

## Pendleton Students Explore Careers in Trades

A total of 31 students from the Pendleton School District learned firsthand about trades such as welding, construction and wiring at the Oregon Tradeswomen Career Fair in Portland, Oregon. Six students from Pendleton High School and 25 from Sunridge Middle School attended the event in May.

The fair is organized by Oregon Tradeswomen, a Portland nonprofit organization, and is sponsored by industry partners. The goal of the trade fair is to introduce students to the wide variety of career opportunities available in the trades while offering a unique, hands-on opportunity for young women to learn about apprenticeship and career training opportunities after high school.

The students had the opportunity to build items such as birdhouses and tool boxes or paving stones and tile trays. There were several opportunities to climb (up I-beams, power poles, trees and ladders) and ride in bucket trucks and lift cranes. Interactive activities included fire, such as cutting torches and welding equipment.

According to Christina van der Kamp, the district's School to Careers Coordinator, some of the Pendleton's group favorite activities were focused on

teamwork, such as constructing an entire tiny home from modular parts or working together to stop a massive pipe leak with steel fittings. Most exhibits were operated by working professional women who were eager to interact with students and explain more about their jobs. The exhibit hall showcased dozens of representatives from colleges and technical training centers, military, governmental agencies and employers.



"There was huge value in having the girls literally get their hands dirty in a wide variety of activities such as welding, construction, wiring and fitting pipes. Student interaction with exhibit staff, the vast majority of whom were working professionals, was also valuable," van der Kamp said.

The Education Foundation provided a grant for travel to the event, and the Pendleton Building Construction Trades Council sponsored meals and financial assistance for students in need.

One participating student said, "I never thought that I would have such an amazing time doing the things I once was terrified of. Thank you for bringing

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*The purpose of the Education Foundation of Pendleton is to encourage and support curriculum enrichment, supplemental learning experiences, and other projects which may be deemed necessary and timely for the benefit of students in the Pendleton School District 16R. Through its work, the Foundation promotes public awareness and seeks to broaden the support of the community for its public schools. Funds for professional development are not a priority but may be considered.*

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## Oregon Tradeswomen Career Fair *continued...*

me to a big chapter in my life. I had so much fun and I feel bad for the girls at school who didn't go. What an amazing experience."

Another student shared, "I hadn't thought about being an electrician before we went to the fair. I loved learning about different jobs that I hadn't ever thought about."

The Pendleton School District School to Careers program helps local business and industry create career-related learning opportunities for regional high school students. It is operated through a partnership between Eastern Oregon Business Source and local school districts.



## 2018 Spring Grants Total \$9,700

**\$1,000**

In March, several PHS students, under the direction of Kristin Swaggart, Culinary Arts Teacher, demonstrated their knowledge of the restaurant and food service industry by developing a new restaurant concept at the ProStart Management competition in Salem, Oregon. In April, eight of PHS's culinary students competed and earned six of the top nine highest scores in cooking and baking competitions at the Oregon Coast Culinary Institute Invitational in Coos Bay, Oregon.

**\$2,400**

A trip that has become the highlight event for seniors in Schelle Hand Bixler's Honors Biology class traveled to the Oregon coast in May. On this field trip, 46 students visited the Bonneville Dam and fish ladder, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, explored the beach and tide pool habitats, and rode in a research vessel in Yaquina Bay and on the ocean. (\$2,400 in addition to \$3,920 granted last fall)

**\$600**

Pendleton High School's Art Teacher, Alice Thomas, arranged for 96 students in grades 9 through 12 to view gallery exhibits at both the Pendleton Center for the Arts and the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at BMCC several times between February and May.

**\$2,000**

The ECMC (Education Credit Management Corp.) program at PHS helps low-income, first-generation, college-going students further their educational goals. In March, Sonia Cooley, ECMC Teacher, took approximately 25 students to visit and tour several college campuses including Mt. Hood CC, Portland State University, Western Oregon University, Oregon State University and Lane CC.

**\$1,000**

Mitch Morioka, teacher at Hawthorne Alternative High School, provided students the opportunity to engage in an art project this spring. Assisted by Jan Peterson-Terjeson, Artist in Residence, students created two embossed metal panels, one to keep for themselves and the second to become a part of the art installation at the school.

**\$1,000**

Pendleton High School ASPIRE and School to Careers program took 31 PHS and SMS students to the Oregon Tradeswomen Association's annual career fair in May. This activity is highlighted on page one of this newsletter.

**\$700**

In May, 12 PHS and SMS students were selected to attend the 34th annual Oregon Writing Festival at Portland State University. Cynthia Purvis, teacher at Sunridge Middle School, traveled with the students who gathered with other students from across the state to share their writing, participate in writing workshops and attend presentations by nationally known professional writers.

**\$1,000**

In April, several students from Nixya'awii Community School embarked on a trip to visit Portland State University where they took a walking tour of campus and visited the Native American Student and Community Center there. They also traveled to Lewis and Clark College to partake in a writing workshop. On the second day, they attended and toured TEDx Talks and spent time listening and reflecting on lectures.

## Grillin' for Grants Fundraiser is October 11

This fall marks the 4th Annual Grillin' for Grants fundraiser of the Education Foundation of Pendleton. After a successful move to the Pendleton Convention Center last year, the event will continue there. The 2018 Grillin' for Grants is Thursday, October 11, and will again feature a tri-tip dinner, silent and live auctions and a wonderful opportunity to support Pendleton students.

A variety of items, services and experiences donated by individuals and businesses will be available for bidding. The 2017 fundraiser garnered about \$20,000 to fund enrichment experiences for students in Pendleton schools. Grillin' for Grants allows the Education Foundation to provide more funds for more student projects.

Tickets are \$25 and will be on sale at the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce, the Pendleton School District Office or from any EFP board member. Look for updated information on the EFP website, Facebook page, posters and in local media outlets.

Please join us on October 11 and encourage your family and friends to support Pendleton students by attending.



### BECOME A SPONSOR!

We invite you or your business to be a 2018 Grillin' for Grants sponsor at the Collegiate Level \$1000, Scholastic Level \$500 or Academic Level \$250.

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The Education Foundation is seeking donations of items for both the Live and Silent auctions at Grillin' for Grants 2018. Interested donors should contact Steve Muller at [zekemuller@gmail.com](mailto:zekemuller@gmail.com). Some suggestions for donations include:

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