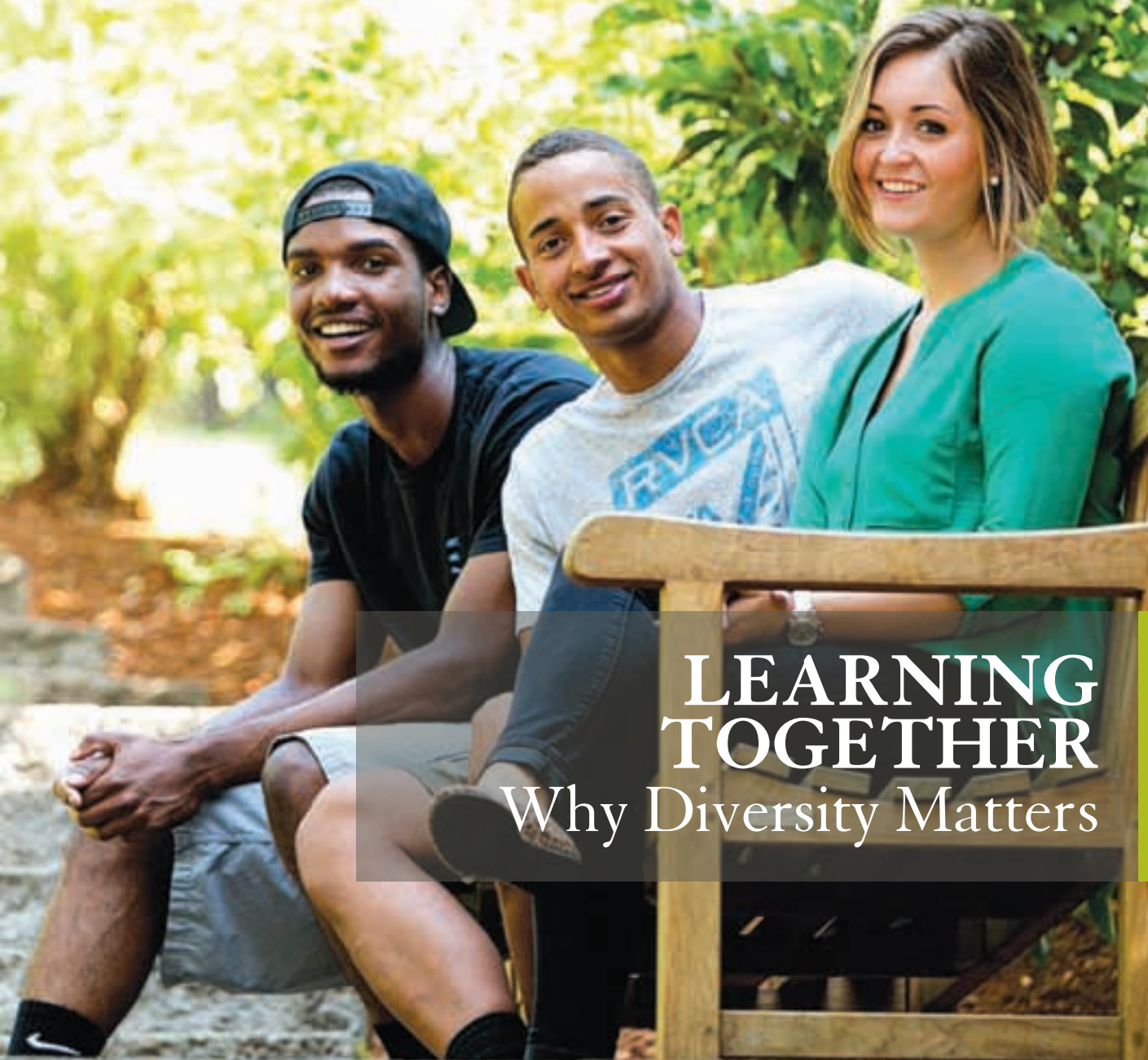


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FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE



**LEARNING
TOGETHER**
Why Diversity Matters



THINKING ABOUT DIVERSITY

I am Dr. Daymond Glenn, and I serve as the Vice President for Community Life and Chief Diversity Officer at Warner Pacific. Diversity is a topic I've been intellectually wrestling with for the last 15 years, and it has been a primary academic focus for me while earning my bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees.

In my studies, I was intentional about theorizing, developing, and advancing new ways for colleges and universities to (re)frame how they address the needs of historically marginalized students, while simultaneously helping all students build bonds across cultural differences. Throughout my research, I was critical of many institutions for their overemphasis of cultural differences, and concerned about their de-emphasis on the systemic and structural causes of marginalization; I knew for this intellectual project to take shape, the academy would have to center the voices of people on the margins and allow for suffering to speak, socially and academically.

However, I also knew this endeavor was not possible without a strong grounding in the gospel, and the gospel could not be a dogmatic, arbitrary line used to evaluate people on how well they reflected the interest of an unjust status quo; rather, I knew in my spirit, diversity work had to be about building community and espousing a Christ-centered message that allowed everyone to live into their potential and use their vocation and calling to address the disparities that disproportionately exist in society.

A tall task to be sure! These experiences have taught me to move beyond the notion of diversity as just an aesthetic. Rather, I believe

it is also a systematic response, essential in fulfilling our mission and purpose, and this ethic is precisely what brought me to Warner Pacific. I was drawn to the spirit undergirding the mission of the College, not just in terms of its written form, but the divine charge of the College to live up to the reality it espouses. As a Christ-centered institution, planted in an urban environment, with an interdisciplinary response to understanding and solving issues, seeking equity for historically marginalized populations is at the core of who we are and what we are about at Warner Pacific.

When I first read the mission of the College, I saw myself being a part of it and helping contribute to it. I also thought it appropriated some of the major tenets of who I am as a person from a diverse background. How could I not be a part of something so bold, so innovative, and so progressive within the landscape of Christian higher education? It is what God has been preparing me for, and I am exactly where He wants me to be right now. Reading these pages, I invite you to join the call that God has on this place. And as you read, please understand this is a journey and not a destination, as we have much more work to accomplish. However, I offer you the reader a humble glimpse into how we are responding to our call and serving our community with passion.

Much love,
Dr. Daymond Glenn

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1944 PACIFIC BIBLE COLLEGE YEARBOOK PHOTO OF REV. BARROW

A Legacy of Service

KNOWN AS “THE LITTLE WARRIOR” FOR HER SMALL STATURE AND STRONG WILL, ALUMNA REV. WILLIE T. BARROW ADVOCATED FOR RACIAL EQUALITY, WOMEN’S RIGHTS, EDUCATIONAL ACCESS, AND LABOR RIGHTS.

BY MELODY BURTON

Nearly 20 years before Rosa Parks launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott by refusing to give up her seat to white passengers, a 12-year old girl in Burton, Texas, was unknowingly standing up for justice by telling a school bus driver that she needed to take a seat.

Rev. Willie T. Barrow (née Taplin) was born in 1924, one of seven children to Nelson, a minister in the Church of God (Anderson, Ind.), and Octavia Taplin. Growing up on her family’s farm, Barrow learned the importance of hard work from a young age, milking cows, tending to chickens, and picking cotton in the blistering Texas sun. Although Nelson and Octavia never had the opportunity to attend school themselves, they understood that education was the best way to improve the lives of their children.

Nelson learned to read and write through his work with the church, and while they were not wealthy, he and Octavia did own their land and farm, a rare occurrence in the black community of the 1920s. The ability to personally manage the running of the farm provided the Taplins with the financial stability to ensure that their children would complete high school, rather than being sent into the fields to provide income for the family. Years later in 2010,

Barrow would attribute her work ethic and tenacity to her early days on the farm, saying, “I really thank God for my farm experience. I don’t think I would be the woman that I am today had I not seen nature, worked with nature...the same hands that pick cotton can pick presidents.”

With her parents as strong role models, Barrow grew into a practical and confident child. At 12, Barrow and the other black children endured long walks to school, traveling 10 miles along a dirt road as they watched a bus stopping to pick up white children along the way. One day, as the bus pulled over to collect a group of students, Barrow decided to jump on. Recalling the incident, Barrow explained that there was no plan or greater purpose in this first act of civil disobedience, she was simply tired and felt that she should be able to ride the bus, just like the white children. The students on the bus started yelling and threatening Barrow, but there was one young girl who stood up to the angry crowd, defending Barrow’s right to ride. The incident was big news in the small community, and while the buses in Burton did start taking black students to school, Barrow’s parents feared for their daughter’s safety and asked her not to take that kind of risk again.



Rev. Barrow and Rep. Luis Gutierrez march in a peace rally

“I told my daddy I would never do it again,” said Barrow. “But I had already done it then. I had reached out, I had tested it...and I liked it.”

At 16, Barrow moved to Houston looking for a job and soon started working as a welder. Seeing the challenges that women in her field were facing, she felt called to union organizing. Barrow became one of the first female union welders in America. Women like Dorothy Height and Addie Wyatt served as mentors for Barrow, welcoming her to the labor movement and encouraging her to use her confidence and public speaking skills to stand up for worker’s rights.

“GO TO SCHOOL. GET YOUR EDUCATION. SET ASIDE TIME TO PUT GOD IN YOUR LIFE, SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOU...IF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CAN REACH THIS POINT, TO SAY, ‘I AM WHO I AM AND WHAT I AM BECAUSE GOD HAS ORDAINED IT TO BE THROUGH ME,’ THEN THEIR LIVING WILL NOT BE IN VAIN. YOU DON’T HAVE TO WRESTLE ON YOUR DEATHBED WHEN YOU DO THAT WHICH IS ACCORDING TO WHAT GOD HAS CHOSEN YOU FOR.” – Rev. Barrow’s advice to young people

With the escalation of World War II and the increased need for women to support wartime efforts, Barrow moved to Portland, where she continued working as a welder in the Kaiser Shipyards at Swan Island. While there, she met and married Clyde Barrow in 1943. A deep sense of calling permeated her life, so at a time when less than 10% of the black population had the opportunity and access to even graduate high school, Barrow enrolled at Warner Pacific, then called Pacific Bible College, to study theology. At the College, she sought out opportunities to serve others, joining student council and starting a Bible study group that grew into the first African-American Church of God in Portland.

In 1945, the Barrows moved to Chicago when Clyde took a position with General Motors. Shortly after arriving, a friend and minister recognized Willie’s talents and encouraged her to get involved in community development. By the end of the 1950s, leaders within the civil rights movement had noticed Barrow’s strong skills in community organizing, her deep commitment to equity, and her tenacious ability to get results; they tapped Barrow to organize demonstrations throughout the United States. In 1963, she attended the March on Washington. Laboring beside the giants of the civil rights movement, Rev. Willie T. Barrow truly found her voice. She worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, and Rev. Ralph Abernathy to organize sit-ins and boycotts throughout the south. In 1965, she traveled to Selma, Ala., to demonstrate alongside Dr. King.

Soon, Rev. Barrow was supporting human rights campaigns around the world, joining Dr. King’s work in Vietnam, traveling to South Africa to meet with Nelson Mandela, and leading a group of women in Nicaragua in a march for peace. By the late 1960s, Barrow had been recruited by Rev. Jesse Jackson to join him in establishing the Chicago chapter of Operation Breadbasket, a national organization dedicated to improving the economic conditions of black communities across the U.S.

For her first task, she partnered with Nancy Jefferson, organizing a group of 30 people to travel to neighborhoods throughout Chicago, researching the food that was available to consumers on the North and West sides of the city. They found shocking disparities in quality and price. Often, expired food was sent to stores in the “black belt,” a chain of neighborhoods on the South Side of Chicago, where three-quarters of the city’s minority population lived. Barrow’s group also discovered that shoppers in black neighborhoods were paying more for the lower quality food than consumers in predominantly white neighborhoods were paying for fresher options.

The community members that Rev. Barrow first organized began forming public interest groups to monitor the equity of food distribution in the city. In addition, Barrow lobbied for stores to offer products from minority-owned businesses, and with her



leadership, a number of items were soon found on the shelves, including Joe Louis Milk and Chicago's iconic Baldwin ice cream.

As Operation Breadbasket evolved into Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity), Barrow became the first woman to lead as the Executive Director, organizing campaigns to serve the poor and marginalized. Being a woman in such a prominent leadership position drew attention, and when asked why she felt it was important to spend her time doing this work, Barrow responded, "God gave us intelligence, and he wants us to use it for the building and the rebuilding of his world. That's what we're all about."

Many people in Chicago's black community saw Barrow as a sister, godmother, and mentor. And while Barrow stepped into her pastoral calling by training up others in the cause, she deeply valued the opportunity to learn from each person that God put in her path.

"I opened my house up to all of the powerful women in the movement — Coretta Scott King, Dorothy Height, Addie Wyatt. I hung around with the people that had the power. That's how I learned," she said in an interview with the Visionary Project.

"We have to teach this generation, train more Corettas, more Addies, more Dorothys. If these youth don't know whose shoulders they stand on, they'll take us back to slavery. And I believe that's why the Lord is still keeping me here."

Barrow loved Chicago and committed her existence to improving the lives of minorities in the city through economic and educational equity. She helped lead the campaign that saw the election of Harold Washington, Chicago's first black mayor, and when the City Council was in an uproar following his unexpected death after a heart attack, it was Rev. Barrow who calmed the room with the simple prayer, "God, Chicago needs you tonight."

Recognizing the leadership potential in the diverse youth of her community, Barrow mentored 130 young people, urging them to attend college, even when it meant pulling out her own checkbook. These up-and-coming leaders were known as her "godchildren,"

"YOU'VE GOT TO BE WILLING TO SERVE PEOPLE. PEOPLE ASK 'WHY ARE YOU TAKING ALL THESE TRIPS? WHY ARE YOU WINNING THESE AWARDS?' IT'S ALL ABOUT SERVICE. WHEN YOU CAN SEE PEOPLES' NEEDS, WHEN YOU CAN SEE THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, SEE THE WORLD'S NEEDS; THEN YOU JUST RESPOND TO THOSE NEEDS...THAT IS POWERFUL." – On the importance of service

and she remained a presence in their lives well into adulthood. One example was her "godson," President Barack Obama, who in a statement from the White House on her passing, had this to say, "Michelle and I are deeply saddened by Reverend Barrow's passing, but we take comfort in the knowledge that our world is a far better place because she was a part of it."

Led by her strong personal faith in Christ, Barrow worked well with politicians from both sides of the aisle. She fought for justice in varied arenas, championing the need for minority representation in Chicago's police and fire departments, the city's news desks, in national advertising campaigns, and in voter registration rolls. When her only son, Keith Barrow, died in 1983, Willie honored his memory by making one of the first pieces of the AIDS Memorial Quilt.

In the midst of leading a national organization to initiate action that addressed global concerns of human rights, Rev. Barrow remained deeply rooted in her Chicago neighborhood. She and Clyde were married for 56 years, until his death in 1998. In the 70 years that she lived in the city, Barrow moved only once and remained an active member at the Vernon Park Church of God on the city's South Side. Barrow died on March 12, 2015, at 90.

"Rev. Barrow is the embodiment of our mission," said Dr. Andrea P. Cook, president of Warner Pacific College. "God's clear calling on her life led her to often difficult places, but her commitment to see the equity, love, and justice of His Kingdom enabled her to do great things. We are honored to be a part of Rev. Willie T. Barrow's story and her legacy continues to inspire our institution as we strive to serve urban and diverse students in Portland." ■



Saddle Up:

HOW ONE ALUM IS USING RODEO TO CHANGE LIVES

BY ANN-ERICA WHITEMARSH '08
PRESIDENT/FOUNDER OF RASCAL RODEO

I grew up a city kid dreaming of being a cowgirl. I got to rodeo a little bit, but I always wished it could be a bigger part of my life. In elementary school, I noticed the kids with special needs would get constantly picked on. I tried to defend those kids against the bullies, but I would end up getting in trouble for it.

When it came time for my high school senior project, I created the first “exceptional rodeo” in my hometown. It was a perfect day that included tears of joy from participants, parents, and volunteers. I truly felt that this was the purpose God created me for. Looking back, I wonder how I really knew how to pull off that event. It has to be all the time I spent shadowing my dad, who was Recreation Supervisor for our hometown, at the events that he organized. I didn’t know this until just a few years ago but my dad played a major role in bringing Special Olympics to Pasco, Wash., when I was a young kid, so maybe it’s in my blood to plan events for people with special needs.

I came to Warner Pacific on a dual athletic scholarship and in my senior year, the desire to produce a second rodeo was

so strong, but I begged God to get that idea out of my head and heart. I just didn’t know how I would be able to pull it off. During that same time the name, “Rascal Rodeo” popped into my head. After graduating, a friend contacted me asking to help her put together an exceptional rodeo and once again, I felt the familiar calling.

After two years at a miserable and depressing job, I was laid off. I moved back in with my parents, had to sell my broken down car, and I was still fighting with God to take away my crazy ideas about starting a rodeo. Well, that never happened. So as an unemployed, car-less, 28 year old living with her parents, I started Rascal Rodeo (RR). I applied for federal non-profit status and began planning multiple rodeos in Washington and Oregon.

I was no longer fighting against God’s calling; instead I was fighting against the doubters who told me the whole idea was unrealistic. What began as a crazy dream has really turned into a straight up miracle! When I started RR I thought it was just an opportunity for people with special needs to have the chance to be cowboys and cowgirls. Since then, I have come to realize that it’s so much more than that. It’s

showing them love and acceptance while focusing on what they can do, not what they can’t do. It’s creating opportunities to open the eyes of others, teaching them that just because someone is labeled “disabled,” doesn’t mean they can’t flourish.

It’s showing parents and caretakers that their child is capable of doing things they never thought were possible, like trading their wheelchair in for a horse and being cheered for as they make a lap around the arena. Parents claim they have never seen their child so happy until they’re at one of our events. News crews that cover our rodeos are usually in tears because they can’t believe what they’ve witnessed. These events are also revealing the deep love that people with special needs have to share, if we just give them the opportunity and time.

Rascal Rodeo exists today because of God. Now I understand that I never needed to know how I was going to make it work, because God has it all under control. ■

Find out how you can support Ann-Erica and the Rascal Rodeo at rascalrodeo.org or at facebook.com/rascalrodeo.

Britny Belcher '16

Human Development and Family Studies

When I started at Warner Pacific, my only understanding of diversity had to do with someone's racial identity. During that first year, I began noticing more and more that diversity also includes things that can't be seen on the outside. At the end of my freshman year, the Student Diversity Council formed and I was invited to take part in some discussions that stretched my definition of the word tremendously. It was through that multicultural programming and education that I learned what it means to value diversity.

The Student Diversity Council supports the College's mission by actively promoting justice on campus and in the broader Portland community. We do this through inclusive events and programs that encourage awareness, education, advocacy, activism, and collaboration. Through our work, I've learned that being part of a diverse community means welcoming a variety of cultures, perspectives, and beliefs. Being a part of this community means thinking past my own needs and perspectives in order to make room for those who are different from me, striving to make this campus an equitable place for all.

As a Christ-centered institution, we can't deny the role that diversity plays in living out our faith; making room at the table for the marginalized was a vital part of Christ's ministry on earth. As we grow, I hope to see the College deepen its understanding and practice of being a diverse community in the classroom, designing curriculum that truly reflects this important theme in the mission of the College.





Herman Green '14

Senior Pastor, Southlake North; MSMOL

I had been telling my kids about the importance of continuing their education beyond high school when my oldest daughter asked me, “Why didn’t you go to college then?” Both she and I agreed that “not having time” was not a good response, so I committed to go to college and continue my education for as long as she was in school.

The Adult Degree Program (ADP) was absolutely amazing. I’ll never forget what one advisor said on the first night, “...you can do anything for 5 weeks.” I began ADP working on an associate’s degree and in the end I earned my master’s. For each degree, regardless of how tough things got, I told myself, “You can do anything for 5 weeks.”

Twenty-five years ago, Warner Pacific took a long hard look at what they had been doing, the success that they had experienced, the communities that they had served, and discovered that they could do more. Through opportunities like ADP, the College created a new identity that truly centers on what they believe and welcomes learners from a broad spectrum of life experience.

As a student, their message to me was, regardless of how old you are or what you have always done, you’re never too old to recreate yourself; you just have to be willing to accept the help of others and be ready to change. I came in wanting to change my life; I could picture how an education would impact me and my family. Warner Pacific was the help that I needed to flourish.

Kia C. Smith

Assistant Director of Leadership Development
and Student Programs

I was first drawn to Warner Pacific because of the mission. After just two interactions with Dr. Cook, I knew that she had a heart to make higher education accessible to youth in this city and was committed to providing the support that is essential in order for them to not only enter college but complete it and create a new narrative for their lives. I came here because I knew I wanted to be part of that work.

In my position, I have the opportunity to walk with students on a 4-year journey. In the day-to-day, that happens through academic advising, developing leadership qualities, connecting them to campus resources, and identity development. Throughout their educational journey, I have the privilege of truly seeing them, listening to them, trying to understand them, and challenging them.

Being part of a diverse community means everything to me because it confirms that I am part of Jesus' work. Diversity is an active response to addressing the needs of those who have been historically pushed to the margins; it's a commitment to ensuring there is equity in the services we provide here at the College.

As I think about our future, I would love to see Warner Pacific leading the charge within the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) when it comes to recruiting, retaining, and graduating students from historically marginalized and underrepresented groups. I think we have the leadership, within our Executive Cabinet and our WPC community, to create a roadmap that helps other colleges live into what it means to be actively committed to diversity.





Roger Martin Ph.D.

Chair, Department of Business
Associate Professor of Business

Following the events in Ferguson, many students in my Leadership class were upset and wanted to discuss what was happening. I thought I knew a thing or two about diversity, but I wasn't prepared for the honest and uncomfortable conversations that would take place. Thankfully, these discussions began to open my eyes.

Students questioned the textbooks used in our classes, noting how the pictures were all of white people and were written from a perspective supporting the dominant system. As a result of these conversations, I read a few books about race in America; one that dealt with the myth of a post racial America and the

other discussing Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. I also started asking people of color about how they felt about what was happening in Ferguson and listened to their personal experiences with racism in America.

In response, I've started choosing textbooks that reflect our diverse student body, including "The New Entrepreneurs: How Race, Class, and Gender Shape American Enterprise" by Zulema Valdez, who explores the effects of the system on Latino/a entrepreneurs.

I have learned a lot this year. I recognize now the ways the system is skewed toward those in the dominant culture. I see how divisions in our country are just as real today as they were when Dr. King and Malcolm X were around. I have learned that I don't know a whole lot about what it will take to change things, but I also have learned that it does need to change.



Knights See the Power of Second Chances

WP junior, Earl Jones, recently told the “Portland Tribune” how being offered a second chance to flourish at the game he loves has given him a new purpose in life. After leaving Mt. Hood Community College for “personal issues [he] needed to address,” Jones worried he would never achieve his dream of playing professional basketball and getting an education. While working various jobs in Las Vegas, Jones’ hope was renewed after reconnecting with friend and Knights Assistant Coach, Steffan Harvey. Jones had to sit out the games during the first semester to focus on meeting academic requirements, but since his December 19 debut, he’s been lighting up the scoreboard averaging 15.9 points per game. Despite a challenging past, Jones came in and rewarded the Knights’ coaching staff for their faith in him. “He’s impressed since Day 1 on campus,” Harvey says. “He’s for sure a steal. The Lord works things out.” Read the full story at warnerpacific.edu/providing-a-second-chance.



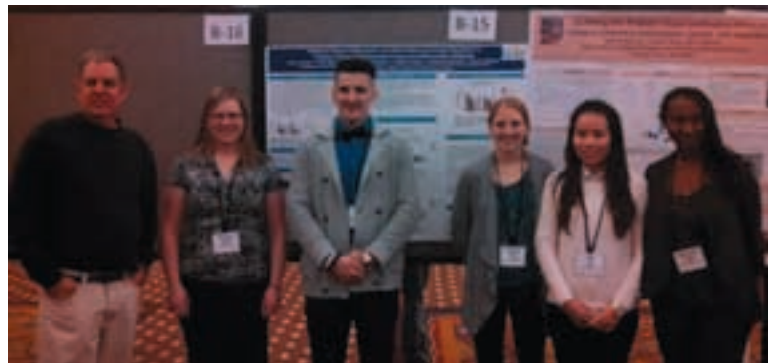
Celebrating 20 Years of KAFU

The Kazakh-American Free University (KAFU) held the American celebration of their 20th anniversary on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Warner Pacific College. KAFU president, Dr. Erezhep Mambetkazyiev, was joined by other leaders from the univer-

sity, and friends from around North America who have been involved in supporting faculty, staff, and students in the USA. KAFU has benefited over the last two decades from the engagement and leadership example of former Warner Pacific President, Marshall Christensen. The College continues to strengthen our relationship with KAFU through visiting international professors, a summer academy, and extended internships in which KAFU students practice language skills and learn intercultural competencies while living in Portland. To learn more about Dr. Cook’s recent trip to KAFU, visit warnerpacific.edu/dr-cook-visits-kazakhstan.

RCM Students Share Ministry Impact

Seniors from the Department of Religion & Christian Ministries shared their experiences with hands-on ministry in Portland at the Night of Stories event on March 4. It was an engaging evening where friends of the College were able to hear the personal journeys of students who are discerning their call to ministry after college. You can watch video from the event and find out more about RCM events, including the upcoming Art of the Call on May 5, at warnerpacific.edu/RCMevents.



Students Shine at WP Science Café

Seniors from the Department of Natural Sciences & Health presented research projects in the biomedical sciences at the Science Café on February 26, held on the College’s Mt. Tabor campus. The featured projects were:

- **Brianna Cowin (2015 Warner Pacific Murdock Scholar):** Effect of Hemodynamic Forces on Fibrillin and Elastin Composition in the Embryonic Chicken Outflow Tract
- **Anh Ngo:** Is Reduced Adiponectin mRNA Associated with Alterations in Transcription Factor ATF3 in Adipose Tissue of Nutritionally Programmed Microswine Offspring?
- **Almir Celebic:** Reduced Plasma Adiponectin and Altered Beta-Adrenergic Signaling in Adipose Tissue of Nutritionally Programmed Microswine Offspring

These students also attended the annual Murdock College Science Research Conference in December 2014, where Anh Ngo presented her project.

Expanding Opportunities for WP Students

The College is excited to partner with the Doctor of Chiropractic Program at University of Western States, offering accelerated entry into their chiropractic program. Warner Pacific science students can gain entry into the UWS Doctor of Chiropractic program while finishing the requirements for their Bachelor of Science degree from Warner Pacific; obtaining their post-secondary degree sooner than others and with an average tuition savings of \$19,000. Learn more at warnerpacific.edu/chiropractic.

WP Hosts Writers Conference

Warner Pacific welcomes the Fourth Annual Faith & Culture Writers Conference, April 10 – 11, 2015. The conference is a diverse, faith-based creative community of writers, bloggers, journalists, professors, activists, theologians, literary agents, editors, publishers, screenwriters, musicians, artists, poets, and everyday people who love words, God’s Word, and story. This year’s theme is “ROUGH DRAFT: From Blank to Beautiful” and will feature more than 40 speakers and presenters. Learn more or register to attend at faithandculturewriters.com.

Social Entrepreneurship Majors Prepare to Change the World

During their senior year, Social Entrepreneurship majors must identify a need within the community and create a small entrepreneurial business to meet that need as part of their Capstone Project. On January 13, 2015, students presented their businesses to John Friese from “Starve Ups” (an entrepreneurial start up group in Portland); Carrie Atkinson from “Sock It To Me,” and Junea Rocha from “BraziBites” (both local small businesses). The culmination of the Capstone Project is a cash award for the best Business Plan, allowing students to become real-world social entrepreneurs by the time they graduate.

Students presenting Capstone Projects this year include:

- **Luwam Kahassay:** ArtCart, helping people engage their creative side
- **Anthony Sims:** KooksLife, using business strategies to help skateboarders
- **Gimena Olguin:** UniME, United Minority Entrepreneurs
- **Kristi Gifford:** BU Fitness Wear, serving women 18 to 50 years of age to live motivated and active lives
- **Emily Potts:** VEAS, using photography to help people appreciate the complexities of life

Warner Pacific is the first college in Oregon to offer a major in Social Entrepreneurship. Learn more at warnerpacific.edu/se.



ADP Alum Wins Council Vote

From Army Combat Medic to newly elected Beaverton City Councilwoman, Warner Pacific alum Lacey Beaty '13 is using her gift of leadership to make her community a better place. Benefiting from the focused immersion in managerial practices taught in the Master of Science in Management and Organizational Leadership program through the Adult Degree Program, Lacey honed her managerial skills, understanding of the influences of financial and regulatory pressures on management, conflict resolution, and transformational leadership.

“My master’s degree continues to help me almost daily. I lead high performance teams; I train, mentor, and most importantly am a servant leader,” Lacey reflects. “Being a manager is simple; however leading with compassion and a servant’s heart is no easy task. I learned the skills necessary to lead from the front and take my team to the next level.” Read the full story at warnerpacific.edu/alum-lacey-beaty.



Social Change and Popular Culture Take Center Stage

The 3rd Annual Diversity Lecture Series explored the themes of Celebrity & Social Justice in a two-part event. Noted actor and author, Hill Harper kicked off the conversation, sharing the story of his life in the spotlight as well as his dedication to founding the Manifest Your Destiny Foundation to empower underserved youth. The second lecture in the series was presented by Dr. Tricia Rose, Professor of Africana Studies and Director of the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University. Dr. Rose is a highly praised author, commentator, and social critic who is best known for her ground-breaking book, “Black Noise: Rap Music and Black Culture in Contemporary America,” which was listed as one of the “Top Books of the Twentieth Century” by Black Issues in Higher Education.

Sophomore Wins National Video Contest

Music major, Sean Musaeus took first place in the National Music Council and Music Publishers Association 2014 Copyright Awareness Scholarship contest. In the video, Musaeus compares the two faces of music downloads. First, he showcases the talent, dedication, and time taken by the artist to create something worthy for the audience to buy and download. Then, contrasting that with a dark and shady character who pirates the music and offering free downloads, negatively impacting the artist’s efforts. In the end, the video has a simple message – Don’t cheat yourself. See the full video at musiccouncil.org.



2015 HOMECOMING

THANK YOU TO THE ALUMNI, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO JOINED US AT THE WARNER PACIFIC 2015 HOMECOMING. THERE WERE 610 ATTENDEES AT THE 14 EVENTS PLANNED OVER THE THREE DAY

CELEBRATION. IT WAS A WONDERFUL TIME TO RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS AND BUILD NEW RELATIONSHIPS. WE ARE ALREADY LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S HOMECOMING, FEBRUARY 11-13, 2016.





HOMECOMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Energetic Chapel service featuring student worship leaders and alumni speaker, Wm. Paul Young, author of “The Shack” and “Cross Roads”
- Induction of the Class of 1965 into the Golden Torch Society
- Dessert & Jazz Concert with WP ensembles and special guest performer, Patrick Lamb
- Natural Sciences and Health Alumni (1975-1995) Reunion with former professors, Dwight Kimberly and Dave Canoy
- Distinguished Alumni Awards presented to: Jim '75 and Terri Teague; Rev. Nick Van der Veur '52; Nicole (Yerden) Wells '98; and Dr. Kerry Kuehl '81
- Presentation of the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award for the Adult Degree Program: Rebecca Black '94
- Professional Networking event with a panel discussion featuring Tom Mears, Chairman and Past-CEO of Burgerville; Mike Moreland, Chief Human Resources Officer, Oregon and Alaska Regions at Providence Health & Services; Dr. Andrea Cook, President of Warner Pacific
- Celebration and gathering commemorating over 25 years of adult education through the Warner Pacific Adult Degree Program/Degree Completion Program
- A special rendition of Happy Birthday at the Friday evening Lady Knights Basketball game for their honorary team member and 6th man, Lexy delos Reyes to ring in her 12th birthday
- Induction into the Athletic Hall of Honor: Bill Edwardson '88 (basketball); Matt Segrin '03 (basketball); Darcy Fast '69 (baseball and basketball); and the women's volleyball teams of 1982 and 1983
- Four action-packed basketball games where students and alumni cheered on the Knights

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Meet WP's Newest Act Six Cadre

Warner Pacific is thrilled to award ten high school seniors with full-need scholarships through the Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative. These diverse student leaders were selected following a rigorous three-month competition among over 900 applicants. This is the sixth cadre of scholars attending Warner Pacific. They were chosen for their distinctive leadership, academic potential, and commitment to making a difference in their communities. The Cadre 6 scholars are: Irving Ayala, Tigard; Tarah Bedell, David Douglas; Elvia "Janelly" Carranza Valladares, Tualatin; Vanesa Delgado, Tigard; Gisell Delgado Gil, Reynolds; Ruben Estrada, Grant; Margaret Gichachi, Tualatin; Brianna Grisby, Grant; Randall "Kevin" Henderson, Tigard; and Mayra Martinez Iniguez, Tigard.

New Grants Support Scholarships, Faculty, and Technology

- The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust provided a \$71,000 matching grant to establish an educational technology design lab located in the College's Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL). The space will assist professors in diversifying course delivery formats from face-to-face to hybrid and online class configurations.
- A \$5,000 grant from the Zimmerman Family Foundation will support the College's educational technology design lab and studio through the Murdock Matching Grant.
- The \$20,000 grant from the William H. & Mary L. Bauman Foundation supports the Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative's Urban Service Track at Warner Pacific, which is tailored to help under-prepared but talented and highly motivated high school scholar-leaders succeed in achieving their higher education goals.

Women's Soccer Brings Home Conference Wins

After leading the Knight women's soccer team to their first ever post-season win, Ashley Valencia, Elle' Nelson, and Crystal Foster were named All-Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC). Holly Popenuk was named Co-Coach of the Year, along with Vallan Seid of Northwest University. After finishing 3-8-1 in her first season, Popenuk turned around a struggling Warner Pacific team, ending her second season with a 7-7-2 record overall.

Winter Commencement Honors Adult Students

At the December 13, 2014, Winter Commencement, Warner Pacific celebrated 156 new graduates, with special honors going to four students in the Adult Degree Program.

EXCELLENCE IN URBAN LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:
KRISTEN ALLEN

EXCELLENCE IN DIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:
NENA A. HERBST

EXCELLENCE IN CHRIST-CENTERED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:
JEFFREY DAVID ALLEN

EXCELLENCE IN LIBERAL ARTS LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE:
MIMI CATHERINE FONSECA

Congratulations to all our graduates!

President Cook Named Ally for Excellence

Dr. Andrea Cook was presented with the 2014 Oregon Latino Agenda for Action (OLAA) Líderes Award, also known as the Ally for Excellence Award. This award is given by the OLAA to exemplary individuals who have contributed to the growth, innovation, impact, and results of our Latino community. OLAA's goal is to establish a broad-based statewide coalition of Latino organizations, community groups, and individuals to strategically advocate and work for systems change and to develop policy recommendations on issues affecting our communities.

Men's Basketball Recognized for Conference Excellence

After a 25-win season and a Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Co-Championship, post-season accolades rolled in for the Warner Pacific men's basketball team. Four Knights received All-CCC awards: Earl Jones, Coletun Tarr, and Doug Thomas were voted 1st Team All-CCC thanks to outstanding individual performances. Michael Hall shared the conference's defensive player of the year award with an athlete from Concordia.

Jared Valentine was voted Cascade Conference Coach of the Year. Valentine was recognized for leading his team to a 14-4 record in conference play to earn a piece of the CCC regular season title.

Staff Recognized for Excellence and Service

Two staff members were awarded the Rick Weems Second Mile Service Award for their dedication to “go the second mile” to support the institution. Doug McClay, Electronic Services & Instruction Librarian, was recognized for his tireless service to students. Melody Burton, Communications Specialist, was honored for work in promoting the mission of the College through publications and events.

Janelle Austin, ADP Academic Advisor, was selected to receive the inaugural Rita Hughes Award, which was created to recognize exceptional customer service to ADP students, as modeled by former staff member and current instructor, Rita Hughes. Austin was chosen for her memorable acts of kindness and her willingness to go above and beyond to serve the needs of students.

Research and Life Experiences Direct Faculty Publications

Four faculty members are celebrating recent publications:

- Dr. Jay Beaman contributed a chapter titled “The Pentecostal Pacifism of John S. McConnell Jr., Founder of Earth Day” to the book, “Blood Cries Out; Pentecostals, Ecology, and the Groans of Creation,” edited by A. J. Swoboda.
- Dr. Tony Kriz completed his third book, “Aloof: Figuring Out Life with a God Who Hides.” The chapters include stories that normalize the experience of an often hidden God, while also aiding the reader to acknowledge the very real moments, rare though they may be, when God has shown up in a tangible way.
- Dr. Robert Nava is co-author of “Preparing teacher candidates to serve students from diverse backgrounds: Triggering transformative learning through short-term cultural immersion” which appeared in the “International Journal of Intercultural Relations.”
- Dr. Dennis Plies has published, “Embracing the Unforeseen: Improvisation in Life and Faith.” In it, Plies uses his knowledge of music and his personal life experiences to explore the nature of faith, improvisation, and dialogue, showing how these seemingly disparate practices overlap, relate, and enhance each other.



Meet the New Director of Alumni Relations

Serena Cline '02 has joined Warner Pacific as the Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving. Having spent the last 12 years working in higher education, Cline brings a wealth of experience and talent to this important leadership role. Most recently, Serena served as Interim Associate Director for New Student & Parent Programs at California State University, Fullerton. She has a M.E. in College Student Affairs from Azusa Pacific University, and a B.S. in Social Science and minor in History from Warner Pacific College. Cline made the decision to return to Warner Pacific after learning about the College’s revitalized mission to serve urban and diverse students in Portland, and she is looking forward to discovering meaningful ways to connect alumni to the inspirational work of their alma mater.

Glenn Named to CCCU Diversity Commission

Dr. Daymond Glenn, Vice President for Community Life and Chief Diversity Officer, was appointed to the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) newly launched Commission on Diversity and Inclusion. The Commission on Diversity and Inclusion will build on the work of the previous Advisory Committee for Advancing Intercultural Competencies. One of the commission’s primary goals is to facilitate the exchange of best practices among diversity officers at member institutions across the country. Additionally, the Commission will host a conference on diversity for CCCU faculty, staff, and administrators.

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CLASS NOTES

Roger Lynn '78 is at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Portland, Ore., shepherding the congregation through a transition period as they search for a new pastor.

Rev. Walter A Ghant '78 was installed as the new pastor for Union Baptist Church in Waynesboro, Va.

Mary (Murphy) Faber '05 lives in Bonners Ferry, Idaho and is excited to be working with a great team at Purnaa, a social enterprise committed to empowering those most marginalized by society to fresh starts and fulfilled lives.

Violetta McKean '09 started working at Morrison Child and Family Services as a Parent Educator/Social Worker.

Krystal Estrella '12 lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and is working as an Enrollment Representative at Carrington College. She is thankful to be working in higher education.

BIRTHS

Elise (Chaffin) '07 and Nathan Migliazzo '07 welcomed their son, Elliott Charles Migliazzo on March 18, 2014. He joined big sister, Nora, age 3.

IN MEMORIAM

Ethel Lucille (Proffitt) Dorsey '46 passed away on December 24, 2014, due to complications related to a stroke. Ethel met her husband, **Cecil Dorsey '46** while attending Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific College). They married on June 1, 1944, and enjoyed 69 years together until his death. Ethel worked at the paint store that they owned, as well as volunteering her time at Portland Adventist Hospital for over 25 years. Ethel was an active member of the Soroptomist Club, a professional women's service organization. She was also involved with the Women's Missionary Society and served on the Board of Trustees at Holladay Park Church of God. Ethel is survived by four children: Bruce (Karen) Dorsey of Happy Valley, Ore.; Daniel (Adriana) Dorsey of Vancouver, Wash.; Roger (**Penelope Quesenberry '76**) Dorsey of Corbett, Ore.; and **Renee (Dorsey) '77 (Bob '77) Moss** of Fishers, Ind.; as well as 10 grandchildren (including **Marcus Dorsey '04**) and 15 great-grandchildren. Donations can be sent to the Dorsey Family Memorial Scholarship Fund at Warner Pacific College.

Zelpha LaVelle (Henderson) Anderson '47 of Silverton, passed away at the age of 89 on July 19, 2014. Zelpha earned a degree in social work at Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific College). In addition to social work and teaching, Zelpha was involved in writing and editing Sunday school publications through the Gospel Trumpet Publishing Company in Anderson, Ind. Zelpha married Robert (Bob) Anderson on July 8, 1960, and became the mother to his three sons and a daughter born the following year. She is survived by her three sons, Jim, Tom, and Michael; one daughter, Kathy; eleven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

William Lobdell '48 passed away on August 7, 2014. William married **Eileen Clingman '48** on August 14, 1948. He was a pastor of the Church of God in Anderson, Ind., and later in Montana. William was well loved by his church family and he will be remembered for his dedication to the Salvation Army, for which he rang the bell for donations during holidays for many years. He is survived by his four children, **Rebecca (Lobdell) Morris '76, Harold Lobdell '77, Timothy Clarence Lobdell '85, and Crystal (Lobdell) Vi Bonne '87**; four grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; as well as sisters Arlene and Mildred.

H. Malcolm Combs '62 passed away on September 20, 2014. He met his wife, **Judy Ashford '59** at Warner Pacific College and they were married for 55 years. Malcolm had a painting business and was very involved with mission work, traveling to Peru and Honduras. He was also an active member of the Gideons. Malcolm was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed playing the piano and organ for church, as well as teaching Sunday school. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bill. He is survived by his wife, Judy of South Charleston; sons, Jeff (Kim), and Allen (Sheryl); daughters, Cindy (Eric) McKibbin, and Valerie (Kevin) Nichols; and one brother, David (Betty Rae) Combs. Malcolm was also blessed to be the grandfather of 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arletta (Wolkow) Olsen '62 passed away on December 3, 2014, at the age of 71 after a lengthy battle with MS. She is survived by three sisters: **Marleen Davis '67, LaRene '73 (Glen '72) Hossler, and LaDonna '74 (Wayne '74) Shielee.**

Catherine (Butz) Lund, Keyser-Mary '65 passed away on July 1, 2014, in Scotts Valley, Calif., after several years of battling cancer. She was a

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licensed marriage and family therapist as well as a licensed massage therapist and had just celebrated 18 years of ordination as an Episcopal Priest. Catherine was preceded in death by husband, Pard Keyser, and mother, Mary Butz. She is survived by father, Paul Butz, Church of God missionary in Peru; brothers Howard and **George '66 Butz**; sisters **Ginger Child '63** and Rachel Dance; son Sterling Lund; and five grandchildren.

James (Jim) Robert Hallenbeck '65 of Oak Harbor, Wash., passed away at the age of 72 on July 17, 2014, following a bicycle accident at Deception Pass State Park. Jim enlisted in the U.S. Army after attending Warner Pacific College and went on to be part of several businesses including plumbing, trucking, and mills. He enjoyed travel and the outdoors. He is survived by his brother Ken Hallenbeck and his sisters Mary Hobson, Juli Johnson, and Judi Hallenbeck.

Virginia Earline (Meeks) Broomfield '68 passed away on November 23, 2014. Virginia's family began attending a Church of God in Montana in 1945, a connection that later led her to attend Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific College) and graduate with a bachelor's degree. Virginia spent over 40 years working with Jafra Cosmetics, and was well respected in the company. Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, sister Lolita Reynolds, and husbands Jack vanderEnde (car accident) and Don Broomfield (Alzheimer's). She is survived by four siblings, Louise Smith (Gene), Iva Pedersen (Ken), Becky Saylor (Clyde), and Chester Ray Meeks (Donna); children Jacqueline vanderEnde, Leah Benesch (Dan), Tom Broomfield (Debbie), Donna Berry (Ronn), David Broomfield (Zella), and Pamela Walrath (Mike); as well as 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Rev. Clifford Linkin Tierney passed away on June 30, 2014, at the age of 93. Raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Cliff spent seven years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Cliff was an ordained minister in the Church of God and served for 63 years in California and Oregon, as well as being the Executive Director of the Association of Churches of God in Southern

California. He also served as the Director of Church Relations and Missions for Warner Pacific College. Cliff was preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Betty Jean Schnurr. He and Betty were blessed with three children: Terry Tierney, Carol Ireland, and Mary Ann Johnson, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Lt. Col. Scott Richard Justice '72 passed away on October 21, 2013, in Portland, Oregon at the age of 65. Scott served his country for 33 years in the U.S. Air Force. He attended the Rockwood Church of God. Scott belonged to the Masons, Eagles, Kiwanis, and was a past chairman for United Way. He is survived by his wife June, two daughters, Natalie Martin, and Nicole Justice Arkil, and four grandchildren.

Rev. Steven Ernest Stecker '86 of Rainier, Ore., passed away on October 16, 2014, due to brain cancer. Steve, with his wife **Rhonda (Buckle) '89 Stecker**, pastored the Rainier Community Church of God for the past 11 years. Steve was widely known in the Rainier community and frequently led the Rainier football team in prayer before home games. The community supported Steve and his family by raising funds to help pay uncovered medical expenses. Steve is survived by his wife and three children: Abigail, **Nathan '13**, and Christian.

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Muriel LaRose (Anderson) Marble '44

was born August 10, 1926, in Bellingham, Wash. She graduated as valedictorian from Forest Grove Union High School in 1943 at the age of 16.

The summer after graduation, Muriel worked as a sweeper in the Albina Shipyards in Portland where ships were being built for WWII. It was during this summer that she met **Ivan Marble '45**. Turning down a scholarship to Oregon State University, she attended Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific College) in Portland along with Ivan. They were married on June 2, 1944. They both worked in the shipyards to pay for attendance at Pacific Bible College, but their education was placed on hold when their jobs ended after the end of the war in Europe in the spring of 1945. Two days prior to Mother's Day, they welcomed Fred, their first of 9 children (7 boys and twin girls).

Ivan continued to work as a carpenter and Muriel as a homemaker. In 1952, they established the Gales Creek Community Church of God, where Ivan served as pastor for 42 1/2 years.

Muriel was very active in the community. She was involved in the school parent-teacher organization, she was a Den Leader for Cub Scouts, taught and managed Sunday School, was active in the League of Women's Voters, reported the Gales Creek news for the Forest Grove News Times, and her home was always open to others. In 1974 she became an aide for the Forest Grove School District at Neil Armstrong Junior High School where she worked until she retired in 1988. After Ivan's death in 1995, she became a licensed minister in the Church of God and served the Gales Creek Church and the Valley Hope Church in Hillsboro, also performing weddings and funerals within the community.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bernt and Rosa (Beardslee) Anderson; her husband, Reverend Ivan Marble; her brother Donald B. Anderson; and her daughter, Karen LaRose (Marble) Delashmutt.

Muriel died peacefully on Wednesday morning, February 17, 2015, at Sweet Haven Adult Foster Home in Forest Grove. She is survived by seven sons: **Frederick I. Marble '68** and wife Carolyn of Forest Grove; **Richard B. Marble '68** and wife Joanne of Dayton, Washington; **Stanley G. Marble '68** of Lapwai, Idaho; William H. Marble and wife Donna of Gales Creek; **David H. Marble '76** and wife **DeAnn (Salisbury) '78** of St. Helens, Ore.; Charles F. Marble and wife Anita of Forest Grove; Timothy J. Marble of Forest Grove; and one daughter: **Christine J. Marble '76** of Forest Grove. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren.



Discovering Purpose

BY BART VALENTINE '75

For the past 16 years I have had the privilege of working at my alma mater, Warner Pacific College. After graduating in 1975 with a degree in biology, I spent 23 years teaching and coaching in the public school system in the Portland area. In 1999, I returned to Warner Pacific as the Director of Athletics and the Head Men's Basketball Coach. At that time, the College had been without intercollegiate athletics for the previous 8 years, so my charge was to restart athletics, which included building a men's basketball program.

In my early days at Warner Pacific, the mission statement of the College described us as "a diverse, urban institution." As I looked around, I saw very little evidence that we were a diverse institution, ethnically, culturally, or in any other way. This lack of diversity was reflected in both faculty and staff, as well as in the student population. Of course, not every successful college has a defined level of diversity, but it seemed to me that if our mission statement said we were diverse, we should at least strive toward that goal.

As coach of the basketball team, I realized my team reflected that same dearth of diversity as I saw in the institution. As I thought about that, I felt compelled to reach out in my recruiting to a more diverse population. More directly, I felt a call to recruit inner city youth of color. In my previous 25 years of coaching, I had never been at a school with a diverse population of students, so this was already outside of my comfort zone.

As I wrestled with the call I was feeling, I did not know what a different direction in recruiting would mean. Would inner city youth be academically successful and committed to getting an education? Would it change the chemistry on the team? Looking back, I'm sorry to admit that I had those kinds of questions, but this was new for me. I was new to my role as Director of Athletics, and I didn't want to make changes in the program that would make me look bad.


The calling to recruit from a more diverse pool of students was crystalized when I read the book, "A Purpose Driven Life." Early

in the book Rick Warren states, "It is not about you." He indicates a purpose driven life is about each of us being the best we can be in the place and the role to which God has directed us. Wow, this hit me hard! I needed to get my feelings out of the way and let God work.


God had placed me at Warner Pacific to make a difference in the lives of young men through basketball. After getting confirmation from Dr. Jay Barber, then president of the College, I started recruiting a different group of athletes, many from an inner city culture. The result transformed me. I found a population of young men who really desired an opportunity to get an education and improve their lives. In addition, I found a wealth of athletic talent. In fact, with an infusion of speed, quickness, and explosion, I needed to completely rethink the offenses and defenses that had served me well for 25 years. It is not easy for an "old dog" to learn new tricks. However, this rejuvenated my career. In the process I learned much about myself, as well as a deep appreciation for and understanding of different cultures and people. As a nice sidelight, the basketball program soon became a nationally recognized force. We have now qualified for the NAIA national tournament in 9 of the past 10 seasons, after never previously achieving that level in the history of the school.

The most significant of all these outcomes is the transformational stories in the lives of young men. I will always remember players such as Wes Powers, Demarcus Best, Enrique Sandoval, Steffen Harvey, Reggie Guyton, Josh Jackson, and so many others. Yes, their lives were changed at Warner Pacific College and they are each making a difference in the lives of others now. However, I must thank them, because through these tremendous student athletes, my life was significantly impacted in an awesome way! The entire institution continues to follow this example, as both the student body and staff now represent a diversity of cultures, ethnicities, and socioeconomic statuses. This has made Warner Pacific College a more rich and significant place to work. ■



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