

2007. Brenda Ober Johnson

Brenda Ober Johnson graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in Spanish. At the same time she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) at SOU. Brenda is now the executive director of La Clinica del Valle, a healthcare service geared toward low-income residents of Jackson County. She has had a profound impact on the community through her dedicated and dynamic leadership. Brenda embodies the best of Southern Oregon University's alumni.

2006. Rosemary Dunn-Dalton

Rosemary Dunn Dalton graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1975 with a bachelor's degree in political science and in 1976 with a master's degree in counseling psychology. She also holds a master's degree in social work from Boston College. Rosemary is an adjunct professor in the Psychology Department at SOU and works in psychotherapy. She has had a profound impact on the community through her stellar teaching and counseling. Rosemary's engagement with nonprofit organizations has carried her into unexpected leadership roles that have touched us all. She is the founder of Dunn House, a program to serve battered women and children, and Ashland Pinel House, a group home for severely and profoundly mentally retarded adults.

2005. Daniel Miles.

Daniel Miles is a 1968 graduate from SOU with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education. While attending Southern Oregon University, Daniel earned All-American status as a quarterback for the Raider football team and is now a member of the SOU Sports Hall of Fame. In 1972, Miles became the basketball coach for the Oregon Institute of Technology. His teams have won more than 750 games (as of April 2004) and have earned him a membership for the Basketball Hall of Fame. "He has achieved the highest award any college coach can hope for:" the 2004 NAIA Men's National Basketball Championship. As a "true professional," Danny Miles maintained his sense of humor and coachly demeanor while creating an atmosphere of excitement and a winning tradition at OIT.

2003. Terry Lund.

With a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Certificate from the American Band College, Terry Lund graduated from Southern Oregon State College in 1992. The following year he received his Masters in Education and the Oregon State Teaching Certificate. Since graduation, Terry has taught Middle and High School band and choir in the Three Rivers School District. In 2002-03, he was awarded the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation Award in recognition of his ability to "instill the love of music in their students and for their ability to keep music alive in their schools and communities." He continues to participate in the SOU Alumni Band for Homecoming, submits students to the SOU Music Department Honor Choirs and Bands and also serves as Assistant Director of the Chamber Music Workshop held at SOU each summer.

2002. Agnes Baker-Pilgrim.

Agnes Baker-Pilgrim graduated in 1985 with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Native American Studies. As an active Native American educator and traditional practitioner, she has impacted a wide variety of people. She is the original and current Elder-Woman-in-Residence for the Konaway Nika Tillicum Native American Summer Youth Academy held at SOU each summer and managed the United Indian Lodge in Crescent City, Del Norte County, California for more than 15 years, “working with the Native American sector under Indian Health Services.” She and her husband restored the sacred salmon ceremony honoring her tribe in 1994 and she has continued the tradition since. Agnes was named by her Tribe as well as the Oregon Council on the Arts as a “Living Cultural Legend” for the State of Oregon.

2001. Jose Luis Romero-Hicks.

Born in Guanajuato, GTO, Mexico, Jose Luis Romero-Hicks received a bachelors degree in law from the Universidad de Guanajuato and a BA in political science from Lawrence University then completed an MS in general studies/social sciences from Southern Oregon University in 1980. He has served in various positions at the Universidad de Guanajuato including researcher/professor in the School of Law, head of the Department of Computer Science, director of the Department of Planning, and advisor to several UG presidents. Romero-Hicks was director general of the Department of Revenue for the state of Guanajuato and later worked as secretary of planning and finance. Internationally, he was an economic advisor to the Mexican embassies in India and Japan for the Mexican Foreign Service. Romero-Hicks was director general for housing policies and promotion and now currently serves as president and chief executive officer in the Mexican Bank for Foreign Trade.

2001. Morris Jimenez.

Morrie Jimenez graduated from Southern Oregon College in 1951 with a degree in Elementary Education then returned later to complete degree work in Secondary Education in 1957 and 1958. Following his education, Morrie became an educator, working as a classroom teacher, a school administrator, a coach, and a policy consultant at the state level, also providing his service to the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission. He was the founding force and Executive Officer for the Oregon Indian Coalition on Post Secondary Education. He served at the Oregon Department of Education as the Civil Rights and Indian Education Specialist and also has experience as the Director of the Warm Springs Teacher Internship Program.

2000. Karl McDade.

Karl McDade received his degree in Business Administration from SOU in 1993, and completed Post-Baccalaureate work from 1993-1994. He went on to complete his MFA in Ceramics from Montana State University. He worked at the Kansas City Art Institute as the Ceramics Studio Technician and part-time Ceramics Instructor from 1997-2000 then moved on to teach at Diablo Valley College. His work has been exhibited in 25 galleries in eight different states.

1999. Daniel Henderson.

As a class of 1984, School of Business graduate, Daniel Henderson has since become President of his own company, PhoneTel Communications. His first invention was a pre-programmed automatic phone dialer and is best known for his role in defending the patent and legacy of Dr. Kazuo Hashimoto. He has also worked for IBM and obtained numerous patents for his own devices. Henderson signed on as a contributor of SOU's \$11.6 million visual arts center project and wants to continue to support the university.

1998. Robert Wille.

Graduating from Southern Oregon State College in 1974 with a B.S. in Biology and in 1976 with a M.S. in Biology, Robert Wille went on to become a teacher at Eagle Point High School. In 1995, he was awarded the \$25,000 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award as well as the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. He has served as the President of the Oregon Teachers Association, Region IV Director of Oregon Science Teachers Association, and NSTA Region XVII Director to Oregon, Washington and Alaska, accumulating other awards such as Conservation Teacher of the Year by Jackson Soil Conservation District in 1989 and Oregon Secondary Science Teacher of the Year in 1991.

1997. William Phillips.

William Phillips graduated from Southern Oregon State College in 1972 with a B.S. in Criminology. Instead of going to law school as planned, he decided to pursue his art career. In 1997, the US Postal Service unveiled in Ashland 20 pieces of Bill's artwork to be used as a commemorative stamp collection. He was also honored in 1987 with a one-man show at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC.

1996. No award given.

1995. John Nilsen.

Graduating in 1979 with a degree in English, John Nilsen became an accomplished composer, pianist, guitarist, arranger, producer, lyricist, performer and businessman. In 1983, he founded the Magic Wing Music publishing company and soon after established the Magic Wing recording label in 1986. He has recorded 10 albums, tours nationally with over 140 performances each year, sold over 300,000 albums (as of 1995), has had selected compositions on various soundtracks, and is the author of more than 1,000 compositions.

1994. Harry Kloor.

Harry Kloor graduated from SOSC in 1986 with dual bachelors degrees in chemistry and in physics. According to United States statistics, Kloor then became the first person in the country to earn two doctorates at the same university simultaneously, from Purdue University in both chemistry and physics in 1994. While a graduate student at Purdue, Kloor served as the physics department's corporate liaison, forming partnerships with major corporations and raising over \$300,000 for the department. He worked with Paramount Pictures and Marvel Entertainment Group (Marvel Comics) and

produced two kids-oriented pro-science posters to promote outreach science programs offered by Purdue.

1994. Helmut Gieselmann.

Helmut Gieselmann is a 1968 graduate of Southern Oregon State College with a bachelors degree in business then went on to complete his masters degree from Columbia University in 1970. He has worked as a consultant and managing director for several companies in Europe and the United States, including Deutsche Goodyear in Germany. In 1985, Gieselmann joined Continental Rubber Co., the sixth-largest rubber company in the world and the largest in Germany. He was named chairman and chief executive officer of Vergolst GrmbH, a subsidiary of Continental Rubber Company in early 1994.

1993. Debra Harris.

Debra Harris graduated from SOSC in 1974 with a degree in health and physical education. She began her teaching profession in 1976 and taught at West Linn High School starting in 1986. She received the National Secondary Physical Educator of the Year (1993), the Outstanding Secondary School Health Educator for Oregon (1990), Who's Who in the West (1989), Eugene McNally Award for Outstanding Health and Physical Education Alumnus (1988) and Oregon Governor's Council for Health, Fitness and Sports, Professional Leadership Award (1986). She has also been involved in the protégé/mentor teach program through the Oregon Department of Education and has served as President of the Oregon Association for Physical Education, Oregon Association for the Advancement of Health and Northwest District of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

1993. James Long.

In 1967, James Long graduated with a degree in business from SOSC. Since then, he has worked as a member of the corporate quality staff for General Mills, Inc., as a plant manager for Morton Frozen Foods, general manager for Valmac Industries, vice president of Ralston Purina and senior vice president of the Sara Lee Corporation. From 1981 to 1988, Jim was president of the TBC Corporation. Since 1988, he has served as vice president of H & M Foods.

1992. Juan-Carlos Romero Hicks.

Juan-Carlos Romero Hicks received two master's degrees from SOSC; in 1979, he earned a master's in social science followed by a master's in business administration in 1981. From 1981 to 1985, Romero Hicks was a consultant to the president's office at Guanajuato University in Guanajuato, Mexico for educational planning while conducting full-time research at the university. He has been assistant director, assistant dean of academics, head of research and a teaching professor. Since 1991, he has served as President of Guanajuato University.

1992. Mariah Anne Taylor.

Taylor graduated cum laude with a degree in nursing from SOSC in 1977. She founded the North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic in 1980. The clinic provides primary pediatric health service for the homeless, the working poor, and the uninsured. She has received numerous awards including the White Rose from the March of Dimes, the Jefferson Award for Public Service from the American Institute for Public Service, the Edwin Berry “Woman of Excellence” award presented by the Urban League of Portland, and an honorary doctorate from Linfield College.

1991. Michael Finley.

Michael Finley received his undergraduate degree in biology from SOSC in 1970. Since August of 1989, he has served as superintendent of Yosemite National Park. Prior to that appointment, he served for three years as superintendent of Everglades National Park. Other positions with the U.S. Department of the Interior include associate regional director for management at the Alaska Regional Office, superintendent of the Assateague Island National Seashore, and legislative affairs specialist in Washington, D.C.

1991. Jean Born-Wiley.

After graduating in 1979 from SOSC with a degree in business administration, Jean Born-Wiley went on to earn her MBA from the Stanford Graduate School of Business in 1986. She worked as a management consultant intern at Price Waterhouse in 1985, then was a senior systems analyst and computer programmer for Medford Corporation from 1979-84. From 1986-90, she served as a management consultant with Marakon Associates, an international management consulting firm. She is the founder and director of the Managerial Development Project in San Francisco.

1990. Daniel Santos.

A 1975 graduate of Southern Oregon State College with a degree in Criminology, Daniel Santos continued his education at Willamette University, earning his Juris Doctor from the College of Law in 1985. He was the program manager for the Governor’s Commission on Agricultural Labor for the State Department of Agriculture and also served as the placement coordinator for the Willamette University College of Law. He was appointed by Governor Goldschmidt to the State Board of Parole and Prison Supervision and also founded the Jackson County Migrant Education Program.

1990. Jim Parsons.

Jim Parsons graduated from SOSC in 1937 and received his B.A. in Speech/Drama from the University of Oregon in 1941. He is known for his innovative worker incentive programs, as the pioneer developer of the Well Pay Plan and accident free bonus plans. He has developed and shared a highly efficient saw blade technology which has been significant in the success of many other processors. He is the owner of Parsons Pine Product in Ashland, OR, the world’s largest producer of pine louver slats.

1989. William Stewart.

Bill Stewart graduated from Southern Oregon in 1960 with a degree in Secondary Education. He continued his education at the University of Oregon and completed his

masters in administration in 1964 and his doctorate in administration in 1970. He became the Chancellor of the State Center Community College District in Fresno, California. From 1978 to 1985 he served as the President of Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, following his presidency at Anchorage Community College from 1976 to 1978. From 1970 to 1976, at Mt. Hood Community College, he was the Dean of Educational Services, Associate Dean of Student Activities, Project Director, and Director of Academic Affairs. Prior to his higher education professional experience, he was a teacher, counselor, assistant professor, vice principal and principal at various schools in Oregon and Iowa.

1989. Robert Dolan.

After graduating in 1955 with a degree in Education, continued his education with a master's degree from Oregon State University and a Ph.D. from Louisiana State University. He is a professor of environmental sciences at the University of Virginia and has spent his life providing information about coastlines to the National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research/Coastal Sciences Programs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration and U.S. Geological Survey. He has been awarded more than \$6 million in federal support for his projects.

1988. Renate Mai-Dalton.

After graduating in 1973 with a degree in psychology, Renate Mai-Dalton earned both her master's degree and a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Washington, Seattle. She has authored or co-authored 27 journal articles and professional papers since 1977 and has participated in workshops and conferences as an invited speaker. She serves as an associate professor and director of doctoral programs in the School of Business at the University of Kansas.

1988. Grant Maurer.

In 1965, Grant Maurer graduated from SOSC with a degree in mathematics then went on to complete his master's degree in clinical sciences from Colorado State University and is a graduate of the Colorado State University School of Veterinary Medicine. In 1975, Maurer was one of the charter members of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. He is the recipient of the Merck Award, the UpJohn Award and the Bordon Scholarship. Dr. Maurer teaches as an affiliate professor of ophthalmology at Oregon State University and also presents lectures and seminars on the West Coast for his colleagues and their continuing education in ophthalmology.

1987. Virginia Linder.

With a degree in political science, Virginia Linder graduated from SOSC in 1975. She is Solicitor General of the State of Oregon, a position that makes her the senior appellate litigator for the state. The administrator of twenty specialists working in the Appellate Division of the Department of Justice, she is one of the youngest occupants of this position and the first woman to be appointed to it. She has also received the Department of Justice's Meritorious Service Award more times than any other employee.

1987. Raymond Thiess.

Raymond Thiess graduated with a degree in education in 1957 and has since become Executive Director of the Oregon Science Teachers Association, chairperson for the National Youth Science Camp Selection Committee, State Director of the National Association of Biology Teachers, co-chair of the Oregon Department of Education, Title II program for K-12 science education, and the Science Education Program Specialist for the State Department of Education in Oregon. He has served as President of the Council of State Science Supervisors and elected to the National Science Teachers Association three times.

1987. Michael Patrick.

While still in high school, Michael Patrick worked on the local Redmond Spokesman newspaper then continued his career as a journalist in the U.S. Army, where he earned the Golden Quill Award. He graduated from SOSOC in 1978 with a degree in communications. Patrick is the News Division Director of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) News, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He joined CBN in 1980 as Associate Producer of the 700 Club and became the Managing Editor the following year. He was promoted to news editor in 1983 and proceeded to advance to managing editor in 1986, and then soon was promoted to his current position. Patrick manages news operations in Washington, D.C., London, and Virginia Beach, VA. He also coordinates news coverage with bureaus in Jerusalem and Beirut.

1986. Steve Wisley.

Steve Wisley received his bachelor's degree in 1963 and a master's degree in 1966, both in elementary education at Southern. He later received a doctoral degree from the University of Oregon. He taught in Eagle Point and Central Point before moving to Washington where he was an elementary principal, then assistant superintendent. Moving to Medford in 1985, he became the superintendent of the Medford School District. Dr. Wisley was named Lebanon's "Man of the Year" in 1980 and received the Jackson County Toastmasters' Award for Outstanding Achievement to Communication Excellence in 1986.

1986. Maureen Whitman.

Maureen Whitman graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1977 after working 25 years as a practicing nurse. She then received a master's degree in nursing from Oregon Health Sciences University. She served as Assistant to the Dean and Director of Continuing Education before taking her position of manager of the Health Facilities Section Office of Environment & Health Systems of the Oregon State Health Division in 1985.

1985. April Sevcik.

April Sevcik graduated from Southern Oregon College in 1959 with a B.S. in General Studies. While at SOC, April worked for Pacific Northwest Bell and after graduation she went to work for them full time as a Service Representative in Medford. Sevcik worked for PNB in Salem, Portland and Eugene before returning as manager of the Medford Office. Beginning in 1983, April has become the owner/president of the

General Credit Service in Medford and is a member of numerous programs, boards, and associations.

1984. Frank Koch.

Frank Koch graduated in 1951 with a degree in Education.

1984. James Wright.

James Wright graduated in 1963 with a degree in general studies.