

# Sisters GRO highlights scholarships

Sisters GRO (Graduate Resource Organization) is highlighting two scholarships available for graduating seniors, from SisTech Manufacturing and Shibui Spa.

SisTech Manufacturing, based in Bend, provides contract electronic manufacturing and mechanical assembly services to high-technology companies. They have over 30 years experience in high-tech assembly, design review, purchasing, project management, and order fulfillment for some of the largest companies, as well as rapidly growing startups.

The owners, Brad and Lorraine (Lori) Kennedy, residents of Sisters, who wished to give back to the community and support further education, established their scholarship in 2015. The SisTech Manufacturing Inc. Engineering Scholarship awards \$8,000 to one graduate pursuing a mechanical or electrical engineering degree. It is disbursed over four years and requires a minimum GPA.

Brad and Lori shared that as a manufacturer in the fast-paced high-tech industry, they recognize a need for further education in a field as diverse as engineering. They would like to encourage youth to seek out education opportunities in the ever-changing world of technology. High-tech industry businesses rely on engineers for their employee pool; however, their business depends on non-technical workers as well.

The Kennedys agree that it was gratifying to receive confirmation from Sisters GRO that Rory Petterson's (Brigham Young University) scholarship award was disbursed. Lori and Brad felt good knowing they are giving deserving students a hand up with their education. They appreciated that Sisters GRO guided them through the scholarship establishment process with ease, and assisted with establishing criteria that honors their intentions to support their scholarship.

Shibui Scholarship was started in 2015 to continue giving back to the community and school district here in Sisters, explained Zoe and Bill Willitts.

"We had two children attend school here and have always been inspired by the

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