

# CRATER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



Over the years, The Crater Foundation newsletter has shared with its readers some remarkable Comet alumni. Remarkable most assuredly describes the accomplishments and on-going efforts of 1996 Crater graduate Katie Dunlap. Eleven years ago Katie and her classmates walked down the steps of Dutch Meyer Stadium, with a proud community in attendance to witness their high school graduation. Today, Katie is Dr. Katie Dunlap, Histology instructor and Postdoctoral Research Associate,

Department Veterinary Integrative Biosciences, College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Following graduation from Crater, Katie matriculated to Oregon State University where she earned her Bachelor Degree in Animal Science in 2001. In 2002 Katie received her Masters Degree in Animal Science/Reproductive Physiology. While working towards her Masters, Katie served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at Oregon State University. In 2002, Katie accepted a Graduate Teaching position at Texas A & M University. In 2005, she was named the Laboratory Coordinator and instructor at Texas A & M. Katie was confirmed her Doctorate in 2006; her dissertation entitled "The Role of Ovine Beta Retroviruses in Uteroplacental Function". Katie has been frequently published in Scientific Journals and has served as a presenter throughout the United States. In addition, she has been awarded many honors ranging from "Sentinel", Oregon State FFA Officer while at Crater, to "Excellence in Research" as a Doctoral Award Candidate at Texas A & M University.

"Viruses are nasty things. Even the most benign are parasites, draining the resources of their hosts. The less benign can cause lethal diseases. But evolution is ever resourceful, and in one case it has found a way to harness a viral gene for the host's benefit". A paper just published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, by Kathrin Dunlap and her colleagues of Texas A & M University, shows that this gene plays a vital role in the development of some embryos. The gene in question belongs to a retrovirus and the embryos belong to sheep. But Dr. Dunlap's work has implications for other mammals, including people. (The Economist, September 2006)

Katie credits her alma mater in arriving at her current home. "Programs such as Student Government and FFA . . . involve-

ment in the Livestock judging program shaped my future." After graduation Katie competed on the Livestock judging teams at Linn-Benton Community College and Oregon State University, attaining the lofty status of All-American in 2000. "Judging opened the doors of my research career." Her advisor saw in her the sense of self reliance and style of analytical thinking that success was dependent on her performing at a high level. "My coworkers find it amusing that I take vacation time to serve as an official at the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest each year in Houston. I recall being very nervous my first year as an official, at least until I was introduced. When the moderator announced that I was from Oregon probably half a dozen other officials asked me if I went to Crater. Apparently that was all the qualification I needed so any apprehension I had quickly disappeared". Katie tells of one individual she encountered at the competition, Dr. John Rayfield. Currently a Professor at North Carolina, Dr. Rayfield wrote his Doctorial dissertation on the impact on students of FFA Career Development Events. He used Crater High School as his model. "It struck me as funny because John grew up in Alabama, had taught high school in Georgia and was now completing a Doctorial in Education at Texas Tech University and yet he was using Crater as his model system"

John Dimick, the architect of the Crater High School FFA program, spoke of Katie. "Katie's one of those great kids that comes along once in a teaching career. I'll be forever in awe of her intellect, her common sense and her work ethic. While she would be highly successful in any endeavor she chose, I am very proud that she credits her high school experience as a contributing factor to her current success."

John speaks for many of us, "Katie we are proud of you!"

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 - 1959

**JANET THURMON ROSECRANS (54)** – lives in Gold Hill with her husband of 37 years, Bill. Both retired, they have many hobbies and Janet loves doll collecting, sewing doll clothes and doing clothing alterations for people. Bill likes gold mining and playing his guitar.

**DIXIE WALKER HERRMANN (57)** – lives in Medford with her husband, Fred (also 57). Dixie has been a long time employee of US Bank and Fred is the part owner and business manager of a professional baseball team, the Vancouver Canadians.

**DAVID BROWN (59)** – lives in Winter Haven, Florida with his wife, Barbara. They have four children and eleven grandchildren. David retired in 1996 and they have spent summers traveling throughout the United States and Canada in their motor home. They "hang out" in Florida during the winter months.

## 1960 - 1969

**DON GADDA (67)** – lives in Boise, Idaho with his wife, Katherine. Don attended University of Oregon, worked as a firefighter and a ski resort in the winters. He returned to school and received a degree from University of Idaho and later a degree from Boise State University. He spent a few years in West Africa and traveled extensively. He practiced law both for a firm and currently in a solo practice. His wife Katherine is a deputy Attorney General with the Department of Commerce and Labor in Boise.

**DEAN GADDA (67)** – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Jenny. They have two children, Bobby, who just graduated from Reed College and Marie, who is a junior at University of Puget Sound. Dean is a partner in a firm called Northwest School Equipment supplying athletic equipment, lockers, and seating to schools, colleges and universities. His wife works at Reed College.

**LINDA ISAACS BERG (69)** – lives in Harrisburg, Oregon with her husband Kevin, and works for the post office where she's been for many years. They are season ticket holders for Oregon State women's gymnastics and season ticket holders for University of Oregon women's basketball. They have two grown sons.

## 1970 - 1979

**JIM SHINKLE (76)** – lives in Columbia City, Oregon with his wife of 28 years, the former Annette Wolff. They have two grown boys, Lucas 25 and Austin 22. Jim states that he loves spending time at the beach, woodworking, fishing and going to all kinds of sporting events. He also spends time volunteering with their city and doing projects for them.

**CLAY SETTELL (77)** – lives in Oahu, Hawaii with his wife of twenty years, Fran. They have a daughter, Kaila graduating from high school this year and a son, Brady who has one more year of high school. Clay works for Cummins West as a Marine Application Engineer and Sales. He travels the islands weekly where he designs and sells Diesel Engines. They love spending time on the beach and restoring his '58 Chevy pickup.

**ANITA HENDERSON VICKLUND (77)** – lives in Redding, California with her husband, Marcus. They have two grown boys ages 23 and 26, and a granddaughter 1 year old. Anita is a dental assistant and a part owner of two car lots. They have traveled to Hawaii, New York, Idaho and Canada.

**DOUG BYERS (79)** – lives in Arlington, Washington with his wife, Sue. Doug is a business teacher and head wrestling coach at Arlington High School and Sue works in the personnel department for the Arlington School District. They have four children and two grandchildren.

## 1980 - 1989

**SCOTT SHAY (80)** - lives in Nashville, Tennessee and is Chief of Interventional Neuroradiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. He holds joint professorships in interventional neuroradiology and neurosurgery. His wife is a cardio-thoracic surgeon at the same medical center.

**JEFF SHAY (80)** – lives in Miami, Florida and is a practicing interventional radiologist. He has four children.

**TIM MUSTARD (84)** – lives in Irvin, California with his wife, Rebecca. Tim earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture in 2001. He and his wife lived in Florence, Italy for a year and had the opportunity to travel extensively through Europe. Rebecca is an interior designer and has her own company, Gossamer design. They both work in the high end custom residential market.

**COREY BATES (87)** – lives in Raleigh, North Carolina with his wife, Tracey. Corey is an architect with a firm in Raleigh and Tracey is a nutritionist.

**MICHELLE HALL AVALOS (88)** – recently married, Michelle lives in Central Point with her husband, Thomas. Michelle is a claims analyst with Regence blue Cross/Blue Shield and her husband is a police dispatcher with the city of Medford.

## 1990 - 1997

**TAURI ASHER OLIVER (92)** - lives in Beaverton, Oregon with her husband and two children. Tauri is a contract flight attendant.

**VALERIE RICHARDSON HARMON (92)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Theron and their five children. Valerie is home schooling her children and works with youth from her church.

**CANDEY FOLEY LEE (97)** – lives in Gold Hill with her husband, Mike (98). Candy is a kindergarten teacher at Patrick Elementary School and Mike is a 2nd grade teacher at Central Point Elementary. They have three children ages 4, 2 and 7 months.

**ERIN DIPPEL STIDHAM (97)** – lives in Medford with her husband Ryan. They have two children ages 3 and 1 month. Erin is a stay at home mom and Ryan is a firefighter with the Medford Fire Department.

## FOUNDATION *A Message From* **PRESIDENT** *Harvey Tonn*

Once again my annual update is a positive and rewarding experience for all of us involved with the Crater Foundation. It has now been 15 years since we were given the \$4,000 donation that inspired our creation.

We continue to give more scholarships each year as well as to increase the amounts given to each student. As you may remember, we have been giving scholarships to every graduating senior who requests one since the class of 2000. This year we gave 168 scholarships to 2007 graduates. In addition, 46 scholarships were awarded to former students who have completed at least one year of college. These 214 students received over \$225,000 in scholarship assistance. We have now given scholarship funds totaling more than \$1,000,000 to over 1250 students. A huge "thank you" to all involved in the community and elsewhere that annually support the Crater Foundation.

None of us ever dreamed the Crater Foundation would become what it is today. What a wonderful ride we're on and plan to continue on for years to come.

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## **DESSERT AUCTION**

Saturday, December 1st, 2007 will mark our 13th annual Crater Parent/Community fundraising dessert/auction.

The Crater Foundation, in unison with a caring community, makes it possible for Crater High School graduates to receive financial support to help further their post-high school education. Last year, with your help, we were able to raise over \$40,000.00. Our annual Dessert and Auction helps the dreams of our graduates to become reality. Your support sends a clear message to a young person seeking to further his/her education.

The message – Someone cares! Would you like to attend and/or contribute an auction item? Contact Jay McRoberts at the Crater Foundation office (Crater High School) 541-494-6308.

## **CLASS REUNION DONATIONS**

As former Crater High classes plan their class reunions, there continues to be more interest from alumni to make a donation to the Crater Foundation. For the past five years, at least one class reunion, and in many cases, several, have donated money to the Foundation for scholarships. Some classes donate enough to give a scholarship in their name while others just want to contribute to the general scholarship fund. This past summer the class of 1967 donated over \$1,000.00 and the class of 1987 has committed to fund a scholarship beginning with the class of 2008. All of this money will all be used for scholarships. Many students will be extremely appreciative for the alumni support. Our hope is that other alumni classes will find a way to support the Crater Foundation in the future. Many thanks go out to our Crater High Alumni friends.

## **NEW SMALL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

With the organization of Crater High School into four small schools, the need for change of administration was necessary. Each small school now has its own Principal with a Student Service Coordinator assuming the Vice Principal/Dean's role. The administrators are all follows:

### **Crater Academy of Natural Sciences**

Principal: Dr. Kay Dorner • SSC Walt Davenport

### **School of Business, Innovation and Science**

Principal: Mike Meunier • Matt Meunier

### **Crater Academy of Health & Public Services**

Principal: Mark Wolfe • SSC Gary Taylor

### **Crater Renaissance Academy**

Principal: Bob King • SSC Christine Beck

## **FALL ATHLETIC RESULTS**

As the Crater High School fall athletic seasons come to a close, again the Comets are very successful in all sports.

The Comet Cross Country teams have dominated cross country events throughout the west. The boy's team is ranked #1 in the state and #5 nation wide, while the girl's team is also ranked #1 in the state. The boys and girls both finished first in the Southern Sky District meet with the girls scoring a perfect score finishing in the first five places. The boys placed five runners in the top nine places and easily outdistanced the second place team. They culminated an incredible season by both teams winning state championships. For the boy's team this is the second state championship in the last two years. For the girls, this is their first state championship, but they did it with flair. They scored the lowest team score (16) ever recorded in a state championship meet.

The Comet volleyball team didn't fare quite as well, as they lost their last conference game and finished third in the conference. Only two volleyball teams from the conference go on to a state playoff this year.

The Crater soccer teams also are on a bit of a run as the girls team finished tied for 1st place in the conference and the boys team finished third. Both teams were defeated in the first round state playoffs.

The Comet football team, after a very tough schedule and a number of long road trips, has posted the winning score the last three weeks. They finished with a 6-4 season and second in the Southern Sky Conference. Following a first round bye, they will be playing Thurston of Springfield in the second round of the state playoffs.

## CRATER HIGH VARSITY WINTER SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 11 North Bend  
 Jan. 04 Cascade Christian  
 Jan. 08 Klamath  
 Jan. 15 Mazama  
 Jan. 29 Ashland  
 Feb. 05 Eagle Point  
 Feb. 12 Klamath  
 Feb. 19 Mazama

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Dec. 07 West Albany  
 Dec. 15 Crescent Valley  
 Dec. 21 Silverton  
 Jan. 05 Eagle Point  
 Jan. 11 Ashland  
 Jan. 18 Eagle Point  
 Jan. 26 Klamath  
 Feb. 01 Mazama

### WRESTLING

Nov. 29 Grants Pass  
 Jan. 19 Crater Classic  
 Jan. 24 Mazama  
 Jan. 31 Eagle Point



## *Reminder!!!* **ALUMNI DUES**

Your Crater Alumni annual dues of \$10.00 will become due each year following our fall publication. 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 9,000 alumni. The annual cost for three publications each year is approximately \$4,500.00 and the dues normally received usually amount to about \$2,500.00. 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 but 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 \$10.00 annual dues will be accepted and 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.**

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