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ALUMNI FEATURE



JUSTIN SAMPLES IS MAKING HIS MARK

The Crater Foundation is pleased to feature 2001 Crater graduate, Justin Samples, in this issue of the Alumni Newsletter. Like most of our featured alumni, Justin led an active life while at Crater. He participated in football, wrestling and track all four years and received numerous athletic awards. In football this included twice being

honored as Student Athlete of the Year, receiving the coveted Tonn Player of the Year Award and being tapped for All Conference honors.

He also excelled in wrestling and is proud to have been part of three consecutive team state titles and four district titles. As a four-year letterman in wrestling, he was a two-time district placer, one-time district champion and a two-time state placer. His leadership skills led to him serving as Team Captain for wrestling and, like football, being recognized twice as Student Athlete of the Year.

In addition to these honors, he was a Rotary Student of the Month and received one of Central Point Rotary's four-year college scholarships. Upon graduation, Justin headed to Linfield College in McMinnville, OR where he graduated in 2005 with a combined degree in Finance and Economics. He played football during his first two years at Linfield but then, after assuming the presidency of his Theta Chi fraternity, he found that leadership duty required his full attention and did it ever pay off because, during his senior year, he was awarded the Citizens Police Medal from the McMinnville Chief of Police for his cooperation with the college, the police and the fraternity. For someone so young to receive this honor was unprecedented, and it led to a number of articles in newspapers and the Chronicle of Higher Education.





From his graduation in 2005 to today, Justin has been employed by Ameriprise Financial as a private wealth advisor and managing director. Like everything he has done in his young life, he has excelled at it. He was recognized as a "Field Leader" by his company in 2012, has received the highly prized "Circle of Success Award" three years in a row, an award reserved for the top advisors nationally, and is listed in the top 5% production category in his company.

Always an avid sportsman and in a variety of sports, in recent years Justin has become an Ironman Triathlete and has completed his 8th Ironman, in the process qualifying for the 2015 Ironman 70.3 world championships in Austria. He got into Ironman Triathlons in 2007 partially to overcome his fear of water. Since that first event, Justin states that "I became addicted and kept raising the bar." He goes on to relate, "After two years of competing at shorter distances...I stepped up to the full Ironman distance (2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike race and 26.2 mile run) with a goal of qualifying for the Ironman world championships in Kona". He believes that the Ironman is a "great analogy for life. Success in the sport as in life is born from consistent hard work over time." He goes on to write, "I would say the greatest thing though is the way it helped me shift my mindset because for the longest time I was so result driven and never fully appreciated the process or journey along the way." On his schedule for this year is the New Orleans Ironman in April, the May Texas Ironman and the August World Championships in Austria, finishing with the November Ironman Arizona. During the process, his main goal is to qualify for the Hawaii Ironman.

Reflecting on his years at Crater, Justin writes "My experience at Crater truly helped instill the lessons and tools necessary to succeed personally and professionally both at Crater as well as later in life. The support network of teachers, coaches and faculty was truly unique. Everything from teachers that showed us how to think critically to staff like Jay McRoberts and Mike McClain that guided me in the right direction helped me better myself. Coaches like Greg Haga taught me vital life lessons like hard work, discipline and attention to detail. I'm incredibly grateful for the people who've positively impacted my life and feel lucky to have the privilege of calling myself a Crater Comet."

Congratulations to another outstanding Crater graduate.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 – 1959

NADRA MOORE GOLDEN (56) – lives in Woodburn, Oregon with her husband, Jerry (56). After attending Southern Oregon University, Nadra spent most of her life as a secretary piano teacher and music performer on both organ and piano. She spent many years in Southern California with her former husband before retiring back in Oregon. She married her husband Jerry in 2006 and they are now enjoying living on a golf course fairway and sharing their hobby of “antiquing” as well as enjoying the beautiful Willamette Valley. Nadra has two grown children and one grandson while Jerry has two daughters and four grandchildren. Nadra still plays the piano and is an artist, following her mother and sister who were both renowned artists in the Rogue Valley.

1960 – 1969

KAREN LARSON RHODES (60) – lives in Central Point with her husband, John. They have two grown children, Cheryl Conger Noles (83) and her husband Scott (81) and Mike Rhodes (96). They also have a granddaughter that is part of the 2015 graduating class from Crater. Now retired both John and Karen enjoy attending their granddaughter's basketball games, traveling and doing volunteer work for their community.

GERI LEMONS CALVIN (63) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Larry. After living in Southern California they moved back to the Rogue Valley 1977. The have three grown children, one grandson and two grand-daughters. Geri worked at 3M, Imation and Eastman Kodak for almost 28 years and retired in 2007. Her husband retired from Boise Cascade in 2006. They are enjoying retirement to the fullest with home improvement projects, visiting their daughter and family in Florida and going to San Diego to visit their youngest son.

LENNARD FIERLING (66) – lives in Colton, Oregon where he retired in 2011. Drafted into the Army in 1968 he spent a tour in South Vietnam. After being discharged he obtained his pilot ratings and was a professional pilot and flight instructor for 23 years and flew fire patrol for the state of Oregon. He worked as a U.S.P.S. letter carrier in the Portland area for 20 years. Lennard has two grown children and three grandchildren. He owns his own 1940 Taylorcraft and a 1999 Mazda Miata.

DANIEL NELSON (67) – lives in Medford with his wife, Charon. He is a senior Medicare advisor and Insurance broker with Jones & Associates in Medford. Dan was in the Army from 1968 to 1971 and served in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He has two daughters, Kristi Blackhurst who is head of surgery & trauma at Medford Asante and Kori Acosta who has two children and lives with her family in Eagle Point where they own a successful landscaping business. Charon is retired after owning Williams Beauty Supply for 40+ years.

1970 – 1979

BARBARA HANSON BROWN (70) – lives in Littleton, Colorado with her husband, Dennis after eighteen years in the Bay Area of California. They have three grown children and five grandchildren. Barbara worked part time in a senior community for over thirteen years in the Life Enrichment Department. Her husband owned his own lighting business in California and is now in sales. In their free time they enjoy hiking, low key mountain biking an occasionally go snowshoeing. They love the Lord, their church and are involved in Bible studies.

STEVE MCGEE (70) – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Janice Wolfard (72). Both now retired, they love to spend time with their five year old grandson and their eleven year old granddaughter. They also enjoy fishing, camping and just being outdoors in general.

TIM MCCARTNEY (70) – lives in Central Point with his wife of nearly 40 years, Kathy. Tim was in the Army as an MP from 1971-75 stationed in Ft. Ord, California, Augusta, Georgia, then to Teague, Korea and finally to White Sands Missile range in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Tim was a Deputy Sheriff with Jackson County from 1978-1985 then with the Medford Police department from 1985-2009. After retiring, he went back to work part time as a Civil Deputy for Jackson County for 2009-1012. His wife retired this year after 38 years in the medical field. They love to travel the United States and Mexico in their motorhome. They are also avid snowmobilers and Tim is a member of the band “SnakeBite”.

SUE ST. ARNOLD GINTER (71) – lives in Eugene, Oregon with her husband, Douglas. She has two grown children, daughter Tracy and son Peter and eight grandchildren. Suzi works part time as an Office Administrator and doing sewing for their son's business. Her husband works full time for G&D Chillers. They also maintain several rentals they own and one of their son's rentals. They love to travel with their last adventure to Friday Harbor.

SUSANNE DETERING MOAR (79) – lives in St. Louis, Missouri with her husband, Bill. After graduating from OSU in 1984 in Elementary education Susanne taught six years in San Bernardino, California and attended graduate school at UC Riverside. They then lived in Auburn, Alabama for nineteen years where Bill was a professor of entomology at Auburn University and Susanne taught for Auburn City Schools, becoming a state finalist for Alabama Teacher of the year in 2005. They moved

in 2009 to St. Louis where Bill works for Monsanto and Susanne works in the Rockwood School District as the Elementary Science Curriculum Coordinator. They have two grown daughters, Stephanie and Shannon. They love to garden and travel, especially to Hawaii and Europe.

1980 – 1989

DARREN GRADY (85) – lives in Hillsboro, Oregon with his wife, Jody and their two boys. After graduating from Princeton University with a political science degree and from Pepperdine University with a Master of Science degree he worked for Intel in Portland as a human resource specialist. After working for Gateway computers, Washington Mutual, The Clarion Group and then Clearwire, he has worked as the Senior Director, Global Organization Capability with Nike since 2010.

DERICK COUGLE (86) – lives in Oregon city after graduating from University of Oregon. He is a manger of a Walmart Superstore in Oregon City.

SHAYNA HAMILTON (87) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Poniani Balaru Naicern. They have 3 year old twins a boy and a girl. Shayna graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in pharmacy. She has lived in and worked in pharmacies in Portland, Denver, Corpus Christi and northern California. She is presently a stay at home mom.

ROBERT JOHNSON (88) – lives in Coeur D Alene, Idaho with his wife, Hedi. The have three children. Robert graduated from BYU and then went on a two year mission to Italy. He returned to BYU and then graduated from Pacific University School of Optometry. He presently owns and operates his own Eye Clinic.

1990 – 1999

GREG WOOLSEY (91) – lives in Newberg, Oregon with his wife, Beth and their five children. Greg graduated from George Fox College with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics. He worked for an information management group with computer counseling in Portland and presently works for FIREapps, as a Senior Software Engineer designer of software.

BRIAN GOERES (97) – lives in Loveland, Colorado with his wife, Annette and their five children. Brian graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. He worked for several companies in the Portland area an as an Electrical Engineer including as a power supply procurement engineer at Analog Devices. He currently works at Electron Instruments where he is an Engineering Technician in Loveland.

TAWN CORCORAN THOMPSON (97) – lives in Oroville, Washington with her husband, Michael and their three children. Tawn graduated from University of Idaho with a Bachelor's degree in foods and nutrition. Upon graduation she spent a year in Costa Rica and then returned to complete her Master's degree also in nutrition. She worked at Silverton Hospital in Portland then moved to Oroville and worked for Head Start and taught nutrition at Wenatchee Valley College.

MICHELLE BOND (98) – lives in Springdale, Arkansas. Michelle graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Food Sciences. She worked in Portland, Oregon as a Nutrition Scientist and received her Masters of Business in administration from Portland State. Currently she is assistant product manager, a marketing position for Tyson Foods in Springdale.

2000 – 2004

JANELLE GOES RALPH (00) – lives in Sams Valley with her husband Ben (99). Janelle graduated from George Fox College with a degree in elementary education. She worked in JiangHan University in Wuhan, China and was a substitute teacher in Vigo County Schools and Sullivan County Schools in Indiana. Currently she substitutes in Central Point School District and Medford School District. She is an avid distance runner and is currently working on running a half marathon in all 50 states.

KATIE SLUSHER (03) – lives in Huntington Beach, California where she is an Assistant to High School Ministry and Office Manager at Compass Bible Church in Aliso Viejo, California. After graduated from Maters College in California with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business/Accounting she moved to Orange County and worked in public accounting and became a leader in the high school ministry.

JED TAUCHER (04) – lives in Central Point. After graduating from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology he then attended Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry and did his dental residency in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is currently a general dentist in Medford, Oregon.

Would You Like To Sponsor A Scholarship?

From time to time we are contacted by Alumni who are interested in sponsoring a scholarship. The first question that is usually asked is "What do we need to do if we want to sponsor a scholarship"? The second question asked is, "How much money do we need to donate in order to sponsor a scholarship"? These are great questions and certainly appropriate.

The answer to the first question is very simple. Just contact Jay McRoberts, Jill Layton or Harvey Tonn at craterfoundation@district6.org or 541-494-6308 and we will explain the process. It's very simple, you tell us what the amount of the scholarship should be and any guidelines you want to attach to it. When you send the money to the Foundation we will send you tax information. Remember we are a tax 501(C)(3) organization so any donation is tax free.

To the second question, it only takes \$500 for a scholarship. You may donate annually or at any time you wish. We will set up an account within the Foundation and you set the amount you want awarded yearly from that account. Some people donate larger amounts and direct the Foundation to determine the amount used each year. Remember, once the money is donated to the tax exempt Foundation, it then belongs to the Foundation to manage.

If you have other questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Scholarship Dessert/Auction

The 20th annual Crater Foundation Dessert/Auction was held Saturday, December 6, 2014. This 20th year spectacular event attracted a record crowd of more than 550 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. More than \$65,000 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. Next year's auction will be held Saturday, December 5, 2015.

CRATER FOUNDATION INFORMATION

Web Site: craterfoundation.district6.org
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Winter Sports Summary

5A-3 Midwestern League



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

The Crater Comets wrestling team placed second in the Midwestern League district qualifying 18 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished 6th in the 5A division. They had 6 state placers including one 2nd, two 3rd, two 4th and one 5th place finishers.

The Comets girls' basketball team finished tied for first in the Midwestern League and earned a bye in the first state playoff round. They defeated Central High School in the second round of state playoffs 56 - 33 and have earned a trip to the final eight 5A state tournament in Corvallis. As we go to press they will be playing Springfield High.

The Lady Comets have a season record of 23 - 2.

The Comets boys' basketball team finished 4th in the Midwestern League standings and earned a state play-off game with Central High School. Unfortunately the Comets season ended with 51 - 41 loss. They finished the season with a 17 - 8 record.

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The Crater hockey team fell short of the District playoffs and therefore did not qualify for the state meet.

Crater Foundation Web Site

Are you aware of our Crater Foundation web site? Have you visited the web site? If you're not aware of the web site or have not visited the web site lately, we would encourage you to do so. Our web site is designed not only to give you information about the Foundation, but to allow you the opportunity to make credit card donations to the Scholarship programs of the Foundation. Remember we are a 501©(3) tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible.

More about the web site: you can read about former District 6 teachers; read about members of the Crater High Athletic Hall of Fame; read any or all of the 57 issues of the Crater Alumni Newsletters; read about upcoming class reunions; read the memorial list of Crater High graduates including former District 6 teachers and administrators and read the scholarship applications that Crater High graduates use to apply for Foundation scholarship financial assistance. There is much more to read in the web site including a list of scholarship donors, ways to get involved, results of our annual Dessert/Auction and more.

We would encourage everyone to read and explore more about the Crater Foundation and what it does for the support of young people.

CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

CRATER GRAD: YES NO _____
YEAR

Yearly \$10 alumni dues enclosed _____

Additional Contributions _____

Please make checks payable to Crater Alumni Association and include additional information about yourself

Please return to: Willeen Bittle, Crater Alumni Coordinator
P.O. Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502
(541) 494-6308 • FAX (541) 664-7589

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- 1965 • September 18th - 19th • Contact: 541-891-5391 or craterhigh65@gmail.com
- 1980 • July 31st - August 2nd • Contact: Facebook Crater High Reunion or Sue Barlow - 541-944-4887
- 2005 • Contact: Ben Taucher - 541-292-6691 or JETWAY_BT@msn.com

**CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS
HOME SCHEDULES**

BASKETBALL

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| March | 16 | Crater Jamboree |
| March | 23 | Clackamas |
| March | 24 | Liberty |
| March | 25 | North Salem |
| April | 7 | Churchill |
| April | 18 | Eagle Point |
| April | 25 | Springfield |
| April | 28 | Ashland |
| May | 5 | Marist |
| May | 16 | North Eugene |

TRACK

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| April | 1 | Eagle Point |
| April | 18 | Crater Classic |
| April | 29 | Ashland |

SOFTBALL

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| March | 16 | Henley |
| March | 31 | Marist |
| April | 7 | Churchill |
| April | 8 | Ashland |
| April | 28 | Ashland |
| May | 5 | Eagle Point |
| May | 9 | Springfield |

BOYS GOLF

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| March | 17 | @Eagle Point GC |
| May | 4 | @Centennial GC |

GIRLS GOLF

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| March | 16 | @Rogue Valley CC |
| March | 19 | @Centennial GC |
| March | 31 | @Eagle Point GC |

