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Welcome to 3 new members! Thank you to Vernelle Judy and Don Beckman, Membership Co-Directors, for completing the task of bringing in new members from the Waiting List! Well done! The Waiting List is now down to 4 people!

New Member Bio: Group 4 is now posted online in the Member Area of the ICL web page under [More about ICL](#) and the heading "Members". This area is password protected. New members can find the username and password on the handout that you got at orientation.

Verify contact information: Thank you again to all members who have replied to confirm or change their contact information. If you have not replied yet, please do so now. We need to hear from everyone in order to have updated information for the printed membership directory. Look for an email with the subject "**ICL Contact Information**". If you don't think you got the email, please look in your Spam or Junk mailbox.

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:

Jordan Salazar

Class of: 2025; Major: Exercise & Health Science; Hometown: Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Activities and Involvement: Football, Resident Advisor, Hawaii Club, community service and outreach at my church I attend in Hawaii.

First of all, I would like to thank you so much for the scholarship aid that you have given me to purchase my textbooks for all my classes and school supplies. In Hawaii we say "Mahalo Nui Loa" which means THANK YOU VERY MUCH! This has really helped my family and me because the cost of living in Hawaii is so high that my parents live paycheck to paycheck. My dad needs to work several jobs to make ends meet - especially now with me attending college and having another sibling attend college soon, it's been a lot harder for us financially.

I chose Willamette University because this is a very prestigious school and was offered to play football here which is what I love doing the most! I also wanted to experience life in the mainland with the different seasons and learning to be independent. Football has always been a passion of mine for many years, and I have been playing since I was 5 years old. I love and enjoy playing the sport, practicing with my team, and most importantly, learning many life lessons through football.

Attending college at Willamette has been a great experience. I enjoy the small class sizes, having the individual help when needed, and most of the professors and staff have been helpful and supportive.

Being away from home to attend college, I have learned how to be independent, manage my time, communicate better and be a lot more responsible. Most importantly, I learned to appreciate my family and all of God's blessings that he has given me and continues to bless me with.

In my backpack you'll always find... My laptop, books and school supplies, flask, and wallet.

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.
- **Annual picnic on August 31st (save the date!)** at Minto Brown Island (gazebo near parking lot 3).
- **Start of Fall semester: Thursday, September 7th.** *Mark your calendars!*