



# 2011 All-Oregon Academic Team

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Dear Member of the All Oregon Academic Team:

You are here today, at the All Oregon Academic Team Luncheon, as one of two nominees from your community college campus where you have earned the respect of your fellow students and mentors, your faculty and your family - and your Governor.

Congratulations on your academic achievements and the completion of your community college education! You are at the mid-point of your undergraduate education and, as you transition into a four-year college, you will find that the skills that earned you this recognition - fueled by dedication and perseverance - will continue to serve you well.

As our very best and brightest you represent hope for a strong future, and it is my wish for you that you will actively participate in public debate and remain fully engaged in your community in both your personal and professional lives. By so doing, you will lead and teach by example, encouraging future generations to excel.

Enjoy this day! I look forward to your future accomplishments.

Sincerely,

John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Governor

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**Umpqua**

*Umpqua Community College makes quality post-secondary education affordable and accessible in Douglas County. The College serves as a cultural and recreational center for the area. The College provides leadership in workforce training and supports the economic development of the area.*

Main Campus: Roseburg Phone: (541) 440-4600 Interim President: Dr. Rita Cavin

**Tawnya Miller**

**Honors**

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Presidents List
- Deans List

I chose to attend a community college because it was close to home and small. I was terrified of failure, and decided to just get my feet wet at the community college level. I grew up in a very small town and then moved to a small town. The smaller the school the better because it is less intimidating and there is less competition for resources. It was imperative I attend college to get a degree so I could improve my financial situation. I promised my youngest daughter we would move out of her dad's house as soon as I could afford to support us. The community college was only twenty miles from home. I have two children still in school and would have had to move to go to a four-year university. I could not afford to do that yet. Since attending school I have learned that the family atmosphere helped me succeed beyond my wildest expectations. I would encourage everyone to start at the community college level where the instructors are available to answer questions and help in the transition from high school to university. For nontraditional students, the instructors are very generous with support and encouragement. They have a vested interest in the success of their students.



**Home town**  
Umpqua, OR  
**Age GPA**  
48 3.58  
**Major**  
Psychology  
**Transferring to**  
University of Oregon

**Timothy Stimpson**

**Activities**

- Member, UCC Science Club
- Tutor, Science

I chose to attend a community college for several reasons. First, community college is much more affordable than a large university and required with a budget like mine. Second, the community college I currently attend has a great program called the Transfer Opportunity Program, which helps me ensure I can achieve my educational goals and prepares me for my transfer to a larger university. Another important reason for attending community college is I can stay close to my family. I am a veteran of the United States Air Force and I spent a lot of time away from home so it is nice to be able to spend time with my family.



**Home town**  
Myrtle Creek, OR  
**Age GPA**  
32 3.89  
**Major**  
Geology  
**Transferring to**  
University of Oregon



# Treasure Valley

Treasure Valley Community College is a comprehensive community college providing quality educational opportunities and cultural enhancement in a financially responsible manner throughout our service area.

Main Campus: Ontario

Phone: (541) 881-8822

President: Dana Young



## Skyler Johnson

### Activities

- 4-H Leader, Veterinary Science and Horse Project
- Coach, Boy Scouts of America

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

The choice of where I was going to spend the next two years of my academic life was a long and arduous process not only for me but also for my wife. I contemplated and researched multiple schools near my hometown of Emmett, Idaho, but none of the schools really fit with the curriculum that was necessary for admittance into veterinary school. I applied and was accepted into the newly established College of Western Idaho. However, they had very little of the classes that would transfer for my pre-veterinary science degree. One day, for some reason Treasure Valley Community College popped into my head, which is just a forty-minute drive from my hometown. The credits they have would transfer nicely to the University of Idaho, which is the next step of my academic venture. A bonus was the small class sizes, allowing the instructor to know the students on an individual basis and individualize instruction if needed. These small classes were exactly what I was looking for. This choice has allowed me to excel in my academic goals. These small, intimate, class settings are a large reason why I chose a community college over a university.

### Home town

Emmett, ID

Age GPA

27 3.53

### Major

Pre-Veterinary Science

### Transferring to

University of Idaho



## Tammie Wilson

### Activities

- Vice President, Fellowship Omicron Phi

I lost my home and business to a fire and ended up homeless. I had no idea how to live on the streets or what to do and I qualified for very little assistance. One day I found an ad in the paper hiring fire fighters. I knew a few people who were in a similar situation, so I signed us all up to attend the free training. There were a couple obstacles, no gas money, the training was thirty miles away and we needed appropriate boots for the physical test. I rode my bike six miles into town everyday for several weeks, picking up cans along the way to generate gas money, and to get a prepaid phone in order to receive the anticipated phone call from the contractor. The call came, and I made it through the training. I have been working toward a better life ever since that day. I am focusing my education on assisting those with similar challenges. I am seeking dual degrees in Psychology and Social Work. Attending college has enabled me to direct my energy into appropriate community service venues. I have been working with the Veteran Advocates of Ore-Ida and have 250+ hrs clocked. I love helping our veterans and their families, and applying the academic skills I am learning.

### Home town

Ontario, OR

Age GPA

48 3.62

### Major

Psychology and Social Work

### Transferring to

Northwest Nazarene University

# Oregon Scholarship Providers

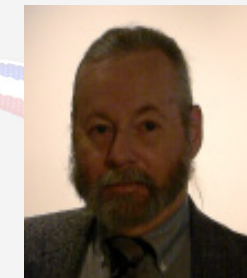
The Oregon Community College Association wishes to thank the following institutions for offering scholarships to this year's All-Oregon Academic Team.

Concordia University  
 Corban College  
 Eastern Oregon University  
 George Fox University  
 Lewis & Clark College  
 Linfield College  
 Marylhurst University  
 Northwest Christian College  
 Oregon Health & Science University  
 Oregon Institute of Technology  
 Oregon State University

Pacific Northwest College of Art  
 Pacific University  
 Portland State University  
 Reed College  
 Southern Oregon University  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Portland  
 Walla Walla University  
 Warner Pacific College  
 Western Oregon University  
 Willamette University

## Congratulations to Oregon's New Century Scholar

**Fredrick Olson**  
 Portland Community College  
 Cascade Campus



The New Century Scholars program honors the top scoring student from each of the 50 states in the Coca-Cola All-State Community College Academic Team program. This program also includes two awards with one scholar selected from among the two-year colleges located in Alberta, Canada and one scholar selected from among the two-year colleges located in the seven sovereign nations and U.S. territories where Phi Theta Kappa chapters exist.

52 awards were given in 2011. Each top scoring nominee in each of the 50 states and Canada will receive a \$2,000 stipend. Fredrick and his fellow winners were recognized and received their stipends at the American Association of Community Colleges' Convention April 9-12 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Winners were featured in AACC's *Community College Times* and *Community College Journal* and on the Phi Theta Kappa website.



# Blue Mountain

Blue Mountain Community College serves constituents by providing quality, accessible educational and lifelong learning opportunities, which foster personal and professional growth and strengthen communities.

Main Campus: Pendleton

Phone: (541) 276-1260

President: John H. Turner



## Tiffany Fine

### Activities

- Diversity Forum
- Volunteer, Pendleton Round-Up

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I work at D & B Supply as a cashier. I have had this job since April of 2007. On average, I work 25-30 hours a week. My job description includes greeting and assisting customers, handling money, and providing high levels of customer service. I also have a work study position at the college that I started in January 2009. This term, I am working in the Distance Education Office as a Customer Service Representative. I was a student tutor for two years prior to this new position. My work study requires that I put in 8-10 hours a week. I chose Blue Mountain Community College as a place to start my educational journey because it was a local college. I was raised in Pendleton and when I decided to obtain a higher education I was not yet ready to leave my family and friends behind. One of the most influential aspects of B.M.C.C is that the education is affordable and coming from a family unable to provide any financial support this was important. The benefit I discovered after my first term was the small classroom sizes and the one on one instruction that is available.

**Home town**  
Pendleton, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
24          3.96  
**Major**  
AAOT Chemistry  
**Transferring to**  
Undecided



## Wendy Morehouse

### Activities

- Volunteer, various community activities

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I have two wonderful children: Garrett 3, and Celeste 2. These little ones occupy most of my time, but I am working on bettering myself for both my kids and I by becoming an elementary school teacher. Every term I take more than the full-time amount of credits, and work very hard on each class. I am enrolled in one credit of Practicum, for which I assist a student with disabilities with their schoolwork. In between classes I complete work study at the Blue Mountain Community College Bookstore nine hours per week. I chose to attend a community college because it is much less expensive to get a transfer degree here than it would be to take the same classes at a university, also my daily commute is shorter than if I were to attend a university. After enrolling at Blue Mountain Community College to begin working on my AAOT, I was informed that Eastern Oregon University sends instructors to the Blue Mountain Community College campus for the CUESTE program for Education Students. This program enables students to obtain their elementary education degree without driving all the way to the Eastern Oregon University campus.

**Home town**  
Weston, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
22          3.74  
**Major**  
Elementary Education  
**Transferring to**  
Eastern Oregon University

# Tillamook Bay

Tillamook Bay Community College provides access to quality education in response to the needs of our community.



Main Campus: Tillamook

Phone: (503) 842-8222

President: Dr. Connie Green

## Molly Lattin

### Activities

- Secretary, Phi Theta Kappa

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa - Regional Distinguished Service Award

I chose to go back to school because I knew I had more potential than what my current job was offering. I have always wanted to work in the medical field. I grew up around it. My mom worked in a hospital from the time I was a baby until I was a teenager, and my sister became a nurse. I am now in my thirties and have been working in the medical field for the last nine years, as an operating room assistant and currently as a sterile processing technician. I love my job and am very good at it, but I know I have the potential to make a great nurse. I think that my background as an operating room assistant and in my current job will make me a better nurse because of the experiences those jobs have given me. That was the driving force for getting me back in school.



**Home town**  
Portland, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
32          3.52  
**Major**  
Science Transfer Degree  
**Transferring to**  
Undecided

## James Wakefield, III

### Activities

- Health Coach, Take Shape for Life
- Owner, wedding/portrait photography business
- Volunteer, Bay City Fire Department EMT and Firefighter

I chose to attend Tillamook Bay Community College because it is a small school in my local community. I like the small class sizes, and the ability that it affords with one-on-one time with classroom instructors. In addition, attending community college local to my hometown has allowed me to continue with and be a part of my other responsibilities. When my brother, Benjamin, was hospitalized in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit this past year, I was able to continue my studies and be supportive to Benjamin and my family. The environment of my local community college, Tillamook Bay Community College, made this a workable situation.



**Home town**  
Bay City, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
22          3.93  
**Major**  
Emergency Medical  
Technology  
**Transferring to**  
Undecided



# Southwestern Oregon

The mission of Southwestern Oregon Community College is to provide quality education that helps students achieve their goals. Our programs prepare people to be employable, value lifelong learning, and function as good citizens in a rapidly changing world.

Main Campus: Coos Bay

Phone: (541) 888-2525

President: Dr. Patty Scott



## Mark Burnap

### Activities

- Treasurer, Geology Club

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I had promised myself I would attend college since I was in my 20's. In my case, life brought many obstacles and other tasks that needed to be completed first. I started here at Southwestern Oregon Community College (SWOCC) by taking welding to improve my work skills. I did well in my other classes also and was given the opportunity to aim higher. I have always loved learning and science. I want to use the skills I have learned in my careers as a commercial fisherman, in construction trades, and the training I have received in the USCG/Auxiliary in the study of the sea or the research and implementation of wave generated electricity and to help find sustainability solutions. I would like to be a part of finding solutions to such problems as those caused by using fossil fuels for energy and by global climate change. I think that Natural Resources is the degree best suited for my career goals. The degree offers many ways for me to expand into other areas in Natural Resources and geographic information systems (G.I.S.). I have done well in my studies and look forward to finishing my AAOT degree at SWOCC and completing my BS degree in Natural Resource at OSU.

### Home town

Coos Bay, OR

Age GPA

56 3.62

### Major

AAOT

### Transferring to

Oregon State University



## Crystal Jones

### Activities

- Resident Assistant
- Activities Director, Student Government
- Youth Mentoring Program Founder and Coordinator
- Volunteer, Boys and Girls Club
- Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity

I originally drove down from Alaska to go to SOU. When I found a house in Medford, I realized that a community college was a one minute drive away; it was perfect and I am so glad that I found a community college. Community college also allows me to save money in the long run; I really enjoy being in a small school. Southwestern Oregon Community College has given me so many amazing opportunities and memories.

### Home town

Kodiak, AK

Age GPA

23 3.53

### Major

AAOT-Tourism Outdoor Leadership

### Transferring to

Oregon State University

# Central Oregon

Central Oregon Community College will be a leader in regionally and globally responsive adult lifelong education for Central Oregon.



Main Campus: Bend

Phone: (541) 383-7700

President: Dr. James E. Middleton

## Arthur Tyler Pratt

### Activities

- Member, Board of Directors WM Lupwa Homes
- Consultant/Teacher, Nature's Farm NGO
- Designer/Facilitator and Overseer of Bend Community Orchard

### Honors

- Dean's List
- COCC Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Directly out of high school I hit the road running traveling on foot through Central America and Asia. I lent a hand wherever I went, but generally all I could offer was unskilled labor and a smile. Inspired to grow food I returned to Oregon and contacted the most sought after farm on the West Coast for an apprenticeship. I have traveled and visited hundreds of farms across the world. I lived with some of the best farmers in many regions studying horticulture, forestry, design, renewable energy, building and other skills. With time I realized I needed to become an engineer to live to my full potential. I plan to obtain my undergraduate degree in Renewable Energies Engineering at OIT and a Master's degree in Ecological Engineering at OSU.



### Home town

Bend, OR

Age GPA

27 4.00

### Major

Renewable Energies Engineering  
Transferring to  
Oregon Institute of Technology

## Eric Sorenson

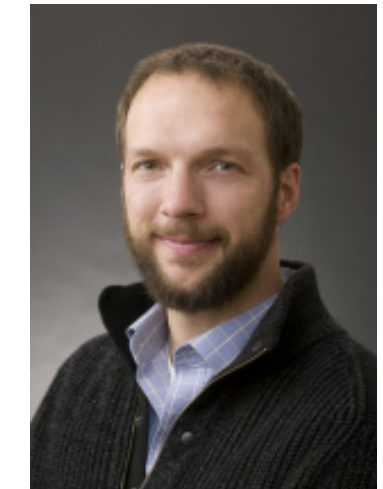
### Activities

- Regional Coordinator, Access Fund
- Vice President, Central Oregon Rocks, Inc.
- Volunteer, COCC Foundation fundraiser

### Honors

- Ford Family Foundation Restart Scholar
- Bend Foundation Swift Family Scholar
- Dean's List

Resuming my education after a 14 year hiatus was daunting especially during the huge surge in enrollment in the last few years. Persistence and hard work does pay off and much of what I have learned each term I have been able to apply immediately to new challenges both in and out of school. I will graduate in June and I intend to become a lifetime supporter and advocate of our fine community college.



### Home town

Bend, OR

Age GPA

33 3.90

### Major

General Science  
Transferring to  
Oregon State University  
or University of Oregon



# Chemeketa

Chemeketa Community College is our community's resource for quality education in a changing world, delivering opportunities for adult literacy, opening the door to all levels of college, and creating centers of excellence in technical training, workforce development, and business support.

Main Campus: Salem Phone: (503) 399-5000 President: Dr. Cheryl Roberts



## Jocael Palominos

### Activities

- Vice President, Phi Theta Kappa

### Honors

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

I graduated salutorian from Stayton high school in 2009 and enrolled in Chemeketa Community College that fall. I will graduate this spring with my AAOT and transfer to Oregon State University. My plan is to obtain a B.S. in physics and then go to the University of Maryland where I will work toward my Master's and Doctorate degrees in nuclear physics. I see myself in a research career overseas or working for the US government researching how to control nuclear fusion as a possible alternative energy source.

**Home town**  
Stayton, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
19          3.84  
**Major**  
Physics  
**Transferring to**  
Oregon State University



## Ruben Sainz

### Activities

- Team Member, Multicultural Student Services
- Member, Juntos Club
- Cesar E. Chaves event organizer
- Volunteer, Mano a Mano Family Center

### Honors

- President's List
- Dean's List and Honor Roll
- Chemeketa Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- Cesar E. Chaves Scholarship Recipient
- Phi Theta Kappa

I was born and raised in Mexico and at the age of 11 moved with my family to the United States. I come from a family of farm workers and I will be the first person in my family to attend and complete a college education. One of my biggest passions is the business world which is the reason I decided to study Business Administration and my aim is to obtain a Master's degree and create my own brand of sports and casual clothing businesses. Additionally, I hope to establish foundations that can provide students the resources they need to attend college. Because I have been blessed with support from many people, my vision is to one day return everything that was given, and more, so that other students can have the opportunity to work toward accomplishing their dreams just like me.

**Home town**  
Salem, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
19          3.77  
**Major**  
Business Administration  
**Transferring to**  
Western Oregon University

# Rogue

The mission of Rogue Community College is each learner's success. We nurture hope, fill educational gaps and empower people to change their lives. Through teaching and service, we model respect, dignity and integrity and provide leadership that focuses on the individual.



Main Campus: Grants Pass Phone: (541) 956-7500 President: Dr. Peter Angstadt

## Katilyn Eccleston

### Activities

- Peer Assistant
- Counseling Department Receptionist
- Associated Student Government

I chose to attend a community college after I spent a year at Oregon State University. I went to OSU right out of high school and soon found out that I was very unprepared for the curriculum. At a few points I thought that I would never be able to go to school again after I didn't do so well at OSU. RCC has changed my life in many different ways. The best ways are giving me the confidence to do great things with my life and giving me the opportunity to work within the field that I want to go into. I would recommend starting at a community college to anyone who is starting school for the first time instead of jumping straight into university life.



**Home town**  
Central Point, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
20          3.50  
**Major**  
Psychology/Social Work  
**Transferring to**  
Southern Oregon University

## Frank Hamilton

### Activities

- RCC Student Body President
- American Red Cross
- Volunteer, Oregon Bureau of Land Management

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I chose to attend community college mainly because I recognized that the Oregon housing market was in trouble. And, as a builder for the last twelve years with the limited skill set I possessed it would be difficult to support my household. Rogue Community College offers a comprehensive curriculum that allows me to pursue a transfer degree as well as meet the requirements to apply for the nursing program without needlessly wasting money.



**Home town**  
Grants Pass, OR  
**Age**      **GPA**  
30          3.69  
**Major**  
AAOT Nursing  
**Transferring to**  
Southern Oregon University



# Portland, Sylvania Campus

Quality educational programs and services that are affordable and accessible.

Main Campus: Portland Phone: (503) 244-6111 President: Dr. Preston Pulliams, Campus President: Dr. Linda Gerber



## Anna Hoang

### Activities

- Assistant, Conversation Partner Program at PCC
- Math Tutor
- Conversation Group
- Volunteer America

I left nursing school in my junior year at Concordia University and returned to PCC with a broken heart. I have a strong desire to help people, especially older people. I thought nursing would be the best career to achieve my goal. However, even though I completed ESOL and college writing Concordia determined my language barrier would prevent me from completing their program. I came to the Sylvania campus, met with a career counselor and a new threshold opened ahead. I decided to participate and help enhance the conversation program. I am now studying gerontology because I want to help alleviate the challenges and issues that the aging population will face. The staff at PCC gave me strength and motivation and never gave up on me.

**Home town**  
Dong Nai, Vietnam  
**Age**    **GPA**  
25      4.00  
**Major**  
Gerontological Social Work  
**Transferring to**  
Concordia University



## Joelle Trout

### Activities

- Volunteer, Leader for the Lake Oswego Chapter of Young Life
- Leader, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club
- Events Coordinator, ROOTS Program PCC-Sylvania Campus

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I chose to attend a community college mainly because my family greatly values community education. My mom taught at Portland Community College for 18 years and my grandpa was the head of the Social Sciences Department at Lane Community College. I chose to attend because community colleges are generally known to have smaller class sizes, allowing students to have more one-on-one time with teachers. PCC is nearby and allows me to live with my family so that I can continue helping out.

**Home town**  
Lake Oswego, OR  
**Age**    **GPA**  
21      3.5  
**Major**  
Medical Assistant  
**Transferring to**  
Marylhurst University

# Clackamas

Our purpose is to create lifetime opportunities for success through responsive education. Our Mission/Philosophy is to serve the people of the college district with high quality education and training opportunities that are accessible to all students, adaptable to changing needs, and accountable to the community we serve.



Main Campus: Oregon City Phone: (503) 657-6958 President: Dr. Joanne Truesdell

## Sherri Devencenzi

### Activities

- Senator-at-Large, Associated Student Government
- Volunteer, Potluck in the Park
- Vice President of Service, Phi Theta Kappa

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll

I feel that attending college in my 50's will inspire my children and grandchildren in the importance of education. I want them to understand you never give up, and goals can be reached if you remain steadfast in your endeavors. I plan to attend PSU in the fall, pursuing my degree in Business Administration. I began school looking at corporate finance and have since decided that a better fit for me is project management, specifically emergency services. I would like to use my passion for helping others to work with a nonprofit organization. The opportunity to attend college is an amazing gift that I cherish and plan to use to the best of my ability.



**Home town**  
Milwaukie, OR  
**Age**    **GPA**  
51      3.70  
**Major**  
Business  
**Transferring to**

Portland State University or Marylhurst

## Alyssa Fava

### Activities

- Ready to Change Mentoring Program
- CCC Ambassador Program
- President, Associated Student Government
- Board Chair, OCCSA

I never thought college would be in the plans for me - I just knew I wanted to help people. In high school I started a mentoring program called "Ready to Change" that mentored freshman girls. The program was picked up by the Teen Resource and Action Center and was later made a nonprofit organization under C-TEC. I applied to Clackamas Community College's Student Leadership program and was hired as a Student Ambassador. After serving a year as an Ambassador, I ran for the Student Body President. I have since served two consecutive years as the ASG President and have been elected the Board Chair of the Oregon Community College Student Association. My future plan is to finish my degree in Philosophy from Reed College, obtain a Masters in Business Administration from Stanford and finish my Ph.D. in Community College Administration with a focus on Shared Governance and Communication.



**Home town**  
Weaverville, CA  
**Age**    **GPA**  
20      3.10  
**Major**  
Philosophy  
**Transferring to**

Oregon State University or Reed College



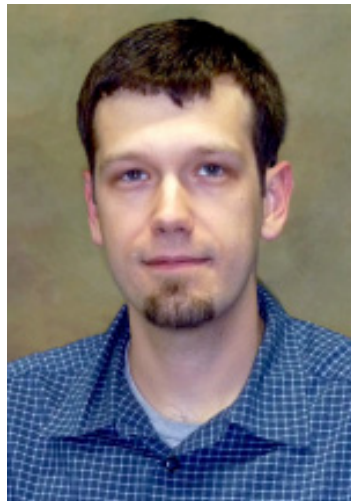
# Clatsop

It is our purpose to build an educational community that provides open access to high quality learning opportunities for the people of our region, and prepares them for full and productive participation in a dynamic world.

Main Campus: Astoria

Phone: (503) 325-0910

President: Dr. Larry Galizo



## John Edwards

### Activities

- Volunteer, Classroom Aid

I work full time as a server for Dooger's Seafood & Grill in Cannon Beach, Oregon. I have worked there for about 4 and one-half years in the same capacity. In the summer I try to work overtime and save up money for the school year which is the slower part of our seasonal economy. I spend most of my remaining time raising two children who live with me full-time. It is an equivalent commitment time-wise to another full-time job between transporting them and participating in their educations. I chose to attend a community college for multiple reasons. The primary factors being the lower overall costs, the fact that it was closer to home, and it was my best option of getting back into school after a long layoff. I wanted to save money on the cost of tuition versus what it would cost at a university or private college because the costs of attending school already exceed the aid and loans I receive. It has been important for me to stay close to my family and the children I'm raising because the support provided by them has been essential in staying focused and goal oriented.

### Home town

Seaside, OR

### Age GPA

30 3.94

### Major

Engineering

### Transferring to

Portland State University  
or Oregon State University



## Heidi Roberts

### Activities

- Treasurer, CCC Phi Theta Kappa

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I have been employed at Clatsop Care Center Health District since October of 2000. I worked in accounts receivable as a billing clerk from 2003 until 2007. I was promoted to business manager in spring 2007 based on skills I had learned at Clatsop Community College. I am a single mother of three boys. The youngest of which is 16. I currently work full-time and balance family and education with half time attendance. I have worked in health care since 1991, filling a variety of positions; from C.N.A., to medical records, to administrative assistant, to medical biller. Through hard work and dedication I had moved up the career ladder. I had gone as far as I could without furthering my education and getting a degree. The encouragement of coworkers who had attended Clatsop Community College compelled me to enroll. The college faculty was welcoming and helped start me on the path to a degree, guiding me through the enrollment process. CCC is very convenient, being close to where I work and live.

### Home town

Astoria, OR

### Age GPA

39 3.91

### Major

Accounting

### Transferring to

Eastern Oregon University

# Portland, Rock Creek Campus

Quality educational programs and services that are affordable and accessible.



Main Campus: Portland Phone:(503) 244-6111

President: Dr. Preston Pulliams

Campus President: Dr. David Rule

## Jeff Christian

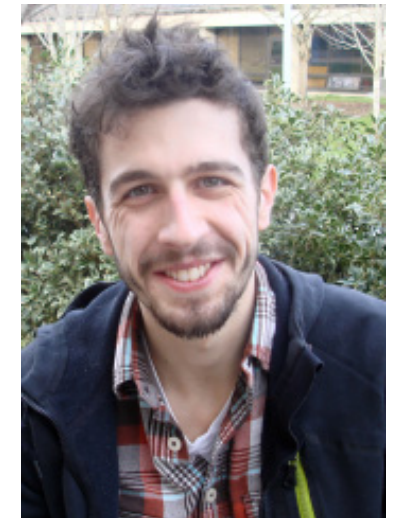
### Activities

- Rock Creek Green Team
- Member - Associates Students of Portland Community College
- Behavioral Dog Trainer

### Honors

- President's List

The natural world has always fascinated me. Billions of organisms interacting with each other and natural forces to create the most complex machine we could possibly imagine. The fragility of interaction is what spurred me to study environmental science. My desire is to work in restorative design to recreate natural ecosystems and waterways. Portland has always been my home and I cannot imagine a better place than PCC to study practices that allow for an urbanized culture to acknowledge and mitigate the impacts of our population.



### Home town

Portland, OR

### Age GPA

27 3.89

### Major

Environmental Science

### Transferring to

Portland State University

## Victor Mena

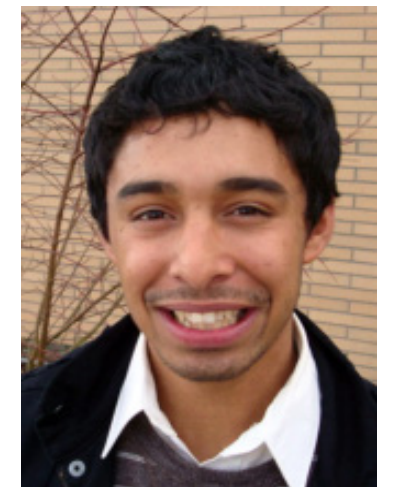
### Activities

- Assistant Director of Campus Affairs, Rock Creek
- Member - Washington County Youth Movement
- Member - Oregon New Sanctuary Movement
- Equity Ambassador for Multicultural Center

### Honors

- Mentee and Mentor for Oregon Leadership Institute, 2008

I am a Latino immigrant raised in Beaverton, Oregon. As a first generation college student I have to work really hard to accomplish my goals. My first goal is to obtain a Bachelor's degree and my second goal is to join the FBI's counter terrorism unit. Throughout my college career I have followed the FBI's motto of fidelity, bravery and integrity and will continue to follow it forever. Attending PCC has afforded me the opportunity to pursue my dreams and gain valuable skills and knowledge.



### Home town

Beaverton, OR

### Age GPA

21 3.1

### Major

International Studies

Minor in Criminal Justice

### Transferring to

Portland State University



# Portland, Extended Learning Campus

Quality educational programs and services that are affordable and accessible.

Main Campus: Portland Phone:(503) 244-6111 President: Dr. Preston Pulliams, Campus Interim President: Craig Kolins



## Chelsea Campbell

### Activities

- Tutor, ESOL

I chose to return to school after I had heart surgery in November of 2009. It was then that I had an epiphany of sorts. I had never truly pursued my dreams. Upon making the firm decision I knew that finances were going to be an issue. I had to spend the time to determine if it was feasible. I chose to take the step. It seemed the common sense choice to start at a community college as I knew from past experience that the education I will receive there will be one of quality. I was also well aware of the price differences in community colleges and universities. After delving further I found out that I could receive a transfer degree and all my credits would apply. I wouldn't have to piece-meal my education. I was excited, applied, and here I am today. I'm a sophomore and still moving forward excited. I chose to study Russian with a minor in Spanish as I love culture and want to be in the center of our ever changing society as well as travel abroad. Portland Community College is the most diverse environment I've ever had the pleasure of learning in. In a debate group in one of my classes I was the only natural born citizen. We debated immigration and it was powerful. Their stories have further inspired me.

### Home town

Portland, OR

Age GPA

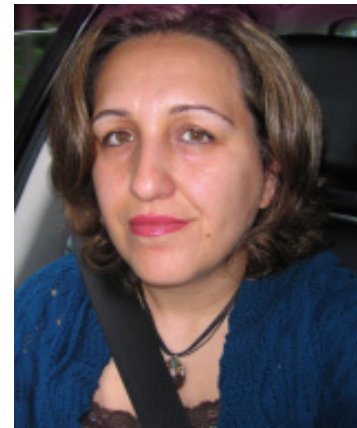
41 3.70

### Major

Russian/Spanish Translator

### Transferring to

Western Oregon University or Reed College



## Burcin Yavuz

### Honors

- President's List

I have a Bachelors of Science in Philosophy. Right after I graduated, I taught at high schools, until I moved to America. The most difficult obstacle in my life was, of course, learning English. Learning a new language is not easy, especially after a certain age. I moved to the U.S. ten years ago. I wasn't speaking English at all. I didn't consider that it will be so hard. I just wanted live here, and give to my family a bright future. When we moved here my daughter was only three years old. We were at home the first few years and we didn't need English too much. I learned numbers and certain sentences to survive while I was shopping. After my daughter started the school, I realized that it is impossible to live without speaking proper language. I am a pretty independent person. I like to solve my problems. I like to take care of myself and family. That's why I decided to attend a community college. I worked hard and learned English. I am capable about English and ready to work toward my career.

### Home town

Portland, OR

Age GPA

40 3.85

### Major

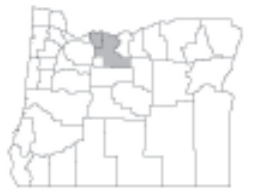
Accounting

### Transferring to

Portland State University

# Columbia Gorge

Columbia Gorge Community College builds dreams and transforms lives by providing lifelong educational programs that strengthen our community.



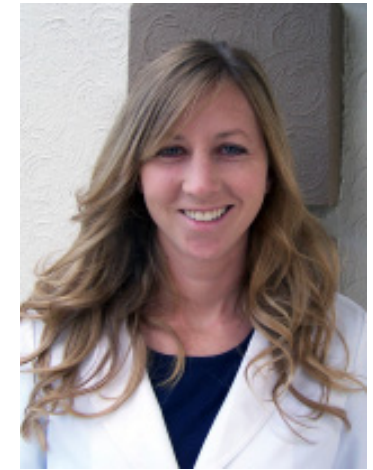
Main Campus: The Dalles

Phone (541) 506-6011

President: Dr. Frank Toda

## Christina Glissmeyer

I worked at the Hood River Hotel as a restaurant server and caterer for the past 3 years (from July 2007 to September 2010). I worked part-time in the winter while attending school (about 15-20 hours/week) and full-time in the summer. I plan on working full-time during the summer of 2011. I want to start a career as a registered nurse and Columbia Gorge Community College has an exceptional nursing program. It is also very close to my home in Hood River.



### Home town

Hood River, OR

Age GPA

32 4.0

### Major

Nursing

### Transferring to

Undecided

## Jared Langdon

### Activities

- Honors in Action
- Delta Energy Club
- Volunteer, Portland Rescue Mission

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I chose to attend a community college for a couple of reasons. First off, I wasn't really sure I wanted to pursue a college education, so a community college offered me the flexibility of trying it out without any obligations. It was the closest college to where I lived, so drive time was kept to a minimum. One thing that really sold this school to me, though, was the Renewable Energy Technology program. I love math and science, so this set of classes really appealed to me.



### Home town

White Salmon, WA

Age GPA

20 4.0

### Major

Electronics Engineering Technology

### Transferring to

Oregon Institute of Technology



# Klamath

Our mission is to offer quality learning opportunities which enhance growth and development for the individuals, businesses and organizations within our greater community.

Main Campus: Klamath Falls

Phone: (541) 882-3521

President: Gerald Hamilton

# Portland, Cascade Campus

Quality educational programs and services that are affordable and accessible.



Main Campus: Portland

Phone: (503)244-6111

President: Dr. Preston Pulliams, Campus President: Dr. Algie Gatewood



## Justin Bumgardner

### Activities

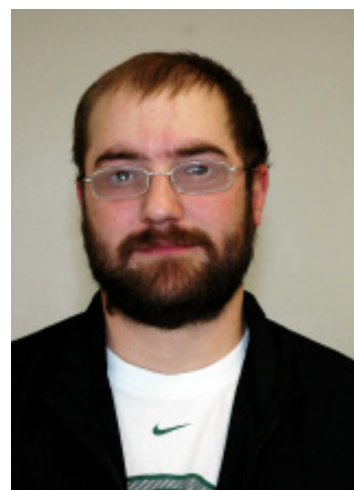
- President, Phi Theta Kappa
- Member, KCC Debate Club
- Member, US Army Individual Ready Reserve

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- US Army Commendation Medal recipient

My experience as an infantryman in the active Army has taught me that good leaders are also good teachers because they can effectively communicate with all sorts of people. I am lucky to have such teachers at Klamath Community College who continue to inspire me towards being a better person and student. Their selfless service has encouraged me to continue to pursue my goal of a bachelor's degree in science and in the future go on to graduate school. I would like to apply my skills in the medical profession to help people.

**Home town**  
Waterford, CA  
**Age** **GPA**  
30 4.0  
**Major**  
Undecided  
**Transferring to**  
Undecided



## Derald Watkins

### Activities

- Phi Beta Lamda
- Volunteer soccer coach

### Honors

- President's List
- Honor Roll

I am a very busy husband and father of three little girls. When I am not doing schoolwork, I am spending time with them. I didn't have a dad around when I was growing up, so my kids are my primary obligation. I have a background in construction, so the only work I've been doing is side jobs. They are mostly restricted to summer time and are few and far between so I wouldn't consider them a distraction. I actually enrolled because of economic reasons. With a background in construction, it was very difficult to find work. I took my GED test and scored in the top 2% in the state of Oregon. That was the first indicator that I would be successful academically. Since I've been a student at KCC, I have learned a ton and would love to continue to learn. In my opinion, I have the ambition and the ability to be successful in whatever I set my mind to and to better myself as a father, husband, and provider.

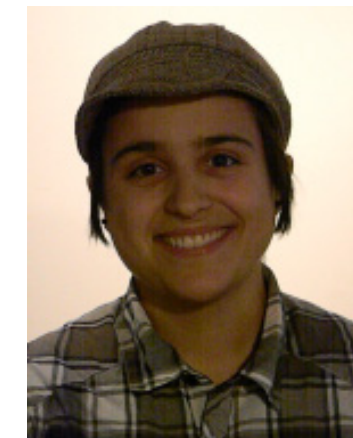
**Home town**  
Bonanza, OR  
**Age** **GPA**  
28 3.76  
**Major**  
Business Management  
**Transferring to**  
Oregon Institute of Technology

## Paula Barreto

### Activities

- Chair, District Student Council
- Phi Theta Kappa

I didn't think I was college material when I graduated high school. I pursued the Navy to get the discipline, structure, and experience that I needed. After serving honorably for five years, I needed to make a decision and I struggled with applying. The fact was that I wasn't fresh out of high school; I was a military veteran who served in Iraq. I felt lost, displaced, and disconnected. I moved across the country needing a new beginning and a sense of community. Initially, I chose community college because it was affordable and easily accessible. Within one week at Portland Community College, I instantly felt at home with the diversity of fellow nontraditional students. With the variety of ages, ethnicities, experiences, and lifestyles, I could breathe again. Instructors here are incredibly qualified and their personal histories have repeatedly gone beyond my expectations. I quickly made connections with cafeteria workers, maintenance staff, business office personnel, the Women's Resource Center, and the library. After one term, I applied for a Student Leadership position. I knew an education could be much more than sitting in a classroom. It's about community in every sense of the word.



**Home town**  
Oswego, New York  
**Age** **GPA**  
27 3.68  
**Major**  
Landscape Architecture  
**Transferring to**  
Cornell University

## Frederick Olson

### Activities

- PCC Multimedia Club

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

It is my experience that not having a degree has been a stumbling block in achieving numerous employment opportunities in the graphic design industry. The art school from which I graduated in 1971, Pacific Northwest College of Art (PNCA), did not have a degree program. The college has grown and now it offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Communications. The degree from PNCA requires the completion of a healthy sequence of liberal arts classes to compliment my previously earned art and design credits. As private college tuition costs are extremely high, I choose to complete the requirements as transfer credits from outside educational institutions. I have enrolled at Portland Community College to complete my lower division academics. While I am updating my computer technology skills that are essential in the graphic design industry, I am earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in Multimedia. My commitment to achievement has earned me a 3.91 grade point average, and has afforded me the opportunity to serve the Portland Community College student body, in addition to my professional and general communities.



**Home town**  
Ridgway, PA  
**Age** **GPA**  
61 3.91  
**Major**  
Multimedia  
**Transferring to**  
Portland State University



# Oregon Coast

To be Lincoln County's most effective educational resource for individual, community and economic development.

Main Campus: Newport

Phone: (541) 265-2283

President: Dr. Patrick J. O'Connor



## Jeanne Kate McCaslin

### Activities

- Volunteer, beach and forest clean-up
- Member, Student Government

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Honor Roll

Being raised in a homeschooled environment with freedom to work at my own pace I earned by GED at age 16 and took college classes. I immediately loved the challenge these courses presented and I excelled. Only three terms into my college education, due to some personal hardships and a lack of funds, I found myself in having to leave school and accept full time employment. Nine years have passed and while I have gained invaluable experience, I am delighted to be back in school full-time with financial assistance to make it possible. There are no plans or goals in my life as important to me as graduating with honors and continuing on to achieve a degree in cultural anthropology and foreign language.

### Home town

Falls City, OR

Age GPA

26 3.95

### Major

Anthropology /Foreign Language

### Transferring to

Portland State University  
or University of Oregon



## Michael S. McCaslin

### Activities

- Editor, "Waves" OCCC Literary Journal
- Writing, playing guitar, hiking

### Honors

- Honor Roll

I started working at age 15 for a grocery store and was promoted to Manager at age 16. I worked as a sales representative for Coca-Cola from the age of 19-22 when I joined the Navy and served as a Damage Controlman on board the USS Grapple. I attended Dive School and Search and Rescue Swimmer School. I am currently planning to continue in school using my VA benefits to complete my masters in education and become a teacher. I believe I have a strong calling to teach children and to write.

### Home town

Waldport, OR

Age GPA

31 4.0

### Major

English

### Transferring to

Western Oregon University

# Lane

Lane Community College is a comprehensive, learning-centered community college that provides accessible, affordable, high quality, lifelong education through vocational/career preparation and retraining, skill upgrading, lower division transfer programs, personal development and enrichment, and cultural and community services.



Main Campus: Eugene

Phone: (541) 463-3000

President: Dr. Mary Spilde

## Matthew Ray

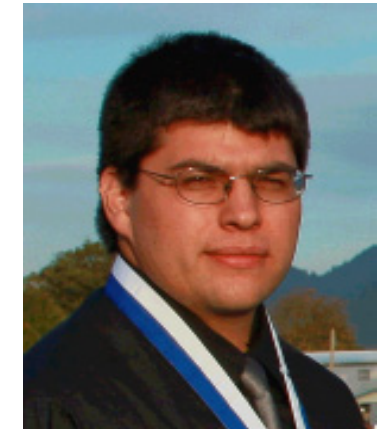
### Activities

- Officer-At-Large, Lanestock Club
- Member, American Design Drafting Association
- Regional Executive Officer, Phi Theta Kappa

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

My chosen field of study is architecture. This field requires a multitude of skills that mostly revolve around software usage and correct implementation of basic draftsmen skills. I discovered these skills are not taught in the bachelor program. A student must learn these skills as an intern at a company after their degree completion. These drafting skills are the fundamentals of architecture. Although I may be in a small pool of drafting students moving on to the university to achieve a degree in architecture, it is my belief this path gives me an edge over other graduates with a BS without a previous drafting education. I have chosen community college to provide the foundation I can build from with confidence over the course of my college career. To me it is important becoming draftsman first, then an architect. I want my education to be as enriched as possible.



### Home town

Eugene, OR

Age GPA

28 3.62

### Major

Architectural Drafting

### Transferring to

Texas A&M

## Lori Wilson

### Activities

- Volunteer, Americorp Students in Service
- Volunteer, Alcoholics Anonymous
- Peer Mentor/Sponsor Alcoholics Anonymous

### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I chose to attend Lane Community College because of the smaller classrooms and more relaxed atmosphere that I felt would allow me to better adjust, after a 20 year gap in my education. I was terrified to go back to school after such a lengthy period of time. I felt lost and confused my first term and sought out many campus resources for assistance. The caring staff at Lane Community College, quickly made me feel welcome. The campus resources were abundant and easy to access. I felt at home very quickly within the smaller campus atmosphere which greatly aided in my educational successes. I knew that the small close knit family atmosphere of a community college was the beginning that I needed in easing back into school. At the community college level, I also knew that I would not feel too old to return to school at age 42. I met many other individuals in my age group who held this same fear in returning to school many years later. The community college atmosphere proved to be a diverse and welcoming new



### Home town

Springfield, OR

Age GPA

45 3.74

### Major

Psychology

### Transferring to

University of Oregon



## Linn-Benton

Linn-Benton Community College supports the dreams of our students by providing comprehensive programs and services that are innovative and accessible. We are passionately committed to meeting the educational needs of individuals, businesses, and our communities through learner-centered and life-changing experiences.

Main Campus: Albany

Phone: (541) 917-4999

President: Dr. Greg Hamann



### Jon Calhoun

#### Activities

- PR Director, College of Agricultural Sciences OSU
- Treasurer, Collegiate FFA Chapter OSU
- Volunteer, Oregon Agricultures in the Classroom

#### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa
- Alpha Tau Upsilon

In the tiny town of North Powder, Oregon, I attended the local Powder Valley High, a school with 75 students and a graduating class of 13 in 2009. As a result, in seeking out a college I was looking for smaller class sizes, one on one teaching and nonetheless the discounted tuition was added bonus. In evaluating potential colleges, I was striving to find an in-state institution that offered an up to date and cutting edge Agriculture Science program, Linn-Benton Community College was able to provide this. After conversing with instructors and discussing the courses offered by the college, my decision to attend LBCC was final. I have been beyond impressed by the challenging courses, the instructors wanting all students to succeed, in addition to the wide array of classes. The decision to attend a community college has made me more marketable for future employment in the agriculture industry.

#### Home town

North Powder, OR

<b>Age</b>	<b>GPA</b>
19	3.86

#### Major

Agricultural Business & Management  
Transferring to Oregon State University



### Fredrick Whitman

#### Activities

- Mentor, Home for Good

#### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

I am an assistant manager at a local gas station/convenience store. I started as a gas attendant in April 2008 and worked my way up to assistant manager within one year. I am still employed there and share some management duties while I attend college full time. My employer has been one of the greatest factors in my success as a student up to this point. I am also a father of two boys, live with my girlfriend Starr and her two daughters I was at turning point in my life. I had been down several dead-end roads that produced no form of success or amount of intrinsic reward. So, in a desperate attempt to become self actualized I turned to something that had never been an option to me before that point in my life, an education. At first I was not sure that college was for me. Then with some time and perseverance I found that I was a member of something bigger than myself, and I could help the world become a better place for others. It was the best thing I have done for myself and my family in my whole life.

#### Home town

Albany, OR

<b>Age</b>	<b>GPA</b>
32	3.96

#### Major

Clinical Psychology  
Transferring to Oregon State University

## Mt. Hood

Mt. Hood Community College affords all people a knowledge-based education, giving them the ability to make life choices; adapt to change; build strong communities; contribute to and derive benefit from the new economy; and become part of a skilled workforce.



Main Campus: Gresham

Phone: (503) 491-6422

President: Dr. John "Ski" Sygielski

### Onjalai Flake

#### Activities

- Vice President of Service, Phi Theta Kappa
- President, Black Student Union
- Representative, Student Organizations and Councils

#### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

When my father fell ill three years ago, I moved from St. Louis, MO to Portland to take care of him. Since I was caring for my father I had the opportunity to attend school using his veteran's benefits. I never thought that I would go to college; that was not my reality. When it came time to select a school, I battled between a local university and a community college. As a nontraditional student, it was a hard decision, but one day I came home and there was a brochure in the mail for Mt. Hood Community College. I met with an advisor and from start to finish the personal assistance I received was amazing. Not to mention all of the free resources I would have access to such as free tutoring, counseling for caretakers, textbook rental, and veteran's assistance, all for a fraction of the cost compared to a university. The decision was easy. It has been the best decision of my life and I will never be the same. I have encountered some of the most intelligent and thought provoking instructors, staff, and classmates that have helped shape me as a student, leader, and individual.



#### Home town

Portland, OR

<b>Age</b>	<b>GPA</b>
26	3.54

#### Major

Hospitality and Tourism  
Transferring to University of Hawaii or University of Nevada, Las Vegas

### Drew Raine

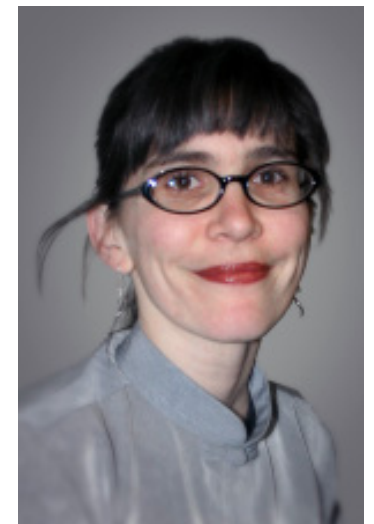
#### Activities

- Volunteer, Creative Minds Learning Center

#### Honors

- Phi Theta Kappa

My daughter is my greatest motivation for attending a community college. I want to provide my daughter with financial security, intellectual stimulus, and model that she can do anything, no matter how challenging. When my former husband chose to leave our family, I realized that I could not financially support our simple lifestyle. I have held a variety of jobs, and currently I upcycle a waste by-product of the textile industry, crafting it into hats, which I sell in an on-line market place. I have had the opportunity to observe and serve the public, but with low pay and few chances for advancement. This has brought me eye to eye with an understanding, without a degree no one will recognize my merit with financial rewards. Choosing to begin my academic career at a community college was based on financial feasibility and the student services offered. I am an introvert by nature. I was lucky enough to qualify for Mt. Hood Community College's Transitions Program. The Transitions Program exposed us to all the student services and resources and trained me to be capable of finding the tools I need to succeed academically. I came to MHCC to acquire tangible skills to improve my ability to support my family and learn how to enrich my community.



#### Home town

Portland, OR

<b>Age</b>	<b>GPA</b>
32	3.93

#### Major

Computer Information Systems  
Transferring to Oregon Institute of Technology