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ALUMNI FEATURE



The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud to profile another outstanding Comet, 1998 graduate Max King.

Max fondly remembers his days at Crater. He recalls “the experience of being part of a close knit team in cross country and track are among my favorite memories.” Max continued reminiscing as he harkened back to Friday night football, roaming the halls “with no real destination” and avoiding a wrestler or two

who used cross country as an avenue to get in shape for winter bouts. “I am a rare case in that I enjoyed high school more than I did college.”

Upon graduation from Crater, Max was faced with a choice afforded only a small number, Cornell or West Point? His choice, Cornell, was unlike West Point in that “I could have a bad day and life would go on.” Max pursued and was granted a degree in Chemical Engineering from the Ithaca, New York-based Ivy League institution. “Cornell was probably the most difficult four years of my life.” Time for anything other than academic pursuits was minimal, “However, I wasn’t about to give up running. Running was the outlet which enabled me to succeed at Cornell.”

Max ran Cross Country and Track during his 4 years competing for ‘The Big Red’. He qualified for the NCAA Championships three times. His junior year afforded him an opportunity that escaped him during his days at Crater. “I did not qualify for state in Track and Field in High School. I missed the opportunity to run at historic Hayward Field in Eugene” (site of the Oregon state Track & Field Championships). By qualifying for nationals his junior year (as he did 3 times while at Cornell) Max was able to run on the famous venue at U of O which has hosted numerous national and international competitions. The highlight of Max’ days competing at Cornell came his senior year, while competing in the grueling 3,000 meter steeplechase; he achieved All-American status.

The true highlight of Max’ collegiate days was meeting and marrying his wife, Dory. Also a Chemical Engineering major,

Dory allowed Max to “sleep in class and copy her homework.” Max interned summers with a pharmaceutical engineering company in Bend called Bend Research. Following his second summer with the company Max was offered a job upon graduation.

After graduation Max packed a U-Haul and he and Dory headed west. “I loved the experience of the East Coast but I’d had enough of their winters so I had to come back.” After moving to Central Oregon, Dory was also able to get a job with Bend Research, where the couple both work developing drug delivery methods for larger pharmaceutical companies.

The next four years were filled with work and running. In 2007 Max took a leave of absence from work to train with the Oregon Track Club focusing on the 2008 Olympic trials. The trials were “spectacular”; the Olympic dream, however, was not realized. Through running, “I’ve had the opportunity to meet the country’s best runners and legends of the past; travel to places like Jordan, Hungary, Belgium, France, Japan and Scotland.” Max has won the Rogue Valley Pear Blossom 4 times and currently holds the course record. He has competed in the World Cross Country Championships and just recently placed 18th overall in the internationally prestigious New York City Marathon.

This past August 10th Max and Dory were blessed with their first child, a son, Micah. “He’s pretty amazing” said his proud Dad. While Max “misses the team atmosphere of Crater and ‘The Big Red’ of Cornell, he says “now I’ve got a new team. The first member of the King cross country harriers is looking pretty strong, even if he can’t quite walk yet.”

Max, The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud of you!

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952-1959

BEVERLY BECK FLORIAN (54) – lives in Central Point with her husband Jim. Both now retired, they have two grown children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

DON HALL (54) – lives in Grants Pass, Oregon with his wife, Sharon. They have three grown daughters and eight grandchildren all living in Grants Pass. Don has retired after 30 years in education, teaching form middle school through college.

DONNA ESKEW JOHNSON (56) – lives in Trail, Oregon with her husband Don (53) of 45 years. Previously they lived in Sacramento where they did Community College work for many years. They have become first-time grandparents and after traveling far and wide the last few years, are taking time out to babysit.

TOM TURNER (59) – lives in Klamath Falls with his wife, Kathy. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. Tom worked for Elk Lumber (Boise Cascade) then moved to Colorado and worked for Rocky Flats Nuclear Plant as a laboratory technician. He then went to work for the FAA in Denver at Colorado Stapleton Airport. In 1979 he transferred to Klamath Falls where he worked for the Department of Defense and then in 1996 went back to the FAA. He retired in 2003 and they enjoy spending time with the grandkids and traveling.

1960 – 1969

MARY SAVAGE JAMES (60) – lives in Medford with Bob her husband of 47 years. Mary retired last year after being the manager of the Medford Visitor Center for the past 22 years, and Bob retired from Rogue Valley hospital after 38 years. They love being with family and friends, love to travel and have a long list of interests.

MURL FENNER (63) – lives in Central Point with his wife of 35+ years, Mary Jo. They have two grown children, Darby who works for State Farm Insurance in Medford, and Kylee Jo who lives in Portland and graduated from Multnomah Bible College in Theology and Educational Ministries. Murl owns and operates Quality Import Parts, a family business in Medford. Mary Jo teaches at Grace Christian School in Medford.

PAT PEPPER (63) – lives in Medford with his wife, Linda. They have four grown children. Brad is a helicopter pilot, Pat Jr. owns a concrete business in Denver, Colorado, Jaci is an internet bookkeeper and Jay works for Croman Corporation. Together they have eight grandchildren. Pat still works at Timber Products where he has been for over 45 years. They enjoy the grandkids, camping and fishing.

SANDY MEYER JACOBSON (67) - lives in White City with Eric her husband of over 40 years. They have two grown sons that live in the Rogue Valley and eight grandkids. They own their own business and Sandy works for Budget Car Rental part time. They have traveled to Mexico, Hawaii and the Caribbean. They enjoy family, church, being at home, fishing and just relaxing with a good book.

1970 – 1979

RON ANHORN (71) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Deana. They have one daughter, Kelsey who graduated from Oregon Technical Institute and now is married and lives in Klamath Falls. Ron works in the maintenance department for School District #6 where he's been for over 30 years. In his free time he loves to hunt and camp.

LORI GREB ETAPA (76) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Keith. They have three grown children; Tera, Brandon and Anna. Lori is a dental office manager and Keith is a millwright.

GREG WINEMAN (77) – lives in Clinton, Washington with his wife, Lynnett. Greg has two grown children, four stepchildren and one grandchild. He is a partner in a dual-store R.V business selling motor homes, travel trailers, 5th wheels, toy haulers and campers. He's been in the business for nearly 30 years. His wife is a partner in an advertising/marketing company. They also run a non-profit Displaced Orphans International and outreach to the Hilltribe Orphans of Northern Thailand.

ANTHONY KERSHAW (78) – lives in Beaverton, Oregon with his wife Hideko. After graduation Anthony worked for 3 years as a meat cutter in his parents' business then went to OIT receiving a degree in 1984. He moved to Beaverton and began working in high tech and has been self employed since 1996. He and Hideko have two children: their daughter Mariko, age 25, just graduated from University of Hawaii with a Masters in Library Science and their son Matthew, age 21, is a teaching tennis pro at Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation.

1980 – 1989

ROY WEATHERS (84) – lives in Medford and currently teaches 1st grade at Lighthouse Academy. After graduation from Crater he attended Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, North Dakota graduating in 1993 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Biblical studies/ministerial with a minor in coaching.

DAMIEN HENDRICKS (84) – lives in West Linn, Oregon with his wife, the former Amy Reinwand (86) and their 1-year-old daughter, Reese. Damien works for Johnston and Company and Amy is a TV anchor news broadcaster with KGW in Portland.

SCOTT TUERS (89) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Kristen and their two daughters ages 4 and 1 ½. Scott is Chief of Volunteers for Fire District #3 and Kristen is a registered nurse at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass.

LORI GATES MILLER (89) – lies in Central Point with her husband, Brian and their three children. Lori is an elementary teacher at Jewett Elementary School. Her husband has been the head basketball coach at Rogue River High School and Phoenix High School.

1990 – 1999

AMY GRAVES SPENCER (92) – lives in Medford with her husband, Mike (91) and her 13-year-old son Gunner. Amy is an administrative assistant at Pepsi Cola of Medford and Mike is the President of GGS, Inc. DRA Dents Plus.

JEREMY SINKS (99) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Whitney and their children, Kadyr age 5 and Brennon age 7 months. Jeremy is an English teacher in the Crater School of Business Innovation Science and his wife works for Alliance Trucking.

CASS SMITH RACKLEY (99) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Ryan (00) and their 1-month-old son, Royce. Cass graduated from Southern Oregon University and is a massage therapist. Ryan is also a graduate of Southern Oregon University and works for The Asthma and Allergy Center.

ABBY PIGOTT COATS (99) – lives in Medford with her husband, Andy (97) and their 2 year old daughter, Emma. Abby is a Physicians Assistant at Medical Eye Center and Andy operates the farm of Wendy and Jerry May of Central Point.

FOUNDATION
PRESIDENT

A Message From
Harvey Tonn

As I've done for several years, I want to update Alumni with the progress of the Crater Foundation. At seventeen years old we have grown beyond our wildest dreams. We seemed to have withstood the economic disaster of 2008-2009 and have been able to continue to meet our goals by providing a scholarship to every graduating senior from Crater High who requests one. In addition, we've been able to continue helping Crater graduates who have successfully completed at least one year of college. This year, graduating class of 2009, we awarded scholarship assistance to 223 seniors and 54 Crater graduates who are continuing their education.

Since the year 2000, we now have awarded 2050 scholarships totaling more than 2 million dollars. Amazingly even though the economy has suffered our givers have continued to provide money to assist our young people in pursuit of their dreams. I can't say enough how much respect I have for our community, our businesses, organizations, families, employees and alumni. Every one of these groups I've named have two things in common: Crater High School and the desire to assist young people. I consider myself so fortunate and so lucky to be connected with these groups and people with a common goal. I'm so proud to be a graduate of Crater high School and to have the opportunity to be part of the Crater Foundation. Thank you so much for your continued support of Crater High School, our youth and the Crater Foundation.

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 easy. Just contact Jay McRoberts 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 exempt 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.

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



Health Center at Jewett Elementary

For more than 10 years School District #6 students benefitted from a School Based Health Center at Scenic and Hanby Middle Schools and Jewett Elementary. Unfortunately, funding issues caused their closure in 2005. The loss of health center services was acutely felt at Jewett Elementary. With an enrollment of 530+ students, 60% are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program and 42% come from families without health insurance.

District #6 staff knew they had to find a way to get School Based Health Centers back. The combination of hard work and a wonderful new partnership with LaClinica del Valle and Southern Oregon Child Study and Treatment Center resulted in the Health Center at Jewett Elementary re-opening in October of 2008.

The Health Center is easily accessible and located on the school campus where students can go for health services provided by trained staff, integrating education, medical care and behavioral health care. The center is currently staffed by a full time RN and a full time Mental Health Therapist. The goal is to remove barriers to health care for uninsured and underinsured children so they are ready and able to learn.

Volunteers are needed. If you would like to learn more, to donate or to help create sustainable funding solutions for School Based Health Centers in District #6 please contact Jesse Hanwit, School District #6 at (541) 494-6239.



Fall Sports Summary

The 2009-10 fall sports season was once again very successful for Crater High athletics.

The Crater football team finished 1st in the Southern Sky Conference with a 8-1 season record and again reached the state playoffs. As the **Newsletter** goes to press, the Comets have a bye in the first round of playoffs and will be playing on November 20th. They are ranked 5th in the state for 5A teams.

The lady Comet volleyball team finished 2nd in the Southern Sky Conference and lost in the 1st round of the state playoffs.

The boys soccer team finished in 2nd place in the Southern Sky Conference and lost in the 1st round of the state playoffs.

The girls soccer team were Southern Sky Champions and lost in the 1st round of the state playoffs.

The Boys cross country team were champions of the Southern Sky Conference and were **5A State Champions for the 4th consecutive year**. Their times and places would have put them as state champions in all divisions. The boys team is ranked 18th nationally.

The girls cross country team were also champions of the Southern Sky Conference and finished 3rd in the state meet.



Auction/ Dessert Night

Saturday, December 5th, 2009, will mark the fifteenth annual Crater Parent—Community Auction & Dessert. In each of the past few years we have been fortunate to raise in excess of \$40,000. In these difficult times that will be hard to duplicate. Unfortunately the cost of higher education is not declining. It is with confidence in the School District #6 family that we seek to raise \$45,000 this year. All monies generated by the auction will send our graduates to America's Colleges, Universities, Community Colleges and Trade Schools.

A great way you can make a difference is by providing an auction item for the festivities. If you have a vacation home, handmade items, business services, a cash donation, etc. you will be a difference maker. If you would like to attend or make a donation to this years' auction please contact us at craterfoundation@district6.org. (541-494-6308)

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

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Reminder !!!! Alumni Dues

Yes it's that time of year that we annually remind alumni to send in your 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 annual cost for three publications each year is approximately \$4500 and the dues normally received usually amount 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 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 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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**CRATER HIGH VARSITY
 WINTER SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES**

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec.	15	Grants Pass
Dec.	18	Sutherlin
Dec.	19	Lebanon
Jan.	05	Ashland
Jan.	08	Mazama
Jan.	22	Klamath
Jan.	29	Eagle Point
Feb.	05	Klamath
Feb.	16	Eagle Point

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec.	15	Roseburg
Dec.	11	West Albany
Dec.	12	Silverton
Jan.	05	Ashland
Jan.	12	Eagle Point
Jan.	26	Mazama
Feb.	09	Ashland
Feb.	12	Mazama
Feb.	18	Klamath

WRESTLING

Dec.	02	Grants Pass
Jan.	07	Mazama
Jan.	14	Eagle Point
Jan.	15	Culver
Jan.	16	Crater Classic

