

# Alumni in Focus

**This fall, Saint George's has been reaching out to our graduates. Here are a few of their responses, highlighting growing families, work milestones, and educational plans.**

## Merrilee Lindaman '75

"It's a coffee shop, a bar, a bistro. It's Cheers. And after 35 years, Lindaman's Gourmet-to-Go is closing," noted an October 2019 article in the Spokesman-Review highlighting Merrilee Lindaman, owner and cook at the South Hill institution.

"Devoted customers have stampeded in to get the last of their favorite foods and tell her how much the place has meant to them. "There are many families where I know four generations," she says, "Many of them have also been employees.... It's been a love affair. When I tell people that, they say, 'So why are you closing?'" She laughs and says, "Because my feet hurt."

Read the full article at about Merrilee at [www.sgs.org/magazine](http://www.sgs.org/magazine).

## Phil Kovacevich '83

"I was only at Saint George's for my senior year of high school, but have very fond memories," says Phil Kovacevich, who lives in New York City.

"I have worked as a book designer for more than 20 years, after graduating with a degree in Graphic Design from the University of Washington. I am primarily an independent (freelance) art book designer (exhibition catalogues, monographs, etc.) and my clients are museums, publishers, and sometimes galleries. I have designed books for many artists in the Pacific Northwest, including Spokane artists Harold Balazs and Ric Gendron."

See samples of Phil's cover designs at <http://www.philkovacevich.com/>







## Rachel Kutteruf '00

"I live in Seattle with my husband, Jon, son Asher (3 years old), and daughter Lucy (will be 1 year old in January 2020). I am an anesthesiologist and Chief of Neuroanesthesia for USAP-Washington, which staffs the Swedish Hospital System in Seattle."



## Nani Vishwanath '05

"I am currently living in the Seattle area with my husband, Matt, our son, Sameer, and our daughter, Amaya, who joined us on December 17! After nearly a decade of working in higher education and receiving my Masters of Education in Student Development Administration, I have been working for the last year and a half at Limeade, an employee experience software company based in Bellevue."

"I think fundamentally my passion for social change and organizational support (whether it be on a college campus or at a corporate organization) brought me to Limeade. I was and am excited about being able to make a societal difference through the power of technology. At Limeade, I'm a Strategic Account Executive and I work with companies across the globe to shape the experience of their employees. My passions for leadership development and diversity & inclusion are critical to my work."



## Hal Halvorson '07

"I am a professor in the Biology department at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, AR. My specialty is aquatic ecology, primarily related to water quality and how biota like invertebrates respond to environmental stressors. I completed my PhD in 2016 at the University of Arkansas and then I spent 3 years as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Southern Mississippi. So, this is my first professorship. I was thrilled to get this position, as it is a very competitive job market and it has been such a joy to return to Arkansas. It is a gorgeous state! I also am lucky to have an ideal balance between teaching and research."

Here is Hal in the Ozark National Forest conducting research.



## Peter Worrall '14

"I graduated from West Point in 2018, majoring in Military History with Thesis (Honors) and Spanish. I commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. I work as a Fire Support Officer in the 1-91 Cavalry Squadron (Airborne), 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) stationed in Tower Barracks, Grafenwohr, Germany."

"Here is a picture of my promotion to First Lieutenant in December. My thesis was not a traditional thesis—instead I did a capstone project consisting of eight individuals majoring in Computer Science, Information Technology, History, and Systems Engineering. Together we built an augmented reality of the Rangers actions at Pointe du Hoc on D-Day."

"I love life in Germany. I live in Weiden, which is an hour and a half from Prague and Nuremberg. I have been able to travel to Munich several times, as well as Austria, France, and Greece. I am planning several trips for next year. I chose the Field Artillery because of the different positions it offers. Right now, I am a Fire Support Officer, which means I serve in a maneuver Battalion with the frontline troops. In the next two years, I will be a Fire Direction Officer and a Platoon Leader, both serving within the Field Artillery on the gunline side of things. Additionally, when I become a captain in a few years, I will switch to the Military Intelligence branch."

So far, I have experienced how rewarding, demanding, and occasionally difficult it is to manage the lives of individuals ranging from 17 to 35 years old from all walks of life. It has opened my eyes to things that I had not experienced growing up in Spokane."



## Adithya Shekhar '14

"I finished my Bachelor of Science at UCLA with a major in Biology and a minor in Evolutionary Medicine. I am currently at California Northstate University College of Medicine in Sacramento. The area of medicine that interests me the most is orthopedic surgery. After finishing my MD degree and residency, I hope to eventually run a private practice with an emphasis on sports-related injuries.

I am also interested in the business aspect of medicine and want to work on developing more effective ways of providing universal health care to those who fall through the cracks of our current healthcare system. If anyone at SGS is interested in pursuing medicine, they can always reach out to me as a resource for more information."



## Tyler Castoldi '16

"I am currently working as a firefighter/EMT after going through West Plains Fire Academy and EMT school at INHS. I worked for some time on the ambulance, but primarily work through the fire station. Both my parents were firefighters/paramedics; that's my dad Darin in the photo. He's a Firefighter/Paramedic with Spokane County Fire District 9.

I passed the physical and cognitive exams and went through the 5-month Fire Academy to receive my IFSAC firefighter 1 ratings and graduate as a firefighter with AHFD. I also work for Alaska Airlines as a Ground Service Agent."

I'm not really sure what I want to do with my future, but I know I love the medical field and taking care of people, which is why nursing appeals to me. Medicine is a field with continuous learning opportunities, and many career options. I've also thought about becoming a full time paid firefighter/EMT in the future. Airway Heights is a great Fire Dept., but as of now is only volunteer."