

**Megan Ferguson Clubb**  
***Class of 1974***



**Megan Ferguson Clubb** hails from a long-standing family in the Walla Walla Valley and has risen beyond the challenge to successfully lead the oldest independently owned community bank in the Pacific Northwest. A 1974 graduate of Wa-Hi, Clubb was active in National Honor Society and was simultaneously president of two organizations: Walla Walla Wagonettes and Kappa Ki, a service club. She earned a degree in Economics from Whitman College and a Master of Science Degree from the Sloan School of Management, MIT. After working eight years as a consultant in the San Francisco area, her love of family and hometown community drew her back to Walla Walla in 1989.

She held many positions within Baker Boyer bank before being named President in 2000 and, later, CEO. Under her leadership, Baker Boyer ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> on the Top 200 Community Banks list, compiled by U.S. Banker, in 2010 and the institution earned first place in the 2011 Seattle Business Magazine's "Best Places to Work in Washington" in 2011. She also spearheaded a workplace wellness initiative, honored recently for Leadership in Health Care. In 2011, she was named to the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

On the community front, Clubb is an acting Trustee for Whitman College and has been involved with the Walla Walla Watershed Alliance Board, Carnegie Art Center, Blue Mountain Community Foundation and the Downtown Walla Walla Foundation. She also partners with her husband, Marty, in their Lowden winery L'Ecole.

Here's what her nominators had to say:

Longtime coworker and nominator Judy Hicks says "She is always promoting our community and is a supporter of all our local public and post secondary schools."

Michael Pettyjohn has been impressed by Megan since first meeting her at the Klicker's Christmas tree lot in 1997. Now, as an employee of Baker Boyer, he is still amazed by "her passion, her drive, her integrity, her humbleness and desire to bring the best to her bank, its employees and...clients."

Clubb named her middle school Spanish and English teacher, Ruth Hanson, as the most influential teacher in her life.

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themselves to society  
and bring honor to the district.



## John P. Folsom

### *Class of 1962*

**John P. Folsom's** high school years were filled with a variety of activities and interests, including ASB presidency in his senior year. They were a great precursor for this 1962 graduate's life-long accomplishments. After earning a business degree, becoming a Certified Public Accountant and then a lawyer, Folsom proved himself in the business world, ending his official career at Brown & Brown Inc. in Tacoma in 2006. But that is just the tip of the iceberg for this enterprising man.



His long history of community service projects in his beloved hometown has earned him the nickname "Mr. Tacoma." He has been active in the Tacoma Arts Fund, Board of the Multicare Health System, the Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, the YMCA and the Executive Council for a Greater Tacoma. In 2011, he received the Kim and George Tanbara, M.D. Humanitarian Award from Community Health Care, honoring his leadership and action in health care initiatives.

Here's what his nominators had to say:

Jack F. Irving, representing a cadre of Green Park classmates, tells of Folsom's nickname: Speedy. "At Wa-Hi, John played sports, was student body president, ROTC officer, band conductor and editor of the school paper plus he worked part time at Sporleders... Wow!"

Folsom's brother, Dave, says one of his most endearing and important qualities is his innate sense of honesty and integrity. "He's a person who says what he means and means what he says. His approach is to set goals and then focus on them with unwavering attention...and he's also fun to be around."

His nominator, Judy Chamberlain Holloway claims it's impossible to be "brief" when writing about Folsom. "John epitomizes a positive role model for current and future students...John set the bar high for himself early in life and continued to raise it."

Folsom says two people figured prominently in his life: Russell Larsen, music instructor, and Don Cramer, a teacher and coach.

## Jill A. Largent, M.D.

### *Class of 1968*

The life of **Jill Largent** has been one of both academic success and defying the odds. The 1968 Wa-Hi graduate was a National Merit Scholar, Valedictorian and straight A student, but she also grew up in a time when women didn't compete in athletics or the tough math and science courses. She actually ran the 440 quite well and excelled in those tough classes, receiving the annual Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Award and earning a rare scholarship to the school where she was able to be in a program that allowed her to complete her undergraduate and medical degrees in just six years.



Largent earned specialties in both Pediatrics and Nephrology (children's kidney disorders) and practiced at Albany (NY) Medical Center and the distinguished Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, until her retirement. She was a catalyst in establishing summer camps for children with spina bifida and severe kidney problems. She physically and financially supported these Camp Kydnies that allowed these children to spend a week away from home in places where their medical needs could be met. She and her husband, John, still play Santa and helper for young patients at the Geisinger Children's Hospital. She also loves horses and shares that joy with young people at a Kid Horse Camp.

Here's what her nominators had to say:

Dr. Paul Bellino, a colleague at Geisinger, said she taught him that "being a good physician means not only being interested in caring for patients in offices or hospitals. It also means being committed to the overall mental, emotional and environmental health of children."

Her sister, Judy Treman, calls her an "inspirational role model for the past, present and future students of Walla Walla. (She) achieved so much all by herself in spite of many experiences that would have discouraged a less determined person."

Largent singled out Bill Bieloh for teaching her many lessons including enthusiasm, "which provided me with energy over the years when my own stores were depleted."