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Welcome to the new members of ICL!

Vernelle Judy and Don Beckman, our dedicated Membership Co-Directors, have been diligently working while the rest of us enjoy this great weather. They have invited many people off the waiting list and have already completed 2 days of orientation and have a 3rd day scheduled for tomorrow.

Congratulations to the 11 new members so far! Welcome to ICL!

This newsletter typically comes out on Monday mornings, but maybe not every Monday during the summer (see note below). Besides emails, this is the best way to communicate with ICL members (and some past members) and for you to find out what is going on. If you miss the email with the link to the newsletter on Monday morning, you can always find them in the [archives online](#) on the [ICL webpage](#).

The newsletter came about when Covid hit in March 2020 as a way to keep in touch with ICL members and has continued for over 3 years almost weekly with this 163rd issue.

NEW MEMBERS! Please note the following dates and ways that you can join in on the fun and get to know other ICL members during the summer - before classes start in September.

Please Note: The ICL Digest will not be published next week (May 29). Some of the editorial staff is traveling, but will return the following week. Look for it again on June 5th.

Dates to remember:

- **Tuesday lunches:** We invite you to join us at **Taproot at the Mill** every **Tuesday at 11:30 AM** for a casual lunch at Willamette Heritage Center (1313 Mill Street SE). Enjoy good food and conversation while taking advantage of the outdoor seating!
 - **Friday Virtual Happy Hours** on [Zoom](#) at 4:30 PM. Another way to get to know ICL members from the comfort and convenience of your own home. BYOB or beverage of your choice. No drinking and driving.
 - **Annual picnic on August 31st** (*save the date!*) at Minto Brown Island (gazebo near parking lot 3).
 - **Start of Fall semester: Thursday, September 7th.** *Note that we're starting on the Thursday after Labor Day instead of the usual Tuesday following Labor Day.*
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Thank You from Student Beneficiaries of a Jerry E. Hudson Endowed Book Fund

In 1997, ICL established the Jerry E. Hudson Endowed Book Fund with the purpose of offering financial aid to students facing economic challenges that hinder their ability to acquire necessary textbooks. Over the years, ICL has consistently contributed to this fund, although there was a temporary interruption in our contributions in recent years due to the Covid pandemic. However, we are delighted to announce that the ICL Board has recently voted to reinstate our commitment by donating \$1500 to further support this fund.

We are pleased to share with you another one of the heartfelt expressions of gratitude we received from the students who directly benefited from this fund:

Alicia Goetz, Class of 2023; Exercise and Health Major

I couldn't be more thankful for the aid that I have received so I can continue my education. If it wasn't for this help, I wouldn't have been able to finish my senior year here at Willamette. I am a first generation college student and I have a lot to prove to myself and my family. I chose to attend Willamette because of the kind and welcoming atmosphere. The inclusivity caught my eye. I feel like I am better prepared for life after college - especially as a woman of color in the field of medicine. I am planning on taking my knowledge either into the physical therapy field, athletic training field, or the para-medicine field. Thanks to all of the donors, I will be able to be the first one in my family to graduate and go on to a hopefully successful career with the help of this University. Thank you for your generosity and for making unrealistic goals become possible.

In my backpack you'll always find: Positivity and a smile!
