

AG EDUCATION



Klamath Community College Agriculture Science and Business students receive hands-on knowledge of wheel line irrigation.

Klamath Community College gives ag students a head start

Klamath Community College's Department of Agriculture Science and Business provides students access to training in agricultural business and economics, crop science, and animal science leading to workforce and transfer success. The Department works closely with 4-year partner institutions to improve access to advanced degrees. Further, the Agricultural Sciences Department works closely with high schools to facilitate student transition from secondary to higher education and the workforce by career planning, program planning, and dual credit. Program studies prepare students for career opportuni-

ties as Agriculture Loan Officer, Agriculture Teacher, Farm and Ranch Manager, Forest Management Specialist, Geologist, and Water Resource Manager. By collaborating with the local community and state and national agricultural organizations to involve students in activities and industries, the Department promotes success for students pursuing careers in Agriculture. KCC offers students an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Agriculture Science. This degree is closely aligned with both the Oregon and national standard for agriculture and natural resources and is designed to provide students with the skills and knowl-

edge necessary to be successful as an entrepreneur, employee, or as a student at a four-year institution. A variety of resources are utilized by students including on-campus labs, the Learning Resource Center and off-campus work experience. Graduates can also earn a bachelor's degree from Oregon State University in Agriculture Science, receiving on-the-ground mentoring and support during their studies — without leaving Klamath Falls. For more information, contact Keith Duren, Program Lead, telephone 541-880-2254 or email duren@klamathcc.edu. Klamath Community College is located at 7390 S. Sixth St., Klamath Falls, OR 97603.

MSU-Northern degree in diesel technology opens doors

A career in diesel technology opens doors to many types of high-paying jobs, from working at ag equipment dealerships to construction, mining, and forestry equipment, or return to the farming operation. Larry Strizich, dean of the College of Technical Sciences at Montana State University-Northern, said, "Students with a degree in Diesel Technology are in high demand with major businesses and corporations. There are a lot of career opportunities with this degree." Students in Diesel Technology have several different options within their studies at MSU-Northern in Havre. They can obtain a one-year certificate, a two-year associate's degree and a four-year bachelor's degree. "Montana State University-Northern is recognized as a leading Diesel Technician college by industry leaders. We are one of the best — and one of the few — 4-year Diesel Technology campuses in the nation. We

are expanding and growing. Currently, there are about 250 students in the Diesel Technology programs, which is one of our largest programs," Strizich said, adding that each year they have a career day where 30-35 corporations fly in and interview students for jobs and internships. "It is not unusual that students will receive more than one job offer that is a high-paying position with excellent benefits." "Graduates are well prepared to work in the diesel industry in a variety of occupations. We place emphasis on electronics and diagnostics along with the fundamentals of engines, fuel systems, heating and air conditioning, hydraulics, power trains, brakes and chassis repair," Strizich said. The college works closely with major farm implement and construction equipment dealerships to provide machinery for the students to work with. The loaned pieces of equipment, whether they are tractors, combines, sprayers, excavators, grad-

ers or some other machine, are always "brand new," the latest model available, and loaded with updated computer software, GPS and control systems to perform diagnostics on. "Students coming here will work and learn on the very latest Ag and construction equipment technology available. Students can get in the equipment, start it, run it, run diagnostics on it, and learn to operate all the computer systems," Strizich continued. To keep abreast with the technology, MSU-Northern faculty annually attend farm implement and other technology clinics at dealerships across the region to keep them updated with the very latest information to teach to their students. Strizich explained that one of the main things students in the Diesel Technology programs learn is "be a life-long learner. They learn where to go for the information they will need for the rest of their life in whatever career they choose."

OXARC welding schools held at two locations

Classes start every Monday at two locations, in Spokane and Pasco, Wash. Investing in education is a serious decision. When you explore training options that may increase your salary level and employment potential you are, in effect, investing in yourself. At OXARC, we encourage a student population of responsible adults because we know that they are the best learners. When personal success is the end product of the training process, it virtually guarantees the success of any academic program. At OXARC, we concentrate on job-specific training. Our welder training program is based on industry needs. As industry makes changes and new technologies are developed, the welder training program at OXARC will be updated to keep pace with these changes. Our goal is to provide quality training in key skill areas in the most practical, justifiable timeframe. We will concentrate on making your welding experience meaningful and enjoyable. Our welding courses are for the self-motivated adult who recognizes the need to

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