

# The Community's College



**2014—2015 Annual Report**



## About College of the Siskiyous

College of the Siskiyous (COS), one of the most beautiful community college campuses in the state, is located at the base of majestic Mount Shasta in far northern California. Established in 1957, the primary campus is located in the historic lumber town of Weed with a second campus center located in Yreka, both easily accessible from Interstate 5. Each year, approximately 4,500 students enroll at College of the Siskiyous.

The College is widely recognized for its excellent programs in the humanities and arts, the sciences and technology, career and technical education, and in athletics. Graduates repeatedly express their feelings regarding their experience at College of the Siskiyous in terms of the warmth and friendliness of the staff and the provision of quality of instruction in a caring atmosphere.

College of the Siskiyous is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission of Recognition of Post-Secondary Accreditation and the US Department of Education.



## Reflections, Relationships, and Results By Scotty Thomason

My first year as Superintendent/President was an exciting and eventful year at College of the Siskiyous. In July 2014, I was hired by the Board of Trustees to serve as the 11<sup>th</sup> Superintendent /President. As with any new job there is a lot to learn and a lot to be accomplished. However, not more than a month into the fall semester (and two months as President), our community was impacted by a life-changing event. The Boles Fire swept through Weed on September 15<sup>th</sup> impacting all of our lives and changing history forever.

From the time the fire began until this date, COS has had many opportunities to assist its community. Rebuilding our community will take time and we look forward to ongoing and new opportunities in which we can continue to support our community. We also join everyone in being grateful that there was no loss of human life. Four of our employees as well as many students lost their homes while many others were displaced. Clean up and rebuilding of lost structures has begun, but the healing in our souls will take time. So many members of our community lost everything and our campus community has continued to stand up and step in wherever possible. I am so proud to be a part of this community!

In the last year, just as our surrounding landscape has forever been changed, so have we as an educational institution. We recommitted ourselves with greater clarity to the notion of student centeredness. We made policy, curriculum, budget, and personnel decisions based on what we knew to be at the center of our vision and values...integrity, excellence, and openness. We reestablished relationships with our service area high schools, service organizations, and community leaders and businesses.

None of this would have been possible without our wonderful faculty and staff and our incredible Siskiyou County community. As we continue to move forward, I want to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support.

Scotty Thomason, Superintendent / President

## Highlights of 2014-2015

### July 2014

- Barry Ohlund, Board President administers the Oath of Office to Sofia Beck (pictured right), 2014/2015 Student Trustee.
- Greg South serves as Interim Superintendent / President while the College concludes its search and hiring process for the new Superintendent/President.
- Scotty Thomason hired as the 11th Superintendent/ President at College of the Siskiyous.
- COS Graduate, Sean Boerger, receives \$40,000 academic achievement scholarship to attend DigiPen Institute of Technology.
- COS awarded \$55,487 Enrollment Growth Grant for the Associate Degree Nursing Program.
- COS drops 290 students from classes for lack of payment.
- Ron Slabbinck is hired to teach Music at COS.
- COS awarded \$99,000 Ford Family Foundation grant for the Early Childhood Education Program to support the Abacus Project, a developmentally appropriate early math awareness-raising curriculum.
- The beginning reserve balance reflects an audited balance of 5.51% being carried forward from FY 2013/2014.



### August 2014

- COS Board of Trustees approves refinancing of 2005 Measure A, Series A general obligation funds saving Siskiyou/Shasta county taxpayers approximately \$1,078,000 over the next 16 years.
- COS Foundation Scholarship Program awards \$38,536 to students.
- Thirty-six children, ages 7-14, directed by Wendy James, perform in Camp Broadway's production of "Once Upon This Island JR." Three public performances are well attended by community members.

## Our Mission:

*College of the Siskiyous promotes learning and provides academic excellence for the students of Siskiyou County, the State of California, the nation and the world. COS provides accessible, flexible, affordable, and innovative education leading to associate degrees, certificates, college transfer, career and technical education, workforce training, and basic skills preparation.*



## September 2014 (continued)

- COS is site of Local Assistance Center to help residents whose homes are destroyed or damaged by the Boles Fire.
- Former COS student, Giovanni Lamanna, is one of 23 students in the State to be chosen for the CSU Trustee's Award for Outstanding Achievements. Lamanna is a 2011 graduate of COS.
- Members of the COS Baseball team and other COS students donate time at the Eagle's Nest Shop to help with collection of donated items for victims (photo top left).
- Phase I of the Manufacturing/Welding Program renovation is completed. The lab now includes 37 new welding stations ready for student use. Phase II of the program restoration will be the addition of multi-media teaching stations for classroom delivery of the Hobart Institute of Welding Technology curriculum.
- Steve Reynolds, English Faculty, is Interim Director of the Yreka Center.

## August 2014 (continued)

- COS hires Brady Svlich as the new Cross Country team coach. It's the first time COS has had a Cross Country program since 1999.
- Eagle Football moves up a division after winning "back-to-back" football conference championships (2012 and 2013). The Football Program brought in over 120 full-time students for fall 2014.
- Jude Baldwin is hired as full-time Faculty Librarian.
- Dennis Weathers, long-time Art Faculty, introduced as Interim Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

## September 2014

- September 15, 2014—the Boles Fire rages through and devastates the City of Weed. Approximately 150 structures, including homes and businesses, are destroyed. Over 479 acres are consumed by the fire.
- Four COS employees lose their homes to the fire, and many others including students are displaced due to damage and smoke. (CalFIRE and local Law Enforcement confirm their was no loss of life).
- COS hosts annual College Fair.
- COS hosts "town hall" meetings for debriefings and updates on the fire led by City Administrators and CalFIRE.

## October 2014

- COS continues to participate in the recovery efforts due to the Boles Fire. The Siskiyou Food Assistance Program and Weed Catholic Church are temporarily relocated to the Weed Campus.
- COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner and Coat of Many Colors Auction raises \$7,500 to support COS student scholarships.
- COS Foundation is fiscal sponsor for \$348,584 Child Abuse Prevention Grant funded by the Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention (OCAP).
- COS Football team loads truckloads of donations received for victims of the Boles Fire to be sent to warehouse for storage and distribution.
- COS Foundation established textbook replacement program to assist students who lost their textbooks in the fire.
- COS is host to the Weed Community Harvest Festival.
- COS incorporates new communication system called Everbridge. Messages can be sent via text or email to students, staff and faculty.
- COS awarded \$1,000 from the California Early Childhood Mentor Program.



## COS on Top 15 California Community Colleges List in 2014-2015

In 2010, College of the Siskiyous was recognized by BestCollegesOnline.com as one of the Top 10 Most Beautiful Community Colleges in America. Now, five years later, COS is once again recognized, this time as one of the Top 15 California Community Colleges by EDsmart.org.

The Top 15 list has been broken into three areas and is based on graduation and transfer rates: Large Schools, Medium Schools, and Small Schools. COS is listed as one of the five small schools on the list. According to the Top 15 report, COS has a graduation and

transfer rate of 50.8% and a first year retention rate of 82% according to [www.edsmart.org](http://www.edsmart.org) who released the Top 15 report. The cost of attendance varies for those that are in-state residents and out of state residents.



## COS Welcomes New Vice President of Administrative Services

Nancy Funk, new Vice President of Administrative Services, started her new position with COS on November 24. “Ms. Funk has the skills and personality to be really successful as our Vice President of Administrative Services,” said Scotty Thomason, College President. “Since coming to COS, she has presented many new and innovative ideas for strengthening processes and a great willingness to help to carry out the vision and mission of the College.”

Ms. Funk has over 17 years of experience in working at various accounting positions, including most recently, working as the Controller for the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District and prior to that, as an Audit Manager for Matson and Isom, in Redding, CA. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from CSU Chico and is also a graduate of the ACBO/ACCCA Training Institute for Chief Business Officials. Ms. Funk also is an active Certified Public Accountant and has been self-employed as a Tax Practitioner and Accountant for the past 14 years.

Ms. Funk also has extensive involvement in community-based programs, including *Renew the Hope*, a public benefit corporation she founded to help make life better for a group of 40 orphan children that now supports over 100 children and young people. The program has grown from its initial sponsorship program for children to include a scholarship program, a new orphanage facility and a neighborhood feeding center. She also serves on the Board of Directors for KIXE Public Television.

### November 2014

- COS student, Elina Saryon, coordinates a *Family Fun Day* to raise funds for those affected by the Boles Fire.
- Photography by COS Student, Angelea Heartsong, is featured in the COS Student Art Gallery. “Solace in Satori” features a collection of black and white photographs bringing to light the reality of the destruction that was left behind after the Boles Fire in Weed.
- COS Welding Program works with 6th grade students from Butteville Elementary to create a piece of art for the school’s annual art auction.
- Auditions are held for spring musical *RENT*. Wendy James is the Director.
- Pennie Heilman, Carol Cupp, Alan Dyar, and James Hardy are re-elected as COS Board of Trustee members during the November 4 general election.
- COS Theater students, Joshua Nile, Elizabeth Henson, and Emmanuel Blanchard-Kabat (pictured below), are nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship competition at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.
- Nancy Funk is hired as new Vice President of Administrative Services.

### November 2014 (continued)

- COS Football (6-4 season record) hosts bowl game for third year, against rival Shasta College (8-2) in the North State Bowl. COS wins the Bowl Game—35-27.
- Siskiyou Food Assistance opens at COS following the Boles Fire (one of several businesses to have been destroyed during the fire). The 4th Annual *Run For Food* event is held at Weed Campus.
- Mt. Shasta Printmakers Collective holds artist reception and show at the Weed Campus.
- COS Theater Department Fall Play—*The Importance of Being Earnest* opens on the Kenneth W. Ford Theater Stage. In 1969, founding Theater Department Director, James Witherell, christened the then “brand-new” theater with the same production.

### December 2014

- COS Foundation awarded \$500 grant from the Sellers Freeman Fund to support archiving of materials for the Mt. Shasta Collection at COS Library.
- COS awarded \$78,148 USDA Rural Development Distance Learning Grant to support updating of the videoconferencing rooms in the Weed Campus Distance Learning Center.
- Twenty students are recognized during Pinning Ceremony for the Vocational Nursing Program.
- The 17th Annual COS Foundation Craft Fair is held in COS Gym.
- Eagle’s Nest Shop celebrates its 17th Anniversary.
- COS Football Program announces 16 players receive Nor-Cal League All-Conference honors during the 2014 Football season.
- The COS Administrative Support Management group provided thirty-six families with holiday food baskets (124 people served)



## **Rupe Foundation Supports COS Certified Nurse Assistant Program**

The summer 2014 Certified Nurse Assistant cohort received significant support in grant funding from the Dorothy D. Rupe Nursing Assistant Program, a part of the Arthur N. Rupe Foundation.

The grant supported purchase of necessary supplies for all students in the program, such as stethoscopes, uniforms, gait belts, and books. Additionally it provided support for students' travel expenses to clinical sites, and tuition assistance for students whose expense was not covered by other financial aid.

The grant also made it possible to provide state certification testing in Yreka, eliminating the need for students to travel to the San Francisco Bay Area for testing. During graduation ceremonies, students and program administrators acknowledged the positive impact of the grant on the success of the students.

College of the Siskiyous regularly offers the Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Program each summer. Students who wish to participate must be 16 years old. The COS Nursing Department is pleased to congratulate the most recent graduates of the CNA Program.

The graduating cohort is the largest in several years (23 students) and many of the graduates have already found employment and intend to pursue additional education in the field of health care, including nursing.

### **December 2014 (continued)**

- COS Foundation along with Siskiyou Media Council and the Weed and Yreka Rotary Clubs sponsor "Bridging the Holidays for the Victims of the Boles Fire" with a presentation by Tom Stienstra.

### **January 2015**

- Efforts to increase full time enrollments are working. Enrollment showing increase of 90 FTES compared to previous year.
- San Francisco Giants World Series trophies from 2010, 2012, and 2014 are on display for one evening only at the COS Gymnasium.
- Men's and Women's Basketball opens Golden Valley Conference with home games. The Lady Eagles, defending Golden Valley Conference Champions, open league season with 15-2 record.

### **February 2015**

- Twelve COS Football players sign letters of intent to continue their education and athletic careers at four-year colleges and universities: Marcell Frazier, University of Missouri; Anthony Ocasio, University of New Mexico; AJ Flowers, Tennessee State University, John Holland, West Virginia State University; Jason Syverson, Ferris State University; Marcus McCoy, Upper Iowa University; Connor Schrader, Southern Illinois University; Elias Mensah, Chadron State University; Michael Everett, Henderson State University; Terrence Bailey, Henderson State University; Sam Williams, Northwest Missouri State University; and, Aaron Williams, Sterling College.
- COS Women's Basketball is Golden Valley Conference Champion for 4th consecutive year and host 2nd Round game against Mission College in CCCAA State Women's Basketball Playoffs.

### **March 2015**

- COS and College OPTIONS host annual 8th Grade Inspiration Day on Weed Campus. The event features Egg Drop Competition, Art and Writing Contests, and presentations by local businesses showcasing career options.
- It was "standing room" only at the monthly Board of Trustees meeting as the Board approves resolution to reduce number of Spanish classes offered due to a continued decrease in enrollment in Spanish classes.
- COS Baseball team holds one-day youth clinic with more than 115 players ages 6 to 13.
- COS Spring Musical, *RENT*, features large student cast and live rock band. Wendy James is the Director.
- COS awarded \$108,042 Career & Technical Education 60% Enhancement Grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

### **April 2015**

- Athletic Department recognizes over 85 Scholar Athletes for 2013/2014.
- COS Career and Technical Education Department partners with Weed High School to offer Community Construction class to provide contractors with a locally trained workforce. The new Community Construction Technology Training Program begins with 30 participants.
- Weed Rotary Club donates funds to support the new Community Construction class at COS.
- Sean Kenny, COS Art Faculty, critiques work by the Siskiyou Artists Association during general meeting of the association.
- COS awarded \$100,000 AB86 Adult Education grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- COS awarded \$20,000 Electronic Transcript Mini-Grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- COS awarded \$4,000 Deputy Sector Navigator Mini-Grant for Manufacturing Pathway (Construction) from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- COS Photography students host opening reception for "Pixels, Grain & Noise," the 2015 Spring Semester Student Photography Show.
- Dr. William Hirt, COS Geology Faculty, gives a presentation to third graders at Mt. Shasta Elementary School on rocks and minerals.

## COS Recognizes Retirees & Staff for Years of Service

At the end of the spring semester, COS annually recognizes employees retiring for their long-time service with the college during a celebration held on their behalf. Carol Cupp, member of the Board of Trustees presented each of the retirees with framed photographs by local photographer Mark Stensaas of various views of Mount Shasta in appreciation for their commitment and work at COS. Employees who retired in 2014-2015 include:

- **Kathy Gassaway (1999 – 2015) 16 Years:** Ms. Gassaway was first hired at COS as a Program Assistant for the Vocational Education Program. In 2004, she became the Administrative Secretary for the Career and Technical Education Department. Towards the end of 2010, Ms. Gassaway applied for and was then hired as the Executive Assistant to the Board and College President. (pictured bottom on left)
- **Dr. Barbara Odegard (1988 – 2015) 27 Years:** Dr. Odegard was hired as a full-time math instructor at COS in 1988. Throughout her years at COS, Dr. Odegard taught all levels of math, has been active with the Faculty Association and was very passionate about promoting healthy classroom environments. She also worked diligently on the implementation of many new online strategies such as developing a video blog for her classes.
- **Jerry Pompa (1991 – 2015) 24 Years:** Mr. Pompa was hired as a full-time math instructor at COS in 1991. Throughout his years at COS, Mr. Pompa taught all levels of math, served as Academic Senate President, and was a powerful organizing force in keeping the math department current and promoting high standards of teaching by full and part time faculty.
- **Linda Rogers (1997 – 2015) 18 Years:** Ms. Rodgers was first hired by COS as a temporary employee for the Learning Services Department in 1997. Later that same year, she was hired as a permanent part time Clerk Typist for Learning Services. In 2000, Ms. Rogers became a full-time permanent Office Secretary in the Learning Services Department and then later reclassified and moved to the Disabled Student Programs and Services Department. (pictured bottom second from left)
- **Cynthia Shipley (2007 – 2015) 8 Years:** Ms. Shipley was first hired in 2007 as a Program Specialist in the Academic Success Center (ASC). In 2010, she was hired to be an Instructional Support Specialist in the Technology Services Department for the Yreka Campus. After four years at the Yreka Campus, Ms. Shipley moved back to the Weed Campus to work as the ASC Coordinator. (pictured bottom second from right)
- **Anna Volf (1990 – 2015) 25 Years:** Ms. Volf was hired at COS in 1983 as a Library Technical Assistant and was later reclassified as an Instructional Support Specialist II. (pictured bottom far right)

College of the Siskiyous also annually recognizes staff members for their years of service to the College during Staff Appreciation Day. "Celebrating the work of our staff, who are essential to a well run organization, is very rewarding," says Nancy Miller, Director of Human Resources. "Each employee in the organization plays an important role and impacts the lives of our students and the communities we serve." COS staff recognized this year were: Marcia Eblen (30 years of service); Phil Alvarado, Debora Dutcher, Kelly Groppi (25 years of service); Larry Glenn, Meghan Witherell (20 years of service); Jason Aronson, Rita Browne,



Kathy Gassaway, Mary Mericle (15 years of service); Angel Fisher, David Harris, Eric Yerkes (10 years of service); and Nancy Coughlin, Maria Ferrasci, Ryan Galbraith (5 years of service).

The event, organized by the Staff Development Committee, included campus beautification projects, healthy exercise, a Mexican themed lunch and awards. The day was capped off with a raffle of prizes for each classified employee in attendance.



## May 2015

- The 55th annual Commencement Ceremony is held with 153 graduates. 2015 Commencement speakers are Claryssa Russ, James Miller, and Emmanuel Blanchard-Kabat. Graduation ceremonies were also held for the Fire Academy and Registered Nurse Step-Up Program.
- COS graduate, Aaron Santi, is newest official for the National Football League.
- College recognizes 14 staff members for many years of service during annual staff appreciation day.
- COS is on Top 15 list of the State's Community Colleges.
- COS is host to STEM Conference for girls. Workshops led by adult women in STEM careers introduced the girls to some of the creative possibilities inherent as well as some of the "nuts and bolts" involved in careers such as medicine, dentistry, math, computer science, and engineering.
- Kindergarten Day, hosted by COS and sponsored by College OPTIONS, Siskiyou County Office of Education, and Shasta Head Start is well attended.
- COS awarded \$216,318 Career & Technical Education 40% Enhancement Grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- Aronoldo Avalos, member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and District 1 Assemblyman Brian Dahle visit COS Campuses.

## June 2015

- COS receives notice of award for \$6 million Career Pathways Trust Program Grant. The largest single grant received in the college's history.
- COS recognizes six retirees for service.
- COS awarded \$10,000 SB1070 Mini-Grant for Siskiyou Pathways from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- COS awarded \$5,000 United Way of Northern California Grant to support the Community Construction Technology Training Program.
- COS awarded \$15,000 Shasta Regional Community Foundation Grant to support the Community Construction Technology Training Program.
- Enrollment for 2014/2015 shows 4% growth and the college fully restores its funding cap.
- COS ending reserve balance for 2014/2015 is 6.71%

## \$6 Million 'Career Pathways' Grant Largest in COS History

In May 2015, the College of the Siskiyous received notification it had been awarded a \$6 million grant through the California Career Pathways Trust Program. This is the largest single grant COS has ever received. The grant funds will benefit all the high schools in Siskiyou County and Modoc High School in varying amounts. A portion of the funding will also help initiate a program to bring ideas about career choices to students in primary grades.

COS will work with the high schools to create career pathways between secondary and post-secondary education in the health science and medical, administration of justice and public services, manufacturing, and business and entrepreneurship industry sectors. COS is the fiscal agent and will administer the grant funds.

Secondary and post-secondary educational systems will develop more dual enrollment courses such as the Entrepreneurship class taught at Mt. Shasta High School, and staff development will be provided to instructors and counselors so they can better assist students participating in the new Pathways programs.

Grants were awarded statewide to programs that blend academic and career technical education, connect employers with schools, and train students for jobs in high-demand fields such as health care, advanced manufacturing, information technology, and software development. Grant recipients are tasked with creating and sustaining career pathways programs that link businesses, K-12 schools, and community colleges to prepare students for the 21st century workplace.

Career Pathways not only provides students with specific skills and training needed in modern industries, but it also helps employers fill high-demand jobs created by the new economy. These colleges and career-ready students are what employers need to grow the regional economies of California.



2013/2014 Scholar Athletes





## COS Foundation

The COS Foundation, established in 1992, seeks to provide and support the margin of excellence that tuition and tax support cannot offer. The Foundation is a not-for-profit, IRS 501(c)3 corporation chartered to financially provide for the educational needs of the College. State funding is limited and does not meet the many needs of the College. The Foundation actively pursues and generates resources to help the College fulfill its mission to its students and the community it serves.

COS, one of 113 public community colleges in California, is the only institution of higher learning in Siskiyou County, providing the opportunity for residents of Siskiyou County to receive a higher education, as well as to improve their lives intellectually, professionally, economically and personally. The Foundation, too, plays an important and valuable role in the economic, social, and cultural quality of life in the community.

Seventeen business and community leaders volunteer generously of their time, talent, and treasure to support COS and its students by serving on the Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation's investment strategy seeks to provide maximum return at a prudent risk. The Foundation's funds are managed by recognized Siskiyou County professionals investing in a diversified portfolio.

## COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner Raises \$7,500 for Scholarships

"Siskiyou County residents have supported its students by providing thousands of dollars in scholarships for the past 30 years. Staff, faculty and community members once again showed their support by raising \$7,500 at the COS Foundation Scholarship Fundraising Dinner and Dessert / Auction held October 4, 2014 at Weed Sons of Italy Memorial Hall.

Scholarship recipients Hamedo Mohamed of Mt. Shasta, Allison Brooke of Weed, and Cassidy James Downey Moran of Yreka spoke after dinner about how the scholarships are helping them to obtain their education and career goals. Guests were also treated to a preview of the COS Vocal Jazz Ensemble's fall repertoire.



Dennis Weathers (left) with Scotty Thomason



Scotty Thomason

Then the fun really began... Dennis Weathers, Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences, successfully coaxed guests to raise their bids during the dessert auction to support the scholarship fund. In addition to the dessert auction, guests also participated in a Silent Auction and an opportunity drawing gift basket of "Siskiyou" themed items.

Auctioning of the Coat of Many Colors and Mongolian Fur Hat is the highlight of this event. In 1986, former COS President Dr. Eugene Schumacher donated the Coat, a gift from a Middle Eastern exchange student, to be auctioned off and worn by the lucky winner to a designated event or meeting. That year, COS Women's Basketball and Volleyball Coach Tom Powers was the lucky recipient. Several years later the Mongolian Hat was donated by Ernie Nagel of Mt. Shasta. Since 1986, approximately 28 "lucky" individuals have had to wear the coat to designated functions.

The 2014 recipient of Coat of Many Colors is Scotty Thomason, COS Superintendent / President. President Thomason was selected to wear the Coat at all COS Board of Trustee meetings he attends over the course of the next year.

## COS Foundation Receives \$50,000 Bequest to Support Students

The College of the Siskiyous Foundation is a bequest of \$50,000 from the estate of Leah Coplan, former resident of Lake Shastina, who passed away in March 2013.

Coplan believed in the importance of education, and served as a member of the COS Foundation Board of Directors from April 1999 to July 2009. As a Foundation Board member she participated on the Performing Arts Series and the Golf Tournament planning committees. Coplan also enjoyed painting and regularly registered as a student in COS painting classes.

Her support of students and the College never wavered and her legacy will live on through the students who attend COS in the years to come.



Leah Coplan with Ann Kaster, former COS Foundation Board member at a COS Foundation Golf Tournament.

## Mission of the COS Foundation

*The COS Foundation supports the mission and values of the College of the Siskiyous by fostering community relationships and raising funds to enhance exceptional learning environments.*

## COS Foundation Receives Donation Supporting Students Impacted by the Boles Fire



Nancy Conner, Senior Vice President with Keenan & Associates (pictured left), presented a donation from Keenan & Associates to Dawnie Slabaugh, Interim Director of Public Relations / Foundation at College of the Siskiyous (pictured right).

“Keenan is honored to donate funds to help COS students and staff who have lost their belongings due to the wildfire that swept through the City of Weed. We hope

this donation will help provide the students and staff with the assistance they need to continue their education and pursuit of long-term goals,” said Conner. “Keenan & Associates has been a long-time supporter of the college and the COS Foundation. We are truly grateful for the support they have provided these many years,” said Slabaugh.

## COS Foundation Recognizes Many at President’s Circle Banquet

On March 14, the COS Foundation hosted the President’s Circle Banquet at Snow Creek Studios in Mt. Shasta. Back after a three-year hiatus, this event is held to thank and honor members of the community who contribute to the College. A very special element of the celebration is the presentation of the three special awards. The honorees who received the awards this year were chosen based upon the intensity and significance of their accomplishments with the college, community and support of student success. Awards were presented to: Connie Marmet of Mt. Shasta (The Lawrence Moran Distinguished Service Award), Nor Cal Products of Yreka (the COS Partner of the Year), and Mark Healy of Weed (the COS Distinguished Alumni Award). In addition, members of the donor’s club (2011 – 2014) were also recognized for their contributions.

### 2015 COS Distinguished Alumni - Mark Healy, Weed (top right)

Mark Healy graduated from COS in June of 1970 and transferred to U.C. Davis. He received his bachelor’s degree in Plant Science, emphasis on Landscape Horticulture, in June 1973. Healy returned to Siskiyou County to start *Evergreen Landscaping*, which gradually developed into mostly public works and large commercial projects and most of those were out of the area. In 1981, Healy put his business on hold to become the Grounds Maintenance Supervisor for College of the Siskiyous. Healy retired from the College several years ago but continues to work in the community and serve as a consultant at COS.

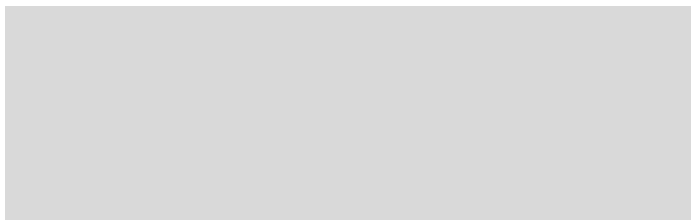
### 2015 COS Partner of the Year - Nor-Cal Products, Inc., Yreka (middle right)

The relationship between College of the Siskiyous and Nor-Cal Products began many years ago and many of our COS welding program graduates have gone on to work for Nor-Cal Products. In spring of 2012, Nor-Cal Products donated welding equipment to the Career and Technical Education Program that is used on a daily basis by students in our Welding Program. During the summer of 2014, the COS Welding Lab was completely transformed. The lab was renovated and restructured to be able to accommodate twice as many students, new equipment and wiring was installed, and new curriculum was purchased from the Hobart Institute of Welding. Nor-Cal Products donated six Gas Tungsten Arc Welders for the facility and was tremendously helpful with providing consulting on the facility structure.

### 2015 Lawrence Moran Distinguished Service Award (bottom right)

In 2008, Connie Marmet found herself appointed the Measure A Bond Oversight Committee at College of the Siskiyous. In 2009, she was invited to become a member of the COS Foundation Board of Directors, serving one four-year term. One of Marmet’s last projects with the College as a Foundation member, was working on the coordination of the Theater Landscape Enhancement Project. As a Foundation Board member she served on the Performing Arts Series Committee as Chair, the Investment Committee, and on the Donor’s Club.





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