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## A SEASON of CHANGE Building into the Future



#### here's a saying that's been coming to mind quite often as I walk around the campuses of Warner Pacific; "If there's one thing you can count on, it's change." After celebrating our rich history with the 75th Anniversary last year, it has felt like a natural progression to enter into this new season of change.

Throughout this summer issue of Experience, we want to share with you the many exciting new people and projects that God is bringing to the Warner Pacific community. The construction on our Mt. Tabor campus and the addition of another location for our Adult Degree Program are tangible reminders that the College is growing.

To support that growth, we are welcoming new staff, faculty and board members, each of them ready to use their unique gifts and talents to prepare Warner Pacific for the bright future that lies ahead. We are exploring new modalities of learning and entering the debates of the public square in an effort to open the doors of higher education to people and communities who have previously been unable to dream of earning a college degree.

#### Observing the physical and metaphorical landscape of Warner Pacific, I know that we are poised to become a true leader in Christian higher education, an institution willing to boldly step out in faith to see God's Kingdom here on earth.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we experience these changes together, I want to assure you that while culture and our realities are dynamic, our faith is firmly fixed. Warner Pacific is a Christ-centered, urban, liberal arts college dedicated to providing students from diverse backgrounds an education that prepares them to engage actively in a constantly changing world.

While the ways in which we express our mission and vision must be fluid, the faith that has formed our foundation for over 75 years continues to remain strong. Our innovation and creative investments signify our willingness to discover new ways to live into this great responsibility that God has privileged us to share with both our students and the city of Portland.

To God be the Glory!

Indica Cook

Andrea P. Cook, Ph.D. President



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# Arise Build

"THE GOD OF HEAVEN, HE WILL PROSPER US; THEREFORE WE HIS SERVANTS WILL ARISE AND BUILD..." -Nehemiah 2:20 BY MELODY BURTON



earing stories of his city in ruins, the protective wall surrounding his home reduced to cinders, and his people scattered, Nehemiah responded the only way he knew how in the face of such destruction; he sought direction from God.

As the leadership of Warner Pacific College examines the landscape of higher education in Portland, they have become familiar with brokenness. This city is a truly vibrant place, a national hub for social enterprise, and a leader in sustainable urban living. However, inequities in access to education are crippling the economy of this nation and often our most promising urban and diverse students are sitting forgotten on the sidelines. Warner Pacific College believes that access to higher education is a justice issue and is committed to serving students and families for whom college has traditionally been out of reach.

To live into this mission, the College has sought guidance from diverse leaders across the nation. And while there is much to learn from the modern world, as a Christ-centered institution, Warner Pacific also has the benefit of wisdom from ancient sources. When looking to faithfully rebuild a city or system that is broken, there is no better teacher than Nehemiah.

> "We need to be ahead of the employment trends and in touch with the real needs of the marketplace. It's essential that we know what the marketplace needs now and will need in the future..."

Nehemiah was a cupbearer in the court of the Persian king, Artaxerxes during the second half of the 5th century BC, following the Babylonian exile. While his story may not be one of the better known in the Hebrew Scriptures, the book of Nehemiah provides a unique look at the biblical view of project management.

During a visit from his brother, Nehemiah learns that the city of Jerusalem is suffering; his home and his people are struggling. Upon learning this news, Nehemiah immediately recognizes that the people and the city of Jerusalem are of great value to God. Understanding that its current state of brokenness is not what God desires, he begins to pray.

Nehemiah is confident in God's leading, but he also understands the responsibility necessary in guiding a project toward God's glory and not his own. In reading his story, there are four clear components that can be seen in Nehemiah's leadership; prayer, planning, people, and perseverance.

As Warner Pacific begins a season of literal and metaphorical rebuilding to implement the Design for Urban Higher Education, Nehemiah's principles form a roadmap for the journey ahead. To provide context to the process, Assistant Vice President of the Adult Degree Program (ADP), Dr. Lori Jass\*; Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Relations, Dr. Aaron Mc-Murray; Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing, Dale Seipp, Jr.; and Vice President for Operations, Steve Stenberg; share their thoughts on how the project management lessons of Nehemiah are having an impact on the future direction of Warner Pacific College.

#### Prayer

Whether participating in corporate prayer in chapel services, sharing personal requests during small groups, or taking time to listen for God's voice during a staff meeting; the core of the campus community at Warner Pacific College is infused with prayer.

"My philosophy of leadership includes a fundamental belief that the best innovations flow from a knowledge base built on listening and prayer," explains McMurray.

The Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) heritage plays a powerful role in this facet of the College's identity, as does the strong leadership of President Andrea Cook. Under her guidance, Warner Pacific is recruiting a staff that intentionally lives into the College's call to be, "In the City, For the City;" viewing their roles as imperative to Kingdom building in Portland.

This thoughtful and purposeful leadership has been at the heart of all of the College's strategic planning, as President Cook and the administration of Warner Pacific seek to prepare students to take on the significant needs of communities and individuals living within urban centers, whether in Portland, around the United States, or abroad.

#### Planning

"The world of higher education is in the midst of change, and it is critically important that we embrace these changes with open eyes and courageous hearts," implores Jass. "I don't believe any higher education institution will be able to continue to succeed without doing things differently."

Stenberg agrees, saying, "New modalities are part of everyone's future and incorporating them is a key aspect of the overall educational experience. With our growth, we see the opportunity to expand to additional locations to serve our Adult Degree Program, as well as finding ways to incorporate more online instruction for both our traditional and ADP students. This will require more investment in information technology, both in software and network hardware to support the additional demands."

Of course, planning doesn't just include the infrastructure of the College. "We must be continually assessing what has worked and what is not working, and be able to respond to the dynamic prospective student market," says Seipp. "In my office, we are restructuring a couple of jobs to focus on key strategies to help grow the enrollment. Positive campus visits are crucial, so we are intentionally focusing on this experience. We will have a full-time

\*Dr. Jass is completing her service as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Bethel University for the College of Adult & Professional Studies/Graduate School. She will begin her new position at Warner Pacific in the fall. person devoted to enhancing the visit and event opportunities when we host prospective students on campus. The cornerstone of my recruitment philosophy is the campus visit – it was the most important part of my own college search and studies continue to show the high level of significance time spent on a college campus has in a student's decision-making process, and with their parents as well."

"Fortunately, educators in adult degree programs are already used to managing these rapid shifts," explains Jass. "In order to provide adult learners with the skills and behaviors necessary to succeed in their chosen vocations, we need to be ahead of the employment trends and in touch with the real needs of the marketplace. It's essential that we know what the marketplace needs now and will need in the future, and we also have to provide the education in a way that is meaningful to adults."

#### People

"I was drawn to Warner Pacific because of its distinct and compelling mission," says McMurray. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to work alongside such a talented and passionate team of people, who care deeply about the institution, and are committed to its Christ-centered, urban identity. I've been impressed with the quality and talent of the people who serve here."

Embracing the mission of the College is the key to the tight-knit community and strong sense of direction that you find throughout the campuses of Warner Pacific.

"The mission is clearly carried by everyone, and there is a genuine sense of teamwork and camaraderie among those who work here," describes Jass. "I think it is a critically important foundation upon which to build successful degree programs. In the ADP, our students are experts—they are experts in their professional fields and they are experts on what they need to succeed. We will be wise to listen to them as we constantly adjust our programs to deliver a vibrant liberal arts education in ways that are most accessible and helpful to them."

Seipp agrees, "Retention and success of our current students is incredibly important. We are in the process of creating a full-time position that will be dedicated to further developing our retention efforts and helping students connect with resources in an effort to address issues related to continuing enrollment."

Living fully into the mission of the College, Warner Pacific hopes to expand the Kingdom by serving the people of Portland in liberating and transformational ways. To achieve this, it will take more than just the faculty, staff and students. Leadership from the Board of Trustees, denominational support, and community collaboration are each vital components to the process of shaping the future of Warner Pacific.

"We must ensure that everyone at the College understands that they are a vital part of our success," explains Seipp. "We will be developing more intentional points of contact for other members of the Warner Pacific community to engage in the recruitment process. It's important for prospective students and their families to hear from real students, the faculty who would be their instructors, potential mentors, and other parents – people who are currently involved in the experience. We also need to be sure that we are incorporating our alumni stories, communicating the outcome of the Warner Pacific experience, and how it has prepared them for graduate school, their career, and their life as a whole."

McMurray echoes the importance of alumni in the future of any institution. "Alumni often feel that the only meaningful way they can support their alma mater is to give financially. At Warner Pacific, we recognize that our alumni are the gate-keepers of our distinctive history, mission and identity. Our success of building on that legacy will be dependent on our ability to engage and truly listen to our alums and supporters. As we listen to these voices, we'll be more fully equipped to educate and serve our diverse students, in fidelity to the mission of the College."

#### Perseverance

Looking to the future, there is no doubt that there will be challenges and distractions competing for the attention of the administration.

"Currently, our facilities are modest, which reduces the operational expense that must be dedicated to them," explains Stenberg. "We may expand our instruction locations further for our Adult Degree Program, and we will continue to invest at Mt. Tabor as well. We will see improvements in the classrooms and in our co-curricular facilities. While this growth is exciting, we need to be cautious about investment and management of our facilities to ensure that we are good stewards of our resources, providing the facilities we need but not overinvesting."

One of the greatest ways that Warner Pacific can bypass these distractions is a continued posture of prayer and a clear focus on the mission to which the College has been called.

"When I look to the horizon, I see many challenges and opportunities for Warner Pacific," shares McMurray. "The higher education landscape is sobering, and the institutions that will thrive in the coming years will be those who understand deeply who they are, and what niche they can uniquely fill. I've had a Fredrick Buechner quote framed in my office since my college days that says, 'The place God calls you to is that place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.' I believe Warner Pacific is called to the city of Portland for such a time as this. The opportunities before us are both daunting and exhilarating. Innovating to meet these challenges must begin first with a sustaining trust in God and the wisdom that comes from listening to the needs of our neighbors."



# Building the Academy

E ach night, I open my bedroom window wide, and the city lulls me to sleep. Whether it is the sound of late night passers-by or the hitch and hiss of the #17 Trimet bus that runs on my block, what others perceive as chaotic brings me peace. "The city" is not a problem. My wife and I have committed our lives to this city, and we are thrilled to raise our two kids in Portland. Like any city, Portland has a soul, and the Sand family is in love.

When you love something or someone, grace emerges and perspectives shift. I'm well aware that the city of Portland has deep problems. Systems are racialized, certain neighborhoods are disinvested in, and countless youth are struggling to break free and chase after their dreams. As a Jesusfollower, it's not enough to love a place in theory. When thinking about an entire city, things become very complex, very quickly. My head spins when I consider the cost of change, so 10 years ago, I committed to waking up each day praying this prayer: Lord, will you help me find a way to love my city and her people today?

I long for young people in Portland to flourish, which is why I feel so called to my role as the CEO of the Portland Leadership Foundation (portlandleadership.org). As we work to strengthen and develop leadership for the spiritual and social renewal of the city, I can think of no better partner than Warner Pacific College.

By participating in the Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative, Warner Pacific is already making a commitment to recruiting the future leaders of our city. Since the program's inception date, 378 Act Six scholars and alumni across the region have experienced an impressive 91% retention and graduation rate. Having recently selected the College's fourth group, or cadre, of students, Act Six scholars at Warner Pacific are thriving on campus and in the community at large. As Act Six staff have wrestled with finding ways to serve more of the quality students who do not receive the competitive Act Six scholarship, we are asking the question: How can more of these incredibly bright students experience the same success we are witnessing in our Act Six scholars?

Motivated by our hope to deepen our partnership with the College, Portland Leadership Foundation has spent the last two years building a new initiative that repackages and scales a subset of the Act Six model to serve more underrepresented students. We are launching a two-year demonstration project designed to grow the Act Six footprint, and we are thrilled that an additional 20 students will enroll at Warner Pacific in the fall as a part of this new program, The Act Six Academy. The Academy utilizes core elements of the Act Six training and builds on four essential characteristics of the Act Six model:

- Cohorts (to be named "Crews") as a core structure
- An emphasis on pre-college training
- The importance of **cultural integrity**
- Nurturing a sense of purpose in students

Our goal is to walk alongside the team at Warner Pacific to recruit students as early as possible, so we can meld a group of individuals into a Crew, which serves as a community-based support network. We work hard to cultivate a sense of family among students between May, when most students decide which college to attend, and August, when they enroll and begin college.

While Warner Pacific is preparing to welcome these two additional Act Six Academy Crews, students in training will also be engaging with the incoming Act Six Cadre. All together there will be 31 new Act Six students, and we pray that they will be unified as they enroll in the fall. As an organization, Portland Leadership Foundation is fully committed to the ongoing support of these students. With a focus specifically on internships and career devel"At a time when many institutions are unsure of how to engage this massive shift, Warner Pacific is making a creative investment to lead the way in serving diverse students."

opment, we know that the future leaders of our city must be aggressive about their development and engagement.

As a result, we have hired two Community Coaches to work with each Crew: Jodi Stiegemeyer, Head Advisor at the College of Engineering at Portland State University and former Act Six staff member; and Rolando Cruz, graduate of the Warner Pacific Masters in Management and Organizational Leadership program and current Policy and Constituent Relations Manager for Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury. Both Rolando and Jodi have been training for this new role since February, and they are fully committed to the academic, social, and spiritual development of each of the Act Six Academy Crew members.

By the year 2023, there will be more children of color in America than Caucasian children.<sup>1</sup> Oregon's census prediction indicates that our state will see dramatic diversification in the next decade. At a time when many institutions are unsure of how to engage this massive shift, Warner Pacific is making a creative investment to lead the way in serving diverse students. I have great confidence that the Act Six Academy will flourish on campus, and as someone who loves this city, I want to say thank you to the staff, faculty, administration, alumni and donors who are seeking peace for the city I love.

<sup>1</sup> http://www.census.gov/newsroom/releases/archives/population/cb08-123.html

# news&events

## Portland Community Supports WPC Students at the President's Tea

The fourth annual President's Tea & Scholarship Auction gathered hundreds of community-minded individuals to help meet the needs of underserved, first generation college students pursuing their higher education goals. Nearly 200 women attended this year's event, held in McGuire Auditorium on April 13, 2013, which was sponsored by McGee Wealth Management, KeyBank, Boora Architects, Kaiser Permanente, and Stoel Rives, LLP.

Thanks to the generous donations of friends, faculty, staff, and students, the College was able to offer over 50 items through the Silent and Verbal Auctions. Together, with individual contributions, auction bids and the Paddle Raise, over \$65,000 was raised in a single afternoon – that's \$18,000 more than last year's total! This strong show of support will help local students gain the knowledge they need to become future leaders in their careers, their communities and their families by providing unprecedented access to a rigorous, Christ-centered college education.

#### <sup>2</sup> Egtvedt Expansion Underway

The sounds of students have been replaced by the noise of construction this summer on the Mt. Tabor campus, as work gets underway on the Egtvedt Hall Expansion Project. Constructed in 1976 and heavily renovated in 2008, Egtvedt Hall houses the campus dining room, coffee shop, student center, and bookstore on the first floor, along with admissions, the registrar, and the student financial services office on the second floor.

The footings for the Egtvedt Expansion had already been laid as part of the 2008 renovation and the completion of this project is another indication of the tremendous growth that Warner Pacific College is preparing for in the coming years. The Egtvedt Expansion Project will create three additional classrooms on the first floor and provide much needed office space on the second floor. The project is slated for completion in August, 2013.

#### <sup>3</sup> Students Use Futsal to Reach Out to Community

Less than a year ago, Act Six Scholars, Joel Cazares (Cadre 2) and Ricardo Ruiz (Cadre 3) began dreaming about inviting 40 Latino young men to campus to launch a futsal tournament (Note: Futsal is a form of indoor soccer played with five players on a side). "Our goal was to invite high school juniors and seniors from local communities who have great potential but little hope to attend college," said Ruiz. "Although soccer is a passion for most of these students, many of them are often discouraged from pursuing a college degree, and we want to change that."

In the early stages of their planning, Joel and Ricardo began to receive mentoring from Rolando Cruz, a 2010 Warner Pacific MMOL graduate who works for Multnomah County Commissioner Kafoury, and as a soccer coach at Milwaukie High School.

After months of planning, on April 11, Joel, Ricardo, and Rolando achieved their goal of filling the tournament. The first annual Knight Cup was a success as these young leaders worked hard to connect all the participants to the Warner Pacific campus, our students, and faculty, using soccer as a link.

When asked about the future of the Knight Cup, these young men said, "Our intention is to inspire and bring the players a step closer to making higher education a reality. We want to showcase the community that surrounds Warner Pacific College. We love it here."





#### **4 WPC Community Provides** Free Tax Aid to Those in Need

With over 22 years of experience in corporate accounting and taxation, Shelly Hartzell, Assistant Professor of Accounting, understands the connection between accounting and Kingdom-building; in God's economy, every gift has its place.

This year, Shelly spearheaded a movement to provide free tax preparation services to low income families and individuals in the Portland Metro area through a partnership with CASH Oregon and AARP Tax-Aide. Since the beginning of February right up until April 14, certified accounting students and professors have spent their Saturdays meeting with community members to provide this vital service, free of charge.





#### WPC Announces a New Vendor for ADP

For nine years, Warner Pacific has enjoyed a successful collaboration with the Institute for Professional Development (IPD). IPD has made an invaluable contribution to the growth and success of the Warner Pacific College Adult Degree Program. Their skill and expertise have been instrumental in shaping our program.

However, having assessed the current and future needs of Warner Pacific, both the Executive Cabinet and the Board of Trustees remain focused on growing the Adult Degree Program in the years to come. After working through all scenarios and presenting a synthesis of options to the Board of Trustees, it became clear that the College's institutional objectives will best be met in the development of a new vendor relationship with Synergis Education, Inc. (Synergis), which is set to begin September 1, 2013.

Synergis brings new energy to the adult education market and they will empower Warner Pacific to boost enrollment while investing in important technological and marketing innovations.

For more information, visit synergiseducation.com.

#### Mt. Tabor Campus Elects New Student Leaders

Following a competitive election process, students have chosen the candidates that will represent them in the coming academic year. Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Associated Students of Warner Pacific College:

President - Ben Pirtle '14

Vice President - Daniel Ryan '14

Commuter Representative - Scott Schnitzer '14

College Activities Board (CAB) Chair - Luwam Kahassay '15

#### ADP Hosts Food Drive for Local School Kids

Over 21% of the children in Oregon experience food insecurity, often unsure of where their next meal is coming from. Warner Pacific's Adult Degree Program made the decision to support these children through a partnership with Take Action INC., collecting food and financial donations for local school children, April 1-11, 2013.

Take Action INC. serves more than 850 children who have little or no food over the weekends by providing non-perishable items. These kids get breakfast and lunch at their schools on weekdays, but on weekends they go to homes with little to no food. Each Friday, special backpacks are loaded by volunteers at the school and given to the children to take home. The kids return the empty backpacks on Monday to be reused.

Thanks to the donations, support and generosity of ADP students, staff, and faculty, Warner Pacific College was able to deliver 9,504 items into the hands of children in our community.

#### **ADP Announces Sixth Portland Campus**

The Adult Degree Program (ADP) continues to grow with the addition of a sixth Portland-area campus at 8200 SW Pfaffle Street in Tigard, Ore. This new location is conveniently located at the intersection of Hwy 217 and Hwy 99, in partnership with Westside Christian High School.

The Tigard site will enable Warner Pacific to better serve adult learners across the west side, combining a uniquely flexible model for degree completion with class schedules and campus locations designed to complement the busy lives of working professionals. Classes at the Tigard location are in the enrollment phase now and will begin in the fall.

# Bridgetown Performs at 2013 Global Gathering

Following their extensive summer tour, the men of Bridgetown, the premiere men's vocal group at Warner Pacific College, made a stop in Anderson, Ind. to perform at the 2013 Global Gathering of the Churches of God, June 21-24. The group was featured at the All-American Picnic, the Sunday morning services at Madison Park Church of God, and also performed a full concert at Anderson University's Byrum Hall.

Song samples and CDs are available at warnerpacific.edu/bridgetown.



## [GRADUATE PROFILE] The Leader

Aaron Loando '12 B.A. in Worship Arts Leadership Worship/Youth Pastor at Oak Park Community Church of God

Going to Warner Pacific wasn't part of my plan. I was playing soccer for Cascade College when it closed in 2009. I didn't want to consider supporting our archrivals and attending Warner Pacific, however, after visiting a friend who was attending the College and experiencing the welcoming community of musicians on campus, I began to reconsider.

One of the defining moments that shaped my college experience came during a leadership journey called Walkabout. I felt that God was calling me to the role of Chapel Worship Leader but my stage fright left me reluctant to step into a position that would require me to regularly perform in front of everyone. During my time in the wilderness, I began to uncover leadership gifts that I didn't know existed. The staff and faculty encouraged me to cultivate those gifts, and soon I began to come out of my shell and step into other leadership roles, which led me down the path to pursuing full-time ministry.

## [GRADUATE PROFILE] The Chaplain

#### Jodi Carlton '13

B.S. in Human Development with a minor in Human Resource Management Pursuing a Master's of Divinity with a Chaplaincy focus

The Adult Degree Program (ADP) at Warner Pacific provided the flexibility I needed to finish my education while still working full-time. Of course, I left ADP with much more than just a degree; the relationships formed during that time made my college experience truly a remarkable journey.

One life changing event that happened while in school was being diagnosed with thyroid cancer in February, 2012. My cohort, learning team and several professors came alongside me as I went through testing and surgery to remove the thyroid. Today I am cancer free! I feel like I have a bright future ahead of me as I begin my next adventure, attending seminary this fall to earn my M.Div. with a Chaplaincy focus so that I can work in hospice. The education I received at Warner Pacific has definitely prepared me for the discipline of graduate studies, and I'm so grateful for the friendships I've made along the way.

# [GRADUATE PROFILE] The Scholar

#### Patricia Lewis '13

B.A. in Human Development and Family Studies AmeriCorps VISTA Summer Associate

I'm honored to be part of the first cadre of Act Six scholars to graduate from Warner Pacific. Right from the start, I had the opportunity to be mentored by a staff member named Kimberly Love. Regularly meeting with Kimberly made me feel supported on campus, which had a huge impact on my college experience.

In AmeriCorps this summer, I get to work with incoming freshman at David Douglas, the same high school that I attended. During my time there, I felt like I was just another face in the crowd, but here on the close-knit campus of Warner Pacific, I immediately felt valued, which helped me excel in my studies. I never would have imagined that I could be capable of graduating on schedule straight out of high school. Now, I've achieved that goal and my dreams include continuing my education with graduate studies in school counseling! I believe Warner Pacific and Act Six gave me the tools and the confidence to expect more from myself.

#### [GRADUATE PROFILE]

# The Counselor

#### Jesse James '09 '12

B.S. in Human Development and M.S. in Management & Organizational Leadership **Executive Director/Administrator at Firwood Gardens** 

A background as a drug and alcohol counselor isn't traditionally a prerequisite to working as the administrator of a residential care facility for the elderly, but I feel that God really used my experience as a counselor to prepare me for this work by teaching me to effectively communicate with others.

A lot of what I do is rooted in genuinely caring about the well-being of others. I have always been a leader and not a follower, so it feels amazing to help others discover their full potential and watch an employee succeed in moving forward in their career. Working with the elderly, I find it difficult to face the constant loss of those that are receiving end of life services but I consider it a true honor to walk alongside them at such an important and sacred time.

#### staff updates



#### Dean Jenks Director of Facilities

Dean Jenks comes to Warner Pacific with more than 20 years of experience in facilities operations and construction management. Dean has a degree in Construction Management Engineering from Oregon State University. He has worked in the Portland/Vancouver area his entire career, and has been involved in large construction projects as well as operations and maintenance for Living Hope Church.





#### Dr. Aaron McMurray Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Relations

Dr. McMurray has been part of the Advancement Office at Whitworth University since 2008, providing oversight to the annual giving strategy and alumni participation. A skilled major gifts officer charged with cultivating, stewarding and soliciting major and planned gift donors, McMurray will bring a deep knowledge of institutional advancement strategies to his new position at Warner Pacific. Learn more about Dr. McMurray at warnerpacific.edu/mcmurray.

Karina Ramirez Velazquez Enrollment Counselor Growing up in Forest Grove, Ore., Karina Ramierz Velazquez was selected as an Act Six Scholar for George Fox University. She graduated on May 4, 2013, with a double major in political science and Spanish. During her time as a student at George Fox, she was involved as a Cultural Ambassador, served as a mentor in El Puente (a mentoring program for Latino youth) and is the co-founder of the Latino Heritage Club. Karina is excited to share her passion for what a Christ-centered, liberal arts education can do as she meets with prospective students.



**Rick Quesenberry** Director of

Facilities Retires In his role as Director of Facilities, Rick Quesenberry's loyalty and dedication have always been above and beyond the call. His time at Warner Pacific was actually a second career for Quesenberry, who originally built cars for American Motors and then for Chrysler Corporation in Kenosha, Wis. When asked about his retirement, Vice President for Operations, Steve Stenberg said this of Quesenberry, "He always viewed his work here as a ministry. Many people say that about working in faith based institutions, but Rick really lived it out." Rick Quesenberry and his wife, Janet, returned to Kenosha to be closer to their children and grandchildren still living in the area.

#### Bernie Fagan Soccer Coach

Celebrates 25 Seasons at WPC Men's Soccer Head Coach, Bernie Fagan is celebrating his 25th season at Warner Pacific, a rare milestone in college athletics today. Fagan came to the College after a journeyman career in the professional leagues in the UK and USA.

In addition to his dedication to players at Warner Pacific, Fagan has also worked closely with Special Olympics, serving as the Director of Soccer for Oregon in 1989 and later serving as the National Director of Soccer for over a decade.

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David Lee Coach Lee Steps Down After more than a decade of service to the Warner Pacific College Track & Field and Cross Country programs, Head Coach David Lee has decided that the 2013 Track & Field season will be his last in this role.

Since taking the position in 2000, Coach Lee has built a tremendous record of success. During his time with the Knights, over 100 student-athletes competed in NAIA National Cross Country and Track Championships. Those student-athletes combined to earn 23 All-American awards and nearly 40 NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors. He also served two separate times on the NAIA National Indoor and Outdoor Championship Committees, and served two terms as Chair of the Cascade Conference Coaches group.

#### faculty updates



Kunke Named Professor Emeritus Senior Associate Professor of Health and Human Kinetics, Tom Kunke, was awarded Professor Emeritus status at the 2013 Commencement held on May 11, 2013. A part of the Warner Pacific Community for over 20 years, Kunke taught classes like nutrition, team sports, and golf to eager students since 1991.

"Tom is one of the most genuine persons I have ever known," said Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty, Dr. Cole Dawson. "He is a man without guile, a true friend, a man of hidden talents but one who shares everything eagerly. I will miss his presence across the hall, on the golf course, and around a table of fellowship."

#### awards & milestones



#### WPC Recognized for Service to the Community

Warner Pacific College was named to the 2013 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National & Community Service (CNCS). This designation is the highest honor a college or university can receive for its commitment to volunteerism, service-learning, and civic engagement.

Over the past year, students at Warner Pacific College served the city's homeless residents through partnerships with multiple organizations, including the Oregon Food Bank, Next Step Shelter, HomePDX, Union Gospel Mission, and the College's own Hot Chocolate Ministry and Friday Lunch Outreach Programs. In addition, hundreds of students participated in large-scale service efforts like the Annual Common Day of Service and the MLK Day of Service with Campus Compact.

Warner Pacific students have also built long-term relationships with local elementary, middle, and high schools in the area, working as mentors, tutors, and providing arts and athletic program support when programs have been cut due to budgetary constraints.

"Congratulations to Warner Pacific College, its faculty, staff and students for its commitment to service, both in and out of the classroom," said Wendy Spencer, CEO of CNCS. "Through this work, institutions of higher education are helping improve their local communities, creating a new generation of leaders by challenging students to go beyond the traditional college experience and solve local challenges."

#### WPC Supports DREAM Act

In a March 24, story featured on OregonLive, President Andrea Cook opened the door to conversations about the DREAM Act (the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act), stating, "There are millions of bright diverse students in our country who are poised to lead, and it appears as if it is just a matter of time before some version of comprehensive immigration reform is passed -- hopefully including a significant investment in the future of undocumented youth."



President Cook went on to say that, "whether undocumented or not, we know that Latino students and their families have needs and aspirations that have not been served well by traditional higher education... We consider ourselves part of the growing coalition of faith leaders and churches that view love and care for our neighbors as the utmost calling. As a higher education institution, living into our mission with coherence means that it is important for Warner Pacific College to state clearly: We believe access to higher education is a justice issue; therefore, we are committed to serving students and families for whom college has been out of reach." Read the full article at warnerpacific.edu/dream.

#### Men's Golf Team Makes History

The Warner Pacific men's golf team made history on April 15, at Diamond Woods Golf Course in Monroe, Ore. After 54 holes of play, the Knights secured their first ever Cascade Conference Championship Tournament team victory, first ever CCC Player of the Year winner (Andrew Johnson), and first ever CCC Coach of the Year award (Quincy Heard). Warner Pacific also became the first team, other than Concordia, to win the CCC Tournament.

#### Eight Knights Earn Academic All-Conference Recognition

Eight Warner Pacific student-athletes are among the 186 from the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) in the spring sports earning U.S. Bank Academic All-CCC honors for their performances in the classroom.

To earn recognition as a CCC scholar-athlete, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and sophomore standing. The Knight honorees are: Christi Avery, Robert Brewer, Charli Bolt '13, Micah Chase, Jonathan Clark, Alex Hayes, Tiffanie Nyssen, and Garrett South '13.

#### awards & milestones



#### 2013 Awards Chapel

Each spring, one chapel service is set aside to celebrate the students, faculty, and staff who have shown exceptional achievement throughout the academic year. Our 2013 honorees are:

#### Student Awards

Rachel Plyer and Samuel Palmquist; Religion and Christian Ministries Department

Allie Davisson, Gina Elliot, and Logan Moll; Natural Sciences and Health Department

Tambry Mostul, Kimberly Oxford, Lindsay Morris, Garrett South, and Catie Hardman; Social Science Department Daniel Ryan; Business Department Rachel Santiago and Liddy Schmidt; Education Department

Shawna Downes and Josh Jeffery; Humanities Department

Cecily Bernick; Outstanding Humanities 410 Project

Dean Ober; Music Department

Faculty and Staff Awards (as voted by WPC students)

Kaylee Krout; Staff Person of the Year Derek Moyer and Bill Dobrenen; Faculty of the Year

#### Kendall Awards:

Bill Dobrenen; Excellence in Teaching Dr. Cassie Trentaz; Excellence in Scholarship

#### WPC Awarded Colleges of Distinction Title

Warner Pacific College is now featured on CollegesofDistinction.com, a website dedicated to honoring schools nationwide for their excellence in student-focused higher education.

"Schools designated as "Colleges of Distinction" create well-rounded graduates and are among the very best in the country," said Tyson Schritter, Executive Editor of Colleges of Distinction<sup>TM</sup>. Colleges and universities are nominated for participation in Colleges of Distinction<sup>TM</sup> through high school counselors' recommendations as well as quantitative research.

Once nominated, the colleges are assessed using the Four Distinctions: student engagement, quality of teaching, vibrancy of the college community and success of graduates. Schools featured on CollegesofDistinction. com must meet minimum standards in each category.

Warner Pacific College was found to excel in all Four Distinctions and has received a personal profile on the Colleges of Distinction™ website.

#### Four Knights Compete in National Track and Field Championships

Four Warner Pacific athletes competed at the NAIA National Track & Field Championships, hosted by Indiana Wesleyan University on May 23-25, 2013. Jessica Kepfer, a junior from Auburn, Calif., ran the marathon on Saturday morning. Deb McCloud, a junior from Casper, Wyo., competed in the high jump event. Tiffanie Nyssen, a sophomore from Gresham, Ore., qualified for pole vault. The final competitor for the Knights was Jonathan Clark, a sophomore from Scappoose, Ore., who competed in pole vault.

#### Meeker Wins Race for the Roses Half Marathon

Chris Meeker '13 outpaced over 1000 other runners to win the annual Race for the Roses half marathon on Sunday, April 14. Meeker completed the distance in one hour, 17 minutes and 26 seconds to earn a fourth place spot in the College's Elite 8 Track and Field Events listing. "We are so proud of Chris for his effort at this race," said Dave Lee, head coach of track and field. "Chris is a model student-athlete who is recently married, completing his student-teaching and waking early every day to train. It is a great accomplishment."



#### CLASS NOTES

**Marian Brannan Glessner '52** of Tukwila, Wash., celebrated her 93rd birthday on April 19, 2013. She published a collection of short stories entitled, "Eden and the Siege and Other Stories of My Life." You can read about these stories at edenandthesiege.net.

Jim Sparks '67 retired after 17 years as Senior Pastor at North Avenue Church of God in Battle Creek, Mich., and has been given the title of Pastor Emeritus. In his 43 years of ministry, Jim and his wife, Susan, have served congregations in Indiana and Michigan. His new task is to serve as Southwest Regional Pastor for the Church of God in Michigan. He will work with pastors and congregations in that area, conduct training events, and represent the state organization to area congregations.

Jackie (Mouser) Scott '70 submitted her resignation from her position as Administrative Director at the April 20, meeting of the Board of Directors of Welcome Home Outreach Ministries. The Board moved to accept the resignation, with regret. "I am thankful to God for the opportunity to serve in Mexico through Welcome Home. It has been an amazing and life-changing season in my life's journey." Jackie will move from Vicente Guerrero, Mexico, back to Oregon in the fall of 2013.

Ed '72 and Janice (Kuepfer) '72 Cogar left their frosty home in Mt. Hood, Ore. in February and are currently serving as interim pastors at Touchpoint Church of God in Guam. The Cogars plan to return to Portland in July to continue their Adventures West outdoor ministry.

**Calvin Fowler '72** recently retired from Longview Public Schools and joined the Warner Pacific Alumni Council as well as the Knight's Booster Club.

Gary and Gwen (Falkenberg) '75 Bistritan report that the Yap Elementary School is running at maximum capacity for students and additional room and teachers are needed for expansion. Yap Elementary is located in Barrigada, Guam.

**Doug Sampson '75** and his wife, Anne, continue their work with Wycliffe translators. They recently reported that the bilingual edition of Luke and Acts has been published, with Students of English as a Foreign Language as the primary audience. To keep up with the Sampsons, contact them at douglas\_ sampson@wycliffe.org.

**James Teague '75** retired from The Standard Insurance Company on May 31, 2013 after 28 years of service. **Thanh Trun Le '79** completed the Doctor of Missiology program at Western Seminary in Portland, Ore.

**Pastor Denise Currie '94**, launched a growing ministry in 2011 called The Giving Closet, a non-profit organization serving Clark County. The ministry supplies free clothes, emergency food, household goods, and offers free GED prep classes. The idea for this ministry began in 2000 after inspiration from Currie's 1996 trip to Calcutta, serving under Mother Teresa.

Mike '99 and Darbi (Fankhauser) '00 Johnson, are being sent by the Olympia-Lacey Church of God Congregation to plant a house church in the Portland area. Mike plans to be bi-vocational, keeping his firefighting job as they spend the next year working with and learning from Jess Hutchison '99 and Jess Bielman '00, founders of the Winding Road Church.

**Teresa (Wilson) Hellstrom '00** accepted a position with the Stanislaus Youth for Christ Program. Teresa will be the director of all ministries for pregnant or teen parents, developing and supervising the Teen Moms groups at local schools and within the community, and building teams of volunteers for maximum influence. She is currently fundraising her support and hopes to begin this new position in August, 2013.

**Nathan Arnold '03** married Melinda Brown on April 13, 2013, at a ceremony held at Riverwest Church in Lake Oswego, Ore.

**Sam Livingston '03** and his wife, Helen, continue their work in Taiwan as members of Mission to Unreached Peoples in Taiwan.

Maria Hearing '06 was recently contacted by her Psychology tutor from her study abroad visit to Oxford while working on her undergrad degree at Warner Pacific. Due to her contributions to the work of Dr. Margaret M. Yee, Maria was invited to join in a Dialogue Event as an associate member, specifically because her "comments and thoughts were so inspiring." Soon, Dr. Yee's book will be published in which a footnote will be dedicated to Maria, "as it was your model and discussion that first fired us all up."

**Heather Phillips '06** accepted the appointment to serve as the Executive Director of City Cross Roads, a community center for youth and children, in San Francisco. She has been working with the organization for ten years. To keep up with Heather go to citycrossroads.org/info. Share your news with the Warner Pacific community! Visit warnerpacific.edu/alumniupdate to submit your story.

**Barnabas Omulokoli '07** and Elise Whitlatch were married on May 26, 2013, in Charleston, Ill. The couple met in 2008 at the orientation lunch for a graduate program at Eastern University in Philadelphia. Subsequently they began a long season of being separated in different states, time zones and continents including South Africa, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Oregon, Illinois and Ghana. You can read more about their story at www.mywedding.com/ barnabasloveselise. Barnabas is the Country Office Coordinator at NAPE Foundation as well as the Office Manager at the Okantey Group.

**Pauline Anderson '09** earned a Masters of Divinity from Multnomah Biblical Seminary on May 10, 2013.

**Zach Barron '09** is working in education at a school in Quingdao, China.

**Dina Kashuba '09** completed 27 months of service with the Peace Corps in Macedonia, returning to the United States in November, 2012. She worked as an educator, teaching English as a Foreign Language, and served as a volunteer at a multi-ethnic (Macedonian, Turkish and Albanian) primary school in Ohrid, Macedonia, where she partnered with the English department work on after school projects including an English club for students, cultural events such as holiday presentations, coaching advanced students for English competitions and building an English Resource Center/Library at the primary school.

Ruby Mitchell '09 is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Jordan.

Victoria Schaaf '09 is the dean of a middle school volunteer program in Salem, Ore., called CITY CAMP, where she has worked for four years. CITY CAMP received the Katharine Hawes Award for Innovative Youth Ministry from Union Theological Seminary in Arlington, Va.

Jessica (Hieronimus) Taylor '09 attended the Urban Youth Leadership Conference in Florida this past April. Jessica is the Director of Youth ministry at Rockwood Church of God and serves on the Warner Pacific Alumni Council.

Lauren Waymire '09 is an educator at a school in Hong Kong.

Jared Mace '10 married Cara Savelli '11 at the Leach Manor House in Portland, Ore., Logan Walton '04 performed the ceremony. Jared is the founder of "Kickz4Kids," a nonprofit that provides sports camps to children in need, and Cara works as an Enrollment Counselor at Warner Pacific.

Jenny Marble '10 completed her last semester at the School of Theology at Anderson University, Anderson, Ind., in May, 2013. In 2012, Marble also attended the Young Preachers program presented by the Academy of Preachers in Atlanta.

**Ryan '10 and Rebecca (Shrout) '10 Hodges** were appointed in March 2013 to teach at Kima International School of Theology (KIST) in Kenya. This two year commitment with Global Missions will begin once they raise their funding, which is targeted for fall 2014. To find out more about their journey, go to ryanandrebeccahodges.blogspot.com.

Harold Freeman '11 is working as an adjunct instructor in the Warner Pacific ADP Health Care Administration program.

**Ryan '11 and Alexandra (Bates) '11 Lane**, were married May 18, 2013, in Beaverton, Ore. Alexandra is currently serving as a Warner Pacific Alumni Council member and works at the Phoenix Children's Academy. Ryan and Alexandra are residing in Sherwood, Ore.

**David Agnor '12** married Jasmine Brenneman on April 6, 2013, at Atkinson Memorial Church.

**Ben LaMar '12** accepted a position with the Department of Human Services in Coos Bay, Ore.

**Nic Bettis '13** accepted a full-time position at Oregonians Federal Credit Union.

Myron '97, '12 and Kathie (Spires) Ryan; and Brian and Cynthia (Taton) '93 Lewis; were thrilled to witness the union of their families at the wedding of Daniel Ryan '14 and Breanna Lewis '14. The ceremony was held at Mt. Scott Church of God on March 16, 2013, and was performed by Aaron Walton '06.

As the Director-Columbia Customer Care, Kevin Brown '11 was excited to notice a new trend in his work at Columbia Machine, Inc. Along with Materials Manager, Randy Unress '08, and current students Lora Webb and Kevin Gilchrist, Kevin makes the fourth Warner Pacific graduate/student working at the Vancouver, Wash. based company. Columbia Machine, Inc. is one of the world's leading manufacturers of concrete products equipment, serving customers in over 100 countries.

#### BIRTHS

**Ried '04 and Kim (Cimmiyotti) '03 Woodlee** welcomed their son, Miles Alexander Woodlee, born April 21, 2013, 8 lbs., 11 oz., and 21 inches. Rumor has it that Miles attended a Blazer Game with the family during his first month of life, decked out in full Blazer gear.

Donovan '06 and Emily (Coombs) '06 Chandler welcomed their baby boy, Benjamin Theodore Chandler on May 24, 2013. Little Benjamin weighed in at 7 lbs., 15 oz., and is named for his Opa, **Ben** Chandler '60.

Jerry and **Jamie (Sayler) Merchant '08** welcomed the birth of their little girl, Violet on April 27, 2013; she was 5 lbs., 12. oz, and 22 1/2 inches. The Merchants are in the process of relocating from Arkansas back to Oregon.

**Jordan '12 and Jeanie Whitten-Andrews '12** welcomed a son, Archie Dean Whitten-Andrews on May 5, 2013. Archie weighed 8 lbs., 2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long, and has a new best friend in his big brother, Kaiden.

#### **IN MEMORIAM**

William Maxwell Taylor '54 passed away on April 9, 2013. His wife, Helen Lee Taylor '54, preceded him in death. He is survived by his son, Lynn E. Taylor '71. Memorial funds are being directed to Warner Pacific for scholarships.

John (Jack) R. Beau Lac '60 of Alamo, Texas, died March 21, 2013. Services will be held this July in Grand Forks, to honor his life.

**Gordon Goodman '70** passed away on May 8, 2013, in Florida. His former roommate and wife's brother, **Ed Cogar '72**, arrived from his short term pastoral assignment in Guam to assist with the funeral. Gordon is survived by his wife, Pam.

Kenneth R. Triplett '73 passed away on April 22, 2013. Ken and his friend Gene Wellman formed a company known as Triplett Wellman, Inc., where he oversaw more than 600 million dollars of construction projects. A memorial service was held on May 19, to honor his life.

Lee Ackley '09 passed away on March 8, 2013. The service was held on March 22, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash., with a full military honors ceremony at Willamette National Cemetery. He is survived by his spouse and classmate **Peggy (Bishop) Ackley** '09.

#### CECIL DORSEY

lifelong friend of Warner Pacific, passed away on June 2, 2013 in Portland, Oregon.

Born in Delta, Colo., on August 1, 1923, Cecil's family began a westward migration that ended in San Bernardino, Calif., where he graduated from high school in 1941. Later that year he moved to Portland to begin studies at Pacific Bible College. It was there he met the love of his life, Ethel Proffitt '46, whom he married June 1, 1944. Cecil was part of a men's trio that sang in various churches across the Northwest. He graduated from PBC in 1946 with a B.A. in Divinity. After college he worked in the paint and spray equipment business. In 1963 he and Ethel purchased and partnered in a paint store, which later became Dorsey Paint and Equipment. They retired from the business in 1984. Cecil and Ethel were life-long active members of the Holladay Park Church of God in Portland. Cecil is survived by Ethel, his wife of 69 years and their four children: Bruce (Karen) of Happy Valley, Ore.; Daniel (Adriana) of Vancouver, Wash.; Roger (Penelope '76) of Corbett, Ore.; and Renee '77 (Robert '77) Moss of Clayton, Ohio; as well as 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Grandson Marcus Dorsey '04 also attended Warner Pacific. A scholarship fund has been established and memorial contributions can be given to the Dorsey Family Memorial Scholarship Fund at Warner Pacific.

### parting words

# A Change for the Better

BY MEGAN ENOS, DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC ADVISING FOR ADP

"...and at some point early in the first class, look just above the tops of their heads, almost like you're in a trance, and start talking about something way over their heads."

That, along with, "wear pantsuits," was the advice my department chair gave me prior to teaching my first course in the Degree Completion Program (DCP). At a mere 27 years old, I was fresh out of graduate school and younger than the majority of the students I would be teaching--I was terrified.

It didn't take long, however, for me to move beyond my discomfort into full fledged passion for adults returning to school to complete a college degree. Within the first two years of teaching in the DCP, Warner Pacific revamped its course offerings launching the new Adult Degree Program (ADP), and I was invited to be the first academic advisor.

The year was 2004, and our small staff of nine employees began recruiting, admitting, advising, funding, and supporting the 200 adult students enrolled in the program. As attendance grew, the program expanded beyond two bachelor degrees to include an associate degree, and eventually graduate degrees. More bachelor degrees and minors were soon added as we experienced exponential enrollment growth. The Warner Pacific ADP is now available at six different locations around the Portland metropolitan area, with another site due to open in fall 2013.

Since 2004, the ADP has enrolled 3,924 students, opening the doors to higher education and career mobility for thousands of adults. Thankfully, our staff has also grown, and we now work with full teams in enrollment, financial aid, and student services. Things sure have changed.

According to a growing body of research about adult learning, the majority of data suggests adult students come to college in response to a life change. Usually these changes involve the loss of a job or a spouse through death or a divorce, often leaving



students desperate for new opportunities and security. Countless students have cried in my office, not only as a result of a dramatic life change, but because they find themselves back in school – or in college for the first time – and in many cases their first venture as a student probably didn't go so well.

For the vast number of adult learners that eventually enroll in the Adult Degree Program, the life change they are facing is more painful than avoiding school. And as a Christ-centered institution, we are blessed with faculty and staff who embrace and join these students where they are on their journey as they begin the long, sometimes rocky, windy, colorful, and exhilarating road to their academic goals.

This is where Warner Pacific's mission and the ADP delivery meet as a powerful force: the College seeks to provide access to education to those who, for a myriad of reasons, have not had that opportunity elsewhere. For adult students, Warner Pacific's accelerated evening program allows them to pursue the transformative experience of a liberal arts education toward a college degree, alongside their busy lives with work, family, and community involvement. The fact that Warner Pacific is in an urban setting means that we reach adult students right where they work and live. And with that reach, we help them discover the ways that God is using their lives to transform their communities, their organizations, and their families.

At commencement ceremonies we have the tremendous privilege of hearing stories of how the ADP has changed lives for the better. Of course, what many people don't see is that in the process of walking alongside these students, we are changed as well. And it is in this reciprocity that we find our calling, as we spur one another on to goodness, we are able to catch a glimpse of the Kingdom of God, right here in Portland.

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# **Upcoming Events**

July 18 New Student Registration; Mt. Tabor Campus

**July 21-26** Oregon and SW Washington Summer Celebration (Camp Meeting); Mt. Tabor Campus

August 10 Movie in the Park; Mt. Tabor Campus

August 12 15th Annual Golf Tournament; Persimmon Golf Club

August 137:00 pmSummer Commencement; Mt. Scott Church of God

August 22 Student Welcome Week Activities; Residence Halls open at 9:00 am

August 26 Traditional Student Classes Begin; Mt. Tabor Campus

August 27 10:00 am Convocation; McGuire Auditorium

September 2 Labor Day Holiday; No classes

September 6 5:00 pm Alumni Picnic; AF Gray Lawn

October 5 5:00 pm Fall FAN Club Event; Families serving with students at the Oregon Food Bank

October 10-11 Midterm Break; No classes

#### SAVE THE DATE for Homecoming; February 6-8, 2014.