

## School to Careers program receives EFP grants

Transportation funds and help with developing a new computer database are two projects recently funded by the Education Foundation of Pendleton in support of the new internship program being developed by the Pendleton school district.

Connecting students from Pendleton High School, Hawthorne Alternative School, and Nixya'awii Community School to meaningful career-related learning opportunities is a goal of a new program led by Christina van der Kamp, School to Careers Coordinator.

The program, funded by a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Revitalization Grant, is a unique partnership between the school district and Susan Bower of Eastern Oregon Business Source who is serving as manager of the program.

The first six students have been placed in internships with local



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businesses; an additional five students will be placed yet this semester with the full roll out of the program in the second semester to include as many as 200+ students and 100+ contacts from local businesses and industry who have shown interest in the program. Students who need transportation are utilizing vouchers funded by the Education Foundation to use Elite Taxi's Dial-a-Ride program at a cost of \$1 per ride.

Another component of the program is development of a database with an online interface to help match students with businesses offering internships, job shadows, work experiences, worksite tours, etc. Input from students in the design process and collaboration with

Cayuse Technologies in creating the database and interface are unique features of this project. The Education Foundation is also helping to fund this opportunity for students. This portion of the project will develop over the spring months.

"Susan and I are encouraged by the positive feedback that we've received from the community as we build the School to Careers program, including support from the Education Foundation to help us address some important facets of our work," reports van der Kamp. "We really believe this program can further strengthen the ties between the school district and the community and could have a lasting impact for local students."

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## 2016 Fall Grants Total \$12,304

\$2,000	Schelle Bixler, PHS Honors Biology teacher, will be taking approximately 80 students from her classes on a field trip to the Oregon Coast where they will explore sandy beaches, rocky tide pools, estuary and near-shore ocean habitats, as well as ride in a research vessel in Yaquina Bay and on the ocean. This will be her twenty-second year taking these students on this trip.
\$1,000	Kathryn Youngman, PHS Foreign Language teacher, will take 25 students from her Spanish and French classes to the University of Oregon to participate in the Foreign Language and International Studies Day.
\$2,500	Kristin Swaggart's PHS Culinary Arts students in Foods 3 and 4 who also participate in the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club, will attend the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Portland, with their main focus competing in the culinary competition.
\$589	Olivia Rush, Pendleton High School Art Teacher, has made arrangements for her students to view gallery exhibits at both Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at BMCC several times during the school year. (\$481) and (\$108)
\$400	John Scanlan, drama teacher at Sunridge Middle School, took students from his drama class to a production of Portland Center Stage's "Little Shop of Horrors," travelling down and back in the same day.
\$675	Kathy Gregory, fifth-grade teacher at Washington Elementary, is planning to host three author visits via Skype during this school year. This will increase student motivation in reading and writing.
\$1,500	Jill Gregg, ASPIRE (Access to Student Assistance Programs in Reach of Everyone) Coordinator at Pendleton High School, will take 42 students on a trip to visit a public four-year university, a two-year community college, and a private university. They will also visit Columbia Sports in Portland which provides a view of employment opportunities after college.
\$90	Mike Heriza, fourth-grade teacher at Sherwood Heights Elementary, will take 90 4th graders for a tour and lunch at Tamastlikt Museum. Students will gain a greater understanding of Columbia basin tribes, both past and present.
\$550	Anne Sokoloski, Child Development Specialist at Pendleton Early Learning Center, will again coordinate the Pendleton School District Art show to be held in April at the Pendleton Convention Center. This is the thirteenth year for this event. The public is invited to view the art display which includes projects from Pre-K through 12th grade.
\$250	Cheryl Carlson, Music teacher at Sherwood Heights Elementary, will take approximately 210 fourth- and fifth-grade students to participate in the District VI Children's Choir Festival at Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande in the spring.
\$2,750	Christina van der Kamp, School to Careers Coordinator, is working in a program created to connect students of PHS, Hawthorne Alternative School and Nixya'awii Community School to meaningful career related learning opportunities. They are collaborating with business and industry partners that will provide students with hands-on career training. The funding will provide the means for students to help develop a database management program as well as assist with student transportation needs to and from the business participants.

## EFP nets over \$22,000 at second annual fundraiser

The new Washington School was the site of the second annual Grillin' for Grants, held November 5, 2016. About 150 people gathered to tour the new building and to raise over \$22,000 to fund enrichment experiences for the students of Pendleton schools. Half of that money will be awarded in spring grants in February, 2017; the other half will be added to the foundation's endowment to increase the amount available for future grants.

High school principal Dan Greenough assisted by Troy Jerome and TJ Haguewood grilled pork loins and Kristin Swaggart and her culinary arts students created and served up delicious rustic applesauce, salads, and beans for attendees. Dessert was cheesecake.

Auctioneer Dennis Hunt and master of ceremonies Jon Peterson coaxed attendees to raise their bids for both the live and silent auction items as well as centerpiece baskets, all donated by local businesses and individuals.

Education Foundation of Pendleton board members who chaired the committees for the event were Jan Peterson-Terjeson – Sponsors, Mark Stansbury – Financials, Terri Taber – Food, Steve Muller – Auctions, Michele Madril – Promotions/Tickets, and Karen Kullnat – Logistics. Colleen Hunt organized those who created the centerpiece baskets.

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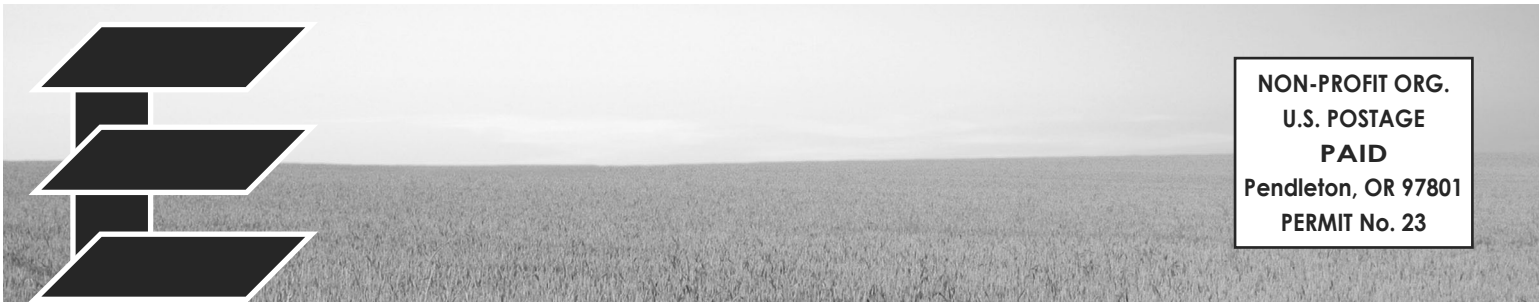
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