



CRATER FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



★ CLAIRE CLELLAND ★

CLAIRE CLELLAND MAKING A DIFFERENCE
BY: MIKE MCCLAIN

One of the joys of writing Crater Alumni features is to celebrate a Crater graduate who is making a major positive difference in today's world. This issue features 2000 Crater graduate, Claire Clelland, who is a rising star in the research and treatment of people with cognitive disorders and dementia.

Claire participated in volleyball and Brain Bowl, was the Yearbook editor and attended Girls' State. She was on Honor Roll and the Principal's List, was a Rotary Student of the Month, an Oregon Scholar Athlete, took second place in the Crater Poetry Contest and went on to be recognized with a second-place honor by the Oregon Poetry Association. While her Crater resume is impressive, perhaps her greatest effort came as the editor of the Crater Yearbook where her innovative approach to the Yearbook earned her recognition as the Yearbook Student of the Year. (Continued on page 2).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: 28TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT



How did we get to March already? It seems like only yesterday that our Auction Committee was planning for the 28th annual Crater Foundation Auction. Actually, that event took place over 3 months ago, on December 2, 2023. And what a fantastic event that it was, with approximately 470 enthusiastic attendees joining us at the Expo to help us raise over \$170,000. Included in that amount was a special and emotional paddle raise in memory of one of the Foundation co-founders, Dan Speas, that raised \$54,650. This amount will be added to previous donations received from Crater Foundation supporters and members of the Central Point Rotary Club. The current amount in the Dan Speas Memorial Scholarship Fund is over \$94,000. Our annual auction would not be possible without the support of our volunteers, donors, attendees, and sponsors. Please join me in thanking them.

Speaking of how fast time seems to be going by these days, the Crater High School Class of 2024 will be graduating in about 3 months and all of those that apply and are eligible will be receiving at least one scholarship from the Crater Foundation. The Foundation has received 185 applications from Crater students that will be graduating this year. Thank you very much for your support of the Crater Foundation and please help the Board of Directors promote our great organization.

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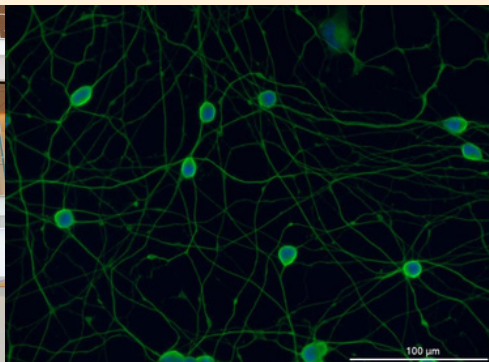
CLAIRE CLELLAND CONTINUED

After graduating from Crater, knowing that she wanted to have a career in the medical field, Ms. Clelland started down that path with a combined BS degree in Biology and a BA in Philosophy from the University of Portland. Upon graduation from the University of Portland and with a Marshall Scholarship, courtesy of the United Kingdom Parliament, she attended the MPhil Neuroscience University at Cambridge. But she was just getting started. Next was a PhD from the University of California, San Diego, followed by her MD degree from UCLA and her residency requirement at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF).

Dr. Clelland has remained at UCSF as an assistant professor of Neurology where 10% of her time is spent meeting with patients with cognitive systems and dementia and the rest of the time in the lab, working to develop new therapies and potentially a cure for dementia. Attempting to explain the basis of her research to a non-medical person, she writes: "Each of us has three billion letters in our genome, akin to an entire encyclopedia inside each of our cells. A single letter change (mutation) can be the difference between health and disease, life and death. Using our new technology named CRISPR, we can find that single mutation and remove it. Although most dementia cases are not caused by genetic mutations, individuals with disease-causing mutations provide us with an incredible window into the disease. And since the mutation is the driver of disease, it gives us a single target, making a curative therapy possible."



The Lab Team



Neurons engineered with the green fluorescent protein from jellyfish to glow green, grown in the lab.



The lab team meeting with family members and carriers of genetic mutations

Asked to reflect on her time in School District 6, Claire is laudatory, "I was fortunate throughout my education at Patrick, Hanby and Crater to have had amazing and supportive teachers. Two stand out as having significantly altered the course of my life. One was my 4th and 5th grade teacher, David Dials. He nurtured creativity and curiosity and that is, by far, the greatest gift I have been given. He taught me the scientific method before I knew what it was but, most important, he taught me to think independently."

The second teacher that Dr. Clelland has high praise for is Dierdre Barber as she relates, "I landed in Yearbook my freshman year because other classes were full. It was a great stroke of luck to be mentored for four years by her. She listened to me as if I were a fully formed person; she taught me humility and grace; she helped me to explore the world inside and outside of Crater; she gave me the opportunity to lead and to fail."

Claire credits her mother with the inspiration to become the person she is: "She instilled in me the benefit of a college education and told me I would have to get scholarships to pay for it. I consider my current work just the starting line for my goals. I share this in case other young folks with ambition and dreams might read it, put in the hard work, and trust there will be a path if you don't give up."

Even with her busy work and patient load, Dr. Clelland finds time for her 5 and 7 year-old children. A major family activity is skiing, but they also enjoy swimming, hiking, and visiting friends throughout the world. As a doctor, Claire can't help but issue this parting medical advice: "Walking 10,000 steps per day decreases the risk of dementia by 50%. You should eat a healthy diet rich in vegetables and fish, stay intellectually and socially engaged and get plenty of high-quality sleep."

Well said, Dr. Clelland. The Crater Foundation applauds what you have already done and what is yet to come.



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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

RECOGNIZING SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS OF THE 28TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

As we fondly reflect on the 28th Annual Scholarship Night, the Crater Foundation extends its heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed sponsors whose unwavering support illuminated the path to educational opportunity for our community's deserving students. With tiers of sponsorship ranging from bronze to silver and gold, each sponsor played an integral role in the success of this cherished event.

In addition to our valued sponsors, we extend our deepest appreciation to the dedicated volunteers, whose selfless commitment and hard work ensured the seamless execution of every aspect of the evening. Their tireless efforts behind the scenes truly made a difference and are deeply appreciated. Furthermore, we express heartfelt gratitude to our event table hosts, whose enthusiasm and dedication in rallying support and fostering a welcoming atmosphere contributed significantly to the overall success of the event. Their efforts in engaging attendees and showcasing the importance of educational philanthropy were invaluable. We also want to extend our thanks to all supporters and donors whose contributions, whether big or small, made a meaningful impact on the lives of our Crater graduates. Your generosity and belief in the power of education have made a lasting difference.

Reflecting on the past 32 years as a foundation, we take immense pride in our journey and the millions of dollars we've been able to provide to support the educational aspirations of our students. None of this would have been possible without the collective effort and unwavering support of each and every one of you. Thank you all for your dedication, passion, and commitment to empowering our community's youth through education. We eagerly look forward to next year's event!

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CLASS OF 2024

SCHOLARSHIP STATS AND GRADUATING SENIORS

The Crater Foundation is thrilled to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the graduating seniors from Crater High School. This year, we proudly received 185 applications from the graduating Class of 2024, each representing a story of resilience, dedication, and promise for the future.

The Crater Foundation stands as a beacon of support for our students, offering scholarship assistance to every graduating senior from Crater High School who applies for one. Through the generous contributions of individuals, families, businesses, organizations, alumni, and district employees, we are able to extend our reach and provide invaluable financial aid to students and families in need.

Our commitment to the success of our students extends far beyond graduation day. For those continuing their education after completing at least one year of college, the Crater Foundation remains a steadfast ally, offering scholarship assistance to ease the financial burden of higher education.

As we reflect on the achievements of the Class of 2024, we are reminded of the enduring impact of community support and collaboration. The Crater Foundation is honored to be a part of each student's journey, providing resources, encouragement, and unwavering belief in their potential.

As we bid farewell to the graduating seniors of Crater High School, we look forward to witnessing the incredible heights they will reach and the positive change they will inspire in the world. To our graduates, know that the Crater Foundation stands behind you, cheering you on every step of the way.

Congratulations, Class of 2024. Your futures are limitless, and we can't wait to see the extraordinary paths you will forge ahead.



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CRATER HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING CLASS REUNIONS



CLASS OF 1959

WHAT: 65th Year Reunion
WHEN: June 22, 2024
CONTACT: Doug Davis 503-706-3550
or dbdavis61@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1984

WHAT: 40th Year Reunion
WHEN: June 22, 2024 at 5 p.m.
WHERE: Rogue Regency Inn
and Suites

CONTACT: Tamara (Frisk)
Heidebrink: 541-826-4718.

CLASS OF 1974

WHAT: 50th Year Reunion
WHEN: Aug. 16-18th 2024
RSVP: myevent.com/crater50threunion
CONTACT: Debbie Saxbury 541-200-5246

CLASS OF 1964

WHAT: 60th Year Reunion
WHEN: June 20-22, 2024
CONTACT: Bob Turner 541-788-2906
or Darryl Summerfield 541-664-1903

CLASS OF 2004

WHAT: 20th Year Reunion
WHEN: June 29-30, 2024
CONTACT: Jess Janssen