

Central Oregon Community College Foundation

## Bend Research and COCC

### The Ties that Bind

Not surspringly, these two venerable Bend institutions share some common bonds. Bend Research CEO and President Rod Ray's mother, Nancy Zahl, was director of health sciences at Central Oregon Community College in the late 1970s and wrote the College's original registered nursing curriculum. Ray's stepfather, George Zahl, served as dean of students. In addition, Zelda Ziegler, associate professor of chemistry, is a former Bend Research employee and numerous Bend Research employees have attended classes at COCC.

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Each year Bend Research sponsors the COCC Math Contest, a competition for teams of high school math students. Shown here is the afternoon relay event held in Mazama Gymnasium.

### The Culinary Campaign A Fund-Raising Update

To date \$2,328,750 has been raised toward the Foundation's Culinary Campaign goal of \$3.5 million. The goal is to raise half of the projected \$7 million cost of the new culinary facility. The campaign continues until June 2009.

"Success above the \$3.5 million target would lessen the College's financial burden which could then minimize increases in program fees culinary students would pay to help cover construction costs. Additionally, it could create an endowment to support operational costs," points out Jim Weaver, executive director of the Foundation.

Still, the tuition and fees for the expanded culinary program will be reasonable. Unlike many private culinary programs that cost as much as \$50,000 each year for two years or more, the COCC program is slated to be a two-year program

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### Chandler Visiting Scholar Program

#### SERGEI KHRUSHCHEV

Senior Fellow, the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University Can Russia Have Two Tsars: Medvedev and Putin?

7 p.m., Tuesday, June 3 Tower Theatre, downtown Bend made possible by Bank of the Cascades and Pacific Power

#### Dr. Sergei

Khrushchev, the son of Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, will speak about Russia's future under the leadership of President Medvedev and Prime Minister Putin. Originally a missile engineer in the USSR, Dr. Khrushchev is now a U.S. citizen, frequent National Public Radio commentator, and author of more than 250 books and articles, including his father's memoirs. As

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Sergei Khrushchev



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#### A 14% Enrollment Increase Brings New Opportunities from the President

As we conclude another academic year, I want to begin by thanking the many supporters of COCC and donors to the Foundation for helping make this such a successful year. Along with a stellar year for the Foundation, I am pleased to report that we have seen record enrollment – an increase of about 14 percent over last year.

The increase has comes in all categories, with more new students of both traditional and non-traditional age, students just starting out in their college career and those either transferring in or returning to COCC after taking some time off and, most dramatically, in high school students taking advantage of one of numerous possibilities to get a jump start on college.

Over the past two years, the number of high school students taking COCC classes has more than tripled. This includes those enrolling in classes offered in the high schools and those coming to the Bend or Redmond campuses where they mix with traditional college students.

With the good, of course, come challenges. First, dramatic enrollment growth increases the need to expand scholarship resources, especially with education being so important for those experiencing economic challenges.

Second, we must find room for all of the new students. To help quickly, we are working on two new parking lots and converting space on campus for three new classrooms. If enrollment continues to rise, however, this is just beginning.

This summer, the COCC Board of Directors is expected to authorize placing a bond measure on the November ballot, seeking funding for a new health professions and science classroom building. Additionally, money would go to renovations of existing buildings, increased accessibility for students with disabilities and for construction of buildings in outlying areas – likely Madras and Prineville.



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Dr. James Middleton COCC President

The good news for voters is that – since the bond for the COCC library will be paid off next year – this bond (expected to be about \$44 million) would increase the tax rate by only less than three cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value – or about \$5 per year on a house assessed at \$200,000.

We believe the projects supported by the bond can would not only help COCC serve more students but can also put us in position to better meet the expanding health care training needs of our region.

## Meal of the Year Honors Ron and Wilda Bryant

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation's 33rd annual Meal of the Year benefit raised more than \$200,000 for scholarship assistance for COCC students and related Foundation activities.

"This is a wonderful result, especially for the students who will benefit through the scholarships they will receive. Central Oregonians care deeply we appreciate this generosity," said Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation.

This year's benefit included "The Taste of the Town" on March 7 and the "Meal of the Year" dinner dance and auctions on March 8. The Friday event featured signature selections from 21 local restaurants, a martini bar and music by High Street Band. The sold-out Saturday dinner dance featured a gourmet dinner prepared by The High Desert Chapter of the American Culinary Federation, live and silent auctions and music by High Street Band.

Ron and Wilda Bryant were honored for their longtime support of the COCC Foundation scholarship program as well as many causes in Central Oregon and beyond.



COCC President Jim Middleton presents the 2008 award to Ron and Wilda Bryant.

### *The Power of Perpetuity* "The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life." —William James

In this issue, you will read about individuals who have demonstrated the profound power of perpetuity by establishing an endowment. In every case, it represents making an everlasting and consummate statement of values and of giving to others.

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There are many ways to establish an endowment during life or after passing: donations of (preferably highly appreciated) stock; no longer needed life insurance; the proceeds of a charitable remainder trust at the end of the trust's tenure; real estate property or split interest in real estate; and naming a charity as beneficiary of a retirement plan (IRA for example) after we pass.

#### This is what matters:

Be certain that you have the correct and complete name of the charity by either contacting (or having your attorney contact) the charity. For example, it is important that the COCC Foundation be named as beneficiary not the College itself.



Jim Weaver Executive Director COCC Foundation

Consider exploring the specific legacies your gift can make possible. In the case of the Wille family, discussions with Fran Wille led to the satisfaction of knowing that her gift would establish the Wille endowment for instrument music at COCC and be used to build a rehearsal hall named in their honor.

The COCC Foundation has more than \$12 million in endowment funds,

ranging from \$50,000 to \$3.2 million. In every case, the funds are managed by Commonfund (www.commonfund. org) as well as an 11-person group of local finance professionals who oversee Commonfund's performance and report to the COCC Foundation Board. The interest earned on the endowment funds serve a variety of purposes: musical instruments, faculty wages, library books and scholarships, to name a few. In every case, the purpose represents the best of William James' adage: "The best use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts life."

To discuss endowments or any other aspect of the COCC Foundation, please contact Jim Weaver at 383-7212 or jweaver@cocc.edu

### Sunriver Resort Supports Culinary Campaign \$250,000 Gift BoostsTotal Funds Pledged

On behalf of Sunriver Resort, Tom Luersen, regional managing director/Pacific Northwest for the Lowe Hospitality Group, announced a \$250,000 pledge to the COCC Foundation's Culinary Campaign. The goal of the campaign is to build a new and expanded culinary facility and restaurant to support an enhanced culinary arts program.

"I am ecstatic with COCC's commitment to develop and build a world-class culinary institute," said Luersen. "With the upgraded facility and refined curriculum, culinary will become an even greater program of excellence at our college of distinction that we are so proud to have in our community.

"This vision is right on target, and Central Oregon is ripe for the opportunity. In Deschutes County, industry experts are predicting that the number of restaurants will double again in the next decade."

Restaurants such as Blacksmith, Zydeco, Staccato, Merenda and resorts such as Sunriver, Tetherow, Pronghorn, Brasada, Remington Ranch, Black Butte and Eagle Crest are prime markets for graduates of this expanded program. Sunriver Resort alone employs dozens of trained culinarians and is always looking for qualified applicants, according to Luersen.

### Culinary Building

*(continued from front page)* with estimated tuition and fees at less than \$15,000 per year.

The College plans to break ground in 2010 on the proposed 14,000 plus-square-foot facility that will include a public restaurant. The facility will be located just northeast of the Mount Washington Drive, Shevlin Park Road roundabout.

The new building will be near several businesses to be developed by Bill Smith of William Smith Properties, the force behind the Old Mill District shopping district and Les Schwab Amphitheater.



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### OLI Voices



Though we are all Hispanics, we are truly a diverse group. Yet we all get along for one common goal: we all want to better ourselves and make an impact in the Hispanic community. Through everyone's dedication to the OLI program, we are reaching this goal. — Joaquin Rodriguez Remigio



I am part of OLI because I believe that I can make a difference in our community especially when it comes to minorities. I want to bring the high school dropout rate among Latinos down. I believe in this program. — Monica Tapin

## Oregon Leadership Institute

### Providing leadership opportunties for Latino youth

The Turner Fund, an endowment established by Robert E. and Margaret H. Turner, is one source of support for COCC's Oregon Leadership Institute, an organization that provides leadership opportunities for Latino youth.

The OLI began as a project of the Oregon Council for Hispanic Advancement in partnership with colleges and universities around the state. Its mission is to address the high drop-out rate of Latino students in secondary education, to foster a sense of cultural pride and self-worth, and to encourage participants to value and seek postsecondary education. COCC's OLI chapter started in 1997.

"College statistics document the increasing numbers of Hispanic students at COCC," points out Margie Gregory, volunteer tutor coordinator and GED/College Prep adviser. "OLI is the primary vehicle for making these students feel welcome and valued and to clarify for prospective students that college in general and COCC in particular is a viable option."



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OLI program brings Latino high school students to campus and introduces college as a viable option.

During this academic year, 13 college students from the OLI Mentoring class have interacted with more than 50 high school students. Of these, 41 have attended enough sessions to be likely to graduate from the program this year. Eleven of the 41 are assistant mentors, students who have already completed OLI but are still in high school and want to continue to participate. These students meet twice per month to gain additional leadership and teamwork skills that enable them to facilitate activities at the monthly OLI sessions.

Of the 13 COCC college mentors, two are repeating their mentoring experience because of their commitment to the program. Four graduated from OLI as high school students and then joined the program as mentors when they enrolled at COCC. Fifteen of the high school students value the program enough to have perfect attendance.

"The number of students who participate (giving up their Saturdays) and who return to the program for more than one year and in more than one capacity attests to the increasing success of the program's efforts to recruit and retain Latino students in secondary and postsecondary education," concludes Margie.

The Turners bequeathed \$2.8 million to the COCC Foundation in 2005, the largest single gift ever donated to a community college in Oregon. Their endowment also supports Achieve Your Dream scholarships, emergency grants, summer programs, Juniper Hall and training programs.

## Bend Research Supports COCC

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Bend Research has a long history of wide-ranging support for COCC as part of its philanthropic mission to foster interest in science and math in Central Oregon students.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Bend Research funds four COCC scholarships, including a chemistry scholarship and three Nancy Zahl nursing scholarships. The first of these nursing scholarships was funded in 2005; two additional nursing scholarships were added in 2007.

LABORATORY EQUIPMENT: Bend Research has donated used laboratory equipment and provided funds to buy and refurbish equipment for student use.

EVENT SUPPORT: Since 1994 Bend Research has sponsored the annual COCC Math Contest, which brings together high school students from throughout the region to compete in math skills events each spring. The company provides funding to run the program, T-shirts for participants and the occasional volunteer judge.

Bend Research Inc. specializes in the research and development of novel pharmaceutical-delivery technologies in its research, pilot and manufacturing facilities in and near Bend. The 33-year-old company has a diverse staff that includes chemists, biologists, physicists, pharmaceutical scientists, chemical engineers and mechanical engineers. The company employs 146 people; 37 hold advanced technical degrees, including 23 with doctorates. INTERNSHIPS: Bend Research has provided paid internships for COCC students, making possible hands-on laboratory experience. One of those interns, Fred Jordan, completed his work at COCC and then finished a four-year degree at the University of Oregon. Jordan is now a Bend Research employee.

STUDENT RECOGNITION: Bend Research provides money for gift certificates to recognize top science students.

MENTORSHIP: Bend Research scientists visit the COCC campus for the presentation of the chemistry students' posters at the annual posters contest at the end of spring term and host organic chemistry students at their facilities for a laboratory exercise involving the nuclear magnetic resonance equipment. The company also provides tours to COCC classes to expose them to a working laboratory and provide information on careers in science.

FACULTY SUPPORT: Dr. David K. Lyon, vice president-physical and biological sciences, serves on COCC's chemistry program advisory group council.

### Laboratory Equipment Donations Chemistry professors find gold in recycled apparatus

When synthetic chemist Dan Loffler retired, some slightly outdated chemistry equipment was part of his severance package. After moving to Central Oregon, he offered it to COCC's science department in 2005. Included in the donation were three gas chromatographs, which separate and analyze chemicals in complex samples, and a vacuum pump that had seen better days.

"That vacuum pump might have looked like garbage to him, but it was gold to us," remembers Zelda Zeigler, assistant professor of chemistry at COCC. Bend Research bought some parts on the chemistry equivalent of eBay as their annual donation to the College's chemistry program. (See related article above) Zelda and Carol Higginbottom, associate professor of chemistry, used those parts to rebuild the pump.

"Now we have a very useful piece of lab equipment that would have cost \$5,000 to \$7,000, and Dan Loffler received a tax write off," explains Zelda, who previously worked as a research chemist at Bend Research.

Later an Oregon State University grad student was able to adapt one of the chromatographs for the College to use. The remaining two chromatographs will be traded or donated to other schools, according to Zelda.

"Carol and I say yes to most anything," she admits. The two have even taken up offers of lab glassware confiscated from police departments' raids of meth labs.

The goal, she says is to accumulate an inventory of chemistry equipment that can be used in the College's science labs, at OSU-Cascades Campus, for research programs based in Central Oregon as well as for trading with other schools.



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## Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program

Fulfilling its mission to present a broad and balanced scope of programming, the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program has enriched community discourse with its presentation of diverse perspectives and topics during its 23-year history.

The program was established in 1985 by the late Robert W. Chandler, Sr. in honor of his wife, Nancy Renne Chandler. Robert Chandler was the editor and owner of the Western Communications newspaper chain that includes The Bulletin. He and Nancy lived in Bend for 35 years where they raised their six children. Their home was always open to guests with wide-ranging ideas and perspectives. To this day, Nancy's friends recall the much-anticipated dinners at the Chandler home in the company of visitors from all over the nation and the world. As Nancy traveled the world herself, she also took delight in bringing new ideas home to Bend.

The intent of the Visiting Scholar Program is to stimulate conversations that broaden our communities' perspectives and perceptions. Topics have spanned genetics to geology, water rights to civil rights and escaping gang life to ascending Mt. Everest. Presenters have come from many disciplines, including art, geology, medicine, law, history, journalism, linguistics and astrophysics.

Historians have repeatedly attracted an audience: presidential historian Richard Reeves spoke on the contributions and lives of Nixon, Kennedy and Reagan; civil rights

historian Taylor Branch discussed the myths and miracles of the King Years; and western historian George Venn unearthed new material documenting the relationships among C.E.S. Woods, Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War. Other speakers related their experiences: David Stoliar told how he survived the sinking of a refugee ship in 1942; Jamal Koubali spoke about growing up in Fez, Morocco, where Christians, Muslims and Jews lived in harmony; and Maria Amparo Escadon told how she incarcerated herself voluntarily in a Mexican jail to research her novel. Well-known speakers such as Dr. Maya Angelou, David Sedaris, David McCullough and Richard Leakey each drew audiences in excess of 1,200.

Currently, two endowments finance the management of the program. The Oregon Community Foundation manages the Robert W. Chandler II

### A Portal to a World of Perspectives

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Fund and annually reviews the program to ensure the program meets the criteria set forth by the Chandlers. The COCC Foundation provides management of an additional endowment, which is also designated to support the program. Membership in the Patrons of the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program, business sponsorships, in-kind donations and ticket sales demonstrate the community's generous support and make it possible for this program to continue bringing thought-provoking speakers to Central Oregon, according to program coordinator Karen Aylward.

If you are interested in supporting the Visiting Scholar Program or if you would like to be added to the event e-mail notification list, please contact the program coordinator, Karen Aylward at 383-7257 or kaylward@cocc.edu.

#### Khrushchev to speak at the Tower Theatre (continued from front page)

an eyewitness to the dissolution of the Soviet Union and the establishment of the Russian state, he provides a unique perspective on Russia's future and its changing role in global politics. After his talk, Dr. Khrushchev will take questions from the audience.

This evening represents a joint effort of the World Affairs Council of Oregon, the Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program of the COCC Foundation and the City Club of Central Oregon to launch a World Affairs Council presence in Central Oregon.

Tickets now on sale at the Tower Theatre Box Office Tickets: \$25 premier reserved, including an invitation to attend a post-event reception with Dr. Khrushchev \$15 general reserved



For information, visit www.cocc.edu/foundation or www.towertheatre.org.

### William and Margaret Wise Joy in helping motivated students

Dear Donors, The dog's barking, the house is a mess and I have to get to work. I write this letter in a hurry and under stress. But I'm still happy and excited. I'm going to college this fall!

Since that first day as a high school graduate three years ago, I've felt the weight of the world on my shoulders with COLLEGE written on top. It's been a tough climb up this hill, but I know that my financial situation will be greatly eased with the help of financial aid and your scholarship...



I want to thank you so much for your contribution to my future. I study hard and love learning. I am pursuing the veterinary

Heaven Roberts

degree I have wanted since I can remember. My bills can mount up, but I know that working with my hands won't clear them as fast as working with my brain. I know I can do anything I have a passion for, and I definitely have a passion for this.

Thank you,

Heaven Roberts

"It's so rewarding to work with students who want to learn," says Margaret Wise of her years as a volunteer tutor with COCC's English Language Learning and Adult Basic Education programs.

"I remember one gentleman from India who could not read or write his own language," chimed in Bill. "But he caught on so fast that he sounded like you or me in no time."



Margaret and Bill Wise endowed a scholarship14 years ago. That endowment will help students in perpetuity.

Interested in how

else they might help motivated students, the Wises contacted the COCC Foundation and set up a named endowed scholarship about 14 years ago.

"We have really enjoyed the wonderful letters from the recipients of our scholarships over the years," says Margaret. "One especially is a very creative writer with a real knack for expressing herself." (See Heaven Roberts' letter in left column of this page.)

Margaret's 13 years of teaching high school English certainly qualifies her as a competent judge of writing ability. Bill raised wheat and cattle in Gilliam County in north central Oregon for 42 years after serving as an Air Force pilot during World War II. The couple now resides in Madras.

## *Did you receive a COCC Foundation scholarship while attending COCC?*

Foundation scholarships have been given since the COCC Foundation was established in 1955. We are interested in learning where the recipients went in their lives, and would appreciate hearing from you.

If you did receive a scholarship from the Foundation, please contact Andrea Gibson at apgibson@cocc.edu or (541) 383-7582.



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## Culinary Student Nicole Brown

### Overcoming Obstacles

When she was about 10 years old, a television program about cooking caught Nicole Brown's attention. Growing up in Hayward, California, she pursued her interest in cooking through classes in high school and at a local community college. After a friend told her about a great culinary program in Bend, she compared it with other programs and agreed with her friend's recommendation.

After surmounting the hurdle of acceptance into COCC's Cascade Culinary Institute, Nicole still had several challenges to overcome. Deaf since birth, she needed help with the lectures and instructions. Through COCC's Disability Services, she was able to arrange for American Sign Language interpreters and a note taker.

"I need a note taker since I need to watch

my ASL interpreter, and I would lose a lot by looking at the paper," explains Nicole. "I lip read with fellow students, but it is not always easy to read, especially different accents.

"My eyes tire if I lip read too much. Eyes have muscles, but the ears do not, so it can be more difficult for the hearing-impaired person to deal with a lot of lectures."



Nicole works in the CCI dining room with Dave Hagenbach, her American sign language interpreter.

Another hurdle has been finances. Disability Services connected her with the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club, who helped her with a scholarship for winter term this year. (See related article on opposite page.)

Nicole, center, serves Cascade Culinary Institute luncheons with classmates.

"That was a real help at the time," she remembers. "I continue to have financial needs since I am a full-time student and not working right now. It can be very difficult for a deaf person to get hired, but I can do the work if someone gives me a chance."

Nicole has been impressed by the comprehensive nature of the College's culinary program, saying that it has given her a good overall education in the culinary arts, even including information about setting up her own business someday.

"It can be very difficult for a deaf person to get hired, but I can do the work if someone gives me a chance." —Nicole Brown

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## Bend/Sunrise Lions Club

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#### Lending a Hand to a Dedicated Student

"When Jim Weaver at the COCC Foundation asked if our Lions Club could help Nicole Brown, we jumped at the chance," said Tom Bessonette, president of the Bend/Sunrise Lions Club. "All our members get such pleasure when they hear about a student such as Nicole who has such a dedication to completing her education. Really, helping gives our members such a great feeling and pleasure that we are motivated to raise more funds to assist more people in need."

"All our members get such pleasure when they hear about a student such as Nicole who has such a dedication to completing her education." —Tom Bessonette, President, Bend/Sunrise Lions Club With just 35 members, the club helps an impressive number of people not only in Deschutes County but around the world. Of its \$29,000 budget, \$9,000 is dedicated to people with sight or hearing disabilities. The club contributed \$4,000 to the international organization this year; this donation will correct vision or prevent blindness for 24,000 people in developing nations.

The group's principal annual fundraisers are the Auto Demolition Derby held at the Deschutes County Fair Grounds on Father's Day and a pancake breakfast for 2,000 people in Drake Park on the Fourth of July.

Lions is an international network of 1.3 million men and women in 202 countries and geographic areas who work together to answer the needs that challenge communities around the world. The organization came to the Bend area in 1927. Two years earlier, Helen Keller had asked Lions International if they would become the "Knights for the Blind and Deaf" and since that time, the organization has honored that request.

### Disability Services Committed to Accessibility

Through its office of Services for Students with Disabilities, COCC offers a plethora of services for students with disabilities. COCC is committed to making physical facilities and instructional programs accessible to all students, ensuring the opportunity for an excellent and rewarding education. Awareness of students' needs and goals helps to create an atmosphere in which learning and growth can occur.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 provide federal guidelines that help the College ensure equal access to students with qualifying, documented disabilities at all of its campuses and Community Learning Centers. The ADA defines a disability as, "a substantial limitation of a major life activity, including thinking, sleeping, learning, caring for oneself, interacting with others, working, walking and seeing."

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Ron & Wilda Bryant

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