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ALUMNI FEATURE

SILAS MORSE THRIVES IN UNIQUE PROFESSION

The Spring issue of the Crater Alumni Newsletter celebrates 1995 Crater graduate, Silas Morse. A Sams Valley boy, Silas was an outstanding student-athlete during his four years at Crater. His numerous academic recognitions included serving as Co-Valedictorian of his senior class, being recognized as an Oregon Scholar, receiving the Principal's Award numerous times, being honored with the Joe Southwick Award for outstanding character, receiving the Vern Tomlinson Memorial Scholarship, being chosen a Central Point Rotary Student of the Month and receiving one of the coveted Central Point Rotary four-year college scholarships. In addition to his impressive academic pursuits, he participated in cross country and was a mainstay of the state-recognized Crater wrestling team.



Upon graduation from Crater Silas matriculated to the renowned Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA where in 1999, following his intense interest in science, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. In addition to his demanding degree curriculum, Mr. Morse continued to enjoy extra-curricular activities as well, including being a member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, playing on the Rugby A team as an open and blind-side flanker for four years and whenever time would allow being a member of the Washington and Lee wrestling team.

With his BS in hand, Silas enrolled at the University of Florida, College of Medicine as a Ph.D. candidate in Neuroscience. While he was the president of the Neuroscience social club and published several professional papers, another passion took over his life, and he left the University of Florida prior to completing his Ph.D. program. This new passion for video games was really not that new. "I was always a video game nerd. My dad bought an Atari and Nintendo game early on and my brother I were hooked." Crater physics and computer teacher, Ed Zobel, was another inspirational part of his technology bent. This early passion led to a professional change of course, starting with Silas working for Sigil Games and, after a brief stint with them, he moved on to video game giant, Sony Online Entertainment. This in turn led to him joining San Diego based Rockstar Games where he currently works as one of their lead game designers. This exciting contemporary profession

finds him being part of the design team for the critically acclaimed Red Dead Redemption, Red Dead Redemption 2 and the intensely popular Grand Theft Auto 5 games.

Silas married Danielle Cotner last year and they live in San Diego with their two dogs, Vader and Bean. Remembering fondly his Crater days he relates: "I want to give a shout out to the Crater wrestling teams and coaches. Being part of the team that won the state title in 1993 was amazing, and I am still happy that I was able to be a practice dummy for the guys that put in all the hard work to bring that trophy home. As for Haga, Speas, Guevera and Hill, my work ethic would not be what it is today without their coaching." He goes on to credit his parents for teaching him that "success is earned, not given." He was saddened to learn of the death of the iconic Jay McRoberts last year, but he attests, "Mr. McRoberts mentorship lives on through

many men today, including myself." He then adds, "Cheers to the teachers who are generally under-appreciated and underpaid."

Having experienced academic and professional success, Mr. Morse has a message for today's Crater students. "Your actions in high school dictate much of the rest of your life so spend your time wisely. Also, the classroom isn't for everyone, and the country certainly doesn't need to be over-flowing with academicians. Training, whether in a trade or classroom, opens doors that would otherwise be closed."

Congratulations to Silas Morse for what he has already accomplished and what he will do in future. He does Crater proud.

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WHERE

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they

NOW?

1952 – 1959

RICHARD RAINEY - (57) – lives in Walnut Creek, California with his wife of thirty one years, Susan. Richard was involved in Law Enforcement for 31 years. He was elected Sheriff of Contra Costa County, California in 1978 and served 14 years. He was then elected to California State Assembly in 1992 and served another 4 years. In 1998 He was elected to California State Senate and served 4 years. He was the Western Regional Director for HUD from 2003 to 2009. Now retired, he and Susan have seven children and twelve grandchildren ages 12 to 25 years old.

SALLY ELDEN CAMPBELL – (57) – lives in Edmonds, Washington with her husband of 57 years, Wallace. They also have a home on Whidbey Island, Washington. They have three grown sons and six grandchildren. Their families each spend a week each year at the family cabin on Lake of the Woods. Sally and husband are looking forward to reconnecting with long- time friends in Southern Oregon.

HERSCHEL MACK – (59) - lives in Sams Valley with his wife, the former Fredricka (Rickie) Gowen ('63). After living in Humboldt County for forty years, where Herschel was a professor in the Communications Department of Humboldt State University for 36 years and Rickie was a school secretary, they returned to the Rogue Valley and to the Mack's family home. Herschel plays a lot of competitive cribbage and gardens while Rickie mainly stays home and enjoys her Egyptian Mau cat. Their daughter lives in Central Point and teaches physical education at Hedrick Middle School and their son-in-law teaches social studies and is boys basketball coach at Eagle Point High School.

1960 – 1969

JOHN WILLIAMS -- (60) - lives in Marina, California with his wife, Lani. In 2016 John reactivated in the United States Marine Corp and is an Inspector General for the Pacific States and Possessions (Polynesian Islands). John is a Major General with the United States Marine Corp. After losing his wife in 2010, he married his current wife, Lani in 2011. They are both working parents and have three sons, one granddaughter and one great grandson.

MARY SAVAGE JAMES - (60) – lives in Medford with her husband, Bob. Mary attended OTI and became a dental assistant. Later she co-owned a paper hang business called "The Paper People". She was a tour guide for Harry n David for eight years, and then focused on her dream job of being she, manager of the Medford Visitor Center for twenty-two years. After she retired she started writing inspirational fiction and has two books published. They have two daughters, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

JOE NIKODYM - (68) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Beth Ann. They both attend Calvary Church in Jacksonville. Joe joined the Army after graduation and served thirteen years, retiring in 1981. For ten years he was a drill sergeant training men and women for overseas combat. He was with the 82nd Airborne division and jumped out of every kind of aircraft from small fixed wing to helicopters to C 130 jets. After retirement he returned to Medford and became President of a Motorcycle Veterans Support Group. They help veterans with PTSD with counseling and other support as needed. They ride in parades, do escorts, help honor veterans and escort at funerals when asked.

1970 – 1979

TIM HUNT - (70) – lives in Medford. After being in the military from 1970-72, Tim attended Blue Mountain Community College and Santa Clara University. He acquired a pilot license in 1975 and did some flight training while in Nevada. He spent eight years in the National Guard and earned the rank of sergeant. He worked at various companies, many of them body and paint shops. He was married in 1981 and had two children, Emily and Matt. Emily is a sign language expert while Matt does environmental work. Tim wants to thank his Crater teachers and schoolmates for the four years preparing him for life.

ANITA VICKLUND (77) – lives in Redding, California with her husband, Markus (75). They have two sons, Ryan and Travis, two granddaughters and one grandson. Marcus says "we're enjoying".

RANDY LAYTON (78) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Jill. They have three children; Madison, a University of Oregon graduate,

Cassidy, a junior at Oregon State and Parker, a senior at Crater High. Randy is a salesman for Boise Cascade Wood Products and Jill is the Program Director for the Crater Foundation

1980 – 1989

PEGGY CORLEY - (87) – lives in Long Beach , California. While at Crater, Peggy was very active in student leadership and was class president her Sophomore and Junior years. She also was a member of the girls' basketball and softball teams. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Southern Oregon State College and is now living in Southern California where she is the Executive Director of the LGBT Center of Orange County.

CURT HUGO -- (87) – lives in Boring, Oregon with his wife, Tracey and their three sons. Curt received a Bachelor of Arts degree from University of Oregon and worked for seven years for State Farm Insurance. He then began a coffee business that ultimately turned into 7 Dutch Bros locations that had 178 employees. Curt recently sold the businesses and has just gone to work for Radiant Pain Relief Centers as their COO. In his free time he enjoys coaching basketball and flag football with his sons and serving as a scout leader.

SCOTT TUERS -- (89) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Kristen. Scott graduated from Oregon State University and became a teacher and coach at Hanby Middle School. He became a volunteer fireman that ultimately led to his leaving the teaching profession and becoming a full time firefighter. He currently is a Captain with Jackson County Fire District 3. Kristen, also an OSU graduate was also a teacher and left that profession to become a registered nurse with Asante. They have two daughters, Morgan, age 14 and Brooke, age 11.

1990 – 1999

TAWN CORCORAN THOMPSON – (96) – lives in Oroville, Washington with her husband, Michael and their three children. Tawn attended the University of Idaho and graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor's degree in foods and nutrition. She was able to graduate in three years due to the advanced placement classes she took while at Crater. Upon graduation, Tawn spent a year in Costa Rica and then returned to the University of Idaho to complete her master's degree also in nutrition. In the summer of 2002, she went to work at Silverton Hospital in Portland, Oregon then moved to Oroville, Washington and worked for Headstart and taught nutrition at Wenatchee Valley College.

BRIAN GORES – (97) – lives in Loveland, Colorado with his wife, Annette and their five children. Brian attended Oregon State University and graduated in 2001 with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He worked for Celestica, a company in the Portland area, at Logitech, where he was a Power Supply Procurement Engineer, at Analog Devices, and presently at Electron Instruments where he is an Engineering Technician in Loveland

2000 – 2008

CAMEO BURNETT SABEY – (02) – lives in Auburn, Alabama with her husband, Allen. They have 3 children ages 8, 7 and 5. Cameo graduated from Brigham Young University in 2006 with a major in History Teaching. She began teaching at Orem Junior High School teaching 7th and 8th grade History.

SARAH COSTELOW VALDIVIA– (06) – lives in Medford with her husband Josh. Sarah, co-valedictorian of her class, graduated from Southern Oregon University in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing, Finance and Economics. She works for Ashland Greenhouses and handles marketing, human resources, manages sales staff, quality control, inventory management and supervises all office/bookkeeping tasks.

RILEY SWANSON BELL - (08) – lives in Honolulu, Hawaii with her husband, Jason. Riley attended Northwest Christian College then transferred and graduated from Southern Oregon University in 2012 with a degree in Exercise Science. She has worked as a Pharmacy Technician, Skills Trainer, Physical Therapist and Middle/ High school athletic trainer and coach.

FORMER SCHOOL DISTRICT 6 STUDENTS NOW DISTRICT TEACHERS/ADMINISTRATORS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

GARRETT WHITE
HOLLY HAGA PARK
DANIELLE SHULTS GOODE
GABBY DESIMONE
JILL LEAMING GARNER
LORI GATES MILLER
HEATHER MCSHANE CRUM
STACY PETERSEN
JANET SNOOK LUNTE
PAULINE ZIEMANN
KIM CORDONIER ELMER
SARIE SCHOEN WU

EMILY MADINA
KRISTAN HAGA JUVELAND
TRISTEN WEBB
KRISTI JENSON ANDERSON
JENNIFER COFFMAN ANDERSEN
JENNIFER WORTHINGTON MARSHAL
MACK LEWIS
CANDEY FOLEY LEE
SCOTT JOSEPH
RON LEE
JANELLE ROBERTS MIRACLE

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

TRACY COFFMAN
SUMMER COUCH
CINDY KRUMM PICKERING

KARA GATES LAWS
MATT DESCHAMPS
JEFF JOHNSON

CRATER HIGH SCHOOL

JEREMY SINKS
SHAYNE FLOCK
NATASHA LINKER SAVAGE
ANNA PALMER WARNTJES
MATT MEUNIER

ERIN DIPPEL STEDHAM
DAVID EPPERSON
BEN DROESCH
BILL WALKER

ADMINISTRATION

MIKE MEUNIER
SCOTT DIPPEL

TOM RAMBO
LYNN BETTS RUPP

SCHOLARSHIP DESSERT/AUCTION

The 24th annual Crater Foundation Dessert/Auction was held Saturday, December 1, 2018. This 24th year spectacular event attracted a crowd of more than 450 people! People competed for many silent auction items and there was spirited bidding for more than 45 oral auction items.

A number of new and/or different ways for people to contribute were introduced and seemed to have met with great approval. People attending had a great and enjoyable time while having the opportunity to support a great cause, "furthering education for our young people".

In addition, people raised paddles to contribute to scholarships for Crater graduates who have completed at least 1 year of college. These scholarships are to be named after the late Jay McRoberts. More than \$75,000 was raised at this year's gala event with all money raised going to scholarships for Crater High School graduates! Those graduates say, "Thank You!"

As always, every penny helps enable dreams to become reality. Everyone who attended can walk away and know that they helped make a difference in a young person's life. If you would like further information on how you can help, please contact us at craterfoundation@district6.org or phone 541-494-6308. At next year's auction we will celebrate the 25th year anniversary of this fund raising event. Next year's auction will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Crater Foundation Information

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FALL ATHLETIC RESULTS 5A-3 MIDWESTERN LEAGUE

Crater is now playing in the 5A-3 Midwestern League. The league is comprised of Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, Marist, North Bend, North Eugene, Springfield and Thurston.

Fall - State Results

Football - As the regular season came to an end the Crater football team finished 2nd in the league and qualified for a state playoff game. They defeated Lebanon in the first round of state playoffs and then lost to Wilsonville to end their season. They finished the season with a 7 - 4 record

Winter Results

Comets wrestling team were Midwestern League district champions qualifying 21 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished fifth in the 5A State Tournament. They had one 2nd place finisher freshman Jimmy Jordahl at 195 lbs, one 3rd place finisher and four 5th place finishers.

The Comets girls' basketball team finished 3rd in the Midwestern League and earned a state play-in game, hosting Central. The Lady Comets defeated Central 41 - 26 to advance to the 8 team State Tournament. As we go to press they will be playing Lebanon in the first round of the State Tournament.

The Comets boys' basketball team finished 4th in the Midwestern League and earned a state play-in game hosting Putnam. They defeated Putnam 67-42 to advance to the 8 team State Tournament. As we go to press they will be playing Silverton in the first round of the State Tournament.

The Crater girls swim team did not place swimmers into the state meet.

The Crater boys swim team crowned a STATE CHAMPION for the first time in school history. Freshman, Marcus Reyes-Gentry was state champion in two events held at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center in Beaverton. Reyes-Gentry won the 500 yard freestyle and the 100 yard backstroke.

The Crater boys bowling team captured a 1st place trophy at the state bowling tourney.

The Crater girls bowling team captured a 2nd place trophy at the state bowling tourney.

CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State Zip _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

Crater Grad. Yes No _____
 Year

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Additional Contributions _____

Please make checks payable to Crater Foundation and include information about yourself

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Class Reunions

1959 -- 60 year reunion - June 22 - At the Meadows in Central Point.
 Contact: Doug Davis at 503-666-6264 or dbdavis61@gmail.com

1972 – 1976 –
 '72-Roberta Great – bertacr8@cloud.com
 '73 Mitch Ford – mford33victoria@outlook.com
 '74 Debbie Saxbury – dlsaxbury@gmail.com
 '75 Jakkwright1@gmail.com
 '76 jeri.keeton@outlook.com

1979 -- 40 year reunion - Save The Date - June 29th + 30th

1999 -- 20 year reunion - July 20th, 2019.
 Location at the Inn at the Commons in Medford. Check out the Crater Class of 99 Reunion Facebook page or email - lindsy.weseman@gmail.com



CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES
VARSITY HOME SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

March	11	Crater Jamboree
March	16	North Bend
March	26	Spring Tourney
March	27	Spring Tourney
March	28	Spring Tourney
April	20	Springfield
April	26	North Eugene
May	10	Eagle Point

GIRLS GOLF

March	11	@Rogue Valley CC
April	4	@Eagle Point GC
April	25	@Eagle Point GC

BOYS GOLF

March	11	@Rogue Valley CC
April	4	@Eagle Point GC
April	25	@Eagle Point CC

SOFTBALL

March	14	South Medford
March	16	North Bend
April	20	Springfield
April	26	North Eugene
May	10	Eagle Point

TRACK

April	3	Ashland
April	13	Crater Classic
May	16	District
May	18	District

