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ALUMNI FEATURE



The **Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud to feature 1987 Crater High School graduate Darcie Sharp in this spring 2009 edition. For the past 17 years Darcie has resided in Sacramento, however, "I will always call Central Point my home".

Darcie fondly recalls graduation from Crater. "Darren Epperson, Chris Nolte, Jennifer Wirth, Susie Meunier, Kathy Jones and I went through Central Point Elementary, Scenic Junior High (now Scenic Middle School) and Crater together,

there are a lot of good memories in those years." Darcie describes herself as an average student, without aspirations of college. "I remember taking a psychology class from Ms. Hale and feeling with every cell in my body that I wanted to be a psychologist one day." Like many, her dreams were clouded by financial problems. "While my family did not have the monetary means to afford a higher education, I was blessed to have a mother who never said, "Never." Darcie describes her mom as "the motivating force in her life." Mom, a single parent of four and at times six children, taught Darcie that anything can be achieved through perseverance. Thanks to teachers like Karyn Hale and role models like Mom, Darcie set her eyes on college.

Taking advantage of Crater High School's fine athletic programs, Darcie competed for the Comet Volleyball and Softball programs. Two coaches who became strong motivating forces were Greg Dippel (volleyball coach) and Mike Johnson (softball coach). Coach Dippel and Coach Johnson "stood by my side and believed in me. They were more than just coaches, they were mentors." Darcie gives Coaches Dippel and Johnson credit for contributing to her receiving an athletic scholarship, leading ultimately to a college degree. A highlight of Darcie's Comet athletic experience was her selection to the USA Junior Olympic Softball team which competed in China in the summer of 1988.

Mom's lessons on perseverance came into play for Darcie during her Southern Oregon State College (now Southern Oregon University) days. "I became pregnant and found myself confronted by a situation I had not planned." Darcie gave birth to "my greatest accomplishment", Cody, during her senior year. Taking care of Cody, working and attending classes was more than a full time job. Determined to succeed, Darcie graduated with honors in 1992 and immediately began pursuit of her Master's Degree.

Cody and Darcie moved to Sacramento, where she began working as a Counselor in a Group Home for Severely Emotionally Disturbed boys. Darcie recalls the doubts she had during this time; finances, career, and being a good Mom. When she applied for her Master's program, the director of the Psychology department said, "you are a single mother, working full time. Forget it; you will never be able to complete this program!" Following many tears, Darcie called Mom, "and as always, Mom did not use the word never. She told me to pursue my dreams."

Darcie began her Master's program and accepted a full time position at Turning Point Community Programs working with the Chronically Mentally Ill and Developmentally Disabled adults with a co-existing mental illness. Darcie graduated Cum Laude with her Master's degree in 1999 and entered an accelerated Doctorate program at Alliant International University. "I spent three and a half years taking 18 units per term, working full time and raising Cody." Darcie graduated with honors in 2005 and spent the next three years completing an internship, studying for her national Comprehensive and State Licensing exams. Darcie acquired her Clinical Psychologist License in 2008.

Today, Darcie works as a Forensic Psychologist in a Men's Maximum Security, Level 4 Prison in California. "My job is to provide therapeutic services to individuals diagnosed with mental health issues." The work is very stressful, but Darcie and her "never give up attitude" hold hope for a better tomorrow for her patients.

Cody graduated from high school in 2008 and is a freshman at California State University, Sacramento. The **Crater Foundation Newsletter** is confident that like his Mom, Cody will make a difference in this world.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 - 1959

RON VON DER HELLEN (52) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Betty. Ron is a semi retired farmer in the Rogue Valley and Betty is a retired elementary teacher having worked for many years at Richardson Elementary School in Central Point.

ALICE CANE KOTTKE (56) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Dennis (57). They have just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have three grown children, all Crater graduates; Tammy (78), Becky (81) and Ben (84). They have recently retired from owning and operating Kottke Plumbing Company.

SANDRA DENSMORE PARKER (58) – lives in Lincoln, California with her husband, Ron. Sandra actually graduated from Roseburg High School after her father was transferred. She graduated with a BSBA from the University of Phoenix and had a career as an Employee Benefits Director for Hi-Tech companies. Now retired they live in a Del Webb senior community. They are both avid photographers and Sandra makes note cards, calendars and slideshows to music to “quench my creative energy”.

JESSIE WILLARD BROWN (58) – lives in Central Point with her husband of over 50 years, Clay. They owned and operated Brown's hardware in Central Point for many years but have now sold the business and have retired. They have 2 grown children and 6 grandchildren.

1960 - 1969

JUDY PATTERSON REEVES (63) – lives in Sacramento, California with her husband, Kalau. Judy has a grown daughter and a grown son and between her and her husband they have 12 grandkids. Judy graduated from Southern Oregon College and began teaching high school crafts in 1967. After teaching for 35 years she retired in 2002. These days Judy and Kalau spend their time in Sacramento and Florence, Arizona.

NEIL RIVENBURG (63) – lives in Prescott, Arizona with his wife, Marilyn. They have a 23-year-old daughter. Neil spent a brief time in professional baseball and then taught business classes at Lake Oswego High School. He then joined McGraw-Hill Inc. School Division as a sales rep for Oregon and Alaska. He moved to Arizona in 1979 and in 1993 became the Vice President for the Western United States. He semi retired in 2005 and worked as director of sales and marketing for a publishing company in Scottsdale, Arizona. Now totally retired he and his wife play a lot of tennis, golf, take a class or two, do volunteer work and vacation.

DAVID FORCE (64) – lives in Eugene, Oregon with his wife of over 33 years, Rebecca. David is a trial lawyer in private practice and Rebecca is an adjunct professor of journalism at the University of Oregon. They have two daughters, Rachel who is an architectural historian and is presently living with her husband in Brisbane, Australia and Megan who is a graduate student in astrophysics, living with her husband in Montpelier, Vermont.

KATHY COLLINGSWORTH SHINALL (64) - lives in Portland, Oregon where she has been for over 40 years. Kathy is an Administrative Manager of a Research Department at Oregon Health & Sciences University where she has worked since 1979. Kathy lost her husband, Scott in 2005 but continues to live in the house they bought in the early 90's. She spends a lot of time traveling between Portland and Manhattan where her son and his wife live.

LORAIN RINNEN FORSHEE (69) – lives in Springfield, Illinois with her husband of 37 years, Rich. They have eleven children (seven boys and four girls) ages from 9-30 and 4 grandchildren. They have lived in California, Missouri, and for the last 26 years in Illinois. Loraine is a stay at home mom and her husband is a computer programmer for the State of Illinois.

1970 - 1979

LAURA THOMAS HANSCOM (73) – lives in Talent, Oregon with her husband, Dennis. They have two children, Alexandra attending Southern Oregon University and Tom who is graduating from UTI in Arizona. Dennis has his own logging business, Hanscom and King Logging along with his brother and father. Laura does house cleaning and is enjoying her new great nephew.

TONI DUMAN HERNANDEZ (74) – lives in Central Point with Rob, her husband of 34 years. They have 3 grown children. Toni volunteers for many organizations and Rob is co-owner of S&B James Construction. In her free

time Toni loves to work on her many hobbies which include photography. They spend some time traveling.

EDWARD BOTILLER (75) – lives in Medford, Oregon with his wife, Candy. They have five grown children and 2 grandchildren. Edward has managed movie theaters and was co-owner of a real estate office in California. He now drives bus for Rogue Valley Transit District where he has worked for the last 12 years.

CINDY GOHEEN WILLIS (76) – lives in Port Orchard, Washington with her husband, Robert. They have one grown daughter. Cindy works as a county councilman's assistant and her husband is an Account Executive for Mechanical Contractor.

1980 - 1989

DEBBY JOHNSTON HARTNELL (81) – lives in Jacksonville, Oregon with her husband, Paul. They have a 21-year-old son who attends Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College and a 19-year-old daughter who also attends Rogue Community College. They own and operate Debby's Diner in Phoenix, Oregon.

JEFF JOHNSON (82) – lives in Central Point and is currently the Athletic Director at Crater High School. Jeff graduated from Southern Oregon College and was a teacher and coach at Myrtle Point High School and South Medford High School before coming to Crater High School as a teacher and coach.

DAVID GALLO (87) – lives in Vancouver, Washington with his wife, Kim and their two children ages 5 and 7. David is the founder of “Thought Bubble Productions” that can be accessed at david@playtimewithzebu.com.

CHRISTOPHER MUSTAIN (87) – lives in King George, Virginia where he is the Leading Open Architecture Instructor for Lockheed Martin Information Systems & Global Services.

1990 - 1996

CRYSTAL BAILEY LEWIS (92) – lives in Medford with her husband, Tim. They have two children ages 8 and 10. Crystal worked as a dispatcher for the Central Point Police Department and then in 1995 moved to the Medford Police Department where she is currently a 911 operator. She is actively involved with the Medford Police Association and is busy attending their sons' wrestling meets.

JENNIFER BURKE (93) – lives in San Diego, California. Jennifer graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1998 and currently works for AT&T in San Diego. She loves to come back to the valley and raft the Rogue River.

NOLAN RUBUS (94) – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, the former Amy Bronson (97). They have 3 boys ages 1-1/2, 3-1/2 and 7. Nolan is a project manager with a construction firm.

RYAN CONVERSE (97) - lives in Central Point with his wife, Heather and their children Caleb 7, Travin 12 and a baby due any day. Ryan is a salesperson for No Frills Floors, a Medford floor covering business, and Heather works for Keller Williams Real Estate.

New Crater Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

On January 30, 2009, Chet Bowser was inducted into the Crater High Athletic Hall of Fame. Chet began in the school district as a teacher and coach at Scenic Junior High in the fall of 1968. He became the football coach at Crater in 1970, and was the head coach from 1970-1975. He was also an assistant track coach. Prior to moving to Central Point, Chet was the head football coach at Seaside, Oregon where they won a state championship and later was the head coach at Glide High School.

Chet was a science teacher at Crater and in 1978 he received the prestigious award of “Oregon Teacher of The Year”. He retired from teaching in 1985.

Fall and Winter Sports Summary

The 2008-09 fall/winter sports season was once again very successful for Crater High athletics.

The Crater football team finished 1st in the Southern Sky Conference with a 6-4 season record and again reached the state playoffs. After drawing a bye in the first round of playoffs they faced Century of Beaverton in the second round. Century defeated the Comets in the last minute of the game by a score of 16-15.

The lady Comet volleyball team finished 2nd in the Southern Sky Conference and lost in the 1st round of the state playoffs.

The boys' soccer team finished in 2nd place in the Southern Sky Conference and lost in the 2nd round of the state playoffs.

The girls' soccer team was Southern Sky Champions and lost in the 2nd round of the state playoffs.

The boys' cross country team was champion of the Southern Sky Conference and was State Champions for the 3rd consecutive year.

The girls' cross country team was also champion of the Southern Sky Conference and finished 2nd in the state meet.

The Crater Comets wrestling team once again dominated the Southern Sky Conference qualifying 19 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished 2nd in the 5A division. The Comets had two state champions and two 2nd place finishers. This is the 12th consecutive year that the Comet Wrestlers have earned a team trophy at the State Tournament.

The Comets girls' basketball team finished 2nd in the Southern Sky Conference with a 9-3 record. They earned a state playoff game and faced Jefferson of Portland. They lost to Jefferson, the defending state champions.

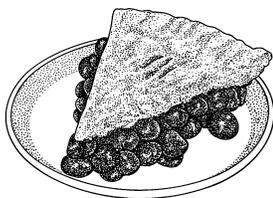
The Comets boys' basketball team had an up-and-down season finishing 2nd in the Southern Sky Conference standings. The second place finish earned them a state playoff birth and they face Woodburn of the Mid Willamette Conference. At press time they had not yet played the game.

The Crater girls' swim team was 2nd in the Southern Sky Conference but did not place at the state meet.

The Crater boys' swim team finished 2nd in Southern Sky but did not place at the state level.

Once again it has been a great sports year for Crater High Athletics.

Scholarship Dessert Another Success



This past December 6th, 2008 marked the fourteenth annual Crater Parent – Community Auction and Dessert. Once again the friends of School District #6 sent a loud and clear message to its youth, "We believe in you and your dreams!" In these economic times auction organ-

izers expected a large drop in auction revenues when compared with 2007. The 2007 auction netted in the neighborhood of \$42,000, the 2008 effort to help "our" kids resulted in a profit of \$40,472. A supporter of the District recently asked if monies raised are bearing fruit. The answer is "yes." In monitoring the class of 2008 the following numbers provide witness to whether or not our graduates are persevering at the next level. 87.5% of last year's graduates attending a 4-year school are currently in attendance. 74% of our 2-year students are continuing their quest (percentages represent students enrolled September – March). In comparison, the State of Oregon success rate at 4-year schools is 76.7%. At 2-year schools the rate is 46.4%. The National average for 4-year students is 75.5%, with the 2-year rate being 53%. Seeking to be good stewards of monies you provide to The Crater Foundation we will continue to monitor our students and look for ways to increase student attendance at the college / university / community college level.

The 2009 Crater Parent – Community Auction will be Saturday, December 5th, 2009.



Web Sites: Receiving Changes Crater Foundation and Alumni

We are in the middle of several changes to the Crater Foundation web site, adding new information as well as pictures. We have also

developed an alumni web site and have moved some of the material from the Crater Foundation web site to the alumni web site. The alumni site includes a link for class reunions, a copy of all alumni newsletters that have been published, a link featuring former teachers and a link in memory of deceased School District 6 faculty and graduates. Eventually we plan to have a list of email addresses.

We are working on much more and we encourage you to access the sites and enjoy the information. The address to the Crater Foundation web site is: craterfoundation.district6.org and to the alumni web site is: crateralumni.district6.org.



*Turn the page
for upcoming
reunion
information!!*

CRATER HIGH VARSITY SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

March 23 Crater Tourney
March 24 Crater Tourney
March 25 Crater Tourney
March 26 Crater Tourney
March 30 Eagle Point
March 31 South Medford
April 03 Ashland
April 18 Klamath Union
April 25 Mazama
May 07 Ashland
May 12 Eagle Point

TRACK

April 07 Eagle Point
April 18 Crater Classic
April 28 Mazama

SOFTBALL

April 02 North Medford
April 11 Ashland
May 09 Eagle Point
May 16 Mazama
May 19 Henley

BOYS' GOLF

April 09 @ Eagle Point GC
April 16 @ Centennial GC
April 23 @ Eagle Point GC
May 07 @ Rogue Valley CC

GIRLS' GOLF

April 07 @ Eagle Point GC
April 14 @ Centennial GC
April 23 @ Eagle Point GC
May 05 @ Rogue Valley CC

CLASS REUNIONS

1984 July 25th at Callahan's Lodge
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