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**Be Wild for our Health.** Check out Linfield's website dedicated to the safety and health of our community during the pandemic at [linfield.edu/covid](https://linfield.edu/covid). Questions may be sent to [covid19ert@linfield.edu](mailto:covid19ert@linfield.edu). Please address medical questions to [SHLT@linfield.edu](mailto:SHLT@linfield.edu).

## UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Men's and women's wrestling become first new Wildcat sports in quarter century

Linfield University on Monday announced the addition of men's and women's wrestling teams, which will begin competition in the fall of 2022.

The university will hire a coach for the programs right away, and begin recruiting for next year. Men's and women's wrestling will become the 22nd and 23rd NCAA Division III sports at Linfield, which has a strong tradition of student athletics.

"This is a big moment in Linfield's history, and in the history of Wildcat athletics," Athletic Director Garry Killgore said. "It represents our first new varsity programs in almost 25 years, which is not a step we took lightly. Women's wrestling is one of the fastest-growing sports in America, and we're excited to offer new opportunities for those athletes."



### Virtual and in-person Homecoming events continue this week

Here is a sampling of events open to the Linfield community this week:

#### MONDAY

- Virtual Trivia Night with Debbie Harmon Ferry '90

#### TUESDAY

- "Liberal Arts and Early Excellence" virtual presentation by Ann Klein '07

#### WEDNESDAY

- "The Dark Web and Emerging Threats" virtual presentation by Sean Hoar '80

#### THURSDAY

- "Leading Nursing Teams During the Pandemic" virtual presentation by Ashley Blatchley '06.
- Drag Show

#### FRIDAY

- "Homecoming Concert" featuring the Concert Choir. Reception to follow.
- Homecoming Pre-Game Festival

#### SATURDAY

- Swimming vs. Alumni

The last time the university added varsity sports was in 1996 with women's golf and 1997 with women's lacrosse. Linfield had a men's wrestling team until 1986, which competed at the NAIA level at the time.

[Read the full announcement.](#)

- Football vs. Whitworth
- Men's Soccer vs. Willamette
- Volleyball vs. George Fox

View the full schedule and register at [linfield.edu/homecoming](http://linfield.edu/homecoming).

View more student events and RSVP on [Engage](#).

## COVID-19 INFORMATION

### Weekly update: COVID-19 notifications and tracking for Oct. 4

For more information, [visit the COVID-19 tracking webpage](#).

#### McMinnville campus

New cases since last report:

**5**

Total cases since July 1, 2021:

**16**

#### Portland campus

New cases since last report:

**Fewer than 5**

Total cases since July 1, 2021:

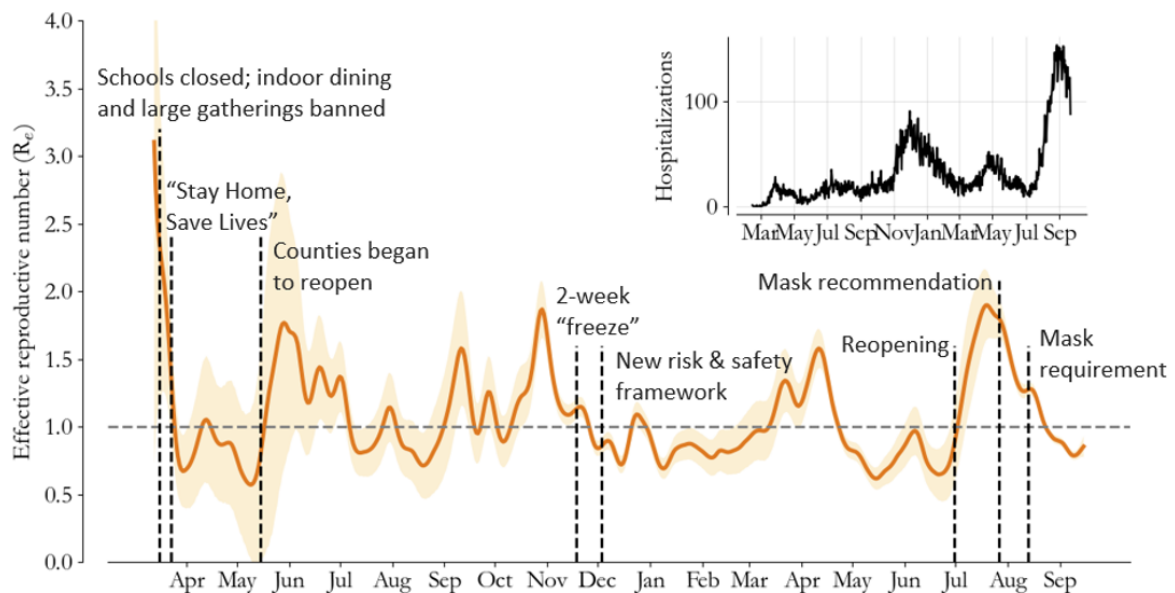
**Fewer than 5**

### Sniffles, cough or body aches? Use the checklist to know whether to stay or go

Cold and flu season is upon us. Sometimes it can be difficult to know whether to attend class and go to work or stay home. As a reminder, [Linfield's Health Monitoring Daily Checklist](#) can help you decide. And, when in doubt, stay home and consult your healthcare provider.

### The power of vaccinations and masks

On Friday, the Oregon Health Authority released its newest COVID-19 model. The following chart shows the positive impact that safety measures - such as mask wearing, vaccination and distancing - have on new cases reported and in hospitalizations. [Read the full report](#).



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## **A Message from the Provost: NWCCU accreditation mid-cycle review**

In 2020 our accreditation body, the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), adopted new standards. This is a regular process conducted on a ten-year cycle. The new standards provide a clear focus on student outcome across all students. The mid-cycle is a required report. This is a fairly informal self-study and site visit with two NWCCU reviewers who will assess how we are making progress for our comprehensive Year Seven Review, scheduled for spring 2026. The mid-cycle self-study is focused on assessment at the macro institutional level and at the microprogram level.

The macro assessment includes:

1. Identify a group of peers for benchmarking.
2. Identify key macro achievement (graduation rate, retention etc.) and success measures.
3. Provide disaggregated data to identify gaps in achievement.
4. Develop strategies to address achievement gaps.

For the mid-cycle report, we will not have this list completed, but we will need to report on our progress and what we will need to complete for the Year Seven Review.

Our mid-cycle self-study will include two examples of student learning that demonstrate how we use student achievement to "close the loop" that is make program achievement. Two examples are:

1. Inquiry Seminars (INQS). This program addresses all students and has a new model with writing labs, peer and faculty advisors, and integration with the new Writing Center based in Nicholson Library.
2. Business Capstone. Required for all business majors demonstrating holistic learning outcomes across the School of Business.

For the mid-cycle report, we will have a comprehensive description and analysis of these two examples completed.

In addition to the mid-cycle report, we will respond to the three recommendations that were received at our last comprehensive visit in spring 2019, when we were reaccredited with recommendations. These must be addressed at our mid-cycle review:

- Clarity of roles in governance.
- Clarity of process for equitable treatment of students, staff and faculty.
- Holistic student learning outcome assessment.

The accreditation team has been meeting monthly all summer in preparation for our mid-cycle review, scheduled for April 25-26, 2022. Please see the accreditation webpage for a list of team members and links. Questions can be directed to Kris Wessel in the Office of Academic Affairs.

## **Student flu vaccine clinic Oct. 5-6**

The Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center is hosting the annual Flu Vaccine Clinic for Linfield University students. The clinic runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 5 and Wednesday, Oct. 6 outside of Walker Hall. Inclement weather will move the clinic into the Walker Hall lobby. The vaccine costs \$48.99, payable in cash. Kaiser Permanente insurance holders may pay with cash and get reimbursed through Kaiser.

## **Circle K birthday cakes**

Circle K is once again doing their annual fundraiser. Order a Wildcat a birthday cake and support your on-campus Kiwanis Club. Order online at <https://www.linfield.edu/birthday-cake.html>.

## Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Title IX in 2022

Feb. 23, 2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the initial Title IX legislation, which led to creating equitable opportunities for women in all areas of life. Athletics is planning to celebrate Linfield's female athletes with a series of educational and interactive events throughout spring, launching on Feb. 2, 2022, National Girls and Women in Sports Day. We're hoping that other departments across campus want to join us with your own recognition of women's involvement and achievements. If you're interested in brainstorming events, displays, get together with us, please email us at [T950th@linfield.edu](mailto:T950th@linfield.edu).

## October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The theme for 2021 is 'Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart'. During October, ITS will be sharing some best practices and information from our Data Protection Policy.

First up: PASSWORD AND ACCOUNT BEST PRACTICES

- Maintain different account names and passwords across platforms and applications.
- Do not use the same password for personal accounts as you do for Linfield-related accounts.
- Try to keep personal account names from matching your login name for public sites like Gmail, NetFlix, and Facebook.
- Use long passwords, utilizing phrases or sentences. The password "SheSellsSeaShellsByTheSeaSh0re" is extremely more difficult to hack than "F%Gih^&40!" and yet easier to remember.
- Never give your password to anybody.
- Always manually log out of anything you logged in to when you are finished.

Read more on creating a secure password <https://inside.linfield.edu/its/security/passwords.html>

If you have questions or need assistance, contact ITS at 503-883-2553 or [macsupport@linfield.edu](mailto:macsupport@linfield.edu).

## Forward Together Task Force update

The [Forward Together Task Force](#) is in the process of reviewing submitted proposals and will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees next week for their review and finalization. We originally indicated that we expected to have completed the review by October 1, and we have informed the proposers of our timeline, as we believe that we need to make a start on this important work this fall semester. Questions can be directed to [forwardtogether@linfield.edu](mailto:forwardtogether@linfield.edu).

## The Lacroute Initiative wants to help fund your idea

The Lacroute Initiative is accepting proposals from faculty, staff, and students for grants supporting interdisciplinary projects and programming. Visit the [Lacroute Initiative webpage](#) to read submission guidelines and the proposal form. Want a reminder to submit your proposal? [Add the Dec. 17 due date to your calendar.](#)



## Concert Choir premieres alumni works at Oct. 8 "Homecoming Concert"

The [Linfield University Concert Choir](#) premieres original music from alumni composers [Alex Zhang '14](#) and [Zach Gulaboff Davis '14](#) in their upcoming homecoming-themed event. The "Homecoming Concert," a

part of the university's 2021 Homecoming celebration, takes place at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 8 in the Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium in Melrose Hall. [Learn more.](#)

## SAGE Club

[SAGE Club](#) meets from 4-5 p.m. every Monday in T.J. Day Hall 110. Come say hi, have snack and pick up a sticker. Learn more on the SAGE Club webpage.



### Stories from survivors of the Hiroshima atomic bombing

The World Friendship Center, a Japanese peace organization, visits the USA every three or four years to tell survivor stories of the Aug. 6, 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima in hopes that horror will never be repeated anywhere in the world. This year because of the COVID-19 pandemic, those stories from actual survivors will be via Zoom and will include a time for questions and comments. The Linfield community is invited to meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in Riley 201. We will connect with the World Friendship Center in Hiroshima from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. This event is sponsored by the history and political science departments.

## HHPA closure: fall break 2021

The HHPA will be closed for recreational use during fall break. Closure will start at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1 and continue through Tuesday, Oct. 5. The HHPA will resume normal usage hours on Wednesday, Oct. 6.

## Employment opportunities at Linfield

There are a variety of current openings for staff and faculty at Linfield University. Current employees can see the internal only job listings at the links below.

- Staff positions - <https://linfielduniversityjobs.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/>
- Faculty positions - <https://linfieldfaculty.applicantpool.com/internaljobs/>

External candidates who may be a good fit for a position are encouraged to apply at:

- Staff positions - <https://linfielduniversityjobs.applicantpool.com/jobs/>
- Faculty positions - <https://linfieldfaculty.applicantpool.com/jobs/>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Some of the events happening at Linfield this week:

- **Fall Break (no classes) (university and offices still open):** Oct. 4-5
- **ASLU Senate:** Oct. 4, 7:15-8:15 p.m. Jonasson Hall.
- **Flu Vaccine Clinic:** Oct. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walker Hall Courtyard or Lobby.
- **Faculty travel, student travel, speaker fund applications due:** Oct. 6. Please refer to the [Internal Funding webpage](#) for details and application forms.
- **Faculty development grant applications due:** Oct. 6. Form can be found in Etrieve at <https://etcentral.linfield.edu>.
- **Sabbatical applications due:** Oct. 6. Information on the [Faculty Forms webpage](#). Email applications to [sabbatical@linfield.edu](mailto:sabbatical@linfield.edu).



- **Wellness Wednesday: Cultivating culture in your work environment:** Oct. 6. 12-1 p.m., [Zoom](#). One lucky attendee will win a family game night basket.
- **Flu Vaccine Clinic:** Oct. 6, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Walker Hall Courtyard or Lobby.
- **Right or Pong:** Oct. 6, 8-9:30 p.m. Pioneer Hall 4th Floor Lobby. Join in a trivia and water pong competition. Free pizza. [Learn more and RSVP via Engage.](#)
- **IPO Tea Hour:** Oct. 7, 2-3:30 p.m. Walker 130. Tea, drinks and snacks from different cultures around the world.
- **BSU Weekly Meeting:** Oct. 7, 7-8 p.m. Withnell Commons Lounge.
- **WEB Presents: Drag Show:** Oct. 7, 7-8:30 p.m. Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium. [Learn more or RSVP on Engage.](#)
- **Linfield Visit Days:** Oct. 8. McMinnville campus.
- **Homecoming Pre-Game Festival:** Oct. 8, 5-6 p.m., tent between Mahaffey and Frerichs Halls. [Learn more or RSVP on Engage.](#)
- **Food Trucks:** Oct. 8, 5-7 p.m., Cozine Lane. [Learn more or RSVP on Engage.](#)
- **Homecoming Choir Concert:** Oct. 8, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Richard and Lucille Ice Auditorium. Free. Reception outside Starbucks to follow.
- **Zen Night:** Oct. 8, 8-9 p.m., Jane Failing Hall Lounge. [Learn more or RSVP on Engage.](#)
- **Swimming vs. Alumni:** Oct. 9, 10 a.m.
- **Football vs. Whitworth:** Oct. 9, 1:30 p.m. Maxwell Field or livestreamed at [golinfieldwildcats.com](http://golinfieldwildcats.com).
- **Men's Soccer vs. Willamette:** Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m., Soccer/Lacrosse Field or livestreamed at [golinfieldwildcats.com](http://golinfieldwildcats.com).
- **Volleyball vs. George Fox:** Oct. 9, 6 p.m, Ted Wilson Gym or livestreamed at [golinfieldwildcats.com](http://golinfieldwildcats.com).

See the full [McMinnville campus](#), [Portland campus](#) and [academic calendars](#) online.

Faculty members may also view the information in the [Academic Affairs calendar](#).

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