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University President Miles K. Davis
900 SE Baker Street
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Support for Renaming a Street on Linfield University's McMinnville Campus

Dear President Davis,

It is an honor to have been invited to join and support the work of the committee to propose a new name for Brumback Street on Linfield University's McMinnville campus. When I heard the renaming committee was unanimous in their support to propose a name centered on the indigenous people of place, I enthusiastically agreed to engage the effort.

It has been a privilege to support members of the renaming committee including students, staff, and faculty with this effort. Their commitment to learning and inclusion was always at the forefront of our conversations. After much thoughtful deliberation, the committee has selected Lakamas Lane.

I am writing to enthusiastically support the recommendation of the committee to rename Brumback Street to Lakamas Lane. On behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the indigenous people of the lands that Linfield University's campus in McMinnville Oregon sits upon, I thank the committee for selecting this name. Lakamas is the chinuk wawa name for the blue flowered camas plant that was and continues to be an important food of our people. At the time of early Euro-American settlement of the Willamette Valley, Camas was so thick in areas that the patches of blooming flowers were confused as lakes from a distance. This name honors the people and lifeways of the Kalapuya people who are the indigenous people of the Willamette Valley.

I am looking forward to supporting further growth in the relationship between The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and Linfield University. If I can be of any further assistance with next steps in the renaming process please be in touch.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Harrelson".

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