



2024

All-Oregon

ACADEMIC TEAM
LUNCHEON

APRIL 19, 2024

**Chemeketa Community College
Eola Event Center**

Recognition Program

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Oregon Community College Association



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April 19, 2024



Dear Members of the All-Oregon Academic Team:

I am delighted to write to you today to acknowledge your nomination and selection. It is such a pleasure to congratulate each of you as distinguished members of the Phi Theta Kappa All-Oregon Academic Team. Your achievements, recognized by OCCA and your community college, stand as a testament to your dedication and excellence in your education. Enclosed is the All-Oregon Academic Team Recognition Program, outlining the commendable accomplishments that have led to this well-deserved honor. This is the 30th anniversary of the AOAT Luncheon, so this is a special year!

I'd also like to reflect on the transformative journey you have undertaken at your college. Community colleges serve as vital gateways to higher education, offering opportunities to individuals from diverse backgrounds and circumstances. Regardless of academic preparedness or any of life's challenges, community colleges ensure that access to higher education is a fundamental right extended to all. Your decision to pursue education at a community college is a significant milestone in your academic and personal growth. Embrace this achievement with pride, knowing that the education you have received has equipped you with the tools necessary for success.

Also, like a stone cast into water, the ripple effects of your dedication and perseverance will extend far beyond your immediate sphere, influencing and inspiring others to pursue their dreams.

On behalf of the OCCA Board of Directors, I again extend my warmest congratulations. Your achievements exemplify a spirit of excellence and serve as a source of inspiration for future students. As you move forward, I encourage you to remain actively engaged in your communities, continuing to lead by example and instilling hope in those around you.

With admiration and best wishes,

Jane Reid, Board President

Oregon Community College Association



Keynote Speaker



Representative Tawna Sanchez
Oregon State Representative

Representative Tawna Sanchez has spent her life working to strengthen our community. Rep. Sanchez is Shoshone-Bannock, Ute and Carrizo and grew up in Portland, and for many years has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, indigenous people, and the most vulnerable. As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Rep. Sanchez helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wraparound service model.

Over time, Rep. Sanchez has helped raise 18 foster kids, and has been active in state policy making – serving on the Family Services Review Commission and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

As a state representative, Rep. Sanchez remains committed to standing up for social justice on the side of the oppressed, and pushing to make our systems more equitable.

Thank You!

OCCA would like to give special thanks to the Phi Theta Kappa advisors and instructors at Oregon's 17 community colleges who helped nominate and coordinate with this year's AOAT scholars!



Student Speakers



Chad Doherty

Blue Mountain Community College



Salome Alford

Columbia Gorge Community College



Jessica "Jay" Benke

Mt. Hood Community College



Kayla Kelly

Treasure Valley Community College

Every year, the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA) Member Services Committee selects three to four students to share their educational journeys at the All-Oregon Academic Team Awards Luncheon. The Committee is made up of local college board members, staff, and presidents. The criteria used for selecting the student speakers is based on academic excellence, leadership, and community service while pursuing an associate's degree, as well as the obstacles they have overcome on their path to an education.

These stories are powerful and inspiring, and OCCA would like to thank these students for having the courage to share them with all of us today.

About Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate, for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence.

All-State Community College Academic Team

Phi Theta Kappa, community college presidents, and community college state associations sponsor All-State Community College Academic Team ceremonies in 37 participating states. Students nominated to the national All-USA Community College Academic Team / Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team are automatically named to the All-State Community College Academic Teams. Ranking on the All-State Community College Academic Teams is generally determined by the student's score in the national competition.

All-State Community College Academic Team recognition ceremonies vary by state but are most often held in the state capitol with legislators, education leaders, and corporate leaders attending. All-State Community College Academic Team members receive special recognition at these ceremonies, including medallions and certificates and may include scholarships. If applicable, Coca-Cola Gold, Silver, and Bronze Scholars are also recognized.

College & University Partners

Phi Theta Kappa has partnered with over 750 four-year colleges and universities in the United States, the District of Columbia, Canada, and England, offering more than \$37 million in transfer scholarships to Phi Theta Kappa members each year. We are pleased to highlight 15 four-year colleges and universities that have designated scholarships exclusively to All-Oregon Academic Team members. Students apply for these scholarships directly from the colleges and universities that offer them.

The Oregon Community College Association wishes to thank the following four-year institutions for offering transfer scholarships to this year's All-Oregon Academic Team:			
\$1,000-\$13,000	Bushnell University	\$2,500	Pacific University
\$1,000	Corban University	\$1,000	Portland State University
\$1,000-\$2,500	Eastern Oregon University	\$1,000	University of Oregon
\$5,000-\$14,000	George Fox University	\$1,000	University of Portland
\$2,000-\$30,000	Lewis & Clark College	\$1,000-\$8,000	Warner Pacific University
\$1,500	Linfield University	\$1,000	Western Oregon University
\$1,000	Oregon Institute of Technology	\$1,000	Willamette University
\$1,500	Oregon State University	THANK YOU TO OUR UNIVERSITY PARTNERS!	

Special Recognition

Coca-Cola New Century Scholar is a designation bestowed upon students in each state with the highest All-USA Academic Team application score. The program recognizes 100 scholars annually.



**Coca-Cola New Century Transfer Scholar
Oregon**

Matthew Ebner
Klamath Community College



**Coca-Cola New Century Workforce Scholar
Oregon**

Jai Johnson
Portland Community College



Congratulations!

Special Recognition

Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Scholar Recipients

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team. The Coca-Cola Academic Team recognizes high-achieving college students who demonstrate academic excellence and intellectual rigor combined with leadership and service that extends their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. Nationally, 50 community college students are selected as Gold Scholars and receive \$1,500 scholarships, 50 are selected as Silver Scholars and receive \$1,250 scholarships, and 50 community college students are selected as Bronze Scholars and receive \$1,000 scholarships.



Bronze Scholar
Kris Kent

Central Oregon Community College



Bronze Scholar
Genevieve Foley

Clackamas Community College



Bronze Scholar
Christina Reid

Clatsop Community College



Bronze Scholar
Gina Giangiocke

Portland Community College

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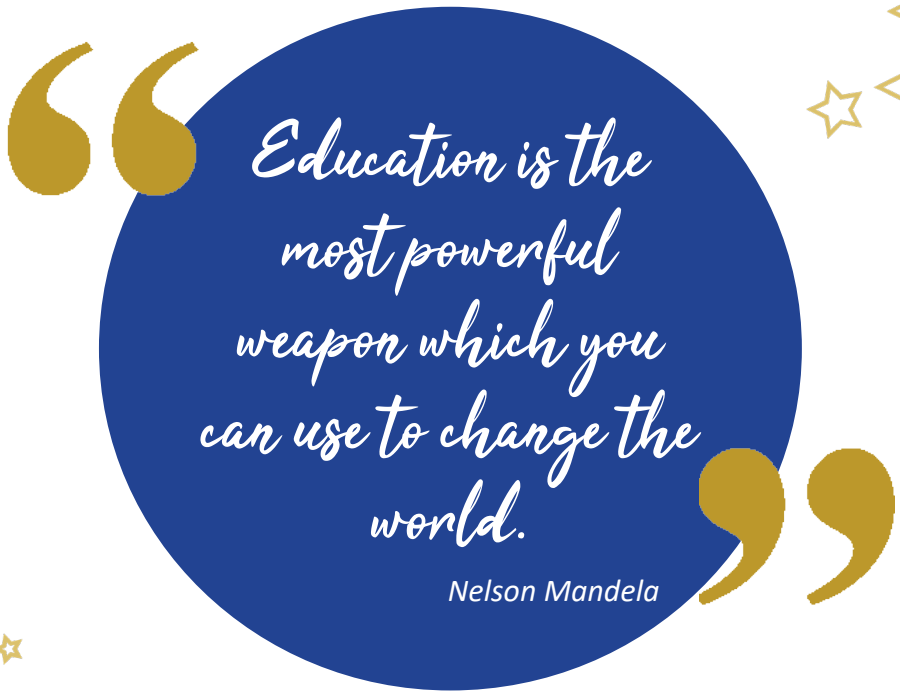
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*Education is the
most powerful
weapon which you
can use to change the
world.*

Nelson Mandela



*Congratulations
Students!*

**2024 AOAT
Student Profiles**
(by college)

Blue Mountain Community College

Dr. Mark Browning, President



Matthew Millhaem

When I started I didn't have much direction and very little money. Starting college it was primarily to get the ball rolling, get out, and improve myself. I have terrible social anxiety and had a public speaking class during my first term. It's still not great, but I can manage. Now I am pursuing a goal of becoming a teacher to help make a difference and to help others.

Age 36
Hometown Umatilla, OR
GPA 3.68

Degree/Certificate: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Vice President's List



Chad Doherty

I graduated from Heppner High School in 1994. After high school, I became addicted to alcohol. In 2008, I attended a treatment center in Boca Raton, Florida. I have been sober for the past 15 plus years. I am also a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. I worked the past 20 years for the City of Heppner, starting as the summer lawn mower and working my way up to Public Works Director. My goal is to become a City Manager. In 2011, I received operator of the year for the eastern region. I have also been the Junior High football coach for the last 15 years. I love being able to teach hard work and discipline to young minds. In 2021, I received the Middle School Coach of the Year Award from the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association.

Age 48
Hometown Heppner, OR
GPA 3.59

Degree/Certificate: Associate of Applied Science Business Administration
Transferring to: Eastern Oregon University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Vice President's List

Activities

- Alcoholics Anonymous

Volunteerism

- Heppner High School football program

Central Oregon Community College

Dr. Laurie Chesley, President



Kris Kent

Having lived in many places, I now call Central Oregon home. I started my Associate of Science degree in Aviation at COCC in Spring of 2022. I'm accelerating my path by applying my past experiences and training from my time in the military, as well as an EMT and firefighter. Focused on becoming a professional helicopter pilot, I've uprooted from Tennessee to pursue a lifelong dream of flight. Despite the challenge, this journey fuels my commitment to success. Post-graduation I aspire to begin a rewarding career, first serving as a helicopter flight instructor and eventually transitioning to aerial pilot work in forestry or agricultural fields. With the excellent support and guidance provided by my advisors at COCC, their acknowledgment of both my current and past accomplishments has greatly contributed to the success of my educational journey.

Age 42
Hometown Bend, OR
GPA 4.0

Honors
• Dean's List

Activities
• COCC Forestry Club

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Aviation; Professional Pilot - Helicopter



Jordan Taylor

My love for the outdoors has always come naturally to me. As a child, I would spend hours investigating bugs, collecting rocks and sticks, and exploring the wonders of nature. These experiences ignited a deep curiosity and passion for wild places, driving me to seek more knowledge and understanding. After graduating high school, I was fortunate to receive the Oregon Promise Grant, which allowed me to attend COCC. This opportunity opened doors for me to pursue my interests in wildlife conservation. Completing my AAOT degree at COCC has been fulfilling, and I eagerly anticipate transferring to OSU Cascades this fall to continue my education in Natural Resources. I am excited to deepen my knowledge in this field and contribute to the conservation and preservation of our precious natural resources.

Age 20
Hometown Bend, OR
GPA 3.95

Honors
• Dean's List
• Honor Roll

Volunteerism
• Australia Zoo

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree

Transferring to: Oregon State University Cascades

Central Oregon Community College

Dr. Laurie Chesley, President



Anthony (Tony) Alegria

I'm a Marine Veteran with six years in military aviation and three years as a commercial diver. My plans are to commit the rest of my life to pursuing a full-time career as an aviator. I'll start by flying smaller general aviation aircraft and work my way to 1,500 hours of total flight time to eventually fly for a regional airline. While I'm building up flight time, I'll continue furthering my education at Oregon Institute of Technology where I'll work towards a Bachelor of Science in Operations Management. My ultimate goal will be to work for United Airlines and retire at age 65.

Age
37

Hometown
Bremerton, WA

GPA
4.0

Honors

- Dean's List

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science
- Aviation

Transferring to: Oregon Institute of
Technology

Activities

- COCC Multicultural Club
- COCC Veteran's Club

*Democracy cannot succeed
unless those who express
their choice are prepared
to choose wisely. The real
safeguard of democracy,
therefore, is education.*

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Chemeketa Community College

Dr. Jessica Howard, President



Jonathan Propes

I am a current senior at Perrydale High School and started dual-enrollment at Chemeketa Community College during the Fall Term of 2022. Over the last two years my professors have both mentored and encouraged me through various areas of study. I have enjoyed working alongside other students in group projects, and thrived while performing independent research. My time at Chemeketa has taught me many important lessons about perseverance and adaptability. And every step along the way has helped fuel my love for learning. After graduating I plan on enrolling at the University of Oregon to major in Business Administration.

Age 18 **Hometown** Sheridan, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree

Transferring to: University of Oregon

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List

Volunteerism

- Food for All Student Ambassador
- Outdoor School Counselor
- Summer School Volunteer



Ashley Ellingsworth

I plan on transferring to Oregon State University, where I will achieve my bachelor's degree in zoology, with a master's degree following close behind. Afterwards, I will make the decision to continue at a veterinarian school or to begin work. While in college, I will continue my volunteer work while also taking part in different college activities and programs, like working as a teacher assistant or doing work at a satellite site within Oregon. One thing I would love to do during my school year while achieving my degree would be to go abroad to provide assistance to the community while gaining more experience with hands-on animal activities.

Age 18 **Hometown** Salem, OR **GPA** 3.55

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Chemeketa Scholars
- Dean's List
- Honor Roll
- Women in Science Scholarship
- Chemeketa Foundation Scholarship

Volunteerism

- Horses of Hope Equine Therapy
- Marion County Animal Shelter
- Oregon Humane Society
- After School Program Leader

Chemeketa Community College

Dr. Jessica Howard, President



Sienna Sansing

Throughout my childhood I have lived throughout all of the United States, seeing and meeting a wide variety of diverse people as I've went. This has been ingrained in me, and I strive to bring diversity and a grand range of experiences to everything I do. Part of this comes with my love for programming, a field notorious for its lack of diversity. Through Chemeketa, I have been able to break many different obstacles, and now work to help other Queer students face their own obstacles. When I'm in the field I plan to break down even more of these barriers by bringing my experiences into everything I do. My Queer identity is a big part of my life, and always will be, no matter the barriers I have to break through.

Age
20

Hometown
McMinnville, OR

GPA
4.0

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll
- President's List

Activities

- Program Assistant, YC Safe Haven
- YVC D&D Club

Degree/Major: Associate of Science Transfer Degree - Computer Science

Transferring to: Oregon State University

“ Ensuring quality higher education is one of the most important things we can do for future generations. ”

Ron Lewis

Clackamas Community College

Dr. Tim Cook, President



Genevieve Foley

Throughout life, I experienced childhood trafficking, lost my sister to improper medication, witnessed alcohol destroy my mother, cared for my now 83-year-old father with COVID-19, discovered an enzyme not being produced in my body, suffered celiac, and so much more than I have space for. Becoming an ND with an MSCN will be the first step in creating a research center. Without scientific papers, diseases cured by plants are ignored, forcing people to go uncured. CCC has saved my life and pushed me to be more than possible. From financial to mental support, they made me who I am. Leadership courses have shown me who I can be, and PTK has given me a family and hope to change the world. Community College was hard, but possible due to CCC.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Coogie Award
- President's List
- Dean's List
- PTK Leadership Award
- PTK Most Distinguished Member Award
- PTK Educational Game Day
- PTK Road Cleanup
- Associated Student Government Club Chair
- Peer Assistant
- PTK President
- PTK Vice President of Leadership
- Sustainability Club President

Age 28
Hometown Portland, OR
GPA 3.62

Degree/Major: Associate of General Studies Degree

Transferring to: National University of Naturopathic Medicine

Activities

- PTK Regional Spring/Fall Conferences
- PTK Seed Bank

Volunteerism

- Birch Community Services



Lila Wright

My upbringing as the only child of a single mother facing legal blindness and deafness marked the genesis of a life shaped by adversity. A decade ago my unquestionable influence was my resilient mother, whose strength positioned me where I stand today. Now, after a transformative journey of self-healing, I proudly nominate myself as the most influential person in my life. Years of contemplation on holistic well-being have defined my educational trajectory toward psychology and natural medicine. From a turbulent past filled with physical and mental health challenges, I emerged as my own guide, devouring knowledge to cultivate a passion for health. My life's trajectory has shifted from chaos to harmony, seasoned with occasional challenges. My future is embedded with knowledge gained from my academic pursuit and I am committed to sharing that knowledge and wisdom to aid others on their healing journey. Despite external influences, my resilience and determination remain the driving forces, and I eagerly anticipate continuing my quest for knowledge, aspiring to be a beacon of support for others on their path to physical and emotional well-being.

Age 33
Hometown Long Beach, CA
GPA 3.79

Degree/Major: Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Degree

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- OCF Joseph Weston Public Foundation Scholarship
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- Neighborhood Litter Cleanup
- Meal Deliveries
- Connecting People to Community, State, Federal Resources

Clatsop Community College

Teena Toyas, Interim President



Taylor Falconer

I pursued going back to college after suffering a life-changing back injury where I could no longer continue my 16-year career as a chef. Since then, I have accomplished a 4.0 gpa within Clatsop Community College where I have changed my life. My sophomore year I was elected president of the Pi Phi chapter of PTK, appointed Treasurer of ASG, completed an internship in the community, and featured on a podcast to share my college experience on "All In: Student Pathways Forward." I am continuing my education this fall through Linfield University where I hope to be just as successful. My hope is to one day complete my Master's degree in Digital Marketing and Data Analytics.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Dean's List
- Foundation Magic Scholarship
- Linfield University Transfer Scholarship
- English Club Officer
- Foundation Fundraisers Student Ambassador
- Rural Community College Alliance Student Ambassador

Activities

- ClatsopWorks Internship Program (Graduate)
- Featured Guest: "All In: Student Pathways Forward" Podcast
- Panel Speaker: National Rural Community College Alliance Summit

Volunteerism

- PTK President
- Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce Marketing Intern
- Clatsop County LGBTQ+ Advocate
- Student Government Treasurer

Age 30 **Hometown** Astoria, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree - Business
Transferring to: Linfield University



Christina (Kris) Reid

I witnessed a culture of drugs, abuse, and violence as a child, yet I chose to find a better way. When I became a single mom, my lack of experience made my situation seem dire. This gave me determination to create a life my children and I could find joy in. My journey through these first steps in college has given me confidence in my ability to thrive thanks to all the amazing staff who have made it their goal to show students they can find success. My goal is to go to Pacific University and receive my Bachelor's Degree in English Literature, then work towards my Master's. I intend to become a pillar of support for other students who are beginning their journeys by becoming an instructor at a college.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa - President
- Clatsop Community College Foundation Emmett Towler Scholarship
- Clatsop Community College Foundation Ferguson Scholarship
- Peer Mentor Certificate
- Scout Troop 5330 Assistant Scout Master
- Scout Pack 540 Advisor
- Scout Troop 642 General Assistant

Activities

- PTK Induction Ceremonies
- PTK Pi Day
- Student Ambassador
- TRiO
- LGBTQ+ Club
- English Club

Volunteerism

- PTK Vice President
- TRiO Lead Peer Mentor

Age 42 **Hometown** Seaside, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree
Transferring to: Pacific University

Columbia Gorge Community College

Dr. Kenneth Lawson, President



Salome Alford

My name is Salome and I am from Kenya. I have been a teacher in Kenya where I taught in Early Childhood programs as well as offered special education needs support within the within the Inclusion Departments of various International Schools in Nairobi, Kenya. I have a lot of plans for the future: to lecture in the early childhood education and general education space. I also have a plan to open schools/daycares and further my education in special education needs because I believe schools should be inclusive. My college has supported my education by providing an academic scholarship where I am unlearning, re-learning and learning about Early Childhood Education and reminding myself of why my passion is in education.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Oregon Childcare Partners Scholarship

Volunteerism

- PTK Bone Marrow Drive
- Associated Student Government Events Planner

Age	Hometown	GPA
49	The Dalles, OR	4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts - Early Childhood Education

Transferring to: Undecided



Douglas Baldwin

I'm a type one diabetic and have worked multiple jobs most of my life. Doing so has taken a toll on my body, my feet especially, and after discussing options and care with my doctor because of ulcers that developed on my feet as a result of being on them too long, I was inspired to see what options CGCC had. I was looking into CAD classes and found a whole manufacturing department and have been enrolled since 2022. I have considered Aerospace or the design field for the future, but as of late I've been considering coming back to school to pursue Electrical Engineering classes as well. Financial obstacles have been my greatest challenge so far but Tiffany, Tea, and Andrea have helped me navigate that extraordinarily well.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll

Activities

- Student Government Activities
- CGCC Foundation Board Meetings

Volunteerism

- Student Government Visibility/ Communications Coordinator
- Cooked Meals for Homeless at Soup Kitchen
- Church volunteer

Age	Hometown	GPA
38	The Dalles, OR	3.8

Degree/Major: Advanced Manufacturing Degree

Columbia Gorge Community College

Dr. Kenneth Lawson, President



Kailee Durant

I'm a first-generation college student. The help of financial aid, grants, and scholarships made it possible for me to attend college. Tuition was always something that stopped me from going to college. I'm thankful that I'm able to attend college and keep reaching for my goals. I plan to finish my construction classes and then earn an Associate's degree by completing the rest of my required classes. After graduation, I actually plan on going into the military; the details are still in the works. I want to be able to use the skills I've learned in college to help other people and serve my country. While I'm enlisted, I intend to grasp every opportunity that comes my way to better my future and to help my skill set improve in every aspect.

Age 24 **Hometown** White Salmon, WA **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Construction Technology Certificate

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

Volunteerism

- Associated Student Government President

Activities

- On-campus Employment - Library



Arabella A. Nicdao

I grew up in the Philippines for 15 years before I moved to Oregon in June 2019. I am currently a second-year college student, pursuing an Associate of Arts in Oregon Transfer - Business degree at Columbia Gorge Community College, where I am a scholar and recipient of five other scholarships I earned in my senior year of high school. My plan is to major in Business Administration with a focus on Entrepreneurship and Global Studies with an emphasis on Development and Sustainability at the University of Oregon next school year. After I complete my studies, I intend to travel to different countries, identify their needs, and provide solutions.

Age 20 **Hometown** The Dalles, OR **GPA** 3.77

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) - Business; Associate of Science; Associate of General Studies

Transferring to: University of Oregon

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Gorge Scholar

Volunteerism

- PTK Treasurer
- Gorge Scholar Volunteer
- CGCC Student Activities Representative
- CGCC Student Events Planning

Activities

- PTK Regional Conference

Klamath Community College

Dr. Roberto Gutierrez, President



Matthew Ebner

As a first-generation college student, I am very excited to be graduating with my Associate of Science degree and look forward to pursuing my Bachelor's degree at the Oregon Institute of Technology in Pre-Dentistry studies. Moving out of town three times during my elementary through high school years, while also facing a family medical crisis, I have really enjoyed the stability during my two years at KCC. My instructors and club advisors have been so supportive, contributing to my success. I've enjoyed the challenging courses and the opportunities I've had to participate in campus clubs and events. I am grateful to have the opportunity to pursue higher education, and I know that the quality education I've received at KCC has paved the way for success at OIT and into my graduate studies.

Age 20 **Hometown** Klamath Falls, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Science
Transferring to: Oregon Institute of Technology

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- KCC Foundation Scholarship
- Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar

- National Archery in the Schools Mentor

Activities

- Science Club
- Integral Youth Services
- HCOP National Ambassador
- USA Archery Collegiate Archer

Volunteerism

- PTK Campus Meet & Greet



Grace Taylor

Higher education has helped me determine what my future career plans are, which is managing my own business. My goal is to keep a 4.0 my entire college career. So far, I have kept a 4.0 the first two years and I am hoping I can keep it through my entire college career.

Age 20 **Hometown** John Day, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Business Administration; Business Administration - Business Management Certificate; Business Administration First-Line Supervisor Fundamentals - Career Pathway Certificate

Transferring to: Oregon Institute of Technology

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- 15-to-Finish
- KCC General Scholarship
- DeArmond Scholarship
- Honor Roll

Volunteerism

- PTK Meet & Greet

Lane Community College

Dr. Stephanie Bulger, President



Megan Jones

At the end of 2022, I was laid off and found myself in an extremely competitive job market. After four months of searching for employment without any luck, I realized that experience was no longer enough to get a job, and I decided to go back to school to get my Business Management degree. Since enrolling at Lane Community College, I have been fortunate enough to be accepted into the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa. I plan to continue my studies at Lane Community College after I earn my Associate's degree and hope to be accepted into the Bachelor's program for business management.

Age 39
Hometown Lakeside, CA
GPA 3.989

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Business Management

Transferring to: Continuing education at LCC

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Vice President's List
- LCC Honors Program



Scooter Milne

Until recently, my educational journey encountered many bumps in the road. I have essentially been on my own since I was 14, and, unfortunately, graduation and college didn't happen when I had planned for them to. Once I (unexpectedly) made my way to Lane Community College, I was able to address many of the barriers I had previously experienced. I've recently become disabled and can no longer pursue my initial career in the animation industry. LCC made it easy to deal with that transition, and I've been able to accomplish more than I ever expected in a very short amount of time. I'm now much more confident in my future pursuits. I can't wait to see where the next chapter of my story goes!

Age 42
Hometown Eugene, OR
GPA 3.86

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AOT) Degree; Associate of General Studies

Transferring to: Undecided

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- LCC Honors Program
- Point Foundation Community Scholar
- Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise

Volunteerism

- PTK Sigma Zeta Chapter Vice President of Scholarship

- PTK Rocky Mountain-Cascade Region Western District Representative
- Campus Health Clinic Task Force Member
- LCC Foundation Ambassador
- GSA President
- Writing Tutor
- Student Navigator
- Peer Mentor

Lane Community College

Dr. Stephanie Bulger, President



Nichole Mayme Stearns

I plan to achieve my degree in Human Services by June of 2025. I want to work with youth services and help in our community. My passion is driven from the loss I had as a youth. This drives me as being a survivor and pushes my life to help others. I am grateful for the ability to rise to the top of my life and to give my all with rewards for my work. I thank God for the strength and endurance to keep going each day.

Age	Hometown	GPA
43	Pleasant Hill, OR	3.964

Degree/Major: Addiction Studies Certificate

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- LCC Honor's Program
- Candace Callen Scholarship

Activities

- Student Navigator Work Study in Early Outreach Office

Additional Lane Community College ADAT Scholars

Kaetlyne Knee
Michael Sanchez



Linn-Benton Community College

Dr. Lisa Avery, President



Alexis McLean

I'm a first generation high school graduate and a first generation college student. I plan on becoming an attorney and as a result must finish a Bachelor's and Juris Doctorate degrees.

Age
22

Hometown
Corvallis, OR

GPA
4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Honors

- Honor Roll
- Zonta Scholarship

Activities

- History Co-Curricular

Volunteerism

- 3-Week Archeological Dig



Christopher Patterson

For my entire adult life, I worked various labor jobs just to get by. With the birth of my daughter I have found a new purpose. I need a new stable career. With the help of LBCC I have forged a new path for myself, one defined by possibility rather than limitation. During my time at LBCC, I have recieved mentorship and support services that allow me to never give up my goals - even as a new parent.

Age
33

Hometown
Florence, MT

GPA
4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Accounting Technology

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Volunteerism

- Open Streets Corvallis

Activities

- Student Newspaper

Linn-Benton Community College

Dr. Lisa Avery, President



Ryan "Sprout" Onopeza

I am a first generation, non-binary student whose main value consists of building relationships with others to undermine our economic structure. At Linn-Benton Community College, I have garnered an understanding of how the holistic core of anthropology can have great utility to my communal ambitions. Teachers at LBCC have been integral to shaping who I have become and inspire me to become a professor and hopefully a researcher and author. As a passionate, hardworking, and emotional human, I see it as a moral obligation to reciprocate the kindness and knowledge I have absorbed.

Age 21
Hometown Boulder Creek, CA
GPA 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Honors

- Liberal Arts Award

Activities

- Anthropology Academic Tutor

Volunteerism

- Really, Really Free Market



Caleb Schott

In high school, I bought and fixed my dream car – a '91 Jeep. During that project, I realized that I was interested in pursuing a career related to mechanics. After graduating high school, I began the automotive program at LBCC, planning to also complete the diesel mechanics program. I had the opportunity to be sponsored by Coastline Equipment to become a John Deere technician. After graduating this spring, I will be moving to Boise, Idaho, to work for John Deere. I also plan to start a brush removal business with the long-term goal of building the business to fulfill government contracts for land and fire management. The education and connections I have garnered at LBCC have opened the door for these dreams to come true.

Age 21
Hometown Cascade, ID
GPA 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Automotive Technology; Associate of Applied Science - Heavy Equipment/Diesel Technology

Honors

- Honors List
- LBCC Scholarships
- Frank Farmer Scholarship
- Post 60 American Legion Hall Scholarship

Volunteerism

- RPM Club President

Activities

- RPM Club
- LBCC Automotive Center Work Study

Mt. Hood Community College

Dr. Lisa Skari, President



Carolyn Allen

I grew up in a Christian household that was stuck in the stereotypical gender rolls of the man makes the money and the wife stays home. We grew up with no money because of this, and my dad was over-educated in the crash of the economy. Because of this, my education plan is to advance my AAS into a CFSA to be the right hand of a surgeon. My kids will see their mom work hard, and achieve my goals.

Age 31
Hometown Hillsboro, OR
GPA 3.77

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- Trinity Lutheran Preschool

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science
- Surgical Technologist



Jessica "Jay" Benke

As a child abduction and human trafficking survivor, I missed out on my opportunity for an education during my teenage years. I dreamed of going back to school but thought I had missed my window. I began working in the anti-trafficking industry to try to make positive changes for victims and survivors. A fellow survivor told me about the Transitions program and with their support, I was finally able to pursue my dreams. My goal is to obtain my Bachelor's degree in cybersecurity so that I can work with investigators to gain access to human traffickers' devices and technology. Unfortunately, human trafficking is a rapidly growing crime with over half of victims being first groomed online. I am so grateful for this opportunity to represent the survivor community.

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Dean's List
- Oregon Opportunity Grant
- 2023-24 National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholarship

Volunteerism

- Intervention Advisory Committee Member
- DOJ Data & Research Subcommittee Member
- Child Human Trafficking Survivor Mentor
- Multnomah County DVSCO Human Trafficking Conference Planning Committee

Age 43
Hometown Gresham, OR
GPA 3.879

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science
Transferring to: Dual Enrollment at MHCC & Eastern Oregon University

Volunteerism

- Co-Founder, Survivors of Sex Trafficking Non-Profit
- Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ) Human Trafficking

Activities

- Transitions/Transiciones

Mt. Hood Community College

Dr. Lisa Skari, President

Additional Mt. Hood Community College ADAT Scholars

Dathan Gotham



*The power of a book holds
the power of education
and it is with this power
that we can shape our
future and change lives.*



Malala Yousafzai



Oregon Coast Community College

Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, President



Darby Davis

I am a single mother of three teenage girls. I went back to school when I was 40, hoping to set a good example. After getting my Medical Assisting Certificate, I enjoyed it so much that I decided to apply for the nursing program.

Age 42 **Hometown** Newport, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Nursing

Transferring to: Continuing at OCCC for Associate of Science in Nursing

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- OCCC Foundation Scholarship



Kara Norton

I am a mother and first-generation college student, in pursuit of a degree in Nursing. My long-term goal is to become a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife and serve my community in the women's health field. After becoming a single parent, I believed my dream to be near impossible. It wasn't until I moved to Lincoln County that I had the confidence to start my educational journey. I owe a huge thank you to my significant other, my son, family, and the dedicated faculty and staff at Oregon Coast Community College who have all given me so much support and encouragement to keep going, even when times got tough. I have maintained a 4.0 GPA in my almost two years at OCCC, and am only a few months away from probable admission into the OCCC Nursing Program.

Age 30 **Hometown** Coos Bay, OR **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of General Studies (pre-nursing)

Transferring to: Undecided

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Dean's List
- OCCC Foundation Scholarships
- Central Oregon Coast Now Scholarship
- Patrick O'Connor Scholarship
- PEO Scholarship

Volunteerism

- Associated Student Government Member
- County Parades

Activities

- Associated Student Government

Portland Community College

Dr. Adrien Bennings, President



Jadyn "Jadie" Freitag

Hey there! I'm Jadie, and I was adopted at age three. I grew up in Wisconsin until I was 16. I then left home to move to Los Angeles, then San Francisco, and in 2020 moved to Portland. When I moved here, I decided to finally start my college career. It has been much harder than I expected, riddled with housing insecurity, but I'm determined to make an impact on the local community, and I'm passionate about environmental justice and sustainability. My goal after college is to help small to medium businesses make choices that improve the lives of the communities they serve.

Age 22 **Hometown** Baldwin, OR **GPA** 4.0

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List

Volunteerism

- 350 PDX
- Vancouver Cycles Ride Leader

Degree/Major: Associate of Science Oregon Transfer Degree

Transferring to: Portland State University



Gina "Gigi" Giangioffe

I am an Italian-English-Mexican-American woman who was born in Oakland, California. I began my college journey in earnest when I was 31 going on 32, about two years ago. It has been a beautiful, difficult, fulfilling whirlwind becoming a student again, and setting goals for myself has become a priority. Future plans include writing and reading as much as I can—I've been seriously considering the career path of an editor, either for books or newspapers. The biggest obstacle I faced was surviving my twenties. I did not have the stability, time or money to pursue higher education. Since I have attended PCC, my world has opened up in more ways than I ever imagined. I now have the confidence to continue on, with hopes to earn a Master's degree one day.

Age 34 **Hometown** Oakland, CA **GPA** 4.0

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Groundswell Conference of Student Writing Speaker
- Sustainability Focus Award

Volunteerism

- Book Repair
- Trail Maintenance

Degree/Major: n/a

Transferring to: Portland State University

Activities

- Environmental For All Group

Portland Community College

Dr. Adrien Bennings, President



Corinne Gray

After graduating from Tualatin High School, I decided that I wanted to pursue a career in the education world. I am currently majoring in elementary education and plan to get a job as a teacher once I finish my degree. I hope to go back to school and work towards my Master's degree once I am working in the field. Learning how to manage my ADHD has been one of the biggest obstacles in pursuing my education. Luckily, with the help of my school, doctors and family I have been able to find a routine that supports not only my needs but also my goals.

Age
20

Hometown
Tigard, OR

GPA
4.0

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List

Volunteerism

- Wilsonville Youth Cheer Coach

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon
Transfer (AAOT) Degree
Transferring to: Portland State University



Jesse Hauck

I was raised in Portland, and was a homeschool student through high school. I currently attend Portland Community College and will enroll at Oregon State University in the fall. My major is Crop and Soil Science and I chose this because I plan to run a farm after college. I am glad I chose to study at PCC for my first two years because I can complete many of the credits that I need for my degree and I am able to have a close relationship with my professors, who are enthusiastic and open to answering questions from course content to career paths.

Age
18

Hometown
Portland, OR

GPA
4.0

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List

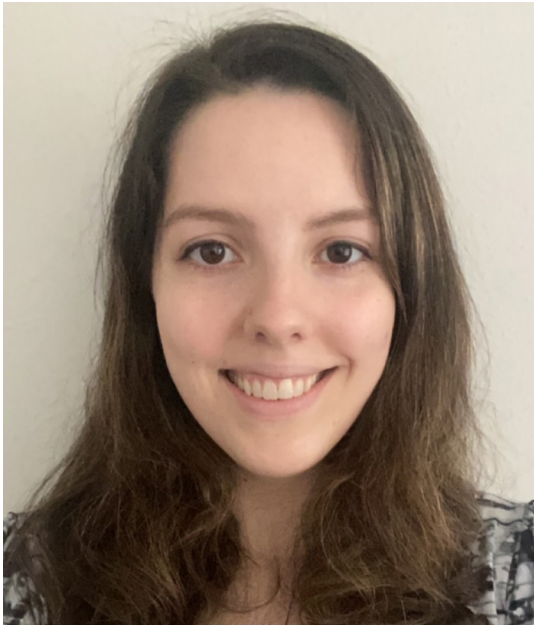
Volunteerism

- Bike First!
- TOPSoccer

Degree/Major: Associate of Science
Transferring to: Oregon State University

Portland Community College

Dr. Adrien Bennings, President



Amanda Hein

I'm incredibly passionate about my chosen career field, Human Resources. Helping others creates a thriving community and Human Resources allows me to combine that passion with my skill set. Currently, I am working full-time while also pursuing my undergraduate degree full-time. I am currently a part of the Human Resources team at a wonderful non-profit organization that has the goal of helping those who struggle with drug addiction and providing them with the steps and support needed to end their addictions. I enjoy assisting employees and doing my best to ensure everyone has a positive, fulfilling work experience. Beyond my professional endeavors, I love to write and dance. One of my personal goals is to write novels that provide support and comfort to whoever reads them. Overall, my career, passions, and commitments are to make a positive impact in the lives of others and to help make the world a better place in the ways I can.

Age	Hometown	GPA
27	Ketchikan, AK	4.0

Degree/Major: Human Resources Management

Transferring to: Portland State University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List



Jai Johnson

I grew up in a small town in Gramercy, Louisiana. I have been living in Oregon with my mom and four siblings. I am the oldest of the bunch. Right now I am pursuing my Associate's Degree in Human Services, and am hoping to obtain a job that focuses on early childhood education and development. As of now I plan to continue my education and someday earn my Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. I have been supported in many ways that have helped me substantially, both personally and educationally. I am so thankful to be a part of this program. Most importantly, I am thankful for the support my mom provided me with and the blessings I receive from God.

Age	Hometown	GPA
19	Forest Grove, OR	3.91

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Family & Human Services

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- HOPE Squad (suicide prevention)
- Orphan Outreach

Portland Community College

Dr. Adrien Bennings, President



Hanna Pasichnyk

My career goal is to become an airline pilot. I've always been drawn to heights and I adore the sky. Growing up, I used to get a wonderful feeling as I watched airplanes. On one of my birthdays I was given an opportunity that would change my life. The pilot went through some aerobatic maneuvers that would frighten the average person. Instead of fear, I felt excitement and enjoyed every minute of it!! I realized at that moment I wanted to become a pilot. I began flight training at Hillsboro Aero Academy In July 2021. Since then, I have obtained my private pilot, instrument, and commercial licenses. I plan to pass my Certified Flight Instructor (CFI) check ride and begin working as a CFI by Spring 2025.

Age 33 **Hometown** Portland, OR **GPA** 3.92

Degree/Major: Aviation Science
Transferring to: Embry Riddle University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll
- President's List



Yoger Toby

When I enlisted in the Israeli Army for my mandatory service, I followed my love for storytelling and became a combat photographer. Throughout my service, I learned about the dualism within narratives, drawing me to use my artistic skills in journalistic endeavors. My experiences taught me that stories can be polarizing and cause harm but can also humanize and repair. As my interest in journalism grew, I began my academic journey at Portland Community College for its rigorous liberal arts education and caring treatment for nontraditional students. PCC has supported my academic and professional aspirations and provided me with foundational skills that will follow me when I pursue a career in journalism. I look forward to continuing my higher education and am grateful for beginning my journey at PCC.

Age 23 **Hometown** Moshav Arbel, Israel **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree; Associate of Science
Transferring to: Northwestern University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- PCC Foundation Scholarship

Activities

- Student Organizer, Office of Civic Leadership Development

Volunteerism

- PTK Vice President of Scholarship
- Hillel Student Leader
- Washington County Juvenile Mentor

Portland Community College

Dr. Adrien Bennings, President



Breanna Yee

I was raised by a single mother who only had enough money to provide for her children and pay the bills. How we grew up inspired me to continue my education after high school in hopes to be financially stable to support myself and future children. Through the help of PCC I have gained lots of knowledge and skills that will help me in my future to becoming more financially sound.

Age
29

Hometown
Beaverton, OR

GPA
3.68

Degree/Major: N/A

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Pell Grant
- Oregon Opportunity Grant
- Dean's List
- President's List

*The cure for
boredom is
curiosity. There is
no cure for curiosity.*

Dorothy Parker

Rogue Community College

Dr. Randy Weber, President



Asher Molzen

I was very curious as a kid and I enjoyed building many things. With those attributes in mind, I discovered my love for engineering through RCC with their classes and teachers. I need a Bachelor's degree to fully pursue engineering and RCC has given me the opportunity to take those first steps into college and pursue my academic dreams.

Age 18
Hometown Medford, OR
GPA 3.93

Degree/Major: Associate of General Studies
Transferring to: Oregon Institute of Technology

Honors

- President's List
- Honor Society

Activities

- Computer Lab Aide

Volunteerism

- Mexico Mission Trips
- Summer Camp Volunteer
- Community Clean-Up



Everett Flynn

I am a senior in high school at Logos Public Charter School, and I take classes at Rogue Community College through Logos's Scholar's Academy. I will graduate high school with my Associate's degree in Software Engineering Technology at RCC, and I plan to go to Oregon Tech to pursue a Bachelor's degree.

Age 18
Hometown Medford, OR
GPA 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Science - Software Engineering Technology
Transferring to: Oregon Institute of Technology

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List

Volunteerism

- Website & Sermon Recording Management, Unbound Fellowship
- Livestream Management, Upward Church

Activities

- RCC Computer Labs Student Worker

Southwestern Oregon Community College

Dr. Patty Scott, President



Vanessa Cardoso

I plan to obtain my Associate of Science in Nursing at SOCC by 2025. I will continue on at OHSU for my Bachelor's of Science in Nursing while practicing as a Registered Nurse. My ultimate goal is to become a CRNA and go to OHSU for school. I've overcome financial difficulties and an addiction I struggled with in the past. Today, I have five years clean and sober. I wouldn't be here without working my recovery and staying active in my college education. I'm so fortunate to be a part of PTK, STEP, and TRiO. Each program has assisted me in various areas to overcome financial difficulties and challenges I've faced as a returning student. I'm grateful to the college and the programs I'm in because I wouldn't have had the courage to reach for the stars and go for my goals.

Age
34

Hometown
Coos Bay, OR

GPA
3.6

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree; Associate of Science - Nursing

Transferring to: Oregon Health & Sciences University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

Volunteerism

- Lunch Preparation at Local Church

Activities

- TRiO



Alec Zander Hardy

I was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and was an active teammate in competitive baseball and basketball programs. I consider myself to be a hard-working athlete, but I am most proud of what I have been able to accomplish in the classroom. Being a student-athlete has allowed me to attend SWOCC, play baseball and pursue my first love, mathematics. Math is a subject that has always been an interest of mine, whether it's taking advanced classes, looking at statistics in sports or even just doing random math problems when I'm bored. Even though I'm a little uncertain about my exact career pathway, college has been a great avenue for me to explore my options. The one thing that I am certain about: my future career will involve mathematics.

Age
20

Hometown
Cheyenne, WY

GPA
4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts
Transferring to: Hastings College

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Full Tuition Scholarship
- Academic Excellence
- Dennis & Janet Beetham Family Scholarship
- William McGuire Scholarship

Volunteerism

- Cheyenne Regional Medical Center Volunteer
- Women's Civic League of Cheyenne
- 13U Baseball Coach

Activities

- SWOCC Baseball Team

Tillamook Bay Community College

Dr. Paul Jarrell, President

Katherine "Katy" Wilson

I started taking classes at Tillamook Bay Community College after a 20-year break from school. During these years I faced many health challenges, lost my father, and had three children. In the fall of 2022 I began working at the Nestucca K8 School. Because working at the school was such an inspirational experience, I decided I wanted to go back to school to pursue my Bachelor's degree and teaching license. Starting school again has been a wonderful experience for me. Receiving the Career to Career Scholarship made school affordable, for which I am extremely grateful. After graduating from Tillamook Bay Community College I plan to take two terms off and then resume my education at Western Oregon University. My hope is to become a middle school or high school teacher.



Age	Hometown	GPA
43	Pacific City, OR	4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Transferring to: Western Oregon University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Career to Career Scholarship
- Honor's List
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- Soccer Coach
- High School Musical Supervisor

The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.

Sydney J. Harris

Treasure Valley Community College

Dr. Dana Young, President



Sarah Amerigian

I was born and raised in Northern Nevada and enrolled at TVCC to pursue my dream of becoming a helicopter pilot. I have always loved learning new things and sharing that knowledge with others. The future holds many unknown plans, though I do know one thing for sure: I will be well-prepared and ready for it. I have always heard the saying, "If you do what you love, you'll never work a day in your life." With a passion for helping people and a love for flying I know I will achieve this.

Age	Hometown	GPA
20	Spring Creek, NV	3.9

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science - Aviation (Helicopter)



Valerie L. Garrett

I am a native of Idaho and grew up in Boise. I have years of office experience in administrative, customer service, accounts receivable, accounts payable, billing and collections. I was part-owner of a custom farming company in Southern Idaho for 17 years and closed it at the end of 2018. I moved to Ontario, Oregon, to be close to my family. I went to Boise State University for a couple of years for basic credits. I picked the medical industry because my son became a pharmacist and inspired me to start a new career. I am currently working full-time at TVCC and going to school part-time. The college faculty has helped me accomplish my academic goals as an untraditional student. I am honored to be a PTK member.

Age	Hometown	GPA
58	Ontario, OR	3.72

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- PTK Honors
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- Student Scholarship Assistant

Degree/Major: Office Administration - Medical Office

Activities

- Student Worker

Treasure Valley Community College

Dr. Dana Young, President



Kayla Kelly

I am a Shoshone-Paiute Native American from Duck Valley Indian Reservation. At the start of my TVCC journey, I anticipated failure in the first semester. With encouragement and motivation from my early writing professor, I passed and excelled. I transformed from a once struggling high school student into a high-achieving college scholar with honors and rewards. After I graduate from TVCC, I plan to continue my education at a university, pursuing a degree in accounting. With this degree, I plan to return to my reservation and contribute to the betterment of my tribe. Despite the financial challenges my family has faced following my father's passing, I plan to overcome poverty. The outstanding professors at TVCC have revealed potential I never knew existed within me. To my professors, Pesha (thank you)!

Age 21 **Hometown** Ontario, OR **GPA** 3.9

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Transferring to: University of Idaho

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Certificate of Excellence - Mathematics

Activities

- International Business Club
- Phi Theta Kappa Club



Eugene Szews

I was initially born and raised in Wisconsin until I moved to Idaho. It was a struggle moving as I had to re-make friends and adapt to a new environment, but I eventually pushed through. I hope to go on and get a degree in economics as I wish to work in the field of transportation. I feel that transportation is an extremely important field as the way we move ourselves and products around the world is extremely important. TVCC has helped me gain more confidence in myself academically which has helped inspire my goals in life.

Age 19 **Hometown** Fruitland, ID **GPA** 3.9

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts - Political Science/Economics

Transferring to: Boise State University

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Dean's List

Volunteerism

- PTK Vice President of Scholarship
- PTK President

Treasure Valley Community College

Dr. Dana Young, President



James "Jim" Trueax

I am a single father of two wonderful kids. My future plan is to become an engineer because I enjoy building. Higher education fits into my plans because it helps better myself, and to have a brighter future. My instructors have supported me by giving me help to keep going and not give up.

Age
28

Hometown
Ontario, OR

GPA
3.64

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll
- Dean's List

Degree/Major: Associate of Science -
Welding Industrial Technology

Transferring to: Boise State University

*The beautiful thing
about learning is
that no one can take
it away from you.*

B.B. King

Umpqua Community College

Dr. Rachel Pokrandt, President



Laura Pience

My biggest goal in relation to my academics is to achieve/hold a Ph.D in Educational Leadership so I may take on an administrative role within post-secondary educational facilities. I wish to implement alternate options to the traditional school counseling that is provided and dive into CBT based practices through mock art therapy (with the goal of building community and strength within high-risk students and areas).

Age 19 **Hometown** Eugene, OR **GPA** 3.67

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Transferring to: Oregon State University

Honors

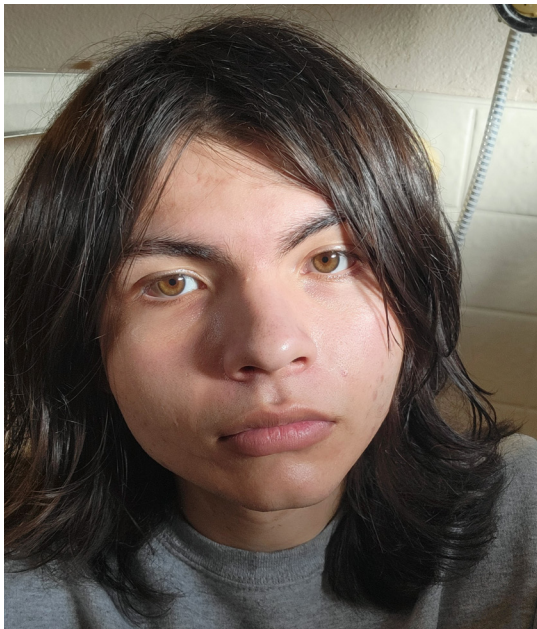
- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Dean's List
- Umpqua Tribe of Indians Scholarship
- Wilson Wilcox Scholarship
- Madison Charitable Fund
- Quentin Rychard Scholarship
- Woodard Family Scholarship

Volunteerism

- HIA Project
- Art Lessons
- Care Packages/Food Drives
- Library Volunteer
- Art History Tutor

Activities

- Phi Theta Kappa Club



Mason Ramirez

My grandparents raised me along with my siblings. I strive to make them proud, and I work hard to achieve my goals. I plan to attend a university and graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree focused on photography. When I entered community college, I had to search for photography opportunities because there was no specific course. That led me to join journalism, where I made a lot of connections that helped me branch out and get to know a lot of helpful resources. Due to connections, I have been hired for an event and a faculty member's wedding. Later in my freshman year, I joined student government and became a Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Officer, which has helped me build professional skills.

Age 20 **Hometown** Elk Grove, CA **GPA** 4.0

Degree/Major: Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) Degree

Transferring to: Undecided

Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- President's List
- Outstanding Student Award

Volunteerism

- Display Board Set-Up
- Cookie Fundraiser

- Resource Fair
- PTK Public Relations Officer

Activities

- Student Newspaper Visuals Director
- ASUCC Student Government Public Relations Officer

Umpqua Community College

Dr. Rachel Pokrandt, President



Sara Sherman

As a non-traditional, remote student, I haven't had many opportunities to get involved. I would love to support PTK Activities remotely by participating in planning and logistics.

Age
32

Hometown
Dallas, OR

GPA
4.0

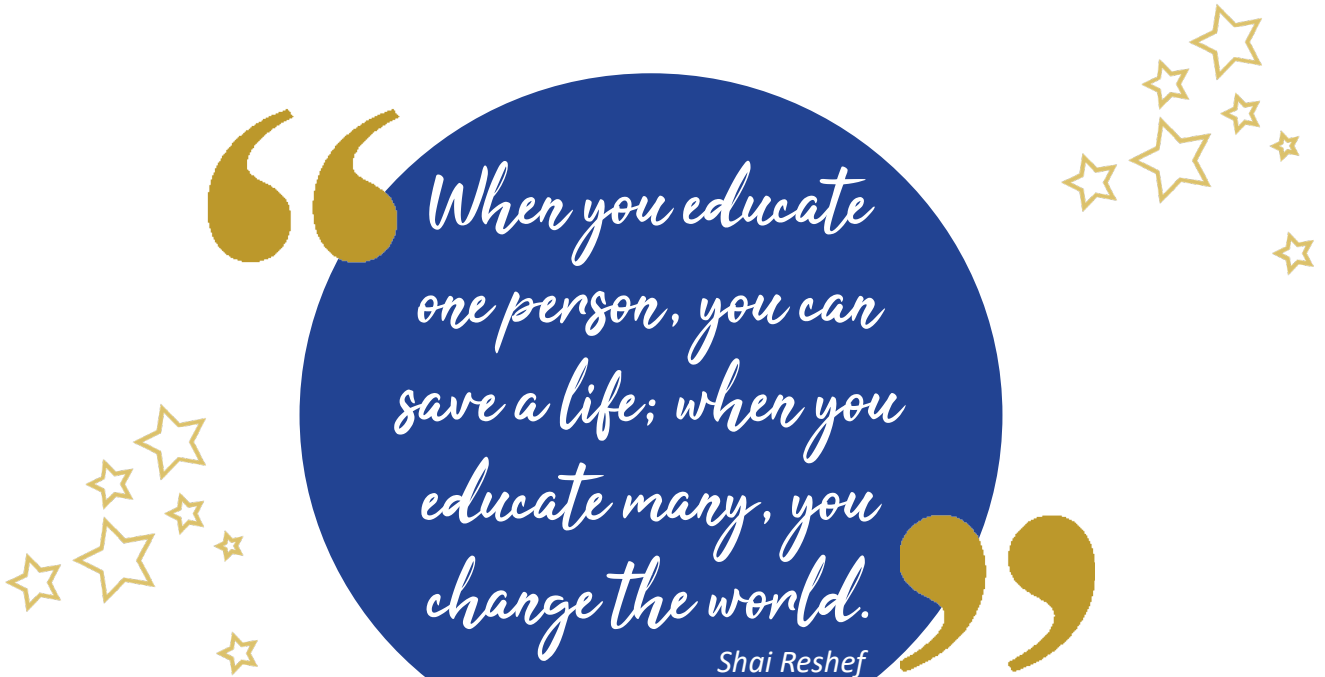
Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Curtis & Grace Trent Scholarship
- President's List

Degree/Major: Associate of Applied Science
- Paralegal Studies

“When you educate
one person, you can
save a life; when you
educate many, you
change the world.”

Shai Reshef







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