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ALUMNI FEATURE

Olivia (Clark) Miller Leads an Exciting Life

In this issue of the **Crater Alumni Newsletter** we are pleased to feature 2008 Crater graduate, Olivia (Clark) Miller, who has a most interesting professional life story to tell. Like most of our featured alums, Olivia was an active Crater student who did not neglect her academics. She participated in track and cross country and was an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Academically, she was in the top 5% of her graduating class, served as President of the National Honor Society, was the Salutatorian of the Crater School of Business and received one of the coveted Central Point Rotary four-year scholarships.

Upon graduation from Crater, Olivia started college at George Fox University in Newberg, Oregon, and in 2012 received a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Merchandising. More than that, during her senior year in college, she also completed an Associate of Arts degree from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles, taking advantage of a cooperative degree program between the two schools. Reflecting on her senior college year, she remembers, "I learned more during the year-long program in LA and felt more prepared to enter the fashion industry than any other job or experience could have allowed me. I largely attribute being selected for the Merchant Leadership Program at Anthropologie's home office to my FIDM preparation." Olivia's one-year experience in this leadership program led to a four-year stint as an ecommerce merchandiser for Anthropologie, focusing on weddings via the Urban Outfitters brand. Ecommerce merchandising is the art and science of displaying products or offers on a website with the goal of increasing sales. Following this work experience, from 2017-2019 she performed the same duties for Vestige, a company that deals in world class wellness products. She remembers, "I had a dream job with Urban Outfitters and got to realize an East Coast Experience and developed a love for Philly and all of its steaks and gritty city mentality. However, the chance to work for the small, local brand Vestige was too good to ignore." In 2019 she moved as a branch manager to Mabo Kids, a purveyor of fine children's clothing noted for their comfort and simplicity and she and Alex moved from Philadelphia to Draper, Utah but not before a trip to Scotland where she and Alex hiked the West Highland Way. They then took a two-week cross country road trip from Philadelphia to Utah, camping along the way and enjoying the beautiful scenery and sights the country



offers.

From 2013 until her move to Utah, Olivia was actively involved in the South Philly Big Brothers, Big Sisters program, a volunteer opportunity that she embraced. "The South Philly BBBS chapter partnered with Urban Outfitters and paired 4th-12th grade students from inner city schools with young working professionals. It afforded South Philly students exposure to working professional life and a lifelong mentor and friend. I was paired with my 'little sister' for four years."

Olivia met her husband, Alex Miller, in 2004 when both were freshman on the Crater cross country team. "Fast forward to our senior year, and we are still on the cross-country team, but we really became friends and he started tutoring me in calculus. We like to say our relationship began, really, over algorithms. I want to give credit to our AP Calculus teacher, Doug Gardner, who made the most fun and challenging class imaginable. It meant a great deal to both of us to have him as a guest at our wedding."

Ms. Miller celebrates her husband's academic success, starting when he was named the Valedictorian of their graduating class, then graduating with honors from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics and is currently one of the top PhD candidates at the famed University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. They currently are enjoying life in Utah while Alex finishes his last year of schooling with plans to take a professorship at a University. So, as Olivia relates, "We are most likely looking at another big move for us but I have learned that dream jobs aren't everything and the balance of enjoying travel and everyday life are just as rich and fulfilling." The Crater Foundation and Alumni Association give a big Crater cheer to Olivia and Alex. May you both continue to make a positive statement in our troubled world.

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WHERE

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they

NOW?

1952 – 1959

LUCY FARBER STEGALL (54) – lives in Medford, Oregon with her husband Leroy. They have two grown children and five grandchildren. They tried retirement then went back to work, Lucy in banking and Leroy at Fish Lake. Now retired again they love camping, fishing and family activities. They've traveled the western states, Canada, Arizona and Mexico.

JOANN RUSSELL (54) – lives in Seattle, Washington. She has two grown daughters and four grandchildren. Joann transitioned from a career as a chemist in medical research to focus on lifelong interests in art and interior design. She travels mostly up and down the west coast visiting and taking care of family when she has time. Her hobbies and interest are music, photo album design and helping to empower women in abusive environments.

LOUISE MCGEE CANFIELD (59) - lives in Central Point with her husband, Terry. She has three grown children and five step children. Louise married her childhood sweetheart in 1999. Louise retired after heart surgery in 1999 and her husband Terry retired as a plumber in 2004. They love to travel in their motor home visiting family and seeing the country.

BETTY BAKER VAN KALIN (59) - lives in a senior park at the top of a mountainside in Cheshire, Oregon. She has two grown children, Kendall and Angela. Betty has refinished many antique furniture items, has made lace drape porcelain dolls and continues to learn how to make new things. Betty loves to go antiquing, visiting yard sales and any other adventures. She's retired and thanks to miracle medicine is a cancer survivor. Her children live close by and she sees them often.

1960 – 1969

PAMELA FREEMAN OLIGINA (65) - lives in Laguna Beach, California with her husband of 35 years, Al. After working for many years at US National Bank, Pamela moved with her son Sean to Laguna Beach and married Al Oligino. She has worked in real estate, non-profit office management and as an event coordinator. She finished her BS degree in English in 1988 from UC Irvine. Currently she and her husband, with a partner, own and operate Oligina Laux Construction Corporation building custom homes. Her son, Sean and his wife, Patrizia live in Sardinia, Italy with their two sons Thomas 15 and Jan 13. Pamela and Al have made many trips to Italy to visit their family.

MIKE LEWIS (69) – lives in Peace River, Alberta, Canada with his wife. They have four children and three granddaughters. Mike is a retired dog handler for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

DONNA HUTSON HOWARD (69) - lives in Redmond, Oregon with her husband, Lee. Both retired now, Donna worked for the Redmond School District as the principal of the International School of the Cascades an International Baccalaureate World School. Her husband Lee worked as the Aquatic Director for Central Oregon Park and Recreation District. They love scuba diving and have traveled to many places including Viet Nam, Thailand, Bali and Guatemala. When they aren't diving they play golf, ride motorcycles, ski and stay fit. Donna has run the Portland Marathon and did qualify to run the Boston Marathon.

GLEND A KENWORTHY ROSS (69) – lives in Gold Hill. She has eight grandchildren, three girls and five boys. She married Ron Ross in 2004 but unfortunately he passed away in 2006. After living in Riddle, Oregon, Glenda returned to the Medford area in 2009 and now lives in Gold Hill.

1970 – 1979

RUSSELL JUMP (74) – lives in Central Point with his wife Kim and their son. Russell is a Broadcast Engineer with R. G. Communications.

CHERYL SNOW BRANSOM (75) - lives in West Linn, Oregon with her husband, Phil. Cheryl attended the University of Oregon where she earned a degree in Nursing as well as meeting her future husband. They have three grown children, Krista, Jamie and Douglas. After college they lived in Erie, Pennsylvania for five years then returned to the Portland area. Cheryl has been an RN since 1981 and currently works part time. Her husband, Phil is a television producer. They love to travel that have included trips to Hawaii, Cancun and Israel.

KAY GUNDERSON YAMODIS (75) – lives in Virginia Beach, Virginia with her husband, Nicolas. Kay went to nursing school and worked at Rogue Valley Memorial for a time and then moved with her husband to San Diego after he went into the Navy in 1986. While in San Diego, Kay obtained a BA in Business Administration and after eight years moved to Spain where they lived for five

years. They then returned to the US and landed in Virginia Beach where they currently reside. Kay volunteers at an elementary school teaching violin to 5th graders.

JONES, REGGIE (77) – lives in Medford with his wife, Ann. Reggie graduated from Oregon State and began working with his brother, Steve (a 68 Crater grad) at Peterson & Jones Contractors/P&J Livestock. In 1984 he began in the benefit/investment/life planning business primarily with his own firm. In 2009 he joined PayneWest insurance. His wife is a wildlife/landscape photographer and they have had opportunities to do some international traveling. They love to hike, fish and hunt in the great outdoors. Reggie has been President of the Central Point and Quail Point Rotary Clubs and presently is very involved with his late uncle's foundation (Arthur R. Dubs Foundation).

1980 – 1989

DEBBIE GILLAND HODSON (82) - lives in Klamath Falls, Oregon with her husband, Mason. They have three children, Amy, Matthew and Travis. Debbie has worked different places and for ten years she ran childcare out of her home. She took a computer graphics class and was a graphic designer for the Nickel in Klamath Falls. Her husband is a union electrician and an avid hunter. In their free time they work on their home, gardening and anything outdoors.

BESSIE BURK TIPTON (82) – lives in Arizona City, Arizona with her present husband. She has three children from her first marriage. Bessie was a specialty care nurse at a research hospital and then began working on her masters in science to then apply for a Nurse Practitioners' license in nephrology. She works with patients who have had bone marrow transplants.

MARK WILSON (85) - lives in Medford with his wife, Tina and their two children. Mark retired as a military veteran from the Oregon Air National Guard. He then completed his associate degree in dental hygiene.

JASON LEGLER (89) - lives in Herriman, Utah with his wife, also 1989 Crater graduate Lisa Thomas. Jason and Lisa have five children. Jason enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard in 1988 as an indirect Fire Infantryman. In 1993 he joined the active duty where he held assignments in the 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division and 82nd Airborne Division. In 2008 he joined the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne). In 2019 Command Sgt. Major Jason Legler was promoted to commanding officer of the 19th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Camp Williams, Utah.

1990 – 1999

DYAN STRAUGHAN (90) – lives in Central Point with her two sons, Alexander and Zachary. Dyan earned a BS degree from University of Oregon and a MS from California State University where she received a degree in Genetics. After receiving her degree she began work as a Forensic Scientist – Genetics for the Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Services. She works in the National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon. Dyan married Christian Slyter in 2004 and they had their two sons. Unfortunately Christian passed away in 2015. In her free time, Dyan loves to hunt with her father Steve Straughan.

STEPHANIE HOWARD HENDRICKSON (99) - lives in Central Point with her husband Chadd Hendrickson (98'), her 13 year old daughter and 9 year old son, both of whom attend District 6 schools. Stephanie is the Executive Director of the Central Point Chamber of Commerce while her husband works in the wine industry. The family enjoys their free time hiking, camping and enjoying the outdoors.

2000 – 2009

EMMALEE FINNEY HIGINBOTHAM (00) - lives in Central Point with her husband, Byron (96) and their two sons. Emmalee is co-owner with her husband Byron of Higs Gym. She is also Clinic Director of Completer Care Health Centers located in Medford. In their free time they love to travel, hike, camp and anything outdoors. Emmalee is on the Board of Directors for the Crater Foundation.

LINDSEY FAUBLE ZAGAR (01) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Scott and their two daughters ages 4 and 7. Lindsey received a Bachelor's degree in political science and German from Western Oregon University and a Master's degree in international studies from Denver University. She is the marketing manager for Del Rio Vineyards in Gold Hill. Lindsey is on the Board of Directors for the Crater Foundation.

CRATER HIGH 2020 VALEDICTORIANS



Joseph Benton



Trissten Dawson



Kaylah Tartaglio



Anna Meyers

The Crater Foundation Newsletter is proud to introduce you to the 2020 Crater High School Valedictorians. We appreciate their accomplishments and look forward to seeing their dreams becoming reality. Left to right in the pictures:

The Crater Renaissance Academy is represented by Co-Valedictorians **Joseph Benton** and **Trissten Dawson**. Joseph Benton is the son of Joseph and Christina Benton. Joseph carries a 4.05 weighted GPA and will enroll at Rogue Community College this fall and plans on transferring to Oregon Institute of Technology. Joseph plans on majoring in mechanical engineering and possibly architecture. Trissten Dawson is the daughter of Desiray and Michael Dawson. Trissten carries

a 4.06 weighted GPA and will enroll at Oregon State University and plans on majoring in biology.

The School of Business, Innovation & Sciences is represented by Valedictorian **Kaylah Tartaglio**. Kaylah is the daughter of Matt and Kristina Tartaglio. She will enroll this fall at the University of Oregon Honors College and will take with her a 4.1 weighted GPA. She plans to major in Spanish and English with plans to attend the University of Oregon Law School.

The Crater Academy of Health & Public Service is represented by Valedictorian **Anna Meyers**. Anna is the daughter of Gary and Amy Meyers. She carries a weighted 4.1 GPA and will enroll at either Oregon Institute of Technology or Southern Oregon University where she plans on a major in nursing.

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SCHOOL CLOSURES

We all know that school closures have occurred as well as many other closures with social distancing in effect. While all of the uncertainty occurs, parents are left with explaining and discussing with their children what is happening and when we may get back to somewhat normal life.

The people that have really taken on a different role while doing their job with children are teachers in Central Point School District. The teachers and administrators began preparing for this as soon as closures began. They spent the week prior to spring vacation and all of spring vacation organizing and planning their lessons and learning how to effectively teach without direct contact with their students. The one thing they were adamant about was their students were going to learn and not just bide their time with "homework", they want their students to continue to have quality education. The teachers and aides in Central Point School District are absolutely amazing with their commitment to their students. They have made personal contact with their students, have called them by phone, have emailed them and have even driven by their student's homes to tell them how much they're missed all at a distance. They have continued to tell their students that this crisis will be over and they will all be back together soon.

The School District has continued to provide breakfast and lunch on a daily basis by going into the community in buses at certain locations to hand out those meals. The District has provided "hot spot" internet access to families that live in rural areas without internet services.

Community people and organizations have donated money to be used for the purchase of gift cards to be given to families that have great need for food and other household needs. School District employees have begun donating through payroll deductions to that cause from their April, May and June paychecks. When we are appreciating our first responders and our doctors and nurses, do not forget our teachers. They may have the greatest impact of all by helping our young people through these difficult times.

SPORTS SUMMARY 5A-3 MIDWESTERN LEAGUE

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

The winter sports came to an abrupt halt on March 6th as the OSAA called a halt to State tournament basketball play. The Crater boys and Girls basketball teams had both won their first games in the eight team state basketball tournament. They were set to play a semi-final game when play was cancelled. The boys finished the season with a 21 – 6 record and were ranked 3rd in the state. The girls finished the season with a 24 – 3 record and were ranked 5th in the state.

As most know, school was cancelled for the remainder of the year on April 10th after a school closure was issued on March 6th. Unfortunately that ended any possibility of spring sports in Oregon.

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CRATER HIGH FALL SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

VARSITY HOME SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

Sept. 4	South Eugene
18	Churchill
Oct. 2	Willamette
30	Ashland

VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 3	Churchill
8	Eagle Point
15	Henley
17	Ashland
26	Thurston/ Springfield
Oct. 1	Willamette
13	North Bend
24	North Eugene

BOYS SOCCER

Sept. 3	Henley
8	Eagle Point
12	Springfield
19	C. Valley
21	Mazama
Oct. 3	Churchill
10	Willamette
17	North Bend

GIRLS SOCCER

Aug. 29	Roseburg
Sept. 9	Eagle Point
12	Springfield
15	North Medford
Oct. 3	Churchill
10	Willamette
17	North Bend

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct. 7	Max King Invitational
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•• Class Reunions ••

1980 – 40 Year reunion

July 31st -- August 2nd

Contact: Perry White - 360-470-3845
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1990 – 30year Class reunion

July 31st -- The Point in Central Point

August 1st – at Makerspace

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