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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. Questions may be sent to covid19ert@linfield.edu. Please address medical questions to SHLT@linfield.edu.

TOP NEWS



Linfield University's 48th annual Lū'au & Hō'ike available online

Linfield University's Hui o Lōkahi Club held the 48th annual Lū'au & Hō'ike on the IM Field at the McMinnville campus on Saturday, April 17. The event was only open to students and employees, and they were spread out on the field for social distancing purposes. Thank you to Emma Inge '23 from Wildcat Productions for recording and editing this Linfield tradition.

[Watch the video.](#)



Student Symposium celebrates scholarship and creative works

The Student Symposium is a celebration of the work done by Linfield students. This year's Symposium features contributions from over 60 students from 19 different departments and disciplines. It features performances, readings, and research in the social and behavioral sciences, the natural sciences and the humanities.

[Join the virtual event on HopIn.](#)

COVID-19 INFORMATION

COVID-19 case update for April 26

Since the last report on Apr. 26, Linfield University has had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among its faculty, staff and students on either campus. More information about COVID-19 cases at Linfield can be found on Linfield's [COVID-19 tracking webpage](#).

[McMinnville Campus](#)

[Portland Campus](#)

New cases among staff, faculty and students since last report:

0

Total cases since Jan. 1:

56

New cases among staff, faculty and students since last report:

0

Total cases since Jan. 1:

Fewer than 5

Reminder - food at indoor events (and classrooms!)

As a reminder, food is currently prohibited at indoor events at Linfield. This includes providing food to students to consume during class. Exposures have happened in group settings where people take off their masks to eat food indoors. This rule continues to be in place until removed by the university.

Oregon health official approve resumption of use of J&J vaccine

A federal vaccine safety review panel announced last week that it recommends lifting the pause on the use and distribution of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine for people 18 and older. The Food and Drug administration has followed the recommendation and lifted the pause, adding a warning about the potential for rare blood clots for women under age 50. Additional information can be found on the FDA's [Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers](#).

Celebrating safely: Reminders for planning your Commencement event

Commencement is nearing, and many departments and programs have been asking how to safely celebrating their graduating seniors. Below are some helpful reminders and resources to help you in this process.

Please note: All in-person events must be approved by the Office of Conference and Event Planning via [25Live](#) and are subject to Linfield policies and county risk level guidance at the time of the event.

YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Indoor and outdoor on-campus events attended by current Linfield students, faculty and staff in compliance with Linfield Temporary Policies for Pandemic Response and state and county regulations.Food or drink at outdoor events is allowed, provided that it is grab-and-go food that is prepackaged or served by a caterer, business or designated/recorded individual.Outdoor seating may be provided for attendees to consume grab-and-go food service (lower and moderate risk levels only). Note: both campuses are currently in high.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">No off-campus guests may attend indoor or outdoor on-campus events (athletic event spectators allowed by special exception).No food or drink at indoor events.No food or drink may be prepared by host or guests (i.e., no potlucks or bake sales).No self-serve food options.No tables or chairs may be moved, removed or added during the campus event.

Special considerations for event planners, including food service, signage, attendance tracking and cleaning information can be found via these resources:

- [Hosting in-person events during COVID-19 at Linfield University](#)
- [Food at meetings and events policy re: COVID-19 \(Spring 2021 guidelines\)](#)
- [Temporary policies and procedures related to the pandemic](#)

- [State of Oregon Sector COVID-19 Risk Level Guidance chart](#)

Please contact the Office of Conference and Event Planning at 503-883-2448 or reserve@linfield.edu with questions or for assistance.

UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



McMinnville campus commencement activities

Celebrations of the graduating class of 2021 begin this week, with the first event happening on Wednesday, April 28. Virtual and in-person events continue for the McMinnville graduates through Sunday, May 9. See the full list of Commencement events online at linfield.edu/commencement.

Updated Nicholson Library hours

The Nicholson Library will have the adjusted hours on April 30 and May 1:

- Friday, April 30: **7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- Saturday, May 1 - Sunday, May 2: **Closed**

During May Term - running Monday, May 3 through Friday, May 28 - the library's hours will be:

- Monday - Thursday: **7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.**
- Friday: **7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- Saturday: **Closed**
- Sunday: **Noon to 9:30 p.m.**

Virtual Faculty Achievement Celebration today from 4-6 p.m.

This year's Faculty Achievement Celebration will take place from 4-6 p.m. Monday, April 26 via Zoom. At this event, faculty award winners will be announced, emeriti faculty recognized and newly promoted and tenured faculty honored. This will be informal, and families are welcome to attend. If friends and family members are using their own Zoom account, please ask them to join at 4:15 p.m. Faculty should [pre-register here](#).

Career panel with Linfield MSN students

Student Life is excited to offer you the very first ever Career Panel with Linfield's very own MSN students! This is a great opportunity for you to hear from nurses who are relatively new to the field and veterans of the workforce, all of whom are bringing great experience. There will be ample time for you to ask questions as well. Join the panel from 12-12:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 via Zoom. [RSVP here](#) by Sunday, May 2 to receive the link. Panelists are:

- Bre Clark, BSN
- Angel Harris, RN, BSN
- Molly Pechacek, BSN, RN, CCRN, RNC-OB

Faculty Observation Groups panel discussion on April 28

Faculty Observation Groups are coming to a close. Jenn Williams and Rachel Norman would like to thank each participant for their dedication to the success of fellow colleagues and the pilot program. The virtual discussion panel will take place from noon-12:50 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. Attendees are encouraged to enjoy their lunch during the meeting. The panel looks forward to hearing new ideas and discussion of takeaways from this experience. RSVP to lab@linfield.edu for Zoom details. Contact [Jenn](#) and [Rachel](#) with any questions.

Kaiser PPO/Added Choice Q&A session

Linfield's Office of Human Resource will be hosting a Q&A session for employees and/or family members who have questions about the PPO/Added Choice plan offered by Kaiser. Join us at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29 using this [link](#). There have been numerous questions about which providers are accessible and how to get care outside of Kaiser. If you have any questions about the Kaiser PPO / Added Choice plan, please make plans to attend the webinar, hosted in partnership with Linfield HR, Kaiser representatives, and our brokers with Hagan Hamilton.

Tonight - Mac Reads 2021 with Cinthia Manuel

Join the McMinnville Public Library, Third Street Books and Linfield University at 6 p.m. Monday, April 26 for a discussion of the [MAC Reads 2021](#) title, "[The Racial Healing Handbook](#)," with Cinthia Manuel, Linfield alumna and CEO and founder of Autentica Consulting. The event will be streamed live on Linfield University's YouTube channel. For more information or to download the book [here](#).

Weekly stress management workshop

If you are feeling challenged by current stressors and are looking for a space dedicated to self-care and support, this weekly workshop provides a variety of stress management skills to help you find balance during difficult times. Join the Student Health, Wellness and Counseling Center every Wednesday from 4-4:50 p.m. via [Zoom](#) (passcode: SHWCC103). Click [here](#) for workshop handouts. All students are welcome!

Employment opportunities

Employees can view current openings for staff positions [here](#), and faculty positions [here](#). If you know someone who you think may be a good candidate, please share this [link](#) for staff positions, and this [link](#) for faculty positions.

Submit an Announcement for Linfield Ahead

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Symposium day:** April 26
- **Final exams (OCE):** April 26-30
- **Faculty and Staff Yoga:** April 26, 12 p.m., HHPA Room 013
- **Linfield Circle K Weekly Meeting:** April 26, 7:30-8:30 p.m. TJ Day 222.
- **Final exams (McMinnville):** April 27-30
- **Faculty and Staff Yoga:** April 28, 12 p.m., HHPA Room 013
- **FOGs Panel Discussion:** April 28, 12 p.m., Online
- **ASLU Finals Week Food Trucks:** April 28, 2-4 p.m. 100 free vouchers for Crave Mini Donuts.
- **Black Excellence Senior Celebration:** April 28, 6:30 p.m. Lawn, between VBMC, Nicholson Library and the Miller Fine Arts, Seniors by invite only.
- **IPO Tea Hour:** April 29, 2:30 p.m. Walker Hall, courtyard facing Linfield Avenue. A weekly social event to bring together Linfield students in a multicultural environment over tea.
- **Virtual Career Trek - Paccar:** April 29, 3-4 p.m., Online.

- [Latinx Senior Celebration](#): April 29, 6:30 p.m. Lawn, between VBMC, Nicholson Library and the Miller Fine Arts, Seniors by invite only.
- [LAB Service Learning Community Partner Round Table](#): April 30, 1 p.m. Online.
- [Senior Celebration/GRAD Finale](#): April 30, 7 p.m. Memorial Stadium, graduating seniors only. Streamed for families.
- [Virtual Baccalaureate](#): May 1, 8 a.m. Online.
- **Semester ends (McMinnville & OCE)**: April 30
- **Commencement weekend (McMinnville)**: May 1-2
- **Final grades posted: graduating students (McMinnville/OCE)**: April 30 or May 1
- **Final grades posted: continuing students (McMinnville/OCE)**: May 7

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