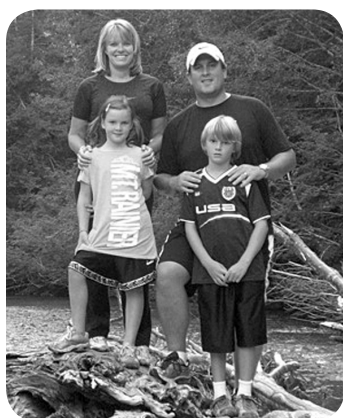


# CRATER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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## ALUMNI FEATURE



**The Crater Foundation Newsletter** is honored to feature another successful Comet, 1990 graduate David Morris. David is the son of Dave and Wanda Morris.

Following his graduation from Crater, David matriculated to Oregon Institute of Technology with aspirations of playing football. While on the Klamath Falls campus David found himself in a great academic program focusing on healthcare

imaging. Graduating in 1994, David moved back to the Rogue Valley while he interned at Providence Hospital and began work in Radiology as a CT technologist.

During the post graduate period of time David met and married Crater graduate Koleen Wertz (class of 1982). In 1996 David accepted a position with Toshiba in their healthcare division and he and Koleen relocated to Orange County in southern California. Much time was spent traveling America / Japan working in clinical development and research.

In 2000 David left Toshiba and went to work for Phillips, one of the world's largest corporations. Phillips is best known for lighting, DVD players and televisions but, their healthcare division is the company's largest and most profitable enterprise. David initially was involved in CT sales in Southern California and the Las Vegas area. During this time of employment David and Koleen had their 2 children, David and Alexis.

After several very successful years, David and Koleen desired to raise their children a bit closer to the Rogue Valley. David was transferred to Seattle where they currently reside. David accepted the position of Regional Vice President of sales overseeing Phillips business interests in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Nevada and Northern California. His time at Phillips has enabled him to work in a field and for a company dedicated to improving people's lives and health. Just recently David has been promoted and is currently working in the Computed Tomography division, where he

started his career, as the Vice President of Sales for North America.

Living in Seattle, Koleen works at Newcastle Elementary School. She is very involved in the community as the Vice Chair of the City Parks and Commission and Vice Chair of the PTSA. Koleen has started her own charity, focusing on children, helping kids in Cambodia. She recently was a prime mover in the building of a school in Nicaragua. Much of the family free time is spent traveling, attending school activities and youth sporting events.

David has many great memories of his days at Crater High School. His fondest memory was playing basketball and competing in the State basketball tournament in Portland at the Coliseum. David recalls the high level competition and the camaraderie he felt with teammates Scott Baker, Fred Kondziela, Ronnie Dillion, Mark Hansen and Kerry Cooper.

"I feel that the lessons I learned from my teachers and coaches at Crater helped me become the person I am today. There was real sense of community and I have forged many friendships and fond memories that I still hold close today"

When asked about the future, David responded: "One day I would love to find Koleen and myself at Dutch Meyer Stadium watching our son play football for the Comets and our daughter cheerleading"

David and Koleen; **The Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud of you and wish you and your family the best.

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1951 - 1959

**ROSE NELSON (54)** – lives in Davis, California and is now known as Debra Gale. She is a project manager, Professor of Mathematics and she is a member of American River College Senate. Debra was listed in the Who's Who in Executive and Professionals. She was director of West Coast Ragtime Festival for 2 years. She has traveled all over the world. Her hobbies include Ragtime Sheet Music Collecting and quilting.

**PAT PERRY (54)** – lives in Austin, Texas with her husband, Skip. Pat retired from the American Red Cross. They have five children and eleven grandchildren. Her hobbies include Bible study, traveling, reading, gardening, sewing and enjoying grandchildren.

**RALPH MURPHY (55)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Doris Tucker (56). They have two grown children and three grandchildren. Ralph worked as a contractor and as a millwright. They love to travel and they go to Arizona each winter. In addition to traveling he enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening.

**EDDIE SHERMAN (59)** – lives in Medford with his wife, Susan. Eddie closed his plumbing business and retired in 2003 and Susan retired from Bi-Mart. They love to travel in their 5th wheel. Eddie and Susan have 17 grandchildren.

## 1960 – 1969

**MARIAN PAYNE WILDE (63)** – has lived in Portland with her husband their entire marriage. They have four kids and six grand children. Marion worked over 25 years for the Adventist Medical Center. She now spends time with family reading, scrapbooking, quilting, painting and singing.

**RON BOE (63)** – lives in North Bend, Oregon with his wife, Cindy. They have two boys, Jeremy and Ryan, and six grandchildren. Ron retired from the Air National Guard in 1996 as a Chief Master Sergeant and now works in a civil servant job. His hobbies include circle track cars, traveling, street rods and NASCAR.

**LEE KORNER (67)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Susi since 1971. After trying college, Lee went to work for Roto-Rooter and spent the next 20 years with that company, purchasing the Jackson County franchise in 1978. He sold it in 1992, but had begun pastoring a church in Rogue River in 1987. 4 ½ years later he moved to the church in Central Point and was there until he retired in 2005. They have two daughters and four grandchildren and enjoy their retirement with traveling and grandkids.

**JAMIE PETERSON WIGLEY (69)** - lives in Medford with her husband, Ron. They have three grown children and eight grand children. Ron retired from Boise Cascade and Jamie worked many years for the Sign Dude. They love to travel and camp.

## 1970 – 1979

**MICHAEL PALMER (74)** – lives in Buckeye, Arizona with his wife, Deborah. They have two daughters and two granddaughters. Michael spent 35 years in the food and grocery industry then retired and moved to Arizona in 2005. Deborah spent 33 years with Wells Fargo Bank.

**LAURA RUTLER STRICKLING (74)** – lives in Baltimore, Maryland with her husband, Pat. Laura graduated from BYU with a BA degree in art and music. They lived in Spain for

7 years where their four children attended Spanish schools. Laura then went back to school and earned a degree in Spanish. She then taught high school Spanish for 9 ½ years in Raleigh, North Carolina. She also earned a MA degree in International Communications from University of Maryland and now is a doctoral candidate at UMBC studying language variations.

**LISA GEBHARD EISIMINGER (76)** – lives in Imbler, Oregon with her husband, Dale. They have two children, Katie and Jace. They spend most of their time running the family farm raising peppermint for oil, grass seed for turf, and wheat.

**MICHAEL KLOOR (77)** – lives in Ashland with his wife Pamela. They have two children Jen and Wesley. Michael is a custom sales and finance manager for Hertz Car Sales.

## 1980 –1989

**RICHARD HORNER (82)** - lives in Salem, Oregon with his wife, Heidi. They have two daughters, Abby and Madeleine. He works in the Salem Hospital where he operates an MRI scanner which he has done since 1986.

**CURT LOFTIS (82)** – lives in Arizona with his wife, Diana. They have one daughter Lauren. They own their own business and Curt scuba dives every chance he gets. Diana is an analyst with Boeing.

**KEITH ASKER (84)** – lives in Eagle Point with his wife, Connie. They have two children, Ryan and Destinee, and Keith has two step children. Keith has worked at various job in Seattle, Niagara Falls, Kelowna British Columbia and Bear Creek Corporation in Medford.

**ANDREW RIELLY (85)** – lives in Portland with his wife Olga. They have two children, Victoria and Victor. Andrew worked as a software engineer at Intel but left that job after four years and became an ice skater. He competes in adult competition and looks forward to spending more time with his kids, writing and working on his own game company.

## 1990 – 2000

**JASON MEILICKE (96)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Lindsey Rice (98). They have a two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Amari. Jason owns his own excavation business and Lindsey is a dental assistant.

**EUGENA CHRISTIANSON (98)** – lives in Medford with her husband, Brent. Eugena works for the Grange Coop in retail management at the South Medford store.

**LOGAN GENAW (99)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Breanna Inlow (2002). Logan works at Grants Pass Country Club as a golf professional. Breanna is a professional photographer, as well as a long-time employee of Sun Glass Hut in the Rogue Valley Mall.

**STEVE LANG (99)** – lives in Central Point. Steve works for Bay Cities Fabrication and spends his free time working on his car and playing golf.

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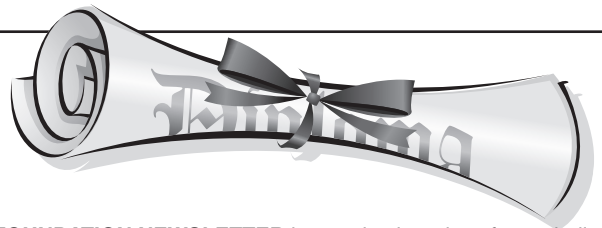
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# Crater High Class of 2011

## Four Schools — Four Valedictorians



**Valedictorians (L to R):  
Alisha Shurr, Jessica Worley,  
James Amidon, and  
Sarah Haga.**

**THE CRATER FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER** is proud to introduce four valedictorians for the Crater High School graduating class of 2011. Representing the graduates of our schools are valedictorians **Alisha Shurr, James Amidon, Jessica Worley** and **Sarah Haga**.

Alisha, the valedictorian of the Crater Academy of Natural Sciences, is the daughter of David and Karen Shurr. Alisha will always remember her many FFA trips, especially the Western nationals held in Denver, Colorado. In the fall of 2011 Alisha will enter Clarendon College in Texas.

James, the valedictorian of the Crater School of Business, is the son of Mike and Sue Amidon. When asked of his memories of Crater High School, James relayed the panic of heading to his 7 a.m. advanced placement class realizing he had not finished the work assigned by instructor Jeff Nafie. James will enroll at New York University in the fall.

Jessica, the Crater Renaissance Academy valedictorian, is the daughter of Jerry and Kathy Worley. Jessica wanted to publicly thank teachers Katie Barber, Adrienne Hillman and Annelly Pereira for their time and investment in her education. In the fall Jessica will enroll at Southern Oregon University.

Sarah, the valedictorian of the Crater Academy of Public Health, is the daughter of Greg and Val Haga. Her memories will always include playing softball and claiming two Oregon State titles with her teammates. In the fall Sarah will enroll at Santa Clara University in California.

## Spring Sports Summary

The Crater Comets' spring athletic season saw many changes as Crater was moved from the 5A division to the 6A division. The baseball and softball teams competed against North Medford, South Medford, Grants Pass and Roseburg. The track teams and golf teams competed against North Medford, South Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, South Eugene, Sheldon and Thurston.

The Crater boys track team finished 3rd in the district meet and 5th at the 6A State Track & Field Championship. Seniors Jack Galpin and Max Runia paced the Comets with Galpin winning the 200 meter (see article at right), the 400 meter and ran the anchor leg of the 4x400 meter relay team that finished 5th. Runia finished 2nd in the 3000 meter run and 7th in the 1500 meter run.

The Crater girls team finished 5th at the district meet and went on to finish 12th at the state meet.

After three consecutive State Championships at the 5A level, the Crater girls' softball team finished 2nd in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference and proceeded to the state playoffs. They were defeated by Roseburg in the quarterfinals of the state playoffs.

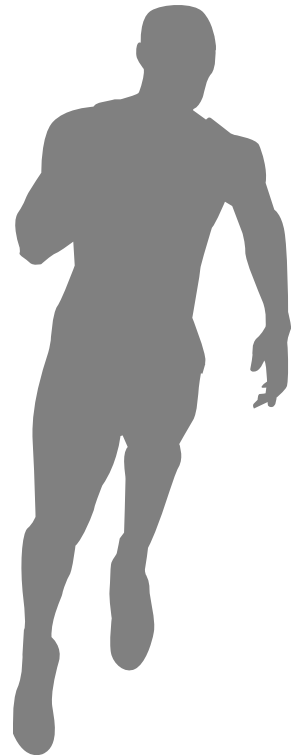
The boys baseball team finished the season as the fifth place team in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. They lost to Lakeridge High School in the first round of the state playoffs.

The Crater girls and boys golf teams did not qualify any player for the state tournament matches.



## Two Time State Champion & State Record Holder

After winning both the 200 meter and 400 meter races in the 5A division as a junior, senior Jack Galpin impressed many at the 6A state track and field meet at University of Oregon's Hayward Field in Eugene. He followed last year's 1st place performances with impressive wins in the 200 meter and the 400 meter this year, and defeated last year's winners in both events. Jack established a new state record in the 200 meter with a time of 21.2. He also set a school record, as well as a personal best, in the 400 meter, with a time of 47.7. In addition, he anchored the 4 x 400 relay team to a 5th place finish. Jack will be attending the University of Oregon on a track scholarship. Congratulations and good luck, Jack.



# CLASS REUNION



See page 4 for  
class reunion information

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- 1961**      **Sept. 16th-18th**  
Contacts: Nancy McKay Flanagan            541-773-2607  
              Sharon Thompson Pfaff            541-664-3025  
              Helen Goff Stanley                      541-770-6092  
              Tony Yell                                    541-830-5616  
              Terry Hulse                                541-601-0837
  
- 1966**      **August 26th-27th**  
Contact: Stan Shope                              503-648-9350  
              [Stan45reunion.com](http://Stan45reunion.com) or [sps665@comcast.net](mailto:sps665@comcast.net)
  
- 1971**      **August 19th, 20th & 21st**  
              (This is a multiclass reunion (1968-1973))  
Contact: Connee Landers McCasland  
              Crater Multi-Class Reunion, c/o  
              6016 Logan Drive, Klamath Falls, OR 97603
  
- 1976**      **August 6th & 7th**  
Email: [craterclassof76@hotmail.com](mailto:craterclassof76@hotmail.com)  
Contacts: Susan Hernandez Burns            541-664-7353  
              Jeri Evans Keeton                        541-944-9733
  
- 1981**      **July 20th-21st**  
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              Cathy Pinnell Olson                        [cathypinnell@msn.com](mailto:cathypinnell@msn.com)
  
- 1991**      **August 5th, 6th & 7th**  
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              [michellejohnston11@gmail.com](mailto:michellejohnston11@gmail.com)  
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              [jdbanry@hotmail.com](mailto:jdbanry@hotmail.com)

**CRATER HIGH VARSITY  
FALL SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES**

**FOOTBALL**

Sept 09 McMinnville  
Sept 16 Thurston  
Sept 30 South Eugene  
Oct 14 North Medford  
Oct 21 Grants Pass

**VOLLEYBALL**

Sept 08 Ashland  
Sept 15 Grants Pass  
Sept 27 Eagle Point  
Oct 06 South Medford  
Oct 13 North Medford  
Oct 25 Roseburg

**BOYS SOCCER**

Sept 06 Sheldon  
Sept 17 Grants Pass  
Sept 27 Ashland  
Oct 01 South Medford  
Oct 15 North Medford  
Oct 22 Eagle Point  
Oct 25 Roseburg

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Sept 13 Klamath  
Sept 20 North Medford  
Sept 24 Roseburg  
Oct 04 Grants Pass  
Oct 11 Ashland  
Oct 16 South Medford

**CROSS COUNTRY**

Sept 23 Crater Invitational

