



A NEW PILOT'S JOURNEY
2022-23 and Beyond

University of Portland 

A LOOK BACK – AND A LOOK AHEAD: 2022-23 and Beyond



On July 1, 2022, I had the distinct honor of becoming the 21st president of the University of Portland. Arriving for my first day of work on The Bluff, I remember feeling so much excitement, so much joy, so much hope. Not only was I joining a renowned institution and a distinguished team, but, as the first layperson to lead UP, I was bringing a unique perspective to help guide us into the future while honoring the University's proud traditions.

As I head into my second year, I still feel all of that excitement, not only for everything our community accomplished over the past year, but for all that I know we will accomplish in the future.

This past year, we launched our strategic plan, *Hope, Renewal, Transformation*. This plan will guide us as we continue our journey toward becoming a Catholic, Holy Cross university of national prominence. We landed atop the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings, opened a new Diversity Center and leaned even harder into our mission of becoming the University *of, for* and *with* Portland.

The promise of the year before us is just as inspiring. We will open the Shiley-Marcos Center for Design & Innovation, a transformational new building that will serve as a hub of innovation for our entire campus. We will continue the implementation of our strategic plan, work to broaden access to a UP education, and pursue excellence in teaching and learning, faith and formation, and service and leadership. And that's only the beginning.

The University of Portland community accomplished so much last year. I have no doubt that our upward trajectory will only continue, as we meld our storied traditions with the promise of all that is to come to make the University of Portland *the* transformative Catholic university – for our students, staff and faculty; for our alumni and friends; and for the entire Pilot community.

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Robert D. Kelly, Ph.D.
President



Leading the way

Rankings are just one way we can measure our success here at UP, and this past year, we landed on top. U.S. News & World Report ranked UP No. 1 on its list of Regional Universities West.





A welcome for everyone

The University of Portland's commitment to welcoming *all* is rooted in its Catholic, Holy Cross mission and identity. This past year featured the unveiling of our brand-new Diversity Center; the appointment of Tshombé Brown (above right) as Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; and a wide array of cultural and artistic programming that centers and celebrates UP's diverse community. UP's new Strategic Plan – *Hope, Renewal, Transformation* – will see the institution lean more than ever into its Catholic, Holy Cross mission of embracing all.





Bringing UP to life

Students on The Bluff are busy making a difference. From gaining new skills in the Simulated Health Center and engaging in service and justice work to honing new talents and just having fun, UP's campus pulses with activity.





Educating and inspiring

UP's staff and faculty are singularly focused on student success. Small class sizes, a commitment to teaching excellence and boundless opportunities for undergraduate research are hallmarks of a University of Portland education. Recent additions include: (from left to right) David Mengel, Ph.D., Provost; Greg Naleski, VP University Relations; Mai Nhia Xiong-Chan, VP Enrollment Management; Joane Mocerri, Ph.D., RN, Dean, School of Nursing & Health Innovations.





Faith and hope

Since its founding in 1901, UP has been a place where people of all faith traditions – or no faith tradition at all – gather to discover their deepest purpose and learn to lead a life of fulfillment. The University's Holy Cross mission is lived out, each and every day, in classrooms and in residence halls, on The Bluff and around the world.





For the win

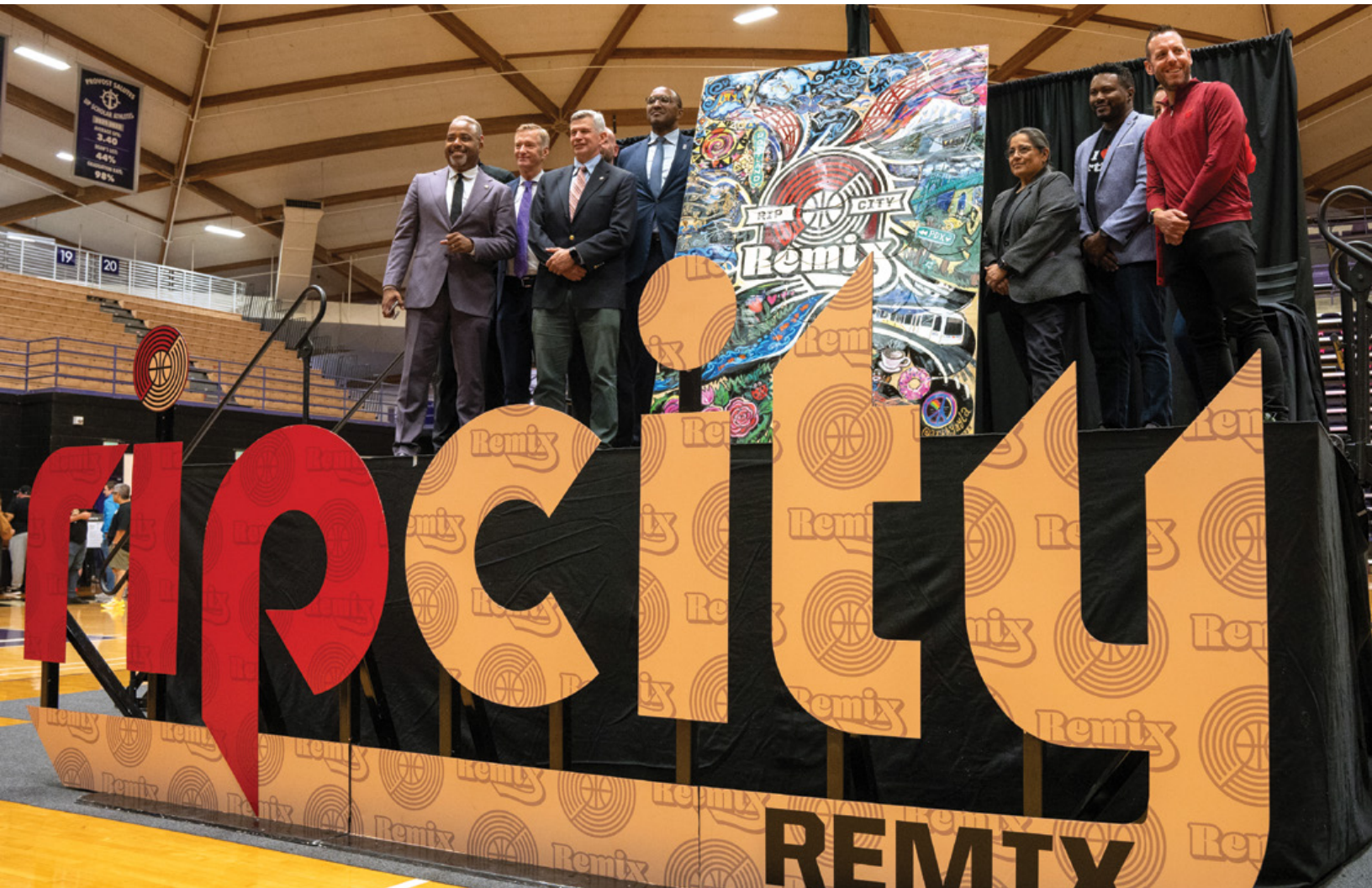
This past year, the Pilots excelled. Women's basketball conquered the West Coast Conference and made their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1997. Men's and women's soccer made deep runs in postseason play. All the while, UP student-athletes achieved excellence in the classroom and the community.





The city's university

The University *of, for* and *with* Portland. That's what UP is called to do. From the North Portland Civil Rights Immersion (above) to serving as the home of Rip City Remix (the new NBA G League franchise affiliated with the Portland Trail Blazers), UP is more committed than ever before to serving as Portland's university.





On the horizon

Support from generous donors is helping UP blaze new trails. The Shiley-Marcos Center for Design & Innovation (below) will open this January thanks to a lead gift from Regent Darlene Marcos Shiley (above left). In April, Regent Jim Berchtold '63 (above right) announced an \$18 million estate gift to support scholarships and tuition assistance.





Toward the future

Commencement on The Bluff is a celebration of achievement. This year, NPR host Ari Shapiro served as Commencement Speaker, and hundreds of graduates officially became UP alumni.





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