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Oregon High Schools Honored as Second Annual College Access Champions

Corvallis, Oregon — Oregon Goes To College is proud to announce the recipients of the **second annual College Access Champion Award**, recognizing high schools across the state for their exceptional commitment to helping students prepare for education and training after high school.

This year's new honorees include:

- **Clackamas Middle College** – North Clackamas School District (Public Charter School)
- **Colton High School** – Colton School District
- **Early College High School** –Salem-Keizer School District
- **Gervais Middle/High School** – Gervais School District
- **Gilchrist High School** –Klamath County School District
- **Hillsboro High School** –Hillsboro School District
- **McMinnville High School** –McMinnville School District
- **Oakridge High School** –Oakridge School District
- **Oregon City High School** – Oregon City School District
- **Pacific High School** – Port Orford–Langlois School District
- **Pilot Rock High School** – Pilot Rock School District
- **South Medford High School** –Medford School District
- **Waldport High School** – Lincoln County School District

This year's returning honorees include:

- **Bonanza Junior/Senior High School** – Klamath County School District
- **Dallas Community High School** – Dallas School District
- **Neah-Kah-Nie High School** – Neah-Kah-Nie School District
- **Newport High School** – Lincoln County School District
- **Parkrose High School** – Parkrose School District
- **Toledo Junior/Senior High School** – Lincoln County School District

These schools have demonstrated excellence in college access by hosting 12th grade events, participating in College & Career Exploration Month, submitting key data, and supporting FAFSA/ORSAA completion efforts. Many have gone above and beyond by engaging students across all grade levels, sharing best practices with peers, and promoting their efforts through media and social platforms.

Each new school will receive a **College Access Champion banner** to display proudly in their building. The returning schools will receive new decals to put on their banners already on display. The banner serves as a lasting symbol of their commitment and is updated annually with badges recognizing continued achievements in college and career readiness.

“The College Access Champion Award recognizes schools that are doing the work we know makes a difference for students,” said Adrienne Enriquez, Director of Oregon GEAR UP. “By prioritizing postsecondary planning and creating systems of support, these schools are helping more students see a path forward and take meaningful steps toward their goals after high school. We are proud to celebrate their leadership and success.”

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