



Accolades for Be College Ready

Matt Utterback, Superintendent, North Clackamas Schools

We're pleased to be one of the five school districts selected to take part in this worthwhile pilot program. The Oregon College Savings Plan is a means to help our families save for future education goals, and the Be College Ready program can be a great partnership between our elementary schools and the families we serve.

Lori DeRemer, Mayor of Happy Valley

We in Happy Valley are excited that the Oregon College Savings Plan is piloting the Be College Ready program with the North Clackamas School District. As a parent myself I know that the cost of higher education is on the rise and the Oregon College Savings Plan provides another tool in the toolbox to make college more affordable. Raising the awareness about the benefits of the Oregon College Savings Plan with Happy Valley families is a good thing and that is why we proclaimed September Be College Ready in month in Happy Valley.

Baldwin van der Bijl, Oak Grove Community Council

Whether it's a one--year technical degree, two--year technical degree or four--year bachelor's degree, Be College Ready is a great assist for helping community members plan for the future.

Ane Roth, Region 4 Director, Oregon PTA

As a parent, the cost of college for my children is always a concern and that is why I am excited to hear that North Clackamas School District is partnering with the Oregon College Savings Plan to release the Be College Ready pilot program in North Clackamas. The program will focus on educating parents about the benefits of the Oregon College Savings Plan and make the prospects of a post--secondary education more affordable for many families here in North Clackamas.

Tom Hogan, Vice President, Kiwanis Club of Gladstone--Oak Grove

We in the Gladstone--Oak Grove Kiwanis club were very appreciative to get the information about the Oregon College Savings Plan. It's a great program; I started one for my granddaughter. Getting the information out through school partnerships is a great idea.

Shelly Parini, Associate Vice--President of Community Business & Government Engagement, Clackamas Community College

We are excited that the Oregon College Savings Plan is raising awareness about the benefits of the program here in Clackamas County. Earlier this year, the organization provided information during our Benefits Fair to our employees about the how the program could assist them. We are proud of the fact that the North Clackamas School District is one of five school districts in the state piloting the Be College Ready awareness program for the upcoming 2015--2016 school year. The goal behind the Be College Ready program is for families to be financially ready to help send loved ones on to a post--secondary education, a goal we at Clackamas Community College fully embrace.



Rick Olson, Mayor, City of McMinnville

I applaud McMinnville School District 40's initiative to bring Oregon's Be College Ready program to our city. The Be College Ready program is designed to help ensure our children have the savings to attend college and in the future will benefit the City by ensuring our businesses will have a trained workforce and business leaders for McMinnville to build on.

Dr. Maryalice Russell, Superintendent, McMinnville School District

We're pleased to be one of the five school districts selected to pilot this program. The Oregon College Savings Plan is a great complement to our dual college credit and career pathway programs that help prepare our students for post--secondary success. Now the Be College Ready program will support elementary families on their way to thinking about college or professional/technical educational opportunities for their children.

Stan Primozich, Yamhill County Commissioner, McMinnville School Board Member, OSBA Board of Directors

Oregon has 60,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 26 unemployed and not in school. This is unacceptable. Education is the only chance these young people have to improve their lives and parents and grandparents are the key that will unlock their futures for them. Take the steps necessary to make them College Ready.

McMinnville Chamber of Commerce

We are excited that McMinnville School District has been chosen as a pilot partner for the new Be College Ready program. For those students and families who choose college as the progressive step to achieve life goals, the Oregon College Savings Plan removes some common barriers such as saving for college. It's never too early to plan for the future and since the savings can be used for any level of continuing education it is assured that the money, once invested, will have great returns in the future economy of McMinnville and Oregon by allowing students to educate themselves in the fields of study they are interested in. Our local economy needs partners like the Oregon College Savings Plan to bring programs such as Be College Ready into our schools to allow families to save now for education in the future.

Columbus PTA

Columbus PTA is excited to partner with Be College Ready to provide another opportunity to help our students and their families plan for the future.

John Higgins, Superintendent, Grants Pass School District No. 7

The Be College Ready program appears to be an excellent opportunity for the families of our elementary students to have access to information and resources that can assist them with saving and planning for college. We are pleased to be one of five districts selected to take part in the program.

Cheryl Walker, Josephine County Commissioner

I am pleased to see the Grants Pass School District participate in the pilot Be College Ready program for the 2015---2016 school year. This awareness program will inform families about the benefits of the Oregon College Savings Plan, a state program that will help make post---secondary education options more affordable to those here in the Josephine County community.

Kate Laskey, Executive Director, Josephine Community Libraries

We were able to include information about the Oregon College Savings Plan in all of the children's book bags during our Summer Reading Program—that's over 900 children who have information about this new resource.

Sally Snyder, Loan Officer, Evergreen Federal Bank

When I heard Michael Parker speak about the 529 plan, I was completely energized. We have an opportunity to get many more kids college bound – especially encouraging those whose parents do not have that background. They need to know college is there for everyone, and to reach for it!

Grant Walker, Director of Recruitment, Rogue Community College

The Oregon College Savings Plan has helped many of our students. They tell our recruiters that money is their greatest barrier to going to college, and research shows it is the primary reason students do not complete their educations. When parents participate in the Oregon College Savings Plan and Be College Ready they are investing in their children's futures and clearing the path for their career goals and college dreams.



Kevin Clark, Executive Director, Grants Pass Family YMCA

We are pleased to work with the Be College Ready program to help local families take advantage of the Oregon College Savings Program. The information and resources they've provided to our families has been very valuable.

Tom Drummond, Co--Director, College Dreams

College Dreams is delighted to be selected to work with Grants Pass School District and the Oregon College Savings Network on the exciting Be College Ready pilot program. The Be College Ready program will provide us with the opportunity to provide the evidence--based strategies that increase family enrollment and savings deposits in their children's college savings accounts.

Diann Gilbertson, Executive Director, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley supports the Be College Ready program. As advocates for local teens, it's an incredible benefit to have resources like this program to share with our Club families. It's vital we work together to help youth, especially those from low--income families, find their path to higher education.

Colene Martin, President/ CEO, Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce

Everyone wants the very best for their children as they grow up. When they are first born we want them to be healthy and happy. Then as we watch them grow into teens and young adults, our aspirations change to hoping they are respectful, confident, socially active, get a good education to eventually have a good job and a wonderful life. The Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce encourages parents to consider an Oregon College Savings Plan to insure children's futures are what we dream we want our children to grow up to be.

Dr. Doug Dougherty, Superintendent, Seaside School District

We're pleased to be one of the five school districts selected to take part in this exciting pilot program. The Oregon College Savings Plan is committed to helping families, and the Be College Ready program looks to be a great partnership between our elementary schools and the communities and families we serve.

Don Larson, Mayor of Seaside

The presentation made at our Seaside City Council meeting by Mr. John Valley really told of a possible solution for parents to help fund their children's college education. I was aware of the true potential of the 529 Oregon College Savings Plan. My son started this program for his three children when they were very young. Today, with two children in college, the program is by far the best available program in Oregon. If you have children, and want them to secure higher education, this is the plan. I am very pleased with the newest emphasis to let so many hear and learn about 529.

Mayor Dianne Widdop, Mayor of Gearhart

I am extremely happy to see such a good program at the Seaside School District. The more effective programs like this, the better for residents of School District #10.

Seaside Chamber of Commerce

It is exciting news for the Seaside area to be selected for this pilot program with the Oregon College Savings Plan. The Seaside Chamber of Commerce encourages and supports higher education investment for our local students because they are the labor pool of the future. Our organization is very pleased that our community will have the opportunity to demonstrate the strength of such an investment.

Amber Clyde, Seaside Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

The Seaside Heights Elementary School Parent Teacher organization is excited to promote higher education in our school. The Oregon Savings Plan and the Be College Ready Program will help kids to make and attain the goal of furthering their education beyond high school. Our community can benefit greatly by participating in and supporting this great program.

Brant Kucera, City Manager, City of Cannon Beach

The City of Cannon Beach believes in preparedness, whether it relates to disasters, the environment, community interests or education. What better way to help the young people of Oregon prepare for the future than to participate in a program like the Oregon College Savings Program. We believe in the importance of higher learning whether it is a college, trade school or other learning experience. We are proud to support the Be College Ready pilot program.



Juli Wozniak, Principal, Gearhart Elementary School

At Gearhart Elementary School we are extremely excited to be participating in the Be College Ready pilot program. We believe it's never too early to prepare for your child's future and start talking to them about their post high school educational opportunities. The Be College Ready program will provide a platform for our families to begin the discussion about higher education with their elementary age students and ultimately help them formulate a plan to meet their families' higher education goals.

Susan Deshon, President, Rotary Club of Seaside

The Rotary Club of Seaside has a long history of supporting education. The Be College Ready program seems like a wonderful step to help families obtain the goal of post-secondary education for their children. This program, using school and community support, will enable local families improve the economic prospects of their children. It is exciting news for the Seaside area to be selected for this pilot program with the Oregon College Savings Plan. The Seaside Chamber of Commerce encourages and supports higher education investment for our local students because they are the labor pool of the future. Our organization is very pleased that our community will have the opportunity to demonstrate the strength of such an investment.

Esther Moberg, Library Director, Seaside Public Library

The Seaside Public Library supports the Oregon College Savings Plan. We encourage life-long education and learning and believe it is never too early to start planning for college.

Court Carrier, Executive Director, Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

The Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center in Cannon Beach, representing over 300 businesses in the area, is excited to express our support for the Be College Ready program and the Oregon 529 Plan. Our School District is one of the 5 school districts selected to take part in this pilot program, we have been working with the Oregon College Savings plan in our community to spread the awareness of opportunities to help fund and prepare for education for our children's futures. The Oregon College Savings Plan has shown us how committed they are to helping families, and in our opinion, it is a great way to partner with them, our School District Elementary Schools, and all the businesses and families we serve.

Skyler Archibald, Executive Director, Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District

The Sunset Empire Park & Recreation District is proud to support educational opportunities within our community and for the children of South Clatsop County. The Oregon College Savings Plan aligns with many of our goals, values and programs currently which help children and youth prepare for experience and receive skills that will benefit them throughout their life. We are excited to promote this wonderful opportunity to the families that we serve.

Dr. Fred Maiocco, Superintendent of the Hermiston School District

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Hermiston Chamber of Commerce

The Hermiston Chamber of Commerce supports the Be College Ready program the Hermiston School District will be kicking off here in Hermiston. The program will be a great opportunity for our future leaders.

Dave Drotzmann, Mayor of Hermiston

The City of Hermiston is pleased to see the Hermiston School District continue to lead the state with its participation in the Be College Ready program. This program will contribute to creating a college going culture in the Hermiston community, which will benefit our efforts as a City to attract more quality jobs and employers to our region. This type of program assists us in improving the regional workforce.

Tim Beinert, President 2015--2016, Hermiston Rotary #287

The Hermiston Rotary Club is excited to support the Hermiston School District as they focus on creating a sustainable college preparation culture through their partnership with the Be College Ready pilot program. Rotary pursues several avenues of service, including finding ways to improve the quality of life in our community and serving the public interest. As the district is chosen to be one of only five to be part of this pilot program, we feel they are continuing to ensure that future generations are better prepared for the challenges they will face.

