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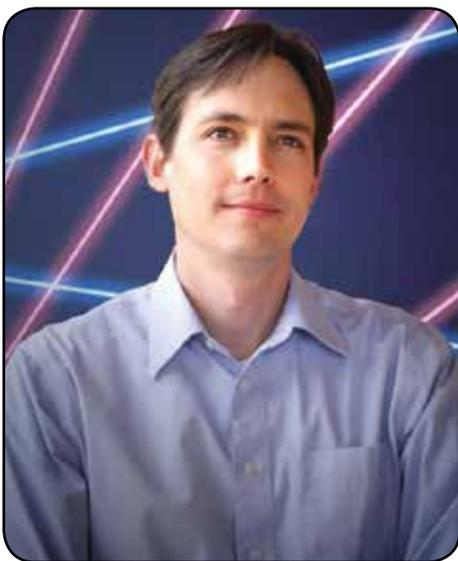
The Crater Foundation is pleased to feature 1995 Crater graduate, Zach Brittsan, in this issue of the **Alumni Newsletter**. Like most of our featured alumni, Zach led an active life while at Crater. He participated in basketball, cross country and golf as well as brain bowl, and was senior class secretary.

Following his graduation from Crater, Zach attended Willamette University, 1995-1999, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and International Studies. Zach studied abroad in Ecuador and Chile during his years at Willamette which proved to be formative. From there it is easy to connect the dots to an enduring interest in all things pertaining to Latin America

history. He was a Study Abroad Advisor at Willamette University from 1999 to 2003 before attending University of California, San Diego, 2003-2010, where he earned a Master of Arts and PhD in History. In 2010, Zach became an Assistant Professor of History at Texas Tech University and in 2016 he became an Associate Professor of History at Texas Tech University, a position he holds today.

Looking back, Zach writes, "I have nothing but profound appreciation for my teachers and coaches at Crater. The classroom was the one place where I always felt comfortable during high school, which probably explains my present career AND my social awkwardness during those good old days. Zach goes on to tell us, "I was completely unprepared for the somewhat experimental TAG program led by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Zobel, and Mr. Lepore my first year. They created a learning environment that was both challenging and freeing in ways I did not fully appreciate until college. I particularly liked English, and teachers like Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Wixon always brought a mischievous energy to class discussions. It also should be noted that Mr. Wixon had a devastating hook shot on the basketball court."

Zach further writes, "For someone who ended up in the humanities, however, I really liked my science and math teachers. I associate Mr. Cooper's creative group assignments and animal dissections with the formation of my most enduring high school friendships. Ms. Zukis and Mr. Love brought numbers to life, facing down my often confused gazes until meagerly rewarded by that Aha! moment of understanding. Mr. Dixon and Mr.



Speasl were great coaches—each of a different style—who cultivated my love for basketball and running. I'm also grateful that Mr. Speasl, wearing one of his other hats as career advisor, put me on the trail of Willamette University."

Zach has had numerous opportunities to speak at public lectures in conjunction with the Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence holidays. He is a service member of the Texas Tech Faculty Senate and is involved in PTA at his daughter's school in Lubbock.

"Along the way," Zach tells us, "I met my loving partner, Micaela, who has joined me in the adventure of moving to Lubbock, Texas, where we currently live. Although I recently finished one long academic journey with the publication of a book, **Popular Politics**

and Rebellion in Mexico, my adventure in parenthood is just beginning. My daughters, Isabel, age 3, and Amaia, age 6, bring a constantly evolving energy and richness to life. I look forward to the journey ahead."

Congratulations to another outstanding Crater graduate who is making a difference in the world.

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Message From The President

Once again it's fall and the time that I write an article for the Alumni Newsletter. As I've written in the past, the Crater Foundation is functioning well and we're proud to inform people that we have awarded over \$285,000 this 2017 year to graduating seniors from Crater High and to Crater graduates who have completed at least one year of college. That brings our total figures to 4078 Crater High graduates who have received scholarship assistance totaling more than 4.3 million dollars awarded since 2000. We continue to give financial assistance to everyone who graduates regardless of GPA. All they have to do is graduate and apply.

We are also proud to tell you that we have resurrected the Crater High Hall of Fame and induct graduates

in either the Achievement or the Athletic Hall of Fame yearly. We are also in the development year of a mentoring program that will assist graduates as they enter their first year of college. We feel a mentor will assist those students who may be struggling to stay in college for a variety of reasons.

Our annual December Crater Foundation Dessert Auction continues to be a huge success bringing in approximately \$70,000 yearly. We have over 500 Foundation supporters attending this gala event yearly.

Our Summer Wine Event held at Del Rio Vineyards has also become a very popular event and another Foundation event held annually.

So as you can see, we are busy with many projects all in an attempt to make a difference in people's lives. Thank god for the generosity of our community and alumni that supports our goals and missions.



2017 Crater High School Hall of Fame Inductees
Our third Hall of Fame induction was held on October 14th with approximately 150 people attending. Those Crater High graduates inducted into the Achievement and Athletic Hall of Fame included:

Achievement Hall of Fame

DARRYL SUMMERFIELD, 1964 Crater High graduate. Darryl, already a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame, retired as a teacher/coach after 31 years from Crater High. Darryl has been instrumental in the organization and operation of the Junior Comet program that has included thousands of young people for the past 33 years.

BOB TURNER, 1964 Crater High graduate. Bob was a basketball and track athlete, while at Crater. He attended the University of Oregon and upon graduation, spent three years in the United States Army. In 1971 he began work for a small millwork company by the name of JELD-WEN. Over the years he became Senior VP, Executive VP, Vice Chairman of the Board and retired in 2010 as Chairman of the Board. He has been on the OIT Foundation Board, the University of Oregon Foundation Board as well as the JELD-WEN Foundation Board.

JACK SNOOK, 1968 Crater High graduate. Jack was a three sport athlete in football and basketball and was a two time All-Conference baseball player. He attended Southern Oregon State College and joined Jackson County Fire District 3 advancing to the position of Deputy Fire Chief, then became the Fire Chief at Lake Oswego and later moved to the Fire Chief's position at Washington County Fire District #1. He organized and was Chief/Administrator for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, which is Oregon's largest Fire Department. Upon retirement, he started a business; Emergency Services Consulting International which today is one of the most successful and well known police, fire, EMS and communications consulting companies in America.

AMY REINWAND HENDRICKS, 1986 Crater High graduate – Senior Class President – Honor Society - Homecoming Queen – played Volleyball and Basketball. 1990 – Graduated from University of Oregon with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. Became TV Anchor at KYVZ-TV Bend, Oregon, KVAL TV Eugene, Oregon, KABB – TV San Antonio, Texas, KTVX –TV Salt Lake City, Utah, KNXV-TV Phoenix, Arizona, KGW-TV Portland, Oregon, KOIN – TV Portland, Oregon and KPTV –TV Portland, Oregon. Her Special Assignments included the NBA Finals, Chicago, 1998; NCAA Basketball Championship, San Antonio, 1998; Summer Olympics, Sydney Australia, 2000; Winter Olympics, Salt Lake City, 2002; Academy Awards 2003, 2004, 2005; Super Bowl, San Diego, 2003; NBA Western Conference Finals, Phoenix, 2005.

Athletic Hall of Fame

STEVE HARTHUN, 1973 Crater High graduate. Steve participated

in basketball and track and was a three time All-Conference and All State basketball player. He was top 5 scorer and rebounder in the Southern Oregon Conference his sophomore, junior and senior years. Attending Southern Oregon State College, he was named First team All-Conference basketball player his junior and senior years, scored over 1100 points during his career at SOSOC and led the conference in points scored his senior year.

LARRY SILLS, 1974 Crater High graduate. Larry earned seven varsity letters in football, wrestling and track. He was named to the first team All-Conference football team in 1973 and first team All-Conference and All State in track in 1972. He continues to hold the Crater High track record in the 110 high hurdles at 14.2 a record that he has held for 43 years. Larry attended Western Oregon University where he was the leading rusher on the Wolves football team as a freshman. In 1976 he joined Medford Fire and Rescue and spent the next 35 years in that profession. He retired in 2011.

RYAN GIPSON, 2001 Crater High graduate. Ryan was an All-Conference football and baseball player, Played baseball for Shasta College and then for the Oregon State baseball team. He was named to the All PAC-10 team in 2005. He was a member of the Oregon State 2006 NCAA National Champion College World Series team. He played professional baseball in Illinois, Arizona and in Perth, Australia and became an assistant baseball coach at Oregon State University, an assistant baseball coach at Dixie State University and in 2016 he was named the head Baseball coach at Linn Benton Community College, a position he holds today.

TYLER SUTHERLAND WALKER, 2005 Crater High graduate. Tyler played softball and was named to the All-Conference first team her sophomore, junior and senior years and received All- State honors also her sophomore, junior and senior years. She attended Western Oregon University to play softball and was named Freshman of the year in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. She was named First Team All-Conference her four years at Western Oregon. She was inducted into the Western Oregon University Hall of Fame in 2015.

2000 CRATER BASEBALL TEAM, This group of young men was OSAA State 4A (large school) Baseball Champion defeating North Medford 5 – 2 and finishing the season with a 27 – 3 record. The members were: Casey Campbell, KJ Chubb, Ramon Cortez, Brent Foster, Ryan Gipson, Josh Hinojosa, Jared Maddocks, Craig Mulder, Brian Overstake, PJ Pardee, David Silles, Ken Strate, Jeremiah Towes, Rob Williams. Coaches, Chuck Dominick, Leon Stupfel, John Weige, Jim Powell, Scott Carle, & Ray Smith.

We strongly encourage readers to visit the Crater Foundation Web site at www.craterfoundation.district6.org and read a complete biography for each of these outstanding Hall of Fame Inductees. A form for Hall of Fame nominations is also available on the web site.

TEACHER FEATURE

KARYN HALE LEFT HER MARK AT CRATER

Karyn Hale spent all 30 years of her teaching experience at Crater High School and is remembered as a caring, demanding and compassionate teacher who touched in a very positive way many young lives. She taught a number of subjects while at Crater but is probably best remembered as a Psychology teacher who helped develop and write the curriculum for the national Advanced Placement Psychology class. Karyn was a co-founder of the Crater Social Services School, a school-within-a-school that eventually led to the Crater Academy of Health and Public Service. In addition to her teaching duties, for a time she was a track and cross country coach and for many years was the advisor to the Crater International Club, assisting with the Crater foreign exchange program. This led to her organizing and leading sixteen international trips with members of the International



Club to Europe, Central America and China.

After retirement from Crater in 2010, Karyn has kept busy working at Superior Athletic Club, working with School District 6 homeless students and is on staff at her church, Living Waters Church of Medford, where she mentors young adults as well as leading mission trips to Indonesia and Alaska. She and her husband, Lynn, retired Dean of Students from Crater, are kept busy with three children and six grandchildren and volunteer work but have found time for extensive travel both internationally and domestically.

Reflecting on her teaching years, Karyn relates, "Being a teacher taught me to never misjudge a student even when you have to search for a redeeming quality. Never give up hope for students as they have a compelling need for someone to care for them and believe in them." She cherishes the teaching career she had because she

found that "the everyday interactions with my students allowed me to really get to know them, and I was honored that they wanted to get to know me." With her strong background in Psychology she especially enjoyed helping kids develop problem solving skills, seeing the lights go on when something of significance was achieved and understood, and she tried to realize and understand the "whole" student and where they were coming from.

Now, removed from the classroom, she finds that "Facebook has allowed me to reconnect with my former students. It is so wonderful to read about their families and successes. I feel privileged to have worked with these wonderful students. I absolutely loved teaching." It is no surprise that Karyn's students loved her.

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Reminder!!! Alumni Dues

Yes it's the time of year that we annually remind everyone to send in their Crater Alumni dues of \$10. Remember, the revenue raised from these dues is used to help defray the costs of the Alumni Newsletter. We now are mailing this Newsletter to nearly 9000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5500 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3000. At this time the Crater Foundation picks up the remainder of the expense; however, we're not sure how long we can continue to do so.

Our goal is for the dues to pay 100% of the publication and mailing costs. As the mailing list increases so does the expense. Your continued help in meeting these publication and distribution costs is needed. Any additional amount over the \$10 annual dues will be greatly appreciated.

When paying dues, simply fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter, include your e-mail address, and send it in with a check for your dues.

Also, please send information about yourself (if you haven't already done so); where you live, what work you do and something about your spouse and children. We like to share this information with all Crater alums.

Fall Athletic Results

5A-3 Midwestern League

Now in the 5A-3 Midwestern League in all sports, the Comets compete against Ashland, Churchill, Eagle Point, Marist, North Eugene, Springfield and Thurston.

As the regular season came to an end the Crater football team finished 4th in the league and qualified for a state playoff game. As we go to press the Comets first round of the state playoffs is South Albany. The Comets finished their regular season with a 5-4 record.

The Crater volleyball team finished the season in 4th place and qualified for a state play-in game. They finished the regular season with a 9 - 9 record. Their season came to an end when they were defeated by Dallas in the state play-in game.

The Crater boys and girls soccer teams also played all opponents in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season with a 2-10-2 record and failed to make the state playoffs. The girls soccer team finished the season with a 1-10-0 record and also failed to make the state playoffs.

The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are also in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season placing 1st in the conference led by three time state champion, senior Andy Monroe who finished first. The team qualified for the state meet to be held on November 4th. The Comet girls also finished 1st in the conference led by two time district champion, senior, Ariana Marks who also finished first. The girls team also qualified for the state meet also to be held on November 4th.

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Boys Basketball

Dec. 7	Crater Invitational	19	Marist
8	Crater Invitational	23	Thurston
9	Crater Invitational		
21	Mazama		
Jan. 9	Eagle Point		
2	North Eugene		
30	Ashland		
Feb. 2	Springfield		
3	Churchill		
16	Marist		
23	Thurston		

WRESTLING

Dec. 5	North Medford
14	Henley
Jan 25	Thurston
27	Crater Duals

Swimming

NO HOME MEETS

Girls Basketball

Dec. 7	Crater Invitational
8	Crater Invitational
Jan. 9	Eagle Point
16	Churchill
30	Ashland
Feb. 2	Springfield
9	North Eugene

