Congratulations, Seniors!

Willamette Academy’s sixth graduating class, the class of 2012, is on its way to college. Last spring, Willamette Academy graduated 23 seniors who are attending Oregon State University, Western, Pacific, Chemeketa, Linfield and Willamette in the fall. Our students earned an average 3.48 GPA, with one earning a perfect 4.0 and another earning an International Baccalaureate diploma. Willamette Academy students were awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships, including the Gates Millennium Scholarship, Ford Family Foundation Scholarship, Western Oregon University Diversity Scholarship, Rotary scholarships and more. Congratulations seniors. We are very proud of you!

Save the Date!

McMenamin’s Boon’s Treasury Benefit
Join us Tuesday, September 18th, 2012 at McMenamin’s Boon’s Treasury for a night out. A portion of the proceeds from the dinner sales will go to support Willamette Academy. Invite your friends and neighbors and we hope to see you at McMenamin’s on the 18th!
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Willamette Academy Open House and Art Show
Do you want to learn more about Willamette Academy? Join us for "First Wednesday” October 3rd, 4-6:30PM at our new Annex for our Open House and Student Art Show. Meet our students, learn about community council opportunities and more! We hope to see you there! Location:
195 Cottage St. S. Salem, OR 503-370-6085.

Believe in Me...A Great Success

Thank you to those who joined us last March for our “Believe in Me” benefit which was a great success. Your support helped us raise just over $20,000 for Willamette Academy! We could not have done it without our sponsors, donors, guests, volunteers and staff! Mark your calendar for next year’s event which will be held March 15, 2013 at the Grand Ballroom! See you then!
From the Director

It still continues to be an exciting time at Willamette Academy. Again, all of our seniors graduated from high school and 100 percent are attending college this fall. Our family program has grown, and we’re now able to provide more resources than ever before to the families of our students. We had an exciting summer program, during which time students learned about respect and teamwork, prepared for their scholarship applications and participated in creative art projects. Our eighth- and ninth-grade students attend a day camp, and the 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade students experienced real dorm life by staying in the dorms overnight. We are very proud of our program director, Joshua Bilbrew, who in June received an award by the local chapter of Blacks in Government for his work with youth. Bilbrew has worked at Willamette Academy for nine years and is passionate about ensuring our students attend college. In this issue, I hope you will enjoy reading about our summer program and opportunities for you to be involved with Willamette Academy. For the past decade, the academy, with your support, has enabled local students through our after school, weekend and summer programs achieve their dream of being the first in their family to graduate from high school and go on to college. To date, 99 percent of our Willamette Academy students have graduated from high school and 94 percent have enrolled in the college of their choice. Thank you so much for all your support in making this happen. Thank you so much!

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Willamette Academy’s Community Council...Get Involved!

Willamette Academy’s Community Council is comprised of community volunteers who are responsible for cultivating new partnerships for the academy through networking, resource collaboration and education. Community Council members support the mission of Willamette Academy and provide expert advice and assistance to the staff in a voluntary, consultative capacity. Council members attend fundraising and family events and participate on at least one committee.

Community Council Members

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Join us October 3, 2012 for our Open House and Student Art Show from 4pm-6pm at our WAnnex Building (195 Cottage St. South) and learn more about becoming a Community Council Member, view student art and more. Hope to see you there!

Thank you to our Senior Summer Dinner Hosts and Sponsors!
We had so much fun!

Michael and Linda Wooters
Los Baez Restaurant
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Danny Santos
Pietro’s Pizza
Jim and Chane Griggs
Linda and Larry Pearmine
Ryan and Gagan Follas
Each summer, Willamette Academy offers a summer program at Willamette University. Students participate in a non-residential day camp their first two summers and stay overnight on campus their remaining three. Students participate in a wide range of academic and social activities designed to help them transition from high school to college. Our summer program also promotes and enhances self-esteem, self-confidence and social skills through education, inspiration and empowerment.

**Willamette Academy’s summer program includes:**

**Reading and Writing Workshops**

Willamette Academy’s summer program provides instruction in SAT/ACT essay writing, personal writing and preparation for college-required writing.

**College Prep 101**

College Prep 101 provides Willamette Academy students with a complete college preparation experience. Our students focus on SAT/ACT preparation, test-taking strategies, scholarship opportunities and career exploration. Additionally, they attend workshops to learn about financial aid, completing college applications, resume writing, time management and goal setting. Students are introduced to Willamette University admissions counselors, faculty and college mentors.

**Creative Arts**

Our Willamette Academy students explore visual arts, creative writing, drama, dance, video and much more. Working with Willamette professors and community artists, the students are engaged in an encouraging environment that cultivates artistic expression.

**Life Skills and Self-Discovery**

During their time with Willamette Academy’s summer program, students learn to share, get along with others and become self-reliant. Students also learn about communication, staying safe, relationships, money, the environment and much more.
Thank you to all who made our 2012 Summer “Fun in the Sun” Picnic a Success!

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Willamette University Professors Partner with Willamette Academy

Professor Brianne Dávila: This past academic year, Dávila spent numerous hours learning about Willamette Academy’s mission and efforts in the local community to develop a plan for establishing a comprehensive research protocol for program evaluation and assessment. This research will inform and reinforce programming priorities, expansion efforts and curricula for Willamette Academy. Dávila’s project has received national recognition and funding from the American Sociological Association’s Sydney S. Spivack Program in Applied Social Research and Social Policy.

Professor Bianca Murillo: This past winter, academy students participated in a series of classes led by Murillo — studying Nelson Mandela’s life and dedication to the fight against racial oppression in South Africa. Students read Mandela’s autobiography and joined Willamette University students in their discussions of his book and accomplishments.

Professor Roy Pérez: Last spring, Willamette Academy students participated in a workshop series that featured Pérez’ college course, “Latina Performance.” Students learned about the history of Teatro Campesino “farmworkers theater,” and the cultural significance of plays that developed within social and political movements. Students were able share their own experiences that related to theater, cultural and familial histories. Pérez, alongside the students, developed the stages of putting on the performance.

“I feel really lucky to get to have this experience and learn about the significance of Teatro Campesino,” said Daisy Sumale, a student at McNary High School, about the experience. “We all had a great time performing our play for our classmates.”

Professor Emily Drew at Willamette Academy: This summer, one of Willamette’s sociology professors taught a college-level course for the 12th graders in the academy. This was the fourth time professor Emily Drew volunteered to facilitate “Critical (Re)Thinking About Education” for academy seniors. The goal of the course was for students to develop critical thinking skills about their own educational journey, which becomes the basis for their college admission and scholarship application essays. It also helps them strengthen their writing skills — since they write and revise drafts of four papers — and introduce them to a college-like classroom. Equivalent to a half-semester course at Willamette, students explored topics including: how history is taught, how peer groups and media influence self-concept, how tests are constructed, how gender and social class affect academic performance, and how schools are funded. Drew hopes to continue teaching this in future summers and describes it as “one the most significant opportunities I have been afforded in my career … stretching me to grow as a teacher and person.”

LEAF Resource Team Members January 2012- August 2012

Willamette Academy’s LEAF (Leaders Enriching the Academy’s Future) Resource Team is comprised of business partners and community members who assist with job shadows, workplace tours, volunteer opportunities, speaker, supplies and other resources for our students. Thank you for all you do for Willamette Academy!

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Students visit Garmin.
Create Perpetual Ripples of Change with One Simple Action

Like a pebble in a pond, studies show Willamette Academy creates a ripple of permanent change in the lives of its students, their families and their classmates. This change is happening immediately for the academy’s students, as well as for generations to come. Many of these ripples have been possible because of generous gifts from donors like you. You are changing lives beyond measure. You are using your financial success to create something of lasting significance.

But why not ensure that you create sustaining, life-changing ripples for students for years to come? It’s easier to do than you think. There is no money out of your pocket, and it is highly tax efficient. Simply change the beneficiary designation on a portion of your IRA account, tax-deferred annuity and retirement plan.

Unlike a will, no attorney fees are involved. You don’t have to have your entire estate plan figured out. All you need to do is change your beneficiary designation form on your IRA, 403-b, 401-k, tax-deferred annuity or other retirement plan — naming Willamette Academy at Willamette University (and any other charities) as a full or partial beneficiary. The forms are available from your payroll department or the custodian of your IRA.

This simple step can go a long way toward creating perpetual ripples, transforming your financial success into the success of Willamette Academy students for generations to come.

If you have questions about naming Willamette Academy as a beneficiary, please contact Steve Brier, Willamette’s associate vice president for gift planning, at 503-370-6022.

(Ron Kelemen is a fee-only certified financial planner™ with The H Group, Inc. in Salem, and a long-time member of the Willamette Academy Advisory Council.)

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