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Alumni Assn. Names Hall of Achievement Honorees

Four Grantonians - three former students and a teacher – have been named to the school's Hall of Achievement in its third year for this special honor. Joining the previous eight honorees are Jim McGreger '40, Robert Jones '45, Dan Wieden '63, and long time speech teacher Opal Hamilton.

Jim McGreger was an athlete and coach who garnered worldwide recognition as an international basketball coach for twenty years. His teams competed in the Olympics and Pan American games in Italy, Greece, Austria, Sweden, Turkey and Morocco. He coached women's teams to three world championships - two for Peru and one for Columbia. He authored Called for Traveling, a title alluding to a basketball infraction. At Grant, he was mile champion of '40 city meet, won three northwest cross country meets, earned three basketball letters and also excelled in swimming as the winner of the Lake Oswego Three Mile, the Columbia River Five Mile and the Astoria Regatta. After Grant, he was a USC miler, a Marine WWII and built the Whitworth College basketball team into a power. He was named to the Grant Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011, and died in August 2014.

Another Grantonian whose great athletic achievements have been overshadowed by life accomplishments is **Robert E. Jones**. Jones is a current U.S. District Court Judge, former professor of law, president of

Oregon Trial Lawyers Assn. and still a motivational speaker at Grant athletic events. A four-year varsity letterman, he played on three PIL golf championship teams and in the same year won the individual state championship. After graduation, Jones served in the US Navy during WWII, graduated from the University of Hawaii and went on to Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College. He served in the Oregon House of Representatives and was on the Oregon Supreme Court. In a landmark case he upheld the Oregon Assisted Suicide Law against a federal challenge. He lives in Portland.

Dan Wieden has been named as one of the 100 great advertising persons of the 20th century, one of America's 25 most intriguing entrepreneurs as well as Oregon's Professional of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, one of the world's 50 CyberElite of Time magazine. He is the founder of Caldera a non-profit arts education organization and camp for at-risk youth in Sisters, OR. Wieden with David Kennedy formed a small ad agency in 1982 with one client and three employees, which grew into worldwide offices, and nearly 1000 employees. Dan is known for coining the Nike tagline "Just Do It." While at Grant, he was on the swim team and went on to graduate from the journalism school at University of Oregon.

Opal Hamilton was honored May 1970 at a Portland banquet for her 45 years of teaching, 42 of them at

Grant. Senator Bob Packwood always credited her for her remarkable training of students who also include Portland Mayor Connie McCready and Commissioner Mildred Schwab. **U.S. Interior Secretary Don** Hodel as well as Judge Robert **Jones**, a fellow honoree this year. Three of her Grant speech teams won state championships and her students won national awards. In a 1981 Oregonian interview she said, "I just treated them like my own kids because I never had any." A 1985 interview said, "Whatever the explanation... Yaw's Drive-In was the place to be on Saturday night, Grant High School was an extraordinary incubator of talent" and Mrs. Hamilton was an integral part. She was born in Kings Valley January 1905, taught in the valley and coast before moving to Portland for her 42 years at Grant. She retired in 1968 and died December 1992.

These four outstanding Generals join previous Grant Five Star Generals in the Grant Alumni Assn. Hall of Achievement. Earlier honorees are Colton Meek, Beverly Cleary '34, Gordon Fullerton '53, Don Hodel '53, Gert Lamfrom Boyle '43, Connie McCready '39, J. Michael (Jack) Carroll '62, Edward Curtis Wells '27.

The list of future candidates seems endless to the committee which has an easy task of finding four honorees annually, but a difficult task to select only four.

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From the President Bob Stayton, '61



A great summer is coming up. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the All Alumni Picnic, Sunday July 26 at Wilshire Park. As I write this, we are a few days away from awarding the 2015 Alumni Scholarship to **Eduardo Tellez** who plans to attend Lewis and Clark this fall. This year the scholarship amount is \$2500. Thanks to those of you who have paid your dues and made donations to make this award possible. Our intent is to grow the scholarship amount to equal one terms tuition at an Oregon college or university (currently around \$5000). I believe that is an attainable goal given thousands of Grant Alumni, given our collective tradition of achievement, given the need to support our best and brightest in their efforts toward a higher education.

In keeping a tradition of excellence - Grant students have achieved outstanding national recognition in two areas this spring. The Grant Constitution Team competed in the "We the People" competition in Washington DC. Eduardo Tellez our scholarship winner is part of that student team. The Grant Magazine staff has won the Gold Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Grant Magazine is the only Oregon publication ever to receive the award. The Grant Magazine has a staff of more than 20 students. If you have not already, get a copy of the Grant Magazine and read it - YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT THE QUALITY OF THE WRITING. See for yourself at www.grantmagazine.com.

We have regained access to our website (grantalumni.org). If you were not aware, our friend and alumni **Bob Burdett** '63 had taken on the role of webmaster for our website. Bob added many improvements in design and function to what was a very basic website. Tragically Bob died in a home accident in July 2014. After much 'red tape' and several months we have been successful in resetting the access to the site so that we can again update the information. The event and reunion info has been updated with more photos and the latest newsletters coming soon. We will make every effort to keep the information accurate. If you have the time, the skill, and are interested we need a webmaster for the alumni website. Please contact us using the form on the website or by email at grantalumni@aol.com.

See you at the ALL ALUMNI PICNIC at Wilshire Park, 1 pm on July 26.

All Alumni Picnic

The canopy of trees and the gentle breezes have always made for a comfortable afternoon in July for the all-alumni picnic in Wilshire Park. This year will certainly be no exception! Join us for conversation and fun and to celebrate the Class of '75's 40th reunion. We will see you on Sunday, July 26 starting at 1:00 p.m. for the 6th annual all Grant Alumni Picnic in Wilshire Park. If you are hungry, you will need to bring your own lunch, but sweet treats will be provided! Group photos start about 2:00 p.m.

Memoirs for Sale

The library is preparing for the remodel by keeping two copies of Memoirs and selling the rest. If you have ever wanted to purchase a copy of your high school yearbook, buy it now for \$10 a book!

Contact: Librarian - Paige Battle c/o Grant High School 2245 NE 36th Ave. Portland, OR 97212 pbattle@pps.net or 503.916.5160 ext. 75674 All money raised will benefit the Grant Library.

Grant Remodel

As many of you know, Grant High School is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2017, thanks to a voter-passed construction bond for Portland Public Schools (PPS). A design process will begin this fall, and a modernized Grant will reopen in Fall of 2019. Grant staff and students will shift to Marshall High School during the construction period.

The project took two steps forward recently. First, PPS hired Michelle Chariton as the project manager. Second, the district recruited applications for the Design Advisory Group, which will help ensure broad community input in the redesigned high school. The committee will include Grant principal Carol Campbell, students, parents, community members, and a representative of your alumni association. The Alumni Assn. has nominated **Scott Bailey** '71 as their recommendation for the alum position. Committee membership will be announced soon. We'll keep you abreast of the design and construction process in this newsletter. Also, you can get on the PPS email list for the Grant rebuild by emailing ghsmod@pps.net.

We Can Preserve Your Memorabilia

Do you have memorabilia from your days at Grant? Do you wonder what to do with your scrapbooks? Are you downsizing but don't want to recycle those Grantonians? Once Grant is remodeled the assn. hopes to have a room for archiving Grant's history. In the meantime, **Janet Godey Eddy** '54 has volunteered to store any treasures that you

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Alumni Assn. Scholarship Fund

Although the Alumni Assn. is proud to be able to award an annual scholarship to a graduating senior, we wish we could give more. Can you help? Read about the amazing recipients of the last two scholarships and decide if you can contribute to the future of other students as worthy as these two.



Eddie Tellez, 2015 Scholarship Recipient

More than once the phrase, "the world is going to hell in a hand basket" has been heard. However, if those people had been part of the scholarship interview process with Grant seniors, the phrase may never have been spoken. As has always been true, there are outstanding young men and women who have attended Grant who are now off to college giving hope and assurance that the world will indeed survive. **Eduardo Tellez**,an exemplary young man, is the Grant High Alumni Association's 2015 scholarship recipient.

Eddie was homeless at nine then in foster care for a time after finding his mother overdosed. Following years of dealing with sadness, guilt and anger Eddie has risen to become a strong,

compassionate man dedicated to overcoming most any obstacle. He was a student government representative and worked many hours as a lab intern at OHSU. He will begin his college career at Lewis & Clark where he will study psychology and sociology and then on to graduate school to earn a Psy.D. and become a licensed therapist. To help Eddie get started on his college career the Alumni Assn. awarded him a \$2000 scholarship and the Class of 1964 gave him \$500 gift. We are happy to be able to help such an outstanding individual.

Reflections from 2014 Scholarship Recipient

For those of you who don't know me, my name is **Madison Moskowitz** '14. I graduated with the Grant class of 2014, and I was awarded the Grant Alumni Association scholarship. I just finished my freshman year at the University of Oregon, with the help and support of the GAA, for which I am so grateful.

My first year at UO didn't begin the way I hoped. Most people arrive at college and have the time of their lives during the first term. However, my fall in Eugene was pretty tough. My social adjustment to college was hard for me, and I missed out on a lot of opportunities to make friends. I kept to myself and studied. I also got a job at the John E. Jaqua Law Library at the law school. I took a full load of classes and ended up with a 4.1 GPA. I also got involved with the Carnegie Global Oregon Ethics Program. I was proud of what I achieved academically during the fall term, but personally, I felt very alone. I even looked into transferring.

When I came back from winter break, I felt rejuvenated from the stresses of the initial adjustment to college. I took a full load of classes again winter term, but something felt different. I started my political science major requirements, and I took a class with former attorney general, UO president and law school dean Dave Frohnmayer.

This class truly transformed my college experience. The class focused on historic and current theories of leadership. It was made up of 16 first year students, and we were required to write an essay and read nearly 100 pages a week as well. Dave and his co-professor, Dr. Barbara West, challenged us and helped us all grow. I found good friends in this class, as well as academically-focused and engaged people I hadn't found fall term. However, week nine of winter term, Dave passed away from his long struggle with prostate cancer. I doubt I will ever have a better classroom experience than I had with Dave and Barbara. There is something so utterly sad about knowing that I will never get Dave's advice in applying to law schools or in career choices. I was profoundly impacted by those nine weeks with Dave and by our wide array of guest speakers, and they inspired me to make my time at the university all that I could. He made UO and Oregon a better place, and I hope I can continue that legacy someday. After taking Theories of Leadership, I knew that transferring would not be the right choice for me.

Many people have said that the spring term at the university is a magical time, and I can't help but agree. I decided to take a full load of classes again, but I also got more socially and extra-curricularly involved on campus. I applied for a student staff position (as an academic mentor for students in the ethics program I am in) for next school year, which I got! I joined the mock trial team for their non-competitive spring season, and I hope to continue with the team next year. I've made some fantastic friends and I feel that I've truly found myself. Don't worry, mom and dad, I still study. I've kept up my GPA to the tune of 4.12, though I haven't gotten my final spring term grades yet.

I've finally found the social-academic balance I didn't have fall term. I am so thankful for all the support I've found at UO, the support I've been sent from home, and from across the country (looking at you, Maine, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin!). I'm so excited to continue this wild journey through my college career. It all began with the people who believed in me before I believed in myself. I am grateful to the Grant Alumni Association, who gave me a scholarship because they saw potential in me. I hope to continue making the Grant Generals proud. Thank you again.

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Grant Hall of Fame Ceremony

The Grant Athletic Hall of Fame will hold their annual induction ceremony on Monday, September 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. in the Grant auditorium when the following Grant alumni will be inducted:

Pete Charlston, '54; John Mears, '70; Steve Hopkins, '70; Don Johnson, '70; Carolyn Lumber, '71;

Gary Kath, '75; Robert "pickle" Lewis, '77; Robert Cooper, '84; Dr.Joe Campbell, '94;

Marty Williams, '98; Ngum Suh, '01; Coach Tony Broadous, 2002-2010; Paul Raglione, '05; Sara Wild, '07 and Ken Acker, '10. Sue Davis is the 2015 community service inductee.

In addition, the 1969 Women's State Championship tennis team and the 1970 Men's State Championship track and field team will be inducted.

A special feature of the evening will be the GHOF celebration of Grant football! Honorees include Ron Pheister, '51; Jerry Exley, '52; John Keller, '52; Jim Damis, '53; Dr. Ben Balme, '57; Riley Mattson, '57; Dick Brown, '58; Jim Sandsness, '58; Bob Weaver, '61; Wes Austin, '62; Butch Lumby, '62; Junior Johnson, '66; Richard Lewis, '68; June Jones, '71; Robert Lewis, '77; David Lewis, '79; Jay Kirschenman, '80; Marty Williams, '98; Ndamukong Suh, '05; Andre Broadous, '08; Ken Acker, '10; and coach George Rallis, '73-'80.

Please join us to honor and celebrate these great Grant athletics on Monday, September 21! Questions should be directed to chairman **Gerry Spencer**, '59 at spencerworld@comcast.net.

Grant Athletics

Grant athletes were in the news this spring. The Boys Track and Field took second place at the 6A State Chamionship meet in Eugene, the Girls team won third and **Andrew Finkelman** won the State tennis singles. The top athletes of the year featured Grant students in three categories: Boys tennis: Andrew Finkelman and **Ella Donaghu** as the best girls athlete for both Track and Field and for Cross County. Congratulations!

Reunions

CLASS OF 1947 – GET-TOGETHER Wednesday, July 8, 2015; Noon Luncheon Riverside Golf & Country Club \$25 per person Reservations: **Ruth C Hinson** 4875 SW 78 Ave #256 Portland OR 97225

CLASS OF 1953 – 80TH BIRTHDAY REUNION Friday, July 17, 2015; Noon-4:00 Jim Damis' garden ~ 3601 NE Maltby St Saturday, July 18, 2015 5:00 pm-9:00 pm 2015 Riverside Golf & Country Club 8105 NE 33 Drive Contact: Jim Damis, jdamis@spiritone.com or 503.226.7644 (office)

CLASS OF 1965 – 50TH REUNION Saturday, August 22, 2015; 6:00 pm-11:00 pm Riverside Golf & Country Club 8105 NE 33rd Contact: Janice Taylor Castle, jancastle@comcast.net or www.reunionwithclass.com or 425-644-1044

CLASS OF 1966 – 50TH REUNION "Save the Date" Friday, **July 22, 2016** Shot gun golf at 1:00 pm Edgefield ~ Blackberry Hall Troutdale Reserve guest room now Contact: **Randi Black**, Granths1966@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1975 – 40TH REUNION Saturday, July 25, 2015; 6:00 pm-11:00 pm Sextant Bar & Galley patio 4035 NE Marine Drive Sunday July 26th GHS All Alumni picnic at Wilshire Park from 1:00pm – 4:00 pm NE 33rd & Skidmore Questions or RSVP by July 11 to Miriam Starr's email – dbldiamond4mi@live.com Facebook: Grant High School class of 1975

CLASS OF 1976 – 40TH REUNION "Save the Date" Saturday, **July 23, 2016** Portland Yacht Club Contact: **Stan Tonneson**, stan@rpmarina.com Facebook: Grant High School Class of '76

CLASS OF 1980- 35TH REUNION Friday, July 31, 2015; 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Tony Starlight's Showroom 1125 SE Madison Saturday, August 1, 2015; 6:00 pm-10:00 pm Green Dragon Bistro & Pub 928 SE 9 Sunday, August 2, 2015 "Family" picnic-Grant Park

Tickets & Details: www.granthigh1980.com Ann Nelson Kruger: annkruger@yahoo.com or 503.313.5630

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Granthigh1980@yahoo.com Facebook: Grant High School/Class of 1980 https://www.facebook.com/groups/37260884409/?fref=ts

CLASS OF 1985 – 30TH REUNION Friday, August 7, 2015; 7:30 pm A&L Sports Pub – No Host Event 5933 NE Glisan St Saturday, August 8, 2015 Stacey Caldwell's Farm 6100 S 20th Way Ridgefield WA \$65.00 dinner, beer, wine and music \$75.00 after July 26 Tickets & Details: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grant-high-school-class-of-1985-30-year-reunion-tickets-17164532579 Contact: granthigh1985reunion@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1995 – 20th REUNION Saturday, August 22, 2015; 7:30 pm Grand Central Restaurant & Bowling Lounge SE 8th & Morrison Streets Tickets & Details: http://www.eventbee.com/v/katiewire/event?eid=111430195 Contact: **Katie Downing Wire** GrantHS1995@outlook.com Facebook:Grant High School – Class of 1995

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Generals Making News



Don Hewitt, '53, studied music and drama at an early age. While at Grant he began training with Drid Williams. After a time at Portland State, Don moved to Toronto to study. He performed with The National Ballet of Canada, the Montreal Theatre Ballet Company and was the featured dancer on the stage and in television before moving to Los Angeles. With his partner, Don started the International Ballet School West in Santa Monica. The school earned an excellent reputation producing several generations of successful dancers. Don become well known as an outstanding teacher coach spending time at most of the universities in the Los Angeles area as well as being offered a professorship at York University in Toronto. In 1985 Don was selected to be the principal ballet teacher at the Los Angeles County High School for the Arts, where he also served as chair. Don revived the Dance Kaleidoscope Festival in 1989 with the help of Clif Harper. For thirteen years the successful festival evolved into a model used by many cities throughout the country.

Don has received numerous awards and honors over the years, including nine Lester Horton Awards, an award given in the teaching field and others for producing and mentoring Los Angeles artists. The community has shown their gratitude by honoring Don with the Los Angeles Invitational Dance Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award, the Los Angeles Invitational Dance Festival's Lifetime Achievement Award, Outstanding Service to Dance Award from the California Arts Council, Lester Horton Dance Award for Lifetime Achievement in 2001 and more! Don is now semi-retired and living in southern California.



As a young girl **Anne Lilly Irwin**, '64 was advised by a teacher to pursue something other than the arts, as her Kandinsky-like creations failed to meet the expectations of the time. Although that advice left an impression, Anne did not take it. Anne designed and sold creations ranging from jewelry to graphic design even while a student at the University of Oregon. She moved east still pursuing artistic endeavors. Representing a few artists out of her home, she decided in 1985 to open a gallery, Anne Irwin Fine Art, in her home city of Atlanta. Anne's approachable, knowledgable commitment to excellence has earned her an exemplary reputation. The Best of Atlanta magazine noted the gallery the best in 2014! Wouldn't that teacher be surprised?

Anne is also passionate about her community and helping to improve people's lives. She is the founder and board member of A Hundred Shares, an organization that helps groups of women pool

money to create spectacular gifts for deserving charities.



Mike Davis, '64 was inducted into the Las Vegas Golf Hall of Fame in 2014. Mike attended the University of Oregon where he played on the golf team before playing on the PGA tour in the mid-70's. He was a club professional from '77-'90 and has been one of the top golf instructors in the country for the past 30 years, ranked #2 instructor in Nevada since 2002 by Golf Digest and chosen as Instructor of the Year twelve times by PGA Chapters and four times by PGA Sections. He has attained Master Professional status with the PGA of America and has been recognized by Golf Magazine as one of the top 100 Teachers in America. Mike also played in the "68 NCAA volleyball championship and has coached youth soccer, basketball and baseball for many years.

Constitution Team

The Portland City Council issued a proclamation to honor Grant's Constitution Team for their knowledge of the United States Constitution. The team was judged first in the nation in the "We the People" contest, placing first among 56 high school teams in the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" contest in Washington, D.C. Grant's team also won the national title two years ago.

Grant Magazine

Student journalists who produce Grant Magazine, which received the Gold Crown in New York City for the second year in a row from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association were honored with a proclamation issued by Portland City Hall in May. The Gold Crown, the association's highest honor, recognizes the best student publications in the nation, based on design, photography, concept and online coverage. Grant Magazine is the only Oregon publication ever to receive a Gold Crown award. The 36-page magazine is produced by more than 20 students and is a multimedia/online content publication.

BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Your GRANT HIGH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "express train" is moving ahead with activities, but where are all of our "passengers"?

The "ticket" for riding the alumni express for one year is only \$20 and brings you two Alumni Newsletters to keep you informed on class reunions, alum gatherings, important school events, athletic achievements of alums, honored status at our annual picnic, a membership card, and your knowledge that you are an important part of an active group.

The 2015 All Alumni picnic is scheduled for the fourth Sunday of July at Wilshire Park on NE 33rd Avenue. See you there July 26th!

We give an annual scholarship, partly paid by dues and partly by special donations. **Eddie Tellez**, an outstanding, talented young man was awarded the 2015 scholarship that he will use to help with expenses while attending Lewis & Clark.

In 2011 your alumni association began restoration of the 1917 nine foot Steinway concert grand piano in the auditorium. Pianist Tom Grant '64 donated his time for a benefit concert. The piano is restored both inside and out and looks wonderful. The interior is new, and the exterior has been improved while maintaining the feel of its history

Fourteen Grant athletes and one coach, as well as two state championship teams were featured at the annual Grant Athletic Hall of Fame program in October. The organizing committee, chaired by **Gerry Spencer '59**, includes eleven other alums.

We appreciate the several generous gifts of funds for the scholarship and piano restoration as well as the volunteer work by many generous alums. Your board of directors meets monthly and devotes much volunteer time to keep things moving. We work with the Athlete Hall of Fame committee and sponsor our own Hall of Achievement to recognize our heroes and to inspire today's students.

We would like to book more projects but we need your participation. Maintaining our goal of a modest annual dues is based on large membership which we don't yet have. PLEASE SUPPORT US by sending your \$20 dues and enlisting in Grant's Army. Dues can be paid by mail or on the assn. website www.grantalumni.org at the dues and donations page. We are a recognized 501(c)3 charitable organization so your dues and donations are tax deductible. The association also offers a Lifetime membership for \$250.00 that you might consider.

Please fill out and enclose the form below with your annual dues and mail to: US Grant Alumni Assn. PO Box 13291 Portland OR 97213-0291

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