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Letters to the editor
Thank you for sending me the Och Tamale with pictures and articles about my friends, including Evelyn Reif (summer 2017, page 52). She is in a memory writing class here at Plymouth Village. I’m glad I gave nearly everything I own to the University of Redlands to support students who would not otherwise be able to go to the U of R.

Josephine “Jo” Tyler

Thank you for including mention of the publication, Uncover the Secrets of Charity Fundraising Events, by Larry Zucker ’81 in the Alumni News section of the summer 2017 Och Tamale [page 45]. Having been a nonprofit board member of various organizations for many years, I am pleased to recommend this informative book as a timely read with specific categories concisely presented, easily accessed, and a takeaway that enables excellence for the art of nonprofit fundraising!

Georgelyn “Georgia” Thatcher Sultan ’56

Wish we, the U of R, would look at the positive aspects of the Electoral College, which does a wonderful job of regulating smaller populations and larger geographic states within the whole United States (Och Tamale, summer 2017, page 15). It is what the genius of the Founders gave us. Keep it.

Robert M. Kurtz Jr. ’56

Thanks for the blurb in the summer 2017 Och Tamale about the Hall of Browsing Room [page 4]. The gorgeous new stained glass windows call for a campus tour next time we’re in Southern California. For me, they call back a host of memories. I always loved the Browsing Room for its aura of a former time. Huge, thick wood table, walls lined with books, small-pane glass windows, and dim light. As a student janitor, I would go into this room if that just to empty the trash. As part of the summer maintenance crew in ’67 and ’68, I washed every window in the building, and that’s a lot! I like to tell folks it’s the best job I ever had. I remember watching out the windows for my future wife, Cathy West ’69.

Thanks for the memories.

Cecil G. “Rusty” Weaver ’68

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VISIT THE NEW BULLDOG BLOG
Get your Redlands fix fast

The official blog of the University of Redlands—Bulldog Blog—launched in August packed with engaging stories, photos, and videos reflecting the vibrant people, events, and scholarship of the University community. Check out the latest stories and subscribe to the weekly blog digest to be delivered to your inbox at www.redlands.edu/bulldogblog.

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Your Redlands

A story I haveaving comonac address is one of the recent entering class of the College of Arts and Sciences. I was struck by the lasting importance of the phrase we share at the University of Redlands. In front of me were more than 600 new first-year and transfer students, who were very different but very much the same. I could see the coherence of their spirits, emotions, and physical well-being. They chose a student-centered, caring place known for its welcoming nature, where they can find their best selves. They chose a university that ventures to do many things so well—challenge students to test themselves and support them along the journey; celebrate personal and intellectual diversity; and foster exploration through not only coursework, but also student government, study abroad, community service, athletics, clubs, fraternities and sororities, outdoor programs, hands-on research opportunities, and so much more.

But perhaps you’re heard all this before and have become numb to it? Yet, more than anything else, the commitment to this personalized experience infuses every facet of the University, through undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, across a breadth of disciplines from business to education to the arts and humanities, and within all seven of our Southern California campuses.

We seek to preserve and enhance these key aspects of Redlands at this pivotal moment in the University’s history, as we enter the public phase of our comprehensive fundraising campaign that we have named Forever Yours. This campaign speaks to our hearts and to our heads alike to ensure that what we love about the University today will be here for all time.

Raising funds for scholarships to augment the access and affordability of a Redlands education is a significant campaign priority; as are initiatives to ensure personalized education, experiential learning outside the classroom, a more global perspective through initiatives at home and abroad, and continued innovation in our programs.

As many of the stories in this issue of Our Town show, the University has set the bar high for providing financial, academic, and social support that enables students to follow their dreams. First-generation students are supported not only through scholarships, but also through targeted orientation and mentorship programs. More than 50 percent of undergraduates in the College receive institutional grants. And between 85 and 50 percent of U of R’s graduating College students complete their degrees in four years. This is an enormous amplification of value, because data (see page 17) show that those students who take six years to attain their bachelor’s end up paying 40 percent more than those who can it in four.

The merit of a Redlands education was brought home to me once again recently, when I stood side-by-side with Redlands students presenting posters on the research they conducted with their professors in the lab and in the field this year (see page 16 for more on these activities). They spoke with enthusiasm and knowledge about their findings. I related roles with them and saw the differences among their summer research on autoimmune diseases. In the process, we savored one another’s enthusiasm for the research endeavor.

The student’s energy reminded me of the enthusiasm I had during an undergraduate summer internship with the American Heart Association. They distilled x-rays, drew blood, performed surgery, and observed interactive rounds in a medical and research environment. From that point on, I knew I wanted to be both a physician and researcher, and I channeled my pivotal energy and planning accordingly. That pivotal moment was made possible by my own scholarship donors, a series of caring mentors who challenged and inspired me, and an experiential learning opportunity that brought me into a world I had never seen before.

And that is what the Redlands experience is all about—connecting students to a world of opportunity, where they can develop their passions and potential.

This is your Redlands . . . as it is my Redlands and the Redlands that belongs to all students and friends of the University who have come before and who will come after. I hope you will join Nancy and me in supporting the University to preserve all that we love about it and want to propel into the future for generations to come.

Forever yours,

Ralph W. Kuncl, PhD MD
President University of Redlands

ON CAMPUS

Trustees news

New and returning members have been appointed to the 2017-18 University of Redlands Board of Trustees.

Normaçan Hindemis ’85 is a marketing and family therapist in Palo Alto and specializes in overcoming trauma, grief, and understanding issues of family history. Author of Secrets of a Woman’s Life, Hindemis is a conference and retreat speaker, and created courses for parenting and women. In addition to an active church life, she participates in Bulldogs in Service and has been on boards of parent-teacher associations and a counseling agency for teens and their families focusing on drug and alcohol addiction. After graduating from Redlands, Hindemis earned a master’s in teaching English from Stanford University and later changed careers with a master’s in psychology from University of Santa Clara.

Brian D. Murphy ’04 was elected to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees following the completion of his two-year term as the presidential representative of the Alumni Association.

Ronald C. Troupe ’84, the recipient of the University’s 1979 Distinguished Service Award and 2006 Centennial Award, initially joined the Board in 2007, and he returns this year. After graduating from the U of R, Troupe enjoyed a lengthy career in the computer industry. A longtime chair of the President’s Circle Leadership Committee, he previously served on the U of R Alumni Board of Directors, and held the position of class gift chair since several terms. He and his wife, Shella, live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

The Board also conferred Life Trustee status on Terry Napier ’57 and Ann S. Lucas.

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Plans progress for University Village and rail station

University of Redlands has begun planning and collecting community input for a new gateway to the Redlands campus.

Plans for the new University Village involve nearly 25 acres of University-owned land on the south side of campus behind Ann Peppers Hall. The village will also host a transit center—the future Arrow Line’s terminus station—for the Redlands Passenger Rail Project, expected to begin service by 2021.

“The vision of this University Village is that of a contemporary, vibrant place to live, dine, shop, work, and play,” said President Ralph Kuncl in a letter accompanying a questionnaire to neighbors in the city. “This includes thoughtful development of sustainable, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use, civic, and commercial spaces that simultaneously enhance the economic vitality of the region and highlight the unique features of our community.”

A series of workshops in September enabled area residents and members of the University community to provide feedback on early University Village conceptual designs and share ideas with designers and engineers. The University is working in partnership with the City of Redlands and the San Bernardino County Transit Authority on the project, which is an important element in the University’s strategic plan, North Star 2020.

Graduate students counsel teens on college readiness

As part of a new alliance between the University of Redlands South Coast Metro Campus and the Achievement Institute of Scientific Studies, U of R students pursuing a master’s degree in school counseling worked closely over the summer with 27 low-income high school students attending the institute’s college-prep program focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math).

Alexander Arebalo, one of the seven graduate interns from the U of R working in the program, notes the learning experience is twofold for both himself and the high school students. “The most rewarding aspect of working with the students is seeing their drive and hard work day in and day out,” he says, “while helping them pursue their passions and keeping them on track toward lifelong success.”

‘Better Together’ advances K–12 education

The U of R School of Education and the Comienza Unified School District co-hosted a session of the ‘Better Together: Now more than Ever’ statewide California Teachers Summit on July 28, at the Lee Pollard High School in Corona. Proceedings included a videocast keynote address by educator and former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden, TED-style talks featuring local teachers, and breakout sessions on topics from addressing bullying to encouraging critical thinking.

U of R celebrates new San Diego campus

Expanded facility currently serves 215 business students

A large crowd made up of U of R faculty and administrators, local leaders, and a spirited group of alumni and students gathered to celebrate the Sept. 25 grand opening of the new U of R San Diego campus. Building on 32 years of service to the region, the expanded facility—located in the heart of Mission Valley on the ninth floor of 2020 Camino Del Rio North—serves working professionals, veterans, and active military members pursuing graduate or undergraduate degrees in business.
Weekend event helps Redlands Unified students explore college

M ore than 150 high school juniors from Redlands Unified School District stayed on campus for a weekend in July to better understand what college could offer. The RU Ready conference was a first-of-a-kind event and part of the University’s wide-reaching Pathways program, created by recent memoranda of understanding between U of R and local school districts, facilitating and guaranteeing admissions and a $10,000 scholarship for qualified local students. The first group of Pathways students began their studies at Redlands this fall.

Over the course of the Friday-through-Sunday event, high-schoolers participated in different kinds of activities. One workshop helped the students grapple with big-picture questions about what they wanted in a college experience, and others focused on practical topics, such as how to apply for financial aid. Another session focused on science activities, providing a taste of the kind of lab work open to students at a college level.

Attendance was free for the participants, thanks to a $500,000 College Ready Grant to the Redlands Unified School District.

School of Continuing Studies holds inaugural graduation ceremony

T wenty-two students were honored in August during the first-ever certificate graduation ceremony marking the completion of one of the School of Continuing Studies’ eight professional certificate programs, ranging from accounting to project management.

“These students work hard to take undergraduate courses while usually working full-time, and we wanted to do something to honor their achievement,” says Bridgett Glaudemans, enrollment coordinator for the School of Continuing Studies.

During the ceremony in the Hall of Letters Rose Garden, student Eileen Samaylo spoke to the more than 100 people in attendance about how she has already benefited from earning her certificate. After being laid off from an aerospace company, Samaylo decided to enroll in her certificate. After being laid off from an aerospace company, Samaylo decided to enroll in the project management certificate program.

“After finishing the course, I had multiple job interviews, during which the interviewers would ask if there was anything else I’d like to tell about myself,” says Samaylo. “Each interviewer was impressed by my certificate, and earning it ultimately led to three job offers at three different companies.”

Another student, who earned her certificate in accounting, explained that it had “helped me get a new job at a bank.”

Faculty and administrators from U of R and Tuskegee University forge historic partnership

I n a first-of-its-kind agreement for both institutions, the University of Redlands and Tuskegee University, a private, historically black university in Alabama, have partnered to provide expanded opportunities for students and faculty, including residence at the partner institution for up to one year.

“Our historic new alliance with Tuskegee University will bring us impressive new opportunities,” says U of R President Ralph Kuncl. “The two institutions will enrich and strengthen each other’s scholarship and teaching, as we look forward to exploring an array of potential joint programs together.”

Brooke T. Washington, who founded Tuskegee University in 1881, was keen on educating the entire student—the hands and the heart, as well as the mind,” says Charlotte M. Stovall, Tuskegee’s interim president. “Partnerships like this with the University of Redlands help to ensure we provide our students, and our faculty, with well-rounded academic and professional experiences.”

The initiative grew out of discussions at the U of R, particularly at both the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies and the Sociology and Anthropology Department, about augmenting domestic off-campus opportunities for students.

In early February, a five-person delegation from Redlands visited Tuskegee. In late-September, a group from Tuskegee reciprocated with a trip to Redlands. The agreement was signed during the latter trip.

“We were impressed by Tuskegee’s talented students and faculty,” says Kendrick Brown, dean of U of R’s College of Arts and Sciences. “We also appreciated the student-centered programming and the institution’s commitment to first-generation students—attributes that mirror our own. This multifaceted partnership is an incredible opportunity for us to connect with a historically rich, vibrant university and its surrounding community.”

GIS grads celebrate 30th class with a Cablevision excursion in August. The nine-month, accelerated program includes eight months of coursework and a 400-hour internship, and focuses on theory, analysis, technology and practical application.
Big Brother Hamlet goes to Scotland

A classic Shakespeare story meets modern satellite surveillance technology in Big Brother Hamlet. Thanks to the support of alumni and friends, University of Redlands students and faculty followed the production on campus with a trip to Scotland in August to perform in the 2017 Edinburgh Festival Fringe—the largest arts festival in the world.

Art faculty work draws attention

The University’s own Raúl Acero, Tommi Cahil, Munro Galloway, Qwist Joseph, Penny McElroy, and Jeff Wilson contributed their work to a multimedia display of paintings, photographs, sculptures, and other pieces that put U of R faculty talent on display in the annual Art Faculty Show in the University Gallery.

Eric Liu: ‘You are more powerful than you think’

University Distinguished Fellow Eric Liu, former White House speechwriter and founder of Citizen University, talked at a Redlands Forum in September about what it means to exercise power. Liu also spent several days on the U of R campus participating in first-year seminar classes and meeting faculty and students in the School of Education.

800 trombonists assemble for International Trombone Festival

For the first time on the West Coast, more than 800 trombonists from across the globe gathered for the 46th Annual International Trombone Festival on the Redlands campus from June 28 to July 1. Andrew Glandenning, dean of the School of Music, served as host and artistic director over four days of performances, clinics, lectures, research presentations, and master’s classes.

Shaun King talks civil rights

Race, police brutality, and online activism were just a few of the topics addressed by American writer and advocate Shaun King, known for his role in the Black Lives Matter movement. The September lecture was sponsored by the Associated Students of the University of Redlands (ASUR).

Jenny Brown addresses ‘uncomfortable truths’ about eating animals

Animal rights advocate Jenny Brown shed light on treatment of farm animals in her Sept. 26 talk, "Eating Animals: The Uncomfortable Truths," part of the Human-Animal Studies program lecture series. Brown is a co-founder of Woodstock Farm Sanctuary in New York—one of the country’s most recognized and respected sanctuaries for farmed animals.

Susan Burton speaks to realities faced by incarcerated women

Author, activist, founder, and executive director of the nonprofit group A New Way of Life, Susan Burton inspired many with her story of transformation and compassion for others in her Sept. 19 talk based on her book, Becoming Ms. Burton: From Prison Recovery to Leading the Fight for Incarcerated Women. The lecture was co-sponsored by seven groups across campus.

U of R choirs perform with rock icons in Pete Townshend’s Quadrophenia

U of R’s Bel Canto and Chapel Singers joined rock legends Pete Townshend and Billy Idol and classically trained tenor Alfie Boe at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles for an orchestral adaptation of The Who’s greatest hits, Pete Townshend’s Classic Quadrophenia.
On Oct. 28, the University of Redlands celebrated a key moment in its history—the public launch of a $200 million comprehensive fundraising campaign, Forever Yours.

“The campaign’s theme, Forever Yours, feels so right to me, because for many of us, we truly believe this place is ours, and its impact on us is forever,” says Campaign Chair Alice Mozley ’70. “I challenge our alumni, parents, and friends to reflect on what makes this University a lasting part in your stories—whether it’s an academic department, an athletics team, or something else special to you—and do whatever you can to ensure these elements of our University last for all time.”

According to Mozley, the University has raised a record $130 million to date—the largest amount associated with a campaign for the U of R—toward the $200 million goal.

Funds raised by the campaign will support five priorities:

- **Scholarship Promise ($100 million)**, to provide the gift of a Redlands education to deserving students and help them reach their full potential
- **Personalized Education ($40 million)**, to preserve the transformative impact of faculty focused on teaching
- **Experiential Learning ($40 million)**, to support a continued tradition of competitive athletics, academic and leadership opportunities, and community service learning
- **Global Perspectives ($10 million)**, to expand life-changing study abroad opportunities for those who want to learn in today’s global classroom
- **Educational Innovation ($10 million)**, to adapt and build out curricula and facilities that enhance groundbreaking programs across a wide range of disciplines

The campaign launch was celebrated during Homecoming and Parents’ Weekend with an unforgettable musical tribute created by Marilyn Magness Carroll ’75 and Steve Carroll ’74, the same creative team that brought Och Tamale: The Musical and A Spoonful of Sherman to the University community.

Featuring an all-star cast of students, faculty, and alumni, the spectacular included singing, dancing, and heartfelt speakers sharing their Redlands stories.

“Steve and I hold this special place dear in our hearts, and we were honored to be part of commemorating this milestone,” says Marilyn. “We wanted to bring to life all that we love about the University and show how supporting the campaign will make the Redlands experience possible for years to come.”

Campaign will raise $200 million from 20,000 donors
WORTH 1,000 WORDS

Featuring an all-star cast of students, faculty, and alumni, a musical tribute created by Marilyn Magness Carroll ’75 and Steve Carroll ’74 launches the public phase of the Forever Yours campaign to secure the Redlands experience for years to come.

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FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES

BULLDOGS BRING THEIR FUTURES INTO FOCUS WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS

by Andrew Faught and Mika Elizabeth Ono

Students who are the first in their families to attend college face heightened challenges. "There's a fear of the unknown," says Adriana Alvarado, a professor in the University of Redlands School of Education who herself was the first in her family to pursue higher education. "When you don't know someone who has been to college, you don't know what to expect."

Financial concerns also tend to loom large, says Alvarado, who praises U of R's efforts to raise money for endowed scholarships. "Redlands tends to provide pretty generous financial aid, and more scholarships would be fantastic—especially if students receive the message that the price tag on the website is not actually what's going to come out of their pockets."

Across the nation, first-generation college-bound students are confronted with daunting odds. According to the First Generation Foundation, 89 percent of those who manage to arrive on campus leave within six years without a degree. But at the University of Redlands, first-generation college-bound students tell a strikingly different story. Tapping an array of resources—from caring faculty to endowed scholarships, from targeted orientation to peer-to-peer mentorship—most of these Bulldogs not only graduate, but grow and thrive.

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WHEN Anna Duvall ’20 was growing up in rural Wofford Heights, Calif., college didn’t seem to figure into her life prospects. She was 10 when her father was killed in a car accident while driving to work, a crushing emotional and financial blow that left the family struggling to put food on the table.

Duvall, meanwhile, had no affinity for education. Her father dropped out of high school (later earning his GED), while her mother didn’t graduate on time. Neither went on to earn a college degree. “I dreaded school, I hated it,” Duvall says. “It was not for me.”

But her high school teachers saw promise in their reluctant charge. English teacher Randi Chappell ’06 even suggested to a skeptical Duvall that she consider applying to U of R. Instructors saw leadership potential. They saw an intellect that could make a difference in the world. Duvall was unmoved. But the seed was planted. “As the year went on, I looked more and more into it,” she says. “I got more interested. My teachers pushed me a lot. I was really scared that I wouldn’t be able to measure up academically, and that I would be too challenged.”

Chappell encouraged Duvall to visit campus. Her mother was unable to drive the nearly 200 miles to Redlands, so Chappell made sure it happened. “Mrs. Chappell and her husband drove me to the college,” Duvall says. “As soon as I stepped on campus, I knew I wanted to attend. It felt like home.”

Part of the experience is teaching students how to weather the inevitable challenges they’ll face. Duvall received her own scare during her freshman year, when a paperwork snafu resulted in her financial aid being canceled. It took three months to reinstate the financial assistance, with the help of U of R faculty and staff. “As first-generation students, we don’t have our parents sitting next to us saying, ‘OK, you’re going to check this box. This is what you need to pack for college, and this is what you need to expect,’” she says. “Instead, we have the administration and peers ready to tell us, ‘This is how it’s going to go down.’”

Duvall is circumspect about her past and her ongoing journey. “Nobody gets anywhere they’d like to be if they complain about it,” she says. “Yes, people have better lives than I do, but there are plenty of people who have worse lives. You have to work with what you’re given. Then, if you work hard enough, you’re going to become something greater than yourself.”

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RETURNING THE FAVOR

Anna Duvall ’20, recipient of the Richard and Bonnie Fisher Endowed Scholarship, is a mentor to other first-generation students at Redlands. High school English teacher Randi Chappell ’06 (left) encouraged Duvall (right) to consider applying to the U of R.
Summer program provides bridge to college for first-generation students

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A GROUP of entering University of Redlands students flashed big smiles and gave high-fives at the completion of the week-long Summer Bridge program, designed to provide first-generation college-bound and low-income students with additional orientation and targeted support.

“Summer Bridge provided me with the skills and tools necessary to succeed,” says Joaquin Schmidt ’21, who is a member of the third class of Hunsaker Scholars. “As if that was not enough, I managed to make lifelong friends during this week, because it was a time not only for academia, but also for relationship building. The faculty gifted us with their time and priceless knowledge and advice. Summer Bridge is a fantastic stepping stone.”

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The program, currently run by First-Generation Coordinator Demeturie Tongue, opens with individual meetings with financial aid counselors, where students and their parents have a chance to ask questions, review procedures, and address any missing paperwork.

Over the next five days, students live on campus and attend daytime sessions providing exposure to the campus’s facilities and resources, as well as an overview of proven academic strategies. Evening programming is led by current first-generation U of R students, trained in the University’s STEP (Students Together Empowering Peers) mentoring program, who share their experiences and direct exercises to engage students and build leadership skills.

Summer Bridge is part of a full cycle of programs at the University aimed at helping first-generation and low-income students develop the skills and tools necessary to succeed,” says Joaquin Schmidt ’21, who is a member of the third class of Hunsaker Scholars. “As if that was not enough, I managed to make lifelong friends during this week, because it was a time not only for academia, but also for relationship building. The faculty gifted us with their time and priceless knowledge and advice. Summer Bridge is a fantastic stepping stone.”

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Over the next five days, students live on campus and attend daytime sessions providing exposure to the campus’s facilities and resources, as well as an overview of proven academic strategies. Evening programming is led by current first-generation U of R students, trained in the University’s STEP (Students Together Empowering Peers) mentoring program, who share their experiences and direct exercises to engage students and build leadership skills.

Summer Bridge is part of a full cycle of programs at the University aimed at helping first-generation and low-income students:

- **First In Their Families**
- **Summer Bridge**
- **Community Bridge**
- **Learning Bridge**
- **First-Year Program**
- **Summer Bridge Workshops**

The completion of the week-long Summer Bridge and Community Bridge programs, designed to provide first-generation and low-income students with additional orientation and targeted support, ensures that 92% of students who take part in the programs return for their second year and 90% complete their bachelor’s degree in four years.

The University of Redlands has been recognized for its efforts in supporting first-generation students, and its success has been highlighted at national conferences due to the high level of success achieved by its first-generation students. The University has formalized its Redlands Promise, in which CAS students who are the first in their families to attend college are guaranteed the opportunity to graduate in four years.

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And he made it happen. McClellan, of Altadena, Calif., is now at the U of R—which he chose due to the physical beauty of its main campus and the warmth of its tight-knit community—where he plays middle linebacker.

He plans to use his business administration degree to open an inner-city insurance company to help provide coverage to low-income families. He’d ultimately like to earn a master’s degree at U of R, “and hopefully coach or teach here someday,” he says.

His aspirations are being aided by the Cummings Endowed Scholarship, created for U of R students “who make meaningful contributions to better human relationships and world understanding.”

When it comes to the cost of college, he also has an abiding commitment to his faith. “My mom and I always say that God finds a way to bless His children, and that’s just what we believe in,” he says. “We pray on it always, and we’ve always found a way. "Having the Cummings Scholarship is something that I see as a blessing, and I’m grateful for it and appreciative of it,” he adds. “I’m grateful that there are people in the world who believe in the dream that I’m trying to pursue.”

The assistance is critical in the face of another challenge: McClellan’s single-parent mother is battling stage 2 thyroid cancer. The illness caused her to drop her third job, curtailing the income she uses to support herself and her only child.

To help pay for college, McClellan is enrolled in work-study as an intern for Dudes Understanding Diversity and Ending Stereotypes (DUDIES), a program featured in the Los Angeles Times last year that encourages dialogue through workshops, speaker series, and social activities.

Giving to his community has always been part of McClellan’s character. He has volunteered with his church and at the convalescent home where his mother is a medical records director. Like Duvall, McClellan is an alumnus of the Summer Bridge program, and he mentors incoming first-generation students.

“Going through the program as a mentor was eye-opening for me because I got to see from a different perspective how these freshmen are tackling their personal struggles and how they’re adapting to college life as the first person in their family to go to college,” he says. “Just hearing their stories, and being able to be there to guide them, was a great experience for me.”

McClellan’s influence doesn’t stop there. He speaks “daily” to students at his former high school, La Salle High School in Pasadena (where he was a three-year varsity captain on the football team), and “I give them tools.” His efforts also play closer to home.

“One person I try to encourage is my little cousin,” McClellan says. “He’s 10 years old and just went into the sixth grade. He’s probably one of the best artists that I’ve seen. He has a tough life, but I’m going to convince him to go to college because he can be one of the biggest graphic designers or game designers around. I try my best to do what I can to help him out.”

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“My university experience definitely allowed me to grow and come into myself,” says Serena Straka ’01, who is now pursuing an Ed.D. at U of R School of Education. “It opened opportunities.”

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Rochford Program starts early in supporting high-need, low-income students on road to achievement

THANKS TO a generous leadership gift from Tim and Carol Rochford, a new program is making college more accessible for low-income middle school students with academic and leadership potential.

"Middle school is the ideal time to start preparing for college," says Andrew Wall, dean of the U of R School of Education, "especially if students need a little extra time to unleash their full potential. College readiness spans academic, social, and financial factors—and one of the strengths of the new Rochford Program is that it is multidimensional. We are so grateful to Tim and Carol for their visionary philanthropy that has made this possible." 

Jennifer King ’05, director of the Rochford Scholar College Access Program, says, "These students could benefit from additional help to make education beyond high school their reality. We are partnering with select students and their families to make the pursuit and attainment of a college degree an achievable goal." 

In conjunction with the Redlands Unified School District, the University of Redlands will provide Rochford Scholars with enhanced academic support, and college and career readiness experiences, including weekly tutoring, a Saturday Academy, and summer sessions.

The program’s support of the Rochford Scholars will extend from sixth grade to the completion of their first college degree. As part of the effort, Rochford Scholars who complete the program, and apply and are accepted to the University of Redlands will receive an annual $30,000 scholarship toward the cost of attendance. The initiative taps the talent and enthusiasm of U of R faculty and students, while providing meaningful learning experiences not only for the Rochford Scholars but also for their student mentors and advocates.

"As a faculty fellow, I will be teaching a series of classes to students at the University of Redlands that focus on college access and inequity, while emphasizing service learning," says Rochford Leadership Initiative Faculty Fellow Angela Clark-Taylor of U of R’s School of Education. "U of R students will learn about the tensions between K-12 and higher education and the importance of a university’s engagement with the local community to improve college access; they will then create an evidence-based curriculum on college access for local middle school students.

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PROFESSOR, SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

LOOKING BACK: “When I started teaching, I realized I loved being with students who were also first-generation college students and were those despite people who may not have believed in them and institutional structures that created barriers.”

LOOKING FORWARD: “Students should attend universities where administrators and faculty show an interest in them. First-generation students will know if they’re wanted on a college campus. I encourage them to trust their instincts.”

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EMBRACING TRADITIONS

While many of U of R’s traditions have stood the test of time, others have come and gone—or have been renamed. One such custom, “Hilltop Spirit,” thrives at the 1930s-era Lakeland Hotel, where everyone tries to out-cry and out-howl everyone else. The hilltop is where the “train” used to leave to Cucamonga Station. Three miles of train track were laid in 1880, but the train only ran for five years before it was abandoned. The hilltop is now where the track was laid. Students often gather here to hear their favorite bands and to cheer on the Bulldog football team. “Hilltop Spirit” is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation. Students still carry on the tradition of stripping down at the Administration Building to sprint to the Chapel. Why? Bragging rights, of course.

Here are some of the U of R traditions that continue to this day on U of R’s Redlands campus.

**Memorial Chapel**
Heart of Lights
The University’s first building, Memorial Chapel was completed in 1917. It is the oldest building still in use on campus. It is home to the University’s Casavant Opus 1230 organ. The organ is one of only two in the state of California. The Chapel is also the site of the University’s annual Commencement ceremony. In 1947, the Chapel was named in honor of the University’s first president, Jasper Newton Field. The Chapel is open to the public during normal business hours.

**Administration Building**
The Administration Building is the heart of the University. It houses the Office of the President, the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the Dean of Students. The building is also home to the University’s Board of Trustees and the Board of Visitors. The Administration Building was completed in 1928 and is a fine example of Spanish Revival architecture. The building’s façade is made of red sandstone and features a series of arches and a prominent clock tower.

**Orton Lawn**
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The Orton Lawn is a popular spot for students to study and socialize. The lawn is named after A.C. Orton, who donated the site to the University in 1906. The lawn is also the site of the University’s annual Fall Festival. The festival features food, music, and games, and is a popular event for students, faculty, and staff.

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**Alumni Greek Commencement**
Maroon and Grey
The University’s first fraternity, Pi Chi, was founded in 1901. Pi Chi is the oldest fraternity in the state of California. The fraternity was founded by a group of students who wanted to create a more formal organization than the existing fraternities. Pi Chi is still active today and continues to play an important role in the University’s Greek life.

**Faith Row**
Athletics Facilities
The Faith Row is a popular spot for students to hang out and socialize. The row is named after the University’s first president, Jasper Newton Field. The row is also the site of the University’s annual Fall Festival. The festival features food, music, and games, and is a popular event for students, faculty, and staff.

**Johnston Complex**
The Johnston Complex is the University’s newest residence hall. The complex was completed in 2016 and is home to over 700 students. The Johnston Complex features a variety of amenities, including a fitness center, a lounge area, and a kitchenette.

**Bull Dog Bone**
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**Southern California**
Regional Campus
The University’s Southern California Regional Campus is located in the heart of the region. The campus is home to over 1,000 students and features a variety of amenities, including a fitness center, a lounge area, and a kitchenette.

**Austria**
Salzburg
The University’s Salzburg campus is located in the heart of Austria. The campus is home to over 1,000 students and features a variety of amenities, including a fitness center, a lounge area, and a kitchenette.

Thank you to the alumni who submitted their favorite traditions!
The baseball team powered its way to an overall record of 27-16 and a 16-8 mark in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) to tie for second and advance all the way to the championship game of the SCIAC Postseason Tournament. Among the many individual awards, Felix Minjarez ’18 was named the SCIAC’s Pitcher of the Year and became a two-time All-American for the Bulldogs.

As new talent rose to the occasion, the men’s golf team fired off a solid campaign that included a winning performance at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) Spring Invite, a final national ranking of 24th, and a second-place result at the SCIAC Championships. Individually, the Bulldogs gained two SCIAC nods.

With only five competing members, the women’s golf team finished second at the always-challenging SCIAC Championships. Furthermore, this season saw many individual achievements, including a three-peat by Caroline Ordian ’18 as the SCIAC Athlete of the Year and third consecutive top-10 finish at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championships.

Amid record-breaking performances, the women’s lacrosse team advanced to the inaugural SCIAC Postseason Tournament en route to a 9-8 overall record and a 4-6 mark in conference. The Bulldogs hauled in six All-SCIAC awards and four Intercollegiate Women’s Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) All-Region nods.

Equipped with a solid national ranking throughout the year, the men’s tennis team registered a 16-7 overall record and an 8-2 mark in conference for second place. Furthermore, Redlands registered Head Coach Geoff Roche’s 300th men’s tennis win and sent three Bulldogs to the NCAA Individual Championships. The Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-America nod to Chase Lipscomb ’19 highlighted the team’s postseason success.

Highlighting the women’s tennis team’s success, Elizabeth Johnson ’19 and Sarah Ikioka ’20 shined during their inaugural appearance at the NCAA Individual Championships with a semifinal appearance in doubles for All-America honors. As a team, the Bulldogs clawed their way to a 10-11 overall record and a solid 7-3 mark in SCIAC for third place.

Amid multiple single-season and career achievements, the softball team battled through a campaign of change as it embraced a new philosophy under first-year Head Coach Liz Slupinski. With heart and determination, the Bulldogs finished the 2017 season with a 14-26 overall mark and a 10-18 record in the SCIAC that resulted in three All-SCIAC honorees.

With 27 All-Region selections, 11 national qualifiers, and one national championship, the track and field program enjoyed an unforgettable season. The Bulldog women finished second, while the men took fifth in the standings. However, the year was sprinkled with endless highlights that extended well beyond the conference into a national presence, as the individual NCAA title by Alison Smith ’17 in the 100 hurdles served as an incredible pinnacle to a fine season.

A roster filled with young talent, the Bulldog women’s water polo team showed resiliency and focus while re-entering the double-digit win column for the first time in three seasons. During the 2017 campaign, Redlands registered a 10-23 overall mark en route to a 5-7 record in conference.

GoRedlands.com for news, schedules, and real-time statistics
How did science students at Redlands spend their summer? Spencer Tibbitts went swimming—in 45-degree water to collect samples. Hannah Bockenfeld went on a hike—through a field of bees and wasps. These students, and 24 of their peers, spent 10 weeks of their summer immersed in exploration and inquiry through the Student Science Research Program.

"THE PROGRAM IS A DONOR-FUNDED OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON A RESEARCH PROJECT WHILE WORKING ALONGSIDE A PROFESSOR," SAYS ERIC HILL, PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AND CO-COORDINATOR OF THE PROGRAM.

INQUIRY AND EXPLORATION SUMMER SCIENCE CULTIVATES

In 2016, the Redlands Conservancy reseeded portions of the San Timoteo Nature Sanctuary with native plant species in an effort to aid pollinators, such as bees and wasp. This created the perfect outdoor laboratory for Johnston Center for Integrative Studies student Hannah Bockenfeld '18 and Biology Professor Dustin VanOverbeke. The team has been monitoring pollinators in the reseeded and invaded (non-reseeded) areas to assess the success of the Conservancy’s effort. "Wild and captive bee populations are in decline," Bockenfeld says. "Our research will hopefully be of use in this broader conversation of how best to protect pollinator diversity and abundance."

The students conducted research in biology, biochemistry, chemistry, computer science, and physics. The students’ final research was presented to the campus community at an annual poster symposium in October.

Hanna Bockenfeld ’18 and Biology Professor Dustin VanOverbeke, below, are assessing the effort to aid pollinators, such as bees and wasps, in the San Timoteo Nature Sanctuary.
Biology Professor James Blauth was tapped by the Redlands Conservancy to conduct baseline surveys, mapping, and monitoring of the recently established Hergnt Aki Preserve in Live Oak Canyon. Blauth and students Emily Waddell ’18, a Hunsaker Student Science Researcher, and Taylor Rano ’18, an Ifft Student Science Researcher, have documented the native plant communities and wildlife while investigating how recreational use of the land might impact ecosystems. Rano, who plans to continue the study in her senior capstone, says they have identified a concentration of mammals: “We suggested the Conservancy potentially close the existing ridge trail and not plan future trails in that habitat so as not disturb the lush native vegetation and wildlife populations.”

Chemistry Professor Rebecca Lyons was happy to have chemistry major and spatial studies minor Spencer Tibbitts ’18, a Taylor Student Science Researcher, join her ongoing study to determine the impact of chemical stressors on the diminishing eelgrass in the waters around the San Juan Islands. “We’re trying to determine if there is a correlation between pesticide usage and the eelgrass decline,” Tibbitts says. Eelgrass is a critical habitat for juvenile fish, providing the base for the fishing industry, which is a major income source in the Pacific Northwest—particularly for the islands. Lyons says each student contributes a unique perspective: “Spencer is proficient in mapping and spatial analysis; he has influenced how we interpret the data and the conclusions that we are drawing.”

Biochemistry majors Christina Hanson ’19 and Yuanming Song ’19 are seeking to lay the foundation for medical solutions. By studying peptides—molecules comprising amino acids—Hanson and Song aim to produce research that sheds light on addiction and/or mood disorders. “In pursuit of a compound capable of treating addiction, we hope to understand what makes a compound behave as it does pharmacologically,” says Hanson, a Matthias Student Science Researcher. The research builds upon the previous work of their chemistry professor, Michael Ferracane, focusing on the use of peptides as tools to investigate the pharmacology of opioids—substances that act on opioid receptors to produce morphine-like effects. “We could easily use similar molecules to investigate other diseases, and analogous peptides have been investigated as anticancer and antibacterial agents,” he says.

ENVIRONMENT IN THE BALANCE

ADVANCING UNDERSTANDING OF ADDICTION AND MOOD DISORDERS

MODELING MARKETS

A lifelong fascination with statistics coupled with his role as chief investment officer for the Redlands Student Investment Fund motivated math and computer science double major Torin Bakos ’19, a Hunsaker Student Science Researcher, to develop software to study trends in stock market behavior. Guided by Pani Chakrapani, professor of computer science, Bakos’s research has led to the creation of a software package with programs for data intake, formatting, and output, as well as associated mathematical models. “The research is to find methods for predicting the movement of securities and the markets they trade on, within a known error [rate],” Bakos says, “so those managing wealth have an easy-to-use, but computationally complex, quantitative platform to use when selecting securities for actively managed portfolios.”

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The first Native American appointed to the California State Board of Education, James C. Ramos ’09 pursues a career in service to his community

by Mika Elizabeth Ono

There are a lot of “firsts” in the story of James C. Ramos ’09. He is the first in his family to attend college, the first Native American to be elected to the Board of Supervisors for San Bernardino County (which he now chairs), and the first Native American appointed to the prestigious State Board of Education. Immediate past chair of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, he was also first in the tribe to chair the California State Native American Heritage Commission.

On the surface, little in his early life would have predicted this trajectory. Ramos grew up in a mobile home at the entrance of his reservation at a time when the area was one of the most poverty-striken in the country.

Yet his grandmother passed on important lessons. “At one point, we had horse stables [on the reservation],” Ramos says. “Grandmother Martha Manuel Chacon sold soda pop and snacks to people who came to ride. I saw how she made a profit, and I became interested in business.”

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Throughout his public service, Ramos’ priorities have included educating Californians about its First People, as well as encouraging young people to pursue their dreams, including higher education. Ramos is keenly aware he can be a role model for others. “I am proud of being the first to venture into public service outside of tribal government,” he says. “I hope to open those doors to younger members in the community, whether Native American or not.”

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A Bulldog family affair

by Laura Gallardo ‘03

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eorge Lord ‘55 family recalls introducing his son, Griffin ‘15, as his future college football coach. “He was only five, and Dick Maynard shook his little hand on the field.” From that point, on the University of Redlands, where Gregg had also competed in football, played an over-riding role in the Lord family story. Growing up, Griffin recalls that the coaches would let him stand on the sideline during games. “For a little kid, that was an absolute thrill,” he says. When Griffin arrived at Redlands as a student athlete, he deeply appreciated the Redlands student-athlete experience. “Football means a lot more when you are playing for something bigger like our brotherhood, and on the same team my dad played for.” Seeing their son in maroon and grey was a powerful experience for Gregg and his wife, Debbie. “In gave us goosebumps,” says Gregg. While Debbie did not attend the University, she nevertheless feels very connected to it as she grew up in the area and came to the campus both as a high school cheerleader and for her high school homecomings. More importantly, she met Gregg in U of R’s North Hall while visiting her parents. “This place has been a huge part of our lives,” she says. Years later, Gregg and Debbie’s youngest daughter, Mattie ‘17—who is named after Mattie’s older sister, Katie, also recalls attending Bulldog football games as a child, when “it was fun coming to tailgates and seeing everyone in maroon.” Later, while watching Griffin’s game one night, Katie took special note of No. 22. That evening, she met her brother’s teammate, Stephen “Jukes” Rogers. “It is where she is now engaged.” Beyond playing on the Ted Runner Stadium field and cheering from the stands, the Lords have demonstrated their support of Bulldog football through annual President’s Circle gifts to the program. “We feel like being part of a team that serves on the Athletics Campaign Committee.” This experience has everything to do with who I am today, and that’s true of my entire family. You don’t get that just anywhere.”

For information on how you can support Bulldog athletics like the Lord family has, please contact Brandon Mudler, philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-4350 or brandon.mudler@redlands.edu
Exploring borders
Beth Simmons ’79 examines the impact of stricter international border controls on human rights by Laurie McLaughlin

As a member of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Simmons has also drawn from her international law background to serve on a committee advising NASA on planetary protection policies. “These policies may prevent biocommunication of stars and maybe, someday, the icy moons of Jupiter during space exploration,” she says. Working with astrobiologists, engineers, and space mission specialists has been an interesting new twist in her varied career. As a University of Redlands student, Simmons majored in political science and philosophy. Redlands Political Science Professor Bob Morlan encouraged Simmons to pursue a Ph.D. rather than defaulting directly to law school. “And that is what I did,” she says. Simmons earned a doctoral degree in government from Harvard University and, for 10 years, served as Harvard’s Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs.

Her early years at Redlands inspired a career in academia: “A smaller liberal arts college helped me see the possibilities for a career in university teaching and research,” she says. “This is probably because I got to know professors are real people with wonderful careers that involve freedom, wonder, and a human touch.”
of Elwood's counsels. After thinking the trip was not feasible, Donna said she decided if dreams don’t have to be realized, then she described the experience as incredible, and they hope to do it again.

Gordon Finlay '59 reports that he is not “lost” as he is living in New York City. He retired from his law firm in Palo Alto, Calif., in 1988. After extensive travels, in 1990 moved to Costa Rica, where he started several businesses. He had a second home and business in Mendota, Argentina, until this year and is still enjoying Costa Rica.

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Chuck Wilkinson ’64 relocated from Lake of the Ozarks Missouri to Sheridan, Wyo., and his wife, Ann, took a river cruise on the Seine River from Paris to Normandy. They went to Portland in the spring and France in the fall. They will have a wonderful time there. They are staying at the Hotel de France and will display at the annual fair at Fiskal Island from July 14 through Sept. 25. This half-century anniversary of the artist uses a knapsack that is now a fully operating Newport Beach Jet. John Wayne Airport Art Center has scheduled an exhibition that will feature the artist's works until March 2018.

Maggie Boren Bell ’62 and husband, Ray, cruised in the Mexican Riviera in August. Maggie continues creating quilts and pillowcases for charity foundations.

Tim Gliser ’62 and Judy Smith Gliser ’62 enjoyed the August World Championships in track and field in London. In the U.S., they traveled to Stalos, Ore., to see the space and wonder of the Olympic Games, and驴christmas in Spain and visit an old town in Germany.

Tawnie Parizek Horine ’64 is pleased her grandson, Drew Parizek ’21, chose hands from all the colleges to which he was accepted.

Rev. Mike G. Johnson ’65 and family traveled to Fiji and the Great Barrier Reef, a crocodile farm, on a trip to Normandy and the WWI and WWII battle sites.

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Carolyn and Gretchen and Jon Erb '70, Steve and Shelia Rowe Moses '69. The boys, Dan Daniel '74, and were joined by Jeffrey Rickard '69 at a bike ride and even a lawn-bowling lesson and match. It all culminated in a party on Friday night. Numerous U of R friends attended throughout the week, including Brian Cole '70 and Bob Erteld '69, Brian Cole '70 and Joan McMurry '70, Cathy Gage Carls '70, Heather Hunt Dugdale '87, Gretchen and Jon Ehr '70. Steve and Leslie Miller '72, Greg Graham '69, Gary Gray '70 and Joan Griebstein '71; Robert and Sue Schilsky Johnson '70, Carolyn and Bill Lowman '70. Sheila Rowe Moses '73, and Denny Moses '70. Terry Dittmar Almy '76.

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Laura Schneider '68 has published a full-color piano book, Carol for a Family Christmas, featuring favorite traditional Christmas carol arrangements in four different skill levels.

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John Dunlap '81 visits the Capitol.
We would love to know the identities of these equestrian riders through the decade during Homecoming 1966. Can you provide any insights?

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Weinfurt-Bennett '95 will be going back into the classroom to teach full-time in the fall. Her son, Shane, attends college locally, and her other son, Cody, is in boot camp beginning his career in the military.

Kim Brady Nagasaki '85 and her husband moved to the beautiful bluegrass state of Kentucky. They live in Lexington, where she works for a small, private, liberal arts university. When they aren't working or traveling, they love to host cocktail parties on their front porch or spend time playing with their incredibly handsome rescue pup, Rufus. They will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this summer.

Monique Nasser Gannon '96 is an adjunct professor of voice at Birmingham Southern College. In January 2018, she will perform her first interdisciplinary show, “The Art of Music,” for the Central Alabama Theatre. Her show will correlate her original acrylic and mixed media paintings with a selection of jazz and popular songs.

Heath Gregory '96 co-founded the Tour de Paris tennis tournament, which has raised more than $14 million in five years. The event helps support brain cancer research through the Elidia Foundation, which he started with his wife, Angela.

Haynes '96 is the general manager of the Orange County Branch of TFI Inc., a division of Berkshire Hathaway: Billy’s son is a freshman in high school and runs cross country; his daughter is in seventh grade and plays volleyball. Over the last two years, Billy’s daughter’s team has been on a list of her brain tumor journey. Please keep Billy, Jen, and their kids in your thoughts and prayers.

Heidi Chin '95 is enjoying living in New York.

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Mike Calvano '95 will celebrate 20 years of marriage this December. They have three sons: Cary III, a high school senior; Giam-Benjamin, a high school freshman; and Gari, a kindergartner. Combined, they have 35 years of teaching between them. Dudley celebrated her 20th year as a high school English teacher and her second year as English language coordinator for Buchanan High School in Clovis, Calif. Gary attended the 25th Range Va'Ala (RVA) anniversary in April with classmate Liz Nottola '95.

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Kia Brady Nagasaki '85 and her husband moved to the beautiful bluegrass state of Kentucky. They live in Lexington, where she works for a small, private, liberal arts university. When they aren’t working or traveling, they love to host cocktail parties on their front porch or spend time playing with their incredibly handsome rescue pup, Rufus. They will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary this summer.

Monique Nasser Gannon '96 is an adjunct professor of voice at Birmingham Southern College. In January 2018, she will perform her first interdisciplinary show, “The Art of Music,” for the Central Alabama Theatre. Her show will correlate her original acrylic and mixed media paintings with a selection of jazz and popular songs.

Heath Gregory '96 co-founded the Tour de Paris tennis tournament, which has raised more than $14 million in five years. The event helps support brain cancer research through the Elidia Foundation, which he started with his wife, Angela.

Haynes '96 is the general manager of the Orange County Branch of TFI Inc., a division of Berkshire Hathaway: Billy’s son is a freshman in high school and runs cross country; his daughter is in seventh grade and plays volleyball. Over the last two years, Billy’s daughter’s team has been on a list of her brain tumor journey. Please keep Billy, Jen, and their kids in your thoughts and prayers.

Heidi Chin '95 is enjoying living in New York.

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Andrea Feathers ’03

Mary Grace Maloney ’03

Chris Wilson ’09

Stas Melnikov ’02

Michelle Newman ’05 celebrates with her husband, Mike, and son, William, on May 28, 2016, at the Claremont School of Theology. Many of us from Claremont attended to celebrate.


Shannon Cali ’11 is a new owner of a Jimmy John’s franchise in Las Vegas and is currently working on opening two more in the next year.

Diane Berliner ’13, who earned her master’s degree in clinical mental health counseling, is now a certified mental health counselor in Las Vegas.

Caitlin McDaniel ’11, who earned her master’s degree in education, is now teaching at a charter school in Silverlake in Los Angeles.

Nicholas Savides ’08

Kaitlin Sweeney ’08

Porscha Soto Guillot ’11

She is currently working as a disaster management planner for the Los Angeles County Fire Department in the Yucaipa-Calimesa Joint Unified School District.

Kim Rawlinson ’11, who earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, is now teaching at the University of California, San Diego.

Rachel Grady ’11

Jennifer Kalmus ’11

Madison Guss ’15

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Vicki Lean ’03 spent six years in the audit practice at Ernst & Young in Orange County and Las Vegas and then seven years as the head of SEC reporting and technical accounting at DreamWorks Animation. She decided to take a year off from work beginning April 2017. Her plans include returning on the piano and flute, a drive up the coast to Seattle to visit Stau Melnikos ’02 and Amanda Shaffer Melnikos ’03, a cruise to Antarctica in December, and a trip to the Maldives.

Mary Grace Maloney ’03 is the assistant director of the Center for Integrative Studies at the University of Redlands.

Cristin Nowicki ’03 is the medical director for outpatient psychiatry at Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Orange, Calif.

Jillian Rawlinson ’02 was married on April 8, 2016. University of Redlands alumni in attendance were Andrea Duran Allen ’03, Erika Lemty Beneville ’03, Shonna Gay Marshall ’02, and John Marshall ’05. The couple now resides in Spokane, Wash.

Chris Wilson ’09 and husband, Foster, welcomed their second son, Aden James, on July 9. He joins older brother, Thomas.

Steve Gormley ’05 and Kelsey DeForge Gormley ’07 welcomed Margaret “Maggie” Gail Gormley on Aug. 24, 2017. She joins big brother, William, who is three years old.

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Richard Daly ’08 was their best man.

Richard Dy ’11 graduated from the environmental science program and finished his senate certification last year. He now works on a vegetative work plan for San Bernardino Municipal Utility District (SMBFD). Richard is the youngest individual in his department and sees himself as an asset in taking this company into the future of power and green management.

Porsche Soto Guillot ’11 graduated in May with a M.A. in social entrepreneurship and change from Pepperdine. She is also taking a month to live abroad in Ecuador and can’t wait to explore new career opportunities when she returns.

Jeremy Kalnus ’11 was recently promoted to associate manager after five years at Apple. He is also on TeamUSA and will be competing at the August International Triathlon Union (ITU) World Championships long course triathlon in Penticton, Canada, and the September Ironman 70.3 World Championships in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Jennifer Marie Mazzi ’11 is currently the manager of the College of the Desert Alumni Association Street Team. She and Brandon Chapman were engaged in 2015 and they welcomed their son, Langston, into the world in January 2015. They also welcomed their newest addition to the family, a beautiful baby girl, Amaia, in March of this year.

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2008

Nick Bernhard ’08 and Laura Murphy ’08 married on June 24, 2017. Danielle Rothchild Bernhard ’02, Jake Bernhard ’03, Allison Clark ’01, Nick Giordano ’05, Patrick Lethen ’05, Kelly Luck ’10, Jenny Martin ’03, Paul Stanfield ’03, Valerie Katyszewski Suzuki ’06, Dave Thomas ’08, Henry Luker Thomas ’08, James Thompson ’09, Courtney Marsh Wetmore ’09, Luke Wetmore ’09, Frankie Wise-Weiss ’11, and Gabi Zophy ’11 welcomed the wedding to support the happy couple. They both work in Hanover, Virginia, as WebSprint International Bilingual School.

2005

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ALUMNI NEWS

Passings

The College

1930s

Barbara Kimball Hasse '37, May 31, 2017. Family members include son Darrell Hasse '52, Marilyn Hasse '65, and Philip Hasse '47.

1940s


1950s

Grace Evelyn Woodley '56, April 17, 2017. Family members include son Joseph Woodley '80.

1960s

Linda Willard '64, March 21, 2017. Family members include sister Donna Parker '55.

1970s

Barbara Anna Koster Mangibin '77, Oct. 26, 2016. Family members include daughter Donna Lea '94.

1980s

Carolyn Stunn-Arington '89 has written a book of short stories and poems, Smiling Through the Tears of the Tare. It is a collection of stories, quotes, and memories about the power of love, joy of family, and strength that comes from faith.

2000s

Samuelle Koster Mangibin '05, April 24, 2017. Family members include daughter Lauren '09.

2010s


2013

41st President of California State University at San Bernardino.

2014

Phillip Ferre, Sept. 30, 2016. Family members include wife Martha Kennedy '66.

2015

Deborah Barksdale Berk '59, May 5, 2017. Retired president of California State University, San Bernardino. Survivors include two daughters and four grandchildren.

2016

James Robertson '77, Oct. 3, 2016. Family members include son Brett Pate '99.

2017


2018

Michael Rothmiller '78, Aug. 2, 2017. Family members include wife Julie Rothmiller '79.

2019

Edward J. Humbert, Aug. 27, 2017. Family members include son Brett Pate '99.

2020


2021

Mary Allen Pritzlaff '44, May 31, 2017. Family members include son Leland Launer '77 and daughter Pamela Ferre; son Jeff Ferre '85; daughter Julie Shuler '87; daughter-in-law Pamela Ferre; son-in-law Joe Shuler '85; and five grandchildren.

2022

Elizabeth M. Care, Nov. 9, 2022. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2023

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2023. Family members include daughter Lisa '88; son Michael '83; and three grandchildren.

2024

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2024. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2025

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2025. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2026

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2026. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2027

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2027. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2028

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2028. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2029

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2029. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2030

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2030. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2031

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2031. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2032

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2032. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2033

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2033. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2034

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2034. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2035

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2035. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2036

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2036. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2037

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2037. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2038

Richard Whinnery, Aug. 5, 2038. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2039

Mary Jane Williams, April 30, 2039. Family members include daughter Susan Edfast Perkins '70; son Robert Salter '47; son Richard Daily '11; and daughter Celeste Babcock '40.

2040

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Let us celebrate you

“I am very excited about becoming a class notes reporter! There is no better way to have a glimpse of the amazing things that your classmates are doing after college. Between sending emails to my class and watching their updates on social media, I love encouraging everyone to share their accomplishments and good news. If you have something that you want to share with your fellow Bulldog alumni, please reach out to your class notes reporter! Let us celebrate with you—after all, we are all Bulldog for life!”

—Samantha Cox Byron ’10, 1942, and their son, Oliver, visit campus.

To volunteer as a class notes reporter or to send contact information updates, please contact ochtamale@redlands.edu.

Creating a legacy

By making a planned gift to the University of Redlands, you join a group of dedicated supporters who treasure the University, ensuring a liberal arts education for future generations. We recognize this thoughtful and generous group as the George P. Cortner Heritage Society, and we are extremely grateful for its members’ generosity, which ensures the lasting gift of a Redlands education for years to come.

The George P. Cortner Heritage Society is named for a man who selflessly served the University of Redlands as business manager for many years. His legacy includes the magnificent oaks lining the Quad, which have provided shade for generations of students. His vision for the University of Redlands as business manager for many years. His legacy includes the magnificent oaks lining the Quad, which have provided shade for generations of students. We recognize this thoughtful and generous group as the George P. Cortner Heritage Society.

If you have included Redlands in your will, trust, or other part of your estate plan, or if you have questions about how to do so, please contact cortnersociety@redlands.edu or visit ochtamale@redlands.edu.

"I treasure the gift of a Redlands experience, and although I cannot have a direct impact, my heart goes out to my fellow classmates, knowing that their legacy, in ways that I cannot tell..."
Friday, Dec. 1, 2017
Moravian Feast
5:30 p.m., Clara Loma Room
Hosted by Dean Gossen, the Moravian Feast offers guests an evening of holiday cheer, with 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.

Friday–Monday,
Dec. 1–4, 2017
Annual Feast of Lights
Dec. 1, 2, 4, 8 p.m.
Dec. 3, 9 p.m., Memorial Chapel
The annual Feast of Lights is a service of song and reflection celebrating the story of the birth of Christ and the symbolic message of the star of Bethlehem as it heralded the Wise Men to the stable. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 909-748-8116. The Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018
Vijay Iyer
7 p.m., Memorial Chapel
Experience the music of Grammy-nominated American jazz pianist Vijay Iyer when he takes the stage in the Memorial Chapel. Iyer was named DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year and was DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year and was DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year and was DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year and was DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year and was DownBeat Magazine’s 2015 Artist of the Year and 2014 Pianist of the Year. He currently holds the position of Professor of the Arts in the Department of Music at Harvard University.

ON SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018
Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9
8 p.m., Memorial Chapel
Conducted by Associate Professor of Organ University School of Music, the concert will feature the University Orchestra, University Chamber Bel Canto, and Chapel Singers. For more information, contact School of Music at 909-748-8700.

Friday–Sunday,
Feb. 16–18, 2018
The Laramie Project
Feb. 16, 8 p.m.; Feb. 17, 2 p.m., 8 p.m.; Feb. 18, 2 p.m., Fredericks Lyric Theatre
One of the most performed plays in America today comes to the Redlands campus. Theatre Arts students will recreate Mitchal Kaplan’s play, born out of more than 200 interviews conducted after a hate crime shocked the town of Laramie, Wyo. For more information, contact the Theatre Arts Department at 909-748-8728.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018
Installation of the Sanceli Dean of the School of Business
3 p.m., Cline Commons
The University community will celebrate the installation of Thomas A. Horen as the new dean of the School of Business. For more information, contact University Advancement at 909-748-8500.

Sunday, March 11, 2018
Compline
Franklin D. and Florence Rosenblatt Chapel
The service incorporates planning and medieval chant. Compline is an evening service of the church’s liturgy, a quieter time for personal prayer and spiritual reflection. Compline is offered in candlelight and much of the music is memorized. The unity that flows through the service is quiet meditation and reflection led by students inspired by music. This event is free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 4, 2018
The King’s Singers
3 p.m., Memorial Chapel
Join the School of Music to celebrate 50 years of The King’s Singers. Acclaimed for their love of harmony and impeccable charm, The King’s Singers are in global demand. Their work—synonymous with the best in vocal ensemble performance—appeals to a vast international audience. For more information and tickets, visit www.redlands.edu/events/the kingsingers.

Thursday–Saturday,
April 19–21, 2018
Commencement Ceremonies
Hold the date for these events:
School of Education Commencement
Thursday, April 19, 4 p.m., Greek Theatre
Baccalaureate
Friday, April 20, 8 a.m., Memorial Chapel
Legacy Medallion and First Generation Student Receptions
Friday, April 20, 7 p.m., Location TBD
College of Arts and Sciences Commencement
Friday, April 20, 4 p.m., Greek Theatre
Johnston Commencement Chancellor’s Reception
Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., Belknap Lawn
Scholars Business Commencement
Saturday, April 21, 4 p.m., Greek Theatre
For more information or to become a sponsor, visit www.redlands.edu/commencement.

June 16–July 2, 2018
Johnston In Greece
Join Professor Emeritus B.K. McDonald as we immerse you in the richness and diversity of Greek history and culture in the country’s contemporary spirit. We’ll visit the most honored ancient monuments, traditional festivals sites and sites, continue to hold our late afternoon seminars on subjects ancient and modern, and make sure there’s plenty of time for good food, drink, beaches, and conversation. For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations, 909-748-8011.

A flier, love, and support of students
by Laura Gallardo ’03

D uring her junior year, Kit–Victoria ‘87 (Weil) Wells ’87 found a flier in her dorm titled “Why would a freshman run for ASUR [Associated Students of the University of Redlands] President?” left by John Wells ’85. “I read his vision and was pretty sure I had stumbled on my sidewalk,” remembers Kit. A political science major, she realized John was one of her classes and volunteered to work on his ultimately successful campaign. A year and a half later, John proposed to Kit while he was studying abroad in Hong Kong, and they were married two weeks after his graduation. “When we tell our story, Redlands is always in it,” notes John, whose Johnston emphasis was American and Asia history and political. “I rarely hear people from other universities talk about their college experience and how it is so integrated into who they are. Thirty years later, our values are still aligned with the University.” In 1970, Kit’s father, Chris, formed what is now Christopher Weil & Company Inc. Kit joined the firm in 1970, and John joined in 1993. John is now the president and CEO, and Kit is the chief information officer. “Our company’s positioned the family as ‘more financially privileged than we ever expected to be,’ ” says Kit. Their parents, Chris and Pat, invested Kit, along with their brother, Matt, and sister, Caitlin, to form the Patricia & Christopher Weil Family Foundation. “As the first in their families to receive a college education, my parents recognized the impact the college experience had on them,” shares Kit. “It became a natural fit to us to turn our focus to scholarships for first-generation students, as well as to the high schools and universities that prepare and provide support for them.” The Foundation has awarded hundreds of scholarships to San Diego-area students since 2004—for those who have graduated from Redlands. This year marked the largest cohort of freshmen scholars to date. The Foundation board, along with its executive director, Macy Olivia (a previous scholarship recipient, is committed to personal relationships with their scholars. “It’s not enough to provide money for tuition,” says Kit. “Nor should we think that a student raised in an underserved community can step onto a college campus and have a fruitful experience. We are called upon to understand their backgrounds and the challenges they have likely faced. We strive to stay connected, to better understand their worldview, and to be partners in their journey.” The Foundation has provided years of generous support to UI of RI’s Summer Bridge Program, designed to offer a supportive community for first-generation students (see page 18). Kit and John are proud of their alma mater, particularly in first-generation programming. “Reconnecting and retaining first-generation students has become a huge focus across the United States, but Redlands was about 10 years ahead of the curve, making their program a mature and impactful one,” says Kit. “As my family has spent time with these scholars and their families, we have been exposed to a sobering and humbling education on the pervasiveness and perpetuation of inequality and inequity. I’m very grateful for the trust our scholars have placed in us. The discipline, courage, and optimism they exhibit inspires me.”

For information on how you can support first-generation students like the Weil Family Foundation, please contact Ericka Smith, philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-8357 or ericka_smith@redlands.edu.

REDLANDS DREAMERS

Kit-Victoria ’87 (Weil) Wells and John Wells, 43, both come from their daughter, Rachel, left, and, son, Noah.
Gisele Rodriguez ‘17 and Kelsey Myers ‘01 share something special in common—both received the Wiens Endowed Scholarship. Visit our website to read their stories and learn how you can support scholarships that help students follow their dreams.