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ALUMNI FEATURE



In this edition of the Crater Foundation Newsletter, we are pleased to feature 1998 Crater High School graduate, Michelle Bond Feldman.

After years of involvement with Crater FFA, livestock judging, horse judging, parliamentary procedure and more, it may be no surprise to learn that Crater graduate Michelle Feldman (formerly Bond) is now using her agricultural skills in the workforce.

The 1998 grad took what she learned at Crater

to go on to study food science and nutrition at Colorado State University. After deciding she did not want to explore the scientific side of agriculture, she made her way back to Oregon where she earned an MBA with a focus in food marketing and logistics at Portland State University. Feldman said this field of study allowed her to “stay involved with the food industry, which is where my passion is, but still have kind of the business, well-rounded experience.”

Today, the Rogue River native has made a name for herself at some of the country’s top grocery and food companies, working for Tyson Foods as a product manager, Walmart as a buyer and marketing manager, Amazon.com as a senior product manager and now, at her current position at Unilever as the Food and Refreshments eCommerce Lead. Though she is only a few weeks into her latest position, Feldman is enjoying the new company. “So far, so good,” Feldman said with a laugh. “The team is great, and I think we have a lot of opportunity.” Aside from her career taking her to a variety of different companies, her work has also allowed her the opportunity to travel. In those travels, Michelle met her husband Kyle Feldman. Though Kyle is originally from Boston, the two met while working in Arkansas. They were married in 2009, and a few years later, the couple welcomed their first child Cooper, now 5. After the birth of their son, they made the move back to the Pacific Northwest, a decision that came because they wanted to raise their family closer to their grandparents.

After moving to Seattle and beginning positions at Amazon.com, Michelle and Kyle welcomed two more sons: JD, 3, and Walker, 1. While FFA isn’t among the boys’ activities, Michelle said the family is a busy one. “We don’t sit around,” Michelle said. “We love to travel...we love to go to the beach; everyone has gone skiing now, so anything we can do outside.” Swimming, baseball and flag football are also among her sons’ numerous interests. Michelle added that she and Kyle enjoy the wine scene of the Northwest and “take advantage of the pinots around [Bellevue] and the Willamette Valley.”

Being back in the neck of the woods where she was raised has allowed Michelle to explore new employment opportunities but also to reflect on the path that led her there. She credits her FFA instructor John Dimick with giving her skills to pursue agriculture and leadership in a new way. “He was our coach, our leader, our mentor who just kept pushing us to our limits in a good way, and that obviously helped prepare us for the bigger world,” Michelle said. “That was definitely the main influence.”

Michelle has taken the skills she learned and honed at Crater to put a spin on agriculture in marketing and to follow her passion. “Working in the food industry is amazing,” Michelle said. “I mean, everyone’s gotta eat, so it’s pretty cool to be involved with it every day.”

As always, the Foundation Newsletter staff is awed by the way so many Crater graduates have gone on to great success and, more importantly, to making a positive difference in our world. We salute Michelle Bond Feldman as just that sort of person.

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CRATER HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

After 12 years of no inductions into the Crater High School Hall of Fame, the second banquet and induction ceremony was held on November 5th in the Crater High student center. The Crater Foundation has now taken over the Hall of Fame induction and has added an Achievement Hall of Fame to the original Athletic Hall of Fame.

Those inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were:

- **SHANE WEBSTER**, 2001 Crater Graduate – Wrestling – Baseball Member Crater High School State Wrestling Champion Team three consecutive years.
2001-2006 Attended University of Oregon on a Wrestling Scholarship. Four Time National Wrestling Qualifier; Two-Time Defending Pac 10 Champion
Two-Time All American
2006 NCAA National Champion at 184 lbs.

Inducted into the University of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame 2016

- **MARK COX**, 1986 Crater Graduate – Football – Baseball – Track
1985 member of the Crater Southern Oregon Conference Co-Champions - Football
1985 Southern Oregon Conference Most Valuable Player – Football
1985 Southern Oregon Conference Offensive Player of the Year
Attended Oregon Institute of Technology where he was an All Evergreen Conference and Northwest Conference Player three consecutive years
1986 Led the nation in Receiving Yardage at OIT
1987 Named All American – football Player at OIT

- **CHERRITH (WIERSMA) YOUNG**, 1998 Crater Graduate – Basketball-Two Time All-Conference Girls' Basketball Player - Honorable Mention All-State Basketball Team
1998 – 2000 Attended Oregon State University – Played Women's Basketball two years
2000- 2002 Attended University of Wyoming – Played Basketball two years and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Currently an Emergency Room Nurse at Rogue Regional Medical Center in Medford, Oregon.
Staff Charge Nurse and a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner for Jackson County.

- **CHASSIE WIERSMA**, 1998 Crater Graduate – Basketball.
Two Time All-Conference Girls' Basketball Player - First Team All-State.
1998 – 2000 Attended Oregon State University – Played Women's Basketball Two Years.
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Those inducted into the Achievement Hall of Fame were:

- **CHRIS JOHNS**, 1969 Crater Graduate - Bachelor's Degree from Oregon State University
1979 – National Newspaper Photographer of the Year
1985 – Contract Photographer for National Geographic Magazine
1995 – Joined magazine Staff of National Geographic Magazine
2003 – Named one of world's most important photographers by American Photo Magazine
2010 – Honorary Doctorate Degree – Indiana University

2005 – 2014 Editor in Chief of National Geographic Magazine. During his editorship recognized with 63 nominations and 23 national magazine awards from the American Society of Magazine Writers.

- **KARYN THOMAS CHRISTEN**, 1990 Crater Graduate – Valedictorian – Volleyball – Basketball – Track
 - 1995 – Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the United States Air Force Academy
 - 1996 - Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of Texas
 - 1997 – Completed Pilot Training – First Lieutenant
 - 2005 – Captain and Upgraded to Aircraft Commander – Flew 22 Combat Sorties in the Kosovo Air War
 - 2005 – Major – Member of the United States Air Force Reserve
 - 2012 – Lieutenant Colonel
 - 2015 – Present Commander of the 13th Reconnaissance Squadron RQ-4 Global Hawk at Beale Air Force Base, California
- **KRISTA PARENT**, 1979 Crater Graduate – Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis and Track.

1984 – Bachelor's Degree – University of Oregon in Human Development and Performance

1985 – Present: South Lane School District – 35 Years - Teacher - Assistant Principal – Athletic Director - Director of Curriculum and Assistant Superintendent
1992 Master's Degree from University of Oregon in Educational Administration

2001 Superintendent of Schools – A position she continues to hold
2004 Doctorate Degree in Educational Leadership.
2007 Oregon Superintendent of the Year - 2007 National Superintendent of the Year.

2014 Finalist for Superintendent of the Year by the National Association of School Superintendents.

- **JAY MCROBERTS**, 1972 – 2003 Teacher at Scenic Junior High/ Middle School - Crater High School Career Advisor. Coached Football and Wrestling at Scenic and Crater High School for 31 Years. Teacher of Leadership and Student Government - Advisor for Scenic Lettermen's Club
Organized Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Scenic Junior High and Crater high School
2004 – 2016 Served as Part-Time Crater High Career Advisor

1995 CRATER HIGH SCHOOL -

FFA NATIONAL CHAMPION LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Crater FFA members Melissa Wolf, Matt Debrick and Katie Dunlap were members of the 1995 National FFA Champion Livestock Team, awarded after competition with teams from 45 other states at the American Royal Livestock Show in Kansas City, Missouri. The team earned the right to represent Oregon after winning the State FFA Livestock Judging Championship at the 1995 Oregon State Fair. After winning the National Championship, the team competed in the Stockmanship Programme of the Royal Highland Show, held in Edinburgh, Scotland. The 1995 Crater team was the first team from Oregon to win a national championship in any contest area. The team was coached by FFA Advisor, John Dimick.

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.

FORMER TEACHER FEATURE

Once again the Crater Foundation and the Alumni Newsletter staff is honoring a former teacher from School District #6 that has made a difference in many young people's lives. This former teacher is Mike Johnson. Mike was a teacher and coach in School District #6 for 32 years working at Patrick Elementary School, Richardson Elementary School and Scenic Middle School.

Mike attended schools in District #6 beginning in 1st grade and graduated from Crater in 1971. He then attended and received a Bachelor's Degree from Linfield College where he met and married his wife, Clarice. After graduating from college he began his teaching career at Patrick Elementary in 1976. In addition to his teaching, he coached football and boys and girls basketball at Scenic Middle School. He was an assistant girl's basketball coach at Crater and was the head softball coach at Crater from 1985 to 1992.

Mike remembers fondly the outdoor education programs at the elementary schools and taking his high school teams to state tournaments. He has great memories of the hundreds of kids that he had in class and the tremendous staff members that he met, worked with and in many cases became lifelong friends.



Mike has many hobbies but his favorites are woodworking, hunting and fishing. He also has hosted and officiated weddings, with many of those being his former students. He tells us "being able to teach in the District where I went to school and then watch our children grow up in the same community and attend the same schools is definitely a major highlight".

Mike and Clarice have two grown children, Wendi who graduated in 1996 and Andy who graduated in 2000. They have four grandchildren. Recently they sold their home in Central Point and moved to S. E. Salem that allows them to spend more time with their grandchildren.

We applaud Mike as another in a long line of outstanding retired educators from School District #6 who have made a difference in the lives of countless young people.

Winter Sports Summary

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

STATE CHAMPIONS - The Crater Comets wrestling team were Midwestern League district champions qualifying 22 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished as 5A State Champions scoring 175.5 points. They were led by junior Logan Meek as a two time state champion. They had one 3rd place finisher, five 4th place finishers and one 6th place finisher. Of the 22 wrestlers that qualified for the state tourney, 19 scored team points.

The Comets girls' basketball team finished 2nd in the Midwestern League and earned a state play-off game. The Lady Comets defeated Dallas in a state play-off game that put them into the 8 team 5A state tournament. They were defeated by Corvallis in their 1st tournament game, then defeated Hillsboro in the 2nd game. They then played Marist for third place but were defeated finishing in 6th place in the 5A State Tournament. They finished the season with a 22-6 record.

The Comets boys' basketball team finished tied for 6th in the Midwestern League standings and failed to earn a state play-in game. They finished the season with a 12 - 12 record.

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The Crater Cheerleaders placed 3rd at the OSAA state 5A competition.

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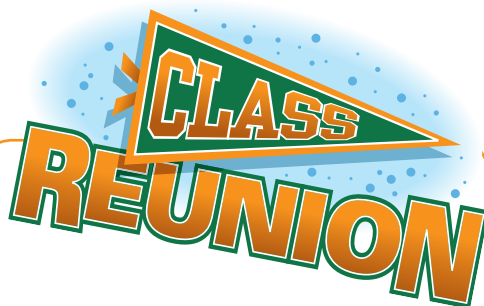
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CLASS REUNION

1957 – 60th - Class Reunion

Dates to be determined

1962 – 55th – Class Reunion

Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th 2017

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1967 – 50th - Class Reunion

Sept. 15th, 16th and 17th 2017

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1987 – 30th – Class Reunion

July 7th, 8th, 9th 2017

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CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES VARSITY HOME SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

March 13	Crater Jamboree
March 26	Springfield
March 27	Spring Tourney
March 28	Spring Tourney
March 29	Spring Tourney
March 30	Spring Tourney
April 8	Ashland
April 11	Thurston
April 18	Churchill
April 25	North Eugene
May 6	Marist
May 9	Eagle Point

SOFTBALL

March 15	Del Norte
March 22	North Medford
March 25	North Eugene
April 4	Marist
April 18	Thurston
April 19	North Eugene
April 25	Ashland
April 29	Churchill
May 2	Springfield
May 12	Eagle Point
May 18	Henley
April 11	Ashland
April 15	Crater Classic



GIRLS GOLF

March 24	@Eagle Point GC
April 4	@Eagle Point GC
April 7	@Eagle Point GC

BOYS GOLF

March 24	@Eagle Point GC
April 6	@Eagle Point GC
April 27	@Eagle Point GC