

Sister High School to receive Nike grant

NIKE, Inc. and the Nike School Innovation Fund announced the newest round of grant recipients for the 2016-17 school year — and Sisters High School is on the list.

With the goal of supporting programs that drive innovation and help make transformative improvements across Oregon in high school success and post-secondary readiness, 71 Oregon high schools have been awarded a total of \$1.6 million in grants.

Since 2007, the Nike School Innovation Fund has invested more than \$12 million by partnering with school leaders to support teachers and engage students in realizing their full potential.

In 2015, the Nike School innovation Fund launched a statewide initiative focused on accelerating college and career readiness for Oregon high school students. This focus began last year, and total grants given to date now total \$3.4 million to support school implementation of the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) in 50 high schools. 2015 was also the first year Nike partnered with the James and Marion L. Miller Foundation and The Oregon Community Foundation to expand its reach into more Oregon schools. For the 2016-17 school year, all 50 schools have implemented college and career readiness best-practices and applied to renew funding to continue this work. Nike will continue to support these 50 schools, plus the program will expand to an additional 21 schools.

“It’s in Nike’s DNA to inspire and innovate, and we believe that one of the most

important ways we can contribute to better, stronger communities is to take that inspiration to our classrooms,” said Keith Houlemard, executive sponsor of Nike School Innovation Fund, VP and GM of the Olympics at NIKE, Inc. (and a Portland Public School District parent). “Our goal is to help support amazing teachers, counselors and principals so we can improve graduation rates, narrowing the achievement gap and preparing more students for college and beyond.”

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The grants represent the second year of partnership with AVID. AVID’s research-based strategies and curriculum provide educators with training to better prepare students for success in high school, college or a career — especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education. A full 99 percent of students who participate in the AVID program graduate from high school on time, with the skills, academic behaviors and knowledge needed to succeed in college and beyond.

CONCERT: Tickets for event go on sale February 15

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Me Why” for Wynonna.

Many fans and critics prefer Bonoff’s own renditions of her songs, which as one reviewer says “take on fresh life when Karla performs them — her voice pure and easy, tender and utterly persuasive.” Most recently, Bonoff was featured alongside such artists as Bruce Springsteen, Keb’ Mo, Lyle Lovett and Shawn Colvin on the 2014 release *Looking Into You: A Tribute to Jackson Browne*, which includes her cover of Browne’s classic ballad “Something Fine.”

Accompanying Bonoff for her *Starry Nights* performance will be renowned folk musician and guitarist extraordinaire Nina Gerber.

Doors open at 6 p.m., where guests can enjoy hors d’oeuvres prepared by students of the Sisters High School culinary arts program, under the guidance of their teacher TR McCrystal,



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Karla Bonoff will return to Sisters for a *Starry Nights* show.

and a selection of fine wines courtesy of Eola Hills Wine Cellars. Pre-concert entertainment will be provided by two talented Sisters High School Americana Project Students, Megan Rose and Sedona Baer. Karla Bonoff will take the stage at 7 p.m., with an intermission featuring a live auction and paddle raise in support of Sisters schools. After the concert, the artists will join the audience at The Belfry for dessert, coffee and a chance to sign CDs.

Premier sponsors for the event are St. Charles Health

System and The Roundhouse Foundation. Other key sponsors are Ray’s Food Place, Eola Hills Wine Cellars, Fullhart Insurance of Sisters, Hawk’s Haven Reserve, Metabolic Maintenance, Bank of the Cascades, FivePine Lodge and Spa, *The Nugget Newspaper*, XPress Printing, Gearbox and The Belfry.

Tickets are priced at \$75 and include two beverage tokens and complimentary hors d’oeuvres. For questions, email sistersstarrynights@bendbroadband.com or call 541-549-6299.

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