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Dear Center for,

Though now a warm, lingering memory, our campus embraced the milestone celebrations of the Clyde and Mary Harris Art Gallery, College Bowl, and 100 years of student leadership during Alumni Homecoming April 2014.

Picture this: Twenty-two former student association presidents posing for pictures in front of the Student Association Center. Student leaders, 120 in all, gathered on a warm Friday afternoon acknowledging current student leadership and providing strategic input (see sidebar photo). To see a short video created by several of our student leaders about the history and accomplishments of the Student Association, click on this link.

Here we share a sampling of these celebrations – through pictures from our Flickr albums and through story. Peruse these snapshots of your fellow alumni and catch the glow of shared experiences. We also invite you to check out photos of our honored alumni of the year and our honor classes.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for April 23-26, 2015, when new milestones and delightful alumni will again be celebrated in the hallowed halls of WWU.

In the meantime, you'll note in our “Upcoming Events” column several great alumni opportunities. If you're in the Walla Walla Valley, join us for our yearly Walla Walla Sweets baseball game Monday, July 14. On Sabbath, Aug. 2, we will be in Hope, British Columbia, Canada, for an alumni get together, and on Aug. 22-24, at our annual alumni Sabbath, we will celebrate Rosario's 60th.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Commencement
June 15 | College Place, Wash.
Addressing the Class of 2014 will be Niels-Erik Andreasen, former WWU president. The title of his presentation is "In Search of Virtue." For more information on graduation weekend details and how to view the live stream, click here.

Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting
June 20, 21 | Spangle, Wash.

Washington Conference Camp Meeting
June 27, 28 | Auburn, Wash.

Walla Walla Sweets Alumni Night Baseball Game
July 14 | Walla Walla, Wash.
Join WWU alumni for our annual evening of baseball and team cheering of the Walla Walla Sweets baseball team. Tickets on sale beginning June 10. For tickets, visit us online or call (800) 377-2586.

Oregon Conference Camp Meeting
July 18, 19 | Gladstone, Ore.

British Columbia Camp Meeting/Alumni Event
July 25, 26 & Aug. 2 | Hope, B.C.,
anniversary in Anacortes.

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ALUMNI HOMECOMING STORIES

College Bowl Reunion A Winner
College Bowl before and after pictures with Ben Cawthra ’89, Curt Dewees ’87, Del Engen att., Dan Kaempff ’87, and Greg Dickinson ’87. It was splendid to have the 1987 Communications team on campus for Homecoming 2014.

Hello to Love That Lasts
Many a friendship has started on the Hello Walk. Lowell ’46 and Merlow (Cummins) Bock ’77 started their friendship there and later married. Joining them in this photo is Lewis ’42 and Ruth (Swanson) Hart att., who also met at Walla Walla University. Both couples live in Loma Linda and attended an alumni event there this past year.

Alumna of the 1930s Still Going Strong
Effie Pampain, 104, and Wilma Tuttle-Goe, 99, both graduated in 1939, 75 years ago. They are pictured here with Pam McVay at Sabbath lunch during Alumni Homecoming. Another contemporary of theirs, Irene (Pannett) Lottman ’35, was unable to attend, however, she sent a handwritten note to say: “Greetings to all of you! How I would love to be planning a trip to WWU for the festivities coming soon. However, my 100 years (Dec. 9) forbids it. I

Canada
Join other WWU alumni at 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 2 in the Lodge Gym on the Hope camp meeting grounds with WWU President John McVay. Ice cream, blueberries, and a WWU update will be included!

Rosario Alumni Weekend
Aug. 22-24 | Anacortes, Wash.
Join alumni and friends for a Sabbath service at Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory. This year we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the purchase of the marine laboratory. Activities include worship services, Sabbath lunch, bird walk, hot dog roast, facility tours, a bonfire with smores, new cabin ribbon cutting, and lots of great music and fellowship. Special guests include Don Rigby, Cliff Sorensen, Gene Stone, and John McVay.

Make it a weekend getaway by arriving Friday evening for potluck and cornbread (begins at 6:00 p.m.) followed by sundown vespers.

Limited lodging is available. Registration will open June 15. For information, registration, and schedule details, visit us online or call the alumni office at (800) 377-2586. Cabin and RV spaces are available for reservations.

Alumni British Reformation Tour
Sept. 2-16
Edinburgh, Oxford, Trafalgar Square, Cambridge--just a few of the historical destinations that will be included on the tour. WWU President John McVay and Department of History Chair Gregory Dodds will lead a tour filled with the sights, sounds, and stories of great theological reformers. For more information and an itinerary, click here or call Terri Dickinson Neil at 509-527-2644. Act quickly--only two seats remain.
graduated years ago, taught twice, and retired years ago also. My husband and I lived in College Place for nine years and I was a council member in 1983 for nine years. Our daughter, Claudia (Bubeck) attended there too as well as my husband Oscar Lottman, who passed away years ago. I live in a retirement home here and my health and strength are doing well. Have a wonderful blessed spring time at dear old WWU."

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

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

CAMPUS NEWS

Three New Cabins Nearly Complete at Rosario Beach
Made possible by two donors and the Walla Walla University Class of 1962, three new cabins are nearing completion at the Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory, just in time for students taking classes this summer. The work has been done by 60 Maranatha workers. To learn more about the project and the 60th anniversary celebration scheduled for August, click here.

Faculty and Staff Recognized at Awards Ceremony
Each spring, the Walla Walla University community comes together to acknowledge the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students. Linda Emmerson, assistant professor of philosophy, was given the Outstanding Teaching Award and was selected to be the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. As the recipient, Emmerson will present a campus lecture in November. Read more about other faculty and staff who were recognized with awards.

WWU Student Receives Gates

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
LinkedIn Group
Westwind 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 "Future Graduate of Walla Walla University" bib. Here, Emily Will, daughter of Nick ’11 and Ruth (Sevison) att., poses with President John McVay and his wife Pam.

Surprise a Student!
Millennium Scholarship
Joseph Englehart was chosen as one of 1000 recipients to receive a "good-through-graduation" scholarship to use at a school of his choice. And his choice was Walla Walla University, making him WWU’s first Gates Millennium Scholar. Read more about Englehart and his goals for his future.

ASWWU "To Build A Home" in Uganda
The Associated Students of Walla Walla University are helping to raise money for the project "To Build A Home" in Uganda. They will be working with the organization, Christalis, to match money, dollar for dollar, up to $100,000, so that a more permanent orphanage building/home can be built for about 30 children. For more information, click here and to give to the project, email aswwu.fundraising@wallawalla.edu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• Correction for February issue... In our article regarding a donated 1934 issue of the Collegian, we reported about the groundbreaking of Foreman Hall. This should have stated Conard Hall, which today is known as Meske Hall.

• Summer issue of Westwind coming soon... Look for the next issue of Westwind in your mailbox in July. 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!

Come Stay With Us!
We have three beautiful guest rooms in the Havstad Alumni Center. Nightly rates are $60 (plus tax). To reserve a room, call (800) 377-2586 or (509) 527-2631 or email alumni@wallawalla.edu.

Camper/RV Accommodations Available
Looking for a place on campus to stay while visiting your student? Camper/RV parking is available behind Sittner, the men’s dormitory. Power, water, and sewage hook-ups are included in the $10 nightly fee. It is a first-come, first-serve arrangement. Call the Sittner front desk at (509) 527-2111 to reserve your spot.

ALUMNI WEEKEND SNAPSHOT

Ralph Robert and his 1914 classic. Ralph and his wife Rita brought this beauty in a trailer all the way from California to participate in the Alumni Homecoming 16th Annual Car Show. Check out more photos from the car show and Alumni Weekend by viewing our Flickr album.
One event during Alumni Homecoming 2014 was the KGTS/PLR Studio One dedication to Loren Dickinson, one of the founders of KGTS in 1963. He is pictured here with his wife Carolyn.

Student Association leaders, 120 in all, from years past came together for Alumni Homecoming 2014 and are pictured here in front of Kellogg Hall.

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.
Three New Cabins Under Construction at Rosario Beach

60 Maranatha Volunteers Aim for June 2014 Completion

By: Rachel Wood

Construction progress as of May 5 at Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory.

Volunteers at the Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory are building three new cabins on its campus. The plan is to have the cabins be ready for students who will be taking summer session this year.

Each cabin is two stories, equipped with two bathrooms and a tankless hot water heater. These tankless hot water heaters are new additions compared to the other cabins. The benefit of this alternative water heating process is that it will be much more convenient for students by providing a continuous supply of hot water.

The construction of these cabins was made possible by two donors and the Walla Walla University Class of 1962. One cabin is sponsored by Carmen (Miller) Graham, a 1956 graduate and Richard Graham, also a 1956 graduate.

A second cabin is sponsored by Jack Hilde, a former WWU pre-professional student and Joan (Vestner) Hilde, a 1961 graduate.

The third cabin is sponsored by the Class of 1962 in honor of their 50th year reunion. In April, one of the 1962 class members, Sandy Love-Dahl and her husband, John Dahl, celebrated their anniversary at the Rosario Beach while volunteering with Maranatha to construct the cabin.

During the cabin construction project, 60 Maranatha volunteers have been constructing the cabins. Maranatha Volunteers International is a global non-profit organization that gathers volunteers to construct essential buildings and provide service opportunities in communities at home and abroad.

Groundbreaking for the cabins began in August 2013 and the project is scheduled to wrap up in June 2014, just in time for Rosario Beach students to settle in for summer session.

Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. To mark this milestone, a special anniversary celebration will be held during Rosario Alumni Weekend, August 22-24.

For more information about the construction project, or to donate to the project, contact Dorita Tessier at (509) 527-2646 or Dorita.Tessier@wallawalla.edu.

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Alumni Awards Ceremony CommUnity Held on Apr. 25

By: Jaci Shankel

Linda Emmerson will be the 2014 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

On Friday, April 25, the Walla Walla University community gathered the annual Awards Chapel program to applaud the accomplishments of faculty, staff, and students. While students received recognition in many forms, through scholarships, memberships, awards and more, faculty and staff members were recognized through the following awards.

**Faculty Awards**

President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching: Jerry Hartman

As the 2014 recipient of this award, Jerry Hartman, associate professor of communications, exceeds the requirements of “specifically demonstrating the craft and high standards of excellent teaching.” In written evaluations, students commented on why they felt Hartman was deserving of the President’s Award, saying, “He creates a learning environment through useful textbooks, demonstrations, guest speakers, and hands-on experience.” Another student commended Hartman’s passion for teaching, saying, “He is enthusiastic and loves what he teaches… WWU is lucky to have him.”

President’s Award for Excellence in Scholarship: Terrie Aamodt

This award recognizes original contributions to the recipient’s field of study. While Terrie Aamodt, professor of history and English, consistently contributes in many ways, this year’s award particularly recognizes her work as chapter author and co-editor of a recent book titled, “Ellen Harmon White.” In addition to writing this book, which was published by the Oxford University Press, Aamodt also continues to participate in scholarly discourse on Ellen White and her impact on Adventism.

Walla Walla University Award for Excellence in Advising: Deborah Silva

As nominated by students, Deborah Silva, professor of communications, is considered an incredible advisor. In their evaluations, students shared why they believe Silva is deserving of this award, with one student saying, “She is very invested in both the academic and personal well-being of her advisees.” Another student commended Silva as an excellent advisor, saying, “I love meeting with her because she always has something wise and profound to say… Overall, I cannot think of a single person I would trust more to guide me through my college career.”

Outstanding Teaching Award: Linda Emmerson

To select the recipient of this award, graduating seniors and recent alumni are surveyed as to which teacher they believe is most widely recognized as an outstanding teacher: excelling in his/her discipline, exemplifying the integration of faith and rigorous thought, and having consistently high faculty evaluation rankings. In nominating Linda Emmerson, assistant professor of philosophy, a student said, “She had an excellent and articulate way of teaching class… She was interesting, patient, and open to all questions and viewpoints. She cared deeply that we succeeded and was behind us 100 percent.”

Distinguished Faculty Lecturer: Linda Emmerson
This award recognizes a professor that practices excellence in teaching, leadership, scholarship, involvement in governance, church, and community service. In introducing the honoree, Bob Cushman, vice president for academic administration, said Emmerson is “a masterful teacher who exemplifies our core themes of Excellence in Thought, Generosity in Service, Beauty in Expression, and Faith in God.” As the recipient, Emmerson will present a campus lecture in November.

**Staff Awards**

Each of the following recipients were nominated by their peers for personal qualities that positively reflect on WWU.

**Rising Staff Member of the Year: Brandon Aberle**

As information systems support manager, Brandon Aberle quickly became a respected colleague. In addition to being knowledgeable, patient, confident, and a good communicator, colleagues also describe him as a good listener and pleasant to be around. In his current position on staff council, Aberle hopes to “support, develop, and inspire the staff of WWU.”

**Staff Member of the Year: John McMackin and Esther Coyle**

One thing both John McMackin, associate director of campus security, and Esther Coyle, accounts payable supervisor, have in common is that they both go beyond the call of duty in the workplace. McMackin has spent the last seven months filling not only his own position, but taking on additional responsibilities while campus security has been without a director. Coyle, in the words of her coworkers, “works tirelessly with departments to get vendors paid,” and does so in a timely manner.

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Englehart is First Gates Millennium Scholar to Attend WWU

By: Jaci Shankel

Every high school student dreams of receiving a full ride scholarship, and for Joseph Englehart that dream became a reality. Through the Gates Millennium Scholars Program, Englehart was chosen as one of 1000 recipients to receive a "good-through-graduation" scholarship to use at a school of his choice. And that choice just happened to be Walla Walla University, making him WWU’s first Gates Millennium Scholar.

While attending Auburn Adventist Academy, Englehart participated in dozens of community service opportunities, ranging from going on mission trips to feeding the homeless to volunteering at school. These community service hours, when coupled with a nomination from Tom Allen, who teaches mathematics, physics, and engineering at AAA, helped Englehart receive notice over other applicants.

Englehart is a freshman student in the Department of Technology, studying both aviation technology and automotive service. After finishing his undergraduate degree, he plans to attend Embry Riddle Aeronautical University to obtain a master of science in aeronautics, as well as his airframe and powerplant certification.

Other than planning to use his flying for mission work at some time, Englehart is still open to options for his future. “I’m letting God lead my path and open doors,” says Englehart. “He got me this huge blessing of a scholarship and now I’m waiting on where He leads me next.”

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program is part of the Gates Foundation, and provides 1000 extraordinary minority students with the financial means to receive a higher education and realize their potential.

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