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## A BULLDOG FOR LIFE

GEORGE WILLIS BECOMES  
THE 8TH OFFICIAL MASCOT  
FOR THE U OF R



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 Deyump Dayadee\* Yahoo  
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 Wing Wang Tricky Trackey Poo Foo  
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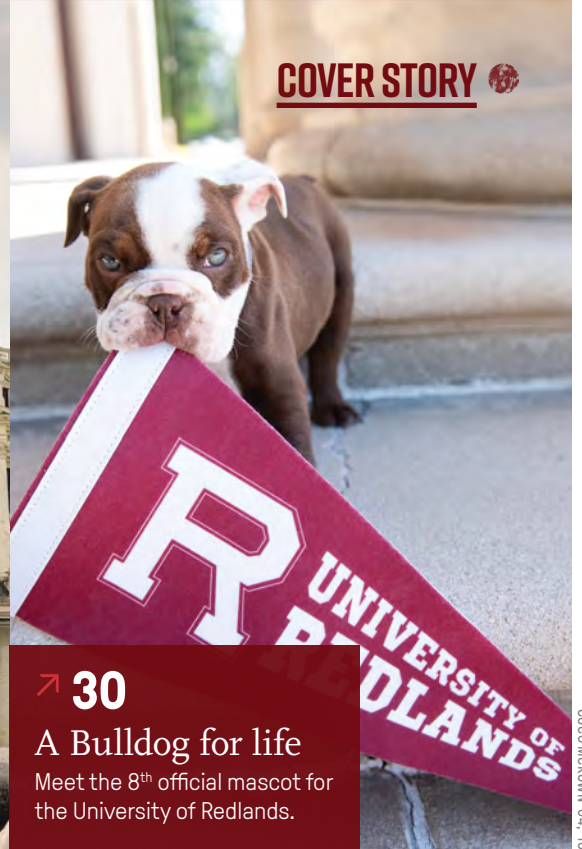
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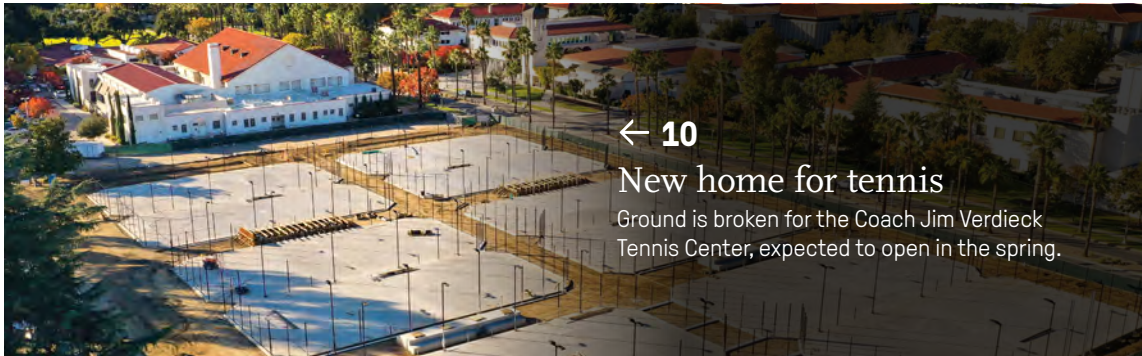


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# New Beginnings

**N**ow in my second academic year at the University of Redlands, I remain excited about the opportunities ahead. You will notice the theme “New Beginnings” throughout the pages of this issue, reminding me of the Winston Churchill quote, “To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.” It is a great time to be a Bulldog, and I am excited to share many exciting initiatives taking place in our campus community.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take one of the first rides on the new Arrow Rail line, which has stops throughout the City of Redlands, and further connects to Los Angeles. I continue to marvel at the opportunities the train will provide our entire University community. If you plan to be in town anytime soon, I highly recommend using the train to get around.

Closely tied to the Arrow Rail line is our future University Village project. Since my first day, this project has been one of my highest priorities. I remain inspired by the vision and significant fiscal and economic impacts it will bring to our University and the entire region. I was honored to recently welcome state Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh and Assemblymember James Ramos, who collectively brought \$10 million in funding to support the significant investment into infrastructure improvements. I thank them both for their steadfast support and work to bring this vital funding to our community.

I am also excited to share that we’ve made significant progress on the University’s new strategic plan, which includes our enhanced mission, vision, and value statements. It has been an amazing experience meeting with all our students, faculty, and staff and working together to articulate the future of the University of Redlands. Look for more updates in 2023 as we finalize the strategic plan.

In other exciting news, we welcomed



COCO MCKOWN '04 '10

the University’s newest mascot, George Willis. Since his arrival, George has been warming hearts and bringing a smile to everyone who meets him. More than a cute face, you will find him all over campus, meeting with potential students in the Admissions office or providing comfort to anyone who needs a hug in our Counseling Center. Make sure to visit pages 30 to see him in action at his recent “Indoguaration.”

I’d like to thank Pam Verosik ’10 for allowing us a peek into her amazing story of perseverance as she obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Redlands while working full-time in the Registrar’s Office. Additionally, the accomplishments of our students never cease to amaze me. You’ll see on page 5 a student in our Master of Music in Vocal Chamber Music program recently won a Grammy for his recording of Mahler’s Symphony Number 8. Congratulations, Manu!

This issue also previews the rare book collection housed at our Marin Campus.

This collection contains over 6,700 books dating back to 1455 and a gold leaf from the Gutenberg Bible. I hope you enjoy reading about the recent grant awarded to the San Francisco Theological Seminary/ Graduate School of Theology to further study and preserve this collection.

By the time you receive this issue of *Och Tamale*, we will be nearing the end of 2022, ready for a fresh start in the new year. I am amazed at our accomplishments and remain focused on our bright future, full of new opportunities and new beginnings. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and well wishes for a Happy New Year.

Go Bulldogs!

Krista L. Newkirk









COOCH MCKOWN '04, '10

## SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS /

# Center Stage

New School of Performing Arts debuts

A special celebration at the University's Homecoming and Family Weekend launched the University of Redlands new School of Performing Arts (SOPA), bringing music, theatre, and dance together into one school. The event included performances by students in music, theatre, and dance, followed by the unveiling of the sign on Watchorn Hall and the cutting of the ribbon.

"We know this will be transformative to our students and to the University of Redlands community," said Joseph Modica, director of SOPA.

As part of this restructuring, which was official July 1, the School of Music is now known as the Conservatory of Music, and the Theatre Arts Department is known as the Department of Theatre and Dance. SOPA has recently launched a musical theatre minor, and faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences are in the planning stages for a future dance minor.

Modica said, "This transition is designed to encourage interdisciplinary collaborative efforts among students and faculty while solidifying the University's commitment to the performing arts."

Plans are underway to build collaborative experiences in the upcoming academic year, including a production of Steven Sondheim's *Sweeney Todd* and a calendar of diverse visiting artists.

"*Sweeney Todd* will be our first true collaboration as the School of Performing Arts, and we couldn't be more excited," said Trevor Norton, director of production for theatre arts. "This production will bring together musicians, actors, dancers, designers, stage managers, and a stage crew and presents new challenges and opportunities for our students. It will be a historic milestone for the University."

Gregory Ramos, chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance, said that faculty and staff are excited about expanding the University mission of diversity and inclusion in the types of shows they program and the student actors cast in productions. "We see the School of Performing Arts as an experience of learning and performing that celebrates students' unique qualities."



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Modica said these experiences will form a strong foundation for students to pursue a career in the performing arts. "We believe in the power of collaboration and really believe that's one of the most important skills students need to be successful in their future careers."





## SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS /

# Bass singer hits high note in career

Grammy winning Emmanuel ‘Manu’ Miranda ’23 adds to his considerable talent with a master’s degree exploring the business side of performance

Emmanuel “Manu” Miranda ’23 likes to share the spotlight. For Miranda, there’s no better feeling than standing onstage as part of an ensemble choir, hearing his bass voice connect with tenors, altos, and sopranos. “I love the spirit of collaboration and the spirit of building communities,” he said. “That, to me, is one of the most important things and why I have chosen this path.”

Miranda is a professional musician and a member of the Pacific Chorale, the resident choir of the Segerstrom Center for the Arts in Orange County; the Long Beach Camerata Singers; the Meistersingers; and the choir at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Through the Pacific Chorale, he is also now a Grammy winner, as the ensemble took home the Best Choral Performance award earlier this year for its contribution to the Los Angeles Philharmonic’s live recording of “Mahler: Symphony No. 8, ‘Symphony of A Thousand,’” conducted by Gustavo Dudamel.

“It’s a great honor and accomplishment, especially for an ensemble musician,” Miranda said. “It’s one of the most coveted music awards here in the United States and recognized all over the world, and I have a sense of fulfillment and accomplishment—it feels like validation that I’m in the right profession.”

Born and raised in the Philippines, Miranda moved to the United States in 2008, as “ensemble singing is not as lucrative in Asia,” he said. One of his first jobs was with the Pacific Chorale, and from there he began performing across Southern California, meeting other musicians and conductors. One of the people he got to know was Joseph Modica, director of the University of Redlands Conservatory of Music.

The more he learned about the University’s new Master of Music in Vocal Chamber Music program, the more intrigued Miranda became—it’s not your typical degree. It focuses both on singing and ensuring that



COURTESY OF EMMANUEL MIRANDA '23

students have an understanding of the commercial side of being a professional musician. Miranda was admitted to the program in 2021, becoming one of just eight singers in the cohort.

“It’s really unique,” he said. “You learn about recording, producing concerts, fundraising, touring, and how to sell yourself as a classical musician, which can be really tough in this profession. It helps you to become a more experienced musician, not just musically, but also with regard to the organizational side of things.”

Miranda will put those skills to the test in the summer of 2023, when he embarks on two tours of the United Kingdom—one with his vocal chamber music cohort and the other with Pacific Chorale. He’s looking forward to the learning experience and being able to stand on new stages with his friends from both programs.

“In the Philippines, part of our culture is we love doing stuff together, so singing with others is very special to me,” Miranda said. “I like the feeling of performing with other artists.”

## UPCOMING PRODUCTION /

## Sweeney Todd

The first collaboration of the Conservatory of Music and the Department of Theatre and Dance under the new School of Performing Arts will be Stephen Sondheim’s masterpiece, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*. Performances are set for Spring 2023.

The bold and haunting musical will be directed by Department of Theatre and Dance Chair Gregory Ramos with musical direction by School of Performing Arts Director Joseph Modica. Theatre and Dance staff are designers for the production and the cast and orchestra is comprised of talented music and theatre students as well as community artists. The production will be a major artistic event for the University and Redlands community. Ticket and show information can be found at [www.redlands.edu/currentproductions](http://www.redlands.edu/currentproductions).





## THE COLLEGE /

# Native Student Programs break ground on Native garden



The Native Garden Groundbreaking is a project that Native Student Programs (NSP) long dreamed about and recently came to fruition through a collaboration with new Sustainable University of Redlands Farm (SURF) Garden Director Erin Sanborn. She recognized that the existing Zuni waffle garden, while an important student project at the time of its construction, was not keeping in line with NSP efforts to push recognition that the University sits on Cahuilla and Yuhaaviatam (Serrano) land. She worked with NSP Assistant Director Elizabeth Schulerbrandt and NSP Director Nora Pulskamp on ideas to update the space. In turn, NSP brought in Master Gardener and Community Health Worker Valerie Dobesh to help reimagine the plot by utilizing California Native plants and sharing Indigenous knowledge of gardening and nature. SURF interns and SURF fellows, particularly Kali Krishnan, led the physical work of groundbreaking and plant maintenance. The November groundbreaking is the first event in a series to transform the space into a flourishing Native Garden at SURF. NSP hopes it will be a healing and educational space for Native students, the larger Native community, and the U of R community to learn about Native plants, Native ecosystem management, and become more involved in Native issues.

MILKA SOKO

## THE COLLEGE /

# Take one, leave one

U of R hosts Little Free Library on campus

The sidewalk in front of the Hall of Letters is a popular pedestrian route.

“So, it’s a perfect location,” Professor Heather King said of the Little Free Library box that now stands on campus full of books for all to borrow and read.

The University’s student chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, and other contributors worked together to install the Little Free Library on the corner near the Hall of Letters Rose Garden. The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to increase the availability of books to members of all communities across the United States and encourage inspiration through reading.

A reader can simply visit the nearest library box, grab a book or leave another for someone else to enjoy; there are dozens of Free Little Library boxes across Redlands.

“The emphasis on reading is why it made sense for Sigma Tau Delta to back this effort,” said King, the honor society’s advisor. “The goal is to enact the University’s mission of lifelong learning by supporting reading through making books easily accessible and something that neighbors, however broadly we might define that, can exchange.”



HEATHER KING



## ESPORTS /

## ESPORTS COME TO REDLANDS

The University is launching an esports program offering students opportunities to engage in healthy competition, teamwork, and integrated academic programs.

Esports—video games played in a highly controlled, competitive environment—is a new term for some, but many Redlands students are likely among the millions of viewers and participants in this popular enterprise. Esports is rapidly growing through professional-level teams and is now being adopted by colleges and universities across North America. Redlands will be among more than 175 institutions officially offering a varsity esports program.

Program director Jacob Beach will establish the esports program at Redlands. He brings nine years of esports experience as a player, coach, manager, and analyst. He spent the past four years developing collegiate esports in the Pacific Northwest and is now excited to launch the program at U of R.

Jacob is currently working with campus partners to designate and design the esports “arena,” which will be open to all students for casual use, participation in the esports program, and coaching sessions. The program will launch with the opening of the arena for the Fall 2023 term.

The full, collegiate, student-athlete esports experience will include weekly practices, matches, workouts, team building, and travel. There are also opportunities for noncompetitive gamers to be involved and receive hands-on experience as team managers, analysts, content creators, and production managers. The program might also include intramural competitions involving students, staff, and faculty of all skill levels competing on campus.

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION /

## Grants fund research toward equity and accessibility

Nicol R. Howard was recently awarded external funding from the National Science Foundation and Google to further her research on Black girls’ STEM experiences and ways to ensure computer science education is accessible for all students in California.

Howard, an associate professor in the School of Education’s Department of Teaching and Learning and co-director of the Race in Education Analytics Learning Lab (REAL Lab), received \$115,000 from a \$1.45 million NSF grant for the project “Black SciGirls: Investigating a Culturally Responsive Media-enriched Approach to STEM Teaching and Learning.” This initiative is a partnership with Twin Cities PBS and involves looking at whether educators’ use of in-person and media-based STEM role models addresses a barrier for Black girls seeing women in STEM who look like them. Howard and the research team — REAL Lab Co-Director Adriana Ruiz Alvarado and doctoral candidate Nicole Broadnax — will gather data on the STEM experiences of Black girls, their parents, and Black women in the industry.

Howard was also awarded a \$42,000 gift from the Google Foundation for the project “Families and Communities Supporting Computer Science Education.” This initiative is in partnership with UCLA’s Computer Science Equity Project, and Howard will lead a landscape analysis on community and family involvement efforts in computer science education equity in California. With the support of Co-Director Ruiz Alvarado, Visiting Professor Rocio Mendoza, Project Specialist Taylor Stratz, and Graduate Research Assistant Julie Lemus, Howard’s goal is to determine how minoritized families are involved and engaged in computer science education and the needs and knowledge gaps of those parents and learners.



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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION /

## Educating the incarcerated

Fidel Chagolla '23 is 'a model in many ways for these guys to see what's possible when you get out'

Fidel Chagolla '23 knows what it's like for people on the inside — and is doing everything he can to change things from the outside.

Chagolla is a justice-impacted student, who earned his high school diploma while in the California Youth Authority and later accumulated college units while incarcerated in different facilities. Upon his release in 2010, he transferred those credits to Riverside City College, before earning his bachelor's degree at the University of California Riverside.

"I couldn't see what was in front of me until I got into education and started learning, started thinking, and started connecting things as they related to my own life," Chagolla said. "I was able to see these different barriers I never knew existed."

Chagolla made it his mission to give a voice to people who are or have been incarcerated, especially those who are Black and Brown, while also bringing attention to the entities that are benefiting from the prison industrial complex. He works for the nonprofit Starting Over Inc. as an organizer for Riverside All of Us or None, assisting people who were once

incarcerated with employment, housing, and civic engagement. He also works on organizing and outreach efforts and policy, frequently traveling to Sacramento to meet with lawmakers and their staffers.

"It's amazing to work on policy, from the bill concept all the way to getting it signed," Chagolla said.

His work towards equity doesn't stop there. Chagolla is enrolled in the School of Education's master's program in clinical mental health counseling, and is also the graduate assistant for the Center for Educational Justice. The School of Education relaunched the CEJ in fall 2022, with a renewed dedication to supporting initiatives that promote justice, strengthen democracy, and encourage civic and community engagement.

Educational justice means all students have access to a quality education, plus the resources and support necessary to succeed. "The curriculum always assumes everyone is well-fed, well-resourced, and ready to take on the challenges of the day, and that's just not true for large segments of the population," Professor Brian Charest, co-director of the CEJ, said. "It's doing a disservice by ignoring contextual factors really impacting student performance in school. That's not to say students can't be successful or find a way to be successful, but when you look at the statistics, the odds are not in your favor coming from an area with a high concentration of poverty."

Charest teaches a class through the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, bringing 10 University of Redlands students to the California Rehabilitation Center in Norco. The Redlands students learn alongside 10 incarcerated students, and it is "truly a transformational education experience," Charest said. Some students sign up because they have friends or relatives who are incarcerated, while others "have more of the disposition of wanting to work on something meaningful and to make a more just society."

Chagolla is "a model in many ways for these guys to see what's possible when you get out," Charest said, and that's a role he's happy to play.

"I'm not like the average student, because it took me a very long time to get where I am," Chagolla said. "I look at it as restarting my life. I never thought about being in higher education, or graduating with a bachelor's degree and two associate's degrees. Doing all of this within the last five years or so is a way for me to change my life, opening up more employment opportunities so I can work toward sustainability for me and my family." Through it all, it's his 6-year-old daughter who helps him stay focused. "She is my motivation," Chagolla said.

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS &amp; SOCIETY /

## Limitless options

Julia Hays '22 is excited to see where her MBA will take her.

After earning her bachelor's degree in French from University of California, Riverside a decade ago, Hays knew she wanted a master's degree "that I could apply to almost anything," she said. Hays spent 17 years in the United States Naval Reserve, and while working at Naval Special Warfare Command in Coronado was introduced to the MBA program at the University of Redlands School of Business & Society. The more she learned, the more it seemed like a perfect fit.

"The fact that you could study abroad was huge," Hays said. "That was when I knew I'm going here, I'm going to figure out how and when. I'm doing it for sure."

Hays enrolled in the hybrid program and appreciated that, right from



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# At the very forefront of GIS in business

The forward-thinking partnership between the School of Business & Society and Esri is taken to a new level with the publication of the new *Spatial Business* book

The School of Business & Society's (SBS) partnership with Esri, the global leader in spatial intelligence, is a longstanding and forward-thinking alliance. This partnership ensures students and professionals are well-prepared and knowledgeable as they lead businesses and organizations in all industries, where the value of geographic information systems (GIS) strategies is becoming universally recognized.

A new book, *Spatial Business: Competing and Leading with Location Analytics*, is now available and published by Esri Press. The authors are Thomas Horan, the H. Jess and Donna Senecal Endowed Dean of the University of Redlands School of Business & Society; James B. Pick, founding director of the University's Center for Spatial Business; and Avijit Sarkar, SBS professor of business and operations management.

"This book serves as a cornerstone for students and professionals to learn how GIS can enhance business performance, including in a socially responsive and environmentally responsible manner. It is also a primary book for School of Business & Society courses, concentrations, and certificates in location analysis," Horan said.

Sarkar added: "With our colleague, Professor Fang Ren, we have developed an online 'hub' that features information that educators can use to teach location analytics using the book. We are working with a growing group of universities to integrate it into the business school curriculum.

The book is the latest development of the multi-level partnership with Esri, which includes Esri Fellows, who are Esri employees, enrolling in the SBS programs and other collaborative engagements with Esri programs and partners.

The partnership also features the Redlands Women of Color Analytics Scholarship and the Esri-U of R Merit Analytics Scholarship supporting students pursuing a Master of Science in Business Analytics or a Master of Business Administration with a location analytics concentration.

the start, she knew what was expected and could ask questions of her professors and seek advice at any time. "Everything is laid out, from the dates to the courses," she said. "Professors know people are working, have families, and situations are different, and each one is just a genuinely decent human being."

In May, Hays traveled to Slovenia and Italy as part of the global consultancy capstone. The 10 days she spent abroad were exactly as she had hoped they would be when she applied to the School of Business & Society: filled with food, fun, and scholarship.

"I had been wanting to go to Italy forever and thought that was going to be the big part of the trip and fulfill every dream I had, then we got to Slovenia, and I was like, 'These are my people,'" Hays said. "I loved it. Every business we went to, we could actually apply what we learned. These were real-world concepts. It was really eye-opening to be able to talk to multiple businesses, from furniture makers to wine distributors, all using the MBA in some aspect. It was really nice to see that your options are limitless."



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Esri Fellow Alex Martonik '13, '22 recently earned an MBA with a concentration in finance. He is the company's industry practice lead for business resilience, financial services, and insurance.

"This fellowship awards us a very unique opportunity to take our emerging leaders within various departments here as a company and put them in an environment where they work alongside diverse professionals from all sectors, industries, practices, and different elements within the enterprise," Martonik said.

"The University is promoting a world-class education in an emerging field. So, we have innovators, transformers, and change agents in these companies learning these skill sets, and they are implementing them even before they complete their degrees."

Cindy Elliott is Esri's global business industry sector director and corporate responsibility lead. For five years, she has served as a senior advisor to Dean Horan and collaborated on programs, such as the Spatial Business Initiative, which includes research and presentations, and the Spatial Business Academy that provided GIS professionals with a workshop to apply location intelligence to existing business processes.

"There is a market demand for thousands of business professionals with general business intelligence skills and an even greater gap for those with business and geospatial intelligence," Elliott said. "In my opinion, the School of Business & Society is the most far-forward organization with a focus on building that talent base, professionals who bring geospatial thinking to their work."

Hays is a married mother of three, and at the same time she was earning her master's degree, her husband was finishing his bachelor's. They would trade papers, reading each other's assignments and helping with edits, and their hard work resonated with their kids.

"At graduation, it kind of hit them that this is what it's all for," Hays said. "They kept coming up to me and saying, 'Look at what you did!' It was really cool and started the conversation on what you can do with your life after school."

Hays—who is already looking ahead and considering earning a doctorate—now lives in Palm Desert, California, where she works in the estimating department at Granite Construction. With her MBA, there are different avenues she can take, and her company is giving her the opportunity to learn how things are run in human resources, finance, and other departments, to see where she would be the happiest.

Hays said: "I'm very blessed and grateful."





TENNIS CENTER /

# New home for tennis

Ground is broken for the Coach Jim Verdieck Tennis Center, expected to open in the spring

The University of Redlands celebrated the groundbreaking of the Coach Jim Verdieck Tennis Center on August 8, an exciting step toward completing a modernized facility now scheduled to open in the spring. Featuring 12 lighted courts on a post-tension concrete playing surface, the new center will allow the Bulldog men's and women's tennis teams to compete simultaneously while also creating opportunities for the University to host regional and National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships tournaments on campus.

President Krista L. Newkirk spoke about the integral role that Bulldog Athletics plays within the University community, particularly in recruiting future student-athletes. "Having state-of-the-art facilities like this clearly shows our prospective student-athletes how important we consider these programs in our students' experiential learning," Newkirk said, who also reflected on the legacy of the late Coach Jim Verdieck, for whom the center is named.

"I am so proud that we are able to name this facility in honor of one of the best collegiate coaches of all time in our nation and a true leader



in the history of the University." Newkirk shared some of Verdieck's many accomplishments, including 15 national championships, 369 wins in the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference with only 20 losses, and 24 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championships in 26 years.

Several members of the Verdieck family were in attendance, including Randy Verdieck '72, Jim's youngest son, who also serves on the Tennis Campaign Leadership Committee. This volunteer group of alumni and friends has been instrumental in the project's fundraising efforts, which are ongoing. Leadership donors have named courts, on-court spectator viewing areas, and benches with several naming opportunities still available for the project.

Director of Athletics Jeff Martinez recognized the historical significance of the Bulldog Tennis site. "There is something very appropriate, even profound, about the fact that we are going to take the asphalt of these very courts, grind it up, and use it for the base of our new facility," noted Martinez. "The sweat, work, effort, and even tears—both from the excitement of championships and the pain of defeat—that are the tradition of Bulldog Tennis are staying here. All that history remains on this ground." Martinez also expressed the collective pride and excitement felt by alumni, coaches, and staff about the project.

Before the program, state Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, representing the 23rd Senate District of California, presented a certificate in recognition of the University's "commitment to the holistic development of student-athletes and promoting success in athletics, in the classroom, and throughout life."

A leader on the Bulldog Women's Tennis team, Kendall Bolock '23 is thrilled to be able to play on the new courts during her senior year. "The new facility allows me to play the sport I love on brand-new tennis courts while competing with other schools," said Bolock, an English literature major from Yucaipa, California. "It's a rebirth for the program because new recruits will be able to enjoy our new facility as well."







UNIVERSITY VILLAGE /

# University Village receives state support

The University of Redlands is one step closer to making its University Village project a reality after receiving \$10 million in funding from the State of California.

Designed around the new Arrow Rail line at University Station, University Village will include a public park for community programming, a daycare center, retail and restaurant destinations, a boutique hotel, and other amenities.

Access to the rail line will enable students to travel more freely throughout the city and county while extending access from the University to downtown Los Angeles.

## Ramos provides funding to support infrastructure

“University Village began as a vision and has evolved into an environmentally sustainable master plan that will bring significant fiscal and economic growth, new housing, and jobs to our area,” University of Redlands President Krista L. Newkirk said. “This funding, provided through the advocacy of Assemblymember James Ramos supports the substantial infrastructure necessary and is critical to advancing this project, which will benefit University students and the greater community.”

During the check presentation ceremony on Sept. 26, Newkirk was joined by Ramos, San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe, and Redlands Mayor Paul Barich to highlight the project’s benefits to the area.

“University Village is a multi-use development project that adds housing to the region and services, such as green space, to ensure our

communities are desirable, affordable, conscious of the need to preserve our past, meet current needs, and protect our future,” Ramos said. “It’s why I supported this project as a former supervisor and now as an assembly member. The \$8 million in state funding I helped secure is an investment in the Inland Empire and a model for California.”

## Ochoa Bogh funds walkable connection

On Nov. 3, state Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh joined Newkirk to present a \$2 million check to build a walkable connection between the University’s main campus and its future University Village project. The walkway will also connect the University to the newly constructed University Station, which is a stop on the Arrow Rail line.

“This walkway will serve as a critical connection between our campus, the Redlands community, and through the train, Southern California,” Newkirk said. “This funding, provided through the advocacy of Sen. Ochoa Bogh, is a transformational step in completing the vision for University Village, a project that will have a tremendous impact on the community and University.”

In addition to Ochoa Bogh, Newkirk was joined by Barich and several University trustees and students to highlight the benefits the University Village project will bring to the area.

“I am privileged to be a part of this project and am very grateful to have been trusted to advocate,” Ochoa Bogh said. “This funding is not only for students and their success but also for the success of our surrounding communities. I look forward to watching University Village transform and help improve the lives of our residents.”



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## NEW VICE PRESIDENT /

# U of R welcomes new vice president of strategic marketing and communications

**K**innari “Kin” Sejpal joined the University of Redlands in July of 2022 as the vice president of strategic marketing and communications and its first chief marketing officer. She brings with her vast experience in higher education marketing, including expertise in research and data analytics, brand and content strategy, and digital marketing. In this role, she is responsible for leading the University’s collective branding, marketing, and communications initiatives to drive reputation and recruitment goals.

Sejpal recently served as the associate vice president of marketing and creative services at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)—an inaugural role created to develop a sophisticated and high-performing marketing function. She worked with internal and external partners to launch RIT’s rebranding initiative and its first national reputation campaign. She was also responsible for improving RIT awareness and perception of quality, contributing to record-breaking enrollment years.

Dedicated to advancing higher education, Sejpal serves in prominent positions with CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education),



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AMA Higher Ed (American Marketing Association) and as an alumni board member for the Purdue College of Liberal Arts.

Sejpal has an MBA in marketing and strategic management and a master’s degree in communications from Purdue University. She received her bachelor’s degree from Narsee Monjee College in Mumbai, India.



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## NEW PROVOST /

## New U of R provost

**A**drienne McCormick joined the University as provost in July 2022. In this role, she serves as the chief academic officer, overseeing the academic deans and leaders of the Registrar’s Office, Career and Professional Development, Armacost Library, Continuing Studies, instructional and information technology, institutional effectiveness, academic planning, and all matters that impact our U of R faculty, academic staff, and student academic success. She is a key collaborator on the institution’s developing strategic plan, a major focus of which is to identify new approaches for innovation and collaborations, leveraging synergies among the College of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Theology, and the schools of Education, Business & Society, and Continuing Studies.

McCormick joined the U of R from Winthrop University in South Carolina, where she served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. In this role, she led collaboration with faculty and staff to establish and execute priorities for Winthrop’s academic programs and activities. She also directed regional, national, and global engagement efforts while supporting the president, senior leadership, and Board of Trustees on strategic initiatives and institutional effectiveness.

Throughout her tenure in higher education, McCormick has focused on building and retaining a diverse faculty and staff while effectively promoting student enrollment and success. While at Winthrop, she led efforts to improve student success in academic outcomes; grow transfer pathways; and establish a vision for new programs focused on health, design, and innovation. She also supported the expansion of faculty training and faculty/industry partnerships in business, finance, and social services.

“We are at a critical juncture in the history of our University, and I see Dr. McCormick as the lead bridge-builder who will unite our campus community in the essential and sometimes difficult work that must be accomplished,” President Krista L. Newkirk said.

McCormick holds a Ph.D. in literature in English and a graduate certificate in women’s studies from the University of Maryland, College Park. She received her master’s degree with writing emphasis in English literature and creative writing from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.





## ACE FELLOW /

# University of Redlands to host ACE Fellow during the 2022-23 academic year

The University of Redlands welcomed Austin H. Johnson as its American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for the 2022-23 academic year. Johnson, an associate professor at University of California, Riverside (UCR), will work closely with University President Krista L. Newkirk.

“The ACE program is a valuable resource, offering a hands-on approach to prepare future leaders,” Newkirk said. “I look forward to Dr. Johnson’s active participation as we work to finalize our strategic plan and to enhance the support and opportunities for our students.”

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutional and leadership capacity in American higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration. Forty-six Fellows, nominated by the senior administration of their institutions, comprise the 2022-23 cohort at colleges and universities across the nation.

“The ACE Fellows program and its career-enriching developmental opportunities offer institutions and its participants the unique opportunity to learn from one another,” ACE President Ted Mitchell said. “These Fellows engage in immersive learning experiences before they return to their home campuses, armed with a fresh outlook, prepared to address whatever challenges lie ahead.”



Johnson is an associate professor in the School of Education at UCR and former program director for the School Psychology Ph.D. program. He received his Ph.D. in educational psychology, with a concentration in school psychology, from the University of Connecticut in 2014. He joined UCR in 2015 after serving as a postdoctoral research fellow with an Institute for Education Sciences grant project focused on social, emotional, and behavioral screening practices. He is an associate editor with the *Journal of School Psychology*, as well as a licensed psychologist in the state of California.

“I’m absolutely thrilled to join the University of Redlands,” Johnson said. “This is a vibrant university with remarkable staff, faculty, and students, and I’m excited to both learn from and contribute to the university as much as possible during this next year.”

## AMAZON PARTNERSHIP /

# U of R selected by Amazon as an education partner

The Career Choice program supports pursuit of higher education among Amazon employees

A new partnership between the U of R and Amazon will pave the way for the online retailer’s employees to pursue undergraduate degrees and certificate level courses offered by the University of Redlands at one of its campuses or via the University’s online programs. Eligible Amazon employees can receive pre-paid tuition benefits through the company’s Career Choice program.

“We’re looking forward to the University of Redlands coming on board as an education partner for Career Choice, adding to the hundreds of best-in-class offerings available to our employees,” said Tammy Thieman, global program lead of Amazon’s Career Choice program. “Today, over 80,000 Amazon employees around the world have already participated in Career Choice, and we’ve seen firsthand how it can transform their lives.”

For more information about the partnership, visit [redlands.edu/ur-amazon](https://redlands.edu/ur-amazon)



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JULIUS BAILEY, FARLOUGH CHAIR /

## The African American religious experience

Julius Bailey is installed as the H. Eugene Farlough-California Chair in African-American Christianity

In October, Professor Julius Bailey gave his inaugural lecture, “A Faith That Will Not Shrink: Learning from the Yellow Fever Epidemic and the A.M.E. Church, 1793-1878,” as the newly installed H. Eugene Farlough-California Chair in African-American Christianity at San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS) in U of R’s Graduate School of Theology (GST).

“Given the challenges of our current pandemic, I thought it was really important to address the experiences of those that came before us in the 19th century, such as those in Black churches that also had to find ways to persevere in the face of epidemics like yellow fever and smallpox and wrestle with issues like vaccinations, social distancing, and quarantines,” said Bailey, who joined the University of Redlands in 2001 and is a professor of religious studies in the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

The Farlough Chair was established in 2001 by the trustees of the Seminary for a professor proficient in the traditions of African American Christianity, cultures, roles in the American society, and contribution to the intellectual and spiritual life of the church. Issues of social justice and diversity, equity, and inclusion are lifted up so that students can become more

effective in working with the crises of the nation, including crime, poverty, homelessness, inadequate health care, and education.

“In my research, I’ve written books and articles about various aspects of the Black Church history, so this feels like a really natural fit with the chair’s focus on African American Christianity,” said Bailey, whose scholarship combines research into previously unexplored dimensions of African American religious life, theory (masculinity and race), and the social history and historiography of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Widely published, his most recent book is *Down in the Valley: An Introduction to African American Religious History* (Fortress Press, 2016).

Bailey’s lecture was followed by a moving worship service, with several of the Farlough Chair creators, Black Church leaders, and SFTS staff, students and alumni in attendance: Rev. Kamal Hassan ’03 (M.Div.), pastor of Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church In Richmond, California; Ruling Elder Rochelle R. Shaw ’14 (M.Div.), stated clerk of the San Francisco Presbytery; Rev. Floyd Thompkins, pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church In Marin City, California; and Rev. Roland Gordon ’83 (M.Div.), pastor of Ingleside Presbyterian Church In

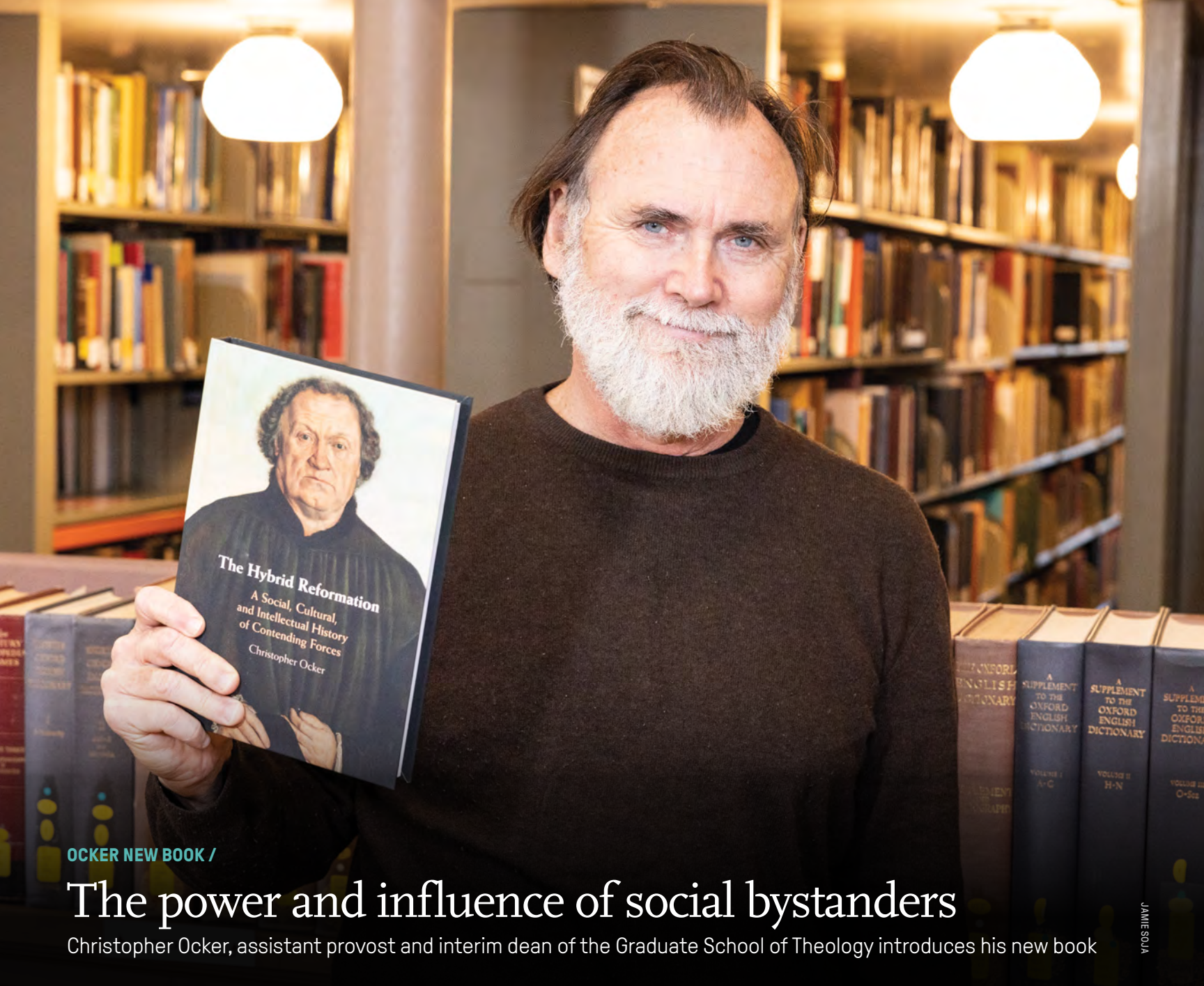
San Francisco and president of the Northern California Chapter of the Black Presbyterian Caucus. Gordon was among the students, alumni, faculty, and staff who helped raise the funds to establish the Farlough Chair in 2001: “It was important that the Black perspective be in the curriculum. Black alumni felt strongly that we could help save the soul of our seminary, as well as enhance the growth of all students, with an endowed Black professorship,” Gordon said.

In his expanded role, Bailey will teach the history of Christianity and African American religious experience in all SFTS degree programs, including the Doctor of Ministry program. “He will also work with SFTS faculty to present an annual public event on a dimension of African American Spirituality, church life, and ministry,” said Christopher Ocker, assistant provost of the GST and interim dean of SFTS.

“The appointment is really the best of both worlds,” said Bailey of working within both CAS and GST. “I get to continue to witness the initial sparks of excitement that students often experience as they begin the academic study of religion, and I get to advise and support graduate students as they take classes and work on their theses and dissertations.”

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OCKER NEW BOOK /

## The power and influence of social bystanders

Christopher Ocker, assistant provost and interim dean of the Graduate School of Theology introduces his new book

Christopher Ocker recently published a new book, *The Hybrid Reformation: A Social, Cultural, and Intellectual History of Contending Forces* (Cambridge University Press, 2022). This new publication is a specialized follow-up to his previous book, *Luther, Conflict, and Christendom* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

“That book described the Reformation and its historical impact as a conflict, and it suggested how popular movements, the politics of European aristocracies, the politics of the church, and property disputes worked together to shape the pluralism of religions, spiritualities, and science that characterizes the world today,” Ocker said, assistant provost and interim dean of the Graduate School of

Theology at the U of R Marin Campus, home to the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

*The Hybrid Reformation* delves deeper into the circumstances and complexities that drove and influenced some of the central individuals who contributed to this period in history. Ocker was inspired, through his previous book, to narrow in on the concept that a majority of people in times of conflict often tend toward a more neutral or indifferent position, rather than following either of the partisan sides involved.

Ocker seeks to better understand the power and influence of these social bystanders throughout periods of historical conflict, such as the Reformation, and their impacts on the ideologies of partisan forces.

The book provides readers with a steppingstone toward more sophisticated approaches to conflict by explaining and correcting people’s assumptions about medieval and early modern history to allow them to see the ongoing impact and significance to our lives today.

“We really study history to develop habits of mind and perception that are essential to life in a pluralistic society,” he said. “History helps us do that because it gives us a fuller understanding of ourselves and the groups to which we belong, while also deepening our knowledge and appreciation for others who differ from us.”

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# Page saver: Grant supports rare book collection

By Laurie McLaughlin

For decades during the mid-20th century, former missionary Rev. Clifford Drury, a 1922 alumnus and California Professor of Church History at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, actively collected rare and valuable books and artifacts for the seminary, which joined the University of Redlands in 2019.

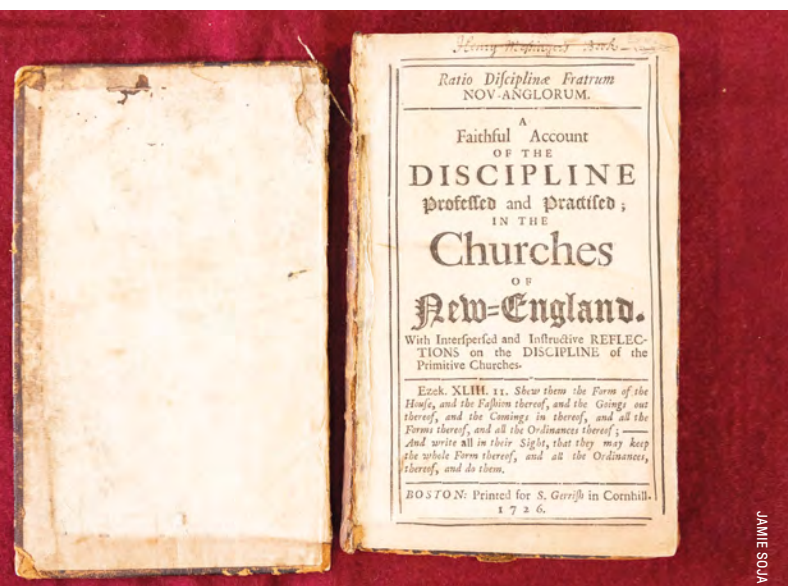
Drury's intensive and thoughtful pursuit of printed materials, manuscripts, and other artifacts reflected the place of Protestantism in American intellectual life, in foreign policy, in international awareness, a neglected dimension of the place of theological schools in American intellectual, cultural, and social life.

"He wanted the San Francisco Theological

Seminary to be a resource for the records of Protestant churches, particularly Presbyterian churches, in the Western United States," said Professor of the History of Christianity Christopher Ocker, assistant provost and interim dean of the Graduate School of Theology. "The seminary was founded in 1871, and professors also collected artifacts and books before Drury's time. When they traveled to Europe, they acquired rare books important for understanding the history of the bible and the western intellectual tradition. Missionaries donated materials reflecting the engagement of western societies with the cultures of China, Africa, and Middle East."

This year, a new level of preservation of the seminary's rare books and archives collection is underway with a grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH), the first phase in a three-step preservation strategy. "We are embarking on a complete preservation survey for the first time in the seminary's history," said Ocker, and the collection continues to be used by researchers locally and globally. "This first phase will be an assessment of the rare books to determine what their preservation needs are and to intervene in some cases where the condition of the book might be especially vulnerable."

Among the items in the seminary's expansive



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collection are cuneiform tablets dated from 2100 BCE; a Gutenberg Bible folio page; paintings; woodcut prints and lithographs; ancient terra cotta lamps; fragments of linen Coptic tunics and other textiles; furniture; audio and video recordings relevant to the history of religion in California; and books, manuscripts, photographs, clippings, and pamphlets. The most sensitive and valuable are currently secured in a climate-controlled vault.

The NEH funds will support the expert preservation assessment of the seminary's rare book collection—which totals more than 6,740 volumes—identifying, evaluating, and prioritizing preservation and storage needs. As additional funding becomes available, subsequent phases of the preservation strategy will assess the needs of artifacts, evaluate storage spaces, provide for state-of-the-art storage and use spaces, and create an ongoing preservation program for current and future acquisitions.

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Exodus	40	Ecclesiastic	12
Leuiticus	27	The Song of Salomon	17
Numbers	36	Istiah	12
Deuteronomie	34	Ieremialh	52
Iosuda	21	Lamentations	5
Iudges	4	Ezekiel	48
Ruth	4	Daniel	12
1. Samuel	31	Hofca	13
2. Samuel	24	Iocel	13
1. Kings	22	Amos	14
2. Kings	35	Obadiab	21
1. Chronicles	29	Ionah	4
2. Chronicles	36	Micah	7
The prayer of Manasseh, Apocryphic.	10	Nabum	5
Esra	10	Habakkuk	3
Nehemiah	13	Zephaniah	3
Ester	10	Haggai	2
Iob	42	Zechariah	14
Psalmes	150	Malachi	4

**The Bookes called Apocrypha.**

1. Esdras	10	Baruch with the Epistle of Ieremialh	6
2. Esdras	10	The Song of the three childern	3
Tobit	14	The Story of Iustus	1
Iudith	16	The Idolatry of Bel and the Dragon	2
The rest of Esther	6	1. Maccabees	16
Wisdom	19	2. Maccabees	15
Ecclesiasticus	42		

**The Bookes of the New Testament.**

1. Matthew	28	1. Timothy	16
2. Mark	16	2. Timothy	16
3. Luke	24	Titus	4
4. Iohn	21	Philemon	4
The Actes	28	To the Hebrewes	31
1. Corinthians	16	The Epistle of Iames	13
2. Corinthians	13	1. Peter	5
Galatians	6	2. Peter	5
Ephesians	6	1. Iohn	21
Philippians	4	2. Iohn	21
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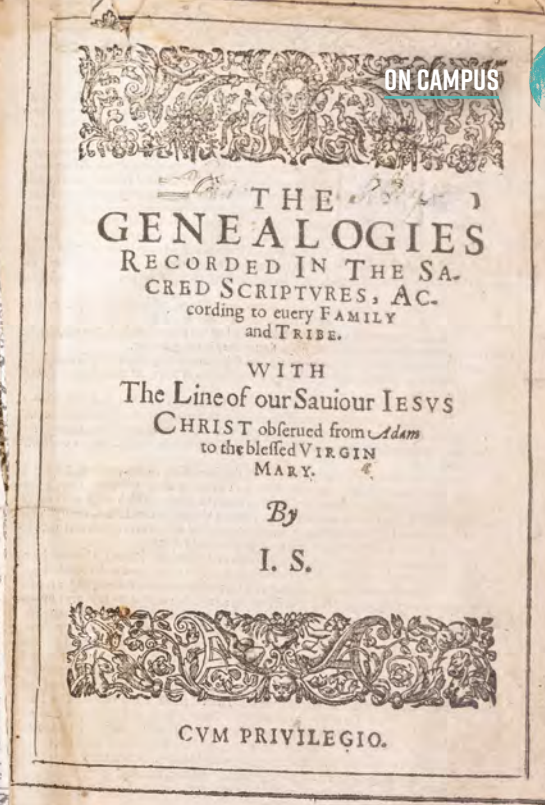


PHOTO COURTESY OF JIM CHAFFIN '01

# Spiritual journey

By Laurie McLaughlin

A storied life spans two rewarding careers, including spiritual service to others, for Rev. Jim Chaffin '01

Leadership is easy. The No. 1 rule is to take care of your troops, according to Rev. Jim Chaffin, or Colonel, which he is commonly called. “It’s a formula that has worked for me and would work for other people if they try it.”

At 91, Chaffin’s multiple successful careers helped him forge a leadership style that gives credit where it is due and emphasizes listening.

In 1953, with a degree and a distinguished military graduate distinction from the Henderson State Teachers College ROTC program, Chaffin entered the U.S. Army. “I loved it. I was a self-confessed workaholic, and the Army is built for people like me because once in a while they gave you a medal and promoted you,” he said.

During his 26-year military career, he was an airborne paratrooper with more than 105 parachute jumps. He volunteered to go to Vietnam and served as a logistician and again volunteered at the brigade level to be detailed infantry on the battlefield, service for which he was awarded the prestigious Combat Infantryman Badge for active ground combat.

With many significant accolades, and a master’s from Ohio State University, he retired in 1979 as a full colonel. A second career had been on his mind for a few years.

“I visited seminaries when I was stationed at Fort Knox in Kentucky, and I knew what I wanted to do,” Chaffin said, who decided on Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and started the paperwork for military retirement. “Thirty days later, I was sitting in class and thought I’d died and gone to heaven.”

Ordained in 1982, the reverend said he wanted

to “preach and pastor at small rural churches because they couldn’t afford a full-time pastor, and I had a pension and didn’t need much of a salary.” Chaffin led three Kentucky Presbyterian congregations over the decades before his “retirement,” when he was called to serve as an interim pastor at a fourth church while moderating a session meeting there: “A guy asked if I’d be their interim pastor, and I said, ‘Butch, you haven’t heard me preach.’ And Butch said, ‘No, but we just like the way you listen.’”

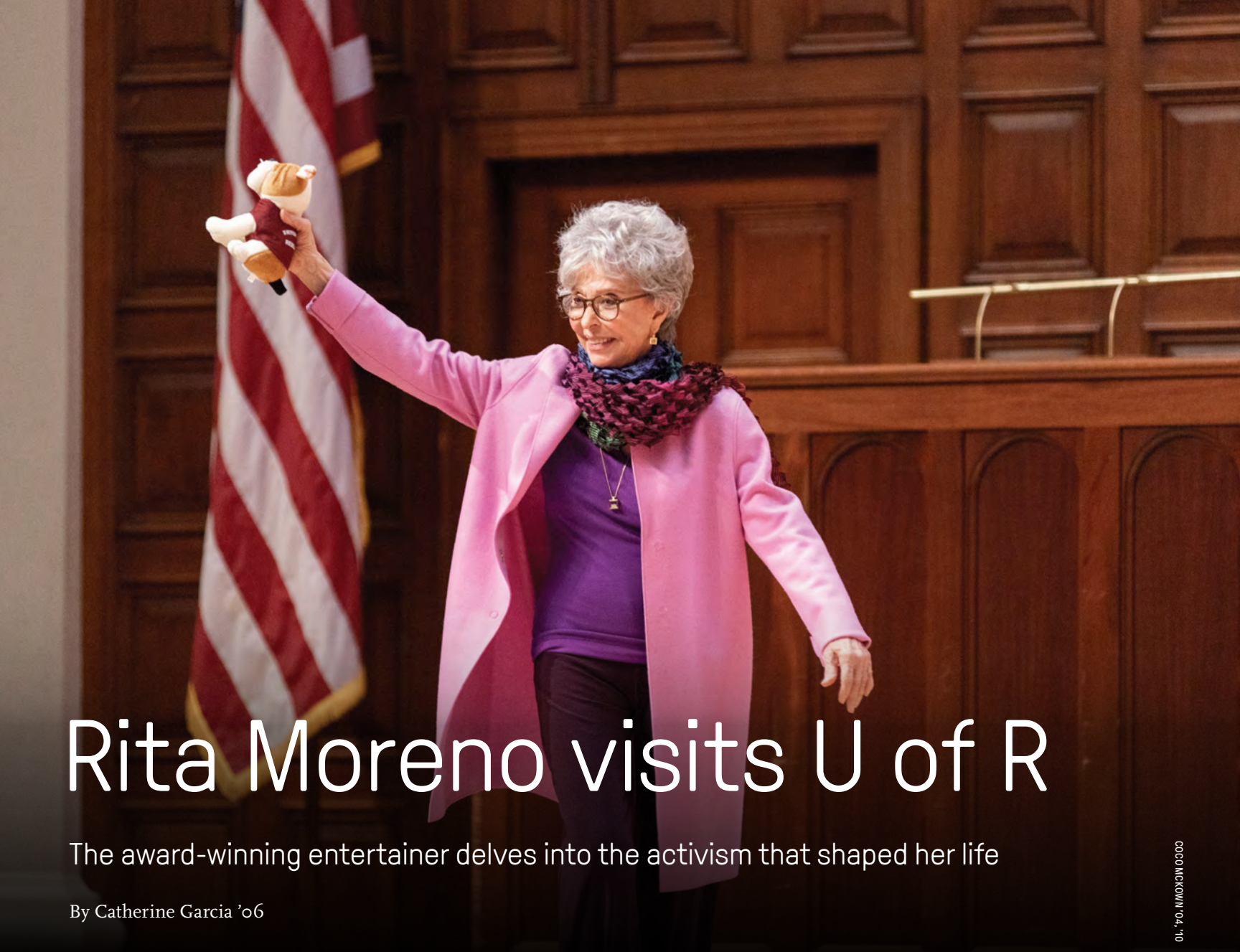
Chaffin’s career-long commitment to listening had served him well, and by this time, he said, “I was really interested in the spiritual part of the Christian life.” He found that his interests were “matched like a magnet” with the tenets of San Francisco Theological Seminary (SFTS), which is now part of U of R’s Graduate School of Theology.

Chaffin earned a diploma in the Art of Spiritual Direction in 2001 at SFTS, and the seasoned minister provided spiritual direction to many, including fellow pastors, for several years. “Spiritual direction is being a spiritual friend. It’s helping a person see the hand of God in their life journey,” Chaffin said. It’s also the art of listening, he added. “I am a card-carrying listener.”

Today, Chaffin is active in his community in Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas. He follows a thorough physical fitness routine and drives his neighbors to doctor appointments—serving, leading, and listening as he always has.

“I am probably the most blessed person on Earth,” he said, and laughed, “If I was doing any better, I’d be dangerous.”





# Rita Moreno visits U of R

The award-winning entertainer delves into the activism that shaped her life

By Catherine Garcia '06

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**C**elebrated actress, singer, dancer, and activist Rita Moreno spoke at the University of Redlands on Sept. 30, sharing with the crowd stories from her illustrious seven-decade career.

The packed event, held in the Memorial Chapel as part of the Convocation Speaker Series, came at the conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month, and was moderated by Theatre Arts Department Chair Gregory Ramos. A rare EGOT winner—Moreno has Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony Awards under her belt—she discussed the challenge of breaking into Hollywood as a Puerto Rican woman.

“It’s gotten better, but we are seriously underrepresented in movies and television,” Moreno said. “It just makes me crazy what we have to do.” She quipped that Jennifer Lopez is “not the only Latina. There are many of us with a lot of talent and strength.”

Looking back at the start of her career, Moreno recalled how as a child in Puerto Rico, as soon as her grandfather put a record on, she began to dance. “He would applaud and cheer

and give me a piece of mango,” she said. “I thought, ‘This is nice. I wouldn’t mind making a living like this.’ I was born with the bug, born to be a performer. It’s in my blood, it’s in my kneecaps, it’s everywhere.”

Just a few years later, Moreno earned her first role on Broadway, a stepping stone on her way to the big screen. Her Academy Award-winning portrayal of Anita in 1961’s *West Side Story* came at a time when it was “rare” for a person who looked like her to score a major film role, and she recounted how her roommate who was interested in politics opened her eyes to further injustices.

“It takes bravery to say, ‘I don’t like this, this isn’t how it should be,’” Moreno said.

In 1963, Moreno was just a few feet away from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the March on Washington, and when she thinks back to hearing his “I Have a Dream” speech live, “I get goosebumps still,” she said. “It was astonishing.”



Moreno has spent the decades since then balancing her life as a performer and an activist, using her voice to bring awareness to social issues. About to turn 91 years old, Moreno is as busy as ever, and revealed some behind-the-scenes stories about her upcoming film *80 for Brady*, co-starring Jane Fonda, Sally Field, Lily Tomlin, and Tom Brady. She also shared some solid advice for anyone thinking of going into show business.

“Have a good enough education and learn something so you can earn a living, then be an actor,” she said. “Have a trade and a job.” Moreno cautioned that stardom doesn’t come overnight, but it’s important to “never give up. Don’t give up on your dreams. That’s where your soul lives.”

Since 2021, the University of Redlands has been a Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI), allowing it to apply for federal grant opportunities to expand current programs, like Summer Bridge and Students Together Empowering Peers (STEP), and develop new offerings for Hispanic and other underrepresented students. Moreno’s visit was just one way that the University aims to bring more Hispanic voices and perspectives to the campus and Redlands community.

“Don’t give up on your dreams.  
That’s where your soul lives.”

—Rita Moreno



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# Five Things I Learned from Rita Moreno

Student blogger Victoria Van Huystee '23 shares what she took away from the entertainment superstar’s visit to campus:

## 1. The work is never done

Rita Moreno is participating in at least four ongoing entertainment projects and lending her aid in rectifying the ongoing electrical systems issues in Puerto Rico following the recent hurricanes.

## 2. All of your experiences go into your work

Having faced discrimination and patronization early in her career, Moreno later advocated for women’s rights to inspire young women to find bravery and speak up, too.

## 3. Success takes hard work

Moreno said it is necessary to put your all into whatever you choose to pursue in life and never allow anyone to tell you who you are or what you should have, and it is important to help people if you are in the position to do so.

## 4. Be humble

Even with one of the lead roles in *West Side Story*, Moreno sat on the stage floor with her fellow dancers during their breaks to chat and share stories and jokes.

## 5. Have fun with life

When she was a rising young actress, Moreno learned to use her upbeat attitude to her benefit, including when talking with directors who may have otherwise overlooked her.



# U of R celebrates Juneteenth

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**A** two-day event presented by the University's Juneteenth Collective acknowledged the Juneteenth historical touchstone marking the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States, recognizing the announcement by Union soldiers in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865—and celebrating the historical and cultural contributions of African Americans.

The U of R's second Juneteenth celebration, which according to organizers, intended to serve as a unified and collective voice to represent the diverse, lived experiences of the Black community at the University of Redlands and all its campuses, was held virtually on June 15 and on-campus June 17.

President Krista L. Newkirk, who attended virtually on June 15, noted in her comments that when the inaugural U of R Juneteenth event was held in 2021, Juneteenth had not yet been declared a national holiday.

"It is through your efforts, and many similar across the United States, that fueled the national movement and led President Biden to declare Juneteenth a federal holiday," Newkirk said, noting it is important to celebrate, acknowledge the progress, but remember there is still work to be done.

"Juneteenth activist and visionary, Ms. Opal Lee, once said, 'None of us are free until we are all free.' Lee, who at 89 years

of age pledged to walk the 1,400 miles from her home in Texas to Washington D.C. to raise awareness about making Juneteenth a federal holiday, said, 'I have persistence in my DNA. There's absolutely nothing that I start that I don't want to finish. I've got to finish this.'"

Newkirk continued, "Let us be energized by Ms. Opal's message and continue the work to promote justice and equality within our University of Redlands community and beyond."

Ms. Lee was part of the virtual activities, participating in an Activist-to-Activist conversation with the U of R's Diversity in Action resident Abdur-Rahman Muhammad. Other virtual events included the pre-recorded flag ceremony, discussions and presentations on the history of Juneteenth, untold stories of Black history in Redlands, the impact of historical trauma, and Black in STEM.

On June 17, food trucks offering soul, creole, BBQ, and more were on campus. A paint-n-sip event preceded the Step and Stroll Exhibition, highlighting a long-held tradition in the African American community where the body is used to make sounds through spoken word, stomping, and clapping.

The Juneteenth Collective includes the Black Student Union (BSU), Campus Diversity and Inclusion (CDI), Black Student Faculty Staff Administrators and Alumni (BSFSAA), and the University of Redlands Staff and Administrators Assembly (URSAA). The group also hosted the University's first BSU Day, welcoming high school students of color during the Homecoming and Family Weekend in October. The BSFSAA also hosted a Yard Show and Skate Party as part of the homecoming events.





# Seeing and hearing

University Art Gallery hosts *Sense*, an exhibition of work by Mary Spelman Ince '66

As visitors to this fall's exhibit viewed the art of Mary Spelman Ince '66, they accessed QR codes with their smartphones to hear specific pieces of chamber music that inspired each or the artist's displayed abstract works at the University Art Gallery.

Spelman Ince's interest in these synesthetic connections between art and music began in a contemporary art class at U of R, and her father Leslie P. Spelman, was the director of the University's School of Music for more than 30 years.



Within the recent exhibition, *Sense*, Spelman Ince's visual work uses mixed media with various materials, including acrylic, charcoal, and ink, based off what she hears in pieces of music and other

recorded sounds, mainly by the works of Auerbach, John Cage, and Merce Cunningham, among other classical and contemporary composers.



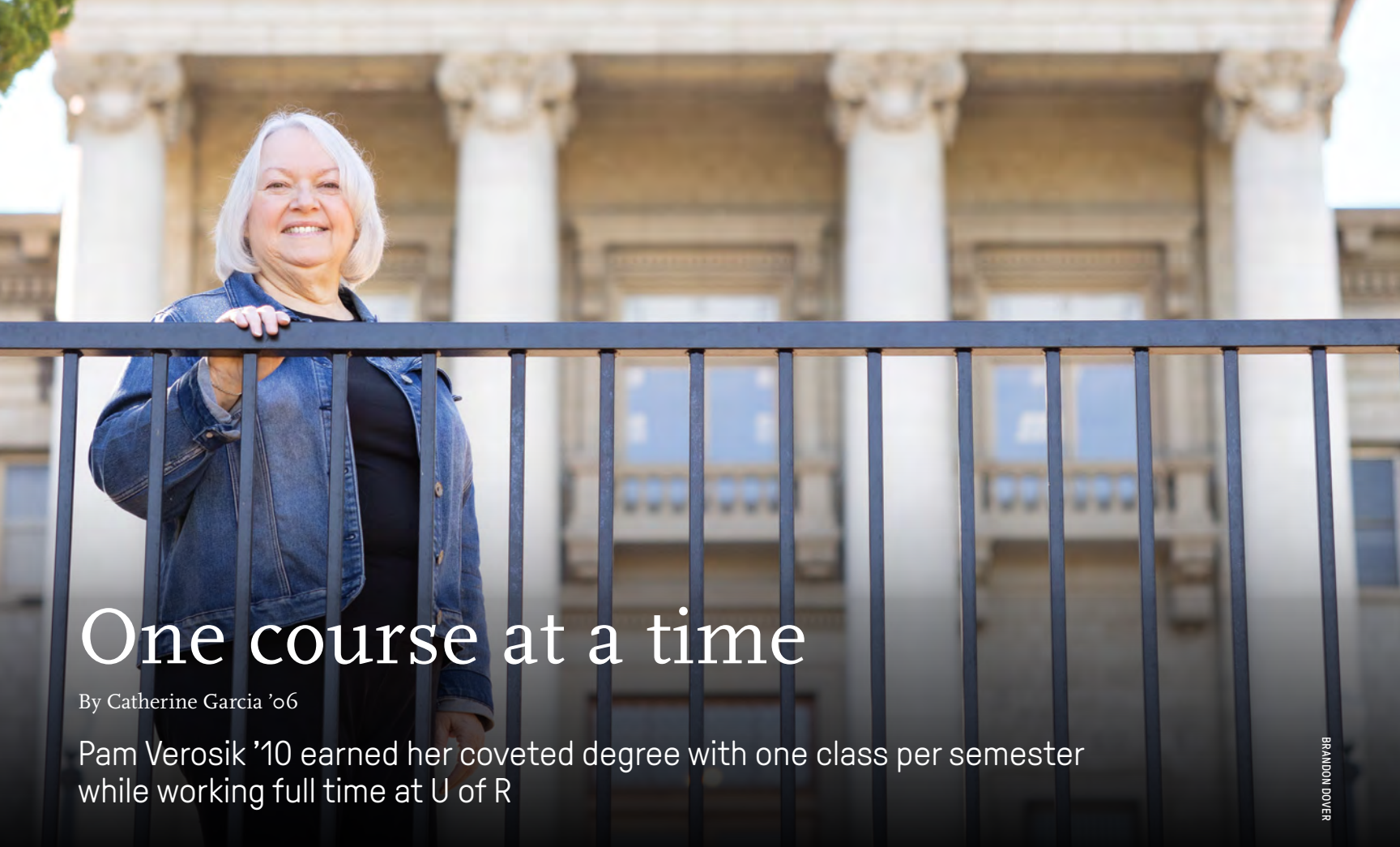
## NSF grant opens doors for underrepresented groups

Chemistry Professor Michael Ferracane was recently awarded a grant from the National Science Foundation for nearly \$250,000 to study the structure, properties, and opioid activities of a series of related cyclic peptides.

Six Redlands students from underrepresented groups will work with Ferracane and collaborators at UCLA to perform this research and present their findings at local and national conferences. New software and equipment will enable this research and be incorporated into broader coursework in the chemistry department. Students involved with research will also serve as mentors to younger students in the sciences through on-campus programs.

The goal of the research is to get a greater understanding of the structure and activity of these cyclic peptides to develop molecules that can better treat pain and addiction. Almost all the data in Ferracane's grant proposal was generated by current and former Redlands students through their capstone and Summer Science Research Program projects.





# One course at a time

By Catherine Garcia '06

Pam Verosik '10 earned her coveted degree with one class per semester while working full time at U of R

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**P**am Verosik '10 didn't let anything get between her and her bachelor's degree.

Not early morning alarms set after late study nights, or time-intensive projects with strict deadlines. Verosik was determined to earn her degree in religious studies while working full time in the University of Redlands Registrar's Office, and she did it, graduating after 16 years of taking one class per semester.

"I appreciate the University so much for giving me that opportunity and allowing me the flexibility to attend classes this way," Verosik said. "It changed my life in such a positive way."

Verosik started working in the Registrar's Office three decades ago, and a few years in decided to utilize the employee benefit of tuition reimbursement. "I felt it was a gift dropped into my lap," she said. "It would have been a sin not to take advantage of that."

She enrolled in her first class at the College of Arts and Sciences, a psychology course, in 1994. "I took half a dozen courses as a special-status student to see if I was up to the challenge of university work," Verosik said. "I proved to myself that I was and applied and was admitted. I then got serious and started working on my degree requirements in 2001."

Verosik signed up for one course a semester, balancing work with school by coming into the office early and attending classes during her lunch hour. "The whole office was supportive of me doing that," she said. "I liked that I was able to focus on just one class at a time and do well in it."

She also was able to still spend plenty of quality time with her late husband, Joe, by studying after he went to sleep and working on papers while he watched football games.

"It just worked," she said.

As a religious studies major, Verosik took classes with Professor Bill Huntley—she earned her first "A" in his Old Testament Literature course—and Professor Fran Grace. She was always the oldest student in the class but felt welcomed by all and found that her professors appreciated her different perspective.

"Some of the kids were so smart, and I was just thinking, 'Wow,'" Verosik said. "But I knew the benefit. I knew what a gift it was to be able to get a tuition-free education."

Her commitment to finishing her degree was strengthened by those around her, but when she had moments of doubt, Verosik remembered an advice column she once read—and it's the same guidance she passes along to others thinking about going to school later in life.

"Someone wrote in and said, 'I'm thinking about going back to college, but by the time I finish I'll be 50. What should I do?'" Verosik said. "This was the answer: 'You're going to be 50 anyway—are you going to be 50 with a degree or without one?'"



# Representation matters

By Catherine Garcia '06

Elementary school teacher Christina Alaniz '09, '10 is a role model for others as she shares a “Native point of view”

**C**hristina Alaniz '09, '10 is using her voice to push for inclusivity and equal opportunities for Native students in California schools.

Alaniz, who is Serrano and Cahuilla, is a lifelong resident of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians Reservation. Growing up, Alaniz never saw a Native American teacher, and now that she's the one standing at the front of the classroom, she is more motivated than ever to show that representation matters.

“I really want to encourage educators and community members to engage more with local tribes in our area and build partnerships to bring more awareness and advocacy for our Native American students,” said Alaniz, a fourth-grade teacher with the Palm Springs Unified School District. “So much of our curriculum up to this point has been very one-sided or stereotypical.”

When she enrolled at the University of Redlands, Alaniz was an older student—after high school, she married and had two children, and it was the time she spent volunteering at her daughters' school that inspired her to go to college and become a teacher. “I felt like I was being drawn to the classroom and I needed to be there,” she said. “I felt my viewpoint was important, and I wanted to be a role model to show that anybody can go to college and become a teacher, and that can happen later in life if necessary.”

She was attracted to Redlands because “it was very progressive and had a lot of diversity,” Alaniz said. In her classes with Dean Kathleen Feeley and Professor Jim Sandos, she participated in discussions and analyses that challenged her and shifted perspectives. “It was really powerful how they ran their classrooms, and that stuck with me.”

As an educator, Alaniz not only uses techniques she picked up at Redlands but also keeps in mind what it's like to be the parent of an elementary school child. “I understand how important it is for parents to be engaged, and I understand the struggles parents have while balancing work and life and other situations,” she said. “This helps me stay grounded and remember that we're all working together at the same level.”

Outside of the classroom, Alaniz is active with the Palm Springs Teachers Association and her school district's Anti-Racism Coalition and Native American Advisory Council, which



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she helped develop. She also writes ethnic studies curriculum and trains district staff on human rights issues. Her work was recognized in March with the American Indian/Alaska Native Human Rights Award in Honor of Jim Clark at the California Teachers Association Equity and Human Rights Conference.

“I wasn't ever doing any of the work to get praise or an award,” Alaniz said. “For that to happen, it just felt validating, and I thought, this is a great chance for me to have a platform and space to share a Native point of view.”



# BULLDOGS WITHOUT BORDERS



By Catherine Garcia '06

## Fulbright awards open doors for experiential learning and service

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**T**eaching constitutional law to university students in Beijing. Researching women's rights in South Africa. Writing about urban development and its impact along a coastline in India.

All of these experiences were made possible for professors and recent graduates of the University of Redlands through the Fulbright program. These prestigious awards, sponsored by the U.S. government, give participants the chance to study, teach, or conduct research abroad for five to nine months. Not only is this an opportunity to see and better understand the world, but it's also a way to test out a possible career path and prepare for further education.

Several Redlands faculty members serve as mentors to seniors as they go through the application process, guiding them through essay writing and mock interviews. "I love the interviews with applicants. We are not there to grade them, we are there to help make their applications the very best they can be," said Professor Julie Townsend, U of R Fulbright program advisor.

"While their applications will be in competition with other Fulbright applicants from around the country, at U of R it's not a competition—we are working as a group, all trying to lift each other up."

The University of Redlands has been recognized four times as a top producer of Fulbright students, a testament to the strength of the liberal arts education it provides and the individual attention each Bulldog receives. Every Fulbright recipient comes away a changed person—here are some of their stories.

### **Katie Baber—making moves, and music**

Every time Katie Baber brings University of Redlands students to a concert of the Vienna Philharmonic or performance at the Vienna State Opera House, it takes her back to her early teaching days in the city.

"I am reminded that I get to keep doing this in part because





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“Growing up in Redlands and going to school in Redlands was really amazing, and I have zero regrets,” she said. “It came with certain sacrifices—I never left home, and for a variety of different reasons, I never took the chance to study abroad.” Phillips knew she wanted to go to the Netherlands, as she was “interested in comparing their education system to ours. They are known for having some of the happiest students in the world, and it’s a very different structure when it comes to homework and education.”

Phillips was selected to teach media makeup artistry at ROC van Amsterdam. It was a new world for Phillips, who taught young adults how to make wigs and prosthetic wounds. “I had to learn the steps and tools, teach them what everything was called in English, and help them with the activities,” Phillips said. She found that Dutch culture is “very different from ours,” and her colleagues were frank and direct, which she appreciated. “You expect to learn about the language and food, but when you work someplace else, you also learn really valuable skills about functioning in a workplace and society,” she said.

Because of the pandemic, Phillips’ Fulbright journey was cut short. Despite having an abbreviated experience, her time in Amsterdam solidified her desire to have a career in education. Now in her second year at Harvard Law School, Phillips is interested in how litigation impacts the educational system and sees herself working one day at a law firm in that realm, perhaps representing school districts, before becoming a teacher.

“Being in the classroom in Amsterdam was really important to me,” she said. “I don’t like to insert my voice into spaces where I don’t have any experience, and it gave me a lot more confidence to be an advocate for education.”

### **Brett Aho—reaping the reward of teaching**

After spending time in Germany as a student, Brett Aho ’10 was excited to go back—this time as a teacher.



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of my Fulbright experience,” said Baber, who is the Alice Mozley Director of U of R’s Salzburg program. “I would not have the job I have right now if I hadn’t received the Fulbright and taken it and tried to keep on top of the contacts I’ve made.”

Baber wrote her doctoral dissertation on Leonard Bernstein, which turned into a book proposal. She was interested in Bernstein’s time as a conductor in Europe, especially as a Jewish American, and wanted to learn more about his deep relationship with the Vienna Philharmonic. She applied for and received a Fulbright in 2013, which allowed her to teach at the University of Vienna and University for Music and Performing Arts, while also researching Bernstein’s time in the city.

“A lot of Fulbrighters will say it does really impact your life, and I think that’s particularly true when you have it early in your career,” Baber said. She was in her third year of teaching at Redlands when she went to Vienna on her Fulbright, and “it really did affect the direction of my career. It wasn’t the recognition of what I’d already done—it was an opportunity to start a new line of research and add a new facet to my career teaching internationally. It had a profound effect.”

When the opportunity arose in 2019 to lead the University’s Salzburg program, Baber jumped at the chance to return full-time to Austria. Students who travel to Salzburg reap the benefits of Baber’s many contacts in the country, like musicians and archivists, and Baber is grateful that the Fulbright helped “to open some doors that otherwise wouldn’t necessarily be open.”

### **Brenna Phillips—advocating for education**

Brenna Phillips ’19 was ready for an adventure when she graduated from the University of Redlands. First stop: the Netherlands.

Born and raised in Redlands, she looked at colleges across the country but realized “that what I was looking for was in my backyard the whole time,” she said. During her senior year, Phillips decided to apply to law school and intended to take a gap year to study for the LSAT, but when she learned about the Fulbright program and the opportunity to live and work abroad, the history and public policy major got started on her application.





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His first experience studying abroad came in high school, when Aho was a foreign exchange student in Switzerland, and during his junior year at the University of Redlands, he spent a semester in Freiburg, Germany. Not long after graduating with three majors—French, German, and international relations—Aho returned to Germany, having been selected by the Fulbright program for an English teaching assistantship in Lübeck at a secondary school.

“I was teaching the equivalent of high school juniors and seniors, and their English was already pretty excellent, so it was almost more about being able to teach philosophy and literature in English, as opposed to having to focus on the nitty gritty of language,” Aho said.

It was at this German school during his first experience as an educator that Aho discovered he loved teaching. “Being in the front of a classroom made me realize it’s pretty fun,” he said.

He also found that he was enamored with Germany. Since completing his Fulbright term, Aho has traveled back and forth between the United States and Germany, spending extended periods of time in Berlin and Leipzig, where he earned his master’s degree. Aho is now working on his Ph.D. in global studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara with the goal of becoming a professor.

“I want to teach again,” he said. “I find it to be the most rewarding thing I’ve had the pleasure of doing.”

The Fulbright experience also introduced him to “a broader network of international scholars,” he said, who are “generally concerned with how the world functions and about creating intercultural exchange that the world needs more of in these current times.”

### **Theo Whitcomb—seeking solutions**

Climate change, water politics, gentrification—Theo Whitcomb ’19 is watching all these issues collide in southeastern India.

Whitcomb is living in India on a research Fulbright, in

affiliation with the Madras Institute for Development Studies in Chennai. This is his second Fulbright in the country; his first was an English teaching assistantship at Pondicherry University Community College in Puducherry. When he wasn’t in the classroom, Whitcomb was writing about the forced displacement of thousands of people living along a river in Chennai under the guise of restoring the waterway. An article he wrote on the matter, which also delved into class discrimination and urban development, was published in *Undark Magazine* and later reprinted by *The Atlantic*.

“I made a lot of friends and really enjoyed living in the region, and I was learning Tamil,” Whitcomb said. “Toward the end of my first fellowship, I wanted to stay and keep writing and reporting, and then the pandemic happened, and I had to fly home on three day’s notice.”

Back in his hometown of Ashland, Oregon, Whitcomb was hired by *High Country News*, but after nearly two years, he still felt the pull of India. Wanting to complete his unfinished work, Whitcomb “turned back toward Fulbright” and submitted a research proposal.

“Essentially, I proposed to study how climate politics are playing out on the ground in a city seen by the world as ecologically vulnerable to disaster,” he said. “I was interested in the idea of adaptation, the types of projects being funded, and how land use is changing, either indirectly or directly, in the name of adapting to climate change.”

What he’s working on now isn’t just a continuance of his earlier reporting—it’s also tied to his studies at Redlands, where Whitcomb, a Johnston graduate, took several creative writing and filmmaking courses. While his time at Redlands shaped his viewpoints, living in India has sharpened them.

“It’s transformative to build close relationships here and to learn and think through things from a new perspective,” Whitcomb said. “It’s a huge privilege.”





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### Lidya Stamper—doing work that matters

Her curiosity about the world has taken Lidya Stamper '19 from Portland to Redlands to South Africa to London—and she's not stopping there.

An international relations and public policy major, Stamper received a Hansen Summer Service Scholarship, which she used to travel to South Africa to intern at the University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights. While there, she worked with the United Nations on its Global Study on Women Deprived of Liberty, looking at discrepancies between human rights policies and practices. Stamper was presented with the opportunity to continue her research and applied for a Fulbright award to make it happen.

"Fulbright gave me an opportunity to do work that matters in

the community and give back," Stamper said.

During her Fulbright experience, Stamper researched internally displaced women and how societal, economic, and structural barriers kept them from accessing reproductive health services. She worked with nonprofits and NGOs to find women to interview, which was often challenging because of the cultural and language divide. "I wanted to work with displaced communities themselves, but it was a really vulnerable group, and I didn't necessarily have the positionality to do that work," she explained. "I wanted to do something I am passionate about in a way that is meaningful and useful, and I came away from it wanting to make sure the work was not for my own benefit."

This experience "provided a framework for starting to understand human rights and what I wanted to do with that," Stamper said. She went on to earn her master's degree in social research methods from the London School of Economics and is now at the Global Centre for Public Impact, where she works on policy design.

Because Stamper was born in Ethiopia and raised in the U.S., she always had an interest in global matters and said the Fulbright award "shaped my interests into what I'm doing today, and I'm very grateful. It gave me a jumping off point." So did her time at the University of Redlands. "I always felt my passion and curiosity was supported at Redlands," she said. "That's why I think I am where I am."

### Art Svenson—gaining new perspectives

Go, learn, return, share.

That's the creed Art Svenson lived by during his two Fulbright experiences in China.

"My family is half Chinese. We made trips in 2003 and 2005 to adopt our two beautiful children," said Svenson, the David



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Boies Professor of Government at the University of Redlands. “So, the idea in our house has always been, ‘How can we get back to China?’ I knew about the Fulbright program and learning more about it thought, ‘This would be a perfect way to get our entire family back to our daughters’ homeland.’ Not only for a week, but for an entire semester.”

Svenson was awarded his first Fulbright in 2011, teaching constitutional law to graduate students at Renmin University of China in Beijing. “They knew different things about American government, and I got wildly interesting questions, different types of questions,” Svenson said. “I worked to fashion new answers that made sense and were meaningful.”

It was a magical time for Svenson and his wife, Nancy Svenson, associate dean of enrollment at the School of Business & Society. “We got to watch our children learn firsthand about China, and I got to walk into classrooms the likes of which I could never have imagined,” Svenson said. When they returned to Redlands, “I came back a better person. More patient, less afraid,” he added. “I came back a better teacher because I had to rethink a number of issues I thought were settled in my academic life, in my perspectives on constitutional law.”

Five years later, Svenson was ready to do it again, this time at Sichuan University in Chengdu. While Beijing was “fast and furious,” Chengdu was “mellow,” but he still was met by curious students who asked profound questions. It was an “utterly beautiful, invigorating” time, during which he formed close bonds with two professors and a dean, who came to visit Redlands in 2019.

“For me, China reached out and hugged my family and we hugged back, and we’re still in this embrace,” Svenson said. “That’s how I look at China and its people. I would return again to China in a heartbeat.”

### **Sam Boutelle—committed to giving back**

Sam Boutelle ’11 is always up for an adventure. That spirit is what has taken him from Redlands to Germany, then onto Seattle, Vietnam, and the redwood forests of Northern California.

While at the University, Boutelle wrote his senior thesis on the political history of school meal programs in the United States. Having studied abroad in Jordan, he was interested in finding a way to continue his international education while furthering his research on school nutrition and said Professors Renee Van Vechten, Barbara Pflanz, and Jack Osborne all guided him as he applied for a Fulbright to Germany. He also received a boost from Professor Helmut Hesecker, the president of the German Nutrition Society, who agreed to let Boutelle work with him.

“He was an enthusiastic host and mentor,” Boutelle said. “He took me under his wing to engage me in his work with the German Nutrition Society and the offerings of his department within the university.”

Before he arrived at the Universität Paderborn in Paderborn, Boutelle took a language course in Marburg and stayed with a host family in Salzkotten. This eased him into life in Germany,

and once he got to Paderborn, Boutelle was ready for his work to begin. He took nutritional sciences courses, toured facilities, and met with nutritionists who advised local school meal programs.

“It was a good mix of academic exposure to issues involved in my area of study and also being able to meet with stakeholders and get clued into what that looks like in Germany,” Boutelle said. “It really expanded my understanding of that area in ways I hadn’t focused on in my honors thesis, and I thought they complemented each other.”

Boutelle left Germany “committed to the idea of repaying the gift I had gotten from the State Department that funds the Fulbright program.” His first post-Fulbright job was working as a City Year AmeriCorps mentor in Seattle, followed by time abroad in Vietnam through WorldTeach. Since 2015, Boutelle has worked in the conservation field, most recently as a supervisor with the California Conservation Corps.

Over the summer, he spent nearly six months leading a crew in Big Basin State Park and Inyo National Forest. They were there as part of the Backcountry Trails Program, working on trail maintenance and construction. “It was a truly, radically different experience in the way a Fulbright can be,” Boutelle said.



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# GERALD GROSHEK

## conversations across borders



He received his first of five Fulbright grants nearly 20 years ago, and it's still opening doors for School of Business & Society Professor Gerald Groshek.

"The enduring collaborations with colleagues abroad are a continual benefit of my Fulbright activities," he said. That includes being part of a group that wrote a Slovak textbook on international economics and establishing two joint master's degree programs between the Kyiv National Economic University (KNEU) in Ukraine and the University of Redlands School of Business & Society (SBS).

"International engagement has been a constant feature of my personal and professional life," Groshek said. "My experiences with the Fulbright program reveal that it provides both a path and a beacon for promoting this engagement."

In 2003, Groshek's initial Fulbright award took him to the University of Economics in Bratislava, Slovakia, where he taught courses in macro and international economics, researched economic transition issues, and assisted with institutional development efforts and curriculum assessment. Through Fulbright, he later went to KNEU, where his work as a specialist led to the development of the degree programs between KNEU and Redlands.

"These joint degrees were the first for the University of Redlands with a foreign university and integrated KNEU students

into existing SBS courses both online and during a two-month summer residency on the Redlands campus," Groshek said.

Groshek has a strong connection to KNEU: Through a grant funded by the U.S. Embassy, he also launched a program to develop the business and management proficiencies of Ukrainian women veterans resulting in a formal credential. He planned to do further work there with his upcoming Fulbright award, but because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, he was asked to amend his original proposal and work in a neighboring country. He finds himself again in Slovakia teaching Slovak and Ukrainian students and continuing his work with colleagues at the Economics Universities in Bratislava and Kyiv.

"Progress—especially that which is deeply rooted—is often incremental," Groshek said. "It is also subject to reverses. The dreadful, current situation in Ukraine is but one example. However, my experiences with the Fulbright program show me that opportunities to introduce, develop, and embed academic conversations across borders support the former and minimize the latter. However imperceptible at first, individual actions, albeit small, will build over time as students and educators exchange ideas and perspectives.

"As we press forward, the achievement of personal goals and the betterment of societal conditions are always at hand."





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# A BULLDOG FOR LIFE

**George Willis becomes the 8th official mascot for the U of R**

By Jennifer Dobbs '17, '22 and Katie Olson '20

**I**n the weeks following Mascot Emerita Addie's graduation on April 23, the University of Redlands community knew that the next live Bulldog mascot would have some large shoes—or paws, rather—to fill.

On May 6, those paws were introduced, and they belong to George, the eighth live mascot in a long line of Redlands pride and history. A handsome pup with chocolate fur, a spotted ear, and bright blue eyes (which have now turned green), George spent the summer acquainting himself with the main Redlands campus community while enjoying the care of his handlers, U of R School of Performing Arts Director Dr. Joseph Modica and his partner, Candice Stewart.

He considers himself a pup of the people. From day one, George immersed himself in the campus community. From holding official meetings with President L. Newkirk and First Gentleman Lew Glenn, to visiting a classroom and labs in the Stauffer Science Center and making his first gift to the Redlands Fund, George has shown that he is committed to being a Bulldog for Life—literally and figuratively.



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## DUO SERVES AS MASCOT HANDLERS FOR GEORGE

Joe Modica and his partner, Candice Stewart, are the new mascot handlers for the University and have welcomed George into their blended family of four kids—Jeremy, Rachel, Taylor, and Tucker—two Great Danes named Grizzly and Franklin, a cat, chickens, a gecko, a bearded dragon, and several fish.

Many know Modica as the director of the University's School of Performing Arts and Conservatory of Music. He is also artistic director of the Inland Master Chorale and director of music at First Presbyterian Church of Redlands. Stewart is a freelance producer in the entertainment industry, global events manager for Taco Bell, and a real estate agent with Lois Lauer Century 21. She spent 24 years employed by the Walt Disney Company doing everything from face characters to producing stage shows and parades.

The couple lives in Redlands and enjoy active roles in the community. Together they direct Redlands Theatre Festival performances, volunteer for Redlands Symphony events, participate in the parent-teacher association at Smiley Elementary School, and manage the kids' activities—soccer, drum lessons, flute lessons, band, choir, and drama. They love to cheer on the Buffalo Bills football team, sing karaoke, swim in the pool, camp, and spend time as a family.



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## Not just a pretty face

George wasted no time getting to work on campus. He spent his summer touring departments on campus and establishing himself as the representative of the University.

He was also officially presented to the Redlands community-at-large at an event in his honor hosted by Citrograph Printing Co., where he met with community leaders, county representatives, and his quickly growing fan base.

George has become recognized in the region by participating in events such as the Redlands Chamber of Commerce "Dog Jog" to presenting at an "Animals with Careers" event at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center. His priority, however, is with his fellow Bulldogs at the U of R. He has joined in many events on campus, including Juneteenth, GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Day, the Native Student Garden Groundbreaking, and the VIBE Festival.

Though George loves to meet and greet at events, his day-to-day schedule is devoted to work that benefits his fellow and future Bulldogs. He holds weekly office hours in Admissions, where he greets prospective students and their families. He also keeps weekly office hours in the Counseling Center, ready to support students and warm hearts.





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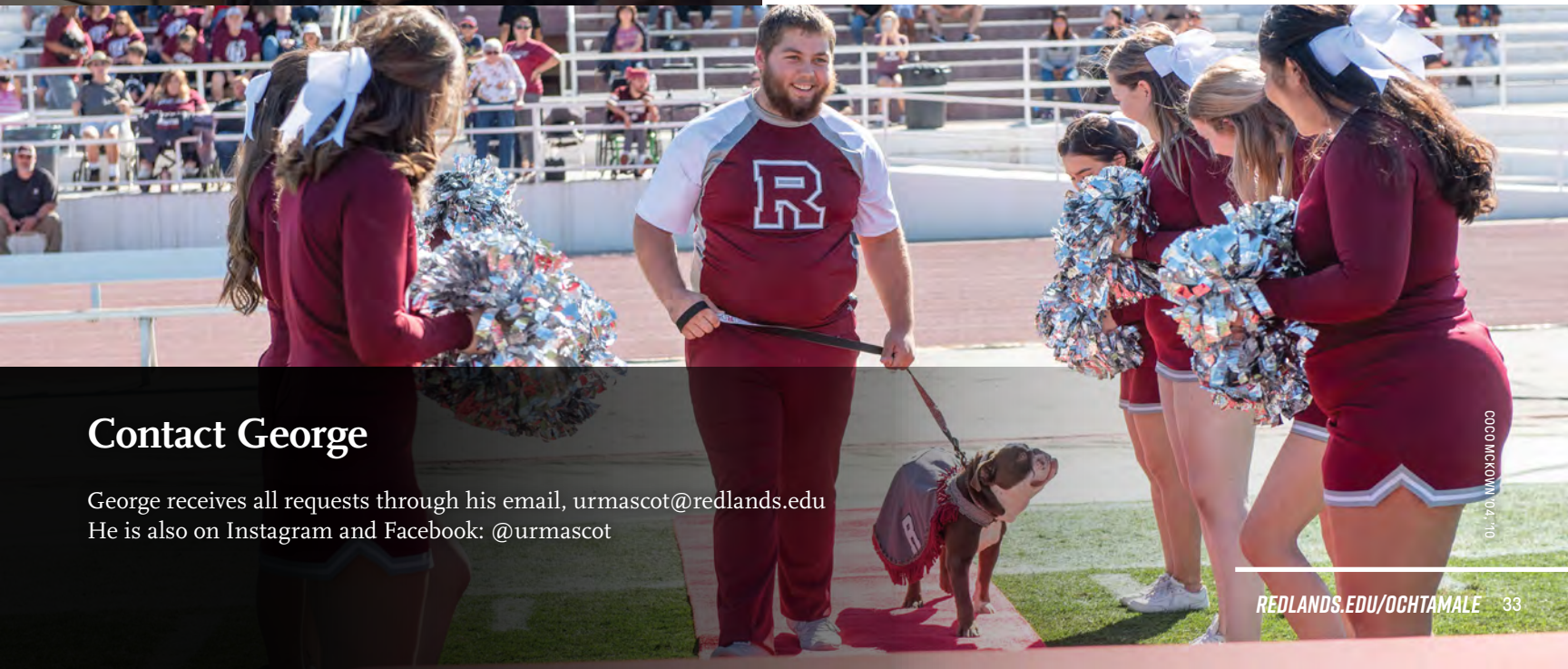
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## George Willis is now official

At a Redlands Bulldog Football halftime ceremony on Oct. 29, a video depicting George's first days on campus played on the big screen while a red carpet was rolled out on the field. Newkirk, Glenn, ASUR President Derrick Ball, and George Willis were cheered onto the red carpet for George's official mascot "collaring."

Ball began the ceremony. "George Willis, you have been carefully selected to serve as official mascot and represent this University as a symbol of its values—courage, excellence, service, exploration, inclusivity, justice, and kindness. Do you, George Willis—with all your cuteness, humor, and as a very good boy—accept the office of Official Mascot and the responsibility of representing and supporting your fellow Bulldogs?"

Newkirk continued the ceremony. "Affirming that you are indeed a very good boy, and by virtue of the authority of my presidency, I place around your neck the official collar of the mascot of the University of Redlands. As you go forward, George Willis, you are the symbol of Bulldog spirit at Redlands, representing the purpose and promise of this University," she said, then turned to the crowd. "I present George Willis, the 8th official Bulldog mascot for the University of Redlands."



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## Contact George

George receives all requests through his email, [urmascot@redlands.edu](mailto:urmascot@redlands.edu)  
He is also on Instagram and Facebook: @urmascot





# WORTH 1,000 WORDS

Buddy wasn't the only Bulldog showing spirit during Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022.





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ADRIAN WILLIAMS

# GO BULLDOGS

## Mental Health Matters: Redlands Partners with Hilinski's Hope

By Rachel Roche '02

Bulldog Athletics has partnered with Hilinski's Hope (H3H), a non-profit organization that aims to educate, advocate, and eliminate the stigma associated with mental illness. The foundation honors Tyler Hilinski, a football student-athlete at Washington State University who died by suicide, and amplifies the importance of mental health awareness, education, and support for student-athletes.

Mae Key-Ketter '24 grew up with the Hilinski family in Claremont and understood the value of the H3H foundation and what it could do for the University of Redlands. During the summer, Key-Ketter wrote a proposal to President Krista Newkirk, who quickly recognized this important opportunity, and passed it along to University Dean of Student Affairs Donna Eddleman, who looped in Bulldog Athletics.

This came as Eddleman, Associate Director of Athletics Rachel Roche, and other members of the Student Affairs team had been discussing Lee Launer's '77 desire to support student-athlete mental health with an impactful donation.

"Everything just aligned for us to make this happen," Roche said. "Due to Mae's proposal and Lee's donation, Hilinski's Hope has provided us with a great avenue to support mental health. I thank them all for helping us further prioritize mental health at the University of Redlands."

On Nov. 7, Mark and Kym Hilinski presented a Tyler Talk in the Memorial Chapel, the first step in the Game Plan, a multi-faceted approach to supporting mental health on college campuses that Bulldog Athletics has adopted.

Student-athletes, members of Greek organizations, coaches, administrators, professors, and licensed mental health professionals attended the Tyler Talk. The message was powerful and applicable: asking for help is a strength, it is okay to not be okay, we all matter, and a tragedy is not necessary to seek counseling.

"In order to break the stigma associated with mental health, we must keep talking about it and normalizing it, just like we already do with physical health," Roche said.

If you or someone you know needs immediate crisis intervention and support, please call the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988, where compassionate, accessible care is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress.

For more information on Hilinski's Hope, visit their website at <https://www.hilinskishope.org/>.



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## #ICYMI Spring 2022 Highlights

**Frank Serrao Senior Scholar-Athletes** of the Year were awarded to sprinter Andrea Lyon '21 and distance runner Tucker Cargile '21, who returned after graduation to compete as graduate students in 2022, making the most of their COVID year of eligibility. They each represented Redlands as its nominees for the D3 Commissioners Association Athletes of the





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## Fall 2022 Highlights

The **men's soccer team** advanced to the temporarily expanded SCIAC Postseason Tournament as the fifth seed to extend its streak of qualification for the event every year since its inception in 2006. The Bulldogs were eliminated on penalty kicks to Cal Lutheran after a tightly contested 1-1 overtime draw. The squad placed five on the All-SCIAC teams: First-Teamers Peyton Menti '22 and Ethan Kovach '23 and Skylar Darwen '24, Jarette Alexis Barajas '24, and Joseph Parra '23 on the Second Team.



KYLE CALABRESE



ADRIAN WILLIAMS

Despite scoring twice in eight minutes, the Redlands **women's soccer team** fell to Pomona-Pitzer Colleges in the semifinal of the SCIAC Postseason Tournament to conclude a solid season. The Bulldogs made their return to the event for the first time since 2018, resulting in their eighth overall appearance. Charlie Baum '22, Ciara Aw '23, and Peyton Fendrich '23 represented the Bulldogs among the All-SCIAC honorees, with Baum earning the First-Team nod.

The Bulldog **cross-country teams** each finished fourth at the SCIAC Championships, with Enrique Verschoor '23 leading the men with his sixth-place showing of 25:08.0 and Chloe Bullock '25 pacing the women with her 10th-place time of 22:28.1. Both earned All-SCIAC First-Team accolades as a result of their respective top-10 finishes.

Football and men's water polo are still competing at the time of writing. Visit [GoRedlands.com](http://GoRedlands.com) for updates.

Year and Lyon as the NCAA Woman of the Year. Both hold school records in their respective races while owning multiple All-America nods, West Region accolades, and conference titles. Cargile was also named a CoSIDA Academic All-American.

The **U of R women's golf team** made history with its second-place showing at the NCAA Division III Championships in Houston, after producing a four-round team total of 1201 (304-306-293-298). Redlands has competed in the national tournament on five occasions, with this being its best result.

The **Bulldog women's tennis team** had an impressive win under first-year Head Coach Pete Yellico by upsetting 14th-ranked Trinity University (Texas) in the first round of the NCAA Championships, staging a 5-4 comeback. Down 1-4 with the Tigers holding three match points at No. 3 singles, the Bulldogs found a way to stave off the favorite long enough to complete the upset.

"Our whole team worked so hard to get to this point," Lexi Lehman '22, who clinched the match win with her victory at No. 5 singles, said. "It was awesome to see how we pulled through in order to extend our season."

Head **softball** Coach Jose Ortega and his staff were selected as the 2022 SCIAC Coaching Staff of the Year for the second straight year. The coaching staff, which included Chelsea Rex, Stephanie Tickemyer, and Andrew Aguilera, guided the Bulldogs to a 22-12 overall record and a 15-6 ledger in SCIAC play as the University of Redlands clinched the 2022 SCIAC Regular-Season Championship while securing the top seed in the conference tournament. In addition, Collette Allen '24 was named the SCIAC Athlete of the Year in back-to-back seasons.



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## ONLINE APPAREL STORE LAUNCHED

In late October, the University of Redlands and Bulldog Athletics announced the launch of a new, on-demand branded apparel shop powered by Club Colors, in partnership with Barnes & Noble. The new brand shop offers items not available at the Redlands Barnes & Noble campus retail location or bookstore website.

This partnership allows fans, alumni, and families to show their Bulldog spirit in a variety of styles and colors. The new brand shop includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, accessories, and shorts (athletics only) with a variety of university-approved logos for general athletics and team-specific options.

Visit [redlands.ccbands.com](http://redlands.ccbands.com) directly or go to [GoRedlands.com](http://GoRedlands.com) and choose "Apparel Store" under Fan Central.





Greg Mintz '74 displays his handmade fairy houses.

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# Fairy magic in Oakland, California

Greg Mintz '74 puts his handmade fairy houses in city parks across the city

By Laurie McLaughlin

There's a tiny pink ceramic fairy house tucked beneath a bush at Eula M. Brinson Park in Oakland, California. It has a curved shingle roof and a bright red outdoor table and stools. A ceramic plaque next to the diminutive dwelling said, "Please share the fun."

For the last two years, ceramicist Greg Mintz '74 has created dozens of whimsical fairy houses and set them in city parks, particularly those with playgrounds. "There are 100 parks in Oakland, and I've been to 41 of them," said Mintz, whose name was Greg Herlick when he was studying at U of R as a Johnston student.

"One thing I've learned about doing pottery is that it's fun, but if you start making things, they collect fast. So, you're either selling them or giving them away. I decided to give them away."

As his fairy houses spring up around the city, some stay in place and are played with, and others disappear. Either outcome delights Mintz: "I like the mystery and hope a kid has taken it and having a good time with it."

Retired from a 30-year career with Kaiser Health Plan in Northern California, Mintz has worked at the potter's wheel for more than 25 years. The inspiration for the "Fairy Project" came

a couple of years ago from a 3-year-old family friend, Maddie, who made a birthday fairy house of sticks, feathers, yarn, and pinecones for Mintz's wife, Patty. He's been in the small-scale real estate business ever since.

"We look for where we think the fairies are," said Mintz, who wears a star-studded top hat when he's scouting parks. The perfect spot is likely at the foot of a redwood or nestled under a shrub. "I usually include three or four pieces of furniture with each house, like a chair and table, or a piano and bench, a bookcase, or a bridge," he said.

With a full studio in his garage where he shapes, glazes, and fires each charming miniature, Mintz also hosts workshops for neighbors and sets out a table with clay for kids during the annual street block party. "This Halloween, rather than give out candy, I handed out fairy furniture," he said, and he was thrilled to see the furnishings on display in a neighbor's front yard.

"It'll take another year at least to get to all the parks in Oakland," said Mintz of the Fairy Project's future. "Then, I'll just start over."

Take a peek at Mintz's fairy houses at [gregceramics.net](http://gregceramics.net) or on Instagram: [@gmfairiyabodes](https://www.instagram.com/gmfairyabodes).



# Class notes

Class notes reflect submissions from  
Jan. 23 to Sept. 28, 2022.

## The College

### ∇ 1954

**Ron “Squeek” Davis ’54** and his wife, Dionne, traveled to their favorite post-retirement state, Idaho, to be with family and friends and to celebrate Ron’s 90th birthday in July. Since returning home to La Quinta, California, they remain active, keep in touch with many of their longtime friends, and say they have been blessed.

**Don Ruh ’54** and **Sandra Luchsinger Ruh ’57** celebrated Don’s 90th birthday in August at their home in Yucaipa, California, with families of their four children. They have also been happily joined by one of their twin daughter’s family of three, who came from Texas to live and help the “old couple” when needed, and the family have become real Bulldog fans. Don’s grandson enjoyed meeting mascot George at the football game. Och Tamale! Don wishes “all who followed us the same positive experiences we were given, thanks to our years at the U of R, where friendships are so dear, we leave them with a tear.”

**George Russell ’54** and **Mary Rector Russell ’54** were joined by their two daughters and one son-in-law on a Holland American cruise to Alaska in June and said it was one of most enjoyable of all their previous cruises. Their son, David, and his wife, Helen, live in England and joined them in October for a trip to one of their favorite locations, Cambria, California.

**Ruth Jackson Van Epps ’54** has many fond memories of the University of Redlands professors and has asked her fellow classmates if they remember Professor Downing who taught The Teachings of Jesus course as well as being a counselor to those needing help. When several of the courses she took previously at Arizona State University were not accepted by the U of R for her graduation, professor “Uppy Downing,” as he was fondly called, made it happen. “He was a very special person, like so many professors teaching us back in the 1950s, and I hope since.”

**Kay Coulter Womack ’54** and her husband, **Paul Womack ’57**, have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their daughter and her husband and their second-oldest son all teach at Yucaipa High School.

### ∇ 1955

**MaryAnn Black Easley ’55** is actively involved in teaching writing courses at Sea Country Senior Community Center in Laguna Niguel, California, and tutoring ESL students at Soka University in Aliso Viejo. Despite Covid shutdowns, she revived the annual citywide spring poetry event and has assisted over 25 older students in publishing a memoir or poetry. She said that writing changes lives and had learned at the U of R that writing will not make you rich or famous, but the process—



The grandson of Don Ruh '54 and Sandra Luchsinger Ruh '57 enjoys meeting new mascot George.

whether it’s mindful journaling, legacy writing, or creating poetry or story—benefits the brain, heals wounds, provides solace, and is an important tool in your own hero’s journey. Up next is a 2023 anthology featuring some of her best writers.

**Connie Smith Young ’55** reports that she and her husband, **Jay Young ’53**, are now settling down after years of raising a family, teaching, coaching, having fun traveling in three motor homes around America the beautiful, plus visiting 63 countries. They are now enjoying playing bridge games, Jay’s art, Connie’s piano, and singing in the choir at Leisure World in Seal Beach, California. She adds that life now consists of a dance, a hug, a kiss, and a laugh each day as they plan for their 70th wedding anniversary.

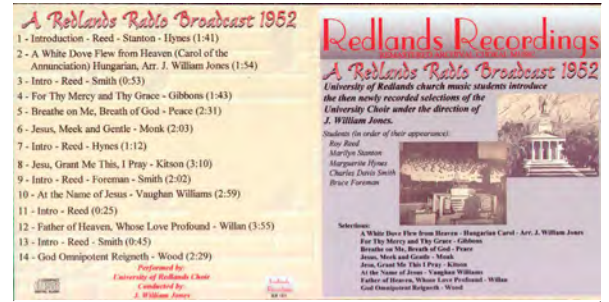
### ∇ 1958

**Rod Stephens ’58** proved valuable to **Jamison Stevens ’22, ’24** in planning the 75th Feast of Lights. Rod made a video recording of “The Fiftieth Feast.” He also sends warm greetings to his classmates.

**Chuck Thorman ’58** continues with his lifetime passion of geology. During the past several years, he and his coauthors have published many geologic maps and reports on northeastern Nevada Geology. It keeps him young at heart but not out of trouble. Old age is creeping up, but he still gets to the field every summer for several weeks. His health is good, and his family is doing well.

**Joanne Bennett Waldon ’58** and **Stennis Waldon ’58** are returning to more normal activities and continue to usher at a theater close to where they live. They stay in contact with **Irene Crum Mendon ’58** and look forward to reading news from classmates.

**Carolyn Crocker Ziegler ’58** recently saw **Dick Crocker ’53**, **Jo Kendrick Crocker ’53**, and **Mary Pierson Graw ’54** at lunch at Stoneridge Creek Retirement Community in Pleasanton, California, where she has lived since 2016. Carolyn has three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grands. One daughter and husband have a place in Twain Harte, California. Another daughter lives nearby, and her son lives in Camas, Washington, with his family. She still plays golf in Redlands and spends some time in Palm Desert, California.



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### ∇ 1959

**Sue Blackwell Hurlbut ’59** happily visited Grand Manan Island in New Brunswick, Canada, where she enjoyed seeing many humpback whales, puffins, and other birds on the Bay of Fundy.

**Johnelle Zook Larson ’59** settled in San Antonio with her husband, **Gary Larson ’59**, after 20 years with the Marine Corps and 10 years traveling full time in an RV. They moved into a senior living facility and have enjoyed the companionship of a mixed group of people. After many years with kidney disease, Gary passed away in December of 2021. Johnelle was blessed to have been with him for 64 years. He will be missed.

**Bob Link ’59** was chosen as Visalia’s Man of the Year for 2022 in June. He was honored for his 21 years of service to the community as a city councilman and three terms as mayor. Also considered was the positive impact of Link’s Men’s and Women’s Wear in Visalia, California, for over 70 years.

**Pat Morris ’59** enjoyed an exciting two-week wildlife safari in the wilds of East Africa with three generations of the Morris family. After two years of cancellations occasioned by COVID-19 and cancer, they visited the Arab Emirates’ fantasy-like cities, dredged-up out of the Persian Gulf, Dubai, and Abu Dhabi.

**Robert S. Rudder ’59** served as a translator for the *Birds of Fire: A Filipino War novel* by Jesus Balmori, written in secrecy during the terrible final years of World War II.

**Maggie Milton Shorten ’59** fondly remembers the wonderful years at Redlands and can even still recite the full “Och Tamale,” which we so diligently learned as freshmen. As an English literature major, she still reads a lot. Though not very mobile, she has fortunately avoided all COVID, and her eyes and spirits are still strong. It’s still a great run. Maggie and husband Dick have lived in Northern New Jersey for 54 years!

### ∇ 1961

**Gail Mungen Burnett ’61** and her husband, Bob, attended the Oregon Festival of American Music in Eugene, Oregon, in late July. It was a wonderful week of music, and this year focused on the period of 1929 to 1941. It featured instrumental and vocal



concerts, film clips and entertaining talks by the participating musicians. "Honeysuckle Rose," "Body and Soul," "Begin the Beguine," "Over the Rainbow," "Summertime," and dozens more were played by nationally known jazz musicians.

**Bruce Johnson '61** always enjoys reading what our classmates are up to. He has survived the "COVID years" without getting it, although everyone else in the family was affected. As a result, he has no great travels or achievements to report; however, his health remains good. "All of us who are still on our class list are among THE SURVIVORS! We are blessed!"

**Jim Jordan '61** and **Carol Gustafson Jordan '61** traveled to the North Coast of New Guinea for three weeks. There were many small villages, and everyone seemed to have a cell phone and motor scooter. They get their picture taken all the time and probably should have charged for it! It is an interesting country. They are celebrating their 62nd anniversary.

**Frederick Olsen '61** went to Denmark to meet Queen Margrethe of Denmark at the International Center for Ceramics (Guldargaard) that he helped to found back in 1998.

**Deanna Dechert Passchier '61** attended the U of R Salzburg 60th Reunion this past summer and wrote this poem while at the reunion:

"It's been a long time coming –  
Thru the Pandemic, now at last  
We celebrate lessons learned  
Of these 60 years past.

Privileged were we to live  
Here awhile, learning from the best,  
As students and citizens,  
Beyond tourists and guests.

Returning home we will share  
Stories of our Salzburg Semester  
And plan new adventures,  
Remembering those we enjoyed there.

Och Tamale!"

**Clyde Schipper '61** and **Judy Bingham Schipper '64** celebrated their 60th anniversary in June. They celebrated with a party outdoors on the rooftop of the Manhattan Beach Shade Hotel. They were joined by their family: daughter, Stephanie; son, Eric; daughter-in-law; and three grandchildren. A few friends also joined them, and **Michael Williams '61**, and his wife, Evelyn, were among them. Clyde and Judy feel fortunate that their 60 years together have allowed them to have Manhattan Beach, California, as a home base while living for over 12 years in other parts of the world, including work or study in Kenya, England, Ecuador, Central America, and Canada. It's been a good life that was begun by a chance meeting on the Quad at Redlands!

**Chuck Tadlock '61** started this year with a two-month visit with his daughter, **Pallas Quist '91**, and her family. There was a side trip to Cartagena, Colombia, to see friends. Spring brought a whirlwind five-city bucket list family trip to Spain with their four grandkids. Lively packed streets for the processions during Holy Week in Seville had one downside: They all came home with COVID. Summer always brings responsibilities at his Denver neighborhood community garden and growing serious food. A fall this year was all about recuperation from a badly dislocated shoulder while at a square-dancing event.

**Clarice Giberson Wiggins '61** reports that her niece, Lindsay, daughter of her sister, **Carol Giberson-Rodgers '65**, visited her from Ecuador with her 18-month-old daughter, Marayah. Clarice and her husband's daughter, son-in-law, and 16-year-old grandson live in Falls Church, Virginia. She and her husband traveled to Washington, D.C., for the Marine Corps Marathon in October. Several family members participated. They also celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

## ↘ 1962

**Maggie Bell '62** and her seven Sigma sisters, **Donna Mohr Bailey '62**, **Jacque Reamer Gates '62**, **Carol Harrington Harader '62**, **Carol Thomson Leonard '62**, **Nancy Warburton Walters '62**, and **Marie Duffey Whittington '62** enjoyed lunch and planning for their 60th U of R reunion that took place in October.



## HISTORY MYSTERY

Who got to sit in the giant chair and why?

In response to our photo from the archive on page 42 of the spring 2022 issue, we heard from Bull Bruns '64, Nancy Stewart Cline '64, and Michael Groher '67, '69, all identifying pole vaulter Sam Kirk '64, who was inducted into the University of Redlands Athletics Hall of Fame in 1984. Bruns shares: According to his obituary, he was the first and only U of R athlete ever to set a world record in track and field. At the 1964 Fresno Relays, Sam won the College Division pole vault at 16 feet, 3 inches, which was a world best. He also tried out for the 1966 Olympic team and set another record at 17 feet, 1 inch.



Send information to *Och Tamale*, University of Redlands, 1200 E. Colton Ave., P.O. Box 3080, Redlands, CA 92373-0999 or email [ochtamale@redlands.edu](mailto:ochtamale@redlands.edu).





Deanna Dechert Passchier '61 attended the U of R Salzburg 60th Reunion this past summer and connected with fellow alumni.



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**Carol Brigham Vassallo '62** and her husband, Tony, visited Redlands in July so they could attend their nephew's retirement. They were so excited to be close to the University of Redlands, and for the first time, she showed her husband the campus. The quadrangle looked beautiful with the chapel at one end the administration building at the other. She shared Anderson Hall with special friends **Deanna Dechert Passchier '62, Darlene Smith Ramey '62, and Nancy Stillwell Turecek '62**—all of whom keep in touch! Three friendly current Redlands students unlocked Bekins Residence Hall so they could show Tony her old dorm room that she shared with **Lynn Steward Estabrook '62**. Tony asked the kids if they knew the "Och Tamale" and everyone started reeling it off! Tony knew that Carol knows it by heart!

## ↘ 1963

**Susan Whitlo Clasen '63** visited Salzburg, reliving her time there. Susan is a tour taker and visited the Alps, the Dolomites, the Oberammergau Passion Play, and saw birds and nature of Finland and Norway this past June. She has gathered many memories and eagerly awaits her next adventure.

**Steve Habner '63** bought a '63 Morris Mini in tribute to 1963, complete with surfboard. He was visited by a former U of R roommate, **Jack Vanderknyff '65**.

**Dan King '63** is proud that his son-in-law, Scott Kartvedt, along with the owner of the Patriots Flying Team, performed the jet flying in the movie *Top Gun: Maverick*.

**Robert McCammon '63, Robert Gage '63, and Jack Mussey '63** gathered at Jack's Montana Yellowstone Bluff Ranch for a brief stay. The three plan to resurrect their old habit of spending Thanksgiving at McCammon's.

**Betty Chadney Russel '63** attended the Beach Road Music Festival in Martha's Vineyard and enjoyed a Mediterranean Cruise.

**Stephen Teele '63** and wife **Sue Stickney Teele '64** were honored to represent their classes in the inauguration of Krista L. Newkirk, 12th President of University of Redlands, on Feb. 23. The future of the University looks very positive under her leadership.

**Tom Tustin '63** and his wife, Diane, explored the Inside Passage and the Georgia Straits in British Columbia. The two were accompanied by another couple. They cruised for two weeks. Tom earned his U.S. Powerboating Certificate and his California Boater Card.

**Jean Oliver Whitt '63** and **Marilyn Hagan Anderson '63** spent 17 days in Peru and Ecuador hiking the mountains and visiting Machu Picchu. Marilyn's husband accompanied the pair on a five-day cruise visiting five islands in the Galapagos

observing the habits of the sea lions, sea tortoises, and iguanas and identifying many different birds. It was an amazing trip.

**Jim Wieschendorff '63** and wife **Cathy Carter Wieschendorff '64** spent four amazing days in Cambria, California, with **Bert Barcum '63, Darilyn Dorriss Bare '59, Barbara Bolles Marcum '63, Sheila Tyler Mount '63, Tony Taylor '63, and Sherry Morrison Taylor '64**. The "Friends At Redlands Together Still" (FARTS) can still laugh and have fun together after 59 years since graduation.

## ↘ 1964

**Linda Louk '64** and 10 of her classmates gathered for three days in San Francisco to enjoy catching up with each other and seeing some of the sights of the city. Representation included **Kathie Burton Martinez '64** from Oregon (with a brief appearance by Barney), **Sandy Chadwick Mussey '64** from California, **Phyllis Tilton Scroggie '64** from Florida, and **Janet Lamb Shikles '64** from Colorado. **Jan Peckham Pearson '64, Karen Zirbel Pray '64, Judy Bingham Schipper '64, Sherry Morrison Taylor '64, and Linda Fisher Townsend '62** also attended. All agreed that this was one of their best get togethers—the group started this in 2016, with a pause for COVID.

**Sandra Chadwick Mussey '64**, an intuitional development facilitator and intuitive consultant, has received three Marquis Who's Who Awards in recognition of the over 40 international peace and





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Linda Louk '64 gathered with friends in San Francisco, including Kathie Burton Martinez '64, Sandy Chadwick Mussey '64, Phyllis Tilton Scroggie '64, and Janet Lamb Shikles '64. Jan Peckham Pearson '64, Karen Zirbel Pray '64, Judy Bingham Schipper '64, Sherry Morrison Taylor '64, and Linda Fisher Townsend '62.



John Tincher '64 and Rick Bramble '65, Bill Capps '64, Rick Carson '64, Gary Larsen '64, Gary Reinert '64, Tom Rothhaar '64, and Dave Wilson '63 gathered for a Chi Sigma Chi reunion at Meritage Restaurant at Callaway Vineyard in Temecula, California.



Chuck Wilke '64 and John Hintz '64 completed a seven-day, 300-mile bike trip in Greece in May.



Anne Wickett Cross '66 and her husband, Jon, traveled again with Joyce Collins Landsverk '66 and her husband, David, for a double cruise in France.



Parke Terry '66 and wife Lynn visited the ruins of the Clonmacnoise Monastery, a sixth-century center for religion and learning, in Ireland.



Tom Tomlinson '66 and LeAnn Zunich '76, '08 led the 29th Trout & Tall Tales Trip to the Eastern Sierras. Alumni joining them are Tom Bandy '66, Cheryl Baughn '69, John Curtis '67, John Davey '74, Michael McCauley '66, Alison Roedl '10, '20, Bryan Quinton '13, and Jim Satterfield '76.



conflict resolution trainings she facilitated from 1992 to 2012. She worked in Serbia, Montenegro, Kyiv (in 2000), Russia (in St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Ufa), and Switzerland.

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**Chuck Wilke '64** and **John Hintz '64** completed a seven-day, 300-mile bike trip in Greece in May. They have been taking bicycle trips on a regular basis for 18 years as part of a group that usually includes several Redlands grads.

## ↘ 1965

**Rita Loftus Cavin '65, '67** and her husband, Brooks, enjoyed a two-month trip to Europe this spring starting in Athens, then Malta, Sicily, Sardinia, Barcelona, a small-boat Mediterranean cruise, followed by 10 independent days in Paris and a foodie cruise down the Rhine ending in the Isle of Skye for the last week. They linked three tours that had been rolling forward with rebookings since before the COVID-19 lockdown. They were booked individually, and Scotland was originally planned for bluebells in August, but they saw Scotch broom in May.

**Sherry Netzley Engberg '65** is enjoying her new home in the East Bay, California. She has found lots of places to hike and enjoys being near her daughter and family. In late June, she went on a fabulous and sentimental journey with her daughter and granddaughter through France, after starting out in London. They drove around sunny lavender-scented Provence, were awe-struck by ancient Roman ruins in Vienne, relaxed in Vichy, explored the chateau-lined Valley of the Loire River, took some time to meet her French AFS family in Chartres, and wound up in Paris. There they wandered avenues, galleries, and cafes. The sights, sounds, smells, tastes, and weather were all perfect! The sentimental part included memories of several trips to France with her late husband, **Bob Engberg '65**.

**Tom Gardner '65** will be retiring on Dec. 31 after 52 years of practicing medicine in the fields of dermatology and dermatopathology. He was in a group partnership in Long Beach, California, for 26 years, then worked part time in the HIV/STD clinics, attending to the dermatology problems of those patients. He has occupied his time with world travel to more than 100 countries; family time; keeping current with his lifelong hobby of magic as a life member of the Hollywood Magic Castle, which has been around since 1969; and projects around the house. He would like to affirm the first-class education he received at Redlands.

**Gary George '65** published his ninth book of the Smoke Tree Series, *Woman of the Desert Moon*, in March and is now working on his 10th book.

**Carol Provost Gruber '65** is back to traveling again. This summer, she cruised the Columbia and Snake rivers from Portland to Idaho with her sister,

**Judy Provost Bonilla '68**. It was a beautiful trip with so much Lewis and Clark history and great wine. Their mom, **Eppie Piety Provost '40**, celebrated her 103rd birthday. She has great stories about Redlands back then and she still plays the piano.

**Eileen Beermann Mason '65** has been on the go this year. She started in Dubai, then spent a month in Africa, Johannesburg, Botswana, Victoria Falls, and safaris in Kenya and Tanzania. She spent four days in Uganda trekking for mountain gorillas, which came as close as 10 feet. In May, she went to Quito, Ecuador, for four days and then spent two weeks cruising in the Galapagos. She particularly enjoyed being on a smaller ship than she had been on a previous trip. Back in the U.S., she went to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for a Harp Society convention. The small downtown was covered with wonderful sculptures, both large and small; there was a fantastic art museum, at least three churches with spectacular organs, and a great river walk.

**Bob McLaughlin '65** and his wife, Helene, made plans to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2020. So instead, last summer they celebrated their 52nd by taking the previously planned grand tour of Europe. They were treated as royalty on a Viking riverboat and in majestic cities through Holland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. They then toured pubs and more castles and history through Ireland, Scotland, and England.

**Marcia Perry Mehl '65** reports that after three years of feeling alone after the death of her husband, **John Mehl '64**, and COVID-19, she decided to venture off on her own to visit friends she made over the years in Europe. In April, she went to London, Brussels, and the Netherlands, where she also took a fabulous river cruise to see the tulips, and Switzerland where she reunited with her Salzburg "sister." It was a fabulous trip and helped her get back into life, proving she could travel alone comfortably.

**Drew Rodgers '65** had a reading of his Norwegian poems at the local community center this past May. It was very inspiring for an Instagram poet who does not get a direct response to receive a positive reaction.

**Linda Wieck Rooks '65** continues to write, and her debut suspense thriller, *Pieces of Dark, Pieces of Light*, was launched August 30. This is her fourth published book but first novel. It's an international suspense thriller that includes time travel, a dash of romance, and lots of action that mainly takes place in Washington, D.C., and the country of Tajikistan.

**Larry Schulz '65** and his wife, Sue, just returned from a Viking cruise that took them to western Norway's majestic fjords, Faroe Islands, and Iceland. Torshavn, the capital of the Faroe Islands, proved to be a charming town. In Iceland, they made stops at the eastern port of Seydisfjörður, Akureyri, on the north coast, and Isafjörður in the heart of the Westfjords region. One highlight was a visit to the stunningly beautiful Botanical Garden in Akureyri. The cruise ended in Reykjavik, where they did the "golden circle" tour of Pingvellir, birthplace of the Icelandic nation, and Gullfoss waterfall, with a final stop at the On Hellsheiði Geothermal Power

Plant that supplies both electricity and hot water for heating to the residents of Reykjavik.

## ↘ 1966

**Jack Cooper '66** published his essay, "Lessons in Crisis," about better climate change education in the public schools; it is a featured article in an online issue of the *Earth-Island Journal*.

**Anne Wickett Cross '66** and her husband, Jon, traveled again with **Joyce Collins Landsverk '66** and her husband, David, for a double cruise in France, where they were very moved by experiencing Normandy. Joyce and Anne also had fun at a painting class at a Van Gogh studio. Anne and her husband enjoy get-togethers with **Marilyn Searles Eckels '66** and husband Tom in Virginia and **Carol Cordell Ramsperger '66** and husband Rick in California.

**Dayton Dickey '66** and wife **Leslie Bertram Dickey '69** visited Honolulu and spent several days at the Volcanoes National Park hiking the trails and viewing the volcano. They ended the trip relaxing for three days at Kona before returning to the sweltering desert of home.

**Richard Goyette '66** is retired and living in Pollock Pines, California. He is the author of three books about Progressive Christian Universalist theology. He is the current owner-operator of a successful online concert classical guitar sales business, the Goyette Guitar Center. Richard has been married for 49 years to his wife, Arline. He has two daughters, two fine sons-in-law, and five grandchildren, and all live nearby in Folsom, California.

**Merrill Theodore Hatlen '66** wrote a novel, *The Bard and The Barman*. It focuses on Shakespeare's "Lost years," based on the dubious account of a barman who served as the Bard's confidant in London.

**Judith Olson '66** recently released her pianist recording, "Urban Counterpoint: The Piano Music of Ed Bland," on the Cambria Master Recordings label. Last February, in honor of Black History Month, she played a livestreamed concert of Bland's music at the Bloomingdale School of Music in New York. Judith majored in piano at the U of R for two years, then transferred to the Juilliard School in New York, where she has lived since 1964.

**Dave Partie '66** was approved in August as a member of the Sovereign Hospitallers Order of Saint John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta, a knightly order of service to humanity, founded in the year 1048.

**Parke Terry '66** and wife Lynn returned to international travel in September after a COVID hiatus. They visited the ruins of the Clonmacnoise Monastery, a sixth-century center for religion and learning, located on the banks of the River Shannon in Ireland.

**Tom Tomlinson '66** and **LeAnn Zunich '76, '08** led the 29th Trout & Tall Tales Trip to the Eastern Sierras. Alumni that joined them include **Tom Bandy '66**, **Cheryl Baughn '69**, **John Curtis '67**, **John Davey '74**, **Michael McCauley '66**, **Alison Roedel '10, '20**, **Bryan Quinton '13**, and **Jim Satterfield '76**.



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# Joozy Woozy Book Club

By Catherine Garcia '06

A love of reading and the University of Redlands is what started the Joozy Woozy Book Club—but it's the friendships formed that keep it going.

The club was founded in the 1990s by Elaine Pahia '93 and School of Business & Society Associate Dean of Enrollment Nancy Svenson while they worked together in Admissions. “We would chat about books we were reading and thought it would be fun to start a book club,”

Pahia, now a middle school counselor, said. “There were many other women on campus we knew who were avid readers, so we just put it out there and the group quickly came together.”

Early members of the club include former registrar Charlotte Lucey and Margene Mastin-Schepps '87, who joined when she worked in the Development Office. “It's a wonderful group of women and it's nice we have the University as a basis,” Lucey said. “It's something we all shared—whether you went there or worked there, you all love the University of Redlands.”

Although the group has been around for years, it only recently became the Joozy Woozy Book Club after the members decided it needed a moniker. “The Ink Daminks came in as a very close second choice,” Mastin-Schepps said.

The club meets monthly, with members recommending books of all genres. They don't shy away from reading about serious and important topics like racial injustice. They recently had the opportunity to chat with author Leslie



Members of the Joozy Woozy Book Club showing their Bulldog spirit in maroon and grey at Homecoming and Family Weekend 2022

Ferguson '95 about her memoir, *When I Was Her Daughter*. Not all books are winners—“I think we talk about it more if we didn't like it,” Lucey said—but the club's meetings, now held over Zoom, are really about just being together.

“I cannot say enough about the love and respect I hold for all of the members of our book club,” Pahia said. “They are intelligent, witty, creative, and caring people that I feel blessed to have in my life. It said a great deal that even if I have not been able to complete the assigned reading, I still want to attend our meetings for the connections and friendship that we share.”

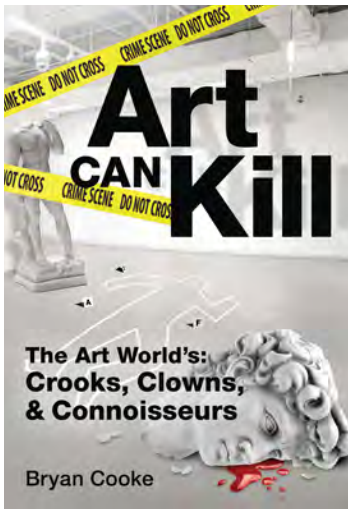
“This is an incredible group of women who are smart and accomplished, supportive and loving,” Senior Director of Major Gifts Ericka Smith '05, who joined the club in 2004, said. “Learning from these women and having a chance to have them be a part of my life in this way has meant more than the books. Hearing about their lives and perspective on things we read is, I think, a bigger

part of it for me.”

As with any group, its size has fluctuated. Some members have had to step away from the club due to major life changes, like moving or starting a new job. Oftentimes, people return to the fold, like Mastin-Schepps, who took a break after getting a job at University of California Los Angeles. Now the executive director of brand and creative services at University of California Riverside, she's “thrilled” to be back.

“In addition to the fun of exploring thought-provoking novels with these exceptionally well-read, well-traveled women, I truly enjoy the special camaraderie of this multigenerational group,” Mastin-Schepps said. The club's origin story and longevity “are somewhat unique,” she added, “and I think its existence speaks to the enduring quality, caliber, and deeply felt dedication of generations of Redlands staff, all of whom consider the U of R's continued survival and success a shared legacy.”





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**Dave Wegner '66** and his wife, Pat, have been married for 54 years. They still have their vineyard and winery and just received a gold medal for their Petite Sirah and a silver medal for their Barbera at the California State Fair. They love to travel and recently visited Northern Greece, Macedonia, and Albania. They have a house in Baja, and Dave loves to fish. Life is good, and he hopes all is well with the Class of 1966.

**Bill Willsie '66** and wife Monica enjoyed a 14-day cruise from Southampton, England, to the extreme northern tip of Norway, far above the Arctic Circle, where they enjoyed seeing the midnight sun. Afterward, they spent two weeks driving around southern Sweden, Monica's home country, "inflicting" themselves on friends and family.

**Sharon Uzzel Young '66** and **Randy Young '66** have met with Bulldogs from several classes this year. Last April, their daughter, **Courtney Young '13**, was married to Matt Hall at the home of her sister, Gillian Young-Smith and **Michael "Shmitty" Smith '12**. In August, **Dave Richardson '64** and **Anne Wolheter Richardson '66** hosted a backyard BBQ attended by Sharon, Randy, and **Andy Mauro '66**. In September, Sharon and Randy attended the 25th anniversary party for **Mike Nice '66** and wife Jackie. Lots of fun with U of R alumni.

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**Marianna Banks King '67** published her first book, *The Crisis of School Violence: A New Perspective*, on Dec. 1. Published by Michigan State University Press, this interdisciplinary work has been called "the definitive book about school violence" by KCBX host Guy Rathbun. More information can be

found at [www.msupress.org](http://www.msupress.org). She notes that the time she spent at Redlands was pivotal in her life and remembers the school with great fondness.

**Connie Moxon Livingston '67** was named artistic director/choreographer for the Miss California contest stage production. She has volunteered with the Miss California organization for 20 years and was previously director of the Miss Glenn County contest.

**Bill Lyman '67** continues to work three days a week at his clinic with his daughter, Carolyn, and her husband, Scott, who are also veterinarians. His wife of 41 years, Debbie, died this past year due to heart failure, and the grieving process has been challenging, but he has had great support.

## ↘ 1968

**Terry Clark '68** and his wife, **Pat Roskelley Clark '69**, have moved from Sonora, California, to Spring Hill, Tennessee, to be close to their son and family. After Terry retired from education as a high school principal, he formed an educational consultant company focusing on mentoring new high school principals. During his teaching career, Terry taught high school and college band. Pat retired from education as an elementary school principal. She has taught knitting classes since retirement.

**Peter Konrad '68** met his daughter, Katie, in Salzburg for three days last spring. Katie spent a semester at Redlands Salzburg back in 2003, so the two of them visited the campus and of course, the Augustiner-Keller.

## ↘ 1969

**Char Gaylord Burgess '69, '70** and **Larry Burgess '67** traveled to London and cruised on the Queen Elizabeth II to celebrate Char's 75th birthday.

## ↘ 1971

**Cynthia Smith '71** enjoys playing bridge, watching Angels games, and socializing with friends.

## ↘ 1972

**Walter Blanck '72** is teaching graduate courses at University of California, Riverside extension in the department of education, writing, and publishing.

**Susan Rump Steinbach '72** welcomed the first great-grandchild in her family, Nikita, who is now 1 year old, daughter of Dillon Michael Dowling and Jennah Marie Dubendorf. They are also proud to state that two of their grandsons are serving in the military: Ryan Edward Dowling is in the U.S. Army, and Cameron Joseph Swanson is in the U.S. Air Force.

**Kirk Stitt '72** had annual September birthday party activities with his wife, **Linda Wilson Stitt '72**, and Anderson Hall suitemates, **Jean Seyffrit Biddick '71**, **Dick Chard '72** and wife Susan, and **Ann Ratcliff '72**. This group, plus **Barbara Chapman '71**, who was unable to attend this year, have met annually since graduation to celebrate birthdays together. This has evolved from a pool and dinner party to a weekend of activities and new experiences. This year, that experience was an introduction to falconry by handling "Jeffrey," a four-year-old Harris Hawk, as well as learning the basics of falconry. They also visited Biosphere 2 and watched a glass-blowing class in Tucson.

## ↘ 1973

**Lyndy Barcus Dye '73** recently visited the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) with a group of alumni, including **Libby McLeod Casper '73**, **Christy Wilson Fisher '73**, **Barbara Burrow Mahoney '75**, **Cristy Sandborn Maxey '73**, **Karrie Shiba Morlan '73**, and **Sharon Kubacki Stiles '73**. They participated in a tour by **Kathryn Kanjo '86**, MCASD's David C. Copley director and CEO.





David '78 and Clay Krause '79 attended a retirement party for Richard Bryson '78.



Becky Paxson McFarland '79, Laura Rushton Jamison '79, and Victoria Kenney Neumann '79, reunited for adventures on Catalina Island.



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Ana Marques Meehan '83 was surprised to run into a fellow U of R alumna, Marjorie Ball '83, on a tour to Nashville, Tennessee.



Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81 and Viva Rose '81 traveled to Vancouver this September to visit Melinda Pearson Birks '81.



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**Kim Nelson '73, '88** graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1977 and from San Francisco Theological Seminary in 1988 with a Doctor of Ministry. He served as pastor in various Presbyterian congregations and as interim/transitional pastor in both Stockton, California, and Placerville, California. He is currently a volunteer diver at the Monterey Bay Aquarium.

**Dee St. John Perry '73** was recently honored as the 2022 Woman of the Year by the Woman's Club of Laguna Beach and acknowledged by the California State Assembly and the Mayor of Laguna Beach. Some of her 1973 classmates in attendance were **Lyndy Barcus Dye '73; Paul Dye '73; Christy Wilson Fisher '73; Karrie Shiba Morlan '73; Sharon Kubacki Stiles '73;** and her Theta Sisters, **Libby McLeod Casper '73** and **Colleen Harvey Petre '72**. They added to the entertainment with a rousing rendition of "Och Tamale," of course!

**Don Riggs '73** concluded 43 years of service in pastoral ministry, having served two churches in Southern California and three in Washington state. His last stop of 10 years was Bethany Community Church in Seattle. Upon graduation from the U of R, Don earned a Master of Science degree in special education and embarked upon a presumed career in teaching. Four years later, the call to vocational ministry came, and back to school he went for his Master of Divinity degree at Fuller Seminary, followed by his more than four decades of pastoral work. Retirement for Don will include adventures with Kristy, his wife of nearly 46 years; continuing to invest in their two grandkids, who are growing up fast; and, of course, doing some ministry, too, but now as a volunteer. At his retirement celebration, Don and Kristy looked forward to being able to ride together in the same car to church on Sunday mornings, a simple pleasure they hadn't had for 43 years.

### ↘ 1974

**Susan Stevens '74** released her poetry collection, *Words From the Liberated and Content*, by Finishing Line Press on Nov. 11.

### ↘ 1975

**Cathy Gilpin O'Neill '75** and **Barbara Rowe Wood '75** have been traveling together since they both retired in 2016. This August, they went on safari through Kenya and Tanzania, where they were surprised to meet lifelong Redlands resident Kate Adams Berich, one of the 10 in their group. The three women bonded while discussing the U of R and Redlands between sightings of cheetah, wildebeest, giraffe, elephant, gazelle, lion, and so much more. They all agreed it was the trip of a lifetime, and what a small world to all have a Redlands connection!

### ↘ 1976

**Mary Nagle '76** and her husband, Wyatt, have been married 31 years. She moved from Boston to Boise, Idaho, and has lived there for 37 years now. She is involved in feline rescue and started a nonprofit to support this endeavor.

### ↘ 1978

**Gary Boseck '78** and **Debra Dickstein Boseck '78** announce their daughter, Meghan, was married on Sept. 16 in La Jolla, California. On hand to celebrate the occasion were Redlands alumni **David '78; Debbie Sauder David '78; Craig Hoover '78;** and Gary's nephew, **Garrett Morriss '95**.

**Richard Bryson '78** retired after a 44-year career in aerospace, telecommunications, software and systems engineering on July 15. **David '78** and **Clay Krause '79** were on hand for his retirement party the next day.

### ↘ 1979

**Cindy Cantrell '79** traveled to Switzerland to visit some friends and then on to the south of France for a river cruise with friends from a local winery and to visit a little French museum. She lives in San Luis Obispo, California, and retired four years ago after 37 years as a speech pathologist in the local schools.

**Paul Goymerac '79** retired as vice president of operations in July 2021 for a dietary supplement/pharmaceutical plant. He and wife Cindy have been married for over 38 years. They have two children, one grandchild, and another due in February 2023. Both returned to Salzburg in the summer of 2019 after 42 years.

**Sharon Harvill McAuliffe '79** arranged a mini-reunion lunch while visiting her father. Attending were **Brad Anderson '78, Renee MacLaughlan Bozarth '79, Loretta Fischer-Herrin '79, Laura Rushton Jamison '79, Bruce Laycook '78, Fleury Jones Laycook '81, '03, and Becky Paxson McFarland '79**.

**Becky Paxson McFarland '79, Laura Rushton Jamison '79, and Victoria Kenney Neumann '79,** friends since their days in Anderson Hall, reunited for adventures on Catalina Island.

**Earl Weaver '79** is retiring this year after 20 years working at the University of Central Florida as the coordinator of musical theater. He is looking forward to new adventures!

### ↘ 1981

**Allison Moore Armstrong '81** is a new grandma with a wonderfully adorable grandson named Wesley. She is still enjoying her art journey, which she claims keeps her out of trouble. Allison also went to Scotland this summer, but most of her travel is to see family.

**Matt Clabaugh '81** has been buying land and enjoying time on his boat.

**Teri Crawford '81** has not had a good year. In March, she had a fall from a horse that resulted in a painful concussion and even more painful broken back (compression fracture of L3); four days later her father passed. Then in a span of two months, they lost their 10- and 14-year-old dogs. But finally, something good: Teri had been looking for a new show puppy for three years; the stars aligned and she travelled to Medicine Hat, Alabama, to pick up Mia, who at three months old won Best of Breed Puppy in three out of four shows in eastern Idaho.

**Kim Gale Goodin '81** and her husband, David, moved to Maui in 2019 with her mother. It was quite an adventure packing up two households, shipping cars, and bringing two dogs to Maui! Their son, Daniel, graduated from Virginia Tech in May and is starting a great first job as a software developer in Fairfax, Virginia. Sadly, Kim's mother passed away in February.

**Carol Licht Gutierrez '81** retired from teaching and is working as a consultant for the UCLA Math Project, helping teachers and students embrace math using cognitively guided instruction. Her husband, **Willie A. Gutierrez '80,** is the chief operating officer for Premier Workspaces. Willie still competes in triathlons and enjoys playing golf whenever he can. They both enjoy spending time with their seven grandchildren.

**Gina Griffin Hurlbut '81** and **Viva Rose '81** traveled to Vancouver this September to visit **Melinda Pearson Birks '81** and attend the wedding of her son, Peter Birks III. They also took their annual trip to Palm Desert staying in Melinda's timeshare.

**Dan Lewis '81** has a new book coming out next year from Simon & Schuster. It's not yet officially titled but will be something like *Rooted: The Past, Present, and Future of the World in Twelve Species of Trees*. He spent two weeks deep in the Manu Biosphere Reserve in Peru last September doing book research and in other parts of the world over the past couple of years. It's been great fun!

**Mark MacLean '81,** after nearly 32 years in the investment banking business in London, returned to his roots in Vancouver in 2019 and cofounded SAMCAP with the goal of establishing a world class, strategic real estate asset management and investment firm. SAMCAP's founders are real estate and public company executives with over 85 years of collective experience in public and private equity markets, real estate acquisition and management, and building real estate platforms. Mark lives with his long-term Partner, Romney Grant, who is a distinguished film executive and former Lawyer. Together Mark and Romney have four grown children: Ginny, Annabelle, Robert, and William.

**Tom Manson '81** is the CEO of Eastern Propane & Oil in Rochester, New Hampshire.

**Stephen McNamara '81** traveled more this year with a trip to Sedona, Arizona, in the spring and Chicago/Wisconsin in August for a nephew's wedding; to check the Major League baseball stadiums off the "bucket list"; and visit The House on the Rock in Wisconsin, one of the most amazing locations you'll ever see. Stephen visited his brother, **Paul McNamara '78,** this summer as well.

**Timothy Roberts '81** is doing well in Logan, Utah. He had a scare this year having a quadruple heart bypass. But luckily, he did not have a heart attack and is doing better now.

**Marcia Hackleman VanDyke '81** retired almost six years ago after a career as a newspaper publisher in Washington state. Following retirement, she and her husband, Jeff, took off on a cross-





Jennifer Sieck Gustafson '86 and Gene Ganssle '85 collaborate to produce a public service video.



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country bicycle adventure riding from Olympia to Washington and then Boston. Following their bike tour, they traveled on the East Coast and Cuba. They then met up with friends for a visit to Cuenca, Ecuador, and fell in love and have been living the expat life for the last four years. They keep a place in Washington and return every year to catch up with family and friends. Jeff recently had minor surgery, and his surgeon, who is Ecuadorian, practiced at Loma Linda Hospital for 15 years and lived in Redlands. He is the first person they have met in Ecuador who has ever even heard of Redlands let alone lived there.

### ↘ 1983

**Serene daRae '83** retired as a school-based speech language pathologist (SLP). She will be working as an independent contractor SLP and a certified acupressure massage practitioner and doing other creative projects in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her three kids are 22, 26, and 28, and she enjoys spending time with them when she can!

**Laura Luna '83** and her husband, Neil, celebrated their 11th anniversary in July. While they haven't done a lot of traveling due to the pandemic, they did visit the Arizona Meteor Crater in August. They still live in Austin, Texas, and love it there. They are fortunate to have both daughter, Sarah, and son, Michael, nearby. They are both excitedly looking forward to watching the progress of the Artemis program.

**Ana Marques Meehan '83** was surprised to run into a fellow U of R alumna, **Marjorie Ball '83**, on a tour to Nashville, Tennessee. They both knew the "Och Tamale"! Ana became a grandma to Cash on July 2, 2021.

### ↘ 1985

**Stuart Hoffman '85** celebrated 30 years of ownership and private practice at Calabasas Orthodontics. He and his wife, Lisa, celebrated the graduation of **Jonathan Hoffman '22** from University of Redlands this April. They also celebrated the law school graduation of son **Eric Hoffman '18** from University of Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in May of 2021. Eric is now working as a congressional legislative assistant in Washington, D.C.

### ↘ 1986

**Jennifer Sieck Gustafson '86** was sitting next to **Gene Ganssle '85** at a recent U of R Alumni gathering in Phoenix, and they quickly discovered

that they could collaborate on a professional endeavor. As community engagement manager for Neighbors Who Care, a nonprofit organization serving homebound seniors, Jennifer was looking to find someone to create a recruiting video to drum up new volunteers. Gene, a senior lecturer at the Sidney Poitier New American Film School at Arizona State University, just happened to be looking to partner with a local nonprofit to produce a public service video as part of the curriculum for students in his Screen Actors class. Imagine the two light bulbs that went off in their heads! After a few weeks of script writing, casting, filming, and post-production, the Neighbors Who Care recruiting video was born! If you'd like to watch the video, you can find it on YouTube under Neighbors Who Care Arizona..

### ↘ 1987

In August 2022, the **Class of 1987** gathered at the SFTS campus to commemorate its 35th reunion. Over three days of activities from August 3 through 6, members of the class communed with each other and reconnected with the seminary, celebrating milestones and sharing life stories. Before they departed, the alumni made origami figures from pages of inspirational scripture as parting gifts for the incoming class of seminary students.

### ↘ 1991

**Wes Burns '91** recently retired as a commander from the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, with nearly 23 years of service. His last assignment was senior reserve officer for Coast Guard Base Miami Beach. He lives in Chandler, Arizona.

**Karie Snodgrass '91** reports that her son, **Andrew Snodgrass '14**, and his wife, **Krystyl Snodgrass '16**, are expecting identical twins. Her daughter, Amanda, a Cal Baptist grad, is dispatching and flying for Mountain Air Cargo for FedEx. Karie is contemplating retiring within the next two years.

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**Jeni Gonong Bartel '93** met up with her Alpha Theta Phi "Little," **Christine Shackelford Koelling '94**, at Portland's Amtrak station for a fleeting reunion.

### ↘ 1994

**Sophia O'Donnell Kamp '94** works for the State Department as a foreign service officer currently assigned to Senegal. She is married to Kevin O'Donnell, also a foreign service officer, and

has three daughters: Sarah, 16; Kaelin, 15; and Clare, 12. Their dog is a mixed breed named Cookie. When not overseas, they try to spend as much time as possible at their river house in Sonoma County, California.

### ↘ 1995

**Melanie Dear-Larabee '95** is very excited that her son, **Noah Larabee '26**, just started at Redlands as a freshman music major. Melanie is so excited that he is continuing the Bulldog tradition!!

**Leslie Ferguson '95** published her debut memoir, *When I Was Her Daughter*, in November, with Acorn Publishing.

**Gary Giannoni '95** and his wife, **Dulce Trice Giannoni '95**, will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on Dec. 20. They have three sons. Their oldest is a college graduate from UC Irvine; their second is at Fresno State; and their youngest is in the sixth grade. Gary teaches social science at San Joaquin Memorial High School, and Dulce teaches English/ELD at Buchanan High School. Combined, they have over 45 years of teaching experience in Central California.

**David "Jamey" Heiss '95** was honored to participate as a panelist for the Careers in Creative Writing & Media Production Panel at the U of R's virtual career conference at the end of March.

**PJ Herreras '95** is a father of one amazing pre-teenager and lives in Beaumont, California. He received his Doctor of Education degree from La Sierra University and is in his 27th year of education. PJ is the principal of Excelsior Charter School in Corona, and during the pandemic, he opened a small Flip Flop Shop in Beaumont.

**Katy Holden Lacina '95** and her husband of 16 years, Rich, live in Skiatook, Oklahoma, with their dog Connor. Katy taught first grade for 18 years in California before moving to Oklahoma. Currently she works part time as a retail merchandiser.

**Liliana Narvaez '95** continues to reside in Los Angeles with her children Rosa and Ace. Her most recent accomplishment is the formalization of the Alpha Sigma Pi Alumni Association, where she is in her second term as president. She serves on the board with sisters **Leticia Llamas Wells '96**, **Shannon LeDuc '99**, **Julie Tran '02**, and **Wiski Trepesowsky Lee '02**. She is in her 27th year working in the Los Angeles Unified School District and 21st year as a school administrator.





Luke Willard '04 and Heather Thayer '06 connected in Seattle and visited Kerry Park.



Lindsey Wagner Schantz '02, '06 was chosen as 2020-21 Teacher of the Year for Cajon Valley Union School District.



Nick Monroe '02 and fellow members of Phi Tau, Andy Carpenter '04, Rob Condiotto '03, Javier Garcia '02, Brian Murphy '04, and Luke Willard '04, reunited for dinner on Pier 66 in Seattle.

**Sylvia Gutierrez Parker '95** moved from sunny California to Wisconsin this summer. She is currently teaching kindergarten for the Neenah Joint School District. This is her 24th year in education.

**Ginny Case Petrilla '95** lives in Yorba Linda, California, with her husband of 27 years, Jeff. Their daughter is a sophomore at Oregon State University, and their son is a senior in high school. Gina was a teacher for more than 20 years and is now a home-hospital teacher in Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District. She also is a Creative Memories advisor.

### ↘ 1996

**Amy Brossia Kamiyama '96** is proud to announce her daughter, **Kassidy Kamiyama '24**, was accepted to the U of R Communicative Sciences and Disorders Master's program. Amy and her mother, **Martha Brossia '87**, graduated from the program. There can't be that many triple legacies from the same program, and they are proud to be three generations of University of Redlands-educated speech-language pathologists!

### ↘ 1998

**Sean Griffin '98** is tackling his 24th year of teaching, coaching, and mentoring for Orange Unified School District. To help drive the district forward, he ran for one of the OUSD Board seats.

### ↘ 2000

**Leah Larkin '00** and her husband, **Rob Seifert '02**, are happy to share that their daughter, Callie, began attending Redlands this past fall. She is majoring in sociology and plans to attend law school after Redlands like her mom.

**Zack Lemley '00** was recently named a partner/shareholder at his firm, Byron & Edwards APC, in San Diego.

### ↘ 2001

**Evan Camperell '01** was named the head coach of the women's soccer team at Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

### ↘ 2002

**Nick Monroe '02** and fellow members of Phi Tau, **Andy Carpenter '04**, **Rob Condiotto '03**, **Javier Garcia '02**, **Brian Murphy '04**, and **Luke Willard '04**, reunited for dinner on Pier 66 in Seattle.

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### ↘ 2003

**Melani Schuss Armstrong '03** is still living in San Diego with her husband, Michael, and two kids, Leah, 10, and Ian, 8. She is on her 15th year with Intuit and has just taken on the role as senior product manager on the Artificial Intelligence team.

**Tyler Marshall '03** married Carly Wyatt at the Fairmont Orchid on the Big Island of Hawaii. They have a 5-year-old named Maverick. Tyler is currently a solutions architect at Zoos.

### ↘ 2004

**Aland Failde '04** celebrated his 40th birthday this year with fellow alumni, **Arthur Edmonds '03**, **Jenna James '07**, and **Ryan James '07**. He lives in Orange County and is vice president of marketing at a gaming startup, which launched their first game, Marvel SNAP, in October.

**Amber Ellis Johnson '04** and **Tim Johnson Johnston '04** love living in Maine with their five children.

**Allison Roeser '04** coauthored *Social Emotional Learning Starts with Us: Empowering Educators to Support Students*, a resource for parents and educators, published by Shell Education in April.

**Ellen Steinlein '04** lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, with her three children. She is a master facilitator and learning designer with Fierce Conversations Inc.

**Luke Willard '04** and **Heather Thayer '06** connected in Seattle and visited Kerry Park.

### ↘ 2005

**Matthew Gray '05**, **Lindsay Gray McNicholas '05**, and **Lindsay Wolf '04** were visited in Colorado by **Amber Ellis Johnson '04** and **Tim Johnson '04**.

### ↘ 2006

**Evan Baughfman '06** released a spooky novella, *Vanishing of the 7th Grade*, published with D&T Publishing. The book, a scary story for young horror fans, is available for purchase on Amazon.

**Irene Chow '06** graduated from U of R School of Education, obtained K-8 general education credentials as well as a K-12 moderate to severe



Amber Ellis Johnson '04 and Tim Johnson '04 love living in Maine with their five children.



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Victoria Llort '13 attended the Congressional Picnic at the White House on July 12 with Rep. Raul Ruiz and met President Joe Biden.



Michael DiMatteo '18 went on a 6,070-mile road trip over 25 days.



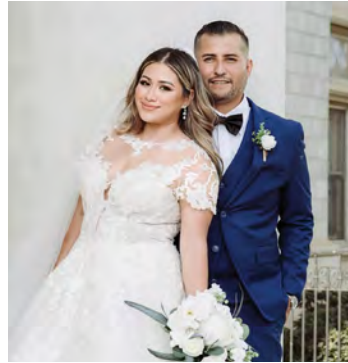
Ayesha Ali King '10 and husband Erik welcomed son Oliver in February.



Lauren Villanueva '16 welcomed her first baby, a girl named Sierra in 2022.



Morgan Monreal '10 is engaged to Kyle Migliore. Kyle proposed on June 30 during a gorgeous sunset at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.



Shelly Velez '14 and Johnny Munoz '11 were married in Redlands on July 30. They were happily joined by other alumni.



Victoria Baker Morrow '12 and husband Alex welcomed son Carson on Apr. 13.



Margo Macready '15 and Clint Freeman '14 were married on Nov. 13, 2021, in Redlands with many Bulldogs joining them to celebrate.



Christina Alaniz '09 won the CA Teacher Association's 2022 Human Rights Award.



Conor Swanberg '14 was married in New Canaan, Connecticut, with fellow Chi Sigma Chi brothers, Brady McFaul '15, Alex Roedl '15, and Michael Vavru '14 in attendance.



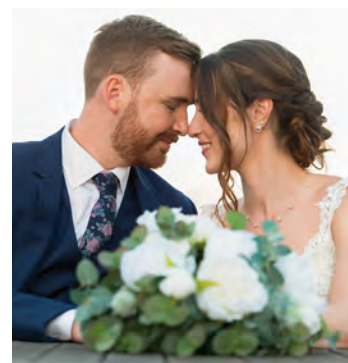
Tyler Morehead '12 married Paola Alunni in October 2021 in the beautiful Hudson Valley, New York. He was accompanied by many supportive Bulldog friends including Dan Barson '12, Tyler Blackledge '12, Hilary Cole '12, Jon Donner '12, Steve Homan '12, Terry Kelly '12, Kyle Kniffin '12, Kelly Lewis '15, Nick Pingree '12, and Daniel Young '12.



Isabella Raymond Block '16 married Redlands-born James Block in August 2021 in Savannah, Georgia.



Nathan Meier '16 and Katie Argumosa '16 '20 were engaged May 14 at Europa Winery in Temecula, California.



Emily Rath '16 and Tyler Derbish '16 were married July 8 in Pasadena, California. More than 30 U of R alumni attended their wedding.



Colin Romer '18 and Dallas Hackett '18 were married in Murrieta, California, in April. The wedding included many Redlands alumni.





Alyssa Barnhart Grainger '11 and husband Ben Grainger '11 welcomed baby Theodore into the family in November 2021.



Irene Chow '06 visited five National Parks in 2021 to help her three children earn Junior Ranger badges on their travel schooling journey.



Matthew Gray '05, Lindsay Gray McNicholas '05, and Lindsay Wolf '04 were visited in Colorado by Amber Ellis Johnson '04 and Tim Johnson '04.

special education. She holds a Master of Science Degree in autism. Prior to having her own children, she taught at San Diego Unified School District as a moderate to severe education specialist. She now has three children, who are 9, 6, and 4. In 2021, they were able to nail down five National Parks and earned Junior Ranger badges; the goal is to visit as many National Parks as possible through their travel schooling journey. They also bring their musical instruments everywhere they travel to maintain practices and Zoom lessons.

**Dan James '06** and his wife, Jessica, moved from Thousand Oaks, California, to the greater Boise, Idaho, area in the spring along with their three children. They both have new jobs, and the kids are doing great.

**Bob Toomey '06** and wife Jaclyn Toomey welcomed their third child, a girl, Cameron Ryann Toomey, on Nov. 11, 2021. He acquired his fifth medical practice on October 1 in White Plains, Maryland. He also performed Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center's first total ankle arthroplasty (replacement) procedure in March.

### ↘ 2007

**Kevin Eberle-Noel '07, '13** was selected as the executive director of the Redlands Symphony Association and began with the orchestra on July 5.

### ↘ 2009

**Christina Alaniz '09** was among the California Teacher Association's 2022 Human Rights Award winners. She received the American Indian/Alaska Native Human Rights Award in Honor of Jim Clark and wanted to shout out the History Department for inspiring her during her undergraduate work. Christina has been involved with the Native community her entire life. Currently teaching second grade for Palm Springs Unified School District, she has written ethnic studies curriculum, has served the past seven years on her school site council, and is a current member of an antiracist coalition.

**Ivan Aviles '09** was voted 2021-2022 Temecula Middle School Teacher of the Year.

### ↘ 2010

**Ayesha Ali King '10** and husband Erik welcomed son Oliver in February. He joins big brother Alexander.

**Morgan Monreal '10** is engaged to Kyle Migliore. Kyle proposed on June 30 during a gorgeous sunset at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. They will be married on May 13, 2023, in Fallbrook, California.

### ↘ 2011

**Alyssa Barnhart Grainger '11** and husband **Ben Grainger '11** welcomed baby Theodore into the family in November 2021. He joins three-year-old big sister Josephine.

**Corrie Beall Stone '11** and husband Austin Stone married in May of 2021 and are expecting a baby in December.

### ↘ 2012

**Tyler Morehead '12** married Paola Alunni in October 2021 in the beautiful Hudson Valley, New York. Accompanied by many supportive Bulldog friends including **Dan Barson '12, Tyler Blackledge '12, Hilary Cole '12, Jon Donner '12, Steve Homan '12, Terry Kelly '12, Kyle Kniffin '12, Kelly Lewis '15, Nick Pingree '12, and Daniel Young '12**. As this group reminisced about all their intramural championships, they were also able to celebrate their own uniquely successful careers. Tyler and Paola now live happily in San Francisco with their dog, Piccolo, and a baby on the way.

**Victoria Baker Morrow '12** and husband Alex welcomed son Carson on Apr. 13.

### ↘ 2013

**Victoria Llort '13** was in Washington, D.C., at the Association of California Water Agencies' Legislative Affairs Conference, while she attended the Congressional Picnic at the White House on July 12 with U.S. Rep. Raul Ruiz. She also met President Joe Biden and other government leaders.

**Melissa Pilato McFaul '13** and **Brady McFaul '15** welcomed their son Brooks in May. He joins big sister Mabel.

### ↘ 2014

**Tess Branker '14** is a lifestyle portrait and wedding photographer. You can view her amazing work at [tessbranker.com](http://tessbranker.com).

**Kayla Nelson Peetz '14** and her husband, **Richard Peetz '15**, welcomed their daughter, Makena, on September 18, 2021.

**Conor Swanberg '14** was married in New Canaan, Connecticut, with fellow Chi Sigma Chi brothers, **Brady McFaul '15, Alex Roedl '15, and Michael Vavru '14** in attendance.

**Shelly Velez '14** and **Johnny Munoz '11** were married in Redlands on July 30 and joined by other alumni, including Alpha Xi members **Erica Antonio '13** and **Sheila Mendoza '14** and Beta Lambda member **Andrea Ortega '15**, in the bridal party.

### ↘ 2015

**Margo Macready '15** and **Clint Freeman '14** were married on Nov 13, 2021, in Redlands with many Bulldogs joining them to celebrate.

### ↘ 2016

**Isabella Raymond Block '16** married Redlands-born James Block in August 2021 in Savannah, Georgia. **Kate Bishop '16** was the officiant, and **Kathryn Collins '16** joined in the celebrations. These two amazing women were college roommates with Isabella.

**Nathan Meier '16** and **Katie Argumosa '16, '20** were engaged May 14 at Europa Winery in Temecula, California.

**Emily Rath '16** and **Tyler Derbish '16** were married July 8 at Castle Green in Pasadena, California. Emily and Tyler met in fall 2012 their freshmen year at University of Redlands. They dated for over nine years before tying the knot. More than 30 U of R alumni attended their wedding.

**Mary Smith '16** married **Spencer Griffin '15** on Feb. 22 after meeting at Redlands in 2015. Mary has become a published author as part of the bestselling *The I in Team* series with her father, Brian. Their most recent book is receiving amazing reviews and is poised to be a bestseller. Mary has also been published by some of the most-read business journals today, including *CEO Magazine*, *Fast Company*, and *Authority and Medium* to name a few. Spencer graduated from American University Law School in Washington, D.C., and is an associate with a highly regarded law firm in Chicago.

**Lauren Villanueva '16** welcomed her first baby, a girl named Sierra in 2022.

### ↘ 2018

**Michael DiMatteo '18** went on a 6,070-mile road trip over 25 days. He left Houston on Oct. 22 and arrived in San Diego on Nov. 16. Along the way, he saw many beloved U.S. landmarks, including the Gateway Arch, Mount Rushmore, and Golden Gate Bridge. On the trip home, he was fortunate and grateful to see many friends and family, specifically 2018 alumni **Casey Coffman '17, Blake DeWalt '18, James Phelps '19, Kaelin Roy '18, Will Tender '18, and Halie West '18**. After a few months of job searching and interviews upon getting to San Diego, he accepted a job as a master control operator for Fox Sports in Tempe, Arizona.

**Colin Romer '18** and **Dallas Hackett '18** were married in Murrieta, California, in April. The wedding party included groomsmen **Austin Holland '18,**



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Nancy Escobedo '10 had her first baby, Maristella Yvette, on Jan. 29.



Larry Mason '72 is the cofounder and executive director of a nonprofit, Huntsville Urban Bike Share Coop.



Tony Chukuka '06 was appointed to the board of directors of Baltimore's Kennedy Krieger Institute.



Priscilla Grijalva '05 was named National Life Changer of the Year by the National Life Group Foundation.



Glenda Gelvosa Del Rosario '21 and husband, Raymond, welcomed their first grandson, Noah, on Jan. 27.

**Adam Taylor '18, Jose Torres '18, bridesmaids Olivia Allen '20, Emily Martin Bourgouin '17, '18, Krissa Lindsay '18, and maid of honor Hana Mason '18.** They were joined by many Redlands alumni, including Beta Lambda members, **Kendra Brown '19, Katelyn Hoffman '17, Mikayla Perry '18, Kestra Thompson '20, and Patricia Van Deursen '20.**

### ↘ 2019

**Chloe Woodling '19** finished her master's degree from Ball State University and has now started a Ph.D. program in clinical health psychology at University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

### ↘ 2020

**Catherine Nohra '20** started law school this past fall at Southwestern Law School.

### ↘ 2021

**Mark Kirkland '21** is currently enrolled at Winthrop University in South Carolina to earn his MBA and continue his baseball career. He said it's very beautiful and he has been loving it so far.

## Johnston

### ↘ 1972

**Larry Mason '72** is the cofounder and executive director of a nonprofit, Huntsville Urban Bike Share Coop. They take donated bikes and get them to folks that need basic transportation. After earning a master's degree in urban planning and a long career developing geographic databases and graphic applications for geospatial applications, Larry has retired and started the nonprofit with the hope of promoting sustainable active transportation alternatives to a car dependency culture.

### ↘ 1985

**Katherine Bacal '85** is a County Superior Court judge in San Diego and is running for congress.

### ↘ 1995

**John Albert '95** brought eight U.S. K-12 school administrators through the Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools program to Finland in May for an intensive exploration of Finnish school leadership, educational system, and culture after two cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. John was among the eight distinguished U.S. educational leaders. He was in Finland at the historical moment Finland submitted their

application to join NATO. U of R has a long history of distinguished alumni honored with the Fulbright award. [www.fulbright.fi/FLGS-participants-2022](http://www.fulbright.fi/FLGS-participants-2022)

### ↘ 1996

**Toni Freitas '96** is designing a new master's degree for the University of Edinburgh in circular economy to be launched in 2023.

### ↘ 2006

**Darcie Flansburg '06** moved to Guangzhou, China, to teach high school English language arts at the American International School of Guangzhou. She also completed a second master's last year in educational leadership.

## Schools of Business & Society and Education

### ↘ 1978

**Mike Rothmiller '78** has released his latest book, *Frank Sinatra and the Mafia Murders*.

### ↘ 1988

**Sallie Piccorillo '88** is the co-president of the Del Mar-Leucadia branch of the American Association of University Women.

### ↘ 1995

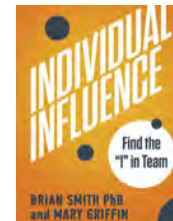
**Duane Dubay '95** had a successful career in high tech in Southern California and Silicon Valley when he moved to Texas to step back from technology. He now has a degree in culinary arts and is a chef at a high-end gourmet cooking school in Dallas.

### ↘ 2005

**Priscilla Grijalva '05** is currently split at two schools as a school counselor at the Corona-Norco Unified School District in California. She was named National Life Changer of the Year by the National Life Group Foundation.



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### ↘ 2006

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### ↘ 2010

**Nancy Escobedo '10** had her first baby, Maristella Yvette, on Jan. 29.

### ↘ 2011

**Savan Prak '11** was named the new principal at Spanos Elementary School in Stockton, California.

### ↘ 2021

**Glenda Gelvosa Del Rosario '21** and her husband, Raymond, welcomed their first grandson, Noah, born on Jan. 27.

## Former Faculty

**Bruce McAllister** released his book, *Stealing God and Other Stories*, in June. He an English and creative writing professor from 1947 to 1997.

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# Passings

Passings reflect deaths before Sept. 28, 2022.

## The College

**Helen Root Schall '42**, Jan. 16.

Family members include son Donald Schall '69.

**Mary Jane McConnel Auerbacher '44**, Jan. 21.

**Martha Grizzle Gustafson '44**, July 8.

**Pat Cooper Rice '44**, Dec. 29, 2021.

**Geneve Hendon Suttle '46**, Mar. 9.

Family members include son John Suttle '77.

**Betty Henshaw Macy '48**, June 25.

Family members include sister Jean Henshaw Hughes '46.

**Jo Lance Hancock '49**, Jan. 31.

**Denny Hayden '49**, July 4. Family members

include wife Lois Hayden '49; daughters Ann Hayden Jessup '77, Jean Hayden Harrison '78, and Nancy Hayden McGee '82; granddaughter Kristen Harrison '11; and grandson Andrew Jessup '14.

**Heinz Heckeroth '49**, Mar. 6.

**Bruce Woods '49**, Apr. 5.

**Billie Kemper Baker '50**, July 30.

**Mary Devoss Cameron '50**, June 22.

**Darrell Nelson '50**, May 14. Family members

include son Kim Nelson '73 and daughter Barbara Nelson Sunde '81.

**Coralee Yarborough Tucker '50**, June 19.

**Ed Irvin '51**, May 11. Family members include

daughter Ruth Ann Irvin Walker '79, sons Joseph Irvin '80 and Andrew Irvin '85, and grandson Russell Walker '08.

**Donald Warburton '51**, Jan. 29. Family members

include wife Eleanor Warburton '57.

**Nancy MacPherson Buss '52**, May 18.

**David Fenton '52**, July 8. Family members include

wife Jean Burnight Fenton '54 and daughter Martha Fenton Frear '79.

**Blanche Edgar Futrell '52**, Oct. 6, 2021.

**John Kuo '52**, Apr. 29.

**Joan Gartner Macon '52**, Feb. 21

**Evie Yoder Tatton '52**, May 28.

**Velvajean Miller Woodrow '52**, June 14.

**Ray Bryson '53**, Feb. 20. Family members

include wife Ruth Cain Bryson '53, sons Richard Bryson '78 and Randal Bryson '81, and granddaughter Alys Bryson '03.

**Nancy Page Griffin '53**, Apr. 13.

**Windy Bell Marrs '53**, Feb. 22.

**James Culpepper '54**, Apr. 23.

**Fred Edwards '54**, Apr. 9. Family members

include wife Janet McLean Edwards '54, son John Edwards '81, and daughter Serene Edwards daRae '83.

**Ron Gordon '54**, Mar. 13.

**Mabel Shippam McFarland '54**, May 9.

**Elizabeth White McMichael '54**, May 14.

**Diana Drake Palmer '54**, June 3. Family members include husband Theron Palmer '55.

**Celia Brazil Pangborn '54**, Apr. 4.

**Dody Olsen Wedel '54**, June 20.

**Jae Emehiser '55**, July 29. Family members

include daughter Melissa Emehiser Westerfield '82, grandson David J. Westerfield '09, and granddaughters Kaitlin Westerfield Gorman '12 and Amanda Westerfield '14.

**Bruce Lamb '55**, Mar. 18. Family members include brother Kirk Lamb '53.

**Arthur Lawson '55**, Jan. 28.

**Forrest Sears '55**, Jan. 26.

**James Dickens '56**, Apr. 16. Family members

include wife Sara Dixson Dickens '57.

**Ralph Caulo '57**, June 24.

**Jean Anderson Crowell '57**, May 11. Family

members include daughter Judy Crowell Kenny '95 and sister Janet Anderson Dort '60.

**Jon Kelly '57**, Jan. 22.

**David Westerfield '58**, July 31. Family members

include wife Patricia Jackson Westerfield '57; daughter Lynne Westerfield Mast '83; sons David W. Westerfield '81, Thomas Westerfield '86, Michael Westerfield '90, and Scott Westerfield '94; grandson David J. Westerfield '09; and granddaughter Amanda Westerfield '14.

**Elizabeth Conner Hillaker '59**, Apr. 3.

**Marilyn Heller Keast '59**, June 30.

**Gary Larson '59**, Dec. 22, 2021. Family members

include wife Johnelle Zook Larson '59.

**Dave Lowry '59**, Feb. 14.

**Carolin Lee Nelson '59**, Aug. 1.

**Jo Ann Jarvis Lantz '60**, June 23.

**Bruce Armstrong '61**, Apr. 17. Family members

include son Daniel Armstrong '92.

**Claudette Felper Blakemore '61**, Apr. 25. Family

members include daughter Tanya Blakemore '05 and sister Claudia Felper Bertrand '61.

**Suzi Stice McIntyre '61**, June 28.

**Kay Hansen Rawlinson '61**, Feb. 2.

**Lotus Williams Van Sciver '61**, Jan. 23. Family

members include husband Peter Van Sciver '61.

**Ann Avery Andres '62**, Mar. 7.

**B Gene Bristoll '62**, Apr. 9.

**Char Gledhill '62**, May 29. Family members

include wife Mary Bristow Gledhill '61.

**Grace MacFarlane Studley '62**, Aug. 2.

**Myron Tarkanian '62**, Feb. 12. Family members

include wife Anna Fagerlin Tarkanian '62; daughters Rose Tarkanian McGrath '89, Jane Tarkanian Wilson '91, and Kendra Tarkanian Longhurst '92; and granddaughter Randirose Wilson '19.

**Hugh Winn '62**, Aug. 6. Family members include wife Ruth Kneeland Winn '64 and sister Bonnie Zoe Winn '66.

**Susan Johnson Hansen '63**, Mar. 16.

**Robert Marcum '65**, Feb. 12. Family members include brother Bert Marcum '63.

**Cecilia Banez Mondero '65**, Jan. 26.

**Guy Weaver '65**, July 16.

**Jim Guthrie '66**, Mar. 12.

**Tom Hoover '66**, Feb. 5.

**Joan Tolleson Gandel '67**, Feb. 17. Family members include daughters Denise Gandel Kendrix '91 and Jennifer Gandel Ridgeway '01 and sister Janet Tolleson Zoller '72.

**Don Gifford '67**, Jan. 24.

**Hal Hedrick Jr. '67**, Nov. 15, 2021.

**Duke Kuehn '67**, Feb. 23.

**Mable Wilson Lowe '67**, Mar. 17. Family members include daughter Serah Clark Harrison '05.

**Marilyn Fairbanks Anderson '68**, June 11.

**Tim Constantine '68**, Mar. 17. Family members include wife Peggy Rivers Constantine '68 and sister Zora Constantine Charles '70.

**Tom Rees '68**, Feb. 2. Family members include brother Douglas Rees '72.

**Ed Watson '68**, May 15. Family members include sister Annette Watson Townsend '63.

**Walt Heath '69**, Mar. 26.

**George Wallace '69**, Jan. 8.

**Nan Bourne Bassoni '70**, May 18.

**Jim Glaze '70**, May 22. Family members include daughter Shelley Glaze '02 and brother Christopher Glaze '78.

**Roger Kadz '70**, May 12.

**John Llewellyn '70**, Apr. 6.

**Mary Ann Knutson Meredith '71**, Apr. 15.

**Jeff King '72**, Apr. 28. Family members include wife Pamela Preston King '72 and son Oliver King '01.

**Brad Nelson '72**, Apr. 3. Family members include wife Merryl Perry Nelson '74.

**Lynette McCall '73**, Jan. 28. Family members include sister Joyann McCall Gongaware '72, '75.

**Paul Sharkey '82**, Mar. 19.

**Criss Uithoven '86, '95**, Mar. 6. Family members include wife Linda Schulman Uithoven '84, '01 and brother Robert Uithoven '93.

**Ron Cardenas '21**, Jan. 23. Family members include brother Dana Cardenas '13.



## Schools of Education and Business & Society

**Rubie McClure '74, '77**, Mar. 18.

**Paul Wells '74**, Jan 25.

**Jerri Maupin '76**, Feb. 24.

**Connie Montelongo '76**, Apr. 25.

**Stanley Millar '78**, July 20.

**Marion Volk '78**, Feb. 1.

**Donald Dyer '79**, Jan. 29.

**Catherine Loe '79**, June 6.

**Terence Allen '80**, Apr. 1.

**Paul Blumberg '80**, June 7.

**David Meyer '80**, Nov. 27, 2021.

**Sharon Bennett '81**, May 31.

**Beverly Belli '82**, Apr. 11.

**Claude Bealer '85**, Jan. 10.

**Amelia Jacobs '86**, Feb. 4.

**Kathy Lamb '86**, Feb. 1.

**Norman Johns '87**, Feb. 5.

**Maxine Musser '87**, Feb. 7.

**Ralph Digiovanni '88**, Apr. 26.

**Donald Grimes '88**, June 7.

**Patrick Barron '89**, July 15.

**Debra Cruder '89**, June 5.

**Marianne Ayers '92**, Feb. 23.

**Randy Bryant '92**, Apr. 14.

**Jean Buck '93**, June 2.

**Edwin De Jean '95**, Jan. 29.

**Diane Lannon Lupi '95**, July 20.

**David Baker '97**, July 15.

**Bruce Van Why '98**, July 11.

**Karen Wenger '99**, Jan. 29.

**Diane Amendt '00**, July 6.

**Deborah Deleon '05, '08**, Mar. 7.

**JJ Hall '05**, Jan. 5.

**Jeff Peters '05**, Apr. 8.

**Curtis Gold '10**, Aug. 27.

**Clint Bowers '11, '13**, May 20.

**Austin Dyer '13**, May 1.

## Friends

**Joyce Dangermond**, Apr. 28. Cortner Society member.

**Kathi Jensen**, May 19. Former adjunct faculty.

**Margaret Hill**, Dec. 19, 2021. Former adjunct faculty.

**Helen Huntley**, Sept. 9. Former adjunct faculty.

**Lyle Hymer-Thompson**, Apr. 17. Former Johnston College faculty member.

**Ruth Morpeth**, Mar. 13. Former adjunct faculty.

**Karen Oliver**, Feb. 10.

**Brett Smith**, June 16. Former adjunct faculty.

## In memoriam

**Jim Glaze Jr. '70** passed away on May 22 at age 74. A proud Pi Chi fraternity brother, Jim was a longtime member of U of R's Town & Gown and many members of his family attended the University.

Owner of the Jim Glaze Auto Center in Redlands for many years, Jim started in the business when he returned home in 1972—after earning an MBA at Arizona State—to help his father, Jim Glaze Sr., operate a Lincoln Mercury car dealership. He later took over the business and expanded it into the auto center. Jim Jr. was an avid automobile enthusiast and owned many vehicles throughout his career.

Jim and his wife, Alexis, were sweethearts at Redlands High School; they reconnected later in life and married in 1988. As a dedicated fisherman, he traveled the world for the sport and enjoyed hunting.

He is survived by his wife, Alexis; son, Andy Glaze and wife Lauren and their children, Hayden, Marley, and Peyton; his daughter Shelley Kelley and husband Peter and their children Cora and James; daughter Alexandra Graham and husband Doug and daughters Weiler and Georgia; son Hamilton Pollard and wife Erin and children Penelope, Charlotte, and Keene.

**Karen Oliver**, a friend of the University, passed away on Feb. 10; she was 75. She married John Oliver '64 in 1994, and they were faithful leadership supporters of the Oliver Family Endowed Scholarship created by John's parents, who were also Redlands alumni. Karen supported U of R's Town & Gown for many years.

Born in Loma Linda, Karen grew up in Banning and Ventura, and attended Pasadena Nazarene College. She moved to Redlands in 1970. As a teen, her first job was playing the piano at Redlands First Church of the Nazarene. She worked in the Redlands school district offices, at a local photo mapping company, and a GIS software company. All of her grandchildren attended Montessori in Redlands. She served for six years on the Montessori Board, volunteered, and often played piano for class musicals. Among the many charities she served, she was also a longtime member of Kate Salvesen's ('77) Chocolate Fantasy Mafia, an annual fundraiser for the Redlands Boys & Girls Club.

Karen was preceded in death by her son, Brett Wheeler in 2018. She is survived by husband John; son Corey Oliver, grandchildren Ryan Oliver, Emerson Oliver, and Jackson Oliver; as well as adopted daughter Lisa Wade.



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# ON SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Jan. 17–Friday, Apr. 21, 2023

## Art Exhibits

### University Art Gallery

Len Davis: Slices of Life, Jan. 17–Feb. 5, opening reception Jan. 25 at 4:30 p.m.; Sawyer Rose: The Carrying Stones Project, Feb. 14–Mar. 12, opening reception Feb. 15 at 4:30 p.m.; Senior Art Show, Mar. 28–Apr. 21, closing reception Apr. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Gallery hours are 1–5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 2–5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Visit [www.redlands.edu/gallery](http://www.redlands.edu/gallery) or call 909-748-8508 for show details.

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023

## Our Song, Our Story—

### The New Generation of Black Voices

4 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Created and directed by composer, conductor, and multi-genre musician Damien Sneed, *Our Song, Our Story* is an evening of music highlighting some of the world's most well-known operatic arias, art songs and spirituals. This presentation will pay homage to Marian Anderson and Jessye Norman, who have paved the way for African American opera singers. For more information, contact the School of Performing Arts at 909-748-8800 or visit [www.redlands.edu/oursong](http://www.redlands.edu/oursong).

Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023

## The Redlands Experience in L.A.:

### Opera and Dinner

Join fellow alumni and friends for a matinee of *The Marriage of Figaro* at L.A. Opera, starring Craig Colclough '04. The opera will be followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant where you can get to know local alumni. For more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit [www.redlands.edu/alumni](http://www.redlands.edu/alumni).

Friday, Mar. 3–Saturday, Mar. 4, 2023

## Charlotte S. Huck Children's Festival

Learn and refuel in a collegial atmosphere surrounded by educators, librarians, parents, students, authors, illustrators, editors, and those interested in children's literature. To register or for more information, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or visit [www.redlands.edu/charlottehuckfestival](http://www.redlands.edu/charlottehuckfestival).

Mar. 10–12 and Mar. 17–19, 2023

## Sweeney Todd, the Demon Barber of Fleet Street

The School of Performing Arts presents this Sondheim and Wheeler Musical in a collaborative production between the Conservatory of Music and Department of Theatre Arts and Dance. The creative team aims for a non-traditional approach that considers artistic innovation as well as diversity and inclusion. For more information, visit [www.redlands.edu/currentproductions](http://www.redlands.edu/currentproductions).

Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023

## President's Honor Recital

4 p.m., Memorial Chapel

Since 1983, the President's Honor Recital has provided a public showcase for outstanding student performers selected through audition. This event is free and open to the public; no tickets are required. For more information, contact the School of Performing Arts at 909-748-8800.

Tuesday, Apr. 4

## University of Redlands Giving Day

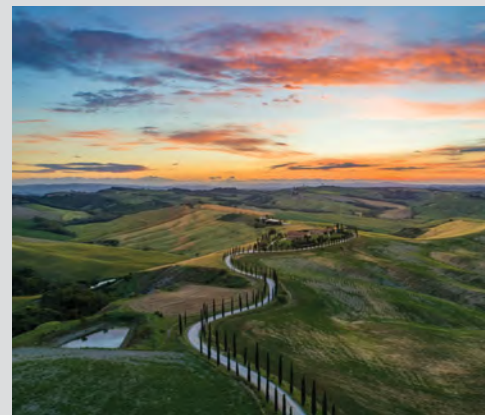
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May 2023

## Bulldogs in Service

Bulldogs in Service is back! Alumni can choose any day in the month of May to host a service project in their region. If you would like to be an event host, contact Alumni and Community Relations at 909-748-8011 or [alumni@redlands.edu](mailto:alumni@redlands.edu).



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For the most up-to-date list of University events, please visit

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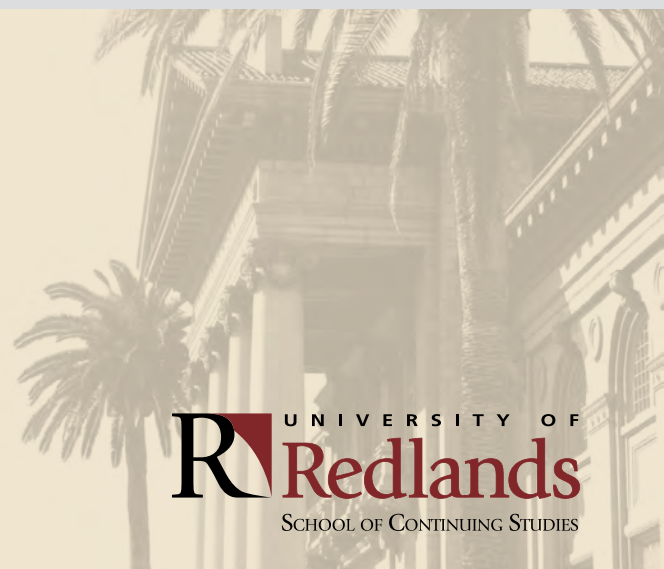
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# A salute to service: Alumnus represents Redlands for two decades at local college fairs

By Laura Gallardo '03, '22

When Norm Naylor '63 began high school, he met Weaver Thornton, a history teacher who would change the course of his life. Thanks to Thornton's influence, Naylor attended the University of Redlands' speech clinic (now Truesdail Speech Center) to combat his stuttering. Each week, Naylor drove to the Redlands campus, and while he applied to several colleges, he knew U of R was where he felt most comfortable.

"Redlands prepared me to be a lifelong student," Naylor said, who enlisted in the California National Guard three weeks before completing his business and economics degree. He later earned a master's degree from University of La Verne and, later reunited with Thornton as a student-teacher at Chaffey High School.

"Weaver was the most influential person in my life," Naylor said, who connected with Thornton again at a conference shortly before his passing. He went on to teach there for 14 years.

During his decorated service in the United States Air Force, Naylor served as a recruiter for the Air Force Academy, representing the institution at college fairs. In 1997, the University's Office of Admissions asked if he would represent his alma mater at an upcoming fair in Atlanta, as a colleague was unexpectedly unable to attend. After that, Naylor became an invaluable asset to the Admissions team, expanding his service to 10 local fairs in the Tennessee area each year for two decades.

Naylor enjoyed meeting with prospective students at the events, sharing the benefits of Redlands' small class sizes and personalized approach. "If I could get the students to the campus, I felt like they could experience the sense of community for themselves."

Naylor said he enjoyed the long-term relationships he built at Redlands—including classmates Tom Tustin, John Demmon, and Ralph Lehotsky—and stays in touch with several students he met at fairs who later attended the University.

In addition to his admissions volunteerism, Naylor served on the University's Alumni Association Board of Directors, President's Circle Leadership Committee, Centennial Committee, and his class reunion committee. "The culture of Redlands keeps me engaged," Naylor said. "Students can become involved as much as they want with their professors."

His commitment to service extends beyond Redlands, including Zoo Knoxville, Pellissippi State Community College, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, and Tennessee Achieve, a statewide mentoring organization. In acknowledgment of the exceptional ways he gives back, Naylor received the Alumni Board's Community Service Award in 2018.

To further honor his gratitude to Redlands, Naylor and his wife Ann have included provisions for the University in their estate plan, including support for an endowed scholarship and Truesdail Speech Center. "Professor Cherry Parker and his team at the speech clinic changed my life, just like Weaver Thornton," Naylor reflected. "It all began with Redlands."

For information on how you can create an endowment at the University to support scholarships or a particular U of R program, contact Ericka Smith, senior director of major gifts, University Advancement, at 909-748-8357 or [ericka\\_smith@redlands.edu](mailto:ericka_smith@redlands.edu). To inquire about volunteer opportunities at the University of Redlands, email [alumni@redlands.edu](mailto:alumni@redlands.edu) or call 909-748-8011.





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