Thank you, Dr. Richard Woodcock

WHETHER YOUR TIME at Western Oregon University lasted a few years or the length of your career, the campus likely holds a special place in your heart. This is true for Dr. Richard Woodcock. While he worked here for only a short time, his bond with campus has remained strong for decades.

Woodcock, the benefactor of the new Richard Woodcock Education Center, worked at WOU (then Oregon College of Education) from 1957 to 1961 as an assistant professor of psychology and the reading clinic director. His history in education and psychology includes serving as an elementary teacher, school psychologist, director of special education, neuropsychologist, and holding posts at educational institutions including the University of Northern Colorado, Vanderbilt University, University of Arizona, University of Southern California, and the University of Virginia.

He is founder of Measurement/Learning/Consultants, a test development and research organization. Most significant is his work to create the Woodcock-Johnson battery of tests, which grew from his desire to improve and measure an individual’s learning ability.

“My time as a faculty member at the Oregon College of Education is among some of the fondest memories of my career. Over the years since then I have continued to see the university grow and have been aware of its expanding academic programs. The university has maintained its mission of providing quality education on its own campus and across the state,” Woodcock said. “When I heard about the plans for a new College of Education building and the opportunity to become involved, it sparked my interest. I believe my investment in this facility and its students will have a continuing impact even beyond Oregon as WOU continues to produce highly effective and inspiring educators.”

Woodcock generously donated $1.4 million to make the Woodcock Center a reality. Combined with legislative support of $17.2 million in state bonds, his personal contribution helped to create a state-of-the-art facility to train the next generation of educators. Additional gifts have been invested in the College of Education Scholarship endowment, annual fund and retention. Dr. Woodcock is a longtime supporter of WOU students—in 1995 he created the David S. Brody Memorial Endowed Scholarship to honor a friend and colleague, the largest scholarship for a WOU student.

Thank you, Dr. Woodcock, for your continued commitment to Western Oregon University and its students.

“The Richard Woodcock Education Center represents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build facilities that match our vision of excellence in service to students, communities, and the professions we serve. We are deeply grateful to Dr. Woodcock for partnering with us to realize our dreams.”

Dr. Mark Girod, dean of the College of Education

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Dr. Richard Woodcock

Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Dr. Richard Woodcock (center) cut the ribbon to celebrate the grand opening of the Richard Woodcock Education Center on Friday, Sept. 23, 2016.
Message from the editor

EVEry Fall i’m reminded that it feels like a season of renewal in academia. New energy is breathed onto campus. New classes and new experiences mingle with the familiar. There are traditions of excellence all across our community of alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends: from Homecoming to Commencement, from the Holiday Tree Lighting to our Academic Excellence Showcase, from re-purposed (or retired) structures to new facilities that reflect WOU’s growth and commitment to educating the next generation.

Some of you may even remember the evolution of this publication, which began as an alumni newspaper more than two decades ago and was renamed five years ago by retired staff member, Connie Wildfang. Many remember Dr. Richard Woodcock from his time here, as was attested to by the impressive turnout for the grand opening of our newest building. The Richard Woodcock Education Center has allowed the three divisions of the College of Education to be housed in the same facility—as well as showcasing exciting new classroom spaces and technology for our students.

On a personal level, there isn’t much I remember from Biology 101. But I do remember being convinced by a special professor that I could handle a 400-level history series as a new sophomore. More than twenty years later, I will never forget how he impacted my life and am grateful another alum so eloquently shared his similar experiences with the late Professor Dortmund (see page 11).

Denise Visuánó ’99, director, Publications and Creative Services

Does this little guy look familiar?

Our newest wolf pup—designed just for us—is now for sale at the WOU Bookstore for $19.99. You can get him online at bookstore.wou.edu.

(not-so-subtle hint)

Points of pride

- Faculty, staff and friends of WOU have embarked on strategic planning that began with a review of our mission, vision and values. The draft is currently being shared with campus and the community. The goal is to submit a plan to the WOU Board of Trustees for approval in January.
- This summer, WOU broke ground on a new Student Health and Counseling Center, scheduled to open in June 2017. Students voted to increase their fees to pay for this important resource.
- WOU was nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report for excellence in its commitment to academic quality and student success. U.S. News ranked WOU highest among Oregon’s regional public universities in the 2017 rankings.
- For 2017-18, application fees are waived for members of the Armed Forces and former members who were honorably discharged.
- WOU will make estimated financial aid awards to prospective and transfer students in December, three months early, for students who complete the Free Application for Financial Student Aid (FAFSA) in October.
- WOU is now the permanent host for the César Chávez Leadership Conference, which will afford Western a leading role in shaping the college plans for nearly 2,000 high school students.
- The U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women awarded WOU $300,000 to continue the campus collaboration on sexual and interpersonal violence prevention and response. The WOU Campus Against Sexual Assault (WOU CASA) program, initially funded in 2010, has been renewed for the third time for an additional three years.
- In spring of 2016, WOU was recognized as a “Tree Campus” by Tree Campus USA. To earn this distinction, we met five core standards for a sustainable campus.
- Academic partnerships flourish, like the bilingual education program, between Salem-Keizer school district and WOU’s College of Education.
- Last year, The Research Institute at Western Oregon University had more faculty submit a larger number of grants, and total funding increased to more than $11 million with four new funding sources.
- Alumni regional networks are now running in California, Hawaii, Seattle, Portland, Eugene, Eastern Oregon, and locally in Salem and Polk County.
Julia McCulloch Smith award

HAN VU GIA NGUYEN: The year before she came to Western as a freshman, Han Vu Gia Nguyen had moved to the United States from Vietnam with her parents. Now, just five years later, last spring’s Julia McCulloch Smith award recipient for outstanding senior female is fluent in a new language, achieved significant academic and extracurricular success. She began dental school this fall at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Delmer Dewey award

JOHN GOLDSMITH: Some students find comfort in classes, some in sports, some in extracurricular activities, while others are happiest with a mix of involvement during their college career. John Goldsmith was selected as the Delmer Dewey award recipient for outstanding senior male, and took advantage of as many academic and leadership opportunities as his time and interest afforded.
Golden Lamp award
KAYLA CORWIN: There is no traditional route to Commencement, as Kayla Corwin learned. This OHSU-Monmouth campus graduate had been an undergraduate for nine years. “I had a long road getting here,” Corwin said. “I’m a curious person and nursing is the type of career where you’re always going to be learning and evolving.”

Alumni Award of Excellence
DENNIS TICHENOR ’66: Tichenor has dedicated his life to serving others, and was chosen to receive the Alumni Award of Excellence. Tichenor has made a lasting impression on the lives of countless children and young adults. He learned that lesson from his parents, who told him, “If you’re going to do anything, give some things back.”

Commencement 2016 QUICK FACTS
• 1,323 participants
• Bachelor’s degrees: 83 percent
• Master’s degrees: 17 percent
• Youngest grads: 19 (bachelor’s degree) and 22 (master’s degree)
• Most “experienced” grads: two at 63 (bachelor’s degrees) and 59 (master’s degree)
• Oregon counties represented: 32
• Countries represented: China, Honduras, India, Liberia, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam
• 10 students completed two bachelor’s degrees at the same time
• 12 students received 4.0 cumulative GPA (bachelor’s degree)
• 49 students received 4.0 cumulative GPA (master’s degree)
• 119 students graduated summa cum laude (GPA above 3.8)
• 109 students graduated magna cum laude (GPA 3.65 to 3.79)
• 105 students graduated cum laude (GPA 3.5 to 3.64)

Read these stories and more at storify.com/wounews, and click on Commencement 2016.
"Our travel during the winter quarter is challenging, to say the very least, but they make academics a priority and find a way to excel despite missing class."

*Coach Holli Howard-Carpenter*

**Women’s basketball recognized**

THE WESTERN OREGON women’s basketball team was honored by the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) with its inclusion into the 2015-16 Academic Top-25 Team Honor Roll. With a team grade point average of 3.566, the Wolves ranked 21st in NCAA Division II and topped all conference women’s hoops teams to earn the GNAC Academic Champion award.

The WBCA Academic Top-25 recognizes NCAA Division I, II and III; NAIA and junior/community college women’s basketball teams across the nation that carry the highest combined GPAs inclusive of all student-athletes on their rosters for the entire season. The 2015-16 season marks the WBCA’s 21st year of compiling honor rolls.

“I am incredibly proud of this group,” said Head Coach Holli Howard-Carpenter. “We’ve had our eye on the Top-25 Honor Roll since we got here in 2013 and they have worked extremely hard each season to improve. I’m genuinely happy for each and every one of them to be rewarded for their commitment and success in the classroom.”

*#2 Jasmine Miller, junior (left)*
Among all divisions of the WBCA, Western Oregon had the 46th highest combined team grade point average. “What’s really impressive about this recognition is that they are able to achieve at such a high level in a fast-paced quarter system,” Howard-Carpenter added. “Our travel during the winter quarter is challenging, to say the very least, but they make academics a priority and find a way to excel despite missing class.”

Freshman business major Ali Nelke topped the team’s GPA list with a 4.0 mark, while Natalie DeLonge and Launia Davis had 3.93 and 3.92 GPAs, respectively. The Wolves also had four selections to the GNAC Women’s Basketball All-Academic Team: Jordan Mottershaw, Michelle Bromagem, Sydney Azorr and Jasmine Miller.

“This team has set the standard for our program and the new players we have added are talented and every bit as committed to academics,” Howard-Carpenter said. “I’m really excited about the upcoming season and can’t wait to get started.”

More student-athlete academic distinction

THE WOMEN’S TEAMS and student-athletes from Western combined to post the fifth-best overall grade point average in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, and the Wolves’ women’s basketball team was the top squad in their sport in the league’s 2015-16 Academic All-Sports standings released.

Overall, the WOU women’s teams collected 70 points, finishing behind league-leading Seattle Pacific in first place with 95 points, Northwest Nazarene (91) in second, Central Washington in third (90), and Saint Martin’s (89) closely behind in fourth.

Women’s basketball topped the league with a cumulative 3.56 grade point average, finishing ahead of Seattle Pacific (3.54) and Montana State Billings (3.49). The WOU soccer team also ranked in the top three, within their sport, with a combined 3.46 grade point average for the academic year.

Congratulations to our student-athletes for their continued successes in the classroom!
“I have visited schools across the state and one thing is very clear – students are engaged and excited about learning when they have high quality teachers.”

Governor Kate Brown
WE ESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY’S College of Education (COE) has a new home and, for the first time, all three divisions of COE now reside under one roof. The new Richard Woodcock Education Center officially opened to a crowd of faculty, staff, students, alumni, educators, and friends.

“Today we celebrate all that is great about Western and the Richard Woodcock Education Center: access, affordability, collaboration of ideas, Oregon wood products, and technology,” Rex Fuller said. “Most importantly—the faculty, staff and students who call Western and the College of Education home.”

Speakers at the grand opening were the building’s benefactor, Dr. Richard Woodcock, Oregon Governor Kate Brown, WOU President Rex Fuller, COE Dean Mark Girod, WOU Board of Trustees Chair Jim Baumgartner, and Associated Students of Western Oregon University President Alma Pacheco.

“I have visited schools across the state and one thing is very clear – students are engaged and excited about learning when they have high quality teachers,” Brown said. “The educators who are trained on this campus and in this center will one day contribute to our state’s goal of building a seamless system of education and helping students at every single level so that they can graduate from high school with a plan for their future.”

WOU has trained educators for more than 150 years. Currently, the university is the second largest producer of new teachers in the state and 80 percent of Oregon school districts employ WOU alumni as educators and administrators. COE adapts to the needs of its students and the professional communities they serve, by providing such programs as American Sign Language and interpreting, rehabilitation and mental health counseling, exercise science, community health education, and many educator programs, certificates, and endorsements.

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Dr. Richard Woodcock

“This structure will facilitate and amplify the quality of interaction between mentors and learners,” Woodcock said. “Let us not forget that the impact from these interactions is not limited to a day, a week, or even to the school year. The affects from this interaction may well have their impact 20 or 30 years down the line in a student’s career.”

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The 58,000 square foot Richard Woodcock Education Center continues to expand the university’s academic footprint as part of its strategic plan to meet the growing needs of Oregonians. This project also assists in the state’s 40-40-20 initiative to provide a better educated Oregon citizenry and improved economy. High-tech spaces were created within the Woodcock Center to train educators to meet the rapidly changing needs of today’s classrooms.

The building features two-way interactive video ability to deliver instruction globally, SMART Boards, avatar simulations, and live-streaming connections with real classrooms in partnership with Salem-Keizer School District and other surrounding partner districts. There is also a multimedia design suite for information technology training, and a teaching and learning laboratory for science-technology-engineering-art-mathematics (STEAM) teaching methods, and a full American Sign Language (ASL) laboratory with video platform analysis equipment for students learning to sign and interpret.

“It is an honor to have my name associated with such a beautiful and state-of-the-art building,” Woodock said. “For example, could you ever imagine walking around with a marking pen—washable, of course—and writing on any wall that has been painted? I think that’s the most unusual thing that’s struck me.”

The facility also received former Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber’s designation as a demonstration project under Executive Order 12-16. This order promotes and encourages innovative use of wood products as a green building material—increasing markets for Oregon wood products. The Woodock Center features creative use of wood through wood moment frames and timber hybrid structures, as well as the use of cross-laminated timber.
Adjunct instructor Jennifer Schulze (left) prepares for her class in her first-floor office. As a young child, Jennifer lived in the campus apartments that previously existed in this location. Her father worked in the military, and she spent several years traveling to various posts across the world. "It's strange how in my life I keep circling back around to this spot," Jennifer said. "I lived in the duplexes that used to sit here as a child in the 70s, and then as a student in the 90s. Now, I'm back on this same spot as a faculty member."
Faculty/staff publications (2015-16)

WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY faculty and staff engage in numerous academic and scholarly endeavors. This list demonstrates their accomplishments in publications and research. “I’m proud of the achievements of our faculty and staff,” President Rex Fuller said. “Work done outside of the classroom and our day-to-day roles, is critical to supporting our core values of excellence and opportunity.”

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Save the date!

**49th Annual Holiday Tree Lighting**

Dec. 2, 2016

**Light Up the Night!**

Parade starts at 6 p.m., followed by the children’s choir, special guests (including Santa, of course!), and the lighting of our Giant Sequoia
WHAT MAKES SOMEONE want to know more? To be curious and inquisitive? To dream about and imagine going to far away places, find out more about them and the people that live there? And furthermore, what makes some people susceptible to those siren calls and others disinterested? What’s the key to all of this? My own theory is that certain unique individuals are the catalyst for such desires. Teachers often fulfill this role, and all my life I’ve had great teachers. Erhard Dortmund was one of them.

Back when I was a mere sophomore in college in the fall of 1985, I typically wandered into the wrong classroom on the second floor of the Humanities and Social Sciences building on the first day of class. I was supposed to be in a class on modern France, but found instead that it was a class titled “Twentieth Century China.” Normally when finding myself in the wrong classroom I might have stayed out of embarrassment or sheepishly crept out in disgrace, but on that day something kept me there. It was the dynamic personality of the professor who had entered the room, arms full of books and papers, scribbling notes all over the blackboard in chalk—names, dates, the titles of books, questions, etc. This was not a man who was going through the motions of another dreary lecture that he had delivered countless times. This was someone who obviously loved what he was doing and couldn’t wait to share it with us. It was more than just enthusiasm. It was joy. That’s what I remember most vividly about him in the classroom: passionate joy.

Dortmund had a love of historical literature and writing that definitely shaped the way I looked at the teaching of history, realizing how valuable a tool it could be. We read André Malraux’s Man’s Fate in that class on China, Hans Fallada’s Little Man, What Now? and Theodore Plevier’s Stalingrad for German history, and numerous others. He even taught a class called “History Through The Novel” that combined his love of history with his love of literature.

“Professor Dortmund had a way of lecturing that had to be experienced. He was exuberant, but always with a gentle humanity showing through, never bullying, always thoughtful, never boring.”

David Corleto-Bales ’89, ’96

Class notes

**Tim Colahan ’81** will retire from his role as Harney County, Ore. district attorney after 29 years of service.

**Kelly Kozisek ’86** has been elected as board president for the National Association of Educational Procurement. Kozisek is chief procurement officer of OSU.

**Bradley Garrett ’87** received a National Federation of State High School Association Citation, which honors individuals who have made contributions to the NFHS, state high school associations, athletic director and coaching professions.

**Mitchell and Kathy Teal ’88** have opened Brew Coffee and Tap House in Independence, Ore.

**Katie Gregory ’99** was appointed management and budget director for the City of Peoria, Ariz.

**Ryan Miller ’99** was selected to fill the John Day unit forester position for the Oregon Dept. of Forestry.

**Melissa Lopeman Tahir ’01** was selected to the 2016 Rising Stars list by Oregon Super Lawyers magazine. Tahir is an associate at Hart Wagner law firm.

**Laura Terway ’03** has been appointed to serve as Oregon City’s community development director.

**Kristin Williams ’03** was named the new director of the Frazier Farmstead Museum in Milton-Freewater, Ore.

**Josh Dargis ’06** has taken over as principal at Oak Heights Elementary School in Sweet Home, Ore.

**Aaron Sutton ’08** has been selected as the next head baseball coach at Montana State University Billings.

**Bryce Wolford ’09** received the 2016 American Legion Spirit of Service Award.

**Pv Jantz ’14** was appointed as a commissioner for the Arizona Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing.

**Pedro Virgen ’14** has joined the Bingen-White Salmon Police Dept. in White Salmon, Wash.

Interested in receiving news and events via email? Subscribe to *Pawprints*, the WOU alumni enewsletter, by sending your email to alumni@wou.edu. And please send us your stories (like Barbara and Carlos, left) or memories of campus and mentors (like David, on page 11). We’d be honored to share them!

**Carlos Montgomery ’77, and Barbara Zitzewitz ’78, married Oct. 10, 2015.** Carlos and Barb first met as Barnum Hall residents in fall 1974. They reconnected after 38 years and are now retired in Portland, busy traveling and enjoying a growing number of grandchildren.

1930s
Eunice J. Maulding-Kleeb ’33

1940s
Mary B. Sparks ’42
Mary L. Snyder ’42
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1950s
Richard S. Jones ’58
James P. Lloyd ’59
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1960s
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Friends of WOU
Brice Caldwell
Richard “Dutch” Shollenberger
Don Spinas
Dr. Kenneth Walker

**Rick Bartow ’69** was one of the nation’s most prominent contemporary Native American artists. His work is permanently held in more than 60 public institutions. The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian commissioned Bartow to create a monumental pair of cedar sculptures standing more than 20 feet, and installed on the National Mall in 2012. Bartow left his mark on WOU with a commissioned art installation (left) for the Peter Courtney Health and Wellness Center.
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