

# Weiss: doing 25 percent more with 30 percent less

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 During his tenure, he's seen four new buildings erected or started: the Health and Wellness Center, Ackerman Hall, DeVolder Family Science Center and the Richard Woodcock College of Education building, which broke ground last June.

More than the new infrastructure, Weiss is proud of the student success and the resources Western has been able to provide for those students in spite of dwindling state financial support.

"We've been able to increase the amount of student financial aid, ... increase our academic advising and our tutoring centers, ... health services that are also important these days, particularly counseling services," Weiss said. "It's the investment in the university at a time when many other universities have had to disinvest in infrastructure, necessary support for students."

State institutions have been hit particularly hard because state appropriations have declined 25 to 30 percent over the last eight years, Weiss said, while student enrollment in universities like Western has increased 20 to 25 percent in the same time period.

One of the things that kept Weiss on as president an extra year was the instability surrounding Western's future as the big three Oregon universities withdrew from the OUS.

He spearheaded developing a business plan for WOU that was accepted at the state government level, securing Western's future as an independent university.

He then aided in the selection of Western's new board of trustees and supported the process and selection of Fuller, who will come to WOU from Eastern Washington University.

Weiss said he is looking forward to not having a



schedule once he is retired. "On the other hand, you know, having a schedule also has its benefits," he said. "It makes sure to keep you on track and purposeful each day."

Staying purposeful likely won't be an issue for Weiss or his wife, as they are both involved in the community. Meg is on the Oregon Symphony at Salem board of directors, while Mark is on the board for Salem Health, which is the parent organization of Salem Hospital and West Valley Hospital.

Weiss will not be a stranger on campus at Western, either.

"I plan to take advantage of things to learn and the arts," he said. "It is good to have close by."



**Top: Mark Weiss congratulates Western graduates. Above: Weiss speaks at the naming ceremony of the Health and Wellness Building.**

## ACADEMIC HONORS

### Santiam Christian announces honor roll

CORVALLIS — Santiam Christian Schools announced its honor roll for the fourth quarter. Polk County students who made the list are:

12th grade — 4.0 grade-point average: Justin Aldrich, Heather Bellinger, Olivia Lebeboer and Jacob Manzi. 3.5 and higher gpa: Tanner Butler, Michael Chung, Caitlin Fetting, Katy Paratore and Liam Perry.

11th grade — 4.0 gpa: Jocelyn Porath. 3.50 gpa and higher: Leahgrace Connor, Joaquin Guerrero-Rodriguez, Kris Liu, Chance Ottinger and Kevin Sheng.

10th grade — 4.0 gpa: Peggy Liang, Mikayla Manzi, Katie Richert and August Thornton. 3.5 and higher gpa: Daniela Boehm, Marta Cercos Gonzalez, Makenna Setniker and Alexandra Watson.

Ninth grade — 4.0 gpa: Samuel Barton, Kaylee Breyman, Laura Guariglia-Castro, Shelby Myrick-Duckett, Kyle Paratore, Sebastian Perfecto, Rebeka Preston and Zachary Watson. 3.5 gpa and higher: Caitlyn Killion, Grace Moseman and Dayna Mulkey.

Eighth grade — 4.0 gpa: Tony Li, Jason Manzi, Winn Miller, Isabel Montoya and Cole Setniker. 3.5 gpa and higher: Abby Riedlinger.

Seventh grade — 4.0 gpa: Ainsley Beam. 3.5 gpa and higher: Olivia Bellinger-Verbits, Lily Hardy and Amanda Preston.

### Students graduate from Connections

SCIO — Several students from Polk County graduated from Oregon Connections Academy during the week of June 8.

Graduates include: Emmaly Basaraba and Lacey Stout, both of Dallas; Mary Garcia of Grand Ronde; Kaeli Baxter of Independence; and Ciera Esquivel of Monmouth.

Local graduates are among about 330 students in ORCA's Class of 2015. A graduation ceremony was held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland.

### Monmouth native named to dean's list

NORTHFIELD, Minn. — One Polk County student has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at St. Olaf's College.

Madeleine Witwer-Dukes, a Monmouth native, is studying psychology.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade-point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

### LBCC names local honor roll students

ALBANY — The following students at Linn-Benton Community College earned a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher in 12 or more graded credits during spring term, April to June 2015. These do not include pass/no pass or incomplete credits. Students are listed by hometown:

Dallas: Jessica Hastings, Andria L. Pressel and Kevin C. Pressel; Independence: Joshua R. Archuletta, Mia Caudillo and Justin R. Herry; Monmouth: Kristen B. Brown, Laquita K. Dagg and Andrew M. McMurtry.

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## DSD adopts budget

By Jolene Guzman  
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas School Board adopted its 2015-16 budget with the addition of more staff, thanks to a better-than-expected May state revenue forecast.

The Oregon Legislature promised to dedicate a percentage of unexpected revenue in the forecast to schools when it approved the 2015-17 K-12 budget, which it split 50-50 over the two years. In the past, funding was split 49-51 to account for cost increases. Dallas set aside \$565,000 to compensate for the even split.

The unanticipated funding eliminates the need for the district to hold over money for the second year.

District staff presented three plans for spending the excess. The third option included several assistant coaching positions at Dallas High School.

The board chose that option, which also added: a fourth-grade teacher; DHS career and technical education teacher; DHS athletics trainer; part-time DHS counselor; part-time district-wide instructional coach; district-wide curriculum administrator; and a DHS and LaCreole Middle School custodian.

"It seems like our ending fund balance is much better than it's been," said Board Member Matt Posey, referring to the amount of money estimated to be left at the end of 2015-16. "... We still have more money than we've had in the last four or five years."

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**Sudoku**  
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**How to do Sudoku**  
 Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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