

## Alumni E-Newsletter, April 30, 2024



### In Conversation with Denyse McGriff, Class of 1973

We had a thoroughly delightful time talking with Denyse McGriff for this month's alumni feature. A History and Political Science major from the Class of 1973, Denyse and her husband live in an historic home in Oregon City, Oregon where she is in her second year of her first four-year term as Mayor.

**Please share a little bit about your background:**



I grew up mainly in California. I first moved to the Monterey Bay area when my father was stationed at Fort Ord. When he retired, my family relocated to San Jose. I was the first of my family members to go to a four-year school. In addition to my passion for public service and historic preservation, I am a certified yoga instructor and fascinated by the meditations and philosophy of Hinduism, the latter which I attribute, in part, to the excellent comparative religions classes taught by Sister Catherine McGrath, while I was a student at then-College of Notre Dame (CND). I have gone to meditation retreats to India twice; both were life-enhancing experiences.

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### Recap of Our April 25th Alumni Happy Hour

Over 50 alumni, faculty and staff turned out for last week's Alumni Happy Hour at Vivace Ristorante in Belmont. Attendees received a University update from NDNU President Beth Martin, in addition to enjoying delicious appetizers and beverages and visiting with new and old friends.

If you would like to be involved in planning future alumni events and activities, please let us know. We are also very interested in starting a "Class Notes" section in the alumni newsletter; use [this link](#) to let us know what milestones you would like us to include.





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