



Crater Alumni Newsletter

Fall 2022 • Issue No. 81

ALUMNI FEATURE

KACY (RENFRO) BRADSHAW TAKES NURSING TO A NEW LEVEL

Our featured alum for the Fall issue of the Crater Foundation Alumni Newsletter is 1993 Crater graduate, Kacy (Renfro) Bradshaw. As a seventh generation Oregonian, Kacy's Crater and Southern Oregon ties run long and deep and her commitment to her family and her profession are equally strong.

Like all our featured alums, Kacy was an active Crater student, playing volleyball, basketball and softball and serving in a variety of roles in Crater's Student Government program. As preludes to her eventual profession, she helped organize and run the annual Crater Blood Drive and served as a Natural Helper, a special Crater program that offered peer support to classmates in crisis. During her senior year, she was selected as the Student Government Student of the Year, was a prom princess and still covets her and John Beatty's selection as the Most Spirited Crater students. She confesses that her good friend, John Beatty, still makes her laugh, almost 30 years later.

Upon graduation from Crater, Ms. Renfro started college at Southern Oregon University (SOU) with a plan to receive a degree in Child Psychology but changed gears during her sophomore year when she was accepted into the OHSU nursing program on the SOU campus. In 1999 she graduated with honors and with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This led to eleven years of working as a bedside registered nurse in various neonatal care units (NICU's) around the country. After 9/11 she went to New York City to help with the nursing shortage there, staying longer than planned, because she met Samuel Bradshaw who was to become her husband.

Wishing to further her education, she entered the University of Washington where, in 2019, she graduated with honors with a Master of Nursing degree, credentialed as a National Nurse Practitioner (NNP). Currently, Kacy is the lead Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) in the NICU at Salem Health in Salem, Oregon where she has been for the past twelve years. If this demanding job does not keep her busy enough, she also does emergency relief NNP work at Kaiser Sunnyside in Clackamas, Oregon.

She and husband, Samuel, have two children, Karin (16) and Elin (11). The active couple enjoy traveling with their children whether it is across the globe or simply trailer camping at the long-time family ranch in Southern Oregon. Kacy is proud to be part of the large and close Renfro/Charley family, numbering over 50 relatives of all ages. As she relates, "Family time is a priority and something we cherish."

Even with a demanding professional and family life, Ms.



Left to right: Elin, Kacy, Karin & Samuel.

Bradshaw finds time to be involved in her community. She is part of the local chapter of the National Charity League, a mother and daughter philanthropic organization. She is supportive of this organization because "I can give back to my community while at the same time teaching my children the importance of helping and giving to those less fortunate." She is also a member of the steering committee that recently brought the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to the Salem/Keizer area, offering monthly books to children ages 0-5.

Kacy's dedicated professional life has led to numerous recognitions for her achievements. In 2019 she was honored by her colleagues with the Best Care Award at her Salem hospital. This came

about for her work in implementing a Family Integrated Care program in the hospital's NICU, the first to offer this program in the United States. As recent as October 2022 she received the March of Dimes Heroes in Action award. When explaining this award she relates, "I was recognized for continuing to strive for excellence and supporting quality improvement despite the healthcare struggles through the pandemic."

Kacy (Renfro) Bradshaw looks back on her Crater days with thoughtful fondness: "I am proud to be from Central Point. I loved being taught by teachers who also taught my parents. I loved going to school with siblings, cousins and close friends. My personal time at Crater flew by too fast, but I often think back on the time spent there, the friendships made, and lessons learned that will last my lifetime. I learned the importance of loving and caring for others. For this, I will be forever grateful."

The Crater Foundation salutes another Crater graduate who is making a positive difference in our world.

I Inside Features

🌟 **Message From the President**

🌟 **Where Are They Now**

🌟 **Crater Athletic**

WHERE

are
they

NOW?

1952 – 59

RUTH STEGALL BOYD (54) – lives in Newark, California with her husband, Duane. They have two grown sons who both live in the Seattle area. Following their retirement they do some traveling and working on their house projects. In their free time they love to read, enjoy going to movies and watching baseball games on TV.

JANET LANDERS KIMMONS (55) – lives in Medford. Janet has three grown children, four grandchildren, two step grandchildren and one step great grandchild. She entered the work force when her youngest child was in high school, beginning at a mortgage company and then with a credit union. She moved on working for a stock brokerage firm and retired after fifteen years as a broker.

DARRELL ANDERSON (59) – lives in White City with his wife, Nancy. They have nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They have traveled to North Dakota to visit family and to Norway also to visit family. They are active in the Table Rock Fellowship in Central Point and go to Red Rock Cowboy Church. They love camping and boating with their family and friends.

1960 – 69

PETE MELSTED (61) – lives in Tucson, Arizona with his wife, Kathryn. They have two grown children, Peter and Kelly Anne. Pete and his wife started a small commercial business in Show Low, Arizona that grew into a large business with stores in Arizona and New Mexico. They enjoy the out-door activities hiking, camping, skiing and salt-water fishing. They now spend time between Mexico and Show Low.

GEORGE HARRISON (63) – lives in Lake Lapps, Washington with his wife, Cherie. After a tour with the US Marine Corp from 1963 to 1967 with time spent in Vietnam, George settled in the Seattle area and began working for Boeing as an electrical engineer. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

SHARON SLETTON SEROHOFFS (69) – lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband. Sharon worked for 20 years as a graphic sign artist. She changed professions and became a Certified Medical Assistant. She worked for Community Services in Portland that was a part of the Oregon Donor program to recover human tissue, such as vein, heart valve and bone. Sharon loves gardening doing artwork, reading books and enjoying her cats.

1970 – 79

NEIL TOWNE (70) – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Colleen Van Wey(72). Neil graduated from Western States Chiropractic College in 1977, after previously attending Southern Oregon College for his undergraduate studies. Neil owned the Towne Chiropractic Clinic PC in Medford for over 40 years that he sold in 2018. Currently he works a couple of mornings a week in his former clinic and plays golf regularly. He and Colleen love attending events around the valley.

CRAIG KURTZ (72) – lives in Watford City, North Dakota

TOM FLOWERS (73) – lives in Crofton, Kentucky with his wife, Roxane. After leaving Crater, Tom graduated from Oregon State University and from there he attended Medical School at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine on a full-ride US Air Force scholarship. He then served for 10 years in the USAF. Tom has been practicing medicine for 30 years now, working with various projects all over the world. More recently, in 2019 he accepted a job in Whanganui, New Zealand and lived there for two years. They returned to the US and settled in Kentucky where he continues to practice emergency medicine. He has three grown children and three grandchildren.

1980 – 89

SHANNON FARBER REESE (82) – lives in Medford with her husband and they have five grown boys. Shannon and her husband worked at West Coast Paper Company for many years.

KRISTY APGER VETTER (86) – lives in Centralia, Washington with her husband, Gary and their two children. Kristy earned a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at Oregon State University graduating in 2000. Kristy began her teaching in Mt. Shasta, California and then moved to accept a position at Centralia High School, Centralia, Washington. In 2006-2007 Kristy was named Regional Teacher of the year while teaching in the Centralia School District. In 2015 she began serving as the executive director of teaching and learning. In 2020, Kristy was named as interim superintendent to serve out the 2020 school year. She had been with the district since 2002 and the executive director of teaching and learning executive director of teaching and learning since 2015. Currently, Kristy continues to serve as the Executive Director of Teaching & Learning at Centralia School District 401. Her husband Gary, works for Washington State Department of Agriculture.

JASON KUHL (89) – lives in Fort Collins, Colorado. Jason spent three decades in both the military and working for the government. During that time he earned a degree from Webster University. In his current role he is Branch Chief and Senior Contracting Officer at USDA where he manages \$1B portfolio of diverse and highly specialized IT service, cloud, infrastructure, O&M, development and hardware contracts to include major USDA enterprise-level contracts as well as multiple complex contracts for various services, hardware and software. Jason is on the Board of Directors for Rocky Mountain Youth Sports and on the Board of Directors for Rocky Mountain Fever Basketball Club.

1990 – 99

BRIAN WOLF (90) – lives in Susanville, California with his wife, Michelle. Brian attended Lassen Community College and received a Bachelor of Science degree. Currently he is the teacher of Agriculture and head rodeo coach at Lassen Community College. They also have a cattle business, BMW Angus.

MATT DEBRICK (95) – lives in West Sioux, Iowa. After earning his Bachelor of Science degree. Matt began teaching at West Sioux CSD in 2013 managing the online learning and adult education programs. In 2018 he began teaching as the Agriculture education and FFA advisor. Currently Matt is the Alternative Education teacher at West Sioux Schools based in Hawarden, Iowa.

TRAVIS ESTVOLD (98) – lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife, Annie. Following graduation, Travis joined the Air Force and spent the next four years stationed at various locations around the world. Upon separation from the Air Force he attended Boise State University earning a BBA in Marketing in 2006. In 2013 he landed at Cushing Terrell, an architecture and engineering firm founded in Montana but with offices in several metro markets including Boise. For them, he serves as Digital Communications Manager and oversee their website, intranet, photography program, and podcast, and serves as a de facto videographer-in-residence. Travis married his wife, Annie Henna in 2009. Annie is a licensed clinical social worker and professor of social work and sociology at College of Western Idaho. In September of 2020 they had triplet boys, Pendleton and Oliver (identicals) and Finnegan (the fraternal). Travis also spends time photographing and videoing their children and share many of their adventures on Instagram.

2000 – 09

JUSTIN HULSE (00) – lives in Glide, Oregon with his wife, Dawn. After attending college at Lassen Community College. Justin worked for Boise Cascade for seven years and later took a job as the manager at the Douglas County Farmer's Co-Op Bulk Grain Facility. After years in the industry, Justin decided to dedicate his career to the profession that molded him as a young man – agricultural education. Justin began teaching at Glide High School where he taught, Ag I, Ag II, Advanced Agriculture, Animal Science and Plant Science. Currently he is the Agricultural teacher at South Umpqua High School.

BRYCE PEILA (08) – lives in Central Point and works for the Central Point School District. Bryce attended Western Oregon University and played for the school's football team for four years (2009–12). Following graduation, Bryce signed a contract to play for the Portland Thunder during their inaugural season of the Arena Football League. In 2017, he was assigned to the Washington Valor and then was traded to the Philadelphia Soul where he played the 2017 and 2018 seasons. He returned to Western Oregon University working on a degree in education and assisting as a football coach. Currently Bryce is a teacher in the Central Point School District and an assistant coach for the Crater football program.

2010-2019

DALYN MCCAULEY (13) – Currently lives in Moscow, Idaho. Dalyn received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Oregon State University in 2018. Worked at Orchid Orthopedic Solutions as an Engineering Intern and at ATI Metals as a Process Engineering Intern. During her time at OSU she participated in Engineers Without Borders and traveled to Cambodia to work on a water filtration and distribution system for a village of 1500 people. That experience led her to pursue a Masters in Water Resource Engineering at the University of Idaho.

CHANAYE BALLARD (14) – lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and is pursuing a Masters and PhD in neuroscience with a nutrition focus. Chanaye attended Oregon State University and Bangor University in Wales. She graduated from Oregon State University with a 3.95 GPA with a major in Kinesiology and minor in Nutrition.



Crater Foundation Website



WATCH FOR OUR NEW LOOK!!

The Crater Foundation web site is taking on a new look, adding new information as well as pictures. The Alumni site has a link for class reunions, a link "in memory" for deceased classmates as well as teachers, teacher features and other addition material. We continue to work 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.**

Crater Foundation Information

Web Site: craterfoundation.district6.org
E-mail: craterfoundation@district6.org
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/craterfoundation>
Telephone: 541-494-6308
Mail address: Crater Foundation
P.O. Box 5172 Central Point, OR 97502



Message from the President

The Crater Foundation is currently hard at work preparing for the Annual Community Scholarship Auction. The prior year broke all records with \$170,000 raised to support graduating seniors with post-secondary education as well many of our students who receive continuing scholarship dollars. We simply could not do the work we do without this tremendous support from our community. In addition to the funds raised at the auction, local businesses, retirees, School District #6 employees, alumni and community members continue to support the Foundation through their contributions.

Many discussions were held as we transitioned into a new era and one topic that rose as a priority was, we needed to preserve the history of the Foundation. We felt strongly that we wanted to spread the story of the beginning of the Crater Foundation and what better way than to hear from the founders themselves. If you go to the craterfoundation.district6.org. and listen to Harvey Tonn, Mike McClain, Dan Speasl and Karyn Lynch share their passion and commitment to the students of School District #6 you will understand why the Crater Foundation continues to be a strong organization. Even after thirty years, these same people continue to be actively involved in the everyday work of the Foundation.



FALL SPORTS SUMMARY

5A-3 Special District 2

*The Midwestern League in **football** now consists of Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Eugene, South Eugene, Springfield and Thurston. Other sports league members are Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, North Eugene, Springfield, Thurston and Ashland.*

FOOTBALL - As the regular season came to an end the Crater football team finished 6th in the conference and did not qualify for a state playoff game. They finished the season with a 3 – 6 record.

VOLLEYBALL - The Crater volleyball team finished the season placing 1st in their conference and qualified for a state playoff game. The Lady Comets played Dallas in the first round of the playoffs and won 3 – 0 and qualified for the 8 team state tournament. They won their first game at the state tournament defeating La Salle but lost their next two games to Crescent Valley and Wilsonville. They finished with a 5th place at the state tournament. They finished the season with a 21 – 6 record.

SOCCER - The Crater boys and girls soccer teams also played opponents in the Midwestern League. The **Comet boys** finished the season tied for 1st place in the league and qualified for the 16 team state tournament. The boys were defeated by Wilsonville 4-1 in the first round to bring their season to an end. They finished the regular season with a 7-3-3 record. The **Comet girls** soccer team finished the season with a 4 – 9 - 1 record and failed to make the state playoffs.

CROSS COUNTRY - The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are also in the Midwestern League. The **Comet boys** finished the regular season placing 1st in the conference meet. Led by senior Tyrone Gorze, the Comets scored 18 points with Churchill placing second with 63 points. The team qualified for the state meet held on November 9th. At the state meet, the Comets were crowned **STATE CHAMPIONS** finishing with 30 points. They were led by senior, Tyrone Gorze who finished 1st. Other Comets finished 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th. The **Comet girls** also finished 1st in the conference meet and the team qualified for the state meet. The Lady Comet finished the season placing 2nd in the state meet. They were led by junior, Lindsay Siebert who finished 3rd.

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

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 Foundation and include information about yourself

Please return to: Wileen Bittle, Crater Alumni Coordinator

P.O. Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502

(541)494-6308 FAX (541) 664-7589

CRATER FOUNDATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT #6
300 Ash Street
Central Point, OR 97502

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
MEDFORD OR
PERMIT NO. 125

**CRATER HIGH SCHOOL
FALL SPORTS
HOME SCHEDULES**

VARSITY HOME SCHEDULES

BOYS BASKETBALL

January	3	Mazama
January	10	Ashland
January	13	North Eugene
January	24	Eagle Point
February	3	Springfield
February	17	Churchill
February	24	Thurston

GIRLS BASKETBALL

January	10	Ashland
January	13	North Eugene
January	24	Eagle Point
February	3	Springfield
February	17	Churchill
February	24	Thurston

WRESTLING

January	15	Grants Pass
January	12	Roseburg
January	26	Eagle Point
February	11	Thurston

COMETS



1993

30th - Class Reunion - June 23 and 24, 2023.
contact: Michelle Ortiz <michelle.ortiz@district6.org>

2003

20th - Class Reunion - June 10th - Del Rio Vineyards
contact: Perry Dickson- 435-503-7037