“Professor Norton made certain we were fully prepared,” says Diaab. “She delivered three lectures prior to the trip to lay groundwork; prepped us for excavation work by leading demonstrations in the seminary gardens; and assigned readings, papers, and a final project that opened my eyes on ways to interpret the Bible based on archaeological findings. It was an amazing experience.”

Having led numerous trips to Israel and Palestine, Norton has seen how the experience can change people. “Broadly, international travel in any kind of education, especially theology, helps remind our students that their stance—to text, ministry, social justice—is limited,” Norton says. “Global encounters remind us of how limited our perspective is.”

For the trip to Israel in particular, Norton asked students to wrestle with the question: What do we mean when we say “Holy Land”? She notes, “I wanted to encourage people to question what they consider sacred. I didn’t want them to disavow it, just to live in tension with what is sacred for others.”

Working at the archaeological site was a lot like deepening her theological understanding, according to Diaab: “On a dig, you’re gently removing soil layer by layer, going ever deeper, which is similar to the experience one has in seminary when you’re uncovering aspects of God and learning to think theistically. Both experiences take time—you simply can’t rush.”

Diaab is grateful for the range of her experiences at SFTS. A former regulatory project manager for public utilities companies Southern California Edison and SoCalGas, she retired in 2009 to care for her grandson. Unexpectedly, one day in 2015, she felt called to pursue a master’s in divinity. “It was an answer to a question that I didn’t know was on the table,” she says.

Since completing the degree in May, she has engaged in clinical pastoral education at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Orange, spent time with her 91-year-old mother, and begun babysitting a new grandson. In the months ahead, she will complete her ordination exams in preparation for becoming a Presbyterian minister.

The Los Angeles native will undoubtedly continue to travel as well. She has already spent time in Greece and Germany and hiked the 500-mile El Camino de Santiago pilgrimage trail in Spain. “I find international travel eye-opening,” she asserts. “Here in the U.S., we view ourselves as superior and more technologically advanced than any other country, but that’s simply not true.”

When traveling in Germany, for instance, Diaab encountered tech conveniences not currently available in the U.S. as well as unexpectedly warm treatment from residents. “As an African American, I was worried I might not be welcome in the country, but everyone I encountered was friendly and kind—I was even mistaken for a native several times. It made me realize we’re all just people.”

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“Studying abroad allows one to understand how much we have here in the States but also to appreciate how many ways there are to live,” Diaab continues. “There’s a generosity of spirit across the world, and it’s tremendously important we experience that by meeting one another as human beings.”
CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By Laura Gallardo ’03

Half of the $200 million fundraising goal for the Forever Yours campaign is earmarked for scholarships and financial aid, ensuring for all time the gift of a Redlands education to deserving students. To date, alumni and friends have contributed more than $106.7 million to this important effort, establishing 55 new endowed scholarships during the campaign that, in perpetuity, will support students throughout their Redlands journeys.

CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

$174.2 million
OF $200 MILLION GOAL

PARTICIPATION

13,485 donors
OF 20,000 DONOR GOAL

My most important involvement on campus is working at the Volunteer Center, where I am able to help other students get involved in the Redlands community. Last year I helped the Office of Public Safety, served meals at a food bank, worked with local youth, painted murals on the Orange Blossom Trail for the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), helped build homes for rural families in Mexico, and so much more.

Thank you for your contribution to my education. Without your help, I would not have been able to pursue my dreams or give back so wholeheartedly to my community in the ways I do today. I appreciate your generosity, and I am humbled by the honor of being named the recipient of this scholarship.

In gratitude and appreciation,

Madeline Gibson ’20
Taylor Family Community Service Endowed Scholarship Recipient

Visit foreveryours.redlands.edu to make your campaign gift to scholarships or another area of the University that you love. If you have questions, contact Molly Widdicombe, director of annual giving, at molly_widdicombe@redlands.edu or 909-748-8381.

A look at scholarship numbers

51% of the University’s total endowment supports scholarships and financial aid.
The University continues to show me that it values what each individual has to offer. The spirit of “Och Tamale” tells a tale of quirk and depth, of not taking itself too seriously while getting serious work done. It is not show-offy; it elegantly gets the job done and done well.

At Redlands, I have learned so much about myself, my place in the world, and how I can continue to push at the boundaries of my reality to create a life for myself and contribute to making the world a little bit better. At Redlands, I have grown into a more substantive version of myself. I am more than I thought I was. Your generosity is not only an inspiration, but also an aspiration for me as I forge forward.

Thank you,

Elijah

Elijah Bacher ’20
Larsen-Fox Kappa Sigma Sigma Endowed Scholarship Recipient

My family and I deeply appreciate your generous contribution. I am entering my senior year and it is a very bittersweet experience. My time at Redlands is something that I will forever treasure, but I cannot wait to start the next chapter of my life.

I truly believe each organization and program at Redlands has sculpted me into the woman I am today, and I could not be more thankful for what Redlands has taught me. I always describe Redlands as a hidden gem. I feel so lucky to be able to learn and grow in such an amazing environment. I love Redlands and want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for supporting me. I can’t wait to meet you!

Best,

Chelsea

Chelsea Sahami ’20
Susan Bartley Lea Endowed Scholarship Inaugural Recipient
A
n opera singer, BBC presenter, world traveler, and mother, Angel Joy Blue ’05 has performed on the biggest stages of the world. Blue, often lauded for her voice’s power, sensitivity, and agility, was a music major (with Hebraic studies minor) at Redlands.

This summer, Blue and her family moved to New York City to fulfill her long-term contract with the Metropolitan Opera, where she opened the season in a title role in *Porgy and Bess* to rave reviews. *The New York Times* stated it was the finest performance of Blue’s career: “As Bess, the sumptuously voiced soprano Angel Blue is radiant.”

Here are some things to know about Blue and her career. Blue is:

**An Inland Empire native:** Growing up in Apple Valley, California, Blue spent her formative years watching her father, a pastor and classically trained singer, onstage. “I had the opportunity to see how much joy and excitement he got from [performing],” she says, “and that just rubbed off onto me.” Aside from imparting a love for classical music, Blue’s dad also gave her advice she heeds to this day: “He taught me that a good-sounding voice is a well-rested voice, so I try to sleep as much as I can!”

**A natural performer:** Blue always knew she would one day become a performer. “As a kid, I would see myself coming out from behind a curtain, and then people would start clapping. I would listen to live recordings of opera singers. At the end, when the applause became really big, I would get these huge emotions, and start crying or get really excited.” She credits her family with supporting her talent at a young age. By the time she was attending the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts (a daily two-hour commute from Apple Valley), she was participating in Miss America pageants and performing at the Redlands Bowl. “I believe [singing] is what God put me on earth to do.”

**Inspired by those who went before:** Ten years into her career, Blue has experienced challenges and triumphs. “As an African American singer, I look at people like [American soprano] Leontyne Price or [Spanish opera singer] Victoria de los Ángeles. Those women were so amazing and were great performers in a time of great struggle. I’m not in a time of great struggle, so surely I can do it as well, you know?”

Blue’s starring roles include Mimi in *La Bohème*; Floria Tosca in *Tosca*; and, most recently, the tragic heroine Violetta in *La Traviata* (a role she performed at both the Royal Opera House in London and at La Scala in Milan). Stellar reviews of her performances, from *The New York Times* to *The Guardian*, makes Blue’s work look easy, but she says: “When I started out, I [had a tendency to] overcompensate. Now it’s a bit easier because I’ve established myself. After I learn something new, I can put it away and then come back to it with a better understanding of what the music is.”

**A champion of Bulldog pride:** Blue credits the University of Redlands with helping to form her career. “I was allowed to make a lot of mistakes, given a lot of grace,” she says of her college years. It was a gift, especially as Blue was learning what kind of music she wanted to sing. “Had I not been able to make those mistakes, I would not have grown on my own as a person and a musician.”

Redlands was also where she met her husband, Adam Mielke, in 2004; three years ago, they married and held their wedding reception at Redlands’ University Hall. “I’m really thankful the U of R keeps me on their radar,” she says. “It makes me feel the same sense of community that I felt when I was attending the University.”

Destined for the stage

By Lilledeshan Bose
Class Notes

Class Notes reflect submissions from May 9 to Sept. 3.

The College

1947
Frank Martinez '47 had a building at Cuesta College's San Luis Obispo campus named after him on May 31. The Dr. Frank R. Martinez Building is a 32,000-square-foot, two-story structure housing eight high-capacity, multidisciplinary classrooms, and a forum-sized classroom on the ground level. The second floor comprises more than 40 offices, staff lounges, and meeting rooms.

1948
Jeannette Mal ey Hill '48 has lost contact with her classmates and would love to hear from anyone! Please call the Office of Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 if you would like to get in contact with Jeannette.

1952
Bruce Foreman '52 and wife Paula celebrated their 60th anniversary on Aug. 1.

1953
Arnie McCalmont '53 held his 90th birthday party in June near his home in Hollis, New Hampshire.

1954
The Class of 1954 celebrated its 65th anniversary May 17-18, and while it was not a "wild and crazy" gathering, it was "fun and moving" for those who attended. Friendships were rekindled, and memories shared by the following octogenarian Bulldogs from the Class of 1954 and their spouses: Loretta Lutton Bueermann, Richard Bueermann, Janet Amend Carver, Karen Clements, Richard Clements, Carl Davis, Fred Edwards, Janet McLean Edwards '55, Ron Gordon, Bill Hawk, Dave Hayes, Dione Hayes, David Lilly, Nadja Lilly, Ray Roulette, Gail Ruth Roulette, Don Ruh, Sandi Luchsinger Ruh '57, Shirley Starr Selkirk, Bob Steinbach, and Virginia Steinbach. The class welcomed others from the classes of '52, '53, and '55 who also gathered for lunch in Hunsaker Center.

Loretta Lutton Bueermann '54 and Richard Bueermann '54 continue to live in the Plymouth Village retirement community in Redlands and were saddened by the recent deaths of fellow Gamma Nu's and Plymouth Village residents Alton Robertson '54 and John Townsend '54.

Doug Carlson '54 wanted to correct our last class notes by letting everyone know that while he is living in "assistance living" (in Ohio, not Missouri), he doesn’t need it yet.

Janet Amend Carver '54 was co-chairperson of the reunion committee and made the longest trip to be there from Virginia. Sadly, she suffered a stroke visiting her family in San Diego shortly after, and is now on the path to recovery.

Roger Cullen '54, his wife Bev, their six sons, sons’ wives, and eight grandchildren continue to treasure the two weeks they spend together each summer at his sister’s cabin on the Silver Lake-June Lake Loop in the high Sierras. Sadly, Roger’s sister, Kay Waters '48, passed away at age 92 last April. Roger and Bev continue to live in San Antonio, Texas.

Carl Davis '54, better known as Judge Davis today, continues to serve on the bench when and where needed. While living in Redlands, he has been serving in the Indio Court for most of last summer, but not enjoying the typical 117-degree Indio heat.

Ron "Squeek" Davis '54 and his wife, Dionne, left their La Quinta, California, home and traveled to Sun Valley, Idaho, to celebrate Squeek’s 87th birthday with son Mike, his wife, his granddaughter’s family, and precious great-granddaughter. While there, they joined Dick Metz '52 for dinner.

Nancy Friend Dillon '54 completed her planned cruise of the Mediterranean by yacht, and it turned out better than expected. Seven days on a yacht with quality time on the Greek islands (her favorite being Paros) let her enjoy the antiquity and beauty of the area.

Ron Gordon '54 enjoyed the camaraderie of the reunion and especially enjoyed the time sharing life stories with his classmates. He has a home full of books and is willing to share his literary collection if anyone is interested.

Bill Hawk '54 continues to enthusiastically donate his time and energy to the work of The Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. He has spent more than a quarter of a century promoting its work since his retirement, and is still enjoying every moment he spends there.

Gail Ruth Roulette '54 and Ray Roulette '54 were recently honored by the 2019 Community Service Recognition Award from the City of Torrance. The award was given at West Torrance High School, and reads "for your loyal and devoted support of West Torrance High School and your community."

George Russell '54 and Mary Rector Russell '54 celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary at Citrone Restaurant in Redlands. Owned by former U of R Kappa Sigma Sigma members, the couple recommends it, as the food was outstanding and the entire atmosphere was "so friendly and fun."

Rod Skager '54 had a moderate stroke but is expecting to see improvements in a few months with at-home physical therapy.

Bob Steinbach '54 headed up the Class of ‘54 Reunion Committee. He and his wife, Virginia, are enjoying life and their family in San Diego County. He has documented some of their travel adventures and compiled a complete memorial record of classmates who are no longer with us. Each has proven to be superbly detailed and greatly appreciated by their readers.

1955
Audrey Nichol Hauth '55, husband Luster Hauth '53, daughters Sheri and Linda, and their families marched for the National Alliance on Mental Illness with the slogan "Never give up hope."

Elaine Merryman Juncker '55 was honored for her outstanding community service on Aug. 17 at the Bernard Brown Community Center in Frederick, Maryland. The organizers managed to keep secret an event involving her husband Merle, son Chris, daughter Karen, granddaughter Allison, her Redlands roommate Margaret Hess Brinckman '55, as well as almost 90 community friends. A local artist created a painting showing Elaine with the different organizations with which she has volunteered, including the Hospice of Frederick County, Frederick Woman’s Civic Club, Friends of the Child Advocacy Center, Central Pennsylvania Weaver’s Guild, New Friends Club, and Frederick Reads. She created Handmade for Hospice to raise funds for hospice services, weaving knit items that she sells at local craft shows and community fairs. In October, Elaine was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

1956
Genie Riddle Brown '56 and husband Frank returned from a cruise on the Rhine River where they stopped at different ports and walked a minimum of 5 miles daily. For once, the cruise fare did not catch up with them on the waistline! Castles galore were on the itinerary, both visiting and viewing, as the vessel moved along the river. The Koblenz castle was a mind-blower—it is the only one in Germany not moved along the river. The Koblenz castle was a mind-blower—it is the only one in Germany not

1958
Tony Lane '58 and his “first” wife, Irene, celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary by spending the weekend where it all started: at the Pink Flamingo Hotel and Bar in Pacoima, California.

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Marjorie Hynes Mattocks ’58 spent her workdays at an outdoor science center in the San Bernardino Mountains while raising four children. Now she spends winters at an RV/resort in Casa Grande, Arizona, and summers at an RV resort on the coast of Oregon. 

Joyce Harkless Renshaw ’58 lost her husband of 31 years in July. She lives in Cambria, California, with a wonderful support system.

Rod Stephens ’58 and wife Shirley moved to Beaverton, Oregon, where they hope to build a new home in the west. The weather is much cooler and temperate in Beaverton than in Redding, California, where they sold their home of 19 years. They like rain!

Chuck Thorman ’59 keeps busy on the geology lecture tour—Portland in May, Belo Horizonte, Brazil (his old stomping grounds) in September, plus two presentations in Reno in May 2020. Geology has never been more fun, though the legs do not move as fast doing fieldwork.

Joanne Bennett Waldon ’58 and Stennis Waldon ’58 continue to volunteer at two Pasadena theaters. Thanks to L.A. Metro’s Gold Line, they attend productions at the Mark Taper Forum and Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles throughout the year. The Colburn School of Music Orchestra performs at the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena and they look forward to these performances.

1959

Janet Gregory Fletcher ’59, Lorraine Wiens Culton ’59, and Marilyn Kerr Solter ’59 had lunch in July and brought everyone up to date on news and a resolve to look forward to their 65th reunion!

Stan Lamb ’59 and Sonia Davison Lamb ’60 hosted Bob “Buzz” Buster ’59, Marilyn Jones Buster ’68, Charlotte Mohan, Phil Mohan ’59, Bob Simms ’62, and Linda Nelson Simms ’62 at their ranch in Helena, Montana. Besides many laughs and sharing memories, the friends enjoyed a Missouri River tour following the path of Lewis and Clark and a night at the Helena Stampede Rodeo.

Laurelee Horner Lindholm ’59 and Ray Lindholm ’59 continue their work with Heart for Ethiopia as full-time volunteers. Laurelee will travel to Addis Ababa for the celebration of the recently built headquarters of Addis Kidan Baptist Church, where Laurelee’s name is on the cornerstone.

Tony Pesja ’59 and Ann Cornelius Pesja ’61 spent 10 days at the Mauna Kea resort on the island of Hawaii.

Wayne Weld-Martin ’59 and wife Anne traveled to Reno to visit their seventh grandchild! Wayne is a pilot and took a last flight in May, giving it up for health reasons. He is pastor emeritus at Beaverton First United Methodist Church.

1960

Ken Hall ’60 considers it an honor to serve on the Board of Trustees of the U of R for the past 15 years, and feels there was no vote that was more important than the decision to acquire the San Francisco Theological Seminary in Marin County. The board's due diligence lasted over a year and a half, and they reviewed endowment investments, property liens, legal issues, enrollment history, and growth options. They visited the campus and marveled at the beauty of the entire 19 acres with amazing architecture. Says Ken, “We acquired, at almost no cost to the University, a launching place for our graduate schools in a beautiful part of the country, and an opportunity to expand the University's footprint in a place that would have only been a dream two years ago.” Ken was proud to vote yes, and he thinks 20 years from now, they will look back and conclude the decision was one of the best votes ever by the Board of Trustees.

Marilyn Heyler Hettick ’60 had a lovely trip in April to Paris and Normandy, which included a visit to Notre Dame on Palm Sunday. Marilyn and her husband listened to the organ and chorus less than 24 hours before the magnificent cathedral burned. Marilyn also ran into one of her former Villa Park High School students (“OMG, Mrs. Hettick!” the student screamed) at the top of the Eiffel Tower while enjoying the sunset. Marilyn had six of her photographs on display at the juried competition at the Orange County Fair and enjoys participating in Osher Lifelong Learning Institute classes at Cal State Fullerton.

1961

Annette Veenstra Bain ’61 and her husband, Gary, took their daughter's family on a cruise to celebrate their grandson's high school graduation. They left from London and spent a wonderful day in Bruges and then sailed to Copenhagen and Oslo. After the cruise, they flew to Amsterdam to visit cousins in northern Netherlands. One of the highlights was a visit to her cousin's bicycle factory, which supplies 13,000 bikes to the Netherlands and Germany. Back home, Annette spends time oil painting and tutoring in the elementary school for Reading Partners. Gary, a retired engineer, builds fine furniture.

HISTORY MYSTERY

For many years, residents of the City of Redlands and students and faculty from the University came together for a night of fun and frolic downtown, which they called “Pajamarino.” Can you help us identify participants in this photo taken during Pajamarino in 1966? Did you participate in Pajamarino or even win a prize from a local merchant? Share your fond Pajamarino memories with us!

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

In response to the History Mystery in the last issue of Och Tamale showing students from the 1960s on their way to the Peace Corps., Christopher Dewees ’68 writes:

I graduated in 1968 majoring in biology, geology, and speech, and then went on to Humboldt State University for a Master of Science in fisheries. In 1970, my wife, Christy, 3-year-old son, Morgan, and I headed to Chile for two years so I could serve as a visiting professor in marine fisheries at the Universidad Católica de Valparaiso. I believe we were the first family to serve as Peace Corps volunteers in Latin America. I taught fisheries and established many long-term professional and personal ties with students and faculty. We got to experience U.S. foreign policy (led by President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger) from the other side, and it was not friendly, to say the least. We attended a public speech by Fidel Castro and saw his oratorical skills at work. We traveled and experienced a beautiful country with a geography and climate similar to our Pacific Coast. We integrated into a different culture and learned a language we have used all of our lives.

I learned to play rugby, which became a lifelong passion. We matured as individuals and as a family. I developed unique skills and experiences that led to a career at the University of California, Davis, in marine fisheries.

Redlands helped prepare me for the challenges and pleasures of Peace Corps service and beyond.

—Christopher Dewees ’68

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Dayton Dickey ’66 and Leslie Bertram Dickey ’69 visit Byron Glacier trail near Portage Glacier in Alaska.

Bulldogs from the Class of 1965 in Northern California appreciate 59 years of friendship: (front row, from left) Carol Giberson Rodgers, Marcia Perry Mehl, Kathy Terbeck Johnson, Janet Welker Seaman, and Judy Gundlach Darling; (back row, from left) Robin Linton McKenna, Lynn Geary Boyer, Sherry Netzley Engberg, Normajean Berger Hinders, and Nancy Wheeler Durein.


Steve Habener ’63 cruises around town in his woody wagon, a 1963 Morris.

Janet Lamb Shikles ’64 (left) and Sherryl Morrison Taylor ’64 are all smiles as they co-chair their 55th reunion in May.

Maile Mahikoa Duggan ’61 attends the 75th national anniversary of D-Day at Bedford, Virginia, on June 6.

Marcia Perry Mehl ’65, Normajean Berger Hinders ’65, and Hannah Gruhn Bengtson ’65 (left to right) celebrate at John and Nancy Wheeler Durein’s 50th anniversary party.

Don Zell ’65, Dick Fisher ’65, and the late Bob Engberg ’65 (left to right) get together at their 50th reunion in 2015.

Dayton Dickey ’66 and Leslie Bertram Dickey ’69 visit Byron Glacier trail near Portage Glacier in Alaska.
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Four Pi Chis regrouped in May to lie about past accomplishments: Darryl Brock ‘62, Clyde Schipper ‘61, Ron Unzelman ‘61, and Mike Williams ‘61. Wives present were Lura Dolas, Judy Bingham Schipper ‘64, and Evelyn Williams (Gail Unzelman was under the weather that day but was present in spirit). Darryl has published books. Ron has delivered many babies in his gynecological practice. Clyde was the high school pinch hitter for most math and physics courses (he was so excited when the first handheld computers appeared on the scene). Mike continues as a practicing surgeon, performing office procedures. They were joined by Lura and Darryl’s 18-year-old daughter, Phoebe (who had no trouble at all keeping up with the seniors), and Clyde and Judy’s daughter, Stephanie.

Joy Phillips Butler ‘61 relocated to Ponce, Puerto Rico, where she lives with son Bob and daughter-in-law Lourdes. At the end of August, they were preparing for a possible hurricane. Needless to say, life there is driven by weather. She appreciates the advanced level of health care in Puerto Rico.

Maile Mahikoa Duggan ‘61 and spouse Col. Lawrence Duggan joined a crowd of thousands, including World War II veterans, to attend the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6. The event, held in at Bedford, Virginia, included remarks by Vice President Mike Pence and a fly-by of WWII planes.

Judith Huneke Hein ‘61 is the twin sister of John Huneke ‘61. In August, Judy and her husband, Bill, celebrated the birth of their first great-grandchild, Aria Rose Judith.

Bruce Johnson ‘61 had a couple informal “reunions” during the year, but they were mixed up with alumni from other years. When his brother, Wendell Johnson ‘66, who lives in Cambodia, came home for a visit, they got together with Bob Millen ‘66, Ron Stebbins ‘66, and Martin Udell ‘66 and shared the “Och Tamale” with others in the restaurant. Later, while visiting Gig Harbor near Seattle, they got together with Randy Young ‘66 and Sharon Uzziel Young ‘66. To celebrate his 80th birthday, Bruce challenged everyone at the party to a plunk contest, with $100 on the line. Everyone dropped off along the way except his 8- and 10-year-old granddaughters, who split the money after he quit at 6 minutes 23 seconds. He challenges all his classmates to beat that!

Carol Gustafson Jordan ‘61 and James Jordan ‘61 have lived in Fairbanks, Alaska, for the past 47 years. Carol retired from teaching 10 years ago, but Jim still practices medicine part time as a senior Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) medical examiner. Jim was recently awarded the FAA’s highest honor, the Master Pilot Award. They continue to travel several times a year, having visited more than 140 countries. They are going to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next year with a big party. All six of their grandchildren have graduated from college, including one from the U of R, as did two of their children.

Deanna Dechert Pascquier ‘61 is celebrating 50 years of teaching piano from her home, after retiring in 1968 as a German and French high school teacher in Seattle. She and her husband, Arie, enjoyed a cruise around the British Isles this past summer and plan to travel to Germany in November to celebrate the wedding of one their exchange students from 1997. Deanna keeps contact with her Salzburg roommates from 1960. Jeanne Babcock Carter ‘61, Nancy Stillwell Turecek ‘62, and Carolyn Brigham Vassallo ‘62. Deanna has been married to Arie since June 1962, and they are parents to two sons and grandparents to two girls and two boys. Deanna credits her Salzburg experience for her continuing love of travel since 1960—still has suitcase ready to go! Deanna has published eight poems in the recent Osher Lifelong Learning Institute book, Poetry for Pleasure, and will have eight more poems featured in the upcoming edition.

William “Rocky” Roethlisberger ‘61 and wife Mary celebrated Rocky’s 80th birthday with a 21-day Mediterranean cruise, from Athens to Gibraltar and everything in between. The highlight of the trip was visiting the places where Paul and the apostles lived and spread the Gospel. Rocky and Mary send their best wishes and God’s blessings to all their classmates who still read the Och Tamale.

1962

Barbara Norton Vandaveer ‘62 and husband Bob moved from apartment living for the past nine years into a nice home that became available to rent through the family. Barbara has been singing in the 80-voice choir at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church the past few years, and the choir is often accompanied by members of the Oregon Symphony. They performed Dan Forrest’s “Jubilate Deo” in two benefit concerts, which was very exciting with a 16-piece orchestra. Life in Oregon is wonderful!

1963

John Demmon ‘63, Ralph Lehotsky ‘63, Norm Naylor ‘63, and Tom Tustin ‘63, all “irsties” at North Hall in 1959, celebrate 60 years of friendship at a Rockies vs. Dodgers game in Denver and three days of reunion in the city. They came from Newport Beach, Colorado Springs, Knoxville, and Mammoth Lakes.

Steve Habener ‘63 is living the dream in retirement and travels a lot with his wife. He purchased a classic car—a 1963 Morris woody wagon with a surfboard—and is often on the road riding his vintage Honda cycle. Two bits of trivia: Steve was serving on the USS Hornet in 1969 when the Apollo 11 was recovered, and he shook hands with President Richard Nixon. Steve still owns the kayak he built at the Kappa Sigma Sigma house in 1962. He passes on some words of wisdom: “Have one wife and many cars.”

Barbie Bolles Marcum ‘63 and Bert Marcum ‘63 lived their Viking dream this summer, sailing the vast northern seas and outlets along the Canadian and Alaskan coasts. Bert had Barbie stock up on all the salmon recipes she could find to be ready for his catches, but we haven’t heard how many she had to use!

Harold Phillips ‘63 is thriving. His private school now has 450 students with a waiting list. He has recently moved to Texas, but spends eight months out of the year in Costa Rica. This coming November, he will be presenting a paper on the use of microencapsulated algae as food for his shrimp larva, research which he performed on his shrimp hatchery.

Edlen Wegner ‘63 sends all alumni a brief message, “As time goes on, it is a great reminder to treasure our memories and long-time friendships from our U of R years.”

1964

Thanks to the inspiring organizing skills of co-chairs Janet Lamb Shikes ‘64 and Sherryl Morrison Taylor ‘64, the Class of 1964 55th Reunion activities were a great success. After a cocktail reception Friday night, nearly 100 classmates and spouses packed the Orton Center for Saturday’s luncheon and gathered again as a nostalgia-steeped group for brunch on Sunday. At Saturday night’s all-class Och Tamale dinner, John Tinchner ‘64, a member of the U of R Alumni Association Board of Directors, presented the six alumni awards. The class successfully raised more than $1.1 million for their class gift (a 38.77 percent participation rate).
Bill Willsie ’66 and wife Monica mark their 50th wedding anniversary with a seven-day trip from Vancouver to Alaska.

Gil Smith ’67 shows off his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lions International District 4-L4.

Becky Campbell Garnett ’69 proudly announces her first grandchild, Makenna.

Dottie Janks Ortiz ’66 and Tom Tomlinson ’66 prepare a pasta dinner for 15 alumni and their spouses during a July gathering that included Salzburg classmates from fall 1964.

Mike Nice ’66, Jackie Nice, Sharon Uzzel Young ’66, Randy Young ’66, Andy Mauro ’66, Kathy Arthur Mauro ’67, Dave Richardson ’64, and Anne Wohlheter Richardson ’66 (left to right) live within a few miles of each other in Washington.

Art Gilbert ’69, Barbara Traverse Gilbert ’70, and Sheryl Snyder Savina ’70 (left to right) visit the New Mexico and Arizona deserts.

Alumni gather at the 26th annual Trout & Tall Tales alumni trip, led by Tom Tomlinson ’66 and LeAnn Zurich ’76, ’08.

Robert Lange ’70 (far right) is one of seven who jumped out of a World War II-era C-47 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Dick Chard ’72, Susan Chard, Pam Cummings ’73, Ann Ratcliff ’72, Barbara Chapman ’71, Jean Seyfrit Biddick ’71, Chris Biddick, Kirk Stitt ’72, and Linda Wilson Stitt ’72 (left to right) enjoy at an annual September party.
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A dedicated group of women in the Class of 1964 known as the “Hot Tamales” raised $100,000 for an endowed scholarship under the leadership of Diana McAllister Schmelzer ’64. Says Janet Lamb Shikles ’64, “This evolved from an event Linda Louk, Sherryl, and I started five years ago after the death of a third woman in our class, Karen Keeton Sinsheimer ’64, following Shirley Maniccia Wilke ’64 and Renee Roskam Corcillo ’64. We decided we should meet annually, and we have been doing so ever since; next spring about 22 of us will gather in San Francisco.”

Bill Bruns ’64 was the fearless editor of The Bulldog his senior year in 1963 and went on to achieve success in three publishing fields. He was a reporter and editor at LIFE magazine (1965-1972) and Hollywood bureau chief at TV Guide (1989-1992). In addition to writing a dozen nonfiction books (including Tennis for the Future with Vic Braden), he was editor of the weekly Palsadian-Post in Pacific Palisades from 1993 to 2013. He was recognized at the luncheon reunion with a special Career Achievement award.

Cynthia Hoffmann ’64 (who was unable to attend the reunion) was acknowledged for her extraordinary success as an opera singer and professor of music at Julliard, which is known as the most prestigious music school in the world. She has two current students who just competed in the Metropolitan Opera National Finals and won. Cynthia was previously awarded an honorary doctorate from Redlands in 2002 and was recognized with a special Career Achievement award at the reunion.

At the luncheon, 1963 Bulldog editor Bob Johnson ’64 announced that he and other former Bulldog staffers hoped to raise $100,000 to establish a scholarship in memory of their legendary faculty advisor, Howard Hurlbut. They reached their goal in August!

John Oliver ’64 tickled the memories of his classmates during the Sunday reunion brunch with “some names you may not have thought about for a while.” They included Verda Armacost, Bob Morlan, William Main, Davis Applewhite, Dean Margaret Sharp, Leon Moburg, Jim Verdieck, Lee Fulmer, Ted Runner, Chick Cornish, Stanley Combs, Fagerburg and Corwin in Admissions, Ralph Hone, Frank Greenway, William Klausner, Reinhold Krantz and, of course, D.J. Stewart, “the cantankerous bookstore manager.” John also reminded us that there was just one phone per floor in each dorm, back when apples were simply a fruit.

Diana McAllister Schmelzer ’64, who earned an M.A. in English from the University of Maryland and an Ed.D. in administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, was a principal at high schools in the Washington, D.C., area and at University High in Irvine. She currently serves as a consultant to school systems and is teaching as a visiting professor. Diana was also recognized with a special Career Achievement award at the reunion.

Gary Smith ’64, also known as “Coach,” coached at Redlands for 36 years and was the school’s winningest men’s basketball coach with 456 career wins. His book, Coaching the System, can be purchased from Amazon. He also was recognized at the reunion with a Career Achievement award for the profoundly positive impact he had on the thousands of students he coached.

Curt Zimmerman ’64 retired from parish ministry in the Episcopal church for the third time. He is also moving from Seattle to Midland, Michigan, the home of his North Hall roommate Stan “Sandy” Rowe ’64. Curt and Stan decided years ago that they are the brothers neither ever had, having only sisters as siblings. Curt is enthusiastic about the possibilities for discovery and travel in the next epoch of life.

1965

Bulldog women from the Class of 1965, including Lynn Geary Boyer, Judy Gundlach Darling, Nancy Wheeler Durein, Normajean Berger Hinders, Kathy Terry Harmonson, Robin Linton McKenna, Carol Giberson Rodgers, and Janet Welker Seaman, recently got together for lunch in Berkeley to celebrate their 59 years of friendship, and to support Sherry Netley Engberg ’65 and Marcia Perry Mehl ’65, who recently lost their husbands, Bob Engberg ’65 and John Mehl ’64.

Nancy Wheeler Durein ’65 and husband John have been celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary all spring, starting with a fabulous three-and-a-half week trip to Australia and New Zealand in March and April. In June, they hosted family, local friends, and many out-of-town friends, including Hannah Gruhn Bengston ’65, Normajean Berger Hinders ’65, and Marcia Perry Mehl ’65, for a variety of activities.

Toby Larson ’65 shared that his long-time girlfriend, Antoinette “Toni,” passed away recently after a three-year cancer battle. She was truly an inspiration with a warrior spirit.

Dean Laws ’67 recently hosted the annual Pi Chi retreat at the Balboa Yacht Club in Corona del Mar. It was great fun, as ever, and is always fun to catch up on news and old stories.

Eileen Beermann Mason ’65 has been traveling through Costa Rica and the East Coast to visit family and friends. She visited a former harp student from Costa Rica who now plays in Poland, traveled to Italy with family, and spent time in Ontario, Canada, attending the theatre festivals in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford, Ontario.

Marcia Perry Mehl ’65 took her youngest grandson on a Road Scholar intergenerational tour to Utah, where they rafted, rode in a hot air balloon, hiked, swam in a crater, and experienced the Olympic training center in Park City.

Tom Miller ’65 lost his partner and soulmate of 37 years, Louis de Niverville, to stage four lung cancer in February. Louis was a brilliant artist, and they lived in Oakville, Ontario, for the last 13 years, where they enjoyed a large house with two studios, and designed and built a classical garden complete with an Italian fountain. Tom has since moved to an apartment in Toronto to be near longtime friends, the art galleries, museums, and concert halls. In addition to managing Louis’s estate, Tom intends to continue creating his own work.

Linda Wiek Rooks ’65 won the Golden Scrolls Non-Fiction Book of the Year Award at the Christian Product Expo in Nashville for her latest book, Fighting for Your Marriage While Separated. Published by New Growth Press in August, this is Linda’s third published book. In May, she also published a short story called “Missing Skittles” in Chicken Soup. Life Lessons from the Cat. After winning her Golden Scroll Award, Linda returned to her home in Florida to immediately face Hurricane Dorian. Since she is still an active freelance writer and her husband continues...
as a professor at Barry Law School in Orlando, she sees no retirement for either of them in the near future.

Chris Schriner ’65 lives in Fremont, California, with his wife, Jo Ann. Since retiring as a psychotherapist and Unitarian minister, he has been writing about psychology, philosophy, and theology. After completing Your Living Mind: The Mystery of Consciousness and Why It Matters to You, he has spoken at the Science of Consciousness conferences and the American Philosophical Association. In 2018, one of his papers appeared in Journal of Consciousness Studies, and another will be published in 2020.

Rick West ’65 enjoys talking about the fact that he “flunked retirement,” and is now in his seventh year as president and CEO of the Autry Museum of the American West. Somewhat to his surprise, they love being in Los Angeles (except for the traffic), which he describes as “a complicated, sometimes challenged, but always vital and robust city of the 21st century.” He and his wife, Mary Beth, embrace being in the mix of American cultural life, experience, and history. They are also thrilled at suddenly becoming grandparents.

Don Zell ’65 is still practicing law as outside trial counsel for Edison and living in San Clemente. Both grandchildren are in college. He hopes to make the 2020 reunion.

1966

The “Men of 66” from the Class of 1966 meet annually, and this year they gathered in Oceanside, California. In attendance were Tom Bandy, Gary Beverage, Jim Gilliam, Paul Gregorio, David Leichtfuss, Mike McCauley, Bob Millen, Larry Nelson, Jack Parham, Ted Robison, Terry Singleton, Rob Stebbins, Martin Udell, Harold Warman, and Rob Wilson. A special tribute was made to an original founding member, the late Craig Higgs.

To participate in the group, contact Rob Stebbins.

Jack Cooper ’66 and his wife, Kazuko, lined up an expansive house in the Oregon coastal town of Yachats for a July gathering that included several classmates who were together in Salzburg in fall 1964. Enjoying the camaraderie and staying with the Coopers for four days was David Brown, Jeri Nolfi Brown ’65, Ron Castaldi ’65, Charlie Couch ’66, Lynn Couch, Chris Kerr Ford ’66, Dottie Janks Ortiz ’66, John Romo ’68, Mary Whitney


Ann Stacy Coppin ’66 shares that her husband, Fred, has Alzheimer’s disease and was moved into a senior residence at the end of July.

Steve Dahl ’66 and Karen Hartleclass Dahl ’72 continue to attend concerts at the Redlands Bowl and the Feast of Lights every year.

Dayton Dickey ’66 and Leslie Bertram Dickey ’69 escaped the Palm Desert heat and journeyed to Alaska. They toured the Kenai Peninsula by car and on foot, with stops at Homer and Seward. They concluded their trip with a tour of the Denali National Park and Preserve and are already planning a return trip.

Lou Hays ’66 and his wife, Michelle, visited Andy Mauro ’66 and Kathy Arthur Mauro ’67 in Gig Harbor, Washington. Lou and Michelle were attending a family reunion in Gig Harbor, where Andy and Kathy recently moved from their longtime home in the San Diego area.

honoring ‘coach’

by Laura Gallardo ’03

When looking at colleges, Seabury Stanton ’74 was seeking a reprieve from icy New England winters. A regional high school tennis champion, Stanton heard about Coach Jim Verdieck’s team at the University of Redlands and made an inquiry. To his surprise, Stanton started receiving handwritten letters from the man whom everyone, even his two sons Doug ’70 and Randy ’72, called “Coach.”

“Coach promised to dedicate his resources to help me become the best player I could,” Stanton recalls. “I had never received a letter like that before.”

Thus began a relationship that changed Stanton’s life. Stanton admits he was not always the easiest student-athlete, but Verdieck was patient and persistent, using a formula for building physical and mental toughness that included conditioning, craft, and competition. By the end of his senior year, Stanton had been named a three-time All-American and had played on three national championship teams. Along the way, Stanton became a self-described “Verdieck disciple.”

“His example taught us about how to be better tennis players and, by extension, better and stronger human beings,” says Stanton.

After graduating with an English degree, Stanton briefly assisted Verdieck on the Redlands team before launching a 45-year career teaching tennis. Verdieck taught tennis camps with Stanton several times in Palm Springs, but his influence on Stanton’s coaching continued well beyond. “Over the years, I would be teaching, and a Verdieck-ism would come out,” Stanton says. “I wanted to do anything I could to carry his work forward.”

At a tennis reunion in fall 2018, Stanton reminisced about Verdieck with 80 fellow alumni. This experience inspired Stanton to begin writing a book about Coach, who died in 2001: “I wanted to bring him back to life to those who knew him, inspire those who didn’t, and draw attention to this remarkable man. He deserves to be remembered.”

As a further tribute to Verdieck, Stanton made a leadership gift to the Campaign for Bulldog Tennis, a fundraising project to remodel the current facility. “My contribution was made in Coach’s memory and to ensure his legacy will endure with a tennis complex that will serve generations of student-athletes going forward,” says Stanton. “Whatever success I have had can be attributed to him, and I would not have achieved anything without his coaching.”

To read an excerpt of Stanton’s book, visit www.redlands.edu/verdieckbook. For more information on how you can support the Campaign for Bulldog Tennis like Stanton has, please contact Ericka Smith, senior philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-8357 or ericka_smith@redlands.edu.
Bill Willis ‘66 and wife Monica celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their first cruise, a seven-day trip from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Whittier, Alaska. They enjoyed the wildlife and were lucky enough to see Denali without clouds. With that trip, Bill has now visited all 50 states.

Randy Young ‘66 and Sharon Uzzi Young ‘66 hosted Andy Mauro ‘66, Kathy Arthur Mauro ‘67, Jackie Nice, Mike Nice ‘66, Anne Webheter Richardson ‘66, and Dave Richardson ‘64 in August when they reconvened to tell stories from their years at the dear old U of R, and more recent stories of how their retirements led all four couples to live within a few miles of each other near Gig Harbor and Port Orchard, Washington.

1967

Gil Smith ‘67 was awarded the Lions International District 4-1.4 Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of exceptional leadership and service in local, district, state, and international Lions. Most recently, Gil completed three years as the founding president and incorporator of the California Lions Foundation, which awards community service grants to Lions clubs and districts throughout California. Prior to that, he served as District 4-1.4 governor. In 2006, Gil and Barbara Steves Smith ‘67 retired within one week of each other, Gil as general counsel of PPF Bank & Trust and Barbara as an English/advanced placement teacher at West Covina High School. They just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

1968

Mike Reed ‘68 retired from Saddleback College eight years ago but still teaches one media law and theory class each semester, unless he and wife Cathy have major travel plans. He will miss fall in 2019 when they journey to Israel and Jordan. On a recent camping trip to El Capitan State Park, Mike and Cathy met Tom McCutcheon ‘68 and his wife, Linda, in Solvang for lunch to catch up on old times. Mike also had coffee with U of R basketball coach Jim Ducey ’78. Jim was just a kid when Mike, Tom, and Terry McLaughlin ‘68 were playing Bulldog basketball, but he says he remembers these Class of 1968 standouts.

1969

Class of 1969 If you did not attend our 50th reunion, you missed out on the best one yet! We had a great turn out, with classmates coming from as far away as Alaska, Florida, Hawaii, New Jersey, and North Carolina. The start was Friday night at the home of Char Gaylord Burgess ’69, ’70, a tradition started at our 20th reunion, where we had cocktails and dinner amidst the iconic orange groves of Redlands. As the sun set, the lines on our faces began to fade and it did not seem like 50 years since we were at the U of R. Our Saturday lunch in the Casa Loma Room (remember Civ?) was memorable. We passed a mic and almost everyone gave us a recap of their life since graduation. There was laughter and tears. It brought us all closer together and we made new friends from those that started as just acquaintances.

Saturday night we had dinner on the Ad Hill Lawn and learned that we had raised nearly $9 million thanks to generous donors from our class. At Sunday breakfast, we agreed to have a 55th joint reunion with the classes of 1968 and 1970. Please let the U of R know if your contact info changes so we will not have to work so hard to find you. Thank you to everyone who attended. We are a very special group of Bulldogs!

Judy Mondy Armstrong ’69, Bette Bass ’69, ’71, Becky Campbell Garnett ’69, Muriel Fubus Harkins ’69, Shirley Miller Masterson ’69, Vicki Jones Miller ’69, Jeanie Couvillion Mills ’69, Millie Smith, Shappee ’69, and Ann Austin Smith ’69 met in San Juan Capistrano for their annual Alpha Xi lunch in July. They celebrated birthdays, swapped stories of recent trips, and shared pictures of grandchildren.

Becky Campbell Garnett ’69 welcomed her first grandchild, Makenna, on July 2.

1970

Robert Lange ’70 was one of seven who jumped out of a World War II-era C-47 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. He was lucky to be in the first round of canopy jumpers out the door on the first C-47 over the Cotentin drop zone. He was the only one in his team of seven that actually hit the drop zone in front of the crowd.

Sheryl Snyder Savina ’70 and husband Jean-Pierre spent 10 days with Art Gilbert ‘69 and Barbara Traverse Gilbert ‘70 touring the deserts of New Mexico and Arizona in April. Sheryl and Barbara were roommates for three of their four years at Redlands and have remained best friends, even though for most of the last 49 years they have lived on different continents. Sheryl moved to France for graduate school right after Redlands, and still lives in the Paris area.

1972

Dennis Kelly ‘72 retired on July 3, calling it quits after a 47-year journalism career. In that time, he was a writer/editor for the San Bernardino Sun, USA TODAY, and AARP. He spent the last several years as a senior health editor at U.S. News & World Report. He and wife Patty continue to live in Manassas, Virginia, but hope retirement means they can make more return trips to Southern California. He sends fond wishes to all his dear U of R buddies.

Kirk Stitt ’72 and Linda Wilson Stitt ’72 hosted an annual September party with Redlands alumni. They always start the long weekend with a visit to a hummingbird banding. They also visited the Amerind Museum, Paton’s Hummingbird Center, and local shops. In attendance were Jean Seyfrit Biddick ’71, Barbara Chapman ’71, Dick Chard ’72, Pam Cummings ’73, and Ann Ratcliff ’72.

1975

Janet Zoller Tolleson ‘72 retired from public education as a principal and is now enjoying “retirement,” working with student teachers as they get their credentials.

1976

Marilyn Magness Carroll ‘75 wrote and directed The Little Mermaid: The 30th Anniversary Celebration and Aladdin Celebration at the D23 Disney expo.

Sheila Brannum Tedone ‘75 and Diann Matheson ‘75 visited India in March.

1978

Debbie Montpas-Tankersley ‘76 was a choral music educator (thank you Professor Ruff and Jeff Rickard for a wonderful music education!) and retired after 37 years of teaching in the Hacienda-La Puente Unified School District (Mesa Robles Middle School and Glen A. Wilson High School) and Riverside Unified School District (John W. North High School, Central Middle School, and University Heights Middle School). She also taught an emeritus choir class for senior citizens through Rio Hondo College and most recently mentored student teachers in the music program at California State University at Fullerton. Rah, Rah, Redlands!

1979

Susie Forbes Barnes ‘78, Dixie Kanold ‘79, Ingrid Larson ‘78, Sharon Forbes Picciolo ‘78, Laura Wood Shelton ‘77, ‘83, and Marianne McKittrick Stegemann ‘77 recently gathered for lunch in Big Bear, California, reminiscing about their time as roommates in Bekins.

Doug Clark ‘78 is back in Southern California after graduate school and years of teaching in the Bay Area. He is volunteering with the Methodist church, helping with disaster relief, asylum seekers on the border, and later this year on a project in Puebla, Mexico. He is very grateful to professors Raquel Lebrero and Olga Gonzalez for encouraging him to become fluent in Spanish.

Cindy Proskefalas Dell ‘78 and her husband, Mike, moved to Honolulu following his retirement in June. They are adjusting to their new lifestyle and are looking forward to pleasant winters after living in Virginia for 28 years.

Brian DeRoo ‘78 is enjoying retirement as he enters his second year of his third retirement, so to speak! He started in 1985 with saying farewell to professional football, then said goodbye to work in private industry in 1994, and finally exited his teaching career after 32 years in 2018 to be a full-time dad (10-year-old twins), pool man, and gardener. (Oh, and husband!) He has been living in India since 1994 and continues to play golf. He is proud to have served on the University’s Hall of Fame committee for the past couple of decades!
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Kenny Coleman ’90 and his bride, Cindy Lau, hold hands on their wedding day, Aug. 18, 2018.

Sydney Stevens ’90 is working on her fifth and sixth music albums this year.

Denise Gandel Kendrix ’91 (right) visits Gabrielle Kalke Hinterbuchner ’91 at her bookstore in Salzburg.

Geoff Roche ’96 is named the ITA/Wilson DIII West Region Coach of the Year.

Pablo Mazlumian ’00 poses with wife Rhonda and their beautiful daughters, Alexa, Gabriela, and Gianna.

Speech language pathologist Alison Daniels Vander Veen ’01 (far right) travels to the Philippines with an organization called Faces of Tomorrow.


Nami Van Elk ’00, Sarah Frid ’00, Andrea George Haynes ’00, Shelley Applegate-Moresette ’00, Sandy Fuentes Flynn ’00, Teal Sowards Conroy ’00, and Vanessa Wilkie ’00 (left to right) spend their annual girls’ weekend in Los Angeles.

The Salzburg fall 1994 class reunites: (front row, from left) Molly Sincilitico Engblom ’96, Maritita Huntress Olson ’95, Heather Hunt Dugdale ’96, and Jannee Kramer Hathaway ’96; (back row, from left) Spencer Wavra ’96, Gabrielle Gomez Singh ’96, Tiffany Freeman Cook ’95, Brenda Beck Brunton ’96, Jennifer Boyer Whitney ’96, Geoff Roche ’96, and Jared Hathaway ’96.
Becky Gardner ’78 is back to practicing law at a small firm in Pasadena, California, after a three-year retirement. She traveled to Bali in May and then to the island of Ischia in Italy in September.

Marty Olney ’78 and wife Esther Hargis celebrated their 35th anniversary this year, with 11 of those being legally wed. They live in El Cerrito, California. Esther retired after a career in the ministry, which included 15 years as pastor of First Baptist Church of Berkeley and then chaplain for two American Baptist retirement communities. Marty just ended her 35th year as an economics professor. She has been at UC Berkeley since 1993. Their 21-year-old son, Jimmy, is an art history major at Vassar College, graduating in May 2020. A recent podcast about Marty and Esther can be found at https://news.berkeley.edu/2019/06/11/flat-vox-podcast-martha-olney.

Mabel Petty Zanfurlin ’78 and husband, Elmar, their daughter, Gabriela (University of California, Berkeley, 2015), and son, Andreas (Cal Poly Pomona, 2022), moved back to Southern California after living for 20 years in Eastern Pennsylvania. She and her husband are retired empty nesters enjoying life to its fullest. They love to travel, hike, and bike.

1981

Liz Wigm Furmanek ’81 lives in Charleston, South Carolina. She worked as a speech/language pathologist for more than 30 years, working with patients from infants to geriatrics. She is now retired and caring for her husband, Jim, who contracted a rare disease and is now paralyzed from the lower chest down. They have 9-year-old brother and sister labradoodles. They are still huge Corvette racing team fans and travel to as many races as they can, with Jim’s wheelchair strapped to a hitch on the back of their Collector Edition 2017 Grand Sport. They had to sell Jim’s limited edition 2011 Carbon Fiber, but plan on buying a C8 soon. They recently had a “Come as Your Favorite Barbie and Ken” 60th birthday party.

Alison Williams Hayes ’81 graduated from UC Irvine after her two years at the U of R and taught elementary school for 34 years in Irvine and Temecula. She and her husband, Rick, live in Temecula and have been married 30 years. They have two grown children, Danny (28) and Amy (27). Allison retired in 2017 and enjoys all sorts of arts and crafts, and volunteers as a docent on the Santa Rosa Plateau.

Gina Griffin Hurlbut ’81 surprised husband Brad Hurlbut ’81 for his 60th birthday with a suite party at Angel Stadium. There were several U of R alumni in attendance.

Carrie Kruger ’81 lives in Bellevue, Washington. Her daughter, Claire Kruger ’14, married in July. Carrie stays in touch with her Redlands BFF, Barbara Heydorn ’81, who was on hand to help with all things wedding.

Larry Zucker ’81 wrote a book, Uncover the Secrets of Charity Fundraising Events, which was listed No. 16 on “44 Best Charity Books of All Time” by BookAuthority.org, and is No. 2 all-time for books about charity auctions. The book (available on Amazon) is dedicated to Gary Smith ’64, longtime Redlands men’s basketball coach, and many of the stories in the book are about how Redlands shaped his event career. Larry’s company, The Gavel Group, is the nation’s largest producer of charity auctions, and produces the auctions for University of Redlands Bulldog Bench golf tournament and Redlands Symphony gala, in addition to long-standing clients such as the San Diego Zoo.

1982

Terresa Dolan ’82, ’05 started her 35th year working at Esri in Redlands. She continues to be active in local community theatre in all aspects of production, including directing. She recently traveled with her church in the footsteps of Paul the Apostle on the trip of a lifetime. She enjoys fostering kittens for the local animal shelter.

Lisa Day Smith ’82 retired after 33 years teaching in the Downey school district. She is looking forward to her next horizon, but in the meantime, she is putting her kids into colleges around the state, and has been spotted cavorting with her college friends at various locations around the southland.

Peter Strong ’82 retired from the U.S. Navy and Army after 26 years of service as chaplain (lieutenant colonel).

1983

Nate Truman ’83 met Angela Mihelich ’16 on set in San Jose during a corporate production featuring Nate’s A-Team van. When the U of R came up, they recited the “Och Tamale.” Nate also provided the onscreen cars for the History Channel’s Battle of the 80’s Supercars that featured David Hasselhoff, Dirk “Facedman/Starbuck” Benedict, and Eric Estrada.

1987

Kimberly Gordon Biddle ’87 was a finalist in three categories of the American Fiction Awards for her children’s book, LalDonna Plays Hoops. The categories are children’s fiction, picture book softcover, and multicultural fiction.

1990

Class of 1990 – We need you to help plan our 30th reunion! Alumni Reunion Weekend is May 15-17, 2020. Serving on the committee is easy, fun, and not a huge time commitment. If interested, email Kelly Mullen Feneey at Kelly.Feneey@disney.com or text her at 714-830-8664.

Mike Canzoneri ’90 and family just completed their second year of owning and operating Caring Senior Service, an in-home caregiver agency serving the South Bay, Long Beach, and North Orange County areas.

Kenny Coleman ’90 moved from West Covina to Pasadena, California, and retired from Southern California Edison after 29 years. He married Cindy Lau on Aug. 18, 2018.

Penelope Owens DeLeon ’90 completed her third year at Oxnard Union High School District and was recognized as the Association of California School Administrators Region 13 Superintendent of the Year. Region 13 covers Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo counties, and more than 60 school districts. She was also a finalist for Superintendent of the Year for the state of California. She is happy to announce that her eldest daughter, Katherine, is a senior political science major at the U of R and even joined her sorority, Alpha Sigma Pi. Her youngest is a senior at Cal Baptist and majoring in psychology. She also has three wonderful grandchildren (ages 3, 10, and 14), who keep her busy.

Carl Jackson ’90 began his 14th year of teaching high school math at Ohio Connections Academy. He might eventually get used to the Midwest after growing up in California.

Don Kohler ’90 was lucky enough to move from California to London in 2008, joining Burberry in the headquarter offices and holding a number of roles in global buying. After more than seven years in London, Burberry asked him to move to New York as president of Burberry Americas. About 18 months ago, he left Burberry to join Salvatore Ferragamo, the Italian luxury brand, as CEO Americas and global chief retail officer. He is still based in New York but travels monthly to Florence and Mexico City, where he also has teams. The summer holiday was spent with friends in Mykonos, Greece and Positano, Italy.

Kim Karpman Math ’90 was promoted to chief operating officer of Rainmaker Thinking, a management consulting firm in Hamden, Connecticut. She and her husband, Jeff (a manager and engineer at Sikorsky), have called Connecticut home since 1999. They have three wonderful kids whose ages range from 11 to 17.
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**John Myers IV ’90** is married with two young kids, a 9-year-old girl and 5-year-old boy. He lives in Westminster, California, and is a founding partner in the law firm of Beatty & Myers, representing automobile manufacturers in connection with warranty litigation (lemon law). Though his firm is based in Long Beach, he is also licensed to practice law in four other states (Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington) and serves clients from those states as well. Outside of work, he is the vice president of the school board for his kids’ school, St. Bonaventure Catholic School, and he enjoys playing golf, going to Costco, and watching his daughter play sports (swimming and softball).

**Kristin Parkinson ’90 and Mark Parkinson ’91** celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary in August in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Their three sons are 24, 22, and 19. Their middle son, Blake, graduated from the University of Arkansas in May. They have a grandson, Arthur, who is 2-and-a-half and so much fun! He is named after Kristin’s dad, Art Stephenson ’64. Kristin is working full time as a speech language pathologist in schools and is active at their church. This summer, she went to Quito, Ecuador, on a mission trip and loved running into fellow Delta and classmate Stacey Duff ’91 in the Quito Airport on her way home!

**Will Rahill ’90** is running a booming real estate business, The Rahill Real Estate Group, in association with Keller Williams. The business spans from the mountains to the coast in Southern California, and the High Desert. Will is currently looking for enthusiastic, hard-working U of R graduates to train as real estate agents for his expanding business. Will is coaching his two teenage daughters, Dallas (16) and Indy (14), and their Big Bear High School volleyball teams.

**Sarah Richardson ’90** is proud that her oldest child, who graduated college this year, is gainfully employed and has his own apartment. Her middle child will be a college sophomore and when not skateboarding, is majoring in IT. Her third child starts high school this fall and really hates not having her brothers around to divert Sarah’s attention. She is in her 25th year working for the county prosecutor’s office. She is an avid gardener, a lackadaisical runner, and enjoy frequent traveler with her husband, Keith.

**Erik Staley ’90** has not sent in an update in the 29 or so years since graduation! So, to summarize over that time, he has lived in Orange County and the San Diego area. Courtesy of U of R career resources, right after graduation, he landed a lab job at a pharmaceutical company, which led to various lab and engineering roles in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. In 2002, he started his own consulting business, Valicom Inc., to help companies get Food and Drug Administration approvals and stay in the good graces of the government. He has run 11 marathons and traveled extensively. He currently lives in Del Mar with his beautiful pit bull rescue, Ava. Och Tamale!

**Sydney Stevens ’90** graduated cum laude in music composition and then started her own company, Water Music, to create and publish her own music. Sydney has four albums available online (Cycles of Life, Seasons, Dancers in the Rain, and Portraits). This year she has been working on her fifth and sixth albums. One is a vocal album of her new songs titled Winds of Change, and the title song is about current times. The second new album is titled Waltz of Life and is a piano-based instrumental album. She will be including these two new projects on her Sheetmusicplus site for downloading the score: www.sheetmusicplus.com/publishers/sydney-stevens-water-music-sheet-music/3005887, as well as CD baby: www.cdbaby.com/Artist/SydneyStevens, where the music can be sampled and downloaded (in addition to iTunes, Spotify, and Pandora Radio). Sydney is forever grateful for the guidance of Alexandra Pierce and Barney Childs during her time at Redlands.

**Gabrielle Kalke Hinterbuchner ’91** was visited by Denise Gandel Kendrick ’91 in Salzburg. Gabrielle owns The English Center, a bookstore, coffee shop, and center for learning. She welcomes all alumni to visit.

**Roger Salazar ’91** is ranked No. 92 on Capitol Weekly’s Top 100 list for 2019. Roger heads ALZA Strategies, a political communications firm with heavy connections to California’s Latino political community. The company just brought in veteran communications consultant Hillary McLean, who served as former Gov. Gray Davis’s spokesperson, as a partner. Through ALZA, Salazar serves as a spokesman for the California Latino Legislative Caucus and the California Democratic Party, and he was in charge of media relations for Xavier Becerra for attorney general. Salazar’s résumé is not confined to California, however. He was a bilingual media spokesperson for President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and participated in Gore’s 2000 presidential campaign.

**G. Scott Lacy ’92** was the 2018 San Diego Critics Circle Award Winner for outstanding musical direction, the 2014 San Diego Critics Circle Award Winner for outstanding musical direction, and the 2009 San Francisco Critics Circle Award Winner for outstanding musical direction. He is a founding partner of Society Entertainment and has received multiple other award nominations for outstanding musical direction. He is the resident musical director for Lamb’s Players Theatre in Coronado, California, and is pastor of Community of Christ in San Francisco, where he resides.

**Gene Jimenez ’93** has an apparel line called MCHN (‘Machine!’), made in Italy.

**The Salzburg fall 1994 class met at the home of Heather Hunt Dugdale ’96 in San Diego for a 25th reunion. Attendees included Brenda Beck Brunton ’96, Tiffany Freeman Cook ’95, Molly Sinclicitco Engblom ’96, Jannee Kramer Hathaway ’96, Jared Hathaway ’96, Marilitta Huntress Olson ’95, Geoff Roche ’96, Gabrielle Gomez Singh ’96, Spencer Wavra ’96, and Jennifer Boyer Whitney ’96.

**Liu Naotala ’95** received a heart and kidney transplant from Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles in May. He is making a slow but steady recovery.

### 1996

**Billy Haynes ’96** and his wife, Jen Alford Haynes ’98, report the sad news that Jen has been battling glioblastoma for five years, and it recently mutated to gliosarcoma, an extremely rare form of cancer. After treatment options became too toxic for Jen’s remaining health, they made the difficult decision to stop treatment and enjoy every minute of their time with friends and family, including a large reunion hosted by Erin Beets Fitzgerald ’94 and Jeremy Fitzgerald ’94. Attendees included Sean Calahan ’94, ’96, Bert Coutts ’97, Dane Fetherling ’92, Mary Lawrence Fetherling ’92, Aaron Fletcher ’98, ’01, Jen Huston Hayhurst ’98, Dan Isham ’97, Naysan Mahmoudi ’96, Amber Havekost Mahoney ’98, Deb Miller-Calvert ’97, ’99, Paul Nolan ’94, Jeff Olschwang ’95, Brandon Pearce ’95, Justin Prough ’95, Luke Schrotherberger ’94, Scott Smith ’96, Jody Stratton ’97, Clint Studebaker ’95, Alden Weaver ’97, Julie Pulis Weaver ’97, and Scott Yarrow ’99.

**Stephanie Lew Henewich ’96** is a preschool teacher at Children’s Express Learning School in Tennessee.

**Ulla Hester ’96** is living in Boulder, Colorado, with her husband, Keith, and adorable mutt Cardigan. She is working as the planning manager for UrbanTrans, a transportation consulting firm. Her journey since graduating from Redlands first took her to the Bay Area, where she worked for tech firms for a few years, then to Boston, where she earned a master’s in city planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and worked as a policy analyst and planner for several years. Since 2014, she has been hiking, biking, running, skiing, and rock-climbing their way around Colorado. They also like to travel, and their recent destinations have included Senegal, Peru, Northern Sweden, and Finland. She still swims with the local master’s team and competes in sprint freestyle distances and open water, as well as in the occasional triathlon.

**Jen Bell Knecht ’96** is beginning her master’s in administration with an administrative credential through California State University at San Bernardino.

**Jeb Lucas ’96** just moved from Agoura to Westlake Village, California. He works in data science at Amgen, a large biotech company, and enjoys spending time with his wife and four kids.

**Geoff Roche ’96** is the University of Redlands men’s and women’s tennis coach and was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association/Wilson DIII West Region Coach of the Year.

**Dan Swaney ’96, ’00** and his wife, Kimberly, celebrated their 17th anniversary in July. They live in Lancaster, California, with their three children, Wilson (11), Carolyn (9), and Lauren (8). Dan coached high school and college cross-country and track around Southern California for 10 years and in Colorado and Kansas for seven years. He got involved in community theater a few years ago and recently began exploring professional acting. He has acted in a few short films and appeared on a TV show this year.

**James Wusterbarth ’96** married Stephanie Ricci in Connecticut. Stephanie is an oncologist and transplant surgeon and James works as a federal investigator for the Department of Justice. Shanti Dykes ’96 and Brad Adams ’93 were in attendance.
John Peale ’04 marries Samantha Mallory in Redlands.

Rory Byrne ’05, ’10 and Debbie Papernik Byrne ’10 are all smiles over their daughter Rylan, born May 21.

Chris Romo ’04, Keegan Tanghe ’04, Brad Wenzel ’04, Mike Werner ’04, and Luke Willard ’04 (left to right) gather in Redlands for a casual 15-year reunion.

Yarissa Tiara Millan ’06 is playing Mimi Marquez in the musical Rent at the Redhouse Arts Center in Syracuse, New York.

Erin Wertheimer ’05 (left) meets up with Hannah McAnespie ’05 and Hannah Obradovich ’05 in Bali.

Holly Goodman ’06 (left) and Kate Foster ’06 celebrate their five-year anniversary by watching the U.S. Women’s World Cup in Lyon, France.

Tiffany Yuen ’07 (front right) plays Ali in the production of Mamma Mia at the Palace Theater in the Dells in Wisconsin.

Mari Bingham Mahoney ’07 (left) visits Lindsay Sutton ’06 and her son in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Longtime friends Sneha Subramanian ’06 and Chris Concepcion ’07 travel to Salzburg, Austria.

Deltas get together in Napa: (from left) Hannah Obradovich ’05, Jackie Cano Snyder ’06, Betsy Baker ’07, Jen Cantway ’05, ’07, Jamie Allazetta Frost ’06, Lauren Margetic Beach ’05, Katie Bliven Horn ’05, Malia Mills Ross ’05, ’07, and Meridith Ring ’05.

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Julio Garcia ’09 represents Riverside at the Sendai International Half Marathon in Sendai, Japan.

Tom Romaine ’09 and Liza Gray Romaine ’09 enjoy 1-year-old son Arnie.

Kirby McCord ’11, ’14 and Andrew Mills ’11 celebrate their wedding day.

Sean Conway ’09 and Ali Chope ’09 are showered with love at their wedding on Aug. 31.

Emily Bennewitz Mobley ’11, Deb Merwick, Chad Kyffin ’10, Hillary Nicholson ’09, Cassie Pardee Kyffin ’09, and Ali Orsi Davis ’09 (left to right) place second in their age group at the Maul Chanel relay.

Nathalie Olson-Studler ’11 and Kristen Ales ’10 visit the beautiful Sahalie Falls in Oregon.

Fionna Connolly ’12 and Brian Kuklok ’13 wed on May 11.

Matt Ambriz ’13 and Jess Medvec ’13, ’17 celebrate their wedding with family and friends on May 25.

Lindsey Zehner Meuser ’13 and Matthew Meuser ’12, ’15 show off son Taylor.

Melissa Billings ’14 and Jake Lanza ’14 are married on May 4.
1997
Mikal Thompson ’97 was selected for the 2019 Mary Perry Smith Award for Outstanding Service to Students, MESA Schools Program. He received his award at the University of California, Riverside.

1998
Paul Swatzel ’98 and wife Kim welcomed their first child, daughter Ella, on June 7.

2000
Shelley Applegate-Moresette ’00, Teal Sewards Conroy ’00, Sandy Fuentes Flynn ’00, Sarah Frid ’00, Andrea George Haynes ’00, Nami Van Elk ’00, and Vanessa Wilkie ’00 (along with forever-Big Man on campus Matt Osmond ’00) retreated to Los Angeles in July for their annual girls’ weekend, complete with hikes, good food, karaoke jams, and belly laughs.

Taj Jensen ’00 has been promoted from beloved elementary school principal to director of student services (Special Education and Title I/Learning Assistance Program) for the Tacoma Public Schools, with a population of 32,000 students.

Pablo Mazlumian ’00 and wife Rhonda live in a suburb of Kansas City, Kansas, with their three girls, Gianna (12), Alexa (10), and Gabriela (7). After nearly 25 years of teaching and playing tennis, in 2017, Pablo started his own luxury automotive dealership, PM Auto Gallery. He just purchased his 100th car in April, and keeps a personal inventory of four to seven cars.

Renee Rojas ’00 graduated with honors from California State University at Long Beach in May, with a master’s in social work.

Rebecca Romo Weir ’00 and husband Ben purchased their first home in their hometown of Redlands and are thrilled to be homeowners after much hard work and patience. Come visit anytime!

2001
Alison Daniels Vander Veen ’01 recently returned from her fifth cleft lip/palate medical mission to the Philippines with an organization called Faces of Tomorrow. She was invited as the speech language pathologist for the trip, and was lucky enough to work with a local speech language pathologist throughout the week. Her group provided services to 78 children and adults, including 74 surgeries on 55 of those patients. She was honored to be part of such an amazing team and have the opportunity to do what she loves abroad.

2002
John Opp ’02 and wife Christine welcomed daughter Giuliana on April 1. She joins big brother Dominic.

Jenna McCaman Freund ’03 and Josh Freund ’03 celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary. The couple lives in San Bruno, California, where they are renovating their home and busy chasing their three- and-a-half-year-old identical twin girls.

Shantrice Burton ’04 graduated in December 2018 with a Master of Science in speech pathology from Nova Southeastern University. She started a new job in January as a speech language pathologist in the San Bernardino City School District.


2005
Rory Byrne ’05, ’10 and Debbie Papernik Byrne ’10 welcomed daughter Ryan on May 21.

Matt Golper ’05 was made partner at the law firm of Goldberg Segalla in their employment and labor practice group in Orange County, California.

Amy Eklund Harwell ’05 and husband Fisher welcomed son Graham on June 4.

Hannah McAneispe ’05 moved home to Redlands to be closer to her parents in July 2018. She is currently an elementary teacher for Beaumont Unified School District and an adjunct professor at the University of Redlands School of Education. She and Hannah Obradovitch ’05 traveled to Brisbane, Bali, and Singapore for a 16-day vacation. Highlights include an Australian river cruise, four nights at the Bali Silent Retreat, and a Singapore-style breakfast with Erin Wertheimer ’05.

2006
Marcus Aleman ’06 and wife Pamela welcomed son Helios on April 13.

Betsy Baker ’07, Lauren Margetic Beach ’05, Jen Cantway ’05, ’07, Jamie Allazetta Frost ’06, Katie Bilven Horn ’05, Hannah Obradovitch ’05, Meridith Ring ’05, Malia Mills Ross ’06, ’07, and Jackie Cano Snyder ’06 had a mini Delta reunion this past spring in Napa, California.

Kate Foster ’06 and Holly Goodman ’06 celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary with a trip to Salzburg and Lyon to see the Women’s World Cup semi-finals.

Yarissa Tiara Millan ’06 is currently performing in the role of Mimi Marquez in the musicalRent at the Redhouse Arts Center in Syracuse, New York, directed by Tony Award nominee Hunter Foster and choreographed by Jen Cady.

Crystal Yamasaki Munesse ’06 and husband Todd welcomed son Everett on March 19.

Sneha Subramanian ’06 traveled with Chris Conception ’07 to Salzburg, Austria. Chris was her next-door neighbor in Anderson, and they have remained friends since fall of 2003. They both served on ASURI while at Redlands and on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Lindsay Sutton ’06 flew from San Diego to Spokane with her son this summer. They stayed with her Beta Lambda sister Mari Bingham Mahoney ’07 at her family’s home in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho. Mari and her husband were wonderful hosts!

2007
Lena Alrayess-Dumas ’07 relocated to Sacramento and is the new assistant director of admissions and outreach at the University of California, Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

Tiffany Yuen ’07 played Ali in Mamma Mia at the Palace Theater in the Dells in Wisconsin. She was hired at the Palace for most of the season and has also performed in Lend Me A Tenor (Anna No. 3), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (ensemble), and Peter Pan (Slightly) this year.

2009
Sean Conway ’09 and Ali Chop’09 were married on Aug. 31.

Ali Orsi Davis ’09, Cassie Pardee Kystyn ’09, Chad Kystyn ’10, Emily Bennewitz Mobley ’11, and Hillary Nicholson ’09 swam the Maui Chanel Relay on Aug. 31. It is a 9.6-mile relay race from Lania to Maui. They earned second place in their age group.

Julio Garcia ’09 was selected by the City of Riverside’s Sister City program to represent Riverside in the Sendai International Half Marathon in Sendai, Japan. He finished the 13.1-mile course in one hour, 28 minutes, and six seconds.

Jennifer Garcia Lockett ’09 and husband Andre welcomed daughter Audrina on March 27.

Liza Gray Romaine ’09 and Tom Romaine ’09 celebrated their son Arnie’s first birthday on Sept. 30.

2010
Katherine Hardman Hardun ’10 and husband Daniel welcomed son Oliver on March 14.

Joshua Solido ’10 and Molly Olerich ’12 were married on May 11.

Whitney Schieler Tharp ’10, ’12 and husband Casey welcomed son Elliot on Jan. 31.

2011
Alyssa Barnhart Grainger ’11 and Benjamin Grainger ’11 welcomed daughter Josephine on May 24.

Kirby McCord ’11, ’14 married Andrew Mills ’11 on June 2, 2018, at the French Estate in Orange, California. The bride’s brother, Reed McCord ’13, performed the ceremony, and among their wedding party were Jack Colston ’12, Chelsea Ryder ’11, and Justin Sobczyk ’11. Joining the celebration were Professor Lisa LaSalle, Scott Arceri ’11, Tara Bernard ’14, Darren Dahl ’13, Adrian Hernandez ’13, Tristin Kirk ’13, Isaac Klapholtz-Brown ’13, Brett Mahoney ’10, Amir Mazarei ’07, Devin McBride ’14, Kristyn Rasar ’14, and Jennifer Yost ’09, ’11. The newlyweds are in their new home in Huntington Beach.

Nathalie Olson-Studler ’11 and Kristen Ales ’10 met up in May in Oregon to celebrate their friendship of more than 10 years. Kristen is a clinical counselor who started her own nonprofit organization called Wild and Weightless, celebrating body-positive connections with nature and others to fight disordered eating. Nathalie is also a clinical counselor who works with newcomer children and families that have recently crossed the U.S. border and just left detention centers seeking asylum from myriad Central American countries. It is a hard job but very rewarding.

2012
Fionna Connolly ’12 and Brian Kukiok ’13 were married in Mill Valley, California, on May 11. They had Bulldogs from all sports and organizations in attendance and showed all the other guests how to “party like a Bulldog.” They moved from the
Taylor Hinds ’16 and Jacob Terzoli ’16 are set to be married in 2020.

Dylan Ochoa ’17 attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School as a Juris Doctor candidate.

Beverli Thomas Marshall ’90 is looking forward to attending Alliant University to earn her doctorate in business administration.

Oliver, son of Krystyl Wesling Snodgrass ’16 and Andrew Snodgrass ’14, shows off his Bulldog spirit.

Rebekah Driessen ’00 relocates to Bozeman, Montana, with her son, Titan.

John Ruark ’73 is retired from Stanford, where he worked in medical ethics and thanatology.

Bulldog alumni come together for the wedding of Jacque Balderas Cavanagh ’13: (front row, from left) Katie Brown Hinkle ’13, Emily Rychel ’13, and Taylor Guerrero ’14; (back row, from left) Megan Starr Morgan ’12, Cara Swearingen ’13, Balderas Cavanagh, Katie Graham ’14, Mitsuru Rao ’15, Lauren McDonald Hernandez ’13, and Kim Morris ’13.

Claire Krueger ’14 marries Cody Carlson on July 6 in Monroe, Washington.

Brooke Vera ’14 and Josh Tierney ’14 marry on June 15.

Henry Lopez ’18 wins second place for his poster in the International Psychology Division Student-First-Authored Poster Contest at the Western Psychological Association Conference.

Jessica Healy ’06 stands with husband Matthew Chard on their wedding day.
San Francisco Bay Area to Portland, Oregon, for Brian to start his medical residency at Legacy Health’s podiatric medicine and surgery residency program. Fionna continues to work on the strategy team for the event management and ticketing website, Eventbrite.

Matthew Meuser ’12, ’15 and Lindsey Zehner Meuser ’13 welcomed son Taylor on June 17.

2013

Matt Ambriz ’13 and Jess Medvec ’13, ’17 were married and celebrated with family and friends on May 25, just a few months shy of meeting each other 10 years ago during freshman orientation! Dan Burfeind ’11 officiated the ceremony. They celebrated in true Redlands style, with close to 50 Bulldogs from the swim and dive teams, Chi Sigma Chi, Outdoor Programs, Community Service Learning, School of Education, and more.

Jacque Balderas Cavanagh ’13 married Josh Cavanagh on June 15 in Santa Rosa, California. In attendance were fellow Bulldogs Katie Graham ’14, Taylor Guerrero ’14, Lauren McDonald Hernandez ’13, Katie Brown Hinkle ’13, Megan Starr Morgan ’12, Pat Morgan ’12, Kim Morris ’13, Mitsuru Rao ’15, Emily Rychel ’13, and Cara Swearingen ’13.


Meghan King ’13 and Mackenzie Hom ’14 were married on Sept. 7.

2014

Joseph Bell ’14 and Kaitlyn Hooper-Bell ’15 were married on June 19.

Melissa Billings ’14 and Jake Lanza ’14 were married on May 4.


Brooke Vera ’14 and Josh Tierney ’14 were married on June 15.

2015

Jeff Depew ’15, ’18 and Ellie Jacques Depew ’17 were married on June 22.

2016

Kathryn Collins ’16 earned her master of science in speech language pathology in 2018.

Taylor Hinds ’16 and Jacob Terzoli ’16 started dating their freshman year and became engaged in 2019, with plans to get married in 2020. The couple recently moved to Seattle. Taylor got her real estate license and is now working at Windermere Real Estate. Jacob is a market development representative at DocuSign.

Kaelyn Johnson ’16 earned her Master of Public Health with a concentration in nutrition in December 2018 and was hired as the sole registered dietitian in a psychiatric skilled nursing facility in May.

Isabella Raymond ’16 earned her Master of Science in national cyber security studies and is moving to Augusta, Georgia, for a new job.

Lauren Robbins ’16 lives in Colorado and is engaged with a wedding date set for January 2020.

2017

Dylan Ochoa ’17, after clerking for the City of Culver City since graduation, joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School as a Juris Doctor candidate in September.

2018

Henry Lopez ’18 was the first author on a poster presentation at this year’s Western Psychological Association Conference. Henry won second place in the International Psychology Division Students-First-Authored poster contest.
Mr. Carrot is the “son” of Greg Petrovic ’09 and Sara Adams ’09.

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More alumni information can be found at www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Johnston

1973

Peter Hiller ’73 published The Life and Times of Jo Mora: Iconic Artist of the American West. Peter is widely recognized as the foremost authority on Jo Mora.

John Ruark ’73 and wife Terry are now four years into blissful retirement on a slow-paced island in Puget Sound after stimulating and rewarding medical careers; John’s at Stanford in medical ethics and thanatology and Terry’s in Kaiser Permanente leadership around doctor-patient communication. The contrast of the pace and greenery to the increasingly frenetic Bay Area could not be more stark (and welcome). Kids are grown, partnered, and thriving, and the couple is grateful that all are healthy and happy.

1990

Reeve Baily ’90 finally left Microsoft Corporation after 25 years and has begun a new career in distilled spirits production management and marketing with Diageo, a British-based conglomerate.

Gayle Brandeis ’90 published a book of poems, Many Restless Concerns: The Victims of Countless Bathory Speak in Chorus (A Testimony), which comes out in February from Black Lawrence Press and is now available for preorder.

Beverli Thomas Marshall ’90 is happy to report that she is back in Southern California! She is now the general manager at Valley Sanitary District in Indio, California. Even though she twisted their arms, she could not convince either one of her daughters to go to U of R. They opted for out-of-state schools. Beverli is proud to say that Shalley is attending Tulane in New Orleans and is enjoying her junior year. Randi, her baby, just started her freshman year at Goucher in Baltimore, Maryland; she will be able to transfer to Johns Hopkins for her final year (five-year program). She is so proud of both of her girls for getting into great schools with scholarships. Beverli applied to Alliant International University to complete the Doctor of Business Administration program. She feels like this program will set her up to teach after she retires from public service, which will not be for another 10 years or so. She misses her Sigma girls and looks forward to participating in more activities now that she is in the neighborhood. Anyone wanting to get in touch, check out her LinkedIn profile at www.linkedin.com/in/beverli-marshall.

2000

Rebekah Driessen ’00 recently relocated from the Bay Area to Bozeman, Montana, with her son, Titan (2). She opened her own psychotherapy practice, Vibrant Life Therapy.

Kathy Dunn Parmenter ’00 is married and has a 6-year-old daughter. The family moved from Pasadena, California, to Portland, Oregon, this past June to start an exciting new chapter of their lives.

2004

Cornelius Frolik ’04 won first place for news writer from the 2019 Ohio Associated Press Media Editors Association contest. He is the city of Dayton government reporter for the Dayton Daily News, where he has worked for nine years. He recently moved into a historic home in Dayton with his girlfriend, Alissa, and their two dachshunds, Roo and Wick.

2006

Jessica Healy ’06 recently married Matthew Chard and moved to Australia. Over the past couple of years, she has visited Las Vegas, Vancouver, Indonesia, and Singapore, and has a trip planned next year for Southeast Asia and Japan. She is currently snuggling up with her new kittens to stay warm through the Aussie winter!

2009

Greg Petrovic ’09 and Sara Adams ’09 welcomed a beautiful baby “boy,” named Mr. Carrot.

2011

Liz Hall Blakeley ’11 and husband Travis welcomed son Brooks on May 17.

2013

Samantha Carly Levin ’13 moved to Australia for graduate school, where she found her very own Australian love. They were married in Big Sur, California, surrounded by amazing landscapes and even more amazing people. Samantha felt lucky to have her best friend and fellow Bulldog, Rose Gunson ’13, by her side as maid of honor, and many other Redlands “mates” came out to celebrate!

2016

Krystyl Wesling Snodgrass ’16 and Andrew Snodgrass ’14 welcomed son Oliver on June 11.

Schools of Business and Education

1987

Peter Kalman ’87 retired from the securities industry. The only activity in the security industry in which he is currently still involved is as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. Other than that, he trains horses and competes in dressage. At almost 82, he also has an adopted 11-year-old son.

1989

Carolyn Arrington ’89 and husband Alvin enjoyed a lovely trip to Paris.

2006

Roy Malone ’06 has a new book under his pen name Roy McElroy entitled The Shearing of Willie McElroy.

2013


2018

Amanda Flood ’18 married Jon Luu ’18 on Aug. 17.

2019


2021

Jon Luu ’18 married Samantha Carly Levin ’13 on Aug. 17.

2022

Andrew Snodgrass ’14 married Krystyl Wesling Snodgrass ’16 on Aug. 17.

2023

Carolyn Arrington ’89 and husband Alvin enjoyed a lovely trip to Paris.

2024

Roy Malone ’06 has a new book under his pen name Roy McElroy entitled The Shearing of Willie McElroy.

2025


2026

Amanda Flood ’18 married Jon Luu ’18 on Aug. 17.

2027

Let us celebrate you

My experience at the University of Redlands was immensely rewarding. From educational opportunities (both in and out of the classroom) to extracurricular activities as part of Residence Life and Yeoman, I left Redlands a better person and leader. The liberal arts program and community-focused environment fostered my commitment to continuous learning and growth. One way I can give back to my alma mater is by volunteering as a Class Notes Reporter. I appreciate that I am able to share tidbits about my classmates and help our class stay connected.

—Stasi Phillips ’04
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Passings
Passings reflect deaths before Sept 3.

The College
Bob Cooper ’41, May 8. Family members include grandson Jason Gallo ’15.
Jim McAndrew ’43, June 4
Gerri Wool Robertson ’44, Aug. 7. Family members include daughter Johanne Robertson Dyerly ’72 and grandson Kevin Dyerly ’00.
Bonnie Carner Rams ’45, June 1
Don Russell ’45, May 5
Ruth Harden English ’47, June 13
Helen Newcomb Riggins ’47, June 29
Marilyn Butler Leach ’48, April 24
Kay Cullen Waters ’48, April 26. Family members include brother Roger Cullen ’54.
Dotty Wagner Wise ’48, Aug. 1
Arlene Bailey Holmes ’50, June 28. Family members include daughter Susan Holmes Porter ’76.
Pete Algra Jr. ’51, May 1
Dorlyne Hochuli Genrich ’51, Aug. 1
George Graham ’52, July 15. Family members include wife Patricia Phillips Graham ’53.
Florence Schmidt Condos ’53, Aug. 1. Family members include sister Ruth Schmidt Wilkerson ’51.
Norman Fox ’53, May 18
Linda Peterson Burrows ’54, April 20
Richard Clements ’54, Aug. 1
James Calderhead ’55, Nov. 2, 2018
Frank Perri ’56, May 26. Family members include wife Audrey Hartman Perri ’58.
Bud Bare ’59, July 17. Family members include wife Darilyn Dorriss Bare ’59, daughter Melinda Bare Makos ’86, and brother John Bare ’66.
Martha Hernandez Lopez ’59, June 14
Gail Sutphen Bomberger ’60, Jan. 2
Michael Lynn ’60, June 15
Barry Martin ’60, March 15
Stephen Kellogg ’61, July 14
Kenneth Wiens ’61, July 9. Family members include sister Lorraine Wiens Culton ’59.
Alice Hunt ’62, Dec. 1, 2018
Steve E. Taylor ’62, Aug. 17
Doris Watson Palmer ’64, May 30
Jeffrey Wilkens ’64, July 7. Family members include daughter Paige Wilkens ’02.
Bob Engberg ’65, July 12. Family members include wife Sherry Netzley Engberg ’65.
Norma Driver Gold Pucek ’66, June 13
Mary Manell Lord ’66, June 23. Family members include husband John Lord ’66.
Dee George Seitel ’66, June 23. Family members include husband Steven Seitel ’65.
Phillip Wilson ’67, May 30. Family members include mother Valerie Phillip Wilson ’42.
John Ferman ’71, April 25
Hans “George” Huettig ’71, June 14, 2018.
Virginia Higbee ’77, July 4
Eric Kenyon ’89, July 16
Jim Starr ’99, May 19
Johnston
Ben Groseclose ’98, July 23. Family members include sister Susan Groseclose ’93.
Schools of Business and Education
Bonita Berge ’76, Aug. 18
Betty Stieringer ’77, June 24
Stephen Ward ’77, June 12
Jean Wilson ’78, Aug. 15
Nancy Dehart ’79, Aug. 7
Dirk Brinkman ’80, June 21
Julie Graca Megareus ’81, June 22
Virgil Stites ’81, July 29
Stella Johnson ’84, Dec. 27, 2018
Howard Perkins ’84, July 8
Doreen Waters ’85, Aug. 1
Ardell Harmsen Loomer ’91, June 13
John Wibbels ’95, July 12
Barbara Merrick ’98, Nov. 18, 2018
Ann Inthapanti ’03, June 21
Friends
In Memoriam
Olga Gonzalez died on Sept. 4. She was 89. Born in Cuba, Gonzalez held degrees from the University of Havana in law and accounting. She worked as a teacher and as a lawyer before escaping the Castro regime in 1966 and settling in Redlands. Gonzalez received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Riverside, and worked as a beloved professor of Spanish language and literature at the University of Redlands for almost 48 years. Her great passions in life were her family, travel, and teaching. She was selected as the Mortar Board Professor of the Year for 2004–05, and also received a prestigious King Juan Carlos of Spain Fellowship. Her areas of expertise included Latin American and Peninsular contemporary literature, Spanish culture, and Hispanic women novelists. Gonzalez gave lectures around the world, in places including Spain, Mexico, Canada, and Brazil. An accomplished author, she published books on Gabriel García Márquez and Fidel Castro. She traveled throughout Europe, Asia, and the Americas and was joined in her adventures by her husband of 63 years, Pastor. Gonzalez is survived by her husband; two daughters, Olga and Leila; and four grandchildren.
Barbara Wormser passed away on July 7. Born in 1937 in Stockton, California, she graduated from Scripps College in 1959 with a degree in international relations and economics and pursued a graduate degree in political science from University of California, Santa Barbara. While at Scripps, Wormser met her husband of more than 60 years, Laurence. The couple moved to Redlands, where they owned and managed several businesses, including Redlands Camera, Audio Graphic Supply, and Professional Photosystems Corp. For more than five decades, Wormser served her community in many capacities, including as commissioner of the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Advisory from 1990 to 2016. Elected in 1985 to the Redlands City Council, she served as mayor pro tem in 1987. In 1990, Wormser founded Inland Harvest, with an aim to end food waste and feed those in need. Since its inception, the organization has collected more than 31 million pounds of fresh surplus food from restaurants, cafeterias, bakeries, markets, and donors and distributed it the same day to shelters and programs in the Redlands, Greater Riverside, Yucaipa, and San Bernardino communities. She was a founding leader of Town and Gown, and was affiliated with the Friends of Armacost Library. Wormser is survived by her husband, Larry; three children, Carolyn Wormser Medina ’86, Paul Wormser, and Stephen Wormser; three grandchildren; sister, Nancy Cook Aldrich; sister-in-law, Bea Cook; and several nieces and nephews.
On June 25, the University of Redlands lost Trustee Emeritus Ted Nicolay ’49. Born on Nov. 27, 1920, he was a Bulldog student-athlete in football and cross-country/track, and a member of Kappa Sigma Sigma fraternity. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in chemistry, Nicolay founded Western Vendors, Inc., an automatic merchandising enterprise. His success with that venture led to the founding in 1960 of Servomation Corp., a diversified, publicly traded food service company, for which he served as senior vice president. Nicolay was chair of the Board of the National Automatic Merchandising Association and received the honor of chairman emeritus. He was also a founding and charter member of the California Automatic Vendors Council. During World War II, Nicolay also served overseas as a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps.

Nicolay served on the University’s Board of Trustees from 1974 to 1983, chairing the Budget and Audit and Physical Plant Committees during a period of financial challenges. His insight into the issues facing privately endowed colleges and his concern for ensuring the success of his alma mater were instrumental in the survival and recovery of the University. In addition to his dedication as a trustee, Nicolay was president of the University’s Alumni Science Association, member of the Alumni Association Board, and a volunteer with the Redlands Admissions Assistance Program and Capital Fund Campaign. Nicolay was the recipient of the Alumni Achievement Award in 1965 and the University’s Distinguished Service Award in 1972; he was also honored as the San Bernardino Outstanding Businessman of the Year.

Nicolay, along with his wife, Carole, who passed away in 2016, were active supporters of the University. He is survived by his children—Jim Ashby ’82, and wife, Donna [Johnson] ’83; Kathleen (Ashby) Modlin ’83 and husband, Reg; Bill Ashby; Reg Nicolay and Jeff Nicolay—as well as his grandchildren, Reggie, Billy, Brian, Stephen, Jennifer, Katelyn, Annie, Andrew, Tyler, and Finley; and great-grandchildren, Evan and Emilia.

On July 11, the University of Redlands lost Trustee Emeritus John Townsend ’54. Born June 25, 1932, Townsend was a psychology major at Redlands. As a student, he was a member of Delta Alpha honors society and Alpha Gamma Nu fraternity, as well as a youth minister for the First Baptist Church of Redlands. After graduation, Townsend further pursued his education at Berkeley Baptist Divinity School (M.Div.). He was the Baptist college chaplain at Brown University prior to his 32-year tenure as senior pastor at the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles. In recognition of the high esteem in which he was held, Townsend was named minister emeritus after his retirement in 1997.

Townsend served on the University’s Board of Trustees from 1971 to 1980, then again from 1982 to 1991. During his tenure, he was involved in the Religious Life Committee (which he chaired) and Student Life Committee—he was particularly interested in promoting diversity and social justice on campus. Additionally, he served on two presidential search committees and three chaplain search committees. Townsend’s volunteerism at the U of R also included participation in the Centennial Celebration, Memorial Chapel Campaign, and Class Reunion Committees. In recognition of his outstanding service to the University community, he was presented with both a 75th Anniversary Jubilee Medallion Award and a Centennial Award.

In addition to the University, Townsend was involved in the American Baptist Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, the American Baptist Assembly, the Los Angeles Baptist City Mission Society, the American Baptist Theological Society, and the Los Angeles Council of Churches. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from the University in 1970, as well as an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from American Baptist Seminary of the West in 1997. Townsend is survived by his wife, Carol Townsend, and their two daughters, Alecia Townsend Kintner ’94 (MBA) and Marcet Townsend Spahr.
Students write Feast of Lights ‘masterwork’

The University of Redlands, as well as the surrounding community, has looked forward to the Feast of Lights each holiday season since it was conceived in 1947. It is as renowned for its artistry—the music, the costumes, the tableaux, the candlelight—as it is beloved for the hopeful, joyous spirit it brings forth. This year, there is more to look forward to, as the composers of the featured Feast of Lights “masterwork” are U of R music composition majors Jamison Stevens ’22 and Timothy Cunningham ’22.

A handful of students have written music for the Feast of Lights, but Stevens and Cunningham, who are also members of Chapel Singers, are the first in 72 years to have composed the musical centerpiece the Feast of Lights.

The composition, entitled Hymns of the Nativity, was written when the two were first-year students. It is made up of two movements written separately by the composers but working together as one cohesive piece. It takes its text from two Greek Orthodox Nativity hymns, the Aplolytikon and the Kontokion, and is sung in the original Greek.

Stevens and Cunningham say hearing it live was “unreal,” adding they could not have created the work without the help and support of Director of Choral Studies Nicholle Andrews and Composition Professor Anthony Suter. Stevens adds, “The Feast of Lights is such an important event for the school and for the community; to give two first-years who just finished their first semester of college permission to write the centerpiece is kind of crazy. … We did this on a sheer whim for fun, and it took up months of our lives, but we would do it again in a heartbeat.”

—Lilledeshan Bose

Fri., Dec. 6
Moveable Feast
5 p.m., Casa Loma Room
As a prelude to the Feast of Lights, Town & Gown will host its annual Moveable Feast. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres followed by a delectable sit-down dinner. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Fri., Dec. 6–Sun., Dec. 8
72nd Anniversary of the Feast of Lights
Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 4 p.m., Memorial Chapel
Bring in the holiday season with the 72nd anniversary of the Feast of Lights—a service of worship celebrating the story of the birth of Christ and the symbolic message of the star of Bethlehem as it led the Wise Men to the stable. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 909-748-8116. The Ticket Office is open Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Sat., Dec. 7
The Children’s Feast
10 a.m., Memorial Chapel
The Children’s Feast is a new program from the School of Music that adapts the Feast of Lights celebration for families with young children. The hourlong presentation will include the story of the birth of Christ, the procession of the Magi, biblical readings, and Christmas carols, as performed by the University of Redlands choir, orchestra, and instrumental ensembles, as well as the University of Redlands Youth Choir and Training Chorus. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Sat., Dec. 7
A Celebration of JOY for the World
7 p.m., Stewart Chapel, Marin campus
The University of Redlands Bel Canto and Chapel Singers will perform on the Marin campus as part of a series of appearances in the Bay Area from Feb. 22-26. Also on Feb. 23, the Marin campus will host a regional audition day for incoming students from 1 to 3 p.m. and an alumni reception at 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Fri., Feb. 28–Sat., Feb. 29, 2020
Charlotte S. Huck Children’s Literature Festival Adult Conference
Orton Center
The 24th annual festival will bring together educators, librarians, students, illustrators, authors, parents, and those interested in children’s literature. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/charlotteshuckfestival.

Sun., March 8, 2020
President’s Honor Recital
4 p.m., Memorial Chapel
Since 1983, the President’s Honor Recital has provided a public showcase for outstanding student performers selected through audition. This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Sun., March 15, 2020
Segerstrom Series: A Bronx Tale
11:30 a.m., Water Grill and Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa
To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Sat., March 28, 2020
Bulldogs in Service
Various locations
Interested in hosting a service project? For more information, contact SFTS at 415-451-2800 or visit www.redlands.edu/events/joy.

Fri., Feb. 14–Sun., Feb. 16, 2020
The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds
7 p.m., Frederick Lowe Theatre
Sophia Morrison ’20 directs this play, which won the 1971 Pulitzer Prize and New York Drama Critics Circle Award. A dysfunctional family inadvertently finds healing with the power of science. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Ticket Office, which is open Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 909-748-8116. For more information, contact Theater Arts, 909-748-8728.

Sun., April 19, 2020
Segerstrom Series: Chicago
11:30 a.m., Water Grill and Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa
To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Thurs. – Sat., April 16–18, 2020
School of Education Commencement
Thurs., April 16, Alumni Greek Theatre
College of Arts and Sciences Commencement
Fri., April 17, Alumni Greek Theatre
Johnston Commencement
Sat., April 18, Bekins Lawn
School of Business Commencement
Sat., April 18, Alumni Greek Theatre

Fri., May 15 – Sun., May 17, 2020
Alumni Reunion Weekend
Save the date! Don’t miss the opportunity to reconnect with classmates and make new memories. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit www.redlands.edu/alumni.

Sat., May 23, 2020
San Francisco Theological Seminary Commencement
10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo

For a current list of University events, visit www.redlands.edu/news-events.
Ron Gentry ’64 recalls distinctly the moment that put him on his lifelong career path in chemistry. During his junior year at the University of Redlands, he was sitting in a car alongside his research advisor, Professor Julian (Jay) Roberts, returning to campus from an American Chemical Society meeting in Los Angeles.

“He mentioned this new field of chemistry [molecular beams], and I was absolutely captivated,” Ron says.

Following this introduction to the field, Ron chose to complete his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, based on its emerging research in this area. He went on to conduct postdoctoral work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, funded by a National Science Foundation fellowship, which he obtained with Jay’s recommendation. This launched Ron’s career. He served for 35 years on the chemistry faculty of the University of Minnesota and completed groundbreaking research on topics including molecular energy transfer, state-to-state reaction dynamics, laser chemistry, and spectroscopy.

“For three years, Jay was the most important person in my life,” says Ron. “He was my mentor, but he was also like an older brother.”

Ron also met his future wife, Sharron, at the U of R, where she worked in the chemistry stockroom. They were married the day after his U of R graduation, and Jay stood as their best man. The following summer, the Gentrys attended Jay’s wedding to Jane Keeney (Jane Keeney Roberts), whom he met when she joined the University as a member of the French faculty.

While Jay was generally described as reserved and observant, Jane recalls an instance early in their marriage where she clearly witnessed his passion for teaching.

“I was walking in Hornby Hall because I wanted to tell him something, and, lo and behold, through the door I spotted him in action, teaching a class,” she says. “I was floored. His demeanor was so different, so dynamic. He obviously wanted to get his students to understand and love chemistry the way he did.”

She also recalls her husband—whom she describes as having “a voracious mind and a kind heart”—assisting students after hours and rewriting instructions for the department’s instrumentation to make them simpler and workable for both faculty and students. “He was totally conscientious about his teaching,” she says. They also frequently hosted backyard picnics for students at their home. The couple was resident faculty for the Salzburg Semester program in the spring of 1989, and Jay retired in 1998 after a 38-year tenure.

On March 15, Jay died peacefully using the California End of Life Option Act after being diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor.

After his passing, Ron made a commitment to establish the Julian Roberts Memorial Endowed Scholarship. He is providing a dollar-for-dollar matching opportunity for those who contribute toward the $100,000 goal.

“Jay was such an important factor in my life,” Ron says. “He put me on the path I followed my whole career, and I thought something significant needed to be done in his memory.”

To make a gift to the Roberts Memorial Endowed Scholarship, please visit www.redlands.edu/givenow or mail your contribution to University of Redlands Office of Development, P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92374. For more information on how you can establish a scholarship in a special person’s honor, please contact Gabrielle Singh, senior philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-8349 or gabrielle_singh@redlands.edu.

Voracious mind, kind heart

by Laura Gallardo ’03

The Roberts Memorial Endowed Scholarship honors U of R Chemistry Professor Julian (Jay) Roberts, who had a passion for teaching and mentorship. Contributions to the fund can be made at www.redlands.edu/givenow.
A traditional Oaxacan tapete, or sand mural, results from a day of collaboration led by Seattle-based artist Fulgenio Lázo. Here, Fabiola Ramirez ’21, who participated in the tapete build as well as creating one of the papel picado banners in the window, looks at the finished piece in Ann Peppers Hall.