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Dear Center for,

“Hello” – A greeting spoken frequently on our campus. You may recall it is even inscribed in our sidewalk. I recently discovered this iconic picture as I was perusing the university photo archives. What memories does this bring to your mind? The beauty of fall in the valley or perhaps the friendly students on campus? Our students are soon returning – classes start Sept. 30 – so these sidewalks will once again be bustling.

Summer in the Office of Advancement was filled with camp meeting visits, a baseball game with our own community's Walla Walla Sweets team, a weekend at Rosario, and an office relocation (come see us in our new office suite on the fourth floor in the Administration Building). We gave out over 500 pounds of sweet onions at camp meetings throughout the Pacific Northwest, had 300 alumni and friends cheer on the WW Sweets at our annual baseball game, and had an overflow crowd at Rosario. Click here to see our photos on Flickr from our Rosario weekend. It has been a great summer.

So, “Hello” – to fall, to another strong enrollment, to walkways full of energetic young people.

P.S. Please take a look at the “Alumni Events” section (right) to see if we are going to be in your area soon. We would love to connect with you and say “Hello.”

ALUMNI EVENTS

Berrien Springs, Mich.
Oct. 20 | Andrews University
Join President John McVay in the Chan Shun building, Whirlpool Room, at 6:30 p.m. for a dessert buffet and a time to connect and share stories.

Portland Alumni
Nov. 10 | Vancouver, Wash.
Complementary Alumni Brunch at 10 a.m., Center Point, Meadow Glade Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Portland Alumni
Nov. 10 | Portland, Ore.
Complementary Alumni Dinner at 5 p.m., The Old Spaghetti Factory, Clackamas, Ore. The seating will be limited, so please RSVP at 800-377-2586 or alumni@wallawalla.edu.

CAMPUS EVENTS

Longest Table Potluck
Oct. 5 | 4th St.

Family Weekend
Oct. 25-27 | College Place campus
The weekend includes class visits Friday morning; Friday Ice Cream at Bright’s Candies in downtown Walla Walla; Student Missions Vespers; Sabbath church services followed by dinner with WWU Administration;
ALUMNI NEWS

David Wagner, 2000 WWU Graduate and Paralympic Medal Winner, Speaks to Local Groups
In September, Wagner spoke to area grade schoolers. Here, he joins Terri Dickinson Neil to display one of his medals. He will return to Walla Walla University to speak on Nov. 19 at 11 a.m. in the University Church. Read more here about his connections with Walla Walla and his accomplishments.

Advancement Team Takes Up Residence in Administration Building
In August, the Advancement team moved to the fourth floor of the Administration Building. Pictured from left to right are Terri Dickinson Neil, Pamela McVay, Breanna Bork, Jodi Wagner, Tammy McMann, Daisy Siguenza, and Dorita Tessier.

Sabbath Seminars; and Evensong. For more information, visit us online or call (800) 377-2586.

Distinguished Faculty Lecture
Nov. 10 | College Place campus
David Bullock, chair of the Department of Communications and Languages, will present the 2013 Distinguished Faculty Lecture at 7 p.m. in the Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Department of Music Christmas Concert
Dec. 13, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. University Church

For more information about any of our events, call the Alumni Office at 800.377.2586.

SAVE THE DATE
Homecoming Weekend
April 24-27, 2014

RESOURCES

Give a gift to WWU
Reserve a guest room
Update your contact info
Get help with estate planning
Search the WWU Archives

USEFUL LINKS

Alumni Website
Facebook Alumni Group
Flickr Photostream

Have news to share?
Send it to us at alumni@wallawalla.edu.

More alumni news online >>
CAMPUS NEWS

WWU Receives High Rankings

Two different entities have ranked Walla Walla University as one of the best universities in the West. The 2014 edition of *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges places WWU as 38 out of 90 schools in the top tier of “Regional Universities — West,” up five spots from its ranking of 43 last year. *The Princeton Review* in its “2014 Best Colleges: Region to Region” rated WWU as 89 in the western region’s “Best in the West” category which included only 643 of the of the 2,500 four-year colleges in America.

Alumni Gymnasium Gets A Makeover

With a view from the new sound booth, the new wood floor in the gym gleams, ready for lots of lively games this fall and school year. In addition to the floor upgrade, other improvements included new bleachers, reconfigured baskets, new scoreboards, and enhanced audiovisual and lighting.

Welcome to Our New Faculty and Staff

Eight new instructors, many of them WWU graduates, are preparing to start the 2013-14 academic school year. They are Joel Libby, professor of art; Kirt Onthank, assistant professor of biology; Conna Bond, assistant professor of business; Denise Dunzweiler, professor of education; Karen Clausen-Brown, assistant professor of English; Gerry Larson, athletic director; John Foster, assistant professor of mathematics; and Emilie Butler, Portland campus professor of nursing.

In addition to these faculty, several other campus positions have been filled by WWU graduates. David Lindstrom will direct the Career Center; Paul Richardson takes on management of Positive Life Radio; Kristen Taylor moves up to be the head dean of women; and Annette Riebe becomes the new dean of the residence hall at the School of Nursing in Portland, Ore. Learn more about them on the campus website.

More campus news online >>

Bibs for WWU Babies

If you are an alum and have had a baby, email us your birth announcement. We will mail you a commemorative baby bib for your new little one. Bibs are soft cotton with a Velcro clasp and say “Future graduate of Walla Walla University.” Here, Levi Franco, son of Vanesa (Hernandez) ’08 and Ruben ’08, shows off his new bib.

Commencement Coincidence

Diploma from Earl L. Woods that was the “prop” for Sunday’s “welcome to the alumni” speech. And, unbeknownst to Terri Dickinson Neil (middle), Earl’s granddaughter, Sherrie Holt Bibb ’75, along with her daughter Karen Bibb Kostenko ’10, were in the audience. Their family represents six generations of WWU grads.
BULLETIN BOARD

• Giving to WWU. Our students will soon be calling you to request your support of the WWU Fund, which supports student scholarships, faculty professional development, and classroom enhancements. This presents a great opportunity to make a gift to your alma mater that will have far-reaching benefits. Calling begins October 21 through the beginning of December. You may also choose to give online. Thanks for your support.

• Fall issue of Westwind coming soon... Look for the next issue of Westwind in your mailbox in November. If you don't receive yours, please let us know. We may need to update your address.

• Stay connected. Join fellow alumni online by becoming a fan of the WWU Alumni page on Facebook or connecting to WWU Alumni on LinkedIn.

• Share what's new in your life! Whether you're recently married, received a promotion or an award, completed a new degree, or had a baby, we want to hear about it. Submit your alumnote now!

Surprise a Student!
Whether the reason is to celebrate a special occasion or accomplishment or to just give a student a boost, you can give us a call and we can deliver a cake, balloons, flowers, a fruit basket, or a gift card with a personalized message. Order online or call us at (800) 377-2586.

Come Stay With Us!
We have three beautiful guest rooms in the Havstad Alumni Center that are available to alumni, and we have recently lowered our rate to a flat rate of $60 (plus tax). To reserve one of these rooms, call us at (800) 377-2586 or (509) 527-2631 or email alumni@wallawalla.edu.

Did you miss the last issue of Alumni Currents? Don't worry, you can still read it. Visit the archives now to catch up on past issues.

WHERE THEY ARE NOW

John Sackett, '80 business administration graduate, has accepted a position as president of a 331-bed hospital in Rockville, Md., following 31 years as president and chief executive officer of Avista Adventist Hospital and long-time resident of Louisville, Ky.

Austin Nystrom, a '12 theology graduate, has been a youth pastor in the Tri-Cities, Wash., area. He recently became a student at the La Sierra University H.M.S. Richards Divinity School and will lead the Junior High and High School Ministries at La Sierra University Church, working closely with La Sierra Academy.
Taking a break from his competition schedule, David Wagner is visiting his former hometown of Walla Walla Sept. 11-13. He is scheduled to make several local school presentations and speak at a public event on Thursday, Sept. 12, at 6:30 p.m. The event will be held at John Sager School in College Place.

While a WWU education student, Wagner completed his student teaching at Davis Elementary School in College Place. Wagner is also a Walla Walla High School graduate.

Wagner's visit is sponsored by the College Place School District, the district's Parent Teacher Association, an anonymous donor, and the GEAR UP program through Washington State University Tri-Cities.

Wagner is currently ranked the #1 Quad Singles and Doubles Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Player in the world. He is also a three-time Paralympic Gold Medalist (London, Beijing, Athens).

In November, Wagner will visit the WWU campus. He will speak for CommUnity, WWU's weekly campus service. The Nov. 19 event begins at 11 a.m. in the University Church.

Read more about Wagner at alumni.wallawalla.edu/alumni-news/article/view/graduate-wins-paralympic-gold/

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WWU Graduate Named General Manager

Associate Dean Accepts New Role

Walla Walla University - Areas of Study

Engineering professor named Fellow of American Concrete Institute

Scott to Open "First Thursday" Season
Eight New Professors Join WWU

New Faculty 2013-14

By: Camlynne Waring

Walla Walla University is proud to welcome eight new instructors for the 2013-14 academic school year. These instructors bring both academic and industry experience to the classroom and will help encourage excellence in thought at WWU.

Conna Bond is joining the School of Business as an assistant professor of business. Bond taught a class on business ethics last year with excellent student reviews. Previously, Bond served as editorial and marketing director at Bond Communication and Design, in addition to serving as communication director for Adventist-Laymen’s Services & Industries. Bond is a Whitman College graduate with a law degree from the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

Karen Clausen-Brown is joining the English Department as an assistant professor of English after completing her doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame. Clausen-Brown is a 2007 WWU graduate.

Emilie Butler joins the Portland campus School of Nursing as an instructor in nursing. A 2010 WWU graduate, Butler previously worked as a staff nurse at Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Denise Dunzweiler comes to WWU from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines where she was the dean of graduate studies. Dunzweiler joins the School of Education and Psychology as a professor of education. She obtained her master's degree at Sonoma State University and a doctoral degree at Andrews University.

John Foster is a 2007 WWU graduate joining the Mathematics Department as an assistant professor of mathematics. He comes to WWU after completing doctoral studies at the University of Oregon.
Gerry Larson is the new athletic director, in addition to a new instructor in health and physical education. Larson is finishing his master of education at University of Idaho. Previously, he worked in WWU’s Marketing and Enrollment Department.

Joel Libby is a 2004 WWU graduate joining the Art Department as an instructor. Libby’s artwork has focused on portraiture and the human form, though he has woodworking and sculpture experience as well.

Kirt Onthank comes to WWU as an assistant professor of biology after completing his doctoral studies at Washington State University. Onthank obtained his undergraduate and master’s degrees from WWU.

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