Homecoming Weekend 2018
Schedule of Events
April 26–29
We are delighted you are here to join us as we gather to share memories, reflect on the ways God has lead in our lives, and celebrate the values that make education at WWU distinctive. This year during Homecoming Weekend, we are especially focused on celebrating the Walla Walla University core theme of generosity in service and the WWU alumni who have carried the mission of the university into the world. We also celebrate the humanitarian work of our current students. Welcome back to campus! We pray this will be a fulfilling and rewarding pilgrimage for you.

John McVay  
President, Walla Walla University

Welcome to each of you! Thank you for making time to visit your alma mater, to connect and reconnect with friends old and new, and to share stories of the time you spent on campus. We have planned a full weekend for you to enjoy, and we hope you will create new memories and will continue to hold this place dear to your heart, as we hold you dear to ours. If we can assist you in any way during your visit, you can reach us at alumni@wallawalla.edu or (509) 527-2631. We’re glad you’re here!

Claudia Santellano ’14  
Alumni and Parent Relations Director

Archaeology exhibit
Peterson Memorial Library
Thursday  4–5 p.m.
Sabbath  2–4 p.m.

Clyde and Mary Harris Art Gallery
Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center
Works by Department of Art faculty on display.
Thursday  2–5 p.m.
Friday  1:30–6:30 p.m.
Sabbath  2–4 p.m. | 7–10 p.m.
Sunday  10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Thursday and Friday

Thursday, April 26

Homecoming Banquet | $25*  
Winter Educational Complex, Alumni Gymnasium  
6 p.m.

Enjoy an evening celebrating the WWU core theme of generosity in service with special presentations, recognition of our Alumni of the Year, exotic food, and inspirational music. *Ticketed event

Friday, April 27

50-Year Reunion Breakfast | $12*  
Kellogg Hall, Alaska Room  
8:30 a.m.

Enjoy breakfast with fellow members of the class of ’68. *Ticketed event

Student Development Center  
Village Hall, lower level  
9–11 a.m.  
12–1 p.m.

Visit the Student Development Center to discover how you can support students in their career development.

Eugene Winter Alumni Golf Classic and Dinner | $150*  
Walla Walla Country Club, 1390 Country Club Rd.  
11 a.m.

Entry fee includes green fee, golf cart rental, dinner, and a gift. All proceeds benefit the WWU men's and women's golf teams. Shotgun start 12 p.m. Registration begins at 11 a.m. *Ticketed event

Awards Celebration  
University Church, Sanctuary  
11 a.m.

Join our WWU family as we honor student scholarship recipients and pay tribute to the alumni and friends who make these scholarships possible.

Alumni Luncheon/Business Meeting | $12*  
University Church, Fellowship Hall  
12:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious meal, learn about alumni programs, and hear about alumni activities this past year. You may attend this event without purchasing lunch. Limited tickets for this event. *Ticketed event

Family Swim  
Winter Educational Complex, Tausick Memorial Pool  
2:30–4 p.m.

A free general swim at the WWU pool is available for all alumni. A lifeguard will be on duty. Parents must accompany children.
Seminar: “Nutrition and Exercise for Your Golden Years”  2 p.m.
Bowers Hall, Room 201 | Merlene Olmsted ’69 and Mary Schwantes, faculty alumna
This two-part presentation will cover current information on healthful diets for middle-aged adults and seniors, as well as advice on how to stay active and independent for life, with tips for exercises after age 50.

Seminar: “The Life of a Pot”  2 p.m.
Peterson Memorial Library, Reference Room | Monique Vincent ’07 and Jody Washburn ’05
Using an ancient pot as a visual illustration, Washburn and Vincent will discuss the myriad avenues of inquiry that come together in archaeological research. Digging into the making, use, and reuse or discarding of a pot brings to life numerous aspects of the socio-cultural framework of ancient societies and reminds us that the people who handled this pot thousands of years ago shared many of the same concerns regarding life and death that we have today.

Seminar: “Adventist Archeological Work in Jordan: Madaba Plains Project at 50”  3 p.m.
Administration Building, Room 116 | Kent Bramlett ’94 and Doug Clark ’70
Set in motion by WWU alumnus Siegfried Horn ’47, the Madaba Plains Project is one of the most long-lived, continuously running archaeological projects in the Middle East. In this presentation, Bramlett and Clark will focus on findings from the Madaba Plains Project ’Umayri excavations. Reception following.

Seminar: “Preventing Suicide and Improving Mental Health” | CEU available  3 p.m.
Winter Educational Complex, Room 209 | Susan Smith, LICSW
This seminar will provide an update on the suicide prevention landscape and an overview of the community education program, Mental Health First Aid, as a resource for preventing suicide, improving consumer literacy, and reducing the stigma historically associated with mental health problems. This presentation will emphasize the role of consumer-informed treatment and recovery. Smith is dean of the Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology at WWU.

25th Annual Randy Yaw Pi Contest  3:14 p.m.
Kretschmar Hall, Physics Lecture Hall, Room 107
Enjoy a slice of pie and watch students recite digits of Pi from memory. The record for this contest is 1,769 digits!
Friday and Sabbath

Gadfly Reading 3:30 p.m.
Administration Building, Room 117
Alumni who have published art or literature in the WWU arts journal the Gadfly are invited, along with all others, to attend the annual Gadfly reading. Issues of the Gadfly are available to read from.

Committee of 500 Appreciation Dinner 5:30 p.m.
Kellogg Hall, Alaska Room
Executive officers of the Committee of 500 invite members and prospective members to this annual business meeting and dinner.

Piano Vespers 6:30 p.m.
Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center, Auditorium
Relax with a concert of solo piano music performed by students of Jinhyang Park, WWU instructor in music.

PRISM Vespers 8 p.m.
University Church, Sanctuary
Welcome the Sabbath with a program of sacred music by faculty and students from the Department of Music. Due to the unique nature of this program, doors will close promptly at 8 p.m. No late entry.

Sabbath, April 28

Bird Walk 6:30 a.m.
Rigby Hall, Parking Lot
Early risers are invited to join Joe Galusha ’68, professor emeritus of biology, for a nature walk. This cherished homecoming event was introduced in 1976.

Sabbath Schools and Worship Services
View times and locations in the University Church bulletin at wwuchurch.com.

First Serve: “The Babylonian Number Blunder” 9:30 a.m.
University Church | Paul Dybdahl ’92
For the First Serve program, Dybdahl will acknowledge the challenges of math and explore the benefits of courage. Dybdahl is professor of mission and New Testament at WWU. He came to WWU from Andrews University where his doctoral work focused on issues related to the effective communication of the gospel across cultural barriers. His recent book, Before We Call Them Strangers, explores Adventism’s relationship with world religions. Prior to his time at Andrews, Dybdahl was a pastor.
in the Oregon Conference. He and his wife, Kristyn ’92, have three children: Noah, Alyssa, and Sarah.

50-Year Reunion Sabbath School       10:30 a.m.
Heubach Chapel | Class of 1968
Members of the Class of 1968 present a special reunion Sabbath School for classmates and friends.

School of Theology Sabbath School     10:30 a.m.
Village Hall | Panel of current and former deans

Sabbath Seminar | The Madaba Plains Project at 50: Reinventing Biblical Archaeology       10:30 a.m.
Canaday Technology Center, Room 105 | Kent Bramlett ’94, Monique Vincent ’07, and Jody Washburn ’05
The history of the Madaba Plains Project is a story of transitions, pivots, and changes. What began primarily with theologians on a quest to understand and prove components of early biblical history has become something quite different. Surrounded by an international, decades-long debate about the nature and value of Near Eastern archaeology in relation to the Bible, the project moved beyond the text-based “biblical archaeology” of W.F. Albright and G.E. Wright to an archaeology of biblical lands and peoples based on scientific inquiry and empirical results where the goal is to illuminate the Bible instead of prove it.

Second Service: “The DNA Factor”    11:45 a.m.
University Church | John Cress ’78
For the Second Service sermon, Cress will grapple with John 13 and discuss the significance of the towel. Cress is executive secretary for the Southern California Conference, has been a pastor for 33 years, and was vice president of pastoral ministries for the Potomac Conference. He and his wife, Karen ’79, have two children: Tim and Jennifer.

Sabbath Dinner | $12*       1 p.m.
Winter Educational Complex, Alumni Gymnasium
Come fellowship with friends and classmates and enjoy a catered Sabbath dinner. Doors open at 1 p.m. *Ticketed event

Annual BAWWU Meeting       1 p.m.
Winter Educational Complex, Room 139
Black Alumni of Walla Walla University (BAWWU) will meet during lunch. Pre-purchase your meal tickets, then bring your food to Room 139 for fellowship.
Honor Class Reunions and Photos
See schedules below

Vanguards | 2:45 p.m.
WEC, Room 226, Ed Norton

Class of 1958 | 2:30 p.m.
WEC, Room 225, Pat Johnson

Class of 1963 | 3:45 p.m.
WEC, Room 217, Ann Weinand-Schnibbe and Pat (Craik) Fackenthall

Class of 1968 | 3:30 p.m.
WEC, Room 209, Paul Jensen

Class of 1973 | 4 p.m.
WEC, Room 215, John and Anne Annholm

Class of 1978 | 2 p.m.
CTC, Room 128, Bev Foster

Class of 1983 | 3:15 p.m.
HAC, first floor reception area, Laurens Johansen

Class of 1988 | 3 p.m.
HAC, second floor board room, Curt Schafer

Class of 1993 | 2:45 p.m.
CTC, Room 105, Kellie Bond

Class of 1998 | 2:30 p.m.
CTC, Room 305, Shelley (Schoepflin) Sanders

Class of 2008 | 2:15 p.m.
The Atlas, Samantha (Sanderson) Wooster

School of Theology Deans’ Hour
Village Hall
4:45 p.m.
Visit with the current and former deans of the School of Theology as they share their most treasured memories from leading the department.

Winter Educational Complex, Alumni Gymnasium

Class of 1958 | 2 p.m.

Vanguards | 2:20 p.m.

Class of 1968 | 2:50 p.m.

Class of 1963 | 3:20 p.m.

Class of 1973 | 3:40 p.m.

Class of 2008 | 4 p.m.

Class of 1978 | 4:20 p.m.

Class of 1998 | 4:50 p.m.

Class of 1993 | 5:10 p.m.

Class of 1988 | 5:30 p.m.

Class of 1983 | 5:50 p.m.
Home Economics Majors Reunion 5 p.m.  
Havstad Alumni Center, Second Floor | Salads and breads potluck  
A special time to celebrate home economics majors and their accomplishments.

School of Education and Psychology Seminar 5 p.m.  
Smith Hall, Room 100 | Elmar Sakala ’65 and ’68  
Servant Leader: Oxymoron or Solution? One professor’s approach to student burnout.

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society Induction 5 p.m.  
University Church | Heubach Chapel  
Join the faculty of the Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology in recognizing its honor students.

Department Suppers 6–7 p.m.  
Various locations  
Visit with your favorite teachers and fellow alumni.

Art, Communications and Languages, English, History and Philosophy | Breads and salads  
Administration Building, Room 205

Biology and Chemistry | Breads and salads  
Rigby Hall, Courtyard

School of Business | Dessert reception  
Bowers Hall, Lobby

Education and Psychology | Sandwiches and salads  
Smith Hall, Lobby and Room 202

Edward F. Cross School of Engineering | Bread and salad potluck  
Walla Walla Valley Academy, Multipurpose Room

Health and Physical Education | Salad supper  
Winter Educational Complex, Room 142

Math, Computer Science, and Physics | Sandwiches and salads  
University Church, Youth Room
Sabbath

Music
Alleluias and Meditations concert, University Church, 7 p.m.

School of Nursing | Light supper
Fellowship Hall, University Church

Wilma Hepker School of Social Work and Sociology | Supper
Winter Educational Complex, Atrium, Davis Street entrance

Technology | Breads and salads
Canaday Technology Center, Room 129

School of Theology | Supper
Kellogg Hall, Student Association Center

Alleluias and Meditations
University Church
7 p.m.
Close the Sabbath with a concert inspired by Psalm 150. “Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his Sanctuary ... Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet ... Praise Him upon the loud cymbals ... Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals ... Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”

Bowers Hall Open House
Bowers Hall
8 p.m.
Tour the newly renovated Bowers Hall, visit with faculty from the School of Business faculty, and enjoy dessert.

Thailand Cultural Mission Trip
15th Anniversary Reunion
Havstad Alumni Center, Second Floor
8 p.m.
A special reunion for all those who have participated in the Thailand Cultural Mission trip over the last 15 years. A Thai dinner will be provided as well as a Skype conversation with uncle Prasam and auntie Nang.

Young Alumni Night
Blue Palm Frozen Yogurt, 1470 Plaza Way, Walla Walla
8:30 p.m.
Graduates from the last 10 years are invited to enjoy conversation and frozen yogurt.
Sunday, April 29

Alumni Fun Run/Walk | $16*  
Winter Educational Complex, Fourth Street Entrance

Join Dallas Weis ’74 for a 5K run/walk. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. Current WWU students receive free entrance. All proceeds benefit worthy student scholarships. *Ticketed event

20th Annual Alumni Car Show  
Havstad Alumni Center, Parking Lot

10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Enter a unique vehicle or vote for your favorite car. There will be more than 100 entries. Register online at wallawalla.edu/homecoming, or call Alumni and Advancement Services at (800) 377-2586.

Gateway to Service  
Class gift of 1918

Celebrating 100 years
Complimentary Wi-Fi
Complimentary wireless Internet is available. Search for the “Homecoming” network within 20 feet of any WWU building.

Service Project Opportunity
To follow our homecoming theme, you are invited to practice generosity in service by blessing somebody else with a note of encouragement, a favorite bible verse, or an inspiring thought. Address your message to a student missionary, a fellow alum, a university official or to a local church member and we’ll be sure to deliver it! You’ll find special service stations with note-writing supplies at several campus locations. You may also leave small care package items—such as new toothbrushes, toothpaste, art or school supplies, devotional or bible story books—that can be sent to our next batch of student missionaries.

Homecoming 2019

Thank You
A special thank you to current WWU students. From graphic design to assisting with the Fun Run/Walk, weekend staffing, providing trophies for the Car Show, musical talent, and hours of detailed preparation, their contributions have added a special touch to this Homecoming Weekend.

University Bookstore
The University Bookstore is offering a 25 percent discount on one WWU-branded item during weekend hours. (See back cover for hours.)
Alumni of the Year

Don Hall ’68

Don Hall is the founder of Wellsource Inc., a health promotion company that helps corporations manage wellness programs for their employees. Wellsource has worked with more than 1,000 organizations around the world, including Nike, Intel, and Vanderbilt University. He is the author of four books and is founder of a second company, LifeLong Health. Hall has conducted health ministry workshops for many camp meetings and churches and in each union conference in the North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. With his wife, Patricia, he has developed health ministry programs, including Eight Weeks to Wellness, Weight Management for Life, and Fitness for Life. Hall has a bachelor’s degree in religion with a minor in chemistry from Walla Walla University and a doctor of public health degree from Loma Linda University. He and his first wife, Phyllis Miller ’68, graduated together from WWU and “spent 43 wonderful years of married life together.” She helped found Wellsource, and together they traveled around the world, biked through much of Europe and the states, and hiked hundreds of miles. Phyllis died tragically while hiking in California near Donner’s Pass. “Since then, the Lord helped me find another wonderful companion, Patricia, and we’ve enjoyed nine years together,” says Hall. He has two adult children and four grandchildren.

Beverly Buckles ’78

Beverly Buckles is dean of the School of Behavioral Health at Loma Linda University, vice president of Behavioral Health Education for LLU Adventist Health Sciences Center, a founding leader of the LLU Behavioral Health Institute, and founding chair of the LLU Department of Social Work and Social Ecology. She also founded the LLU International Behavioral Health Trauma Team, which has made more than 60 trips to respond to disasters in more than 40 countries. Buckles is actively involved in implementing psychological first aid and assists health systems and NGOs to prepare for and respond to disasters. She is an expert in behavioral health education, policies, and services in California and has been recognized throughout the state for dedication to international crisis preparation and response and for development of curricula and evaluation measures for mental health professionals. Buckles has a bachelor of social work degree with a second major in home economics from Walla Walla University, a master of social work degree from Eastern Washington University, and a doctor of social welfare degree in social policy from Adelphi University.
Hansel Fletcher ’83 and ’85

Hansel Fletcher is assistant dean for the office of Graduate Student Affairs for the Loma Linda University School of Medicine, where he is also professor, graduate program director, and vice chair for the Department of Basic Sciences, Division of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. Fletcher’s research has attracted more than $14 million in research funding. He serves on several study panels for the National Institutes of Health and is an associate editor for the Molecular Oral Microbiology journal. Fletcher is involved in the development of Historically Black Colleges and Universities throughout the world. He helped to launch the Jamaica EXCEED (Excellence in STEM Experiential Education) program in collaboration with LLU, the Jamaican Diaspora, The Jamaica Teacher’s Association, and the Ministry of Education. Fletcher has an associate degree from Northern Caribbean University, a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in biology from Walla Walla University, and a doctorate in microbiology and immunology from Temple University School of Medicine. He completed postdoctoral training and was a research associate at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University before being recruited by LLUSM. He and his wife, Pauline, have two adult children.

Christian ’08 and Alexa Sharma ’08

Christian and Alexa Sharma are cross-cultural missionaries with Adventist Frontier Missions. They served for seven years in an area of the world unfriendly to evangelism. During that time, they learned the local language, compiled 365 pages of research about the culture, and bonded with the local people. When they left that country they “left behind several nurtured plants, a precious new seedling, and many gospel seeds, with the promise that God would continue to send the rain,” says Alexa. Christian has a bachelor’s degree in theology from WWU, and Alexa has a bachelor’s degree in speech communication. They are currently resting and refocusing in the United States, Alexa says, where they “have a renewed appreciation for our religious freedom and access to inspiring materials.” Christian is developing multimedia resources for sharing the gospel in the language of their mission culture, and Alexa is writing a book and composing songs about God’s miraculous guidance during their assignment. The Sharmas have two children.
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(At car show)

Welcome home! On behalf of the Alumni Association, we’re so glad you have returned to campus to refresh many happy memories, renew old friendships, and celebrate the lifelong difference WWU made in your life. Have a wonderful weekend!

**Steve Walikonis ’78**  
President, WWU Alumni Association