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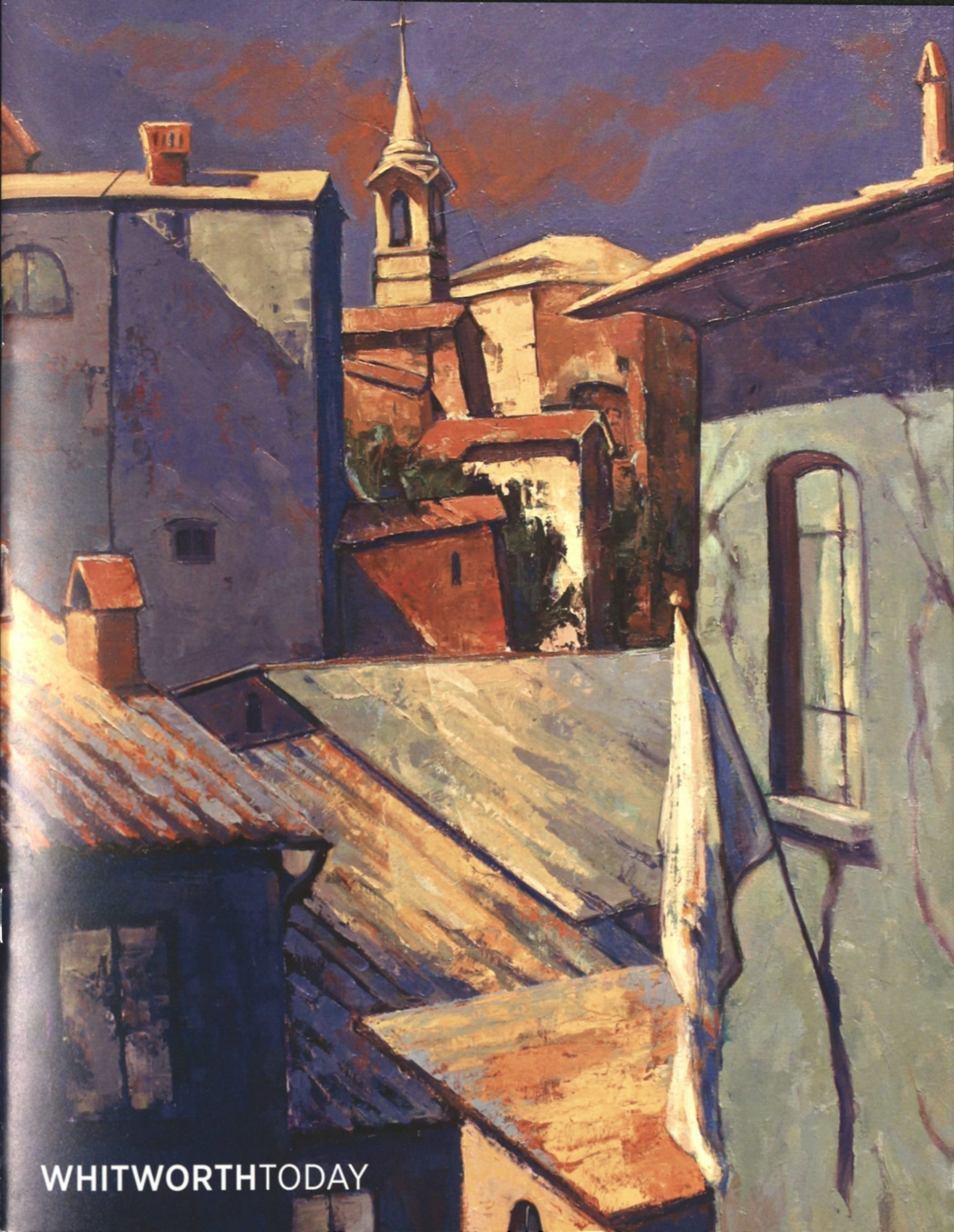
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WHITWORTH TODAY

WhitworthRetro



'70s

Students bird watch at Ragged Ridge amid snow and sun glare (mid-1970s).

In the early 1970s, the environmental movement began to sweep the nation. Millions of Americans developed a growing awareness of the impact of pollution, deforestation and the exploitation of natural resources. Many sensed that this environmental degradation was diminishing the very soul of America. From the first Earth Day in 1970 to Expo '74, held in Spokane, various efforts focused on raising consciousness about the environment.

Whitworth also endeavored to help its students, as well as school-age children around the region, better appreciate the importance of taking care of the environment. In 1973, local resident Jack Warner donated to Whitworth 720 acres of land between Mount Spokane and Newman Lake. Whitworth developed the property into the Ragged Ridge Center for environmental education.

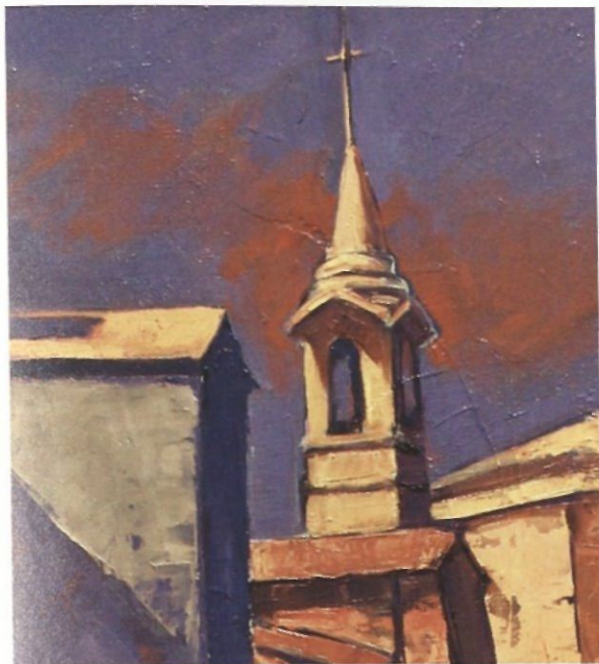
Ragged Ridge ran programs from 1974-77. Unfortunately, Whitworth experienced severe financial difficulties in the 1970s and was forced to sell the property to the Inland Empire Paper Co.

The idea of an environmental center resurfaced in 2008, when the Verbrugge family entrusted 605 acres of forested land to Whitworth. The university established the Verbrugge Environmental Center, located about 35 miles northeast of Spokane. Whitworth's biology faculty and students study firsthand how humans have impacted the natural world, and they research what can be done to restore it. In this sense, the spirit of Ragged Ridge lives on! **W**



Dale Soden | Professor Emeritus of History, Campus Historian

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ON THE COVER: *Church of San Giovanni Evangelista, Orvieto, Italy*; oil on linen, 36 by 30 inches; by Professor of Art & Design **Gordon Wilson**: "I have painted this church from different parts of Orvieto over a four-year period. I painted an earlier version during a storm. The church could be seen through a crowded and limited view, almost obscured by secular buildings. The sky had turned dark and there was thunder and some rain. This view increased meaning for me – the secular crowding out the spiritual." Wilson retired in May after teaching art at Whitworth for an incredible 46 years. (See "Fond Farewells" on P. 31.)

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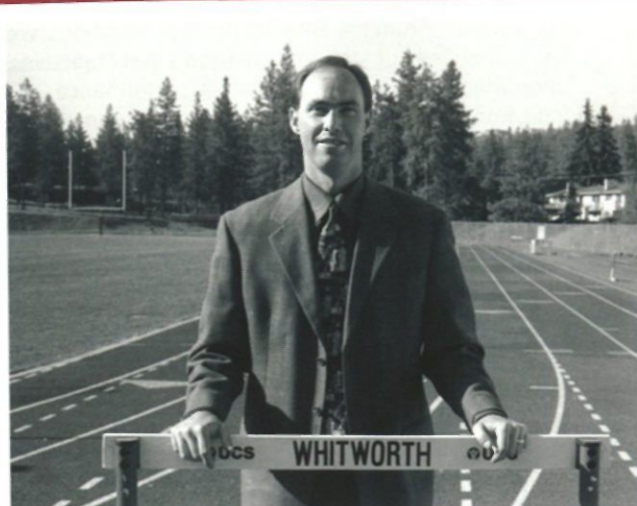
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A full-page photograph of a family of four standing on a paved walkway in front of a light-colored house with a prominent arched entrance. The father, an older man with grey hair, stands in the center with his arms around the shoulders of his two children. To his left are two young women, both with long blonde hair and wearing glasses. To his right is a young man with dark hair and glasses. The house behind them has white columns and a hanging lantern. An American flag is on the left and a red flag is on the right. The text 'MISSION AND PEOPLE' is written in large white capital letters across the middle, with 'WE EXCEL IN BOTH' in smaller white capital letters below it, separated by thin horizontal lines.

MISSION AND PEOPLE
WE EXCEL IN BOTH

EDITED BY JULIE RIDDLE '92

Scott McQuilkin '84, Ph.D., flat-out loves Whitworth. He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Whitworth, played outfield for Pirates Baseball, and met his spouse, Janice (Rasmussen) McQuilkin '85, here. He has since dedicated 38 years of his professional life to the university, fulfilling the wide-ranging responsibilities of 10 job titles. He assumed his latest role in February. Get to know Whitworth's 19th president in this interview excerpt.



Q How would you describe your leadership style?

Scott McQuilkin: I see my role as working *with* and *for* students, staff and faculty. I hope people experience me as a person of encouragement and as someone with very high expectations of myself and others. And I hope to rely on a well-founded self-awareness that Whitworth will be its best when smart and talented colleagues have the floor, when I listen well, and we then move forward.

Q What are Whitworth's strengths?

Scott McQuilkin: We have an enduring mission that we know and embrace. We have incredibly talented faculty and staff who serve our students with dedication and

care. We provide our students a first-rate academic, residence life, ministry and co-curricular experience, all of which are recognized by our peers and rating organizations. And we know who we are in the higher education landscape – a place that believes faith and reason, and curiosity and conviction are complementary rather than in conflict. Mission and people: We excel in both.

Q What is the status of the new strategic plan that will guide the university over the next five years?

Scott McQuilkin: University Council began our work this spring with visioning questions, namely, "What does our very best picture of Whitworth in 2028 look like? How are we distinctive and unique? What do we do well that isn't

INTELLIGENT Christ-centered CALM Pastoral SINCERE
Honest STRATEGIC compassionate Affable Listener
FAIR CONFIDENT STEAD-FAST humorous
Thoughtful SERVANT-LEADER trustworthy Caring DEPENDABLE
storyteller Dedicated INTEGRITY Godly
DRIVEN gracious FAITHFUL VIRTUOUS
HUMBLE COMPETENT GENUINE Encourager
LEADER COMPETITOR win-ner WISE
HONORABLE

So...what's he *really* like?

Friends, family and colleagues share the top three attributes that describe Scott McQuilkin.

shared by other schools, or at least not shared in the same ways?" From the answers to those questions, we have identified our strategic plan goals and objectives, upon which we will flesh out our key performance indicators. Our internal and external constituencies will have a voice in the final product.

Q What inspires you about Whitworth students?

Scott McQuilkin: Our students exemplify our mind-and-heart mission. They are smart, and they are passionate about making the world a better place through vocation and service. Wherever a Whitworth graduate is planted in community, church or occupational soil, I am confident that space is better for their presence.

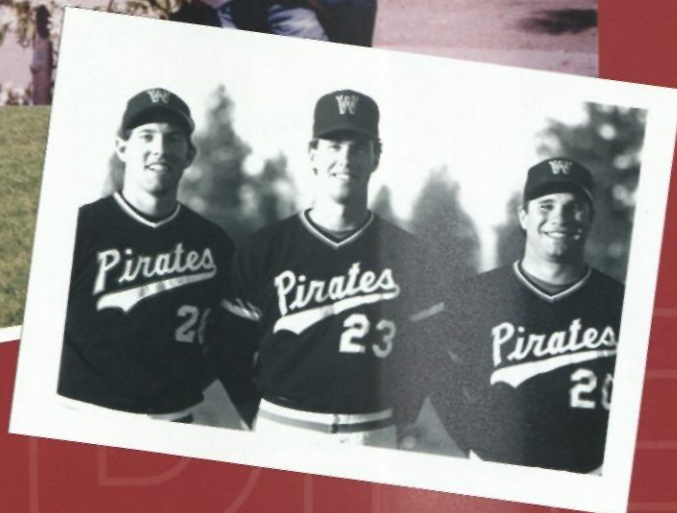
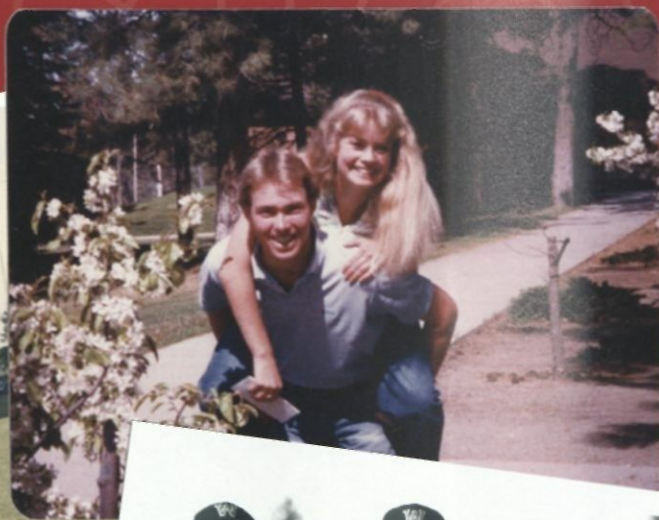
Q What role does faith play in your life and your work?

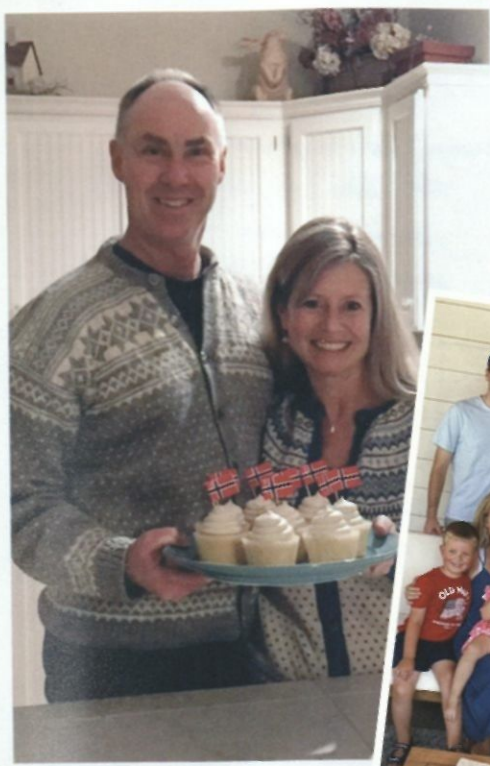
Scott McQuilkin: I am a sinner saved by the atoning death of Jesus, and his grace I receive is due to no merit of my own. We all bear the image of God. And this good news of the gospel is to be proclaimed. My life, work, relationships and interactions are informed and shaped

by Scripture. I am at my best with a daily dose of the Psalms and Proverbs. I am also greatly encouraged by how many people pray for Janice and me, and for the university. Those prayers are felt, and they sustain us.

Q How did you and Janice meet? What qualities do you appreciate about her?

Scott McQuilkin: I first met Janice at a chance encounter in the library. We began to date during my junior year, her sophomore year, after mutual friends invited us to a post-Don Francisco (look him up) concert food run. I ordered strawberry waffles at midnight in a Shari's restaurant. Janice was smitten. But I have since learned that her heart skipped a beat mostly because of the waffles. I've made it a practice to order the same meal whenever we travel to keep that spark alive and prompt her recall. Janice is smart, infinitely kind, genuine, warm and stunning. She has her nose in a novel every night, which I find endearing.





Q Professor Emeritus Dale Soden said to ask you about "The Catch." Do tell!

Scott McQuilkin: On a trip to Seattle in 1998, as we drove past Moses Lake, I made the mistake of telling Dale about the greatest catch I ever made in a baseball game in vivid detail (windspeed and direction, temperature, game situation, the stakes of the game). It truly was a great catch. Since then, every time I've been with Dale on I-90, as we approach Moses Lake, he says, "Tell us about 'The Catch.'" In certain circles now, I believe my catch is surpassed only by Willie Mays' catch in the 1954 World Series. **W**

Read the full interview at whitworth.edu/president-mcquilkin-interview.

Facing page, clockwise from top: McQuilkin and Janice (Rasmussen) McQuilkin '85 in front of West Warren Hall, 1983; Head Baseball Coach McQuilkin with assistant coaches Randy Russell '89, MAT '91 (left) and Don Lindgren '89, in 1990; McQuilkin with daughters Morgan, left, and Kelsey; he served as assistant baseball coach at The Pennsylvania State University from 1991-93. Above: Scott and Janice celebrate Janice's Nordic heritage during the 2018 Winter Olympics; the McQuilkin family, August 2021 (clockwise, from back row left): son Tyler '16 and daughter-in-law Lani (Wahl) '18; daughter Kelsey (McQuilkin) Welle '14; Scott '84; daughter Morgan (McQuilkin) Galle '12 and grandson Samuel; spouse Janice (Rasmussen) '85 and granddaughter Anna; grandson Jackson. Not pictured: sons-in-law Skyler Galle and Luke Welle '14.

SCOUTING REPORT

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Whitworth alumni in family

1

Modeling stint
(Sears,
age 5)



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NAIA District 1 championships won
as Pirates Baseball head coach/
times named Coach of the Year

10

Combined years
teaching on the
Whitworth Core
150 and Core
350 teams

\$156

Million raised in The
Campaign for Whitworth
under McQuilkin's leadership
as vice president for
institutional advancement

3



McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports
Trophies won during
tenure as Whitworth
athletics director

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Summers guest
speaking at
Camp Spalding's
fifth- and sixth-
grade camps

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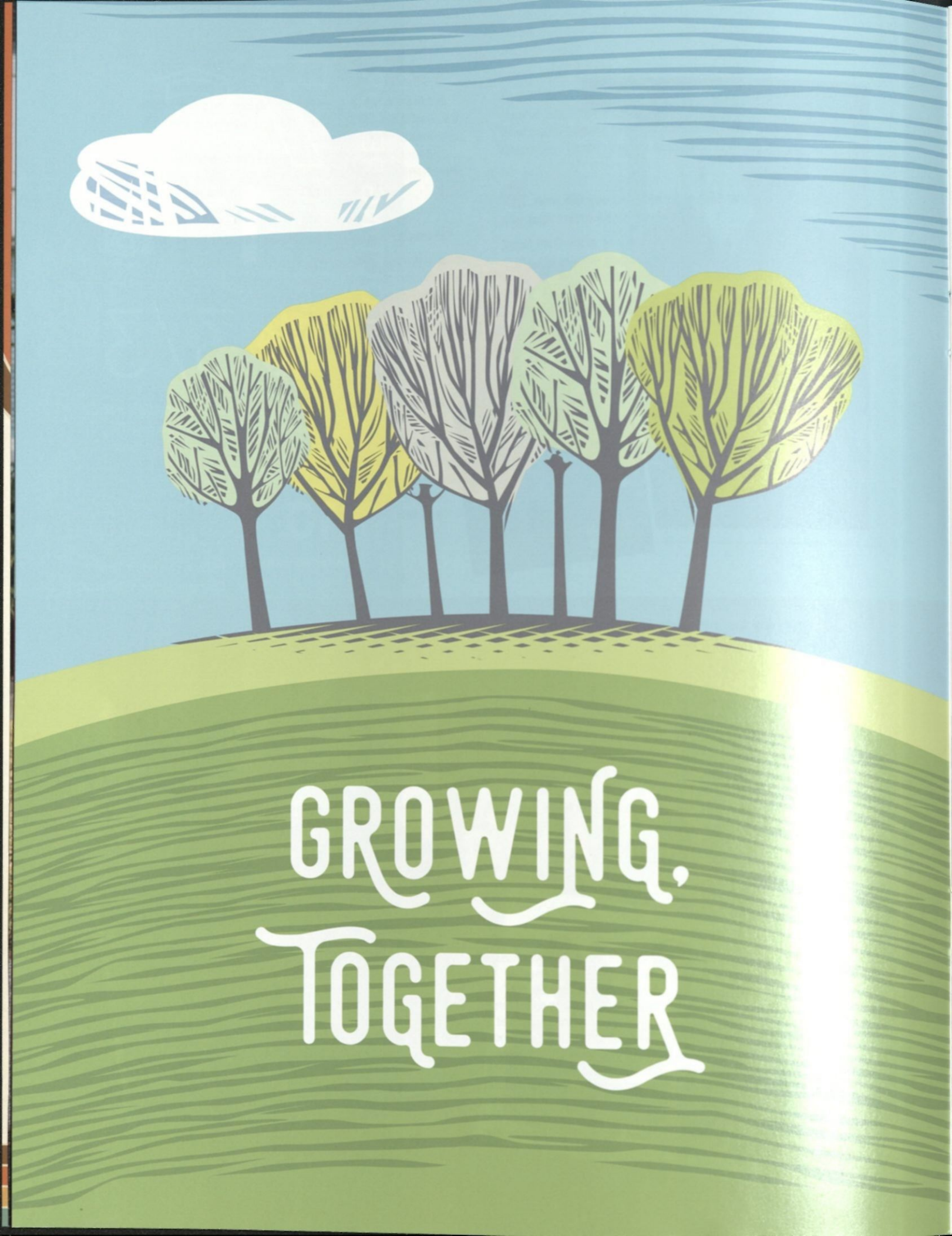


Acting roles: Basketball
Player #2 in the movie *The
Basket* (1999) and Egeus in
Whitworth's production of
A Midsummer Night's Dream (2003)

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Years serving on/chairing the board of
directors of Northwest Harvest, the leading
hunger-relief agency in Washington state



GROWING,
TOGETHER

BY JULIE RIDDLE '92

On Thursday evenings, after finishing work for the day and sharing a quick dinner, Kamesh and Angela Sankaran welcome eight students into their home near Whitworth. Early on each semester, the students arrive alone. Before long, though, they walk or drive together and talk along the way.

Building relationships – with each other and with Christ – is the goal of the Life Groups program, launched by campus ministry in 2018. Every fall and spring, faculty and staff members lead 15 to 20 small groups of students that gather weekly.

Professor of Engineering & Physics Kamesh Sankaran led a group for the program's pilot semester; since then, he and Angela, a nurse practitioner, have led groups together. While their students represent a range of class years and majors, "the common pattern is that they want community and they want to grow in their faith," Kamesh says.

During the Sankarans' hourlong gathering, they and the students catch up on each other's week, pray for one another, and read and reflect on a Scripture passage related to a faith topic the students have chosen to explore. The group this spring delved into the basics of growing a relationship with God.

"Most of the students have some Christian foundation," Kamesh says, "but some are still searching and making decisions about what they believe. [Angela and I] set up a welcoming atmosphere that allows students to be honest about where they are."

THEY ARE LIKE TREES
PLANTED BY STREAMS
OF WATER.
WHICH YIELD THEIR
FRUIT IN ITS SEASON.
AND THEIR LEAVES
DO NOT WITHER.
IN ALL THAT THEY DO,
THEY PROSPER.

PSALM 1:2-4. NRSV



Leading Life Groups together provides the students with varied perspectives and communication styles, Angela says. "Kamesh speaks for a living, and he is gifted at asking questions and leading discussions. For my job in healthcare, I listen. A lot of my conversation with the students is before or after the group discussion. Some of the students prefer one-on-one conversation, so there's something for everyone."

As the Sankarans connect with students and help them grow in their faith, the couple also grow in their relationship with each other and with God. "One of the beautiful things about working with college students is that they always have fresh questions," Kamesh says. "They keep me looking at Scripture with a fresh pair of eyes."

Angela, who led a small group of students for years at a public university, has come to love the Whitworth community. "I think special things are happening and God is working," she says. "It's such an honor to be able to be part of that." **W**



Angela Sankaran and Kamesh Sankaran, professor of engineering & physics



UNEXPECTED DECISION LEADS TO ARTISTIC VISION

BY MEGAN JONAS

Uziel Gonzalez '22 had a significant decision to make. As a first-year pre-medicine student, he had signed up for a drawing class with Professor of Art & Design Gordon Wilson. Gonzalez intended for the course to provide a break from his science classes and fulfill the fine arts requirement.

"I was completely in the zone, working on drawing. Meanwhile, my chemistry homework was sitting on the side," he says. "That class was eye-opening. I realized I love creating art."

Gonzalez had come to a crossroads: Should he continue pursuing a career in medicine, which he had been planning and studying for since middle school, or change course and follow his newfound passion?

With Wilson's support, Gonzalez became an art major on the graphic design and 2D art tracks. "I had never thought of graphic design or art as a career path," he says, "but I saw the possibilities that I could take with an art major and was excited."

Gonzalez felt a sense of disappointment too. "I wanted to go into medicine to help people," he says. "My mom was a nurse in Mexico, and hearing her stories of helping people in their most vulnerable moments was inspiring." Pursuing art, Gonzalez thought, was more of a selfish dream.

His perspective shifted when he took Community Arts in Practice with Professor Katie Creyts. As Gonzalez and his classmates painted murals for Women's Hearth, a social services organization in Spokane, he realized that he could bring others together to create artwork for the community.

"That was exciting," he says, "because now I was working with people and helping them like I had hoped for with medicine."

The course inspired Gonzalez to minor in community arts and seek more opportunities to combine art and service.



Last summer, Gonzalez led a digital art club for youth at Spark Central, a local nonprofit partner of Whitworth's Dornsife Center for Community Engagement.

Spark Central asked Gonzalez to stay on, prompting the Dornsife Center to hire him as a community engagement advocate his senior year. In that role, Gonzalez served as an after-school mentor in Spark Central's partner elementary schools.

Gonzalez is interested in teaching, and he would like to incorporate community art into his career as he has seen Creyts do.

"With my understanding of community arts," he says, "I now know what I can do to help others." **W**



Left: Uziel Gonzalez '22 helped to paint this mural at Women's Hearth. Above and facing page: Gonzalez works on screen printing for Whitworth's senior art & design exhibit. His art shares the stories of family, immigration and Mexican culture to encourage dialogue about social issues.

It's a Whitworth Thing



BY JULIE RIDDLE '92

Michelle (Koy) Talbot '14 knows about career pivots. She entered Whitworth planning to become a doctor but graduated with a degree in economics and international business. "I had no idea what I wanted to do," she says.

At a Whitworth event in Seattle, Talbot met Michael Mpare '03, MBA '05, founder of ScrumPoint, a software company in Bellevue. Mpare hired Talbot as a project manager. "He took a chance and gave me an opportunity to improve my skills in technology," says Talbot, who has since worked in IT product management with Boeing and now with Costco. Her latest pivot is earning a master's degree in human-centered design and engineering at the University of Washington.



Mentor Michelle (Koy) Talbot '14, left, and mentee Lester Dery '23 met in person for the first time during the Whitworth Career Trek in March 2022 at the Spokane Club.

Lester Dery '23 entered Whitworth as an engineering major but is now majoring in human-computer interaction. As she prepares to work in the tech industry, she has learned from Talbot that her career path will likely follow a much different route than she anticipates.

Last fall, Talbot mentored Dery online as part of the Whitworth Women's Leadership Network's Womentors pilot program. "I wanted Lester to know that as she builds a network and puts herself out there, she can work in areas that she didn't even know she wanted to get into," Talbot says.

During the third week of the mentorship, which focused on making career connections, Talbot connected Dery with Mpare online. "He spoke about

his journey," Dery says, "coming from Ghana, like me, to go to school here, getting his master's, going to work at Microsoft and starting his own business. This opened my eyes to the things we are all capable of."

What has meant the most for Dery is learning from Talbot's and Mpare's experiences and the wisdom they have gained along the way. "I have to do what makes me grow and makes me happy," Dery says, "and I'll get to where I'm supposed to be."

Even though Dery's mentoring program has concluded, she, Talbot and Mpare have agreed to keep in touch. "I can be a sounding board for Lester," Talbot says. "[For students], just having someone in their corner, rooting for them, is really important." **W**

womentors program

In fall 2021, alumnae from Spokane, Seattle, Portland and beyond mentored 19 students. Across four weeks the mentors helped students identify their values and goals; develop a personal brand and refine their portfolio/résumé; chart a career path; and make industry connections.

Mentor a student and foster the next generation of women leaders! Go to whitworth.edu/womentors.



'I'll always be a work in progress'

BY JOSHUA BUDIK '21
WITH JULIE RIDDLE '92

I come from a broken family – my mother struggled a lot, and I didn't really know my father. I moved a lot. I went to around 26 schools. So there was no stability and I didn't really agree with the lifestyle. But being a kid, you're kind of stuck.

All that instability led to low-paying jobs. I worked a lot of construction. I was an iron worker and I worked in a foundry, pouring molten metal, for almost 10 years. I never thought I would pursue anything in academia or be a college graduate.

Then I got a phone call from the state and ended up adopting my niece and nephew. I brought them home as infants from the hospital. I wanted to give them as many chances as possible. I was looking at my life and I'm like, "Man, I'm working general labor, I'm busting my butt and breaking my body. What can I do?" And that's when I came across Whitworth.

After a shift one day, I went to Whitworth and signed up [in the School of Continuing Studies]. We were looking at a five-year plan to get my B.A. degree, and I told myself that date was going to come one way or another: I'm either going to have that experience and education or not.

I initially went in for an organizational management degree, to make myself more marketable. But then I started getting sucked into the mind and heart part of things and I switched to human services. The biggest challenge was putting my focus where it needed to be – work, school, homework, raising kids. I took one class at a time and just stuck with it.



I started working for Catholic Charities Eastern Washington, first in case management, then property management. I'm now regional operations manager, overseeing 14 sites in downtown Spokane that provide housing for individuals and families who are homeless.

Going to Whitworth showed me what vocation is and helped me find my worth and value. And it led me to apply to graduate schools to earn a master's in marriage and family therapy. My intention is to become a licensed counselor. I've been exposed to some really positive people who helped me, and I want to expose people to another side of life and help them understand that their value isn't based on their surroundings.

I'm still growing and will always be learning. I'll always be a work in progress. **W**



BUILDING UP, BRANCHING OUT



BY ELIZABETH STRAUCH '04

The doors of the Dana & David Dornsife Health Sciences Building opened this spring for faculty and staff to move in and prepare for a new era of academics at Whitworth. This 38,000-square-foot facility on the north side of campus houses Whitworth's first doctoral programs, in occupational and physical therapy, as well as its master's in athletic training program.

The building was designed to facilitate interprofessional collaboration among the programs and to provide lab and clinic spaces that mimic professional settings. "From a facilities perspective in our region, there is no comparison," says Mike Ediger, associate dean and professor of health sciences. Here's an early glimpse of three labs in the building.

The human performance lab, on the ground floor, provides experiential-learning in exercise physiology, biomechanics, fitness prescription and basic health sciences. Treadmills, bikes and other exercise equipment are combined with monitoring equipment to track performance.



The 40-seat musculoskeletal lab on the second floor is designed for musculoskeletal and movement system courses primarily for doctor of physical therapy students.



Equipped with kitchen, laundry, bathroom and bedroom areas, the **activities of daily living lab** on the third floor provides doctor of occupational therapy students with simulated rehabilitation spaces used in therapy. [w](http://whitworth.edu/hsb)

The health sciences building will open for classes this fall. Learn more about this state-of-the-art facility and the programs it houses at whitworth.edu/hsb.





SHIFTING SPORTS CULTURE:

PIRATE ATHLETES WORK TO DESTIGMATIZE MENTAL HEALTH

BY MEGAN JONAS

Kylee Walker '23 remembers feeling pressure to appear mentally tough as a triple-sport varsity athlete in high school. Privately, Walker was struggling with depression, anxiety and an eating disorder. "I would have to pretend that I was OK at my practices or games when all I wanted to do was focus on my mental health," Walker says. "When I came to college, I realized I am not alone in this."

Now a lacrosse captain and a psychology major at Whitworth, Walker is among a number of Pirate student-athletes who are working to eliminate the stigma of mental health in sports. The pressure within sports culture to appear mentally tough often prevents athletes from discussing or seeking help for mental health concerns.

Two seasons ago, Walker initiated an annual "Mental Health Matters Week" for the lacrosse team that included a daily discussion in the locker room.

"I shared about my mental health journey and how it doesn't define me but is a crucial part of my life that I still deal with every day," Walker says. "It led to a really good week of sharing, listening and being vulnerable."

Walker has since become an ambassador for Morgan's Message, a fast-growing advocacy organization that seeks to destigmatize mental health. She hosts tribute games for Whitworth teams to raise funds for Morgan's Message and leads monthly meetings on mental health that are open to all athletes.

"I give a presentation at the meetings, and the rest of the time is used for talking within a safe space," Walker says.

Softball player Jessica Rusconi '24 is another advocate on campus. Last fall, Rusconi founded a Whitworth chapter of The Hidden Opponent, a mental-health advocacy group. Cheer squad member

1 IN 3 COLLEGE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. AMONG THAT GROUP, 30% SEEK HELP. BUT OF COLLEGE ATHLETES, ONLY 10% DO.

— ATHLETES FOR HOPE



Kylee Walker '23

Samie Schaffer '24 and baseball player Dylan Bishop '23 serve as officers on the chapter's executive team.

"We're hoping to create awareness that mental health is something that should be prioritized for all people, including athletes," Rusconi says. "We're all human before we're students, athletes or whatever other roles we fill."

Walker is heartened by the appreciation students express regarding her efforts, and she is encouraged that the stigma within sports culture appears to be lessening. "Change is going to be a slow process and won't ever be easy," she says, "but I do think a shift is happening." **W**



BY ELIZABETH STRAUCH '04



Hobbies are outlets – a form of self-expression, a way to play. They help nurture our mental health and personal growth. But they also connect us: They help us meet like-minded enthusiasts who teach us and cheer us on; provide gifts for loved ones; and inspire others to join in. Take a look at the ways these Whitworth hobbyists are learning and honing skills, meeting kindred spirits, and finding joy.

KATHERINE KARR-CORNEJO <>X<>X<>X<>X<>

Associate Professor of World Languages & Cultures

HOBBY: NEEDLEWORK (SINCE CHILDHOOD)

Karr-Cornejo created the title art for this feature.

"I love working with colors and shapes and creating something beautiful. But it isn't just about the action of making, the beauty, the product – it's also about the relationships I have with people I care about and how I show them that care and love."

JULIA STRONKS <>X<>X<>X<>X<>

Professor of Political Science

HOBBY: SUDOKU (20 YEARS)

"I do it every day – the toughest puzzles I can find. Not only is it relaxing, but it trains my brain to be patient and to project several steps into the future. I recommend it for anyone who is thinking about law school because it helps prepare the mind for the logical puzzles on the law school admissions test."



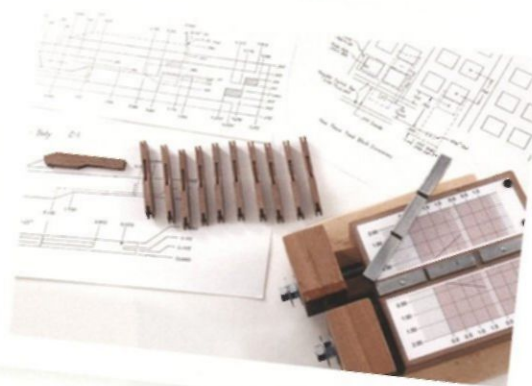


STEVEN ZEMKE

Professor of Engineering & Physics

HOBBIES: ACCORDION PLAYING (SINCE AGE 10) AND DESIGNING/BUILDING (3 YEARS)

"It's unusual for me to go without practicing more than a few days in a row. In the summer I give neighborhood concerts from my front porch. I'm now designing and building an accordion. I'm doing the design work old-school on my drafting board at home and building it in my workshop. Typical woodworking tools can't make the types of parts I need, so instead I'm making cutting fixtures, which enable me to make parts to the precision and repeatability needed."



TAD WISENOR '89

Senior Associate Vice President, Institutional Advancement

HOBBY: MAKING ART OUT OF BASEBALL CARDS AND OTHER COLLECTIBLE CARDS (2 YEARS)

"It became a great stress relieving, meditative process during the pandemic. Selecting and cutting out cards allows me to focus my attention on something other than kids and pets and household chores, and it's a creative outlet that results in fun items I like to look at and share with friends."





TY BURBRIDGE M.ED. '25

School Counseling Graduate Student

HOBBY: BASS FISHING (10 YEARS)

"I started fishing for trout with my uncle a long time ago on the Nisqually River. This hobby allowed us to connect with each other, bringing a lasting friendship filled with memories. My hobby of catching fish, specifically large and small mouth bass, has grown into a passion. This sport has allowed me to reconnect with nature while providing the optimal level of adrenaline to be released with each hookset."



STEPHANIE LEWIS

Assistant Director for Career Education

HOBBY: PAINTING ACRYLICS (8 YEARS)

"My husband knew I'd always wanted to paint but was insecure about taking that first step. He bought me canvases, paints and an easel for Christmas and encouraged me to get started. It's incredibly relaxing and something I can walk away from when life gets busy. It's always there waiting for me when I have the time to come back to it."





LORIANN HELGESON

*Assistant Professor & Academic Fieldwork Coordinator,
Occupational Therapy*

HOBBIES: KNITTING (14 YEARS) AND WEAVING (6 MONTHS)

"I taught myself knitting using YouTube videos after my mother passed away. It was something I wanted to learn, and her death made me reevaluate how I spent my time. Now that I am self-learning weaving, I often remind myself where I began as a knitter, and know that I will improve. I see flaws as 'adding character' to my project."



CRAIG TSUCHIDA

Associate Professor of Biology

HOBBY: PICKLEBALL (5 YEARS)

"I've played a couple of local tournaments and have done well enough to medal in them. I mainly started to play as a form of exercise, but to my surprise I have enjoyed the social aspect of the sport and meeting new people." **W**

CLASS NOTES

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2020s-10s

2021

Madi Binyon is a test engineer at F5 Inc. in Spokane. **Carla Calderon** is an engineering technician at F5 Inc. in Liberty Lake. **Kia (Piatkov) Davydenko** and **Ruvim Davydenko** were married May 29, 2021. **Makayla Long** is a career coach at Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains in Denver, Colo., where she connects refugee clients with employment opportunities.

2020

Olivia Ekblad is a case manager with Volunteers of America in Spokane, working with recently housed homeless populations. **Joceline (Santos) Gallardo** and **Emanuel Gallardo** were married June 30, 2021. **Ethan Mendoza-Pena** opened an all-lines insurance agency in Spokane Valley and is earning his M.A. in administrative & nonprofit leadership at Whitworth.

2019

Kyle Ditter and **Paola (Haley) Ditter '20** were married June 26, 2021. **Joshua Glass** is a restoration program manager with Pacific Electric & Gas in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He enjoys volunteering at the San Luis Obispo Botanic Garden and caring for his collection of cacti, xerophytes and rock garden plants. **Claire Longworth** is a marketing operations manager at Ignitium in Spokane. **Michaela Mulligan** moved from Everett to Spokane, where she is the digital content specialist at Whitworth University. **Tyler Mark Nelson** is a first-year graduate student at Yale Divinity School, pursuing a

master of arts in religion and ecology. He and his spouse, Sara, live in New Haven, Conn. **Abigail Rogers** graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif., with an M.A. in education, counseling and guidance and a Pupil Personnel Services Credential. **Lauren Townson** is in her second year of medical school at Creighton University. In April she moved from Omaha, Neb., to sunny Phoenix, Ariz., to complete her clinical years at the Phoenix campus.

2018

Alberto de Miguel, of Chicago, Ill., published the book *Speak Basketball* in 2021 with NBA athlete Ricky Rubio, in which he teaches English through the sport of basketball. **Alex Blair**, of North Bend, is a quality assurance engineer for Spokane Teachers Credit Union. **Josh Miller** and **Shelby (Krug) Miller '20** were married March 29, 2021.

2017

David Jackman and **Natalie Love** were married July 9, 2019. **Christopher Pieper** lives in Hamburg, Germany, where he is co-pastor of Christus-Gemeinde church and is Alpha Germany's relations manager for non-state Protestant churches. He completed his M.Div. through the European School of Culture and Theology and is engaged to **Annette Klassen**.

2016

Jenna Reardanz completed her Ph.D. in developmental sciences and is an associate policy analyst for Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. **Kylie Jo (Skellen) Mattes** and **Brittany Mattes**

were married Feb. 4. **Juliana (Zajicek) Stegenga** and **Nathan Stegenga** were married Aug. 8, 2020.

2015

Sacha Clow and **David Jamieson** were married Sept. 25, 2021. **Sacha** is earning her master's in healthcare administration from Colorado State University.

2014

James Derocher, of Austin, Texas, co-founded **Hungry Wolves**, a generative nonfungible token collection of 6,000 digital 3D artistic assets. The entire collection sold in the first week of January.

2012

Leanna (Nicodemus) Shippy is a system operator engineer for NetX in Portland, Ore.

2011

Annette Farrell, of Portland, Ore., will enter the Warner Pacific MAT program, designed for Portland Public Schools paraeducators, in the fall. **Emilie Kimball** and **Brad Thomson** were married May 22, 2021. **Jessica (Mangis) Malidore** and **Brian Malidore** were married Sept. 19, 2020.

2010

Taylor Belote MIT '11 returned to his alma mater, John R. Rogers High School in Spokane, as the instrumental music director.

DEBUTS

Piper, to **Mykaela (Hendrix) Faulconer '17** and **Austin Faulconer**, Oct. 26, 2021

Magnolia, to **Alexander Archuleta '14** and Victoria Archuleta, Jan. 8

Keiko, to **Alexa (Foster) Pamer '12** and Nate Pamer, Sept. 10, 2021

Rose, to **Taylor Belote '10, MIT '11** and Amanda Belote, July 14, 2020

2000s

2009

Joseph Carlson earned his M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary. He and his spouse live in Oceanside, Calif. Joseph is editorial director for Nations Media and director of production and communications at North Coast Calvary Chapel.

2007

Amy Newton moved with her family from Birmingham, Ala., to Portland, Ore., where she is a women's imaging fellow and instructor at Oregon Health & Science University.

2006

Kylie Swisher Grimm, of Prosser, earned her Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology from the University of Arizona in 2011 and works as a research pathologist with the USDA Agricultural Research Service. She and Joshua Grimm were married in 2017.

2005

Mary (Adolfson) Henson is a part-time enrollment specialist with InsideTrack and owns a home decor business, Mary Charlee Designs, in East Wenatchee. She also volunteers at Pybus Public Market, coordinating free community classes.

2004

Staci (Abrams) Abdulla moved from Texas to Penang, Malaysia, where she is a missionary.

DEBUTS

Naomi, to **John Guthridge '09** and Christa Guthridge, June 19, 2020

Soren, to **Josh Winskill '09** and Mica Winskill, Dec. 17, 2021

Samuel and Sylvia, to **Andrew Zellman '09** and Kristine Zellman, Nov. 29, 2021

Gemma, to **Sarah (Morgenthaler)**

Bonnema '08 and **David Bonnema '08**, Aug. 2, 2021

Eliana, to **Annemarie (Huber) Kirkland '07** and Michael Kirkland, Feb. 4

Hannah, to **Kylie Swisher Grimm '06** and Joshua Grimm, March 3, 2021

1990s

1999

Leslie Nordyke is the vice president of accounting and controller for CRISTA Ministries in Shoreline. **Deb (Cox) Van Slyke**, of Spokane, retired after 43 years of teaching, with the last 22 years at Chase Middle School.

1998

Alicia Thompson, of Hereford, Ariz., is the health director of Cochise Health & Social Services.

1994

Roseanne (Ramos) Oty moved back to Spokane, where she is the assistant director of specialized training programs for the Center for Gifted Education at Whitworth.

1991

Chrystal (Cook) Helmcke is a tenured associate professor in the communication studies department at

Northwest University. Chrystal and her spouse, **Kurt Helmcke '90**, continue to live in the Everett area and enjoy keeping up with their adult daughters Grace and Katie.

1990

Deb (Arico) Duke and John Duke were married Nov. 1, 2019. **David Samara**, of Coronado, Calif., is a project manager at RSI Security, after a successful career in defense IT operations and biotech. He is developing a startup focusing on cybersecurity talent.

1980s

1988

Mary Palmer works for Paws N Claws Pet Transportation in Yucaipa, Calif., driving rescue dogs from shelters to foster families, forever homes or the vet.

1986

Douglas McFalls, of Seattle, is the founder of African Development through Economics and the Arts. He is currently fundraising to provide emergency food supplies to Maasai families in East Africa. **Mark Westley** began serving a four-year term on the Centralia City Council in January. He also serves on the board of Providence Hospital Southwest Washington. (See story on P. 26.)



Brian Nelson '83, left, and Kyung Chun '84 enjoy a study break on the steps of Warren Hall (1982).

ALUMNI PROFILE

MARK WESTLEY



Over 27 years, **Mark Westley '86** has influenced countless students through a wide-ranging teaching and coaching career. He hopes the biggest message he has conveyed to students is one of self-empowerment.

"With perseverance and determination," he says, "you can experience growth and success."

Westley's life is a testament to the power of perseverance. When he was 9 years old, he was the lone survivor of a tragic accidental fire that killed his brother and two cousins near his home in Centralia, Wash. Westley was burned over 50 percent of his body, on his face, hands and legs.

"Where I was burned, especially on my legs below my knees, I was burned down to the bone," Westley says. Throughout the next several years, Westley endured numerous skin grafts and surgeries to regain as much function as possible.

After attending community college for a year, Westley transferred to Whitworth, where he majored in communication.

"Coming onto campus and immediately establishing friendships – deep, meaningful relationships that I still have today – made that transition almost surreal," Westley says. "The experience really helped to establish and grow my self-esteem, my view of me and what I have to offer."

During his junior year, Westley's friends introduced him to the new head baseball coach, now-President **Scott McQuilkin '84**, and Westley became the team's scorekeeper.


"I spent the next couple of years going to baseball practice, hanging out, keeping score and going on road trips," Westley says. "It was another social circle that I was able to develop friendships with."

In addition to his relationships, Westley's faith also thrived at Whitworth. "Having late-night conversations and debates in the dorm and being challenged in the classroom through theological discussions really allowed my faith to take off and flourish," he says.

As an educator, Westley has taught elementary through high school students and coached basketball, baseball and football. He is currently an English teacher and assistant baseball coach at Adna High School in Chehalis.

Westley also serves as a motivational speaker and has spoken to students on topics including disability awareness, overcoming adversity and fire prevention.

"It truly is a gift and a blessing to do as much as I can as best I can," Westley says, "and to know that I am a vessel that God uses to touch lives in whatever manner."

Read an expanded version of this story at whitworth.edu/mark-westley. 

1985

Carol Cross, of Yoncalla, Ore., retired from teaching in 1985 and was a substitute teacher until 2015. She misses teaching but enjoys being a grandmother to 15 and a great-grandmother to three.

1984

Glenna (Carlson) Ainley and **Warren Ainley '85** moved to the United Kingdom, where Glenna is finishing her teaching career on Lakenheath Royal Air Force Base; Warren has retired from teaching.

1983

Linda (Gillingham) Sciaroni is a science teacher and sponsor of the MESA engineering club at Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School in Lynwood, Calif. She enjoys kayaking in Newport Beach Back Bay and Naples.

1982

Charlie Lewis and his spouse, Ann, are in their 33rd year of ministry, serving the last 21 years as co-pastors at First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish.

1981

Debra Solt is the director of workforce training and economic development for Vegas PBS in Las Vegas, Nev. She developed and now implements the station's strategic plan.

1980

Dave Underwood, of Reno, Nev., and **Amanda Mendez** were married Aug. 29, 2021.

1970s

1979

John Cragg is executive director of Long Island Youth Mentoring, a Christian ministry in Brentwood, N.Y., that connects adult mentors with fatherless children. **Mimi Klepach**, of Yreka, Calif., is an educator with Siskiyou County Probation. She is a mother to four children and grandma to three grandsons. God has led her through the parted waters to a time of life satisfaction.

1974

Sylvia Dilworth and her spouse, **John Dilworth '75**, retired to Spokane after serving for five years in Kenya with Africa Inland Mission.

1973

The **Rev. Rick Matters** serves on the NAACP, Spokane Community Against Racism, and the Spokane Public School Superintendent's Racial Equity Committee; he also serves a multiracial congregation in Kennewick part time.

1972

Durand Splater retired after 30 years of owning and operating his home loan mortgage business in Seattle. He volunteers with a nonprofit that builds tiny homes for people experiencing homelessness.

1971

Myles Bassford enjoys reading English literature of the romantic period as a hobby. Ernest Hemmingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald are his favorite authors.

1960s

1967

Glen Thorp completed his fifth interim pastorate, at Live Oak Church in Leander, Texas, since his retirement in 2011. In August 2021 he celebrated 50 years of ordination as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church.

1966

Marty Milco, of Sacramento, Calif., served in the U.S. Army, and retired in 2013 after 32 years as a pharmaceutical sales representative. In 2019 he self-published a novella, *A Peregrine in Oswald's Tree*, and a short story, *Brave Hearts to the Front*.

1965

Frank Hamilton retired from clinical practice and teaches psychology classes at Great Northern University in Spokane. He and his spouse, Margie, have been married for 57 years.

Thomas Piper is a certified, licensed and insured reflexology practitioner with the International Institute of

Reflexology. He works from his home studio in Oak Harbor.

1963

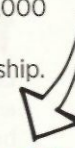
Maren (Sundquist) Stanczak moved twice in three years and is now happily settled in Concord, Calif., near two of her children.

1962

John Rude retired in 2018 as associate dean of development for East Los Angeles College. He has since become an active hiker and writer, and is vice president of the Museum of the Peace Corps Experience.

ALUMNI CONNECTION

REFER A POTENTIAL PIRATE

When alumni refer current high school sophomores or juniors before Aug. 1 of their senior year, those students will receive up to \$4,000 over four years as part of the Alumni Early Referral Scholarship. For more details and to refer prospective Pirates, go to whitworth.edu/alumni-scholarship. 

Future Pirates can visit campus in person or virtually. Find out more at whitworth.edu/visit. Be sure to check out the \$1,000 Visit Scholarship!!

STAY IN THE LOOP



Have you moved?
Started a new job?
Retired? Added a new member to your family?

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Pirate Encounters

Stephanie Stern-Carlson '02

An alum in the tiny Texas town of Rockport saw my Whitworth license plate frame and left a "Hiya" note on my windshield.

Kevin Ob'bayi '99

A few years back, I was boarding a plane in Nairobi flying to Amsterdam, and as I was walking down the aisle an older couple stopped me and asked about the Whitworth hoodie I was wearing. Turns out they graduated in the '60s and visit Kenya often.

Kebra (Kendall) Thompson '94

My husband, **Daniel Thompson '93**, and I ran into Forrest Baird at Disneyland on our honeymoon!

Linda (Washburn) DeLong '87

I work at a retirement community in a small town. The parents of a current student saw my alumni license plate, then – get this – the grandparents are alumni of Whitworth and are residents at the retirement community. We are all family!

Survivors include his spouse, Bailley (Robinson) Wootton; and in-laws **Whitworth President Emeritus Bill Robinson** and **Bonnie Robinson, Brenna (Robinson) Stanfield '00** and **Alan Stanfield '97**, and **Ben Robinson '03** and **Emily (Hinson) Robinson '05**. **Robert "Dean" Whisler '07**, of Spokane, died Nov. 29, 2021. He was preceded in death by his mother, **Sheila (Francis) Whisler M.Ed. '79**.

1990s

Brent Holladay '91, of Cashmere, died Dec. 9, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Kimberly Holladay, and sister **Lori (Holladay) Clerihue. Gary Baskett M.Ed. '94**, of Spokane, died Sept. 23, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, **Eloise (Cappellano) Baskett M.Ed. '01**; and daughter-in-law **Shelby (Dinwoodie) Baskett M.Ed. '02**. (See *Employees & Friends*, p. 29.) **Heather (Berglund) Moore '97**, of Chattaroy, died Oct. 10, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Greg Moore. **Angela Hamilton '99**, of Spokane, died Dec. 2, 2021. **Heidi (Hammond) Olson MAT '99**, of Salt Lake City, Utah, died Jan. 26, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, A. Christopher Olson. **Natalie (Stemen) Ziegler '99**, of Spokane, died Jan. 5, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Neil Ziegler, and children **Erica Ziegler '11** and **Bailey Wilcox '13**.

1980s

Max "Fred" Mathews '80, of Twin Falls, Idaho, died Oct. 12, 2021. Survivors include his brother **Mike Mathews '82** and sister-in-law **Sandra (Luehr) Mathews '82. Sylvia Thornburg M.A. in behavioral science '82**, of Olympia, died Oct. 10, 2020. **Mark Dresback '83**, of Spokane, died Nov. 4, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Kathy Dresback; brother **David Dresback '78**; son **Jonathan Dresback '09**; and daughters-in-law **Heather (Kirk) Dresback '09, M.Ed. '13** and **Bree (Riddle) Dresback '12. Dennis Nichols '83**, of Bellingham, died Jan. 31, 2020. Survivors include his spouse, Georgeanne Nichols; and granddaughter **Emma Zenonian '21. Mary (McKinnon) Lydon '86**, of Wailuku, Hawaii, died Nov. 23, 2020. **Marilyn (Hartley) McKay '86**, of Nampa, Idaho, died Dec. 24, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Neil

1950s

1959

Allis (Riblett) Saint moved to Puyallup to be near her children Arthur and Tana.

1953

Louise (Fairchild) Adams, of Olympia, and her spouse, Roy Adams, have been married for 64 years. They have two married daughters and three grandchildren. Louise enjoys traveling, flower design, photography and collecting books.

1951

Christine (Eilers) Allen, of Lakeside, Calif., celebrated her 92nd birthday and praises God for all that he has given her.

1940s

1949

Glen Ellison lives at Fairwood Assisted Living in Spokane and celebrated 97 years of life.

IN MEMORIAM

Obituaries received Oct. 1-Feb. 28 appear in the spring issue of Whitworth Today. Bolded names without class years indicate those who attended Whitworth but did not graduate. All cities listed are located in Washington state unless otherwise noted.

2020s

Andrea Sorensen, of Wenatchee, died Nov. 11, 2021.

2010s

Emily Ross M.Ed. '13, of Valley, died Nov. 8, 2021. Survivors include her son **Daniel Morris '22. Melvin "Mel" Zimmerman '14**, of Turtle Lake, N.D., died Jan. 23. Survivors include his spouse, Patricia Zimmerman. **Jacob Dansereau '15**, of Spokane, died Dec. 9, 2021. **Caryn Knight '17**, of Portland, Ore., died June 18, 2021.

2000s

Becky Lynn Corigliano '03, of Spokane, died Jan. 27. **Michael "Mike" Wootton '04**, of Spokane, died Dec. 29, 2021.

McKay, and sister Dr. **Sharon Mowry '75. Rebecca Thorn '88**, of Wenatchee, died Dec. 18, 2021.

1970s

Shirlee (Hansen) Christensen MAT '70, of Lynden, died Feb. 7, 2021. **Eileen (McWilliams) Bristow**, of Centralia, died Nov. 22, 2021. **Lynnette "Lynn" (LeFrancis) Dennis '71**, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Dec. 6, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Bill Dennis. **Leonard "Len" Mortlock '71, MAT '81**, of Spokane, died Oct. 15, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Susan Heeter, and brothers **David Mortlock '78, M.Ed. '92, Peter Mortlock '83** and **Richard Mortlock '83**. He was preceded in death by his father **Earl Mortlock '49** and brother **Daniel Mortlock '80. Nancy Armstrong M.Ed. '72**, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Oct. 15, 2021. **Joan Pemble '72**, of Caldwell, Idaho, died Oct. 31, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Ed Pemble. **Joan (Crandell) Ryker '72**, of Spokane, died Oct. 14, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Brian Ryker, stepdaughter **Michelle (Ryker) Batsford '94**, sister **Marilyn (Crandell) Pontius '56, M.Ed. '82**,

brother-in-law **George Pontius M.Ed. '83**, and nephew **Timothy Pontius M.Ed. '91. Jean (Moore) Pierre '74**, of Spokane, died Oct. 19, 2021. **Lenora (Cramlow) Pixley**, of Colorado Springs, Colo., died Jan. 13. Survivors include her spouse, Morris "Skip" Pixley. **Mary (Williams) Puddy M.A. In behavioral science '77**, of Liberty Lake, died Nov. 20, 2021. She was preceded in death by her spouse, **Walter Puddy M.A. in behavioral science '77. Thomas Williamson Jr. '77**, of Sequim, died Sept. 16, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Karen Pritchard. **Donald Haus MAT '79**, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Dec. 25, 2021. **James "Jim" Tompkins '79**, of Mesa, Ariz., died Nov. 20, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Diana King-Tompkins.

1960s

Barbara Walker '60, of Bakersfield, Calif., died Oct. 1, 2021. **Raymond Moeller '62**, of Park City, Utah, died March 21, 2020. Survivors include his spouse, Dawn Moeller. **Lee Archer '63**, of Walnut Creek, Calif., died Oct. 19, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, **Kathy Archer '63. Doreen Bare '64**,

of Blissfield, Mich., died Feb. 25, 2021. **Scott Larry Chatterton '64**, of Spokane, died Oct. 21, 2021. He was preceded in death by his father, **Scott Chatterton '34. Roberta Lacoste M.Ed. '64**, of Seattle, died March 28, 2020. **Oliver Swanson '64**, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, died Aug. 14, 2019. **Linda (Jenkins) Knapp '66**, of Davenport, died Dec. 29, 2021. **Betty Lorraine (Brower) Simkins '69**, of Priest River, Idaho, died Dec. 17, 2021.

1950s

Donald Bishop '50, of Bothell, died June 17, 2020. He was preceded in death by his spouse, **Hazel Bishop. Dan Devin**, of Seattle, died Dec. 30, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, **Patricia (Young) Devin. Lester Kirkendorfer '50**, of Edmonds, died March 7, 2021. He was preceded in death by his spouse, **Shirley (Bosworth) Kirkendorfer '51**. Survivors include his children **Gwen (Kirkendorfer) Hoehne '84** and **Laura Kirkendorfer. Eva (Wong) Lew '50**, of El Cerrito, Calif., died Sept. 21, 2020. She was preceded in death by her spouse, **William "Bill" Lew '50. Lawrence Sjoberg**, of Spokane, died March 6, 2021. **Shirley (Keeling) Swanson**, of Tacoma, died Dec. 26, 2020. Survivors include her spouse, Ken Swanson. **Geraldine "Gerry" (Knobel) Eccles '51**, of Durham, N.C., died Nov. 16, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, **John "Jack" Eccles '51. Jean (Dietz) Moen**, of St. Simons Island, Ga., died Jan. 24. **Richard Walker '51**, of Lake Oswego, Ore., died Oct. 26, 2021. **Mary Lou (Montgomery) Crow '53**, of Spokane, died Jan. 18. **William "Bill" McNeil '53**, of Wallace, Calif., died Feb. 19, 2020. He was preceded in death by his spouse, **Marilyn (Esty) McNeil '49. Ethen Whitman '54**, of Sacramento, Calif., died Aug. 26, 2020. Survivors include his spouse, Connie Herrell Whitman. **Elizabeth (Paulsson) Funk '55**, of Olympia, died Sept. 19, 2021. Survivors include her spouse, Hugh Funk. **Clifford "Cliff" Goss '55**, of Spokane, died Feb. 6. Survivors include his spouse, **Dorothy "Dottie" Goss '56, M.Ed. '65**; daughter **Merri (Goss) Layton '79, MAT '91**; granddaughter **Mella (Layton) Crandall '02**; son-in-law **Mark Johnson**; and grandsons **Michel Johnson '05** and **Nolan Johnson '08. James "Jim" Minard '55**, of Portland, Ore., died Nov. 3, 2021. Survivors

EMPLOYEES & FRIENDS

Gary Baskett M.Ed. '94, of Spokane, died Sept. 23, 2021; former track & field coach, 2006-12. Survivors include his spouse, **Eloise (Cappellano) Baskett M.Ed. '01**; and daughter-in-law **Shelby (Dinwoodie) Baskett M.Ed. '02**.

Cody Eveland, of Spokane, died Oct. 25, 2021; custodian, 2021.

Ron Frase, of Spokane, died Nov. 5, 2021; professor emeritus of sociology and chaplain, 1973-90. Survivors include his spouse, Marianne Frase, and children **Shelly (Frase) Owen '83** and **Melissa (Frase) Alfstad '84**. (See in memoriam, P. 30.)

Albert Griffith Howell, of Mill Creek, died Sept. 29, 2021; trustee, 1963-87. Survivors include his spouse, G. Joye Howell; son **Bob Howell '75** and daughter-in-law

Patty (Giboni) Howell '76; sons **Dave Howell '86** and **Matt Howell '82**; grandchildren **Tom Howell, Bethany Howell '04** and **David Howell '08**; and son-in-law **Cody Lamens '04**.

Lawrence "Larry" Jones, of Post Falls, Idaho, died June 27, 2020; custodial supervisor, 1984-2003.

The **Rev. Mark Lee Sr.**, of Buffalo, Minn., died Oct. 14, 2021; former professor and chair, speech & communication/theatre, and academic dean, 1957-70. Survivors include his children **Sharon (Lee) Davis '66, Mark Lee Jr. '69** and **David Lee '70**; and grandchild **Kyrsten (Lee) Weber '93** and her spouse, **Daniel Weber '90**.

Robert McCullough, of San Diego, Calif., died May 29, 2021; trustee, 1976-95.

include his spouse, **Nancy Minard '58. Daryl Felts '56**, of Spokane Valley, died Oct. 31, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, Kathy Felts. **Daniel "Dan" Nicksich '58**, of Tacoma, died Jan. 15. Survivors include his spouse, **Dianna (Riley) Nicksich '61, M.Ed. '82. Thomas Phillips '58**, of Longmont, Colo., died Nov. 16, 2021. Survivors include his spouse, **Carolyn (Exner) Phillips '57. Burton Chamberlin**, of Vancouver, died Dec. 26, 2020. Survivors include his spouse, **Ruth (Jutilla) Chamberlin. Mabel (Stevens) Morrison '59, M.Ed. '62**, of Spokane, died Oct. 25, 2021.

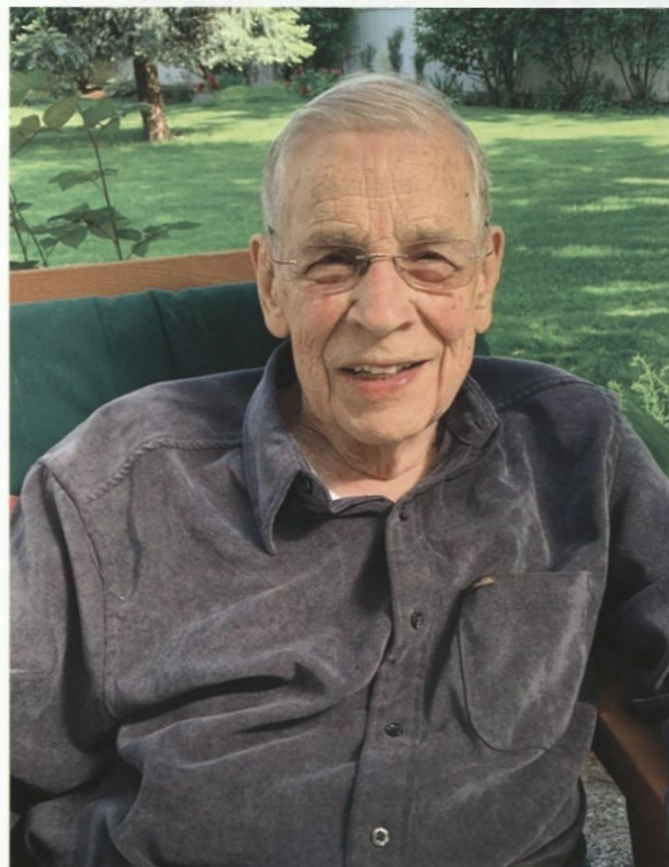
1940s

Donald "Don" Steele '44, of Rancho Bernardo, Calif., died Sept. 7, 2021. **Edna (May) Armstrong '46**, of Yuba

City, Calif., died July 12, 2021. **Thelma (Earl) Jones '46**, of Grand Terrace, Calif., died Sept. 27, 2018. **Lauretta (Holder) Milne '46**, of Kalispell, Mont., died Nov. 8, 2021. **Sally (Batey) Pederson**, of Seattle, died June 11, 2020. **Barbara (DeFoe) Champion '47**, of Moses Lake, died Oct. 22, 2021. **Betty (Hoffmann) Newton '47**, of Sarasota, Fla., died Oct. 2, 2020. She was preceded in death by her spouse, **Douglas Newton '49. Barbara (Southward) Russell '47**, of Bradenton, Fla., died Sept. 26, 2021. **LaVelle (Keller) Heideman**, of Wenatchee, died Feb. 8, 2020. **Hazel (Granger) Reed**, of Saint Maries, Idaho, died Jan. 28. **Harriet Jacobson**, of Spokane Valley, died March 5, 2020. **Laura "Kathie" Jacobsen '49**, of Pasadena, Calif., died July 8, 2020. **Gladys (Wessel) McCord**

'49, of Bellevue, died April 18, 2018. She was preceded in death by her spouse, **William McCord '50. Don McFerran**, of Prosser, died Jan. 24. **Robert Paeth '49**, of Toledo, Ore., died Jan. 6, 2021. **Joyce (Trail) Peters**, of Santa Rosa, Calif., died Jan. 17. She was preceded in death by her spouse, **Richard Peters '51. Jean (Tanner) Souter**, of Athens, Ga., died Oct. 23, 2021. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Dr. **Thomas Thompson Jr. '49. Juanita (Perkins) Templin**, of Ritzville, died Jan. 17. **Edward "Ed" Zeiger**, of Puyallup, died Oct. 2, 2021. He was preceded in death by his first wife, **Wilma Zeiger '47**. Survivors include his spouse, Betty Brown Zeiger; son **Karl Zeiger '75, MAT '79**; daughter-in-law **Kim (Nisker) Zeiger '78**; and granddaughter **Molly Zeiger '09**.

RON FRASE



Professor Emeritus of Sociology Ron Frase, founder of the Central America Study & Service Program, died Nov. 5, 2021, in Spokane. He was 97. Ron was raised in Hamburg, N.Y. After serving in the United States Navy, he earned his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and his bachelor's of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Ron then earned his master of theology and his doctorate from Princeton Theological Seminary. He married his beloved spouse, Marianne Somers, in 1957.

Ron and his family arrived at Whitworth in 1973, where he first served as a sociology professor and then as chaplain. In 1975 he spearheaded the Central America Study & Service Program. Now in its fifth decade, CASP makes a significant impact on generations of students who travel, study and serve in Central America. "Ron gave me the gift of Central America and experiential learning," current CASP director Kim Hernández says. "The last 15 years under his mentorship have transformed every aspect of my life."

After Ron's retirement in 1990, he continued to serve as a guiding influence for students and faculty as well as alumni, with whom he maintained deep friendships through years of letters and visits. Whitworth honored Ron in 2018 with the Distinguished Ministry Leadership Award for his faithful service and enduring legacy. Ron's survivors include his spouse of 64 years, Marianne; his children **Shelly (Frase) Owen '83** and **Melissa (Frase) Alfstad '84**; three grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. ❧

Fond Farewells

Whitworth bids goodbye to these staff and faculty members who retired in 2021-22. Their faithful care and significant contributions have made a lasting impact on our community and well beyond.

thank you

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Academic Program Assistant,
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Years of Service: 24

WENDY BLEECKER M.ED. '89

Assistant Professor of Education
Years of Service: 6 Permanent,
3 Adjunct

BARBARA CARDEN

Circulation Supervisor, Library
Years of Service: 25

BETH DAVIS '81

Program Specialist, The Whitworth
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Years of Service: 15

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Program Assistant, Human
Resource Services
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DAN KEBERLE

Professor of Music, Director of
Jazz Studies
Years of Service: 34

ROBERT KRUEGER

Associate Professor of Occupational
Therapy and Doctoral Capstone
Coordinator
Years of Service: 2

LAURIE LAMON '78

Professor of English
Years of Service: 31 Permanent,
5 Adjunct

KATHY LEE

Professor of Political Science
Years of Service: 11 Permanent,
6 Adjunct

LUZ MERKEL

Associate Vice President,
Finance & Administration
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RANDY MICHAELIS '74

Professor of Education
Dean, Continuing Studies &
Graduate Admissions
Years of Service: 37

PATTY MURPHY

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Years of Service: 29

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Facilities Services
Years of Service: 14

LEONARD OAKLAND

Professor of English
Years of Service: 56

KEN PECKA '80

Director, Instructional Resources
Years of Service: 33

JEANNIE PLOPPER

Coordinator, Office of the President
Years of Service: 15

LESLIE WATKINS M.ED. '20

Program Coordinator,
Residence Life and Student Life
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