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ALUMNI FEATURE

The featured alum for this issue of the **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is 1989 Crater graduate, Jennifer (Pravecsek) Daniele. Like so many outstanding Crater graduates, Jennifer was an active Crater student, both academically and athletically. She marvels today about how she was able to do so much while at Crater: "I was a gymnast at Glass Menagerie Gymnastics, and we practiced six days a week. I was also a Crater cheerleader and a member of the track and tennis teams. Looking back now, I'm not sure how we did it since I lived five miles from town and didn't carpool with anyone like I do with my kids now." Jennifer goes on to remember, "It was just the 'Do It' attitude. I knew it was all in my head so whatever I had the discipline and determination to do, I did. I carry that forward in the various challenges I create today, like our family running a total of 1,000 miles this year, to teach my kids that they can do big things."



Upon graduation from Crater, Jennifer attended the University of Oregon where she earned a BS degree before heading to the University of Connecticut for an MBA. With the MBA in hand, Ms. Pravecsek went on to hold numerous marketing positions at various Fortune 50 companies. Currently she is the Director of Marketing for Prudential Life Insurance. In addition to this demanding job, she owns EverydaySnapshots, a photography education site.

Reflecting more on her Crater days she laughs on paper when thinking about her Global Studies teacher, Jeff Nafie. "I don't ever remember walking into Mr. Nafie's class and seeing him in front of the room. He'd always walk in after the bell rang with "something." Once, he was wearing a gorilla mask and performing, 'You Say It's Your Birthday.' I remember it like yesterday; it was so much fun and made us feel incredibly special. Jennifer believes that Mr. Nafie was no small inspiration for her in her adult life. "Like Mr. Nafie, I've always got a variety of things going on, whether it is planning a taco tour in our area, doing Keto, growing lion's mane in my garden, learning a pistol squat or creating YouTube photography and videos, I'm always up to something."

Jennifer goes on to give praises for her Crater days. "When

I'm teaching photography or leading a marketing team, I focus on how I can help. It brings me back to Mr. Lepore teaching us how to change our perspective or Mr. Baker demonstrating how speaking in a whisper compels people to lean in and listen. I realize now how much the Crater faculty and staff were embodying this 'How can we help' mentality. They certainly helped me immensely."

Jennifer Daniele strongly believes that the worthwhile things in life are the ones that come free of charge. "At the top of my list is my amazing husband, Bob, and my three kids, Charlie, Audrey and Owen." While she lives in Connecticut and still misses the Rogue Valley, she enjoys and appreciates having her mother, Evelyn and sister, Samantha (Pravecsek) Giugno (Crater class of 1992) only 30 minutes away. She goes on to relate, "You can take the girl out of Oregon, but you can't take Oregon out of the girl. I'm extremely grateful for so

many things in my life, especially the guidance that has directed me. From spending a year abroad in the Netherlands, to teaching English in Japan and now living in Connecticut, each step has guided me to where I am today. Still, in my mind I see Table Rock, Roxy Ann and the snow angel wings on Mt. McLoughlin; Central Point will always be my home."

Jennifer signs off by saying she would love to connect with former Crater classmates and encourages them to do so on Instagram@EverydaySnapshots365. Congratulations to another stellar Crater graduate who has gone on to improve our world.

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JOHN SHAMA (56) – lives in Leaburg, Oregon which is east up the McKenzie River from Springfield. John and his wife, Patricia have two grown daughters, Kelly and Shelly and two grandkids. John worked for many years for Beneficial Corporation retiring in 1988. He then began working for Banner Mortgage retiring in 2020. John enjoys traveling on backroads in Oregon, California and Nevada and attends the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas on a regular basis.

JOHN BURNS (59) – lives in Naples, Florida with his wife, Charlene. John received a degree from University of Oregon Dental School in 1967. Now retired, John was a dentist in Oakland, California for more than 45 years. He was a member of the University of Oregon 1962 National NCAA Championship Track and Field team and placed 5th in the NCAA Championships in 1963 in the javelin. John set a University of Oregon school record in 1963. He was a 3 year member of the Order of the O lettermans club. He placed fourth in the 1966 National AAU Championships Meet. He was a member of United States Olympic training team in 1964 and placed 5th in the finals at the Olympic Trials. John has won six national titles competing in Masters Athletes (over 40 of age).

1960 - 69

WANDA SMITH MORRIS (60) – lives in Eagle Point with her husband, David. They have two grown children with families, Sunny, who lives in Eagle Point and David who lives in the Seattle, Washington area. In their free time they enjoy spending time with family and friends.

SAM CROSKELL (69) – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife of more than 30 years, Lynette. Sam spent nearly three decades in the media world – radio, cable TV, magazines and in 2001 left Time Inc. and started a career in real estate finance. They rebuilt their home in the Multnomah Village in 2005. Their hobbies include their yard, remodeling, excursions, friends, photography and cooking/entertaining.

MIKE DEARMOND (69) – lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife of more than 47 years, Becky Teasdale. They have three grown children Justin, Kevin and Lindsay. Mike graduated from Oregon State University in forestry and was commissioned as an ROTC officer. He then served as a guardsman in the Idaho guard for 25 years. He worked for the Idaho Army National Guard and retired as the Army Chief of Staff in 2006. He spent a short time in Medford as the BLM District forester in 2007 and then to Boise as the State Forester for the Bureau of Land management in Idaho.

1970 - 79

LISA KIRK (75) – lives in Keizer, Oregon with her significant other, Mah-Ann Mendoza. Lisa worked as a mail carrier with USPS from 1984 to 2015. She retired with thirty one years of service. Lisa was selected to the 1st Team High school All District in volleyball and placed first in the discus and javelin at the state Track and Field meet. She set a national high school record in the javelin at the state meet. She competed in the National AAU Track and Field meet placing 4th in the javelin and 10th in the discus. She also competed in the Olympic Trials placing 8th in the javelin. Lisa then played softball for several high level traveling tournament teams for more than ten years. Currently she is part owner of "MAH-ANN'S" pro-fitness a fitness facility in Salem, Oregon.

LORI OWEN DEAN (78) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Larry. Together they have 6 children and 14 grandchildren. Lori works for Frist American Title Company. Larry was the owner of a small market in White City and is now working for W. A. Whitelaw & Co. in Medford. In their free time Lori loves to go wine tasting and Larry spends time hunting and fishing. They also love to go camping and spend time with their families.

CRAIG REYNOLDS (78) – lives in Bahama, North Carolina. After Graduation Craig ventured to San Jose, California and attended San Jose State University while working for NEC Electronics. Then moved to Sacramento and worked as a Software Conversion Analyst for Cable Data. In 1992 he moved to the east coast and worked as Manager of Worldwide Marketing Communications and Events for Scientific-Atlanta, now Cisco, in Atlanta, Georgia, which started his passion for traveling and learning about many different cultures and lifestyles. In 2000 he moved to Independence, Virginia and became a Plant Manager for Michelin Tire. The while he was on a cruise in the Caribbean he applied for and became Marketing and Revenue Manager for Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, working onboard ships for 11 years. He was able to see the world for free with most of his travels in and around the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Baltic Sea. In 2020 Craig decided to look for employment close to home and is very happy with his

current employment as Nursery Manager/Operation Manager for Hoffman Nursery, which is a wholesale nursery for ornamental grasses. Craig is a certified Search and Rescue diver and has enjoyed diving in the Caribbean, Bulgaria, Turkey and Asia. He enjoys reading, gardening, woodworking and antique restoration.

1980 - 89

KATHY DEARMOND MEIR (80) – lives in Tigard, Oregon with her husband, Gary. They have three grown children. Kathy is an art teacher at St. Stephens Academy for kindergarten through 12th grade. Kathy enjoys painting and costume design in her leisure time.

TRAVIS HAWES (89) – lives in Medford with his wife, Bethany. Travis is the Sales Manager for Lithia Honda in Medford, a position he has held for the past 11 years. Travis spent three years in the Navy then earned a degree from Southern Oregon University in Criminology. He spent one year with the Medford Police Department before moving to Lithia Motors.

ALEXIS ANNIS (87) – lives in New Orleans, Louisiana. Alexis graduated from University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Geography and Environmental Studies with a minor in Planning, Public Policy and Management. She worked for Hewlett Packard as a Scheduler in New York City before moving to New Orleans. She then earned a Masters degree in Public Administration from University of New Orleans and began work as Operations Assistant at Avalon Retail Consulting Inc. She then worked as Operations & Inventory Manager at The Blues Jean Bar and then moved to the Museum Services Manager at Ogden Museum of Southern Art. In 2018, Alexis began work at Zony Mash Beer Projects in New Orleans, in charge of Business Operations.

1990 - 99

STACY BERG STOFFLET (96) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Brian. They have two children, Sandra and Robert. They are co-owners of the Meat Market, a retail meat company in Eagle Point.

JILL SALMON MORSE (97) – lives in Aualicum Beach on Vancouver Island, British Columbia with her husband, Ezra (98). They have two children, Zoe 15 and Griffin 12. Ezra has a software engineering business and Jill helps with the business. In her free time Jill loves to run, bike, hike and walk their dog with her kids and her husband.

CANDEY FOLEY LEE (97) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Mike (98) and their three daughters. Candy is a teacher in School District 6 having worked at Patrick Elementary School, Richardson Elementary School and currently at Central Point Elementary School. Mike has also been an elementary teacher as well as a jet boat pilot for Hellsgate Jetboat Excursions in Grants Pass. Currently he is owner and operator of Southern Oregon Blacktails guide service and is a real estate broker for Cascade Sotheby's International Realty. In their spare time they love to go camping at the coast and attend numerous and varied kid activities.

2000 - 2009

ARLISA HOFFMAN APLIN (07) – lives in Eagle Point with her husband Tyler(2014) and their two children, Duke 2 and Blair 6 months. Arlisa works for Outlier Construction and Tyler is a police officer for the Central Point Police Department. In their free time they enjoy spending time with family as well as hunting and fishing.

CURTIS YUNGAN (08) – lives in Everett, Washington. Curtis graduated from Oregon State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in civil engineering in 2012. He began work for the Boeing Company, and is still with Boeing working as a Structural Design Engineer. He has worked on the 777, 777X and Air Force One programs.

KAYLEIGH TYERMAN TOBIAS (09) – lives in Beaverton, Oregon with her husband, Christian. Kayleigh attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and then Florida State University where she earned a degree in psychology and special education. She then taught special education in San Antonio, Texas before moving back to Oregon in 2019 to teach special education. Currently she is a special education teacher at Century High School in the Hillsboro School District.

2010 - 2020

CECILIA DE LA CRUZ (11) – lives in Seattle, Washington. Cecilia graduated from University of Oregon in 2015, then attended Pontificia Universidade Catolica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil where she taught English. After graduation began a Retail Management Associate program with KeyBank and transitioned into a Licensed Relationship Manager for a year. In 2017 she entered the Credit Analyst program within KeyBank in Seattle, where she is responsible for the analysis of financial statements and other relevant information to identify trends and develop concise credit decisions and collaborate with bankers and credit partners.



MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

As I write this message, this will be the last that I write as President of the Crater Foundation. After thirty years beginning, with the establishing the Crater Foundation with three others, it is time that I step aside. I am so proud of the Crater Foundation and all the organization has accomplished over the past 30 years. We have now awarded over 5.35 million dollars to 5038 Crater High School graduates. Little did we know that this was something that could be accomplished. But the support from our communities, organizations, businesses, alumni, families and District employees is what has allowed us to be successful. Our Foundation is built on three principals. (1) Relationships, (2) Trust and (3) Transparency. My belief is those principals have helped make us to become successful and the Crater Foundation will always be guided by those principals.

As I leave the President position, it has been filled by Candy Manary. Candy has been on the Crater Foundation Board of Directors for the past 16 years. Now retired she was a teacher, Dean of students, Principal and Superintendent in School District 6. I fully support Candy in this President role and I know she will continue to lead the Crater Foundation to become even bigger and better than it is today.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN *Sponsoring 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 if we want to sponsor a scholarship"? Great questions and certainly appropriate.

The answer to the first question is very simple. Just contact Jill Layton at the Crater Foundation office (541-494-6308) or craterfoundation@district6.org. and we will be happy 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 tax exempt so any donation is tax exempt.

The answer to the second question is this; it only takes \$500 for a scholarship which is the minimum amount we give students. That could be donated annually or at any time and you can name it anything you wish. It is also a great way to memorialize a family member or a family. Many people donate \$1000 yearly but that is entirely up to you. If you wish to donate more we will set up an account within the Foundation and you tell us how much you want given out of that account yearly. Some people donate larger amounts (\$5000 and up) and just direct the Foundation to use their own judgment regarding the amount used each year. Remember once the money is donated to the tax exempt Foundation, it then belongs to the Foundation.

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

Fall Athletic Results 5A-3 Midwestern League

The Midwestern League in football now consists of Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Bend, North Eugene, South Eugene, Springfield, Thurston and Willamette

FOOTBALL - As the regular season came to an end the Crater football team finished 2nd in the conference and qualified for a state playoff game. Ranked 10th in the state, the Comets were defeated by North Salem 27 – 11 in the first round of state playoff games. They finished the season with a 6 – 4 record.

VOLLEYBALL - The Crater volleyball team finished the season fourth in their conference and qualified for a state playoff game. The Lady Comets were defeated by Crescent Valley in the first round of the playoffs 3 – 1. They finished the season with an 11 – 9 record.

SOCCER - The Crater boys and girls soccer teams also played opponents in the Midwestern League. The Comet boys finished the season with a 3 - 8 record and failed to make the state playoffs.

The Comet girls soccer team finished the season with a 1 - 5 - 5 record and also failed to make the state playoffs.

CROSS COUNTRY - The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are also in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season placing 1st in the conference. The team qualified for the state meet held on November 6th. At the state meet, the Comets were crowned STATE CHAMPIONS finishing with 35 points. They were led by junior, Tyrone Gorze who finished 1st and freshman, Josiah Tostenson who finished 2nd.

The Comet girls finished 2nd in the conference and the team qualified for the state meet. The Lady Comets finished the season placing 7th in the state meet. They were led by Lindsay Siebert who finished 10th.

Reminder!!! Alumni Dues

Yes it's the time of year that we annually remind everyone to send in their Crater Alumni dues of \$10. Remember, the revenue raised from these dues is used to help defray the costs of the Alumni Newsletter. We now are mailing this Newsletter to nearly 9000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5500 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3000. At this time the Crater Foundation picks up the remainder of the expense; however, we're not sure how long we can continue to do so. Our goal is for the dues to pay 100% of the publication and mailing costs. As the mailing list increases so does the expense. Your continued help in meeting these publication and distribution costs is needed. Any additional amount over the \$10 annual dues will be greatly appreciated.

When paying dues, simply fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter, include your e-mail address, and send it in with a check for your dues.

Also, please send information about yourself (if you haven't already done so); where you live, what work you do and something about your spouse and children. We like to share this information with all Crater alums.

CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION

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 Year

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

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**CRATER HIGH SCHOOL
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 HOME SCHEDULES**

BOYS BASKETBALL

December	11	Hidden Valley
January	3	Thurston
January	14	North Bend
January	18	Willamette
February	1	North Eugene
February	8	Ashland
February	11	Springfield
February	25	Churchill
March	1	Eagle Point

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December	8	South Medford
December	10	Mazama
December	17	Thurston
January	14	North Bend
January	18	Willamette
February	1	North Eugene
February	8	Ashland
February	11	Springfield
February	25	Churchill
March	1	Eagle Point

WRESTLING

December	15	North Medford
January	20	Thurston
February	3	South Medford

SWIMMING

December	11	Medford YMCA
January	15	Medford YMCA
January	22	Medford YMCA



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