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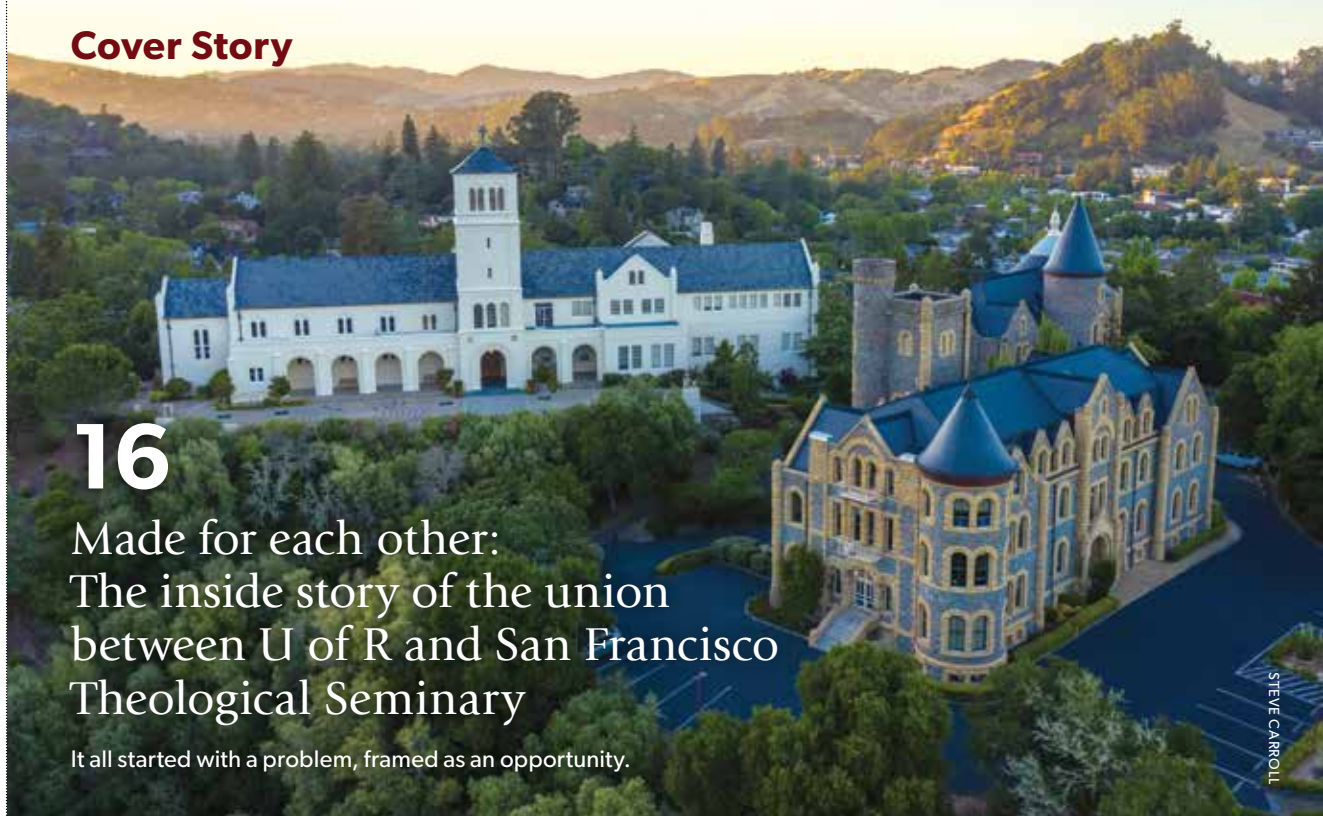
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—Rena Mason, who earned a D.Min. from SFTS in 1998 and a teaching credential from Redlands in 2012

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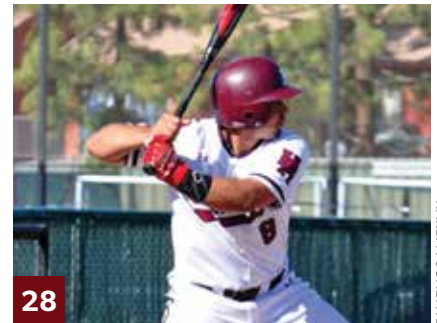


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### The “Och Tamale” cheer

Originally called the “Psalm of Collegiate Thanksgiving,” the “Och Tamale” cheer was written by cheerleader C. Merle Waterman '20 and classmates Walter J. Richards '21 and Jack Slutsk '22. The “Och Tamale” is recited when the Bulldogs score a touchdown, at pep rallies, Homecoming, alumni events, or as a greeting to fellow alumni.

Och Tamale Gazolly Gazump  
 Deyump Dayadee\* Yahoo  
 Ink Damink Dayadee Gazink  
 Deyump, Deray, Yahoo  
 Wing Wang Tricky Trackey Poo Foo  
 Joozy Woozy Skizzle Wazzle  
 Wang Tang Orky Porky Dominorky  
 Redlands! Rah, Rah, Redlands!

\*also spelled Deyatty

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## VIEW FROM 305: THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

# '1 + 1 = 3'

On July 1, the University of Redlands and San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) merged, creating the new U of R Graduate School of Theology and providing a campus in the Bay Area to host programs from both organizations.

Building on our common purpose to “educate both heart and mind,” the partnership leverages strengths of both institutions to create something neither could have offered alone. Thus, the theme of the new relationship, as SFTS becomes an essential part of the U of R, is “1 + 1 = 3.”

In this issue of *Och Tamale* magazine, you'll read more about how this transformational partnership emerged and the excitement around the new programs being launched. Thanks to the merger, Redlands will extend teaching and counseling programs in the School of Education, leadership programs in the School of Business, and experiential-learning and humanities opportunities, such as May Term and First-Year Journeys, in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Marin campus also provides a new location for these schools' academic and creative events, alumni gatherings, and recruitment. For SFTS, the merger preserves and enhances its mission to train people for ministry, defined broadly as leadership and service to the world.

While the feedback on this historic development has been overwhelmingly positive, we have received questions, as expected, pertaining to religious affiliation: “Is Redlands becoming Presbyterian?” “Will SFTS become secular?”

The answer is that little will change in this regard: The University of Redlands as a whole will remain secular, while SFTS will maintain its identity informed by its Presbyterian tradition within a new, multifaith graduate school. For examples of seminaries embedded in secular universities, one has to look no further than Harvard, Princeton, Emory, Yale, or the University of Chicago, where I walked by its McCormick Theological Seminary every day on the way to medical school.

In a white paper, SFTS faculty members Wendy Farley and Christopher Ocker call the seminary-within-a-university structure “not only mutually beneficial, but an important component of a socially engaged, globally oriented multicultural university.” They continue: “A physics curriculum operates in a different way from a curriculum



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in, for example, business management, environmental public policy, educational leadership, African diaspora, or queer theory—and yet they share commitments to evidence, truthfulness, and accountability. A theology school, at least the kind of theology school that SFTS is, embraces these norms unequivocally.”

Over the past months, I have learned much about the discipline of theology and what it can contribute to dialog in the humanities. Similar to a school of medicine—whose subjects include not only the practice of medicine, but also the fundamentals of molecular biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, and psychology—a seminary is *far* more than a trade school for ministers. Scholars of theology offer knowledge not only of the world's religions, but also of philosophy, ethics, history, literature, rhetoric, writing, psychology, sociology, and public policy.

As president, I believe my most important job is to think about how to best position the University for the future. In 10 years, I believe we will look back and celebrate the new colleagues, programs, and possibilities the Redlands-SFTS union made possible. The full range of opportunities is still being explored; intriguing new ideas continue to bubble up—such as a recent proposal to launch a program in liturgical music, leveraging expertise within SFTS and the School of Music.

We already have concrete plans to introduce at least five additional degree programs and three certificates that are either brand new or new to the region. These include the online Certificate in Mental Health and Spirituality, which is already available, and an M.S. in Organizational Leadership and M.A. of Education: Teaching and Learning, which will both debut on the Marin campus in January 2020. Please spread the word to friends and family who might be interested.

If you haven't already had an opportunity to visit the Marin campus, with its historic buildings and sylvan hills, please come to one of our events. Experience for yourself the incredible feeling of being away and yet at home; many say it's how they felt the first time they set foot on the Redlands campus.

I extend a warm welcome to all of our new colleagues, students, and friends. And thank you to everyone who has contributed their ideas, enthusiasm, support, and hard work to help make this exciting new venture a reality.

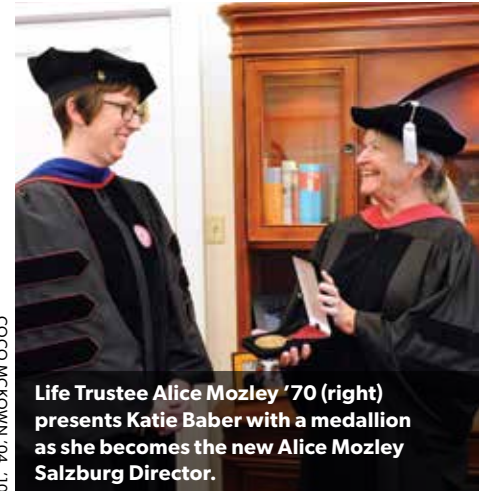
I look forward to the future we will build together.

Forever yours,



Ralph W. Kuncel, PhD MD  
President  
University of Redlands

## Three U of R graduates receive Fulbright Awards



## New Salzburg director emphasizes collaborations and connections

Katie Baber, who is the new Alice Mozley Salzburg Director, has been spending the past few months working to coordinate curricula, travel logistics, and facilities operations at what she calls “a 16th-century castle”—the Marketenderschlössl, a nearly 500-year-old Renaissance building that serves as part of U of R’s international campus in Salzburg, Austria.

Baber, also a professor and associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, is inspired by watching students grow through their experiences. “All of our students and faculty should see this as their place for research and creativity, teaching and learning,” she says. “We’re here for collaboration and to build connections between the communities of Redlands and Salzburg.”

So far, her initiatives include finding internship opportunities in Austria and diversifying the kinds of experiences available at the Salzburg campus—from First-Year Journeys to short-term courses for graduate students.

Students have had the opportunity to study in the U of R Salzburg program since 1960. The program offers a general humanities and social sciences curriculum in the context of group study and extensive travel opportunities. Available to undergraduates regardless of major, the Salzburg semester is one of the many ways the University facilitates experiential learning.

“Studying abroad is one of the most powerful educational experiences one can have,” Baber says.

University of Redlands’ Brenna Phillips ‘19, Lidya Stamper ‘19, and Theo Whitcomb ‘19 have won Fulbright Scholarships to teach and conduct research next year in locations around the world.

“To have even one Fulbright award winner is an honor,” says Kendrick Brown, dean of U of R’s College of Arts and Sciences. “Having three this year is the strongest possible testament to the personalized, high-quality liberal arts and professional education that we offer at Redlands.”

The trio of awards brings the institution’s total to 24 since U of R seniors first received Fulbright honors in 2008.

“The competition for Fulbright awards is intense, with several thousand applicants [from across the nation],” says Jack Osborn, U of R Fulbright advisor and Hunsaker Endowed Professor of Management. “Our award winners come from all parts of the academic scene and have truly impressive track records.”

Phillips, who majored in history and public policy, will teach and conduct research in the Netherlands at ROC van Amsterdam-MBO College Zuid.

Stamper, a Hunsaker Scholar who majored in international relations and public policy, will conduct research in South Africa at the University of Pretoria’s Centre for Human Rights.

Whitcomb, who studied political ecology at the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies, will become an English teaching assistant in India at Pondicherry University Community College.

Osborn explains that Fulbright proposals require students to explain who they are, what they hope to do, in what country they want to teach or conduct research, and what they have done to qualify for the opportunity. Proposals are evaluated first at by a group of multidisciplinary faculty at the U of R, then by a panel of faculty from across the U.S., and finally by faculty and Fulbright awardees from the country selected.



## ON CAMPUS

# Peace Corps highlights U of R service



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEJANDRA GARCIA '16

Alejandra Garcia '16 (back right) is a Peace Corps youth-in-development volunteer in Peru.

The University of Redlands was on the Peace Corps' 2019 list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities. With 15 Bulldogs currently volunteering in countries around the world, the University now has received the honor for two years in a row, ranking fourth among small schools.

"Given the number of hours our students devote to community development overseas, in their home communities, and here in Redlands, it stands to reason that they would continue to distinguish themselves in this way," says Steve Wuhs, U of R's assistant provost for internationalization and interim director of College of Arts and Sciences Study Away. "We're very proud of this repeat achievement and how it reflects on global learning and service at the University of Redlands."

Since the Peace Corps' founding in 1961, more than 280 alumni from Redlands have served abroad as volunteers.

"The liberal arts foundation at U of R inspires many to serve in the Peace Corps," says Alejandra Garcia '16, a Peace Corps youth-in-development volunteer in Peru. "The University really encourages a well-rounded student in many areas and promotes the idea of volunteering. My alma mater helped me prepare for Peace Corps as it allowed me to see the fruits of volunteering go beyond making a difference in another place; volunteering also makes a difference within oneself. Redlands gave me many opportunities to volunteer, all of which served to further encourage a commitment to long-term service like Peace Corps."

# 110th commencement celebrates graduating Bulldogs



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Members of the Class of 2019 savor the moment.

Commencement weekend provided the University of Redlands community an opportunity to celebrate the past achievements and future impact of 1,462 graduating Bulldogs.

U of R President Ralph W. Kuncl was among those congratulating the graduates, emphasizing their U of R education has helped them hone valuable skills, including the ability to communicate clearly, think critically, and solve complex problems. "Class of 2019, I am so honored to share this important moment in your lives," he said.

Among the graduates of the College of Arts and Sciences was the first class of Hunsaker Scholars. These 15 exceptional individuals were selected for the prestigious award as entering students based on academic achievement, leadership, and community engagement. Richard Hunsaker '52 and Virginia Hunsaker '52 established the Hunsaker Scholarship Prize in 2014 with a gift of \$35 million.



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Richard Hunsaker '52 and Virginia Hunsaker '52 (front) are pictured with the first class of Hunsaker Scholars: (left to right) Alexandra Kuroff, Willow Higgins, Sean Dunnington, Aya Musleh, Joshua Liao, Sabrina Scoggin, Charlotte Minor, Lidya Stamper, Anna Chung, Iyana McGiffert, Summer Stafford, Erin Wiens St. John, Daria Jackson, Alexandra Laner, and Shapari Samimi.

# School of Business and Esri hold first Spatial Business Academy



BRITNEY BLACKSHER

Esri Founder and CEO Jack Dangermond (left) visits a breakout group at the Spatial Business Academy.

The University of Redlands School of Business and Esri, an international supplier of mapping software, jointly hosted the inaugural Spatial Business Academy in March, providing executives with training that blended business knowledge with location analytics.

“Because we are thought leaders in spatial business education, we wanted to extend this educational experience beyond enrolled University of Redlands students and offer it to professionals who are actively engaged in the field,” says Thomas Horan, Senecal Endowed Dean of the U of R School of Business and Academy co-chair. “We were impressed and grateful for the array of companies that signed up for this first-of-a-kind event; it is a stellar list.”

Companies represented at the three-day event, part of the larger Spatial Business Initiative ([www.redlands.edu/sbi](http://www.redlands.edu/sbi)), included Advanced Innovative Technologies, CSX Railroad, Fifth Third Bank, Kohler Co., Orscheln Farm & Home, OXXO (a large Mexican retailer), Republic Services, Southern California Edison, The Shopping Center Group, and Travelers Insurance.

With sessions at Esri headquarters and on the U of R campus, presentations covered spatial foundational principles, applications, and strategy.

## New makerspace promotes learning by doing

A makerspace opened its doors on the Redlands campus this spring, offering a shared technology- and engineering-based workspace for the community. Home to two 3-D printers and a scanner, virtual and augmented reality headsets, and other technologies, the new facility encourages students, faculty, and staff to invent and create.

“We added a makerspace for University community members to immerse themselves in experiential teaching and learning,” says Shariq Ahmed, director of U of R’s Academic Computing and Instructional Technology Services.

Several professors have already integrated the makerspace, which was made possible by the support of Lockton Companies, into their courses. “We’ve been working with the spatial studies department on a drone project,” says Iyan Sandri, computer lab supervisor.

Professor of Studio Art Raúl Acero has been working with his students to use those same drone-generated models to evaluate the impact of their sculptures in different campus environments.

In other projects across the curriculum, students have used Oculus Rift headsets to virtually visit the Salton Sea before taking a field trip to the actual site, peruse Mecca via Google Earth during a First-Year Seminar, and print items in 3-D to model a potential Joshua Tree campsite.



GRETA JURSCH '21

Sabrina Scoggin '19 demonstrates an Oculus Rift headset in the makerspace.



## ON CAMPUS

# The story of an old oak tree, by the numbers



A new exhibit in the Armacost Library showcases a large cross-section of an oak tree that stood watch over the University of Redlands Quad from 1925 to 2014. Professor Hillary Jenkins, who spearheaded the nearly four-year effort to preserve and date the 4'6" by 5'4" slab, spoke at the exhibit's dedication, providing a few numbers related to the project:

**89**—The number of tree rings present on the slab

**2**—The number of fungal species (*Botryodiplodia* and *Cytospora*) that were killing this tree; evidence of both is present in the visible scarring along the edges of the slab

**2**—The number of chainsaws required to cut a single intact piece this large

**2,000**—The number of pounds of raw wood that were forklifted to Facilities

**4**—belt sanders, **3** orbital sanders, and **3** small hand-sanders were used in smoothing the surface of the slab, which was sanded repeatedly by Jenkins, Environmental Studies Professor Wendy McIntyre, and four work-study students for more than a month as it slowly dried

**157**—The number of sandpaper belts, discs, and sheets destroyed during this process

**75**—The gallons of liquid polymer Pentacryl needed to soak the slab and seal xylem cell walls to minimize cracking once it was sanded smooth

**8**—The number of people it took to flip the slab over so that the Pentacryl would soak evenly

**1**—The number of years the slab soaked and dried before it could be studied and labeled with dates of historic significance

## Greek spotlight

As part of Greek Week, sorority and fraternity members were among those participating in Bulldogs in Service day April 13. Here, Beta Lambda members build homes with Hands of Mercy.



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## REDLANDS VOICES IN THE NEWS

University of Redlands faculty, staff, and students were recently quoted in outlets from *The New York Times* to KESQ-TV news.

“The trash itself was a lens through which I saw what was going on in Chatham.”

—**Andy Patriquin '23**, in his application essay reprinted in “Trash, the library and a worn, brown table: The 2019 College Essays on Money,” *The New York Times*, May 9

“I went from like, ‘I can’t do anything,’ ... to like, ‘Hey, will you look at that.’”

—**Emma Taylor '16**, in “She got into college with extra help—without cheating—and extraordinary effort,” *Los Angeles Times*, May 21

“The state is wary of ... simply topping up local operating budgets [and] encouraging irresponsible behavior and poor planning.”

—**Nicholas Reksten, professor of economics**, in “California wildfire dilemma,” *The Sacramento Bee*, May 2

“My dad is a gardener and my mom is a housewife. They almost do not know English. When I was growing up my brothers and I always had to translate for them.”

—**Alejandrina Morales '21**, mentor in the Rochford College Access Program, in “Student studies to be a teacher while helping and motivating others to get to college,” *La Opinión*, May 22

“The prize is not getting in; the prize is actually the growth and development and the community building that will occur over the next four years.”

—**Kevin Dyerly '00, '04, vice president of enrollment**, in “Anxiety in high school rises as college admissions standards become tougher,” KESQ-TV news, May 29

“I believe we are of the right size to partner with SFTS—sort of ‘Goldilocks size’—because we’re not so big that we wouldn’t need them or want them—and we’re not so small that it wouldn’t be financially feasible to embed them within us.”

—**Ralph W. Kuncl, president**, in “Yet another seminary merges,” *Inside Higher Ed*, Feb. 26; the merger was also covered in publications from the *Marin Independent Journal* to *The Christian Post*



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Charlotte Minor '19 works to uncap honey from a honeycomb.

## Sustainable campus farm hosts inaugural honey harvest

Students, faculty, and staff at the Sustainable University of Redlands Farm (SURF) are raising awareness about the importance of bees for the environment. With funding from the School of Education and the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies, the group hosted an inaugural honey harvest on March 29 to aid in the effort.

During the harvest, Outreach and Sustainability Coordinator Eric Tengler, School of Education Professor Brian Charest, and a number of students also sampled the bounty, pairing the golden substance with fare such as orange slices and coffee. In the end, the harvest resulted in about 10 large jars of honey.

“We’re getting a new queen this spring,” says Ellie Obrochta '19, a student director of SURF who came up with the idea to start a beekeeping program. “There are plenty of people looking forward to keeping this going.”



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## Arts, culture, conversation

The spring semester was busy at the University of Redlands, with students engaging with speakers, artists, and writers on a variety of topics.



For upcoming events, visit [www.redlands.edu/news-events-social/events](http://www.redlands.edu/news-events-social/events).

### 1 U.S.–Russian relations

Larry Caldwell, University of Redlands distinguished fellow and expert on U.S.–Russia relations, speaks at the Feb. 7 Redlands Forum event, where he declared that the U.S. government’s knowledge of strategy and negotiation is rapidly deteriorating, posing a new kind of national security risk.

### 2 Movie-making

On Feb. 28—just days after the Academy Awards—Barry Jenkins, the director and screenwriter of *Moonlight* and *If Beale Street Could Talk*, talks to U of R students at Orton Center. “At the Academy Awards, there wasn’t a single woman who was nominated for best director. Does that mean women can’t direct as [well] as men? No. The system is designed to disenfranchise. Progress needs to be continual and gradual, and that starts with recognizing women.”

### 3 TEDx talks

Organized by a student committee, U of R’s first-ever TEDx event on March 23 features students, faculty, and staff presenting short, powerful speeches, with titles from “Sincerity in an Age of Social Media” to “Can You Hold My Leg?” Here, TEDx speakers (left to right) Professor Eric Hill, Summer Stafford ’19, U of R Director of Recreation Andrew Hollis, Professor Mikela Bjork, and Amanda Woodle ’19 answer questions.

### 4 The case for conservatism

Conservative political commentator, columnist, and podcaster Michael Knowles—author of *Reasons to Vote for Democrats: A Comprehensive Guide*, a best-seller consisting of 266 mostly blank pages—visits campus on March 26, hosted by student group Young Americans for Freedom.



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## 5 Discourse in a civil society

Alumni events in San Diego, Orange County, and Washington, D.C., focus on “How to Engage in Discourse in a Civil Society—The Role of the University of Redlands.” Here, sharing their perspectives during the March 28 Orange County event, are panelists Sarah Sachs '16, (left) political coordinator for U.S. Rep. Pete Aguilar '01; Carole Beswick (center), U of R trustee and civic leader; and Kelsey Myers '01, producer of *CBS This Morning*.

## 6 Organizing across borders

As the keynote speaker of the 11th annual Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference on March 29, oral historian and activist Maylei Blackwell addresses challenges that indigenous populations face in organizing across borders: “When migrants cross, they’re not just crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. They’re crossing borders of colonialism, racial geographies, new gender geographies, class

geographies, and the borders of other indigenous nations—all of these other borders that aren’t marked.”

## 7 Native culture

Native Student Programs hosts the University of Redlands’ third powwow on March 30, celebrating Native culture through traditional dances, food, and handmade wares.

## 8 Race on Campus

In the fourth annual Race on Campus conference, the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies brings together students from across California on March 31 to discuss issues of race in higher education.

## 9 Sense and Sensibility

U of R students stage a playful new adaptation of Jane Austen’s beloved novel *Sense and Sensibility* at the Glenn Wallich Theatre in late March and early April.

## 10 Modern marketing

Marianna Kantor, chief marketing officer for Esri, gives advice on how businesses can better “see” customers using digital insights during her April 3 talk hosted by the School of Business at WeWork Los Angeles.

## 11 A Short History of Anger

Performed on April 8 and 9 at the Frederick Loewe Theatre, *A Short History of Anger*—a hybrid manuscript of prose, poetry, essay, and verse—is a creation of Professor Joy Manesiotis confronting the 1922 genocide of the Greek Orthodox population in Smyrna (on the Aegean coast), an event known as The Destruction.

## 12 Purposeful leadership

Thomas Horan, Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business, gives a keynote speech titled “The Arc of Purposeful Leadership” at the 11th Annual U of R Business Roundtable in Newport Beach on May 2.



A new book, *The Power of Love*, by Professor Fran Grace (right) weaves together her personal story and the wisdom she has received from spiritual leaders around the globe. The work forms the basis of a class she is teaching as part of the new Certificate in Mental Health and Spirituality.

## U of R celebrates faculty research and creative accomplishments

In May, the annual Our House event and booklet celebrated the scholarly and creative accomplishments from the University of Redlands community. Here's a look at a few of many highlights.

### Wisdom from spiritual leaders around the world

Professor of Religious Studies Fran Grace's new book, *The Power of Love: A Transformed Heart Changes the World*, is the culmination of her quest to learn about the human spirit. Included are interviews with spiritual leaders and a scientist, intertwined with her own journey to self-acceptance, love, and compassion toward others.

"We're all looking for some kind of way we can overcome the problems in the world and in human society," Grace says. "We change the world when we change ourselves, especially when we develop our capacity to love others and to encourage the life around us to grow, heal, and express its greatest potential."

The 690-page book is available from Amazon and in bookstores, as well as through her nonprofit's website, [innerpathway.com](http://innerpathway.com), where more profits go to the charitable organizations of those who contributed to the book.

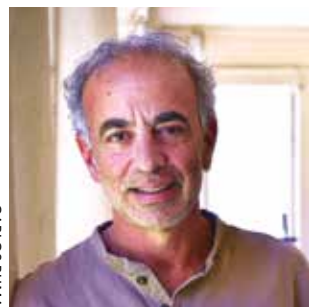
"Each teacher helped me learn something," Grace says. "I still am learning, but I got to a key realization: I'm not looking for anything outside of myself anymore."



For the complete Our House booklet, visit [www.redlands.edu/ourhouse2019](http://www.redlands.edu/ourhouse2019).



## New psychology guidelines for working with men and boys



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For decades, Professor Fred Rabinowitz has worked with clients who feel trapped by society's expectations of what it means to be a man. A clinical psychologist who has led a community-based men's therapy group for more than 30 years, Rabinowitz notes these pressures result in higher rates of suicide, cardiovascular disease, and loneliness among men as they get older.

Rabinowitz aims to help therapists work more effectively with their male clients, and his book, *Deepening Group Psychotherapy with Men: Stories and Insights for the Journey*, was published in 2018 by the American Psychological Association (APA). In collaboration with more than 30 other psychologists, Rabinowitz also contributed to an update of the APA's "Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Boys and Men."

"We're trying to help men by expanding their emotional repertoire, not trying to take away the strengths that men have," he says to *The New York Times*. "It would benefit everyone if men operated with more authenticity and genuineness rather than engaging in ego-driven actions."

## Examining Jewish depictions in 19th-century literature



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Professor Sharon Oster wants researchers to reconsider common Jewish tropes in 19th-century literature. While antisemitism has been studied copiously, Oster says, few researchers have examined positive, or "philosemitic," depictions of Jewishness during the same period. "It's a mythical, positive idea about Jewishness that has little real bearing on the Jewish experience," she notes.

In her first book, *No Place in Time: The Hebraic Myth in Late-Nineteenth-Century American Literature*, Oster highlights the ways Jewishness has been represented in American literature as a metaphor for an ancient, pre-Christian past; how the "Hebraic myth" was reimagined in American realist writing; and how this pattern raises questions of identity, immigration, religion, and modernity.

Whether positive or negative, these portrayals need to be considered in their larger social and historical context, according to Oster: "Jewish American literature is often discussed and taught separately from American literature more broadly, [but] these writers were in the same literary market, climate, and culture."

## Exploring high-tech communities of resistance



MATTHEW LESTER

Professor of Sociology and Anthropology Sara Schoonmaker's latest book, *Free Software, the Internet, and Global Communities of Resistance*, delves into the power dynamics behind information and communications technology.

Published in 2018, her book explores this struggle between large corporations and many local communities over control of the internet, telecommunications, and software. Drawing upon key cases and interviews with free software proponents around the world, Schoonmaker found that the initial foundations for the digital commons (technological resources accessible to all) were laid in the 1980s, when advocates in the United States and Brazil created free software.

"Free software challenges the dominance of proprietary software firms like Microsoft and Apple," she says. "It promotes the digital commons where users are free to access, share, remix, sell, and redistribute software and the myriad cultural products it is used to create."

## Focusing on educational equity



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As an educator, School of Education Professor Ann Blankenship Knox never wants to hear "clearly" or "because we've always done it that way" in her classroom. Things are rarely clear, Knox argues, and just because something has always been done one way doesn't mean it can't—or shouldn't—be changed.

In her research, Knox specializes in educational law and policy, particularly as they relate to issues of equity. She recently served as a co-editor of the Educational Law Association's sixth edition of *The Principal's Legal Handbook*; her task was to oversee preparation of the "Teachers and the Law" section.

Over the past two years, Knox has been researching school closures for religious holiday observations. She also recently launched the first phase of a study aimed at determining whether collegiality among professors in higher education can be measured. "It's a hot topic—if collegiality can be measured, it can be used in evaluations," she says.

She is also excited to be educating tomorrow's change agents: "Our students are aspiring leaders who work in low-income schools with lots of needs. They are warriors who fight for their pupils."

Knox believes the University's job is to train these future educational leaders to keep asking "the why" question and interrogating their assumptions as they search for answers. "If we can build their skills in these areas," she says, "they will continue to develop throughout their careers, whatever the context." **01**

# REAL LESSONS

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# MOCK CONGRESS

## A U.S. CONGRESS CLASS GIVES FUTURE LEADERS A TASTE OF LAWMAKING'S COMPLEXITIES

By Lilledeshan Bose

In the course description for her U.S. Congress class, Professor Renée Van Vechten describes the United States Congress as “simultaneously reviled and venerated ... a tangle of contradictions.”

It's this quandary that Van Vechten wants her students to explore by inhabiting the roles of real U.S. representatives, a simulation of a Congressional session that creates opportunities for learning, skill-building, and leadership.

The class begins with the study of the U.S. Congress's history, theoretical foundations, and current processes, but it's the semester-long simulation that teaches students the most about legislative decision-making. “It's a rough approximation of reality, one designed to help them understand just how complex lawmaking really is,” says Van Vechten.

Part research, part strategizing, and part performance, the class delivers a wholly extraordinary learning experience.

### How it works

Students are able to request parameters for their character—Republican or Democrat, committee preference, and region—although ultimately the assignments reflect the actual composition of the current Congress, in this case the 116th.

“I try to give students the opportunity to portray the characters they prefer, but at the same time we need to capture the

geographic diversity of the United States,” says Van Vechten, who adds that four of 15 students depicted female House members in the last class for similar reasons. “We also portray who's actually in charge, and right now the Democrats lead the House. That alone teaches students lessons about power, because the majority party always wins in the House, and the minority party is deliberately excluded from a lot of aspects of lawmaking and legislating. However, we bend the rules a bit in our simulation so that everyone gets a chance to participate fully.”

Students research representatives' political history and study their constituencies to realistically represent them. Then activities include introducing plausible bills into Congress, shaping bills in committees, and voting for or against them on the House floor. This year, the class was organized into two committees, says Van Vechten: the Judiciary, which is “a hotbed of moral issues,” and Energy and Commerce, which covers “everything from health care to business.”

Alongside lawmaking, the “representatives” interact with “constituents”—students from Van Vechten's Introduction to American Politics class, who, like real constituents, wrote letters to their representatives, provided bills to be introduced into the process, and could appear as witnesses in committee hearings. The last few classes culminated in full floor sessions, where posturing and debates ensued, and laws were passed—or, on occasion, killed.





Students play the roles of real U.S. representatives.



*"This [class] is not just about playing a role. It's about our students considering: 'What if I had the power? How would I make the world a better place if I wrote a bill to do this or that?'"*

**—Professor Renée Van Vechten**



"It's a lot of work, but I wanted to dive much deeper into [law making] because I thought it was really interesting," says Kristen Saucedo '20, who portrayed Rep. Jerry Nadler from New York's 10th Congressional District, which includes Manhattan, during the spring 2019 semester.

### **Grooming informed citizens and future lawmakers**

Van Vechten first began teaching a congressional simulation in 2005, and many of her former students now work in state and federal government, including the actual U.S. Congress. Kara van Stralen '10, now the chief of staff for California Democratic U.S. Rep. Mike Levin, had previously worked for U.S. Sen. Maggie Hassan and U.S. Sen. Cory Booker.

"The whole Redlands Government Department (now the Political Science Department) was pretty influential in my career path," she says, "but the Congress class was really fun because we got to be creative. We weren't just reading a book and then reciting the information."

Van Stralen also says that Van Vechten's Congress class was just like a course in grad school; she adds, "It was an awesome opportunity to gain the skills that I now use every day. I'm constantly having to reach out to Democrats or Republicans and come up with ways to move legislation, so it was definitely realistic because the things that we did in that class, I'm still doing now—just on a much larger scale."

Matthew Rafeedie '20 grew up in a politically conservative family, and has always been interested in politics. "I loved this class

to death," he says. "In class, I found that Republicans and Democrats could actually come to an agreement, but they can't vote for each other's policies due to partisanship." At least two Republican bills did pass the Democratic-led House this semester in the mock Congress—a testament to students' communication skills.

Like Van Stralen, Rafeedie hopes to bring lessons he learned in Van Vechten's class to his future career in government, starting with an internship this summer at a California state senator's office: "I realized that conservatives do a really poor job at communicating their ideas to people. As a minority, I'm really passionate about letting people know that conservatives can—and should try—to communicate across the aisle. If you just give up on certain groups and then don't even try to communicate, you lose the war on ideas."

Sauceda, a Hunsaker Scholar who had interned for U.S. Rep. Pete Aguilar '01 before taking Van Vechten's class, echoed Rafeedie's sentiments. "Coming into the class I did not realize how complex [the congressional process] was," she says. Being part of the simulation cemented her resolve to work in public service—and write policy that will affect Americans now and in the future.

And really, that's Van Vechten's goal. "This is not just about playing a role," she says. "It's about our students considering, 'What if I had the power? How would I make the world a better place if I wrote a bill to do this or that?' You're not really passing policy, but you get a sense of how great it would be if you were able to do that. And that helps you imagine the possibility of doing it 'for real.'" **OT**



# Creating a world that's 'Better Together'

By Lilledeshan Bose

## A revival of a multifaith organization at U of R inspires hope

**O**n Dec. 2, 2015, a shooting at the Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino killed 14 people and wounded 21 others. In the aftermath of grief, shock, and disbelief, the University of Redlands held an interfaith religious forum on violence. Representatives of many religious traditions—Hindu, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and Buddhist—discussed religious tolerance, radicalization, Islamophobia, and the role of religious leaders in education.

Professor of Religious Studies Lillian Larsen, who organized the student-led forum, found it “a balm for the soul.” Attended by more than 200 people, the gathering inspired students to extend

the initiative by building the Multi-Faith Student Association (MFSA), a space for interfaith conversations on campus. By spring 2018, however, many of the students involved had graduated.

### **An urgent need**

With the rising tide of intolerance across the country and violence at temples, synagogues, and churches around the world, there was still an urgent need to sustain interfaith dialogue. So Larsen and Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion Sana Tayyen organized a core group of faculty and administrative colleagues to address this need.

Last fall, drawing on a generous grant from the national Interfaith Youth Corps (IFYC), the group set out to cultivate a new generation of students and re-invigorate the MFSA. (Their secret weapon for recruiting members? Breakfast.)

Victoria Randall-Hallard '21, a double major in music and religion with a minor in business, admits she was lured by the food, but “fell in love with the potential that this club has. It's a need for us.”





Larsen notes the MFSA was not a hard sell: “Students wanted a place where it was safe to be an observant, religious person on campus.”

### Empowered to explore

At the same time, Randall-Hallard conceptualized a series of events aimed at promoting interfaith dialogue. Over the course of the spring term, MFSA members interviewed religious leaders and Redlands students from various faith traditions to develop a “Day in the Life” of Jewish, Catholic, Buddhist, Muslim, and Hindu practice. In April, the group put the days into action during Better Together Days, a week broadly organized by Interfaith Youth Corps aimed at celebrating religious diversity. In close collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs, Chaplain’s Office, and Campus Diversity and Inclusion, campus and community members were invited to take part in different religious practices each day—from participating in a Passover Seder (Judaism), to praying five times a day (Islam).

Victoria Randall-Hallard ’21 (center) says she “fell in love with the potential the Multi-Faith Student Association has. It’s a need for us.” Also pictured are Romina Marie Baronia ’22 (left), and Gabriel Olivares ’22, fellow members of the club.

“On YouTube, there used to be videos called ‘Day in the Life of a Ballerina’ or ‘Day in the Life of a Juggler,’ where you walked through a day with different people,” Randall-Hallard says. “I thought, how cool would that be if we could try a day in the life of someone that we view as ‘other’?”

Larsen adds, “For our students, the process of researching each day’s ‘practice’ was as educational and important as the results. They felt empowered to explore a cross-section of faith traditions and talk to different community members.”

### Better together

To kick the week off, the students hosted a Better Together Ball with support from Student Affairs, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Community Service Learning, the Religious Studies Department, the Chaplain’s Office, the Meditation Room, and the Redlands Area Interfaith Council.

“Better Together gave me hope for humanity,” says Romina Marie Baronia ’22, a creative writing major. “Seeing everybody willing and interested in learning different religions and creating that interfaith community made me think that maybe, with that small spark, things could change for the better.”

Thanks to the event, Gabriel Olivares ’22, a religious studies major, realized that the world’s religions had many of the same tenets. “I grew up in a very strong Latino community in San Bernardino, which is not always super accepting of people of different cultures and religions,” he says. “I also went to a secular public school where we never talked about religion, so I had never really discovered people of different faiths. The overarching theme of each religion’s ‘Day in the Life’ was to do good things, be a good person.”

Olivares eventually wants to become a priest within the Catholic Church. “When I’m a priest, I want to make sure that my community has a strong interfaith relationship,” he says. “I want to host a big picnic, for example, where we have the local mosque and synagogue come for a peaceful get-together, so everyone can realize we’re not so different.”

### National recognition

The MFSA’s work on Better Together Days was recognized nationally. Tayyen was one of only 25 professors selected to participate in a seminar in Chicago by the Council of Independent Colleges and IFYC. In addition, Randall-Hallard and Olivares will attend an IFYC summer program to receive additional training as interfaith leaders. They’ll be working with similarly invested Redlands students Ihab Hamideh ’21 of the Middle Eastern Students Association and Luke Rothschild ’22 of Christian group Young Life.

Next year, the group’s plans include partnering with a wider variety of religious and diversity organizations on campus and in the community. “I’d like everyone to start working together,” says Randall-Hallard, “and be truthful supporters of each other.” **OT**





# Made *for* each other

## The inside story of the union between U of R and San Francisco Theological Seminary

By Mika Elizabeth Ono

**I**t was 2015, and Rev. James McDonald, president of San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), was facing a problem. Or, as he optimistically framed it, an opportunity.

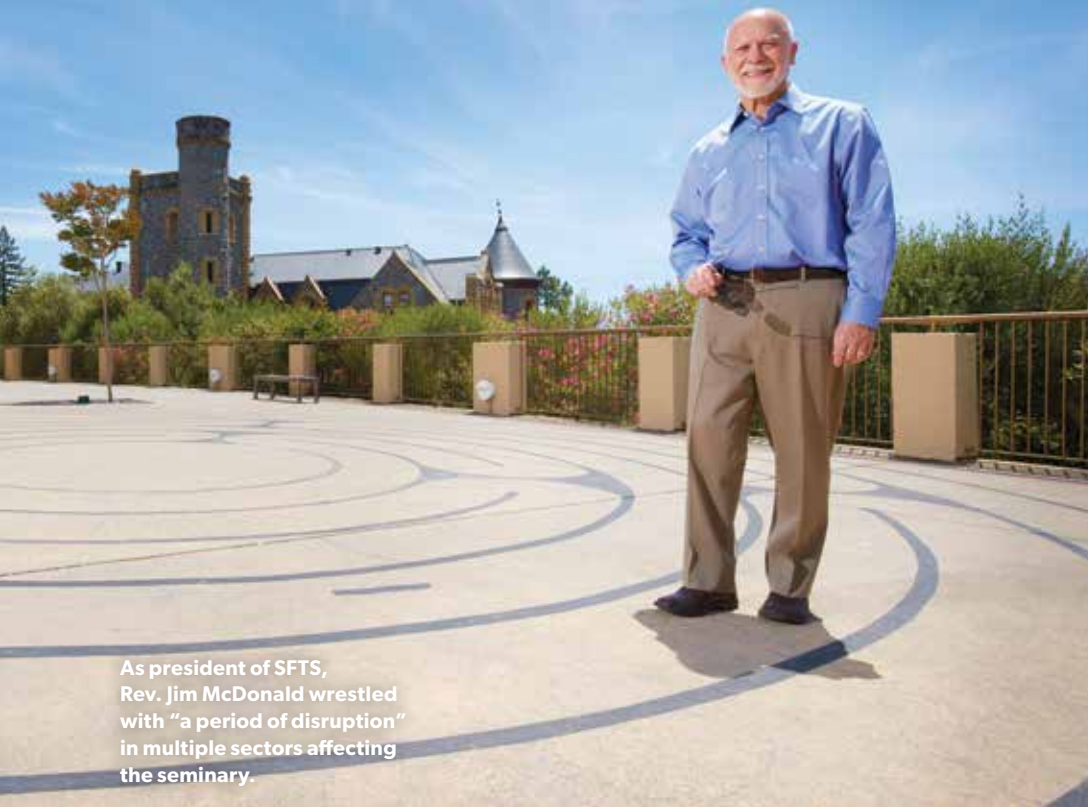
Across the landscape of traditional Christian seminary education, enrollment had been dropping for decades. From just 2011 to 2015, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) tracked a 3 percent decline within the United States and Canada. Support from affiliated mainstream Protestant organizations, themselves facing shrinking membership rolls, had been unable to make up for the shortfall.

For SFTS in particular, a high of more than 700 students in 1996 had fallen by more than half in 2011 when McDonald received the offer to become the seminary's president. Nonetheless, he accepted the position.

"I think I came to SFTS with my eyes open, at least in part," says McDonald, who had spent the previous 13 years working for hunger-relief advocacy organization Bread for the World. "Despite their challenges, I saw seminaries as undervalued institutions, not only for the Church, but for society itself.

"Where else do people focus so intensely on values?" ▶

**On July 1, the University of Redlands and San Francisco Theological Seminary merged, creating a new U of R graduate school and campus in the Bay Area. Here, Rev. Jana Childers, dean of the new Graduate School of Theology, looks up at the dome of the Marin campus's Scott Hall.**



As president of SFTS, Rev. Jim McDonald wrestled with “a period of disruption” in multiple sectors affecting the seminary.



The wooded 19-acre campus is located 15 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge.

## A lot to offer

Once at SFTS, McDonald adopted a practical approach, making a new round of budget cuts. But he knew it was only a first step.

“The Board of Trustees said very clearly to me that cutting expenses only goes so far,” he recalls, noting that trustees had made the decision to close SFTS’s 21-year-old Pasadena campus in Southern California a few months before he arrived. “We were going to have to pay attention to revenue. Expenses and revenue—it’s a very simple formula; they have to match.”

At the same time, McDonald began to realize the challenges facing SFTS were more profound than he had realized. It was not just seminary education that was in “a period of disruption,” but also its larger sectors—higher education in general, which had vulnerabilities in a tuition-dependent model, and the traditional Christian Church, which was struggling to remain relevant in a rapidly changing society. “It was a perfect storm,” McDonald says.

At McDonald’s prompting, SFTS launched a strategic planning process

involving the Board, administration, donors, and alumni to formulate a response. This process, along with related efforts in fundraising and branding, wrestled with big-picture questions of vision and identity.

What would be lost in the world without SFTS? What was its special essence? An unusual combination of core values of spirituality, social justice, and innovation was one cornerstone. So was a history dating back to 1871, affiliation with the progressive Presbyterian Church U.S.A., and founding membership in the Bay Area’s Graduate Theological Union consortium, which enabled cross registration with institutions ranging from the Institute of Buddhist Studies to University of California, Berkeley.

These factors had attracted a diverse student body. One-third came from outside the United States. Sixty-five percent were over age 44. SFTS students aspired to serve their communities—but only half envisioned becoming ordained ministers; the others set their sights on nonprofits, the arts, entrepreneurial activities, teaching, and other areas.

How could these—and future—students best be served?

“[The strategic planning process] was about a different way of opening ourselves to look outward,” McDonald says, “and to connect with the community and to reconnect with churches.”

A merger was aligned with these aspirations. As SFTS’s resources included a significant endowment and a pristine 19-acre campus in the town of San Anselmo in Marin County, only 15 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge, McDonald did not feel a merger would be a last-ditch effort. Rather, he saw a merger as an informed response to thinking broadly about the organization’s mission and how to expand that mission in the current environment.

But if a merger, then with whom?

## The search for the perfect match

SFTS launched an Exploration Task Force to examine the possibilities.

“Everything was on the table,” says McDonald. “We wanted to think strategically about what we were going to do.”





WILLIAM VASTA



All eight full-time faculty members of SFTS are supported by endowed funds.



The intimate Stewart Chapel features stained-glass windows and a white oak carving.

There was no dearth of examples of mergers involving seminaries. In fact, a wave of mergers over the past decades had changed the seminary landscape from 60 percent standalone to 60 percent embedded within other institutions, according to ATS.

Some seminaries had become part of universities of a similar religious affiliation, such as Jesuit School of Theology's merger with Santa Clara University in 2009 or Claremont Graduate School of Theology's anticipated merger and move to Methodist Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Other seminaries had joined with formerly separate institutions of theological education, such as Andover Newton Theological School's move to Yale Divinity School in 2016.

After briefly considering corporate partners such as Kaiser Permanente (which supports some programming at SFTS), the task force systematically examined Presbyterian and historically Presbyterian colleges and universities on the West Coast, which some members of the team believed could offer an

easier cultural and geographical fit than institutions in the East.

Eliminating schools in Idaho, Montana, and Utah, whose partnerships would not build on the strength of SFTS's Bay Area location, the field was narrowed to California and Oregon. Occidental College was taken off the list, as McDonald reasoned a strictly undergraduate institution would hesitate to embrace a seminary as its first venture into graduate education.

That left Lewis and Clark, a historically Presbyterian liberal arts college with graduate programs in education and law. "We had a couple of meetings, but it was clear that they didn't want to maintain a campus in San Anselmo," McDonald says. "It was, 'Will you sell the campus and move up here?' Long story short, we said, 'no.'"

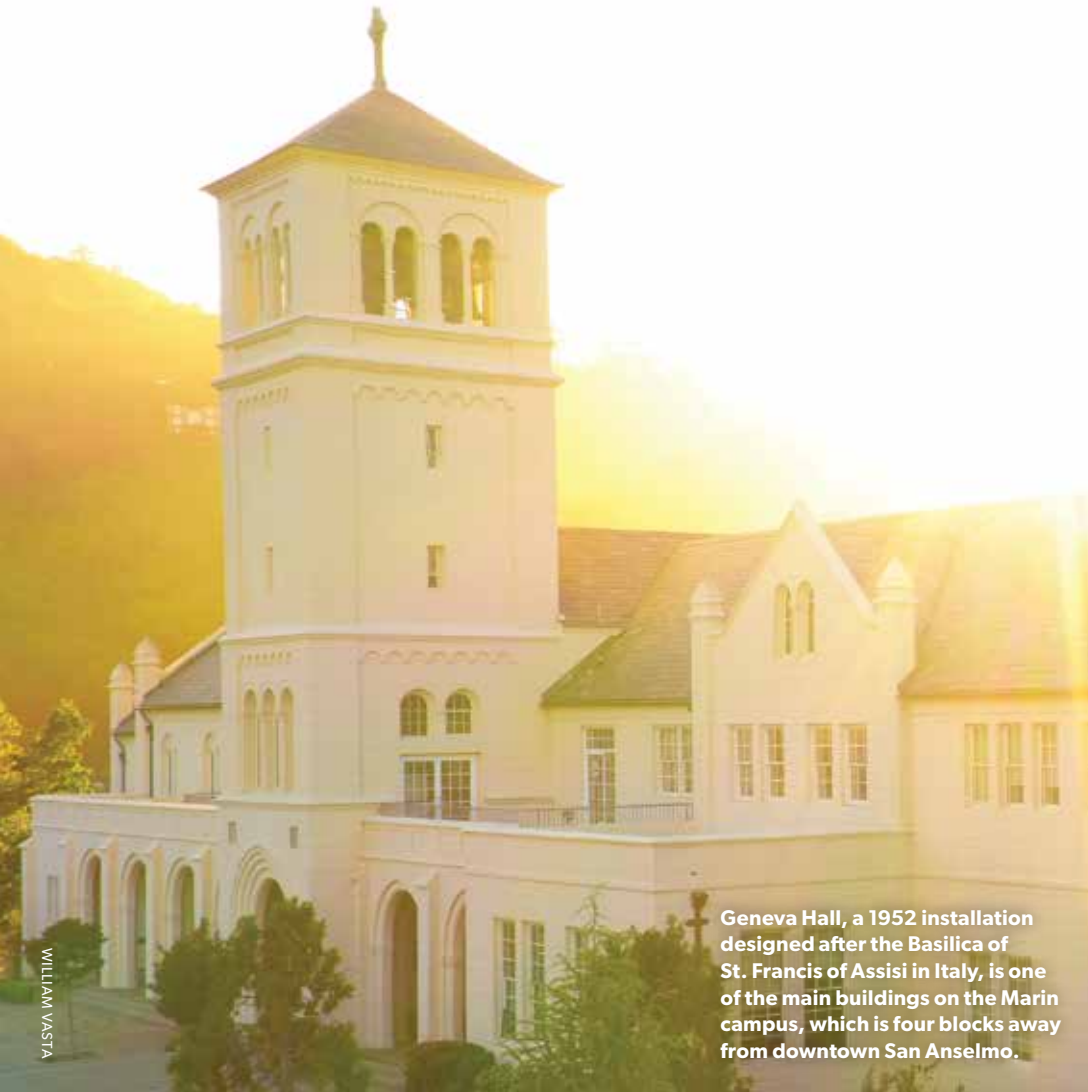
Would merging with another seminary be a better option? Setting aside their locations on the East Coast, the task force initiated conversations with some top-tier institutions, including Yale Divinity School in New Haven, Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Princeton

Theological Seminary in New Jersey.

"Yale was interested—in our endowment and selling the property," McDonald says. "We also had other Presbyterian seminaries on the list, but it became clear that if you put two seminaries together, the stronger seminary is going to be dominant. We would basically be giving our physical and financial assets to another school, and we would lose whatever identity we had."

The team looked again at its list of potential partners, and there was the University of Redlands, known to some at SFTS through James R. Appleton, who had been president of the U of R from 1987 to 2005 and 2010 to 2012, as well as an SFTS trustee from 1985 to 1995.

Although Redlands was secular (with historic ties to the American Baptist Convention), the multi-campus university was in Southern California and offered several graduate degree programs. Moreover, its mission and vision seemed to overlap with SFTS's in its emphasis on scholarship, innovation, inclusiveness, diversity, and service. ▶



Geneva Hall, a 1952 installation designed after the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy, is one of the main buildings on the Marin campus, which is four blocks away from downtown San Anselmo.

## A blind date

Ralph W. Kuncel, president of the University of Redlands, had been approached twice by other institutions considering a potential merger. Neither of these talks had gained traction.

“I’ve always said that to be successful, a merger has to involve institutions fundamentally aligned financially and culturally,” Kuncel says. “Those are the two things that can kill a merger and frequently do. But there also needs to be more: ‘one plus one equals two’ is not interesting; ‘one plus one equals three’ is very interesting.”

At the top of Kuncel’s list for requirements for a successful merger—an actual “go” or “no-go” rubric used by his team—was that such a major undertaking would only be considered if it enhanced the University of Redlands’ mission and strategic goals.

When McDonald reached out to Kuncel for a “meet and greet” in late 2017, the pair hit it off. “[In Jim McDonald,] I saw someone with whom I could not only share friendship, but real intellectual partnership,” recalls Kuncel. What was scheduled to be a 45-minute introductory chat turned into a two-and-a-half-hour visit.

Later, when Kuncel visited the sylvan SFTS campus at McDonald’s invitation, he marveled at how wonderful it was. “You know, we’re going to have to sell it,” responded McDonald, who recalls that

## ‘What should the U of R community know about SFTS?’

*Och Tamale* magazine asked a trustee, a professor, a recent graduate, and a staff member of San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), “What should the University of Redlands community know about SFTS?” Here are some answers, which shed light on the special nature of the SFTS enterprise.





Kuncl immediately replied, “Oh no—you can’t do that!”

Like Kuncl, McDonald believed that a successful merger had to result in more than the sum of its parts: “There has to be something new,” McDonald says. “That drove the conversation going forward. What is the new thing we were going to create?”

### That special something

When McDonald and Kuncl hit on the idea of coming together to build a multidisciplinary, multifaith graduate school of theology embedded in the University of Redlands, they believed they had found a way to amplify the potential of both institutions.

The University of Redlands Graduate School of Theology (GST) would operate on par with the University’s School of Education, School of Business, School of Music, School of Continuing Studies, and College of Arts and Sciences. It would form U of R’s eighth campus—and its first in Northern California, providing an entrée for programming and recruitment in the vibrant Bay Area. The seminary’s faculty would also deepen U of R’s intellectual resources.

While the U of R as a whole would retain its secular identity, under the GST umbrella, SFTS would continue to advance its mission grounded in faith and religious inquiry (a structure of embedded divinity schools also found at institutions such as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Emory,



“The education at SFTS emphasizes original sources, both textual and nontextual, and it fosters critical thinking and contextual interpretation,” says Rev. Eugene Eung-Chun Park, SFTS Dornsife Professor of New Testament.

and the University of Chicago). SFTS would retain its eight faculty members (all of whom are supported by endowed funds), membership in the Graduate Theological Union, and location on the Marin campus, as well as gaining opportunities in Southern California.

Importantly, the GST structure would also introduce new opportunities for SFTS students to engage in joint programs of study, for example combining a focus on spirituality and organizational leadership.

In addition to containing the seminary’s Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in

Theological Studies, and Doctor of Ministry degree programs, the GST would provide a home for the less-traditional parts of SFTS that had sprung up over the last decade as the seminary had sought to find other creative ways to meet the changing environment. These include:

- The Applied Wisdom Institute, a spiritual rather than religious hub, offering certificate programs, seminars, and conferences
- The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute for Spiritual Care + Compassionate Leadership, the country’s first accredited ▶



LIZ HUNTINGTON

“SFTS is not what you would consider a Bible college. The values of Christianity that SFTS adheres to are the same values people are discovering most religious traditions have in common—the value of loving your neighbor. It is open, inclusive, affirming, and committed to changing societal injustice.

... The match between U of R and SFTS is incredible, because the life of faith is, essentially, expressing a sense that justice is what we’re called to serve in the world. And whether you do that with Christianity or another faith tradition isn’t as important as the fact you’re doing it and doing it wholeheartedly.”

—Rev. Mary Louise McCullough, M.Div. ’02

Former SFTS trustee and head of staff at Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee

“At San Francisco Theological Seminary, we conduct research and teaching in the areas of literature, history, theology, and spirituality of the Judeo-Christian traditions. The education at SFTS emphasizes original sources, both textual and nontextual, and it fosters critical thinking and contextual interpretation. As part of the Graduate Theological Union [a Bay Area consortium of eight private independent American theological schools and 11 multifaith centers and affiliates], it pursues theological education in the highly interdenominational as well as interreligious contexts. ... SFTS is to a large extent about the future of Christianity and theological education. We are not hesitant in exploring new ideas that may not have been part of our tradition, and that’s what I mean by progressiveness as a characteristic of SFTS education. That’s intriguing and fascinating, and one of the reasons that I came here.”

—Rev. Eugene Eung-Chun Park

Dana and David Dornsife Professor of New Testament





**“Showing people you care, creating connections, and helping to promote healing no matter what your faith—that’s what’s important, and that’s what we’re learning here,” says, Ashley Pogue, a 2019 graduate of the SFTS Master of Divinity program.**

clinical pastoral education program on seminary grounds, whose interfaith programs explore the spiritual side of providing health care

- The Center for Innovation in Ministry, which acts as a think tank on issues facing the Church and a networking platform for members of other Christian theological schools

The GST would represent the largest structural change at the University of Redlands since the creation of the Alfred North Whitehead College of Liberal and Career Studies (now part of the Schools of Business and Education) for working professionals in 1976.

### Evaluating the proposal

At SFTS, merging with the University of Redlands would be the culmination of a process that had spanned years. While by no means easy or obvious for the 148-year-old seminary, the option was one that had been preceded by years of longing and soul-searching.

“Programs we have long wanted to offer, students we have been anxious to reach, and resources for innovative ministry we have been eager to develop—suddenly all these aspirations have wind beneath their wings,” says Rev. Jana Childers, at that time dean of the seminary and vice president of academic affairs. “Thoughts of new colleagues to engage in scholarly

discourse, new ways to reach out to prospective students, and new degree programs to model fuel our plans.”

SFTS Professor Wendy Farley, director of the Program in Christian Spirituality and Rice Family Professor in Spirituality, adds, “SFTS faculty were all aware of the financial challenges facing SFTS and mainline seminaries in general. Once Redlands emerged as a partner, we were thrilled. A burden was lifted, and we felt an unleashing of our scholarly and pedagogical creativity.”

At the University of Redlands, the potential union was more unexpected, although still aligned with the University’s North Star 2020 strategic plan by creating partnerships and pathways for students

## ‘What should the U of R community know about SFTS?’

“SFTS resonated with me because I wanted the academics and foundational knowledge, but I also wanted the ability to be creative with what I was learning. In my classes, for example, I’ve learned about black culture and black history. ... I now have a much broader context for other people’s lived experiences, and I want to use what I learned to uphold everyone. ... I know a lot of us are really excited about the potential of what the Church can be. What will it look like in the future? How inclusive will it be? Showing people you care, creating connections, and helping to promote healing no matter what your faith—that’s what’s important, and that’s what we’re learning here.”

—Ashley Pogue ‘19

Recent graduate of the Master of Divinity program



and helping to fulfill the University's potential as a master's institution. As the conversation expanded to the wider community, the proposal was met with a mix of excitement and caution.

U of R's due diligence process aimed to harness both. To manage risk, Redlands teams were formed to mine the depths of SFTS's financial and legal landscape; estimate economies of scale from administrative consolidation; and create enrollment and financial projections. Three financial and legal consultants were hired to review financial and programmatic projections to make sure no deal-breaker had been missed.

In parallel, many Redlands faculty and administrators were invited to meet their colleagues at SFTS—and to dream big.

### Dreaming of a future together

As Redlands and SFTS faculty members got to know each other, the intellectual benefits of the partnership came into focus. "At first, the idea [for a merger] was a total surprise," says Professor Karen Derris, who chairs U of R's Religious Studies Department. "But over time, we realized SFTS has some amazing scholars, who are also very collegial—wonderful people, interesting, and very good at what they do. The partnership offered a new dynamic to fuel our creativity and imagination."

SFTS professors were equally enthusiastic about their potential colleagues; Farley called the meetings with the U of R Religious Studies faculty "a delight, interpersonally and intellectually."

Ideas for new programming began to percolate. ▶



**The Shaw Institute for Spiritual Care + Interreligious Chaplaincy, directed by Rev. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina (left), offers an innovative accredited clinical pastoral program, notes Program Manager Rev. Paul Gaffney (right).**

"We are the only seminary in California with an accredited clinical pastoral education program, an intensive curriculum in which clergy and lay people deepen and enhance their spiritual care skills. Students learn by providing spiritual care, then they come back to the group and reflect on the work they've done. Generally, clinical pastoral education is taught in a hospital or other institutional setting. What makes our program special is that students can do clinical work in a community ministry setting of their choice. To have that offered in the context of a seminary, in a community-based rather than an institutional context, is quite unique."

—**Rev. Paul Gaffney, M.Div. '04**

Program manager of community relations, spiritual care, and direct services  
Shaw Chaplaincy Institute for Spiritual Care + Compassionate Leadership



MARISSA J. MILLER

U of R President Ralph W. Kuncil (front right) shakes hands with Jim McDonald (front left), president emeritus of San Francisco Theological Seminary and current U of R special advisor to the president for external constituents, surrounded by (from left to right) Andrew Wall, Floyd Thompkins, Thomas Horan, Rev. Yolanda Norton, Rev. Jana Childers, Kevin Dyerly '00, '04, Wendy Farley, Kathy Ogren, Rev. Gregory Love, Rev. Eugene Eung-Chun Park, Rev. Teresa Chávez Saucedá, Christopher Ocker, and Kendrick Brown.

In the U of R School of Education, Andrew Wall, the Robert A. and Mildred Peronia Naslund Endowed Dean, and his team used employment and competitor analysis as a basis for proposing initial programs on the Marin campus in counseling—commonly paired with divinity degrees—and teaching, which the school also offers on four U of R campuses (in Redlands, Rancho Cucamonga, Riverside, and Temecula). Also piquing interest for the future was, in Wall's words, "a shared commitment to social justice" and the "really interesting synergy between the Doctor of Ministry program and our doctorate in educational justice."

In the School of Business, Thomas Horan, the H. Jess and Donna Senecal Endowed Dean of the School of Business, and colleagues weighed how best to expand from the school's seven physical locations to an eighth. In light of the residential rather than commercial surroundings in San Anselmo, the team suggested leading with the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership. A bachelor's degree completion program at a nearby community college, such as College of Marin, was another intriguing option to explore.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kendrick Brown also saw "a wealth of possibilities." A Northern California campus could be used to expand Redlands' geographic information systems (GIS) master's degrees (particularly given a nearby training site for Esri, a GIS powerhouse with an existing relationship with the University), host School of Music auditions and activities, and augment U of R's First-Year Journey trips, May Term options, and summer internships.

One idea for a unique Redlands-SFTS collaboration—a joint certificate in mental health counseling and spirituality—gained so much traction on both sides that those involved decided to pursue the program without waiting for a larger merger. In March, the online offering was jointly launched by SFTS's Applied Wisdom Institute and U of R's School of Education, administered through U of R's School of Continuing Studies.

"We think there are more great synergies for us in the nondegree space," says U of R Provost Kathy Ogren. "In addition, we will look selectively at potential degrees currently offered on the Marin campus—in particular, the Master of Theological Studies—that could be offered in Southern California."



Kuncil sends a warm welcome to the newest members of the U of R community: "We are excited to greet you, humbled to take the helm of the venerable institution you call home, and dedicated to making the journey toward our new future together a positive and collaborative one."

## Wedding bells

Perhaps predictably, jitters emerged on both sides—especially among those who hadn't been intimately involved in the strategic planning or due diligence processes—as the proposed alliance became public and the projected merger date approached. Who was this new partner anyway? Could we really live together happily ever after? Could we still be a good match despite our differences?

At Redlands, Ogren addressed the issue of the secular-religious difference between the institutions this way: "I'm asked, 'How can you be a secular institution and have people study religion or theology?' Well, how can you be a responsible liberal arts university and not take up those questions with a long tradition as a province of university inquiry and a serious area of study? It takes some trust, but we are not





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‘becoming Presbyterian or Baptist’ or bringing back mandatory chapel service.”

McDonald saw much of the chatter as missing the point: “The real question is to what extent we at SFTS can continue to do something that is valuable and embedded in the value of theological education—and do it in a way that not only offers training for ministers serving congregations, but also engages in a broader mission of equipping and empowering people for compassionate, justice-oriented service in many different settings.”

Receptions on the Redlands and Marin campuses brought alumni from the two communities together. They found much in common, as well as some unexpected connections. A few people even had degrees from both institutions. (See “Dual U of R-SFTS alumni find their paths converge,” page 26.)

After the final positive votes by the SFTS and U of R Boards in May, one by one the legal hurdles for a merger were cleared. California Attorney General, California Secretary of State, and U.S. Department of Education approval? Check. Approval from accrediting agency Western Association of Schools and Colleges? Check. Notification of the institutions’ bond rating agencies? Check, with a projected eventual upgrade to the U of R’s credit rating due to an influx of assets and diversification of programming.

### It’s official

The merger became official on July 1. McDonald, who plans to stay on at SFTS as a special liaison to alumni, philanthropists, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Graduate Theological Union, and other constituencies for a year before

retiring, remains enthusiastic. “I’ve loved this process,” he says. “It has just gotten more and more exciting. I’m seeing this as all positive—there is so much alignment between us.”

Kuncl welcomed members of the SFTS community into the U of R family and predicted a happy and productive future together. “The relationship began because the U of R and SFTS share a common purpose to ‘educate both heart and mind,’” he says. “Ultimately, we are both here to make a difference and to ensure our alumni make it an ever-better world.” **OT**



For more information about programming at the new Graduate School of Theology, see [www.redlands.edu/gst](http://www.redlands.edu/gst).

# Dual U of R-SFTS alumni find their paths converge

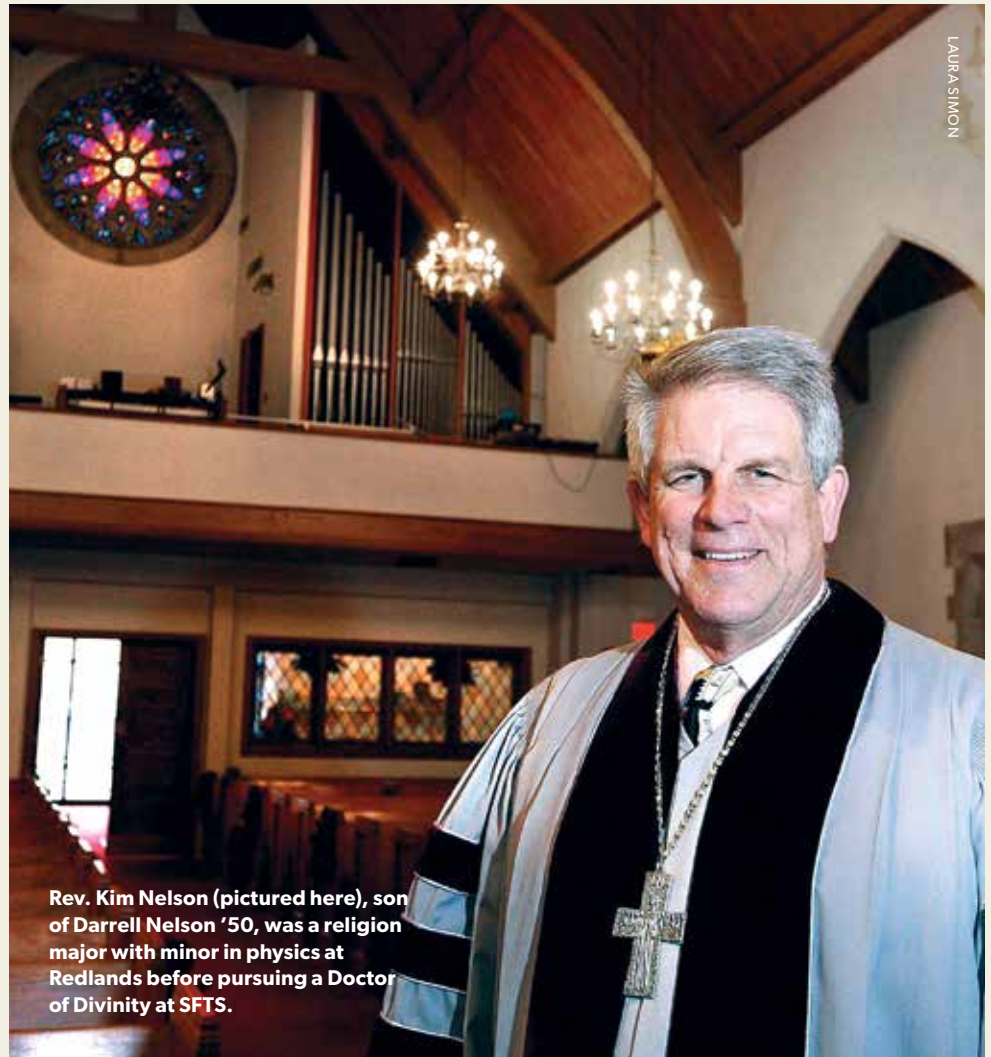
By Lilledeshan Bose

At least 10 individuals, who are serving their communities in a variety of capacities, have graduated from both the University of Redlands and the San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS). Among them are Rev. Kim Nelson, who graduated from the U of R in 1973 and SFTS in 1988, and Rena Mason, who graduated from SFTS in 1996 then earned her teaching credential from the U of R in 2012.

## Drawn to a culture of mentorship

Kim Nelson grew up in San Francisco, but followed in the footsteps of his father, Darrell Nelson '50, when he chose to attend the University of Redlands. At Redlands, the younger Nelson pursued his broad interests by combining a major in religion with a minor in physics. He also played football for two years, sang in the University Choir, Chapel Singers, and voice ensemble Bought and Paid For, and participated in the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

At first, Nelson thought he might pursue teaching or medicine as a career, but at Redlands he received a calling to become a minister. He was able to study at the Capernwray Bible School in Northern England his senior year, and, thanks to a supportive U of R registrar and a full summer course load, he graduated in the



Rev. Kim Nelson (pictured here), son of Darrell Nelson '50, was a religion major with minor in physics at Redlands before pursuing a Doctor of Divinity at SFTS.

**“Redlands and SFTS share a culture of mentorship. Both U of R and SFTS also emphasize giving back to your communities—such an important aspect of what it means to be a part of society.”**

—Rev. Kim Nelson, B.A. '73, D.Min. '88

same year as his class—which included his soon-to-be-wife, Rebecca Hathaway '73.

After earning a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, Nelson accepted a job as assistant minister at First Presbyterian Church of Stockton. In 1982, he pursued his Doctor of Divinity at SFTS, a six-year program. “Most doctoral ministry students are full-time pastors, so you [focus on the academic work] on summer breaks and meet monthly throughout the academic year,” he says.

His studies at both U of R and SFTS paved the way for a long, fulfilling career including pastorship of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Salinas and

Lakeside Presbyterian Church in San Francisco. “Redlands and SFTS share a culture of mentorship,” says Nelson. “Both U of R and SFTS also emphasize giving back to your communities—such an important aspect of what it means to be a part of society.”

## ‘Invested in the success of its students’

Rena Mason attended the two institutions in the opposite order.

Growing up in India within a Pentecostal family, she received her calling to minister as a teenager, even though she had few role models. “The only women in





Rena Mason (right), who graduated from SFTS in 1996 and U of R in 2012, enjoys the Redlands campus with daughter Kavya Mason '21, an environmental science and public policy major.

religious leadership [I knew] really didn't have positions or titles," she says. "They were mostly pastors' wives or Sunday school teachers." She applied to various seminaries around India anyway, as well as SFTS as a long shot.

However, her parents wanted a more traditional life for their daughter; they had already arranged a marriage for her and were hesitant to let her leave the country to pursue ministry. When the SFTS letter of acceptance with full scholarship arrived, they said nothing of it for a week. Finally, her father relented and shared the letter with Mason.

"SFTS was really amazing and so supportive," Mason says. "I never imagined that someone like me—from India—could have the opportunity to go to a school of this caliber in a foreign country. In my case, I believe that it was nothing but divine intervention."

At SFTS, she met her husband, Rev. Scott Mason, M.Div. '92, whom she followed to Newkirk, Oklahoma, after graduation. In Newkirk, she worked with children at the Newkirk Presbyterian Church and served as youth minister for a multi-church program. Shortly after the Masons had their first child, they moved to Beaumont, California, to be closer to family. Scott became pastor of the Beaumont Presbyterian Church, where Rena became involved in the Christian education and youth ministry.

To enhance her skills, she decided to pursue a multiple subject teaching credential from the University of Redlands. "It was just the most perfect place for me," she says. "I was really impressed with how invested U of R was in the success of its students. Because I had experienced that myself, when my daughter was choosing a college, I knew there was no better place for her."

Kavya Mason '21 is now an environmental science and public policy major at the U of R.

### 'Two exceptional schools'

When Rena Mason learned her two alma maters were merging, she was thrilled: "It's special for two exceptional schools like that to come together. It was meant to be."

For his part, Nelson believes the two schools have traits that build upon each other. Drawing on his experience in premarital counseling, he provides this advice to the U of R and SFTS communities: "A partnership works well when a couple learns how to communicate well and support one another. It's making sure each partner wants the best for the other." **OT**

# BULLDOG ATHLETICS

BY THE NUMBERS

## SPRING WRAP-UP

by Rachel Roche '02

**6** Redlands spring teams currently ranked in the nation's top 30. Women's track and field is leading the charge at No. 7. The Bulldogs also rank ninth in men's and women's golf, 21st in men's tennis, 22nd in men's track and field, and 29th in women's tennis.

**169** Redlands scholar-athletes were recognized upon the conclusion of the spring semester, accounting for nearly a third of all student-athletes, and the most in school history. While competing for the Bulldogs, they maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

### WOMEN'S LACROSSE



BULLDOG ATHLETICS

**25** Redlands women's lacrosse tallied 25 goals in a lopsided win over St. Mary's College in Indiana to tie the school record for single-game scoring. Overall, the Bulldogs went 8-8 on the season with an undefeated run against nonconference opponents. Midfielder **Hanna Morford '18** (above) earned First-Team All-Region honors from the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA).

### TRACK AND FIELD



BETH DOOLITTLE

**2** Frank Serrão Senior Student-Athletes of the Year: **Luke Bohlinger '19** (above, right) and **Reyna Ta'amu '18, MBA '20** (right) received this honor as exemplary members of the track and field teams. Bohlinger, a political science major, excels in the sprints. Ta'amu, an MBA student, impresses in the throws.

**12** Bulldog qualifiers for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships. **Reyna Ta'amu '18, '20, Kara Romani '19, Jessica Fields '20, Chyenne Kimble '20, Hannah Albrecht '21, Courtney O'Neal '22, and Annick Bangou '22** represent the women. **Luke Bohlinger '19, Maliq Champion '20, Tucker Cargile '21, Domanick Murray '21, and Cooper Malerstein '21** represent the men.



TALIA ADAMS

### WOMEN'S WATER POLO

**14** Wins by the women's water polo team under **Head Coach Chris Gielen** (right) for his best season in his fifth year. Redlands went 14-16 overall and 7-7 in conference for fifth place. **Katelyn Jenkins '18** (right) represented the Bulldogs on the All-SCIAC (Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) First Team, while **Kelley Grosswendt '18** landed on the Second Team.



TALIA ADAMS



NANI SARANGO



## SOFTBALL



NANI SARANGO

**3** Number of runs it took for Bulldog softball to knock off then-No. 7 Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges on April 19. The team also registered three stolen bases that game, with senior second baseman **Julianne Rodriguez '19** (left) and catcher **Nova Siegel '19** each recording one. This duo also represented Redlands on the All-SCIAC teams, while Rodriguez also landed on the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-West Region Second Team.

## MEN'S GOLF



RACHEL ROCHE '02

**17** Bulldog men's golf finished 17th at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Championships in the team's first appearance since 2015. **Alex Stroes '19** (above) and **Jake Hollander '20** represented the Maroon and Grey on the All-West Region Team.

## WOMEN'S GOLF



RACHEL ROCHE '02

**10<sup>TH</sup>** The Redlands women's golf placement at the NCAA Division III Championships—a fine showing for the team's first trip to nationals since 2016. **Keilee Bessho '19** (above) and **Annie Hay '21** were named Second-Team All-Americans.

## WOMEN'S TENNIS



MAYA BRITO

**53** Doubles wins in dual matches that **Elizabeth Johnson '19** (above) recorded in her four-year women's tennis career while playing with five different partners. This season, Johnson was named to the All-SCIAC First Team, while **Jackie Lacy '20** earned a Second-Team award.

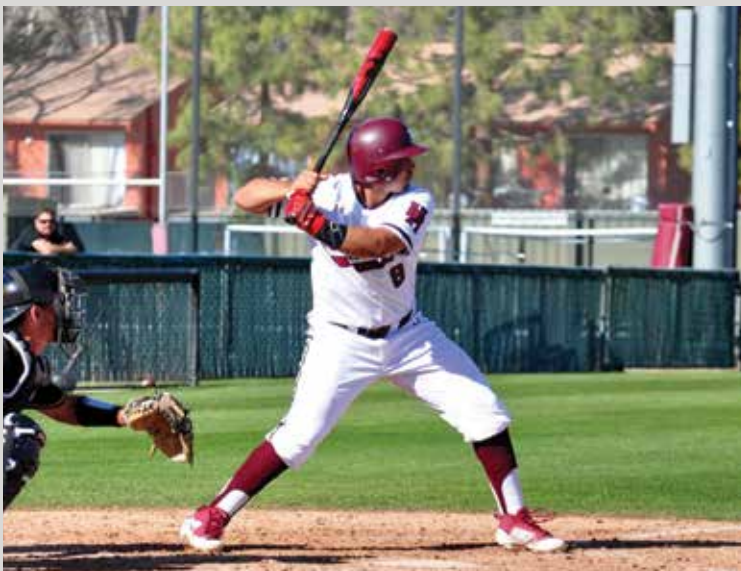
## MEN'S TENNIS



BULLDOG ATHLETICS

**333** Career wins by **Head Coach Geoff Roche '96** (above) with the men's tennis team. He was named the Intercollegiate Tennis Association/Wilson Division III West Region Men's Coach of the Year after the Bulldogs' 13-6 season. **Chase Lipscomb '19** (below) earned his fourth All-SCIAC First-Team honor, while **Andrew Leahy '20** (First Team) and **Thomas Reznik '22** (Second Team) also received recognition for their success on the court.

## BASEBALL



KARLYN SCHEIWE

**51** Hits that third baseman **Anthony Acosta '20** (left) blasted during the 2019 baseball season. He gained a spot on the All-SCIAC First Team in his first year with the Bulldogs.



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# CAMPAIGN UPDATE

## U of R raises nearly \$250,000 on its first Giving Day

By Laura Gallardo '03

**O**n April 4, the University of Redlands celebrated its first-ever Giving Day. “I’d like to personally thank everyone who pitched in to make our inaugural Giving Day a phenomenal success,” says Tamara Michel Josserand, vice president for advancement. “Bulldogs in 41 states and four countries (including Canada, Spain, and Germany) came together to make a big impact in a small amount of time.”

When the numbers were done and tallied, 1,516 Giving Day donors—including 657 first-time donors and 118 student donors—raised \$247,418 dollars and supported 141 Redlands funds.

### Enhancing the effort

Assisting in the Giving Day effort were 174 ambassadors who used email and social media to help spread the message through their personal networks.

“Not only did I have the chance to help raise funds for our school, the day provided the opportunity to reconnect with my fellow grads over social media through our shared and collective love of Redlands,” says ambassador Teal Conroy '00. “Giving Day

was filled with lots of nostalgia, friendly competitive vibes, and tons of fun for an important purpose!”

Also spurring the day’s success were 27 challenges and matches, which provided an opportunity to make an even bigger impact with a single gift.

One challenge required students to give \$5 each and successfully recite the “Och Tamale” chant at Hunsaker Plaza. As a result, 36 student donors secured an additional \$45 contribution each to the funds of their choice, thanks to the support of Char Gaylord Burgess '69, '70, U of R vice president for external affairs and dean emerita, and Shelli Stockton, U of R director of alumni and community relations.

In an even more incredible feat, four student donors recited the “Och Tamale” backward, unlocking a total of \$4,000 for Women’s Soccer, Women’s Lacrosse, community service and social justice sisterhood Wadada Wa Rangi Wengi (WRW), fraternity Chi Rho Psi, and Christian student group Young Life. This fun challenge was made possible by Jim Schroeder '65 and Althea Schroeder.





Members of newly forming fraternity Gamma Delta Rho successfully unlock a Giving Day challenge by reciting the "Och Tamale" chant.

All in all, Bulldogs unlocked \$44,315 from challenges and matches.

### Popular funds

During Giving Day, donors were encouraged to support the specific areas within the University community that fueled their passion.

Bulldog Athletics was a popular choice, with 750 gifts raising \$75,102. The top three teams on the leaderboard were men's soccer (125 gifts), women's soccer (98 gifts), and women's volleyball (82 gifts).

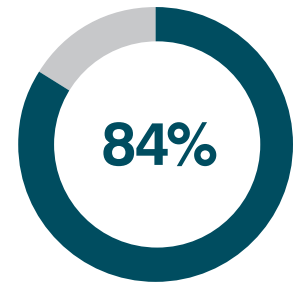
For the Greek community, 388 gifts raised \$23,066. The most highly supported organizations in the drive were Beta Lambda (100 gifts), Alpha Theta Phi (63 gifts), and Chi Sigma Chi (47 gifts).

In the next chapter of a long-distance love affair playing out on Twitter, Butler Blue III (a.k.a. Trip), the live mascot of Butler University, worked with his handler to make a special gift in U of R mascot Addie's honor. This contribution to the Mascot Fund on Giving Day was an early birthday present to his "love," who celebrated her second birthday on April 5.

Donors shared their reasons for giving back, which were often tied to their personal experiences with the University. "Giving Day was the perfect opportunity for me and my husband to make our first gift to Redlands," shares Sarah Griffin '19, who recently earned her master's in business administration with an emphasis in marketing management. "My son, Jacob '21, is able to attend the University's 3-2 engineering program because of a scholarship made possible by generous donors, and we wanted to do our part to support scholarships for other students, too." **OT**

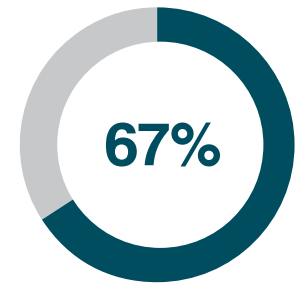


**While Giving Day is over for the year, gifts of all amounts still count toward the Forever Yours campaign. Visit [foreveryours.redlands.edu](http://foreveryours.redlands.edu) to make your campaign gift, or, if you have questions, contact Molly Widdicombe, director of annual giving, at [molly\\_widdicombe@redlands.edu](mailto:molly_widdicombe@redlands.edu) or 909-748-8381.**



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Michael V. '69 and Sandra K. Leahy  
Mary Elizabeth Lehigh '31†  
Henry Leichtfried '61  
Robert F. '46 and Arlene† Leonard  
Julianne Flegner Levings '75  
Paul A. Lewis†  
Greg Lieberknecht '74 (JC)  
Todd L. '70 and  
Connie Shattuck '70 Lightbody  
Gordon L. Lockett '39†  
Ronald D.† and Cheryl N. Lossett  
Dorothy Lourdou '53  
Birke M. '39† and  
Dixie Hodges† Luckenbill  
Wyeth B.† and Alice N. Lumpkin  
David E. Lundin '71  
Beverly Lynn '65  
Martin G. '65 and Kathie N. Lyons  
Matt D. '82 and  
Melanie Howe '82 Lyons  
Marian Leader Magor '49  
Margaret Oakey Mallicoat '55†  
Clara Yourman Marotto '79  
Caterina W. Martin†  
Seldon H. '34† and  
Mildred Crowl '34† Martin  
Margene '87 Mastin-Schepps and  
David Schepps  
Peter W. Mather '65  
Anna Claire Mauerhan '41†  
Caroline McAllister '79  
Arnold M. '53 and  
Rebekah Wright '52 McCalmont  
Thomas F. McClung '69 ▶



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**Zea Shimahara '88 (second left) is a proud member of the Cortner Society. Here, she poses with her husband, David Harris (far left); stepdaughter, Christine Harris (second right); and stepson, Joshua Harris '21.**

## A way to an exceptional life

“The University of Redlands became a part of my legacy the day I stepped out of the Administration Building in 1984. I gazed across the treetops of the Quad to the Memorial Chapel and knew my life would never be the same. A great education, lifelong friends, and an exceptionally full life later, I am now an empty-nester, completing a Master of Science in Resilient and Sustainable Communities, a path started 35 years ago when that excited teenager dared to believe in the bigger possibilities of life. As a stepparent, I passed on the belief to our kids that college was a place to build the foundations of who you will become and the life you can live. Making the University of Redlands part of my estate plan was a no-brainer—if what I have built over the years affords others [the opportunity] to find a way to their exceptional life, that’s a great end to mine.”

**—Zea Shimahara '88**

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# Cortner Society

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Bill and Dolores McDonald  
Jewel B. McGinnis '47†  
James W. '67 and Deborah McKeehan  
Olive Parsons McWain '33†  
Sidney E. '34† and  
Mildred La Due '36† Mead  
John W. '64† and Marcia Perry Mehl  
Vida K. Melroy-Murray '91  
Louis† and Esther N.† Mertins  
David W. Meyers '64  
F. Eugene Miller '32†  
Kenton R. '45† and  
Jamie Brown '48 Miller  
Robert E. Miller '53  
Torrence B. '52† and  
Ruth Lucking '52† Miller  
William L. '80 and Carol J. Mince  
Charlie† and Carole† Mitchell  
Glenn C. Moeller '56  
Richard C. Montgomery '47†  
John V. and  
Barbara Covington '44† Moore  
Anne M. Morlan '81†  
Patrick J. '59 and  
Sally Wieschendorff '61 Morris  
Cynthia Morton-Anner '36†  
Denny D. '70, '94 and  
Sheila Rowe Moses '70  
Jesse D. Moses '37†  
Alice Mozley '70  
Brenda Mueller '61†  
Robert H. Mueller '49†  
Marilyn J. Mull '59†  
Paul C. Mullis '69  
Cynthia Hardy Munz '74  
Gregory W. Myers '79  
Harriet Kreysler Nance '33†  
Robert A.† and  
Mildred Peronia '45† Naslund  
J. Norman '63 and Ann C. Naylor  
Carl O. Nelson '57†  
John D. '29† and Mary N.† Nelson  
Virgil K. '64 and Lynn Nelson  
Victor A. Neuman '78  
William J.† and  
Eloise Benson '43† Nicholl  
Margaret C. Nicholson '36†  
Fred '62 and  
Donna Griffin '62 Niedermeyer  
William G.† and  
Ena Preston '41† Norris  
Robert A.† and Peggy† Northon  
Larry E. '54 and Kristina Nugent  
Don Nydam† and  
Ruth Ann Williams Nydam  
Michael F. '66 and Mary O'Brien  
Rosanne O'Brien '78†  
Dorothy E. Oliver  
John C. '38† and  
Evelyn Chalgren '37† Oliver
- Richard D. '66 and Gayle A. Olson  
Kim Burtnett Orloff '62†  
Lawrence G.† and  
Marie Farnsworth '46 Osborne  
Eugene G. '57† and  
Anne Morrison '55† Ouellette  
John P. '62 and  
Peggy Selover '62 Overland  
Yasuyuki and Judith A. Owada  
C. Marcella Heller Owens '43†  
Velma M. Park '33†  
Sheryl G. Parker '58†  
Harold J. Pavelis '63  
Alma A. Pearson†  
James D. Perry '68  
Ruth White Peters '34†  
John C. '64 and Vicki L. Peterson  
Steve '71 and Gloria Petty  
Hugh E. and Avis J. Pickett  
Eric W. Pierpoint '73  
Robert C. '47† and  
Patricia Adams '47 Pierpoint  
William D. Piety '69†  
Virgil M.† and Virginia Beth† Pinkley  
Betsy L. Platt '66  
Verne F. Potter Jr. '50†  
Herbert J. '20† and Alice J.† Powell  
Robert F. Powell '51†  
Stuart E. Power†  
William H. '35† and Ruth S.† Prescott  
Melville J. '39† and Barbara† Price  
Nelson C. '40† and  
Barbara G. '42† Price  
Polly S. Pride '82  
Mary Allen '44† and Kipp† Pritzlaff  
Pierre H. '40†  
and Evangeline V. '40 Provost  
Norma Gold Pucek '66  
Robert S. '37†  
and Virginia Demaree '37† Putnam  
Myrtle C. Quisenberry†  
Joseph W. '47†  
and Maribelle Righter '47 Rainville  
Robert A. Ramsay '58†  
Kathryn Hansen Rawlinson '61  
Helen Hanges Reagan '79†  
Helen Doss Reed '54†  
Gwen Reid '55  
Robert N. '72 and Ann A. Reiland  
Thomas R. '61† and Louise Richardson  
Charles F. '52† and  
Shirley Collins '52 Rieger  
Stuart M. '52 and Marilyn H. Ripley  
Martha G. Robbins†  
Katharine A. Roberts '54†  
Frederick A. and Linda J. '62 Roesch  
Jack† and Mary† Roesch  
William N. Roethlisberger '61  
William E. '40† and Jo† Roskam
- J. Gerald '29†  
and Margaret Christensen '30† Ross  
Ray S. '53 and Gail Ruth '54 Roulette  
Stanford H. Rowe '64  
John Ruark '73 (JC)  
George E. Rupp  
Thomas P. Sargent Jr. '70†  
Faire Virgin Sax '32†  
Lorieta S. Scheerer '29†  
Marco C. Schindelmann '02  
Robert K. '72 and  
Vicki Betraun '72 Schraner  
R. Christan '65 and Jo Ann Schriner  
Laurence A. '39† and Pauline E.† Scott  
Robert B. '49† and  
Joann Leland '51† Scott  
Forrest Sears '55  
Patsy Hall Seeley '40†  
Shirley Starr Selkirk '54  
Miriam B. Serfass '62†  
Thomas W. '31† and  
Margaret V.† Sering  
J. Charles '63, '65 and  
Mei Ling Shackelton  
Caleb Elroy '36† and  
Carol Calvin '37† Shikles  
Virginia Williamson Shilling '45†  
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Dave '96, '14 and  
Gabrielle Gómez '96, '01 Singh  
Richard L. '61† and Nancy H. Sjoberg  
Margaret Megredy Sloan '55†  
Arthur W. '50† and  
Gail Hollensteiner '50† Smith  
Benjamin E. Smith '37†  
Conway W. '39† and  
Marjorie Frisius '42† Snyder  
James and Diana '82 Sommer  
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Elizabeth A. Strong '64  
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- Warren I. '68 and  
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Alton M. '71 and Beryl Takabayashi  
N. Anthony '63 and  
Sherryl Morrison '64 Taylor  
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John M. '64 and Karen Tincher  
Sandra Cerato Tinsley '62  
Leland H. '63 and  
Mary Ann S. '63 Tipton  
Collin '67 and Linda† Tong  
John H. '54 and Carol J. Townsend  
Ron '64 and Sheila Troupe  
Thomas C. '63 and Diane Tustin  
Dwight E. Twist '37†  
Josephine E. Tyler  
Bruce A. '41† and Rebecca† Valentine  
Edith Cortner Valley '35†  
Lois Corr Vance '56  
Kurt Van Horn '66  
Elizabeth Milsaps Van Iersel '79  
Juliette Vincour Venitsky '44†  
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George A. Vorpapel '61†  
Mervyn R. '40† and June S.† Voth  
Wilbur N. '52† and  
Laura Walker '36† Vroman  
Jo Ann Wall '92  
Ray and Judi Watts  
Wayne W. '52 and  
Margaret Huebner '52 Welch  
Anita R. West  
W. Richard '65 and Mary Beth West  
Jason Doyle Whitlock '04  
Robert G. '56† and  
Marion Draper '57 Wiens  
James R. Wieschendorff Family  
Chuck Wilke '64  
Richard O. Williams†  
David G. Wilson '65  
David L. Wilson '63  
Lois Fair Wilson '45†  
Richard J. and Liz Wilson  
Harold S. Wood '42†  
Laurence K. and Barbara C. Wormser  
Kathryn M. Wuest '41†  
Randall L. '66 and  
Sharon Uzzel '66 Young  
Stephen A. '61 and Lois M. Yung  
Charles N. '42† and  
Dorothy Marti '42† Ziilich  
LeAnn Zurich '76, '08

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## Class notes

Class Notes reflect submissions from Jan. 19 to May 8.

### The College

#### 1953

**Bette Quillin Haas '53** and husband Wally survived the horrible fires in Redding, California, as well as a 16-inch snow that surprised everyone and did even more damage to their town. Bette is volunteering with the Heritage Foundation, finding it most rewarding.

**Arnie McCalmont '53** and **Becky Wright McCalmont '52** saw their grandchildren graduate with degrees in engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Northeastern University. Arnie hopes to get back to flying his plane after some medical issues, while Becky is reading many novels. Their sons have enjoyed many accomplishments: Marc will be returning from Saudi Arabia after he retires as a Boeing 777 captain; Steve's company will be announcing a major breakthrough in wireless medical monitoring; and Jim enjoys golfing in his retirement. In short, all is well with the McCalmonts.

**Ray Roulette '53** and **Gail Ruth Roulette '53** are celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary this summer. They still enjoy the great Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, Utah, every year. The Roulettes finally got a darling little great-granddaughter to add to their three great-grandsons, and their own kids are very near retirement!

**Jay Young '53** and **Connie Smith Young '53** will be celebrating their 66th wedding anniversary this summer. They are doing fine and are living in Leisure World Seal Beach. Jay is oil painting two or three times a week and Connie is active with choir, bridge, and book club.

#### 1954

**Doug Carlson '54** is enjoying life in an assisted-living home in Missouri but regrets that the long trip to California kept him from the reunion. He gives all his classmates his best regards.

**Janet Amend Carver '54** was a class reunion co-chair and enjoyed making contacts and sending out reunion invitations from her home in Virginia.

After the reunion, she visited her family in San Diego. Among many fond U of R memories, she remembers searching for coins in the Fairmont Hall couch crevices hoping to find enough for a 19-cent McDonald's hamburger.

**Dick Clements '54** celebrated the 60th anniversary of his first date with his wife, Nancy, with a cruise to the San Juan Islands, including Victoria, British Columbia. "The weather was great," he says, "and we were not the oldest onboard the ship!"

**Carl Davis '54** remains a longtime resident of Redlands and is having no trouble staying busy. He recently joined his fellow Kappa Sigs at a pre-Rendezvous party at the Bird House. He was recently in New Orleans for the World War II Museum's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

**Ron "Squeek" Davis '54** is proud of his son, Mike, who, after 18 years in the ski industry, is the director of Idaho's Sun Valley Ski Patrol and manager of its summer mountain bike program. Squeek and his wife, Dionne, recently hosted the annual "Bulldog Bash" gathering at their home in La Quinta, California. In attendance were **Burt Chortkoff '53** and wife Debbie; **Bob Miller '53** and wife Inga; **Stu Ripley '52** and wife Lynn; **Don Ruh '54** and **Sandi Luchsinger Ruh '57**; and **Al Weinert '53** and wife Andrea.

**Nancy Friend Dillon '54** recently enjoyed a visit to Athens and a cruise of the Greek Islands as a member of the U.S. Lighthouse Society, followed by a trip on a private yacht to the Cyclades Islands and Crete. When at her home in Phoenix, she works at the *Arizona Republic* newspaper and as a greeter at the Sky Harbor Airport.

**Bill Hawk '54** has dedicated most of his life after retirement to the work that needs to be done to keep San Marino's Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in its prestigious place as one of the most popular visitor attractions in Southern California. He recently attended the 84th annual Kappa Sigma Sigma Rendezvous in May.

**Darlene Bruntz Palmer '54** is still taking classes at University of California, San Diego and is involved with many interest groups in the area, but she is particularly enjoying retirement at the Casa de Mañana in La Jolla Cove, California.



**Bob Strom '55** is still actively involved in the NASA Lunar Program.

**George Russell '54** and **Mary Rector Russell '54** continue to enjoy life in California's Sun Lakes, traveling, and visiting with their daughters. George recently joined **Bill Hawk '54** and **Don Ruh '54** at the May meeting of Kappa Sig alumni at the Tukwet Country Club in Beaumont, California.

**Bob Steinbach '54** updated the In Memoriam display for the Class of 1954 Reunion and can provide an 11-page PDF of the results and a list of those for which he could find no photos in our four *La Letras*. If you would like a copy, email him at [rsteinbach@san.rr.com](mailto:rsteinbach@san.rr.com).

#### 1955

**MaryAnn Black Easley '55** visited the U of R campus, recalling when girls climbed in and out of her first-floor room at Fairmont Hall, an all-girls dorm at the time, for dates with boys who lived across campus.

**Bob Strom '55** is still busy with research and teaching, although he retired from the University of Arizona in 2000. He has recently published three papers: "The Origin of Objects Responsible for the Late Heavy Bombardment of the Inner Solar System," "The Possibility of Extraterrestrial Technological Life in Our Galaxy," and "The Implications of the Cratering Record on Asteroid Ceres." Bob is also giving classes to seniors concerning global warming and possible extraterrestrial technologies through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Arizona. On July 20, the 50th anniversary of the



Alpha Sigma Pi celebrates its 105th birthday with a luncheon on March 23.



**MaryAnn Black Easley '55** points to the window of Fairmont Hall, which her roommates would use to sneak out at night for dates.



**Eric Kenyon '89, here with wife Julie and daughter Lillian, is a patient at City of Hope in Duarte, California.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC KENYON '89

## Hope set high

By Laura Gallardo '03

After four rounds of chemotherapy at a Northern California hospital, Eric Kenyon '89 was navigating the next steps in his cancer treatment. "[While I was] in remission, they said they did not have a lot of options left," recalls Kenyon, who was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in November 2017. "They kind of gave up on me."

With the support of his wife, Julie, Kenyon ultimately chose to go to City of Hope, a pioneer in bone marrow and stem cell transplants in Duarte, California. In response to a social media update, Chi Sigma Chi fraternity brother Bryan Carlson '90 recommended they reach out to fellow Bulldog Robert Stone '90, the renowned cancer center's president and chief executive officer. Unbeknownst to Carlson, Stone had been Kenyon's first-year roommate in Anderson Hall.

"We had already made the decision [to go to City of Hope], but at that time I had no idea Robert was a fixture here," says Kenyon, who is next to participate in a clinical trial at the hospital. "I chose City of Hope for the same reasons I chose Redlands—both are intimate and warm, and we felt strongly that I would be well taken care of."

When Kenyon emailed Stone, the roommates had not been in contact for 30 years. In the meantime, they had pursued different paths.

Kenyon, who had majored in English, had gone on to earn a master's degree at the Southern California Institute of

Architecture. His subsequent career spanned architecture, marketing, and hospitality. "Redlands prepared me for the courage and fortitude to do something with which I was not familiar," Kenyon says. "That's the beauty of a liberal arts school—it gave me a lot of options to find myself."

Stone, a political science major who had played basketball and baseball at U of R, attended law school at University of Chicago. He started on City of Hope's legal team in 1996 and has since held numerous leadership positions. He cites President Emeritus Jim Appleton and Basketball Coach Gary Smith as Redlands leaders who inspired him. "Both set examples of how to bring people together for a common cause, how to put community and team first, how to hold people accountable, and how to motivate," says Stone. "They had a profound impact on me, and I still rely on all the lessons they taught me."

When Stone received Kenyon's email, he was quick to respond and set up a time to visit.

"Cancer touches everyone, and people are united in the fight to eradicate the disease," reflects Stone. "This was one of those touches that came a little closer to home. I was elated to reconnect with Eric, but wished it had been under different circumstances."

Visiting with Kenyon at Hope and Parsons Village on the City of Hope campus was an experience Stone treasures: "We spent hours sitting outside, talking about life," Stone says. "I interact with patients and families who are going through this battle every day, and Eric is a more personal reminder of that. He is humble, positive, and an inspiration."

Kenyon credits his support system, including his "No. 1 Bulldog," Julie, with contributing to his positive attitude. His hospital room walls are filled with photos of family and friends "so I remember what I am fighting for."

Kenyon is also grateful to Stone for the chance to reconnect, as well as to the dozen Chi Sig brothers who have visited him in the hospital. "When you go through something like this, it is nice to feel normal. ... Redlands was a special place for all of us for different reasons, and their support has made such a huge difference for me in this fight." **OT**



**When Robert Stone '90, president and CEO of City of Hope, heard from Kenyon, he was quick to reconnect with his Anderson Hall roommate.**

PHOTO COURTESY OF ROBERT STONE '90





**Beverly Tompkins LaFourcade '59, Teri LaFourcade Sjoberg '89, Sydney LaFourcade Sjoberg '19, Erin Wiens St. John '19, Nancy Wiens '88, and Marion Draper Wiens '57 celebrate their Redlands family legacies.**



**Barbara Hunt Mead '59 attends the 109th birthday lunch for Delta Kappa Psi with U of R mascot Addie.**

Apollo 11 landing on the Moon, he will offer a public lecture. Bob was a member of the NASA Lunar Operations Working Group for Apollo 11 and helped direct the astronauts to possible sites for sample collection. He was also a principal investigator in NASA's Lunar Program.

## 1956

**Mary Stevenson Patterson '56** and husband Raymond are enjoying living in North Carolina after a recent move. They visited Asheville to see the Biltmore House, which is beyond imagination. Mary loved the fresh flowers in all the rooms, and the azalea gardens were in their prime. She recommends a guided tour of the land, which lent much detail to the estate's daily living.

## 1958

**Joan Bartlett De Peel '58** and husband Larry are still living in the beautiful Redwoods, where they have five acres in Blue Lake. They will be celebrating their 61st anniversary on August 30. The couple both taught in the Eureka schools and have four grown children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Their son **Mike De Peel '81** lives with his family in West Richland, Washington.

**Jane Goodwin Gropp '58** has left New York City, where she lived since 1960, and moved to a continuing care retirement community at the end of Long Island's North Fork. She and her husband



**Sharon Hanst Ziegler '59 and husband Allen visit Monterey and Carmel, where they married 52 years ago.**

Louis are enjoying meeting new and interesting people and the luxury of having someone else cook! They plan to return to the city often because their daughters live in Brooklyn.

**Judy Pearce Powell '58** has stepped down from choir directing but still accompanies a church choir at Abiding Savior Lutheran in Lake Forest, California. She also teaches singing in her home in Mission Viejo—she loves it and has some students she thinks will make their mark. Judy's younger daughter, Tegan, married her true love, Corey Tabor, on March 30. The guests were invited to their engagement party that turned out to be a surprise wedding. It was quite spontaneous, fun, and wonderful.

**Rod Stephens '58** and wife Shirley are anticipating moving up to the Portland, Oregon, area after they sell their house in Redding, California. After all the work, they will reward themselves with a lovely ocean cruise. Rod continues to upload University Choir recordings from the J. William Jones era to his YouTube channel. At this point, there are 190 videos to choose from, with Herbert Horn playing the piano on Handel's "Sheep May Safely Graze" being the most popular.

## 1959

**Beverly Tompkins LaFourcade '59** and **Marion Draper Wiens '57** both had grandchildren graduate from the U of R in the Class of 2019 (**Sydney LaFourcade Sjoberg '19** and **Erin Wiens St. John '19**). Marion wins the prize, as Erin is the 12th member of her family to graduate from the University!

**Lauralee Horner Lindholm '59** states, "Our charity, Heart for Ethiopia, was given the rights to publish the Ethiopian English/Amharic New Testament Bible 13 years ago, and we have sold thousands since then. At our age, we don't plan to run a bookstore forever so we asked the publisher for a digital copy, and they graciously donated it to us. We got it published on Kindle Direct in Amazon, so now it can go all over the world without prohibitive shipping costs. We are celebrating!"

**Barbara Hunt Mead '59** attended the 109th lunch for Delta Kappa Psi in May.

**Tony Pejsa '59** and **Ann Cornwell Pejsa '61** are proud of their granddaughter, **Faith Pejsa '19**, who graduated from the U of R this April.

**Jim Smith '59** is a retired Orange County Superior Court judge and ran his 34th consecutive L.A. Marathon in March. Jim has a commitment to exercise and living life in full. He fell when he was 74 and suffered an acute subdural hematoma, but it did not keep him from finishing that race! Jim continues to work as an arbitrator on complex litigation, often pro bono.

**Marilyn Kerr Solter '59** had great fun once again chairing her class reunion, which had 53 attendees, a super number for a 60th reunion!

**Sharon Hanst Ziegler '59** and husband Allen visited the Monterey/Carmel area, where they were married 52 years ago.

## 1960

**Barbara Whitfield Dean '60** reports her greatest new "adventure" includes her weekly time at the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release Raptor Clinic. She gets to spend time with owls, hawks, kestrels, and ospreys, and every week learns something new! It is a great way for an "old dog" to learn many new tricks.

**Nancy Miller Oren '60** and her husband, Phil, have traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe for many years on business (enough drama and travel to last a long time) and have sold their home and property in order to RV full time. They now stay at three rural locations: two on golf courses and one lakefront spot. Phil loves to fish and golf, and Nancy loves the outdoors, being in beautiful country, enjoying peacefulness, and a variety of friends. They also very much appreciate their good health. All is well!

**Annie Thomason Parks '60** has a love affair with Hawaii and has visited Kauai four times, Maui and Molokai twice, and the trip to the Big Island will be in November. She also sings with the Sangre de Cristo Chorale in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Jim Quast '60** retired in 1999 after 35 years as an educator—11 as a teacher and 24 as a high school administrator. He and his wife, Sue, began doing what many retirees do—travel. However, in 2001, Sue had a devastating stroke, which curtailed many of their plans. Not to say life has not been very good to them, because it has. They have three loving children, plus Sue's stroke did not affect her mind, only her physical body. After moving





## HISTORY MYSTERY

Students from the early 1960s are shown on their way to becoming members of the Peace Corps, where Redlands is still making an impact (see page 4). Do you know any of these students? Do you have stories to share about your service in the Peace Corps?

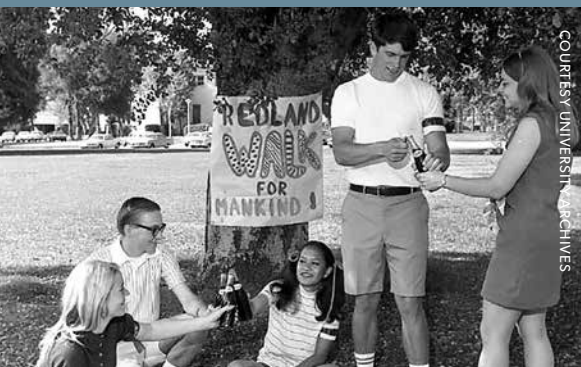
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**In response to our photo from the archives  
on page 38 of the Spring 2019 issue:**

The student standing (fourth from left) is Kim Nelson '73 (see also page 26). The Redlands Walk for Mankind, held in the spring of 1971, was a SPURS and Yeoman [two community-service programs at U of R] fundraising event that raised about \$20,000 through pledges per mile. Kim's father, Darrell Nelson '50, was the person who recognized Kim.

—Kim and Rebecca Hathaway Nelson '73



Sixteen Deltas from the Class of 1962 celebrate birthdays and friendship in Encinitas: (front row, from left) Lynne Butler Dagg, Bonnie McDonald, Jane Thomason Pell, Sandi Cerato Tinsley, Irene "Moka" Morioka Steffens, Carol Griffith Marshall, Barbara Bauer Schleuning, Nancy Holl Batten, and Linda Nelson Simms; (middle row, from left) Marie Stevens Haskell, Peggy Selover Overland, and Chris Murray Baron; (back row, from left) Linda Hart Ayala, Anna Fagerlin Tarkanian, Betty Craven Stanfill, and Sue Archbald.

from Beaumont, California, they have lived in Simi Valley, Oroville, Santa Paula, and Garberville (their final destination). They are now slowing down and "smelling the roses." They would love to hear from Jim's old (but young-at-heart) friends from the U of R—Och Tamale!

**Ruth Morris Schneider '60** and husband Aaron just returned to their Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, farm from a visit to their two sons and their families in British Columbia. Ruth traveled the world as Cuso International's chair for six years in the 1980s and 1990s, retired from Cape Breton University's Centre for International Studies, consulted, and completed project evaluations for a few years. Now she is content to settle in, help tend the gardens, and contribute to a local time bank advisory committee and a community health board. Her 80th birthday last July brought the entire family home to a community gathering of more than 100 people on the farm. Life is good!

**Joan Weaver Young '60** taught kindergarten for more than 30 years. When she retired, she got involved with art and later started writing and illustrating children's books.

### 1961

**Gail Mungen Burnett '61** and her husband Bob attended a Road Scholar program in April in the hill country of Texas and visited the Lyndon B. Johnson ranch, all while enjoying wildflowers along the highways, thanks to Lady Bird Johnson. In October, they visited northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and enjoyed the beautiful land of totem poles, dense forests, and a slower pace of life. Gail continues to play the organ for many church services in the Walnut Creek, California, area. She directs a group of women singers, the Londontown Carolers, and performs during the Christmas holidays. She is also active in the Philanthropic Education Organization and the American Association of University Women, both of which raise funds and awareness for women's education.

**Linda Modyman de Vries '61** completed a two-year remodel of her house in Whittier, California, and is looking forward to co-housing. It has an elevator, swim spa, two master suites, and four entertainment decks in a 118-year-old house.

Y'all come! Linda serves on the Whittier Historic Resources Commission and the Advisory Council of the Whittier Conservancy, and writes on preservation issues. She and a good friend traveled to Quebec with Chorale Bel Canto. Linda also traveled to London in June with friends of 44 years to see theater. She keeps up with Redlands friends as much as possible and would love to see anyone visiting Southern California. Her phone numbers are 562-696-9635 and 562-400-1591.

**Janice Hughes Knickerbocker '61** celebrated another decade birthday in April, and her husband surprised her with a trip to Paris, London, and Dublin. The most memorable event was attending mass at Notre Dame a week before the devastating fire. Jan has two grandchildren graduating from college—one from Loyola Marymount University and the other from Dartmouth. She and her husband will visit several East Coast cities when they journey to the Dartmouth graduation.

**Fred Olsen '61** wrote *The Kiln Book*, which was first published in 1972 and is now in its fourth edition. It has become the world's leading book on kiln construction and will now be translated into Chinese and published by China Architecture and Building Press. Fred also travels internationally, giving lectures, workshops, and international conferences every year when he is not working in his Pinyon Crest studio.

**Chuck Wilkinson '61** is now a throw coach for the track program at California State University, Monterey and is having a fine time.

Members of the **Class of 1961** (and a lost sheep from '62) got together in May at the home of **Darryl Brock '62** and his wife Lura in Berkeley on the San Francisco Bay. Attendees included **Clyde Schipper '61** and **Judy Bingham Schipper '64**; **Ron Unzelman '61** and wife Gayle; and **Mike Williams '61** and wife Evelyn. The afternoon plan included food, wine, memories, and lies. The men are Pi Chis, and Mike may summarize the finer points of the day (or not) for the next *Och Tamale*.

### 1962

Sixteen Deltas from the **Class of 1962** spent three days in Encinitas celebrating birthdays and 61 years of friendship. Attendees included





Sue Stickney Teele '64 and Steve Teele '63 (right) meet for lunch with Liz Strong '64 while staying near her house in Tuscon, Arizona.



Gail Mungen Burnett '61 (far right) directs The Londontown Carolers during the Christmas holidays.

Sue Archbald, Linda Hart Ayala, Chris Murray Baron, Nancy Holl Batten, Lynne Butler Dagg, Marie Stevens Haskell, Carol Griffith Marshall, Bonnie McDonald, Peggy Selover Overland, Jane Thomason Pell, Barbara Bauer Schleuning, Linda Nelson Simms, Betty Craven Stanfill, Irene "Moka" Morioka Steffens, Anna Fagerlin Tarkanian, and Sandi Cerato Tinsley.

Nancy Russell Langdon Jones '62 sold her financial planning practice and retired in 2004, moving to a loft in Claremont, a few miles from their home of 35 years in Upland, California. She and her husband have been married 47 years. She has recently published the ninth edition of her book, *So You Want to Be a Financial Planner*, which she updates every other year. The book is used as a textbook in several schools and universities across the country that teach curriculum leading to the Certified Financial Planner designation. She enjoys interacting with professional organizations, faculty, and students while doing research to keep the information current.

## 1963

Gary Barmore '63 shares that ever since he undertook his exodus from evangelicalism, his mission in life has been to follow the life and teachings of Jesus that not only encourage social concerns, but also engage in social action, challenging the primarily white-male institutions and movements that promote materialism, racism, and environmental degradation. Gary credits his education at the U of R, primarily in the religious studies and sociology departments, as the impetus for his liberating journey. He also expresses his gratitude for the blessings of his grandchildren.

Dean Branson '63 is planning to attend his high school reunion in Belgrade, Montana, and then participate in a special volunteer project to help protect the beautiful Torch Lake in Michigan. His group will be using a new genetic methodology (quantitative polymerase chain reaction) and is seeking indicators of water contamination. For those interested in Dean's work, please contact him at deanbranson@torchlake.com.

Dan King '63 attended the graduation of his oldest grandson, Wyatt, from the U.S. Naval Academy

in Annapolis. When Wyatt finishes his program at Georgetown, he will join the aviation branch of Naval Services, hoping to become a jet pilot like his father. Wyatt's younger brother, Nick, is finishing his second year at the naval academy.

Tony Taylor '63 and Sherryl Morrison Taylor '64 have an incredible calendar for the summer: multiple trips to the Bay Area to visit family and watch the musical *Hamilton*, Hawaii for two weeks, marshalling the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, attending the Sun Valley Writer's Conference, seven days in northern Yosemite, attending a family wedding in Florida, and 10 days on safari in Tanzania. Tony was awarded one of the most prestigious recognitions from the Kappa Sigma Sigma fraternity, the J. Marvin Dean Award, which is given to an individual who represents the best in service to his community, the University, and his classmates.

## 1964

Jeanne Curry Clark '64 and Mike Clark '64 were trying to figure out a Christmas gift for their grandkids about two-and-a-half years ago. The Clarks wanted to get them away from electronics and outside into nature. Michael still had a birder checklist card from their days at Redlands and they enjoyed driving around while he explained to Jeanne where and how to locate and identify local birds. They decided to create their own bird checklist for their grandkids, placing it in a kit along with binoculars, a waist pack, books, a folding bird guide, and a mechanical pencil. Their grandchildren loved their kits! After that first Christmas, they came back from vacationing at Mineral King in the Sequoia National Park with some bird pictures they had taken and identified. With some encouragement, the Clarks decided to market their kits to a wider audience. Their current introductory California Birdwatching Kit for kids of all ages is now available at local camps, stores, and regional parks. They have received such a positive reaction and are excited to have an impact on kids' futures.

Marilyn "Kari" Mohn '64 has lived in Kenai, Alaska, for more than 50 years. She continues to lead twice-a-week hikes for senior ladies, with more than 40 women requesting the summer hiking schedule.

During the winter, the women snowshoe. Kari is the "soup lady" at the Kenai United Methodist Church's weekly food pantry and is a No One Dies Alone volunteer at the local hospital. She was recently recognized by the Hospital Auxiliary with a 200-hour volunteer pin.

Sandra Chadwick Mussey '64 participated in Redlands' Salzburg semester as a student and earned a B.A. in English and art. Subsequently, she was accepted into New York University's Master of Dramatic Art program, but love intervened, and she followed college sweetheart Jack Mussey '63 to University of California, Berkeley, for her standard secondary teaching credential. Life flowed to marriage, a year of teaching, motherhood, a move to the East Coast, three years of living in England, and other travels, studies, and inspirational experiences. In a surprising turn, in 1986 she found herself on the threshold of a 32-year professional career. She has her own business as an international intuitive development trainer and consultant, expressive art facilitator, and Universal Life Church wedding officiant in Europe as part of the international peace and conflict resolution process. In the 1990s, she facilitated intuition trainings in Geneva, Switzerland, led 40 international seminars in Eastern Europe, and facilitated the seminar "Recovery of the Intuitive Heart—One Path to Personal and Global Healing" at three international conflict resolution conferences and an international women's leadership conference in St. Petersburg, Russia. From 2000 to 2012, her trainings also took her to Kiev, Ukraine; Ufa, Bashkortostan, Russia; Belgrade, Serbia; Radovici, Montenegro; and Moscow, Russia. After every international adventure, she has loved coming home to the 107-year-old hunting lodge her father bought her and her sons, Dan and David. Their small cabin is set in the Redwood forest on the north slope of Mount Tamalpais in Marin County. She is proud the property is now a deer sanctuary.

Virgil Nelson '64 and wife Lynn are enjoying being in Northern California within 30 minutes of all five grandchildren. They are involved in local and global efforts to bring people together to demonstrate mercy and work for justice—for without justice, there will be no peace.

## ALUMNI NEWS

# Extraordinary Bulldogs make Redlands proud

During Alumni Reunion Weekend, the Alumni Association Board of Directors presented its annual awards:

**Kimberly Gordon Biddle '87** received the **Alumni Career Achievement Award**, which recognizes those who excel in their fields and are successful leaders within their professions. In addition to her longstanding work as a psychology professor (most recently at California State University, Sacramento), Gordon-Biddle has distinguished herself as a researcher and advocate for minority students in higher education. Her books and research have been recognized by numerous professional associations and educational organizations.

**Jennie Grimes '02** was presented with the **Community Service Award** in recognition of her extraordinary volunteer leadership and service to MET UP, an organization committed to changing the landscape of metastatic cancer through direct action. Despite personal setbacks, Grimes has actively participated in MET UP and other organizations' advocacy, fundraising, and research efforts.

**Stefano Molea '08** was recognized with the **Impact Award**, which honors alumni younger than 50 years with outstanding records of career achievement and potential for future success. An accomplished legal professional, Molea is a partner at a criminal defense firm in San Diego. Formally recognized for his legal contributions, he serves on the board of directors for the San Diego Criminal Defense Bar Association and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

**Alex Capuchino '15** received the **Hope Award**, presented to a current student or a recent graduate in honor of great promise in future endeavors. After Redlands, Capuchino earned a second bachelor's degree in nursing from Loma Linda University and is working toward becoming a certified registered nurse. He has served as co-president of the Loma



This year's recipients of Alumni Association Board of Directors for awards represent a talented and committed set of Bulldogs: (from left) Stefano Molea '08, Alex Capuchino '15, Marilyn Kerr Solter '59, Kimberly Gordon Biddle '87, Ashlee Buczek Romberger '10, and Bill Hatfield '74.

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Linda Association of Student Nurses and has worked with patients in pediatric, adult medical, surgical, and intensive care units.

**Ashlee Buczek Romberger '10** was presented with the **Ray Whitmus Award**, which recognizes a College of Arts and Sciences alumna or alumnus who has graduated in the last 10 years and demonstrates active leadership, professional achievement, and commitment to the community and University. An educator whose teaching has touched classrooms around the world, Romberger developed curriculum in the Netherlands for migrant programs throughout the European Union, implemented classroom betterment programs in Peru, and raised gender-based human rights awareness in Ethiopia with the U.S. State Department. She currently teaches at Hoopa Valley High School, located on the Hoopa Valley Reservation.

**Marilyn Kerr Solter '59** was awarded the **Distinguished Service Award**, which celebrates alumni who demonstrate a high level of ongoing commitment to the University. Having served on nearly every possible volunteer committee at the

U of R, Solter has also been extremely active in the City of Redlands. Among her myriad involvements are the Museum of Redlands, Redlands Symphony Association, Family YWCA of Redlands, and the Redlands Adult School; in 2017, she was named Woman of the Year by the City of Redlands.

The "R" Award was presented to **William Hatfield '74** for outstanding service in the community and for actions that bring honor to the University. President of Hatfield Buick, the oldest Buick dealership in the United States, Hatfield has supported numerous causes in the Redlands community, including the YMCA of the East Valley, A.K. Smiley Library, Redlands Community Hospital, and the Lincoln Memorial Shrine Association; his University service includes the Alumni Association Board, Town & Gown Board, and the Alpha Gamma Nu fraternity. **OT**



To see photos from this year's awards ceremony, visit <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmE4XKtx>.



To submit a nomination for the 2020 awards, visit [www.redlands.edu/engage](http://www.redlands.edu/engage) or contact Terri Fusco at 909-748-8011.



**Liz Strong '64** has been living in Tucson for 25 years, moving from Sherman Oaks, California, with what was then Hughes Missile Systems (now Raytheon Missile). She retired three years after the move and thoroughly enjoys living in Tucson. Liz is active in the Rose Society of Tucson, Pacific Southwest District, and the American Rose Society; she happily hosts and chairs Tucson's annual rose show. She is also quite active in Trinity Presbyterian Church. Life is good for her and her wonderful fluffy calico cat, Lily, who provides lots of company and affection.

**Sue Stickney Teele '64** is a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Redlands and moderator of the personnel committee. She continues her research and presentations on the theory of multiple intelligences and pandas. She has authored three books and a pictorial inventory that is used in 44 countries. She and husband **Steve Teele '63** continue to travel throughout the United States and Europe. They met **Liz Strong '64** in Casa Grande, Arizona, for lunch. Liz lives in Tucson and they stayed at a timeshare in Cave Creek, Arizona, for a week. Sue and Liz are a part of the "Hot Tamales," known as the Redlands Women of 1964. The "Hot Tamales" were accidentally named that by a man taking pictures of the group in San Diego last year—they were singing the "Och Tamale" and he thought they were saying "Hot Tamale." Their group decided to establish an endowed scholarship at the University to commemorate their 55th reunion.

**Linda Fisher Towson '64** and **Wayne Towson '64** changed lifestyles in the last nine years. After 37 years, they sold their home in Walnut Creek and took to the road in a fifth wheel and F250 diesel Ford truck. After trekking for three years to 32 states and Canada, they settled back in Walnut Creek at Rossmoor, a wonderful retirement community with 10,000 residents. Linda pursues art; Wayne plays golf. They still love to go on the road for a couple months at a time. Highlights of their trekking days include swimming with the manatees in Florida and hiking the Zion Narrows, with water to Linda's waist. Their other highlights include their two grandchildren, now teenagers. One son followed Wayne into dentistry; the other son travels the world, with his job centered in China.

## 1965

**Rita Loftus Cavin '65** and husband Brooks recently circled the globe from LAX to LAX in 60 days. Highlights included Shelly Beach in Sydney, the Great Barrier Reef, Komodo dragons, Bali, the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest in Singapore, a cooking class in Sri Lanka, the beauty of Muscat's bay, Petra, Easter in Lisbon, "the most beautiful bookstore in the world" in Porto, and April tulips in Amsterdam's Keukenhof Gardens. After the once-in-a-lifetime trip, they are sorting through two months of mail and recuperating from common colds, most likely caught on the flight home from Amsterdam.

**Mary Menges Maxwell '65** took her two daughters and their families to Hawaii last summer, including grandkids Charles (9), Maggie (5), and Eva (9). She reports that it was wonderful to all be together at once having so much fun. Mary is enjoying art quilting and has had her work in a couple of juried shows. Her website is maryemaxwell.com.

**Bob McLaughlin '65**, now enjoying his fourth retirement from public and private school administration, is a fan and player of pickleball, reported as the fastest growing sport in the country. He just wrapped up being the tournament director of the 2019 Wine Country Classic Pickleball Tournament in Paso Robles, California. From five states, 250 players and about 30 volunteers converged in Paso for the fourth year of competition and fun (more info at [www.pasoroblespickleball.org](http://www.pasoroblespickleball.org)). Bob uses the sport to keep himself healthy and enjoy fellowship with friends.

In addition to those listed in the last issue's recap of Class of 1965 members who served on the U of R Board of Trustees, we must also include **Bob Woollacott '65**, our world-class marine biologist and long-time professor of biology at Harvard University. Bob served as a U of R trustee for about 10 years in the 1990s, and in that capacity was very instrumental in the planning and development of the then-new Stauffer Center for Science and Mathematics. Bob has enjoyed a long and remarkable scientific career as head of Harvard's Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, where he is still actively engaged as emeritus professor.

## 1967

**Marilyn "Tam" Taylor '67** was selected as Citizen of the Year in Topanga, California, on May 5. She was honored for her work on the Topanga Town Council, the Canyon Sages, the *Messenger Mountain News*, Friends of the Library, the Theatrum Botanicum, and other organizations. She has lived in Topanga since 1986.

## 1968

**Richard Beyer '68** retired from Pasadena City College after 25 years as its counseling psychologist. He still maintains his private practice in Arcadia, California, and plans to have more time for tennis, sailing, playing trombone, and playing poker. He recalls the halcyon days of poker games on the third floor of Cortner with **Dave Hayhurst '68**, **Mike Beverage '70**, and **Stu Wilcox '71**. Challenge, anyone?

**Jeannette Sharman Flanders '68** and **Ray Flanders '67** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last August with family at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. In October, they moved into their new golden anniversary cottage in Greenville, South Carolina, located in a new neighborhood near where their two daughters attended high school. After 43 years of seeing pediatric patients in Greenville, Ray retired at the end of June. Jeannette and Ray stay active with senior citizens at their Presbyterian church, enjoying bus tours and cruises with the group.

## 1969

**Claudia George Burton '69** married husband Dan on September 29, 2018. She has twin granddaughters, nearly four years old, living in Evergreen, Colorado.

**Meredith Smith '69** is the director of Artists Serving Humanity, a nonprofit organization of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated artists who make living amends through the sales of their artwork and generating charitable donations. In less than two



**Marilyn "Tam" Taylor '67 is Citizen of the Year in Topanga, California.**

years, the organization now represents more than 150 artists from California to Minnesota. They will be exhibiting at the seventh annual Conference for Community and Restorative Justice in Colorado in June.

## 1970

**Barbara Bond Creighton '70** just returned from a terrific 10-day visit to Asheville, North Carolina. One of the highlights of her trip was reconnecting with **Phil Pratt '69**. Barb reports that Phil was beyond gracious in sharing his time and enthusiasm for all things Asheville, providing her an extensive list of things to see and do. Phil and his wife, Kathy, have lived in the area for 15 years, and he is active in the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. In his retirement from corporate America, Phil has become a master woodworker. Check out his creations at [www.SilverHawkSawdust.com](http://www.SilverHawkSawdust.com).

**Bill Lowman '70** retired as the Alice Mozley Endowed Director of the Salzburg Program in 2014. This past March, he returned to the Marketenderschlossl to teach a two-week course in Austrian film, as a planned course in visual media by a visiting U of R professor had to be covered due to illness. Bill enlisted the help of a Hollywood film producer to provide a course in Heimatfilme, Austrian film culture, and the work of Michael Haneke, the prominent Austrian filmmaker. The students and faculty enjoyed the experience of learning about German language film, analyzing films, and writing response papers. Bill enjoyed showing the U of R program off to a prominent member of the film community and revisiting Salzburg, Vienna, and Budapest.

**Doug Verdieck '70** was inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Men's Collegiate Tennis Hall of Fame Championship in May in Orlando, Florida. Doug won the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletics Conference singles and doubles for four straight years as a U of R student and played for his dad, Coach Jim Verdieck. He won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) singles national title each year of his college career and three NAIA doubles national championships, including two with his brother **Randy Verdieck '72**. (See the blog by **Geoff Roche '96** in [www.redlands.edu/bulldogblog](http://www.redlands.edu/bulldogblog) for more on Doug's honor.)

# ALUMNI NEWS



**Kathy Talbert Weller '71 (right) and Mary Thomas Westin '71 celebrate their 70th birthdays in April in New York City.**



**Joni Wilson Goes '74 marries Thomas Goes on Jan. 18 in Temecula.**



**Jimmy Nakamura '75 and Nathan Aipa '76 have remained good friends since graduation.**

## 1971

**John Anderson '71** invented a new instrument called a UkaTAR. It plays like a baritone ukelele but sounds like a giant jumbo box 12-string guitar. He also invented a slide on the guitar holder for music and all types of electronic gizmos. Weighing nine ounces, it can hold up to three pounds, as it was invented to read and play from a 1,200-song songbook. It is a great tool for music therapy, and John believes it is evidence to what a liberal arts education can set in motion. His passion is to help leaders communicate and get groups participating without being forced. His website is [www.songsandcreations.com](http://www.songsandcreations.com).

**Kathy Talbert Weller '71 and Mary Thomas Westin '71** celebrated their 70th birthdays together in New York City in April.

## 1972

**James West '72** traveled to Poland to participate in a conference at the Science and Math Institute in May and June 2018. The conference's subject matter was ideology and religion. As a result of speaking at the conference and sharing his life experiences, he was asked to share some of his work in the book, *WPLYW IDEOLOGII (NA NAUKĘ I ŻYCIĘ SPOŁECZNE)* (*The Inquiry of Ideology on Science and Social Life*), most recently published in Poland.

## 1974

**Joni Wilson Goes '74** married Thomas Goes on Jan. 18 at Ponte Winery in Temecula, California. Three of her sorority sisters were present: **Kathleen Wright '74, Linda Jones Ewing '74, and Marci Sheard '73**. After Tom retired, they moved to Boise, Idaho, but still have a house in San Elijo, California.

**Leslie Thiele '74** has been an international and immigration lawyer since 1981. Her decision to retire in 2017 has been waylaid for more than two years, as she, her fellow attorneys, and paralegals have fought for fair treatment of foreign nationals who contribute to the growth and solid economy in the U.S. They fight the specious allegations that deny the contributions of immigrants to the welfare, productivity, and safety of our country. They help some of the best minds in the world to study, invest, and establish new businesses in the United States to the benefit of American workers, and they seek amnesty for those foreign nationals with factually founded fears or experiences in their home country of physical abuse, persecution, torture, or possible death.

## 1975

**Jimmy Nakamura '75 and Nathan Aipa '76** have been friends since graduating and both live in Hawaii and see each other whenever they can.

**John Nimmo '75 and Elsa Ginkel Nimmo '75** came to the U of R campus in March. John taught a class in



**John Nimmo '75 and Elsa Ginkel Nimmo '75 (right) take a field study trip with Environmental Studies Professor Hillary Jenkins's class.**

environmental studies in ecohydrology. John and Elsa then went on a field study trip with Professor of Environmental Studies Hillary Jenkins's class.

## 1976

**Marshall Brewer '76** is pleased to have joined the Institute for Collaborative Learning as a fellow working on education, government ministry, and NGO projects in the Dominican Republic, Saudi Arabia, and Costa Rica, among other locations.

**Ann Halligan '76** has been retired now for five years and is loving it. She volunteers as a grant writer with a philanthropic organization in the Clear Lake Texas area that helps children stay in school. Ann reports she fulfilled a lifetime dream of visiting her seventh continent this past January. With a friend, she made it to Antarctica after visiting the Falkland Islands and South Georgia on a Zegrahm's Expedition. Seeing seven species of penguins in their nesting habitats, incredible icebergs, and several species of whales and albatross were among the highlights of the trip. As part of the expedition, they also spent a great deal of time discussing global warming, particularly in the fragile environment of Antarctica where the effects are apparent in the receding glaciers and fewer breeding pairs of many of the penguins. It was an amazing experience to see this wilderness in its splendor.

**Mary Nagle '76** has been married almost 30 years to her husband, Wyatt. She is an advocate for homeless, stray, and abused cats and calls it her life's work.

**Gary Simons '76** is completing his 40th year of working as a scuba instructor and captain in the ocean recreation industry. He is currently employed at Mauna Lani Sea Adventurers and is not contemplating retirement. He serves as an associate pastor at his church. Gary and wife Julie have been married 33 years. Gary's son, Chris (31), is also working in the ocean recreation industry and is very active in the local theater scene.

**Darci La Force Truax '76** retired from being a speech and language pathologist after 39 years. Her first children's book, which she also illustrated, was published in 2018. She reports that she is now stepping out in a new world of art and painting.

**LeAnn Zurich '76** ran in the Edinburgh Marathon Festival in Scotland this spring. Golf is her new sport—she is terrible, but having a lot of fun.



# 'It's Bulldog time'

The Swann family hopes to create an imprint of lifelong learning at U of R

By Laura Gallardo '03

The late Thomas Swann '81 could never pass up the opportunity to encourage learning.

On family vacations, daughter Elizabeth Swann recalls standing at the edge of the Grand Canyon with her sisters, Marianne Highley and Doris Osterhaus, and being asked about the rock layers they researched. Marianne has similar memories: "He assigned us a research project for each trip. When we were visiting Civil War battlegrounds, we were asked to prepare a presentation about Gettysburg."

As a young man, Thomas worked at General Telephone & Electronics Corporation maintaining telephone poles and served in the Army in Vietnam, where he earned two Purple Hearts. After marrying Virginia Tuttle and starting a family, he went back to school for a Master of Arts in management through U of R's Whitehead College (now School of Business).

"It took him 10 years to complete his degrees," says Elizabeth. "He was rocking me in one hand and doing homework with the other."

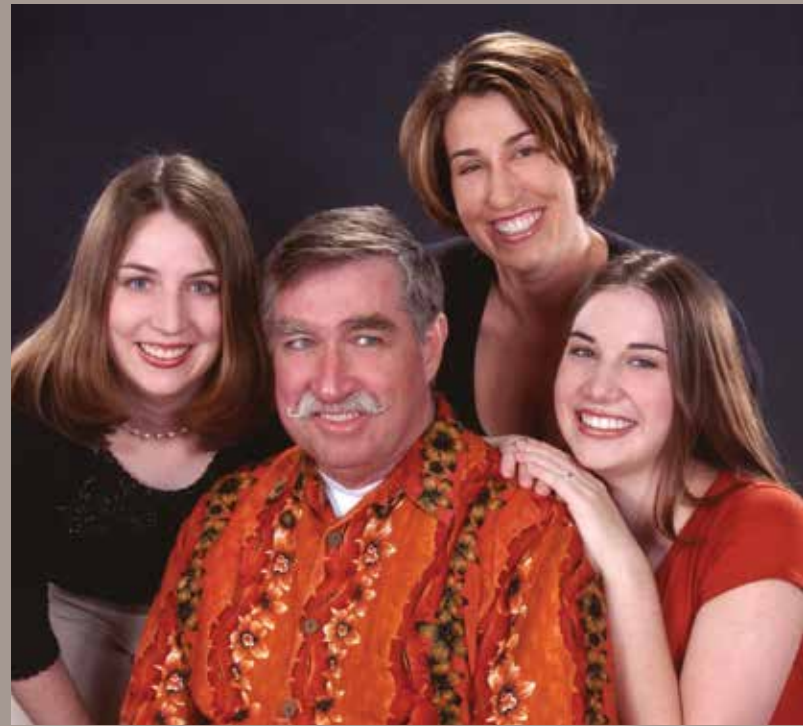
Thomas was proud of what he accomplished at the University of Redlands, says Marianne, "Every time we were in California, he wanted to visit [the campus]."

Elizabeth has a tangible memento of her father's love for his alma mater—his U of R college ring, which he would playfully press into his daughters' noses or arms, leaving a bulldog imprint. "We would say, 'It's Bulldog time,' and laugh together as he did it," Elizabeth remembers. "That ring was so important to Dad and represented all that the University gave him. Education was always a priority for him, and he truly had a lifelong love of learning."

Even after Redlands, Thomas continued the pursuit of knowledge through community college classes and certificate programs, and he taught Sunday school up until his death in 2010. He succeeded in instilling a love of reading and appreciation for the value of education in his daughters—all three have earned undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Following their mother's passing last year, the daughters established the Thomas and Virginia Swann Endowed Scholarship to benefit School of Business undergraduates older than 35 years, embodying their father's love of Redlands, passion for learning, and desire to encourage the next generation. Elizabeth says, "My dad wanted to help students like him to achieve their dreams at Redlands." **OT**

*For more information on how you can support scholarships for working professional students like the Swann family has, please contact Gabrielle Singh, senior philanthropic advisor, at 909-748-8349 or [gabrielle\\_singh@redlands.edu](mailto:gabrielle_singh@redlands.edu).*



"My dad wanted to help students like him to achieve their dreams at Redlands."

—Elizabeth Swann



# ALUMNI NEWS



Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81 and Jodi Sanders Parvin '80 reconnect at Homecoming at the Delta Kappa Psi house.



David David '78 is a cooper in the Black Swamp Cooperage at Sauder Village, Ohio.



Dan Lewis '81 smiles with wife Pam and their children, Paxton and Iris.



Matt Clabaugh '81 makes the most of the winter weather.



Baker Egerton '81 enjoys his granddaughters, Evelyn and Felicity.



Ann Halligan '76 (left) fulfills a lifelong dream by visiting her seventh continent, Antarctica.



Deb Theoldore '81 loves to show off her adorable grandchildren.



Bill Chute '81 gets out on the water during a recent trip to Palau.



Dan Lewis '81 and Rob Bartels '81 see each other often.



Sue Manning Estes '81 and daughter Sarah spend time together.



Janine Mason Kramer '81 visits with grandson James and father Walt Mason '51.





Gigi Murtaugh Garcia '80, Bob Talcott '81, Brad Hurlbut '81, Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81, Diane Ghigleri Remy '80, Mike Remy '81, and Mike Aloia '80 celebrate Diane's retirement.

## 1978

**Richard Bryson '78** and **Uldine Richards Bryson '78** are proud to share their family's U of R legacy: both of Richard's parents, **Ray Bryson '53** and **Ruth Cain Bryson '53**, who also wed at Redlands; his brother, **Randal Bryson '81**; Richard and Uldine's daughter, **Alysa Bryson '03**; and niece **Elizabeth Richards '15**. The only other Greek in the family mix was Richard's father, who was a Chi Sig in the 1950s.

**David David '78** was interviewed by NBC for being a cooper (a maker or repairer of casks and barrels) in the Black Swamp Cooperage at Sauder Village, the largest living history village in Ohio. The Black Swamp Cooperage is one of only a few cooperages in the United States that still takes the tree to the finished product. Wooden buckets, butter churns, Civil War canteens, piggin buckets, washbasins, and kegs are all handmade, just like they were in the early 1800s. Since retirement, he has been apprenticing for the last three years and now has graduated to a full-fledged journeyman. He also drives the Erie Express train in the 235-acre complex of Sauder Village.

**Scott Ward '78** retired in April 2019 from Disney after nearly 45 years and moved with wife Carol to Colorado to be near their grandchildren. He spent the last 20 years in finance and planning roles supporting the Disney Resorts in Asia, primarily Tokyo Disney Resort and the development and opening of Shanghai Disney Resort.

## 1979

**Class of 1979**—we are looking for a class notes reporter! If you are interested, please email [ochtamale@redlands.edu](mailto:ochtamale@redlands.edu).

## 1981

**Bill Chute '81** just returned from Palau, which is the 95th country he has visited. He will visit three more new countries this year: Madagascar, Mauritius, and Fiji. By the end of 2020, he should have visited 100 countries. When not traveling, Bill lives in Southern California.

**Matt Clabaugh '81** has kids heading off to college. One of his companies is starting a winery and glamp ranch in Santa Barbara.

**Baker Egerton '81** reports that it is raining granddaughters! He has Evelyn (16 months) and her little sister Felicity (two weeks) from Baker's

son, Jonathan, and Jonathan's wife, Shelley. They will soon have a first cousin, who is due in July from his daughter, Bonnie.

**Shelly Stuard Emerson '81** had grandbaby No. 4 in March. The other three live in Portland, so she is enjoying being a local grandma in the Bay Area. Shelly is done with the corporate world after 35 years and is enjoying substitute teaching and tutoring.

**Sue Manning Estes '81** reports she has one daughter, Sarah (26), who is the light of her life, and without her happiness, Susan could experience none of her own. Susan spends the majority of time between her apartment in New York (where her company is based) and her home in Wilmington/Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Her daughter lives in Sebastopol so they make a point of seeing each other at least once a quarter and Facetime several times a day. Susan's business, Open Door Trading, has been very successful and featured in numerous trade publications.

**Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81** and **Brad Hurlbut '81** are doing well and enjoy seeing friends from the U of R, including several whom they saw at a retirement party **Mike Remy '81** had for his wife **Diane Ghigleri Remy '80**. Congratulations to Diane! Gina enjoyed a visit with **Jodi Sanders Parvin '80** at Homecoming. Their dads, **Allen Braxton Griffin '34** and **Ralph "Sandy" Sanders '34**, were roommates and Kappa Sigs.

**Janine Mason Kramer '81** began working for a charter school for homeschool families after homeschooling her four boys from grades K-12. The job gives her the flexibility to enjoy her two grandchildren (with another on the way!), remain active in her church (leading Bible study and singing), and savor this season of life. She appreciates the class notes and hopes many others take the opportunity to share what is happening with them!

**Dan Lewis '81** has a full-time endowed position as a senior curator of the history of science and technology at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in Southern California. He is also teaching upper-division undergraduate courses at Caltech: one is on the history of extinction; the other is humanistic ecology. His 2018 book on Hawaiian birds, *Belonging on an Island*, has been getting rave reviews; *Forbes* recently named it one of the 12 best bird

books of the year. His two kids, Paxton and Iris, are thriving; one is in private school and the other is in public school. His wife Pam is also a curator; she runs the art galleries at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. Dan works daily at The Huntington with **Vanessa Wilkie '00**, whom he hired a few years ago; she is the William A. Moffett Curator of British History and Medieval Manuscripts. Dan and his family traveled to Europe last summer where he gave a talk, in French, in Lyon. Dan also sees **Rob Bartels '81** frequently. Rob was Dan's best man and they remain close friends.

**Deb Theoldore '81** has the cutest grandchildren, ages four and two, and also has two adult kids. She works at Illumina Inc. as a lab supervisor in the genotyping group. Deb also loves to travel with family to Yosemite, Tahoe, Yellowstone, Glacier, and the Tetons.

## 1989

**Edward Pithey '89** and **Teri Ousley Pithey '89** are back in the United States after being in Istanbul for seven years.

## 1990

**Patricia Ashbrook '90** was promoted to general manager and chief operating office of Forest Highlands Golf Club in Flagstaff, Arizona.

**Joni Billich '90** lives in Las Vegas with her husband and eight-year-old son. She recently retired from the State of Nevada after 24 years in law enforcement.

**Emily Foster Bond '90** and **Clay Bond '90** moved to Kansas City in the spring after 25 years in Cincinnati. After a year of Clay going back and forth for business, it is nice to settle in one place. Their son is wrapping up his first year at the University of Cincinnati.

**Daniel Frymire '90** is a deputy chief probation officer with San Bernardino County. His daughter, **Samantha Barajas Jacome '19**, graduated in January with her master's in education, was married Dec. 31, 2018, and has moved to Japan for three years.

**Kiersten Larsen Garibaldi '90** is watching her house in Arkansas quiet down. She is preparing for the wedding of one child in June, while another child is studying abroad in Innsbruck, and the third is starting dental school in August. A quiet house, maybe, but not a quiet life.

**Kathy Heitzman '90** lives in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. She is about to start her 17th year as the associate athletics director at Bloomsburg University. Every few years she enjoys going back to Europe with her Salzburg buddy **Kiersten Larsen Garibaldi '90**. They just got back from a trip to Italy where they met up with Kiersten's daughter Corey, who is studying this semester in Innsbruck.

**Joni Henderson '90** lives in Fairfax, Virginia (outside of Washington, D.C.), and works for the Global Alzheimer's Platform Foundation. Her oldest daughter plays soccer at Ohio State University and her youngest runs cross-country and track in high school. Joni's husband is also an athlete, and the family enjoys traveling and watching sports.

**Diana Herweck '90** published her 19th book, *Safe & Sound: Bullying*, in 2017. She continues to live

# ALUMNI NEWS



Darren McCall '95 and Annette Robitaille McCall '95 visit the Galapagos Islands.



Mark McKinnon '91 (not pictured) hosts a KUSI news studio tour for the spouses of the Board of Trustees (front row, from left): Sally Wieschendorff Morris '61, Lynn Hall, and Bonnie Bias Fisher '65; (back row, from left) Gabrielle Gomez Singh '96, Judy Smith Gilmer '62, Linda Scott Cavarano '82, Char Gaylord Burgess '69, '70, Sheila Troupe, and Katrina Leigh Salazar '92.



Gabrielle Gomez Singh '96 fulfills her childhood dream of being a meteorologist.

in Southern California with her husband, two high school children, and 10 animals. It is her pretend little farm in the suburbs until she can really move away.

**Kristin Stephenson Parkinson '90, '91** and **Mark Parkinson '91** are enjoying time with their two-year-old grandson, Arthur, and loving every minute of being grandparents. This year, they had all three of their boys in college. Time sure flies!

**Kathy Petrucci '90** enjoys country life in Ramona, California. She is a veterinarian at Anaheim Hills Pet Clinic and CEO of Animal Cell Therapies, where their recent collaborations include University of Florida, University of Switzerland, and the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She just started a second Omega Delta Kappa Psi chapter in San Diego where they get together every other month with fellow Delta Kappa Psi alumnae.

## 1991

**Mark McKinnon '91** hosted a Board of Trustee spouse tour of KUSI news studio in San Diego with **Char Gaylord Burgess '69, '70, Linda Scott Cavarano '82, Bonnie Bias Fisher '65, Judy Smith Gilmer '62, Lynn Hall, Sally Wieschendorff Morris '61, Katrina Leigh Salazar '92, Gabrielle Gomez Singh '96,** and Sheila Troupe.

## 1994

**Sonja Finnie '94** is now the proud owner of an orthodontic practice in Calimesa, California. After practicing orthodontics for more than 18 years, she now has an office to call her own. She is also a part-time faculty member at Loma Linda University in the department of orthodontics.

**Pete McCall '94** has written a book that covers how exercise can slow down the aging process, titled *Smarter Workouts: The Science of Exercise Made Simple*.

**Melisa Chance Mika '94** is proud her oldest, Alec, has graduated high school. He accepted an internship at California Sounds Studios and will be attending Saddleback Community College in the fall in hopes of moving toward a career in audio engineering.

**Heather Pescosolido Thomas '94** hopes everyone had a great time at our 25th Class Reunion. Please send her any recent photos you would like to share

with our class. As always, please keep sending in your updates—it is great to hear what everyone is up to these days. Och Tamale! lilfishslo@gmail.com.

## 1995

**Annette Robitaille McCall '95** and **Darren McCall '95** traveled to the Galapagos Islands and Peru last October, a trip that had been on the list for a while, especially for Annette who was a biology major.

**Yael Allswang Prough '95** was recently promoted to executive vice president, general manager at IGN Entertainment. **Justin Prough '95** is currently working on a politically inspired fine art series that will be taken to market shortly. Their kids are 16 and 11 and continue to keep them busy with life, sports, and lots of fun. They make their home in Los Angeles.

**Rikki Shackelford '95** has written a new children's book, *The Land at the Edge of Things*.

## 1996

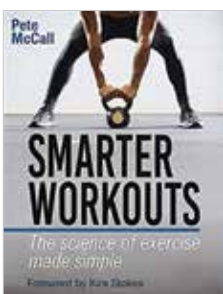
**Brad Bartells '96** was promoted to partner of Mann Urrutia Nelson CPAs in Sacramento. That, combined with keeping up with his 16-year-old son's golf activities and 14-year-old daughter's track meets, is keeping him busy.

**Cristy Crain Libatique '96** was awarded Administrator of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators East Kern Charter. She works at Tehachapi High School in Tehachapi, California.

**Gabrielle Gomez Singh '96** says there were two things she wanted to be when she was a kid. As a young elementary student, she wanted to be a dog dentist. Then in high school, she really wanted to be a meteorologist on television, like Maclovio Perez of CBS in Los Angeles. When she barely passed the meteorology class in high school, her dreams were shattered! An opportunity to be in front of a green screen to report on the weather was a dream come true, thanks to **Mark McKinnon '91**, on a recent visit to his KUSI news studio in San Diego!

## 1998

**Scott Nelson '98, '03** and **Barbara Stein '01** had a busy 2017-2018! They welcomed second son George in June 2017. Then they purchased a new home in Yucaipa. To top it off, Scott left his assistant principal position at Citrus Valley High



**Pete McCall '94** publishes a book about how exercise can slow down the aging process.



**Rikki Shackelford '95** announces a new children's book.





Ravi Kumar '04 and wife Rosemary welcome their fourth child, son Taj, in May 2018.



Jessica Sculuca '04, '06 welcomes son Quinn.



Miguel Rivera '04 graduates with a Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University-Portland.

School and is now the coordinator of visual and performing arts for San Bernardino City Unified School District. Their son Abraham, who is five, has recently started transitional kindergarten.

### 1999

**Marlaine Cseak Bolger '99** spends her days volunteering with the Highland Sam J. Racadio Library, the Highland Women's Club, reading to a 2nd grade class and supervising kindergartners after school at Warm Springs Elementary in San Bernardino, as treasurer of Kiwanis of Highland, the Friends of the Highland Library, and the Literacy Coalition at Highland Library.

**Madeline Beaver Klem '99** and husband Arnold are living in Seattle with their two daughters, ages 12 and 10. They have a construction business that keeps them busy along with their girls. Madeline is sorry to have missed the 20th reunion, but she and Arnold were in Italy celebrating their 15th anniversary.

### 2003

**Meghan Medlin '03** was nominated for the *Orange County Business Journal's* Women in Business Award. She was recognized for her work with the Orange County Fair and Event Center's community giveback programs and Heroes Hall, as well as being an advocate for re-entry and homelessness through her work with Orange County Re-Entry Partnership.

### 2004

**Aland Failde '04** is living in West Seattle and is the vice president of marketing for Wizards of the Coast (a division of Hasbro), best known for games such as Dungeons & Dragons and Magic: The Gathering.

**Ravi Kumar '04** and his wife, Rosemary, welcomed their son, Taj, in May 2018. They reside in Novato, California, with their four children: Kieran (6), Indira (5), Everett (3), and Taj (1). Ravi is a partner at Connor Group, a specialized accounting firm working with pre-IPO and public technology companies, based in San Francisco.

**Ryan Miller '04** and his wife, Jenn, welcomed Noah Leif in October 2018, while big brother Nate is off to a fast start in kindergarten. Following a nearly

10-year career at the U.S. Department of State, Ryan is now head of strategy and corporate affairs at the U.S.-India Business Council in Washington, D.C.

**Samantha Trad Pstross '04** became the California state director for Compassion & Choices in 2018. It is the nation's oldest, largest, and most active national nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to improving care and expanding options at the end of life.

**Miguel Rivera '04** graduated with his Master of Education in curriculum and instruction from Concordia University-Portland in April.

**Jessica Sculuca '04, '06** welcomed her son, Quinn, in February.

### 2006

**Jessica Mau Alcotas '06** and her husband, Ephraem, welcomed their daughter, Peyton, on April 12 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Heather Thayer '06** ventured with 21 other volunteers (13 from Johnson & Johnson where she works) to Kenya for two weeks this past March. They stayed at WISER Secondary School, a girls boarding school, and taught a business boot camp with elective courses. Many of the girls would not normally have the opportunity for education, and they are striving to better their situation and options for their future. She feels blessed to have had the experience, as well as to have finished her trip with a safari adventure.

**Matthew Weeks '06** has a lovely wife and two beautiful daughters now. He finished his Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at University of California, Irvine in 2011. He is currently working as a principal development engineer at Western Digital in San Jose, California, specializing in microelectronic material characterization and failure analysis.

**Tim Westmyer '06** and a group of D.C. Bulldogs, including **Eric Gascho '06**, got together this spring to celebrate the birthday of **Scott Schneider '06**. They opened a bottle of the official Redlands Centennial wine, made for the University's 2007 milestone, which Tim had been saving for a special occasion.

**Trevor Young '06** has recently been promoted to the position of account executive with Bardy

Diagnostics, an industry leader in patch-based ECG monitoring for cardiac arrhythmias.

### 2007

**Daniela Aipa '07** and **Mari Kam Aipa '07** welcomed son Micah on Feb. 2. He joins big brother Jonah.

**Berenisse Behr '07** and husband Jonathan welcomed son Alexander on March 12.

### 2008

**Linda Soriano Copelin '08** married Eddie Lee Copelin II with many Bulldogs in attendance.

### 2010

**Raquel Arellano-Jackson '10** and **Jonathon Arellano '10** welcomed son Emiliano on Jan. 17.

**Divya Bisht '10** starred in Chloë Agnew's "The Thing About You" music video. It was an amazing experience because she used to listen to Agnew's music when she was at U of R.

**Samantha Coe Byron '10** and **Johnathan Byron '13** welcomed daughter Clara on Feb. 19. She joins big brother Oliver.

**Kara van Stralen '10** is now chief of staff to Congressman Mike Levin (CA-49). (See story on page 12 for more.)

### 2011

**Class of 2011**—we are looking for a class notes reporter! If you are interested, please email [ochtamale@redlands.edu](mailto:ochtamale@redlands.edu).

### 2013

**Matthew Ambriz '13** successfully completed the Long Beach Fire Department Academy in December of 2018 and began his career as a firefighter for the City of Long Beach. He married **Jessica Medvec '13, '18** in May and they reside in Long Beach, California.

**Jennifer Rios '13** is earning a Master of Science in human genetics and genetic counseling from Keck Graduate Institute. She was selected for the competitive Public Health Genetics and Precision Medicine Fellowship.

**Emily Owen Yensen '13** married Zachary Yensen on April 6. Bulldogs from Delta Kappa Psi and

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Alex Keith '15, '17, and Alyssa Tricola Keith '17, and son Bodhi enjoy life in Missoula, Montana.



Matthew Weeks '06 and his family celebrate Easter 2019.



Jessica Mau Alcotas '06 and husband Ephraem welcome their daughter, Peyton, in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Matthew Ambriz '13 and Jessica Medvec '13, '18 celebrate Matthew's career as a City of Long Beach firefighter.



Heather Thayer '06 teaches girls at the WISER Secondary School in Kenya.

Salzburg Fall 2011 traveled many distances to Sunriver Resort to be in the bridal party and in attendance to celebrate the happy couple, including **Nick Alexandres '13, Aarica Briseneno '14, Carla Griego '13, Zach Leonardi '13, Alma Lopez '16, Lindsey Zehner Meuser '13, Matt Meuser '12, '16, Megan Mikulich '14, Kailey Hatfield Otero '12, Arrizu Sirjani '13, Jesse Van Mouwerik '13, Mike Vigil '13, and Lauren Zehner '13.**

## 2014

**Class of 2014**—we are looking for a class notes reporter! If you are interested, please email [ochtamale@redlands.edu](mailto:ochtamale@redlands.edu).

**Katie Hudson Zauner '14 and Spencer Zauner '16** were married on Sept. 2, 2018, with more than 40 Bulldogs in attendance.

## 2015

**Alex Keith '15, '17 and Alyssa Tricola Keith '17** welcomed son Bodhi on Feb. 8. They are now living in Missoula, Montana.

## 2019

**Class of 2019**—we are looking for a class notes reporter! If you are interested, please email [ochtamale@redlands.edu](mailto:ochtamale@redlands.edu).



Katie Hudson Zauner '14 and Spencer Zauner '16 celebrate their marriage with more than 40 Bulldogs in attendance.

## Johnston

### 1990

**David Dowd '90** became a snowbird this year by moving from Westbrook, Connecticut, to Livonia, New York, on Conesus Lake near his son and daughter-in-law. This winter, he lived on Hutchinson Island near Fort Pierce and the Atlantic near his brother. Regular sessions in the pool and the chiropractor have restored energy flow and resilience! Looking forward to his 50th high school reunion at Cranwell Prep and still supporting the prolife movement with his writing. Say hi on Facebook. He is so grateful for friends from U of R and is a grateful Johnston counterculture alumnus!

**Chris Fullerton '90** started a new job as nightshift administrator on duty for Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was also accepted into the fall 2019 Master of Science



Tim Westmyer '06 (left) and Eric Gascho '06 (right) celebrate the birthday of Scott Schneider '06 (center) with the Redlands Centennial wine.



Samantha Coe Byron '10 and Johnathan Byron '13 welcome daughter Clara.





Linda Soriano Copelin '08 celebrates her wedding with fellow Bulldogs and friends, Chris Concepcion '07, Wes Concepcion '99, Ebony Mitchell Burton '07, Russ Chamberlen '06, Evon Ailabouni Chamberlen '06, '08, Byron Dozier, Monique Chubbs Dozier '06, Eddie Lee Copelin II, Hulises Barcelo, Alexandra Ocegueda Barcelo '09, Adam Rickabus, and Beth Teramoto '07.



Emily Owen Yensen '13 marries Zachary Yensen on April 6: (front row, from left) Aarica Briseno '14, Zachary, Emily, Arrizu Sirjani '13, and Megan Mikulich '14; (middle row, from left) Mike Vigil '13, Kailey Hatfield Otero '12, Lindsey Zehner Meuser '13, Lauren Zehner '13, and Carla Griego '13; (back row, from left) Alma Lopez '16, Zach Leonard '13, Matt Meuser '12, '16, Nick Alexandres '13, and Jesse Van Mouwerik '13.

in nursing-psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner program at Wilkes University, with the goal of becoming certified as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner sometime in 2022.

### 1995

**John Albert '95** is the principal at California Elementary School in the Orange Unified School District and was selected to join the prestigious Apple Distinguished Educators family for the 25th anniversary class of 2019.

### 2003

**M.G. Maloney '03** was featured in the University of Redlands Our House celebration of the U of R community's research and creative achievements.

### 2004

**Jana Rempalski Faro '04** was promoted to vice president of operations at Capstone Development Partners, a developer of student housing buildings on college campuses around the country. She relocated to Denver, Colorado, in December 2017.

### 2006

**Darcie Flansburg '06** is currently working with **Carlos Arboleda '97, '07** at the International School of Ningbo, China. She is the secondary language arts teacher and is also working on a master's degree in rhetoric, composition, and digital media from Northern Arizona University. She will also be acting as an AP reader for the 2019 AP Language and Composition exam.



Rachel McGuire '09 is the winner of the California Association of Public Information Officials 2019 Paul B. Clark Achievement Award.

### 2008

**Iyan Sandri '08, '15** successfully lobbied the City of Redlands to recognize the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and June as Pride Month. Mayor Pro Tem **Denise Davis '06** presented the proclamation to Iyan, surrounded by Redlands citizens and various U of R community members. This is the first time the City of Redlands has recognized Pride Month.

## Schools of Business and Education

### 2006

**Roy Malone '06** released his booklet, *The Lamentations of Willie McElroy*. It is a collection of African-American themed short stories, poems, and anecdotes written with his pen name, Roy McElroy.

### 2008

**George Munoz '08** moved to Honolulu, Hawaii, from his residence in Palm Springs, California. He retired in 2016 as code enforcement inspector from Southern California government municipalities.

### 2009

**Rachel McGuire '09** was awarded the California Association of Public Information Officials 2019 Paul B. Clark Achievement Award. She was honored for her commitment to leadership and mentorship within the communications field.

### 2013

**Angela Gomez '13** welcomed daughter Luciana on Nov. 7, 2018.

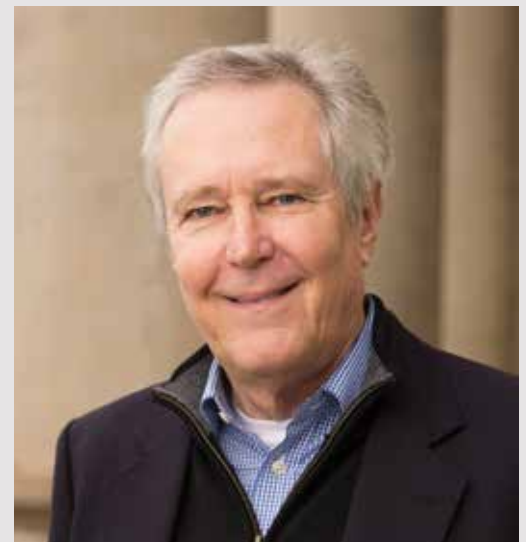
### 2018

**Kevin Au '18** welcomed daughter Aria on Aug. 2, 2018.

### 2019

**Jazmin Gutierrez '19** and husband Cristobal welcomed son Josue on Jan. 5.

## AAAS elects U of R University Distinguished Fellow



**James Fallows**, a University Distinguished Fellow, honorary degree recipient, and former trustee, was elected as a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS), one of the oldest learned societies in the United States. Founded in 1780, the academy is dedicated to honoring excellence and leadership, working across disciplines and divides, and advancing the common good. Fallows is a longtime editor and correspondent with *The Atlantic*. He will join other members of the new class at an induction ceremony in Cambridge, Massachusetts, this fall. Those elected to the academy have included Benjamin Franklin and Alexander Hamilton in the 18th century; Ralph Waldo Emerson, Maria Mitchell, and Charles Darwin in the 19th; Albert Einstein, Robert Frost, Margaret Mead, Milton Friedman, and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the 20th; and more recently Antonin Scalia, Michael Bloomberg, John Lithgow, Judy Woodruff, and Bryan Stevenson.

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## Passings

### The College

**Susie Stilwell Svendsen '41**, Dec. 28, 2018

**William Howlett '42**, Nov. 12, 2018

**Andrea Johnson Smith '42**, March 13. Family members include brother Lynward Johnson '38.

**Annabelle Loose Lott '43**, March 29. Family members include daughter Karen Lott Schaefer '82.

**John Schmidt '43**, July 11, 2018

**Maryellen Hook Wible '43**, Feb. 28

**John Zimmer '43**, March 11. Family members include wife Dixie Root Zimmer '47 and daughter Tanya Zimmer '77.

**Marge Woods Glaze '44**, April 7. Family members include sons James Glaze '70 and Christopher Glaze '78; grandsons Nicholas Glaze '09 and Matthew Glaze '13; and granddaughters Shelley Glaze '02 and Melody Glaze Townsend '06.

**Hank Canclini '45**, Jan. 30

**Jim Ackland '46**, April 23, 2019. Family members include wife Jo Moseley Ackland '48 and daughter Karen Ackland '72.

**Marie Farnsworth Osborne '46**, Feb. 25

**Willard Schenck '47**, March 28. Family members include wife Margaret Surface Schenck '48.

**Culver Nelson '48**, April 12

**Roger Gillerstrom '49**, Jan. 12

**Mary Lou Dulin Nicolai '49**, Feb. 15

**Barbara Mahrt Chadsey '51**, March 26

**Marian Charles '51**, Feb. 3

**Jacqueline Hornbeak Marks '51**, April 3

**Florence Shepphird Spring '51, '79**, Jan. 27

**John Horn '52**, Jan. 16. Family members include wife Nicky Haight Horn '52 and daughter Julie Horn Zalewski '82.

**Holt Spicer '52**, March 5. Family members include wife Marion Gibson Spicer '54.

**Louis Swords '53**, April 3

**David Klock '55**, March 29

**Dick Donavin '56**, March 14. Family members include wife Faith Adams Donavin '56.

**Bob Mitchell '56**, April 13

**Jim Swenson '56**, March 31

**Marilynn Hann Raleigh '57**, April 27

**Charlene Bebee Stalcup '57**, June 3, 2018. Family members include daughter Kimberly Stalcup Beyer '77.

**John Gustavsen '58**, March 18

**Robert Paulus '58**, April 4

**Joyce Nichols Taylor '58**, March 2

**Rhoda Knechel Campbell '59**, March 28

**Edna Turner Fahler '59**, March 4

**Eugene Andrews '60**, Jan. 17

**Suzie Hough Basden '60**, Feb. 19

**Richard Hawkyard '60**, March 10

**Jamay Martin Janewicz '60**, May 29, 2018. Family members include husband John Janewicz '59.

**Bob West '61**, March 8

**Jim Tompkins '63**, Jan. 29. Family members include sister Beverly Tompkins LaFourcade '59.

**John Mehl '64, '69**, May 4. Family members include wife Marcia Perry Mehl '65.

**Leroy Morkre '64**, Oct. 14, 2018. Family members include brother Morris Morkre '62.

**Gary Ranker '64**, March 28

**Craig Higgs '66**, Feb. 6

**Joanne Claybaugh Chorney '67**, April 24

**Mary Hodson '67**, April 19

**April Evans Senediak '67**, Feb. 15

**Anita Edwards Engiles '68**, Feb. 26

**Evan Shirley '68**, March 27. Family members include sister Nancy Shirley Rostkowski '69.

**Sue Moen Harkins '69**, May 2, 2018. Family members include husband David Harkins '73.

**Merton Zahl '71**, Oct. 30, 2018. Family members include sister Geri Zahl Nothwang '65.

**Benjamin Herbert '74**, Dec. 4, 2018

**Nyda Boyer '77**, Dec. 30, 2018

**Jeffrey Ellingsen '79**, Feb. 14. Family members include son Cameron Ellingsen '08.

**Nancy Sharp Gragnani '79**, April 29

**Brenda Bowers '82**, Jan. 26

**Michael Simpson '89, '91**, Oct. 3, 2018

**Jonathan Boies '90**, Feb. 22. Family members include father David Boies '64 and sister Mary Boies '05.

**Ted Hale '01**, Jan. 9

## Johnston

**Dorothy Pentz '81**, Dec. 11, 2018

**Peter Mousis '88**, Nov. 30, 2018

## Schools of Business and Education

**Lillian Juvas Carlson '75**, Feb. 5.

**Anita Dimery '75**, March 16

**Doris Giba '76**, Feb. 24

**Mary Scheuer '76**, Jan. 31

**Robert Ault '77**, March 22

**Dennis Tipps '77**, Jan. 18

**Wayne Bryant '83**, March 23

**George Lindsey Jr. '84**, Jan. 2

**Marcy Crawford '85**, June 11, 2018

**William Mulhall '87**, Feb. 21

**David Black '89, '91**, Feb. 3

**Kelvin Harrell '91**, Jan. 27

**Douglas Hoard '93**, Feb. 11

**Tony Myers '96, '99**, Feb. 16

**Cynthia Schreiber Hassett '00**, Feb. 14

**Paula Grand Rynders '00**, March 9

**Doug Norris '03**, March 3

## Friends

**Theodore Sands**, March 26. Former member of the Board of Trustees (1968–85).

## In memoriam

**Pavel Farkas** died on April 5. Born in 1942 in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia, Farkas was the artist professor of violin and orchestra studies at the University of Redlands School of Music, where he served from 1993 to 2012. He joined the Bratislava Radio Symphony Orchestra at age 17 and became its concertmaster five years later. Farkas also held the position of concertmaster for the Redlands Symphony, Mexico City Philharmonic, RHK Radio Philharmonic, Osaka Philharmonic, Dutch Radio Philharmonic, Pasadena POPS, and the orchestras of the Bolshoi and Joffrey Ballets. He was also the founding concertmaster of the California Philharmonic and the Pacific Symphony, the leader of the Slovak Chamber Orchestra, and a member of the first violin section of the Los Angeles Philharmonic. As a soloist, Farkas performed with orchestras around the world, and his work was featured on numerous film scores and Grammy-winning recordings. He also worked in the recording industry as a contractor, serving as music director for Motown Records. Prior to his music career, Farkas was a nationally ranked amateur light-heavyweight boxer in Czechoslovakia and was a lifelong history buff. He is survived by his wife, Gudrun Farkas; sons, Pavel Jr., Stephen, and Michael; stepdaughter, Sabine Vener; stepson, André Vener; and 11 grandchildren.

**Allen Killpatrick** passed away on Feb. 11. Born in Hillsboro, Illinois, on June 30, 1942, Killpatrick earned a B.A. in physics from Millikin University in 1963 and a Ph.D. in physics from Brigham Young University. He began his career at the University of Redlands in 1969 as a charter faculty member at Johnston College, where he taught physics for 10 years. Killpatrick went on to teach mathematics for 39 years at the University, serving as the University marshal for many years and remaining active in the Faculty Club. To honor his many years of service to his students, upon his retirement his family established the Pi Award, given annually to an undergraduate who demonstrates outstanding promise and interest in the field of mathematics. Growing up, Killpatrick actively participated in the Boy Scouts, earning his Eagle Scout award. As an adult, he loved reading, studying theology, cycling, running, and traveling. A man of faith, Killpatrick was deeply committed to the Redlands United Church of Christ and received the Glenn Whitlock Award for service to the Christian Counseling Service. He is survived by Bonnie, his wife of 52 years; two daughters, Lori Ann and her husband, Adam Smith, and Kendra Sue and her husband, Scott Bolan; five grandchildren, Henry and Simon Smith, Finnegan, Jack, and Piper Bolan; brother Joseph Killpatrick; and sisters-in-law Nancy, Carole, and Phyllis. He was predeceased by his brother, Don.

**Julian "Jay" Roberts, Jr** died on March 15. Diagnosed with a glioblastoma brain tumor, he used the California End of Life Option Act to die peacefully. He found his love for chemistry early in life and obtained his B.A. at University of Southern California (Phi Beta Kappa) and Ph.D. at Northwestern University. In 1961, Roberts joined the faculty at Redlands, where he taught for 38 years. He was both a teacher and research mentor to many students, and was named Teacher of the Year by Mortar Board. During his career, Roberts co-authored a laboratory manual, a well-known book *Electrochemistry for Chemists* with Donald T. Sawyer, and published numerous articles on super oxide which are still cited today. In retirement, he reviewed over 50 articles for the *Journal of Chemical Education*. He spent sabbaticals at the California Institute of Technology, the University of California, Riverside, and the Centre Nucléaire in Grenoble, France, where he and his wife, Jane, made lifelong friends. He also served as the resident faculty member for the University's



Salzburg Semester in 1989. The couple regularly attended the Town & Gown/Esri forums and the Redlands Symphony; he was a member of Torch Club, a lover of movies and books, and a former mixed doubles champion with Jane in the Redlands Racquet Club tournaments. He is survived by Jane, his wife of 53 years; son Jeffrey; daughter Annie, grandchildren Allison (6) and Valerie (2); and special friend Ryder (13). As an expression of sympathy, the family has requested contributions to the newly established **Julian Roberts Memorial Endowed Scholarship**. Thanks to the generosity of a former student and friend of Roberts, all gifts to the fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Gifts may be sent to University of Redlands, Office of Development, P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373 or made online at [www.redlands.edu/givenow](http://www.redlands.edu/givenow).

**Richard "Dick" Riedman '55** passed away on Jan. 21. Born on Sept. 4, 1933, Riedman was raised in Long Beach, California, by Fred Merlin Riedman '26 and Veda Evalou Thompson. He followed in the footsteps of his father and older brother, Fred '52, at the University of Redlands, where he studied speech pathology under Professor Cherry Parker and participated in football, cross-country/track, debate, and the Pi Chi fraternity. Riedman graduated with a master's in speech pathology and audiology in 1956, after which he served for two years in the U.S. Army. After receiving his Ph.D. in audiology in 1962 at the University of Pittsburgh, he was hired by San Diego State University, where he helped establish a new major in audiology and enjoyed a 30-year teaching career before retiring in 1992. Riedman was married to Ann Carson for 18 years and had two sons, Richard and Tom. He later married Kathi Hoffer and had two daughters, Laura and Suzy. Riedman enjoyed backpacking in the Sierras, cycling in Europe, and traveling around the globe, often with medical teams. After retirement, he moved to Eugene, where he enjoyed working with horses, being a full-time dad, planting trees, and hiking. Riedman was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2009. With Kathi, he established the Riedman Family Endowed Scholarship at the University in 2017. He is survived by Kathi, his wife of 39 years; sons Rich (and daughter-in-law Tami) of Carlsbad and Tom (and daughter-in-law Alicia) of Eugene; daughters Laura and Suzy '06 (Chris Zurbrugg); grandchildren Tamal, Harmony, Skye, Jessica, Rick, and Bo; and great-granddaughters, Elia and Valerie.

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## Sun., Aug. 4

### Bulldogs in Seattle

Join alumni in the Seattle area at a Sounders soccer match, and welcome incoming students from the Class of 2023 to the Bulldog family! The U of R group will gather at the Elysian Brewing private space before the match, then cheer on the Sounders from Section 203. Tickets are \$15 for alumni, parents, and guests. Incoming students of the Class of 2023 can attend free of charge, but guests must purchase a ticket. To register online go to [www.redlands.edu/alumni](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni) or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sat., Aug. 24

### Football Alumni Day

#### 5 p.m., Ted Runner Stadium

Join your fellow Bulldog Football alumni for an all-new take on the traditional Football Alumni Day. Attend an afternoon practice and stay for dinner with student-athletes in the end zone. To register online go to [www.redlands.edu/footballalumni](http://www.redlands.edu/footballalumni) or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sat., Sept. 21

### Bulldogs in San Diego

#### 5 p.m., Petco Park

Join alumni in the San Diego region for a social networking event during a San Diego Padres baseball game. Wear your Redlands gear, and enjoy time in the Bud Light Patio as the Padres take on the Arizona Diamondbacks. Tickets are \$20 per person. To register online go to [www.redlands.edu/alumni/events](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni/events), or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sun., Sept. 22

### Redlands on the Road in Seattle

Seattle alumni, save the date for this regional event where you can network with other Bulldogs, learn about updates at the University, and hear what is in store for its exciting future. To register online go to [www.redlands.edu/alumni/events](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni/events), or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sat., Oct. 5–Sun., Oct. 6

### The Redlands Experience in New York

Join President Ralph Kuncel and fellow alumni and friends for a weekend of opera and theatre! Angel Blue '05 is starring in the New York Metropolitan Opera's *Porgy and Bess* and will meet the U of R group for an exclusive reception or dinner after a matinee performance. The weekend will also include tickets to *Tootsie*, Broadway's hottest new musical. To register online go to [www.redlands.edu/alumni](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni) or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sat., Oct. 12

### 13th Annual Vintage Johnston

#### 6 p.m., Orton Center

The 13th Annual Vintage Johnston Wine Tasting and Dinner is a fundraiser for the Johnston Center for Integrative Studies' Student Project Fund. Come to bid on silent and live auction items, win raffle prizes, sample an amazing array of wines, and enjoy lively conversation. For more information, contact Margaret Ruopp at [margaret\\_ruopp@redlands.edu](mailto:margaret_ruopp@redlands.edu) or 909-748-8839.

## Fri., Oct. 25–Sun., Oct. 27

### Homecoming and Parents' Weekend

Reconnect with classmates, celebrate Greek life, and cheer on the Bulldogs at Homecoming and Parents' Weekend 2019. For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Sat., Nov. 2

### VOCES8

#### 3 p.m., Memorial Chapel

The British vocal ensemble VOCES8 performs an extensive repertory both in its cappella concerts and in collaborations with leading orchestras, conductors, and soloists. VOCES8 has toured internationally and performed at renowned venues such as Wigmore Hall, Sydney Opera House, Cité de la Musique, Vienna Konzerthaus, and Tokyo Opera City. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 909-748-8116. The Ticket Office is open Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

## Sun., Nov. 17

### Day at the Races

#### 11 a.m., Del Mar Thoroughbred Club

Join fellow alumni for a classy day of fun in a fifth-floor suite overlooking the finish line at the Del Mar race track. To register online, go to [www.redlands.edu/alumni](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni), or contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Fri., Dec. 6

### Moveable Feast

#### 5:30 p.m., Casa Loma Room

As a prelude to the Feast of Lights, Town & Gown will host its annual Moveable Feast. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a delectable sit-down dinner. To register or for

more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011.

## Fri., Dec. 6–Sun., Dec. 8

### 72nd Anniversary of Feast of Lights

#### Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 4 p.m.; Memorial Chapel

Bring in the holiday season with the 72nd anniversary of the Feast of Lights—a service of worship celebrating the story of the birth of Christ and the symbolic message of the star of Bethlehem as it led the Wise Men to the stable. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Aug. 30. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Ticket Office at 909-748-8116. The Ticket Office is open Monday–Friday, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. For more information, contact the School of Music at 909-748-8700.

## Sat., Dec. 7

### The Children's Feast

#### 10 a.m., Memorial Chapel

The Children's Feast is a new program from the School of Music that adapts the celebration of the Feast of Lights for families with young children. The hourlong presentation will include the story of the birth of Christ, the procession of the Magi, biblical readings, and Christmas Carols, as performed by the University of Redlands choirs, orchestra, and instrumental ensembles, as well as the University of Redlands Youth Choir and Training Chorus.

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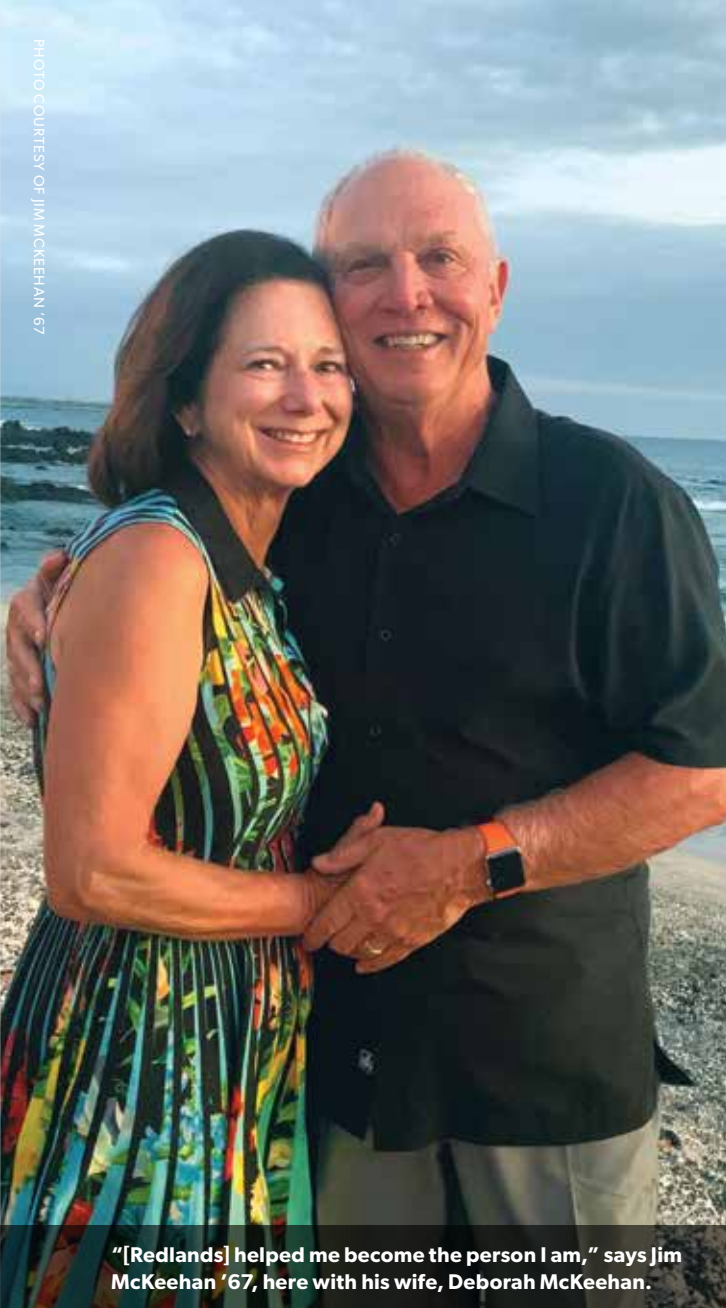
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"[Redlands] helped me become the person I am," says Jim McKeehan '67, here with his wife, Deborah McKeehan.

## REDLANDS DREAMERS

### Teeing up success for the next generation

By Laura Gallardo '03

Thanks to a neighbor with a son his age, Jim McKeehan '67 picked up his first golf club when he was 12, even though there was not a course within miles of his home in Compton, south of downtown Los Angeles. At Dominguez High School, one of McKeehan's teachers offered to continue his training. "We had nowhere to play in Compton," notes McKeehan, "so he took me to hit balls in a neighboring city."

The love of the game stuck. While attending the University of Redlands, McKeehan played on the golf team for four years under Coach Lee Fulmer. "Golf at Redlands was in its infancy then," recalls McKeehan. "It was fun for me and has been nice to see the program progress."

An English major with an economics minor, McKeehan remembers literature classes on the Quad and fun times with Kappa Sigma Sigma fraternity brothers. He attended the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, and found Redlands prepared him well: "My classmates may have gone to better-known schools, but my educational foundation was just as good." He served in the Army Reserves and after earning his license, practiced law for four years in the Judge Advocate General unit. In addition to his law career, McKeehan worked with Signature Properties, a home building company, and among other projects, built a golf course community in Pleasanton, California.

His wife, Deborah McKeehan, who has served in leadership positions for city manager associations around the world, has heard him speak fondly about his Redlands experience throughout their 19-year marriage. "When I visited the University with Jim, I was taken aback by how spectacular it was," shares Deborah, who met Jim after both of them had lost their spouses to cancer; the pair cross-adopted their young daughters, Kelly and Jessica, as they merged their families. "Jim is very proud of having gone to Redlands, and has encouraged many young people to apply."

While initially hesitant to attend his 50th reunion, at the encouragement of Dave Kramer '67 (also a Compton native and longtime friend) McKeehan returned to campus for the first time since graduation and was impressed by its growth. In addition to connecting with classmates, McKeehan received a student-guided tour and was touched by the enthusiasm and energy of the young woman who took them around campus.

Leading up to the reunion, McKeehan had spent significant time thinking about his legacy. "When you are fortunate, you have an obligation to give back," he reflects. "In my mind, I kept going back to Redlands because it helped me become the person I am." With his wife's support, he included a provision in his estate plans to establish the James W. McKeehan Endowed Scholarship, which includes a preference for students from Compton. "Those students may be unable to move forward because of a lack of resources or a lack of knowledge about what resources are available," says McKeehan. "I thought it might be a way to help someone else get the experience I was fortunate enough to have at the University." **OT**

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Students traverse the Mamoni Valley Preserve, part of a rainforest in the Chocó-Darién-Manabí eco-region of Panama, as part of a May Term Panamapping class. In the multiyear project, participants use field research and drones to map watershed boundaries, stream courses, habitat, and trails.