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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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. As an institution, we encourage interdisciplinary learning and invite honest questioning through a foundation of faith.

Christ-centeredness is the lens through which we see all other tenets of the Warner Pacific mission. Our purpose and calling as an institution are inextricably linked to the heritage of deep faith that first called our Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) founders to travel west and build a college. At our core is Wesleyan Holiness theology, which pushes us all to become more like Jesus as we seek to change the world.

In this issue, I wanted to take time to share with you our understanding of what it means to be Christ-centered as we serve students investigating who Jesus is to them. You'll get to know four students whose faith is propelling them to pursue their unique callings to serve God and their neighbors with their full hearts, minds, and souls. You'll also hear wise words on Christ-centered leadership from Rev. Dr. T. Allen Bethel, one of our city's most honored

human rights advocates and a Church of God pastor. Dr. Arthur Kelly provides a glimpse into the powerful impact that faith exploration has on our students and our community.

Because this is such an important component of everything we do at the College, I also took time to share my vision for Christ-centeredness at Warner Pacific. Jesus provides an example that leads us into the difficult conversations of life through finding ways to extend love and welcome all people as His beloved children.

By placing Christ at the center of all we do, Warner Pacific College is cultivating a welcoming and inclusive space where individuals, families, and communities can dream, achieve, and flourish.

May His Kingdom Come,

Andrea P. Cook, Ph.D.
President

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Living in the Radical Middle

BY DR. ANDREA P. COOK

I've been working with 18-22 year-olds, as well as adult learners, in higher education for 37 years. Regardless of faith background, political persuasion, or family make-up, there are a few things that all students seem to share; a desire to be loved and dreams of changing the world for the better. I've had a front row seat to observe thousands of students as they experience the transformative power of the gospel while attending a Christian higher education institution. Jesus reveals Himself to young people in this crucial life window—and that will never change. For adult learners, they are often returning to college after a significant life event, such as job loss

or feeling under-prepared for their desired job, completion of military service, change in marital status, or finding themselves with an empty nest. These more mature learners have many issues to balance and motivations to steer them along the pathway to degree completion. Their journeys are rich and sometimes circuitous as they navigate toward their goals.

While much has stayed the same since I started working in 1977, the Millennial Generation—more than 90 million young people born between 1980 and 2000—is different. These 14-34 year-olds are the largest generation by population in the United States. They don't define suc-

cess the way their Boomer parents do; they have divergent views about the role of government; they know how to leverage technology to produce change; they place a high value on relationships, but, interestingly, they are marrying later in life. David Kinnaman, President of the Barna Group, suggests that Millennials are increasingly open to a relationship with Jesus but they are struggling to engage the church. In fact, Barna's research states that 59% of Millennials have dropped out of the church after attending regularly as a teenager.

At Warner Pacific, we welcome students from all points on the spectrum of church engagement and at all stages of life. It is important, as a



Warner Pacific values transformative worship, engaged community, academic excellence, and meaningful service.

higher education institution, to create space for people to wrestle with the most challenging issues of our time. I promise you this: Jesus Christ will always be at the center of our dialogue at Warner Pacific. More than any other characteristic of Jesus, I admire most his unique ability to match the rhetoric he used in teaching with the work of serving and healing he used in living. Scholars use the word “incarnation” to describe the holy mystery of Jesus being fully God and fully man. With Jesus alive in us, we must acknowledge our duty to reflect Christ incarnationally in the world. When combining in or “into” and *carnis* or “flesh,” the word draws out an earthly reality that our day-to-day challenge of following Christ is practical and tangible. We have the increasingly difficult task of representing God to a country in the middle of the so-called “culture wars,” where it seems every issue is polarized. Jesus was no stranger to the complexities of life on earth; however, it is his masterful ability to identify a “middle place” in the midst of

A SMALL SAMPLE OF ACCOUNTS WHERE JESUS SEEKS THE MIDDLE, RELATIONAL SPACE:

- Nicodemus of the Sanhedrin: John 3
- Blind Bartimaeus: Mark 10
- Lepers Healed: Luke 5 & 17
- Mary Magdalene: Luke 7
- Levi the Tax Collector: Mark 2
- Hemorrhaging Woman: Luke 8
- Woman Caught in Adultery: John 8

the polarizing times in first century Palestine that strikes me. How did Jesus live? What kinds of decisions did he make? Where did he gather his strength? What gave him compassion? Was he engaged politically?

In “Making All Things New,” one of my favorite authors, Henri Nouwen, writes, “Jesus’ response to our worry-filled lives is quite different. He asks us to shift the point of gravity, to relocate the center of our attention, to change our priorities. Jesus wants us to move from the ‘many things’ to the ‘one necessary thing.’ It is important for us to realize that Jesus in no way wants us to leave our many-faceted world. Rather, he wants us to live in it, but firmly rooted in the center of all things. Jesus does not speak about a change of activities, a change in contacts, or even a change of pace. He speaks about a change of heart. This change of heart makes everything different, even while everything appears to remain the same.”

I make it a daily habit to read the gospels, and in my reading, it is clear to me that the central message of Jesus of Nazareth is the kingdom of God. He asks that those gathered follow Him with total fidelity, living into a new kingdom ethic where people are more important than money or power, where the insiders mis-using power are critiqued heavily, and where grace blends black and white ideas into shades of grey. Grace is messy.

It is this very teaching—this kingdom of God teaching—that got Jesus into so much trouble with the authorities. He ran afoul of those in power (and their polarizing ideas) and lived in a middle place that ended up being extremely hot. The place of the extreme middle is risky, as it promises exposure to fire from both sides. I am convinced that the greatest issues facing the Body of Christ are less about what we believe and much more about how we express those beliefs. Conservatives and liberals alike have become experts



at creating homogeneous communities designed to provide safety from the fray—all while reinforcing misperceptions of “the other.” What if there was a third way? In “The Heart of Higher Education,” Parker Palmer notes, “So much of the violence our culture practices at home and exports abroad is rooted in an arrogance that says, ‘We know best, and we are ready to enforce what we know politically, culturally, economically, militarily.’ In contrast, a mode of knowing steeped in awe, wonder, and humility is a mode of knowing that can serve the human cause.”

I imagine the possibility of an incarnational church—where fear is overcome by love—existing solely for the purpose of sharing the love of Christ in unexpected places. Creative, proactive, third way love is driven by a divine commitment to unconventional relationship. Christ was unafraid of pursuing politically incorrect relationships. He modeled humility designed to protect his followers from self-righteousness. Whether it was building a relationship with Zacchaeus the tax collector (Luke 19) or his engagement with the woman at Jacob’s well (John 4), Jesus is consistently engaging those on the margins of society. He draws them in, and he loves them in a way that pulls them to a new center—a life of following Jesus.

Jesus was a friend of sinners, and he expected the same of those who followed him. In essence, being a “friend of sinners” ought to be an identity marker of a Christ-centered person. If we are to re-envision a future of the Body of Christ that confronts the polarities we have cloistered ourselves into, we have to get back to these radical relationships (yes, even with sinners) that Christ modeled while on earth.

Nearly five years ago, I was inaugurated to serve as the seventh President of Warner Pacific. A college with rich heritage but challenging enrollment patterns, we were stuck in a game of comparison. The game of polarities (are we “this?” or “that?”)

didn’t work for us. We were unclear of our target student, yet we knew God called us to dream big for his kingdom. Since we have committed to living in our perfect middle space, where we serve students looking for a second chance, who otherwise would never dream of attending a Christ-centered private liberal arts college, we have begun to flourish. This is our incarnation, and I promise you, we are seeing amazing transformation taking place in the lives of students as a result. Living in our creative third space has empowered us to re-envision the future of urban higher education as we grow, and we are taking great risks in the name of Jesus. I could tell you stories of how our Adult Degree Program provides evening learners an opportunity to build new community. I could tell you stories of how we have completely redesigned our first-year learning experience or how we have reimagined our chapel experience. I could tell you hundreds of stories of students or of the growth we are experiencing. These stories emerge because of a work God is doing among us. When I look at the next five years, I see the Lord way out in front of anything we can see. For this reason, I ask that you would pray for Warner Pacific College. I ask that you would join our effort in creating a new space, a middle space, where we welcome students who are on the margins and draw them to the Christ-centered life. ■



Remaining Christ- Centered in a Topsy Turvy World

BY REV. DR. T. ALLEN BETHEL

Dr. Bethel has been senior pastor at Northeast Portland's Maranatha Church for fifteen years. Previously, he led churches in Boston and Kansas City, and also serves as an instructor at North Portland Bible College and Warner Pacific College.

In addition to preaching and teaching, Dr. Bethel is the President of the Albina Ministerial Alliance, the largest ecumenical organization of churches and ministers in North and Northeast Portland. Committed to building strong and equitable communities in Portland, Dr. Bethel serves on the TriMet Board of Directors; the Board of Directors for the International Institute for Christian Communication; the Board of Directors of the Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross; the Oregon League of Minority Voters; and the Nape Foundation. A member of Portland African American Leadership Forum

(PAALF), Rev. Bethel also served two terms as a founding member on the Portland Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Portland, acting as both vice chair and chairman of the board, and on the Board of Trustees at Warner Pacific College.

In 2008, Bethel received the Emerald Award for Outstanding African American Men – Religion, from the Zeta Sigma Omega chapter of AKA Inc.; the American Red Cross' Service of Distinction award; and The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives' (NOBLE) Drum Major for Justice Award.

Rev. Bethel has been married to his wife, Daphne for 36 years, and together they have two children, Allen Lauren and Monica Lynn.

In Kansas City, Kan., a sign read in the window of a business I frequented on Minnesota Avenue, “It’s a Topsy Turvy Kind of a World.” Often, things happen in this world that feel like waves across the bow of a ship. Sometimes these waves have rocked my life, while others have redirected my path, returning me to the safety of the harbor. Of course, that’s not what ships were made for, so out to the sea again I must go, on this journey of life, serving humankind in any godly way I can, striving to remain Christ centered in the midst of it all. With more and more people looking to be “Christian-centered” we actually need more than a generic centeredness around religious practices, but instead a “Christ-centered” statement of faith and walk, one found in the example of the Biblical Christ.

The year 1953, in a rural setting in the capital city of Columbia, SC, I grew up in a red, four room house. I lived through the age that sparked the civil rights era, being turned away from the separate facilities for “whites only.” As I look back, God was able to have an impact; even at those dark times in my life. In high school and throughout my college years, I was looked upon as a leader. I attended Kansas City College and Bible School in Overland Park, Kan., a school of the Church of God Holiness USA. While I was there, I was voted president of the student body, becoming the first Black to have been elected. As I reflect on that time, I remember discovering that Christ-centeredness was a necessary hallmark of integrity; as those at the college exhibited love, I was able to love them in return, as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Throughout my life’s journey, God has advanced this country boy. I have been to a lot of places; spoken with a lot of folks; sat at tables of both community and commer-

cial development; and talked with great people of this world; but in all of that, I have worked hard to remain Christ-centered in and through it all. But how do you do this without losing sight of the ultimate prize of being called His child and one day walking through the gates of heaven?

Here are four things that have helped me to remain Christ-centered in my journey and the sphere of ministry God has allowed me to have and enabled me to do.

Prayer.

I posed the question to a friend, “How do you stay Christ-centered in all that you do?” She stated, “I like to stay prayed up!” That is of utmost import. You must cultivate a personal relationship of prayer with Jesus, for above all else, this allows you to remain Christ-centered in all you do. Prayer will help you in decision making, finding assurance, instruction, and confirmation. And did I forget to say, Oh the joy!

Remember who you are.

It is a challenge that as you are allowed to advance, sit, plan, consult, or advise, you will often begin to think more highly of yourself. The Word reminds us to guard against this self-assurance. I feel grounded when I remember who I am, and that I am where I am, all due to the grace of God. Remember that it is God who sustains us, not ourselves.

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I belong to God; he has called, equipped, and navigated my life. Sometimes I may have come kicking and screaming, but even in those times as I look back over my journey of life, God was there, reminding me that I belong to Him. When I remember whose I am, it challenges me to rise to every occasion and remain Christ-centered.

Represent!

When you are connected to some entity or group, there is the expectation that you will represent that entity or group well when you are out in the world. In my life journey and ministry, I strive to always represent the best of the kingdom and my community. When I represent who I am and whose I am, I am able to remain Christ-centered in it all.

I was sitting at a banquet while conversing with the friend I mentioned earlier. A musician began to play an old hymn, “Lead Me, Guide Me” and the chorus caught my attention,

“Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if You lead me I cannot stray. Lord let me walk, each day with thee, lead me, oh Lord, lead me.”

I turned to my friend and said, “That’s it!” Even when we are unsure of where the wave of life may carry our ship, remembering those simple words will keep us Christ-centered in a topsy turvy kind of world. ▀

1 Warner Pacific Student Works to End Gang Violence

Jordan Shellmire, '15, was recently featured in a news story from KGW, Portland's NBC news affiliate. Shellmire's work with the Multnomah Youth Commission, Youth Against Violence (YAV) was the highlight of the story. Through YAV, he helps to facilitate conversations between youth, community leaders, and law enforcement to eliminate gang and police violence in Portland. Shellmire is a developmental psychology and accounting major and is in Cadre 3 of the Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative. You can hear more of Jordan Shellmire's story at warnerpacific.edu/stories.

2 Mary Hunt Shares Financial Wisdom with Warner Pacific Students

Warner Pacific was thrilled to welcome Mary Hunt, founder of Debt-Proof Living, to our Mt. Tabor campus in April. Over two days of speaking engagements, Hunt shared vital information on money management and building healthy fiscal habits with students and community members alike. Through her own personal story, Hunt was able to inspire attendees to take charge of their financial future by making positive choices in the present. Mary Hunt is an award winning and bestselling author who has appeared on dozens of television shows including Dr. Phil, Good Morning America, Oprah, Fox and Friends, Focus on the Family, and Dateline. You are invited to watch both of these valuable sessions on the College's YouTube channel at youtube.com/WarnerPacificCollege.

Private College Week Comes to Warner Pacific

Oregon Private College week is an opportunity for prospective students to explore the many private higher education options that are available in the state of Oregon while learning more about the benefits and affordability of these institutions. Warner Pacific, along with ten other colleges and universities, will host two daily sessions throughout the week of July 28-August 1, welcoming families to campus and providing an introductory experience to life at the College. Oregon Private College Week is organized by the Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities (The Alliance), which represents Oregon's regionally accredited not-for-profit private higher education institutions. The Alliance institutions are a significant resource to the citizens, communities, and industries of Oregon. Together, Alliance Institutions award approximately 30% of all baccalaureate and higher degrees in Oregon. To register for an event, please visit oregonprivatecolleges.com.

Celebrate Summer in Mt. Tabor Park

Warner Pacific College is excited to sponsor the Summer Free for All with Portland Parks & Recreation. A series of free events throughout Portland's parks, the Summer Free for All provides opportunities for all of the city's residents to enjoy music, films, recreational activities, and more. The College is hosting a free concert at Mt. Tabor Park on Tuesday, July 29, featuring the Latin rhythms of Toque Libre. The park is located at SE 69th and Taylor and the music will begin at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will pack a picnic and join us for a fun-filled summer evening!





3 \$91,000 Raised to Support Act Six Scholars

Dr. Andrea Cook hosted the fifth annual President's Tea & Scholarship Auction on Saturday, April 12. The event was a wonderful success, surpassing the \$85,000 goal and raising over \$91,000 to benefit the College's unique Urban Service Track of the Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative.

The President's Tea & Scholarship Auction was sponsored by McGee Wealth Management and Stoel Rives LLP, and is an opportunity to celebrate the significance of the Act Six program in the lives of Warner Pacific students. Thank you to the friends and supporters who gave so generously at this year's event, we hope you will plan to join us next year on Saturday, April 18, 2015. To view pictures from the event, please visit warnerpacific.edu/tea.

4 Freshmen Dedicate Torah Exhibition

The First-Year Learning Community (FYLC), "Ancient Stories – Modern City," assembled and dedicated a Torah Exhibition to the College, highlighting their exploration of the written word in contextualizing faith. The 19th century Sephardic Torah scroll was donated by Alan and Cynthia Boyce. The FYLC students, led by instructors Jarod Jacobs and Melissa Baker, looked to Professor of Biblical Studies, Dr. Stephen S. Carver, to authenticate the scroll and commissioned Brendan Murphy, '05, of Substrata Creative Studios to construct the khayya-wood Torah Ark, which bears a Tree of Life motif. Professors Robin Gordon and Terry Baker donated "Dream Map of Israel," an original David Moss illumination, and Professor Susanna Lundgren provided the exhibition calligraphy. In addition to a miniature Torah Ark, a Tallit (prayer shawl), and a Yad (pointer used for reading), the exhibition contains three expanded views of the College's Torah; the Story of Creation (Genesis 1:1-29a), the Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:11b-7:52a), and the Shema (Deuteronomy 5:31b-8:8a). The Exhibition was dedicated to Sue Kopp, Director of Library Services, in honor of her retirement. It is permanently displayed in the Otto F. Finn library and is open to the public.



Students Share Life-Changing Experiences at Night of Stories

Night of Stories is an annual event in which students earning a Christian Ministries degree are given the opportunity to share stories that highlight their personal, spiritual, and academic journeys over the course of their internship programs. Through a variety of local agencies, students provide hands-on service to vulnerable citizens throughout Portland. Agencies include the Underground, a unique gathering for 14-25 year-olds who live outdoors; Second Stories, an outreach where students trade a hot meal for a story; and Crisis Tour, a revealing opportunity for students to discuss crisis points in their lives and the lives of others. Student presenters Jake King, '14, Megan McInnis, '14, and Garrett Eastwood, '15 spoke eloquently of the deep understanding of God's love that they have gained through these partnerships. Hannah Hobbs, '14 was unable to attend the evening's event, but in a letter she spoke of the beauty that she has found through these unexpected friendships. Ken Loyd, founder of the Underground and HomePDX, thanked each of the students for their contributions to the Portland community and encouraged them to take these stories with them as they pursue God's calling for their lives. You can learn more about the Christian Ministries major at warnerpacific.edu/christian-ministries.



[STUDENT PROFILE]

Georgina 'Gigi' Hayes

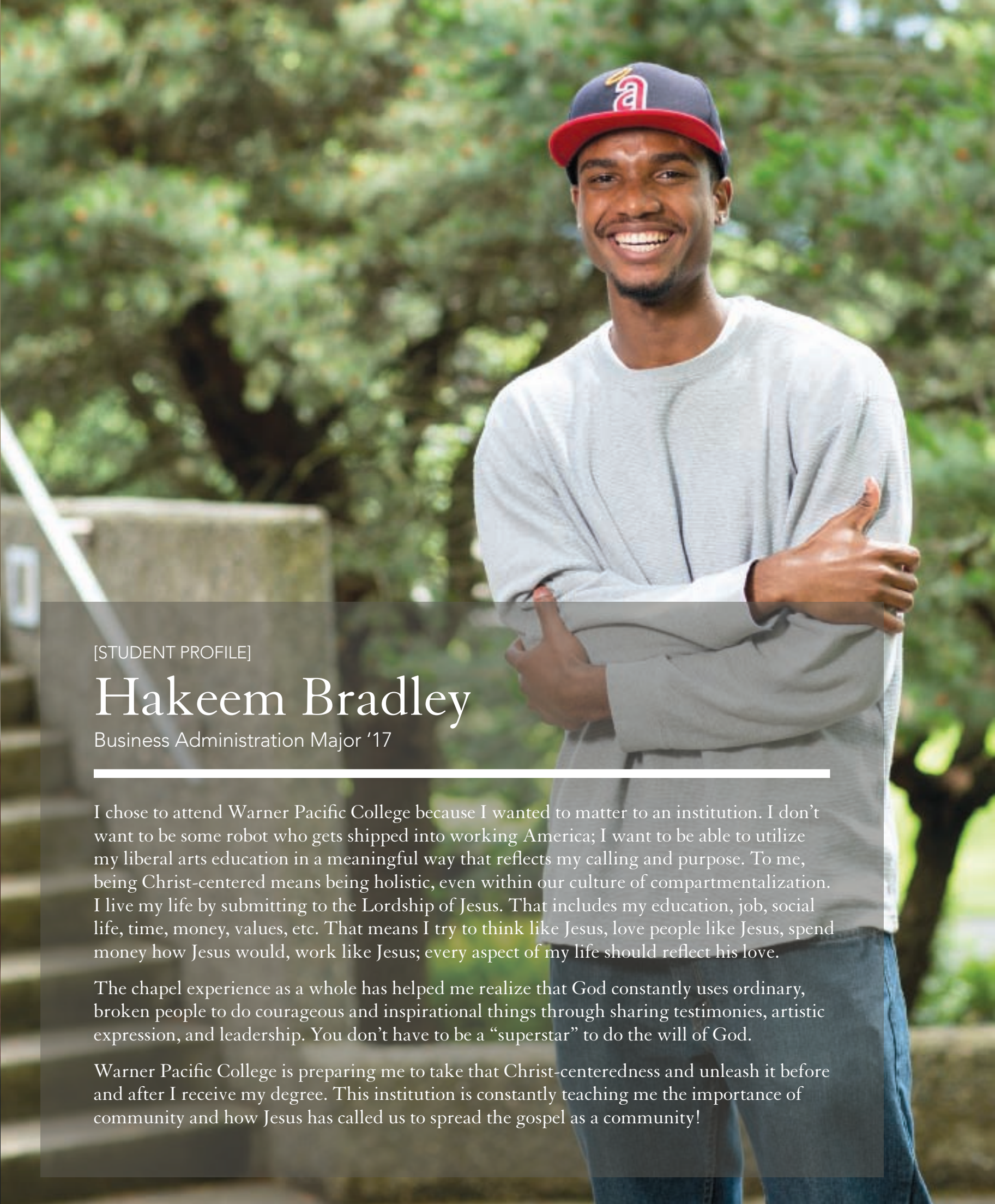
Healthcare Administration Major '14

I chose to attend Warner Pacific based on the values that I saw lived out by the people I met who attended and worked at the College. My daughter was a student here before me, so I had special insight to the staff here before I ever enrolled.

In my second year, I experienced the devastating loss of a grandchild. My instructor and cohort came together to pray for my peace of mind and my fragile heart; their prayerful support helped so much when my faith was being tested.

For me, being Christ-centered is living my life in a way that honors God by always trying to do what is right for myself, my family, and my community. That means taking time to serve family, friends, co-workers, and even strangers I meet along the way. My desire to help others is why I chose to pursue a career in healthcare.

My experience at Warner Pacific has taught me about the full potential we all hold within and it has encouraged me to discover how I can help to influence and guide others to pursue that potential in their own lives.



[STUDENT PROFILE]

Hakeem Bradley

Business Administration Major '17

I chose to attend Warner Pacific College because I wanted to matter to an institution. I don't want to be some robot who gets shipped into working America; I want to be able to utilize my liberal arts education in a meaningful way that reflects my calling and purpose. To me, being Christ-centered means being holistic, even within our culture of compartmentalization. I live my life by submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. That includes my education, job, social life, time, money, values, etc. That means I try to think like Jesus, love people like Jesus, spend money how Jesus would, work like Jesus; every aspect of my life should reflect his love.

The chapel experience as a whole has helped me realize that God constantly uses ordinary, broken people to do courageous and inspirational things through sharing testimonies, artistic expression, and leadership. You don't have to be a "superstar" to do the will of God.

Warner Pacific College is preparing me to take that Christ-centeredness and unleash it before and after I receive my degree. This institution is constantly teaching me the importance of community and how Jesus has called us to spread the gospel as a community!



[STUDENT PROFILE]

Tirzah Allen

B.A. in English and Communications '14

Warner Pacific College was a God send. Before transferring here, I felt that I was spiritually drowning in a search for my identity. Throughout my journey here I have become stronger in my walk with Christ. He has taught me that through my mistakes and struggles there is hope and forgiveness. Being Christ-centered, whether referring to an institution or a person, means holding God at the epicenter of everything. I know I will fail to meet those high standards but, even in my failings, I will rise up and aspire to be more than I am each day.

I know with all my heart that I want to use the gifts that God has bestowed on me to serve, reach out, and impact others and to, as cliché as it sounds, make the world a better place. My professors and the individuals that I have come to call friends at Warner Pacific have also shown me what it means to love and to grow together in this complex adventure known as life. They have urged me to develop my passions and reach for my dreams. I'm excited to see where life will take me next!



[STUDENT PROFILE]

Matt Field

B.S. in Human Development '14

One thing I appreciate about the way Warner Pacific approaches being diverse and Christ-centered is how I was encouraged to bond with my cohort; each class brought us closer. I remember in my “Faith and Spirituality” class, when we all disclosed our final projects, feeling a sense of wonder at how each student understood God differently. It made me consider the largeness of God and the wonder of Christ.

To me, the idea of being Christ-centered means that Christ is at the core of all that you do. This means that in every endeavor Christ will be present. It also means I have freedom to seek out and learn things that may be uncomfortable to some because I have the confidence and security of Christ at my core.

I try to live in a way that I am conscious of Christ in all I do. In my vocation, I work to benefit others while also taking care of my household. My gardening is worship, as I take time to enjoy God’s creation and share the food I produce. I want my life to be about contagiously seeking Christ in all that I do and for those around me to catch that desire.



2014 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

ON MAY 10, 233 STUDENTS OF WARNER PACIFIC COLLEGE EARNED THEIR ASSOCIATE, BACCALAUREATE, OR MASTER'S DIPLOMAS. THIS CLASS OF 2014 WAS COMPRISED OF TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

ATTENDING CLASSES AT THE COLLEGE'S MT. TABOR CAMPUS ALONG WITH THOSE ATTENDING THE ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM AT SIX CAMPUSES ACROSS THE PORTLAND-METRO AREA.





Two Warner Pacific graduates stood before their classmates to offer words of reflection and hope for the future. After three years of evening classes, Dana Ingram received her Bachelor of Business Administration through the College's Adult Degree Program. Ingram reflected on what had drawn herself and her peers to return to college and complete their degrees. "My classmates shared their desire for job security and advancement, a boost of self-esteem and confidence, and the hope for a feeling of accomplishment. Someone set out to finish college before her children completed high school; others were first generation college students hoping to change family history."

In her address to the graduates, Dr. Andrea Cook, President of Warner Pacific College, reminded them that, "in our constantly changing world, you are likely to change occupations several times. So, the aspects of your education that will serve you the best are your ability to keep learning, to wrestle with the big questions of life, to think critically, and to adapt to new and exciting opportunities."

Sarah Whitman received her Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry and represented the traditional program as the student speaker. "God has created you and called you out of love. You have been called out, gifted, empowered, and offered hope, healing, and restoration through Jesus Christ because God has good plans for your life. You matter. You are powerful. And amidst the uncertainties many of us may be facing, know that none of it is uncertain to God. Know that in trusting a loving God you will ultimately not be left hanging," was and is Whitman's prayer for all Warner Pacific graduates.

AWARDS

A.F. GRAY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT

Yesenia Delgado

MARSHALL K. CHRISTENSEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SCHOLARSHIP

Mollie Berry

MILO L. CHAPMAN AWARD FOR SERVICE Ethan Morrow

WILMA I. PERRY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING

ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM GRADUATE MacKensie Keiner

CONGRATULATIONS TO ACT SIX CADRE 1

The Spring 2014 commencement also marked the completion of the first cadre of Act Six Scholars graduating from Warner Pacific College. Yesenia Delgado and Selam Kahassay earned degrees in Human Development; Jaques Montgomery majored in Business and Communications; and Eddie Petrie graduated with a Health and Human Kinetics degree. The future is bright with these young leaders serving our city!

GRADUATES HONORED IN IDAHO

The Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) Track & Field Championships were hosted in Idaho over the same weekend as Warner Pacific's Commencement. Three seniors opted to represent Warner Pacific in Idaho and not attend their own graduation back in Portland.

The CCC hosted a special graduation ceremony for the seniors. The College was able to send caps, tassels, and diploma covers to the venue in Idaho. On Saturday, May 10, while their classmates were in full cap and gown walking across the stage to receive their diplomas, athletes Ka'imi Scott, Christi Avery, and Jessica Kepfer celebrated their graduation at the CCC Track & Field Championships. Congratulations to these dedicated scholar-athletes.





Honors Chapel Awards Excellence

At the May 1 Honors Chapel, Warner Pacific students were recognized for their outstanding achievements throughout the 2013-2014 academic year. We are pleased to honor these exceptional students within the Warner Pacific community.

Outstanding Business Student: Katie Lebedenko

Outstanding Business Student: Pía Velíz

Freshman Academic Achievement Award in Natural Sciences and Health: Jacob Berg

Science and Mathematics Service Award in Natural Sciences and Health: Brianna Cowin

Senior Award for Excellence in Natural Sciences and Health: Jessica Kepfer

Outstanding Education Student: Mikaela McConnell

Outstanding Drama Student: Kelsey Davisson

Outstanding Humanities Student: Tirzah Allen

Outstanding HUM 410 Paper: Lezlie Bugg

Outstanding Graduating Senior in Music: Carmen Nelson

Outstanding HHK Graduate in Natural Sciences and Health: Ben Pirtle

Outstanding Student in Religion and Christian Ministries: Ethan Morrow

Outstanding Student in Religion and Christian Ministries: Sarah Whitman

Outstanding Social Sciences Student: Emily Adams



Enactus Team Brings Home National Trophy

Competing with 250 teams of college business students from across the country, the College's Enactus Team were the first round Champions of the Western region and 5th overall (placing in the top 20) after three levels of competition during the Enactus USA Expo in Cincinnati, Ohio; March 31-April 3. Enactus is an international community of student, academic, and business leaders committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to transform lives and shape a better, more sustainable world. Teams were judged at three levels during the competition based on the content of their presentation, including delivery style, and the organization of the details from the projects presented. Presentations are designed to highlight the team's community based activities, using business skills to create positive, local change.

The Enactus Team members representing the College at the Enactus USA Expo were: Daniel Ryan, '14, Business Administration; Gimena Olguin, '15, Social Entrepreneurship; Will Brauckmiller, '15, Business Administration and Accounting; and Alexander Hayes, '15, American Studies.

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Act Six Scholar Recognized as Youth of the Year

Incoming Act Six scholar, Sophie Velasquez was recognized by the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce as the 2014 Youth of the Year. Sophie, a senior at Woodburn Arts and Communications Academy, has been an active volunteer in Woodburn since she was 13. She has been a member of the city's Youth Advisory Board, is a member of the city's Parks and Recreation Board, and served on last year's Fiesta Mexicana Court. Sophie will join Cadre 5 of the Act Six program at Warner Pacific in the fall.

ASWPC Officers Elected

After weeks of campaigning, debating, and listening to various campus constituents, an election was held for the 2015-2016 Associated Students of Warner Pacific College (ASWPC) leadership positions. Congratulations to the elected officers and to all who participated in this important leadership opportunity.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Jake Tront
Vice President Luwam Kahassay
Commuter Rep Hayley Tragis

STUDENT DIVERSITY COUNCIL

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Community Life Awards

Leadership and campus engagement were celebrated at the Community Life awards. Honorees were nominated and voted on by staff supervisors and other student leaders.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Student Leader of the Year Yesenia Delgado
Student Club of the Year Enactus

STUDENT DIVERSITY AWARDS

Multicultural Organization of the Year Black Student Organization
Diversity Engagement Award Pía Velíz

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

Community Life Award Nick Goin
Community Partnership Award Simeon Jacob
Campus Partnership Award Connor Smalling

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Outstanding Spiritual Leadership Award Jace Schwartz
Academic Excellence & Leadership Award Katie Manwell
Student Athlete of the Year Award Scott Schnitzer

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Dr. Jay Beaman

Honors Chapel

Outstanding staff and faculty were recognized by students and colleagues alike at the Honors Chapel held on May 1. The Kendall Awards are bestowed upon two faculty members who have provided significant contributions to the Warner Pacific community through teaching and research.

Kendall Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Teaching:
Assistant Professor of Music, Dr. Kelly Ballard, '90, '92

Kendall Faculty Achievement Award for Excellence in Scholarship:
Assistant Professor of Speech and Drama, Robin Gordon

Students also presented awards to staff and faculty who have served as inspiration throughout the academic year.

Staff member who best embodies the mission of the College:
Electronic Services Librarian, Doug McClay

Faculty member who best embodies the mission of the College:
Professor Emeritus of Educational Psychology, Dr. Lou Foltz

Faculty member who is most engaged outside of the classroom:
Professor of Ministry and Mission, Dr. John Johnson

Professor Serving as Missionary to Vietnam

Dr. John Johnson and his wife Gwen have accepted a call to pastor the Hanoi International Fellowship (My Dinh site), serving as missionaries with Church of God Ministries. In this new role, the Johnsons will create and teach a curriculum for Bible, spiritual formation, and discipleship for the international community.

In 2006, Johnson joined the Religion and Christian Ministries Department at Warner Pacific as professor of ministry and missions. In addition to teaching, Johnson served as faculty chair and department chair. With his wife, Gwen, Johnson reignited the missions program at the College, leading numerous trips to Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Europe.

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ALUMNI NEWS

CLASS NOTES

Doug Sampson '75 and his wife, Anne, continue their work with Wycliffe doing Bible translation in Africa. Doug will be traveling to Turkey for a seminar in June.

Kelly (Hembree) Wilson '97 has published "Caskets from Costco," a humorous book about hope in the midst of grief. Kelly writes, "For 20 years, I thought that I had been marching through the stages of grief in a straight line. I had been following the formula, crossing each processed grief experience off my list. Except that I was totally deluded. And I didn't discover that until Jim, my beloved father-in-law, died. From that moment, my path through grief resembled a roller coaster, spiraling and twisting and turning, circling back around. I somehow needed to get from the beginning to the end of this grief adventure, and I don't have a good sense of direction. But what is always present during a journey through grief, regardless of the path chosen? Hope." For more information about "Caskets from Costco," go to wilsonwrites.com.

Lonny Sargent '01 guided the Western Oregon (WOU) Wolves softball team to a 30-20 record and was awarded the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) Coach of the Year. Lonny was previously the head coach at Reynolds High School, in Troutdale, Ore. He has a 57-46 record in two seasons at WOU.

Amy (Quick) Shevtsov '06 is a Peace Corps volunteer assigned to community development in eastern Ukraine. She is currently home in Oregon after being evacuated from Ukraine due to political unrest in the country. Amy is continuing her work as an active Peace Corps Volunteer by sharing Ukrainian customs and culture throughout Oregon.

Kirk Mouser '09 is the executive artistic director and founder of Stumptown Stages. After success on the stages of Los Angeles and New York, Kirk returned to Portland ten years ago to begin the non-profit theater group, whose mission is to present "quality musical theater opportunities for a wide and diverse audience of musical-theater lovers." Stumptown Stages recently received national recognition as the only organization in Oregon to be accepted to the National Alliance for Musical Theatre, a nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing the creation, development, production, and presentation of new musicals, and to provide a forum for musical-theater professionals to share resources and exchange information. To learn more visit stumptownstages.org.

Lindsay (Morris) Cervantes '13 married John Cervantes on November 16, 2013, in Portland, Ore. Lindsay is currently a receptionist for Western Psychology and Counseling Services.

BIRTHS

Breanna (Agnor) Fischer '03 and her husband, Jason, welcomed their daughter, Corinne, on February 18, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM

Erma Louise (McEuen) Mouser '47 of Gresham, Ore., passed away on May 24, 2014, at the age of 95. She married **Eldon Stanley Mouser '50** on February 14, 1937. Erma worked at Pacific Bible College, now Warner Pacific, serving as secretary to President Milo Chapman. With her husband, Eldon, who served on the College's Board of Trustees from 1950-62, the Mousers pastored congregations in Portland; Vallejo, Calif.; and Spokane, Wash. Erma was preceded in death by her husband Eldon in 1981. She is survived by her daughters **Judy (Mouser) Kelly '63** (husband, **Bruce '65**); **Kathy (Mouser) Willis '63** (husband, John); and **Jackie (Mouser) Scott '70**; as well as six grandchildren and their spouses, and 12 great-grandchildren. Erma's grandchildren that attended Warner Pacific College are **Michael Kelly '83**, **Scott Kelly '88** (wife, **Charlotte Gerdes '90**), **Joel Scott '02** (wife, **Rinda Klein '03**), and **Meghan (Scott) Lindsley '06**.

Shirley (Wilson) Dickinson '49 passed away on April 28, 2014, in Flushing, Mich., at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband, **Rev. O. Wayne Dickinson '51**, four children, 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. Shirley was retired from the Indiana State Ministries and had also worked for the Church of God Missionary Board and the Lansing Conservatory of Music.

Earl J. Kelly '52 passed away in Washougal, Wash., on March 1, 2014, at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, **Ronadeen (Johnson) Kelly '52**.

Wanda Ruth (Tracy) Lambert '52 passed away on March 19, 2014, at the age of 90. Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Lambert, who passed away in 2001. She is survived by her three children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

George Leslie Schmidt '56 passed away on March 16, 2014, at the age of 81. George was preceded in death by his first wife of 35 years, **Ann (Wallace) Schmidt '53**. George is survived by his wife Norma; his daughters, **Debi (Schmidt) Steffensen '77**, Sandy Hooker, and Tammy Yates; ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. A celebration of life service was held in Fresno, Calif.

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Bob Thompson '56 passed away on April 29, 2014, at his home in Gresham, Ore. One of three children, he was born and raised in West Plains, Missouri. He had a passion for learning and was a teacher at Roosevelt and Centennial High Schools. He is survived by his wife, Charlene; three children, and five grandchildren.

Rachel Phares (Walker) Spencer '58 passed away January 4, 2014, from a brain tumor at the age of 79. Rachel is survived by her husband **Del Spencer '61** of Oakridge, Ore., as well as four children and 12 grandchildren. A vocal soloist and narrator with the Warner Pacific choir, Rachel was involved in ministry throughout her life, including supporting her husband's pastoral positions. A loving grandmother, Rachel was very involved in the lives of her grandchildren, and more recently in genealogical research. A tribute to her life can be seen at youtube.com/oakridgehappenings.

John Cobbs '62 of Escondido, Calif., passed away on January 17, 2014, of congestive heart failure. John was ordained as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Cobbs.

Sally (Pearson) Bates, '75 of Yucaipa, Calif., has passed away. Sally was 80 years old.

Lenora Marie Edwards '11 passed away on March 26, 2014, from cancer, she was 56. Lenora is survived by her husband Michael, three children, and her grandchildren.

Charles (Chuck) F. Hart passed away on April 28, 2014, at the age of 77. A memorial service was held at Lynchwood Church of God in Portland, Ore. Chuck is survived by his wife, Sally; children Donna Helmes, and John and Ken Hart; and eight grandchildren, including current student **Kenny Helmes '17**. Chuck was a past VP of Advancement at Warner Pacific, and also served on the Board of Trustees from 1987-2002.

Re-imaginings

BY DR. ARTHUR KELLY



During Warner Pacific's Spring 2014 commencement, I realized something really important—at least, to me. It was one of those culminating events that happen not often enough; suddenly a lifetime of teaching made sense in one word: re-imagination. It's a word that's been rummaging around in my consciousness these last couple of months; it pops out from time to time—but this time a *satori*.

Our work together is the work of re-imagination. Warner Pacific is a sacred space in which men and women of all ages, ethnicities, cultures, orientations, and stories have the time, even the leisure, to sit and consider in profound and serious ways three central questions: who am I, where am I, and where am I going? I am privileged to see it and hear it, sometimes, facilitate it, and, from time to time, participate in it. Each of the following is connected to a real life student in a real life situation during this last academic year:

A lackluster student more bored than challenged by education suddenly discovers that learning has meaning and connects to life—and goes from dull to bright, reimagining him or herself as a scholar-teacher-writer-social worker—you name it—but with a passion to help others reimagine their lives.

A student with no purpose and direction, a wanderer among the shadowy edges of life, suddenly awakens, steps out of the shadows, and re-imagines a life with a future and a path.

A student struggling to balance parenthood, employment, and education re-imagines herself as a leader.

A student once addicted to any number of possible addictions re-imagines himself as a pathfinder and guide for others who still struggle to imagine a life of any kind not dependent on pill or needle or syringe.

A student whose sense of beauty was warped by a culture's sad values; now re-imagines herself as pastor-teacher, wrapped in the beauty of Christ.

Working on a life map, a student suddenly discovers a harmful pattern—"I can't believe I never saw this before!"—and re-imagines life without that harmful reality and finds the future suddenly, maybe a little scarier, but also brighter and hope filled.

A student working on a rule of life discovers her life is too full of rules and regulations and time schedules and calendars and sets about the task of re-imagining a faith life of greater freedom, open to the possibilities that life in the Spirit offers.


A student working on a rule of life discovers his life has no boundaries and lacks discipline, a lost soul, sets about the task of re-imagining a life with greater discipline as a way to find peace—even to find his soul.

A student suddenly discovering herself alone, suddenly a widow, digs deeply into her faith and re-imagines herself as capable, daring, courageous.

A student, undocumented and illegal, graduates with a future no longer a dream, now a real, hopeful possibility that makes re-imagination no longer only a hope but instead a reality.

A student who never wanted to look at a homeless person, let alone talk with one, thought they were irresponsible or worse, sat and had dinner at St. André's; now, she re-imagines herself as a social worker with a passion for "our friends who live on the street."

They say Disney is in the imagination business; I can only dream of how wonderful it must be to work in a place like that. But, I have the privilege of serving in a place that is in the re-imagination business—a place of joy and sorrow and discovery and hope. ■



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Whether through a bequest, Charitable Gift Annuity, gift of Life Insurance or Retirement Plans, or Charitable Remainder Trusts, there are many options available to assist you in meeting your long term philanthropic and financial goals.

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Alumni Reception

Be Bold Conference, Oklahoma City

June 26

New Student Registration

Mt. Tabor Campus

June 30-July 3

ADP Summer Break

All Campuses

July 4

All Campuses Closed

July 20

Warner Pacific Day

Church of God Summer Celebration

July 24

New Student Registration

Mt. Tabor Campus

July 28-August 1

Oregon Private College Week

Mt. Tabor Campus

July 29

**Music in the Park
featuring Toque Libre**

Mt. Tabor Park

August 16

Summer Commencement

New Hope Community Church

August 23-25

Welcome Weekend

Mt. Tabor Campus

August 26

Classes Begin

Mt. Tabor Campus

August 26

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McGuire Auditorium

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