



Students will pay lower tuition at Oregon's public universities

Funding approved during Special Session reduces, then freezes OUS tuition rates

PORTLAND, Ore. – Students will pay lower tuition beginning in January with the approval in November by the State Board of Higher Education of new rates effective Winter Term 2014 at all Oregon University System campuses.

This reduction comes from a Special Session investment of \$25 million approved by the Legislature and governor in September specifically to “buy down” or reduce the level of tuition increases for resident undergraduate students.

This is the second time that tuition rates have been revised since the board

provided its original approval of resident undergraduate rates in June.

In the Regular Session this year, the Legislature and governor approved \$15 million targeted to reduce tuition. Together with the Special Session funding of \$25 million, this provides \$40 million to reduce tuition for the 2013-2015 biennium, lowering increases this year from the 4.8 percent average originally approved in June by the board to the new average increase of 2.5 percent. This provides an average of \$150 in savings for students.

Next year in Fall 2014, undergraduate resident tuition will freeze for the first time since 2001, not increasing for the entire 2014-15 academic year above 2013-14 rates.

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Employee of the Year

Leatha Lynch – Pharmacist, Siletz Community Health Clinic

From the nomination form: Leatha is very knowledgeable and is always able to answer any questions or concerns that are presented to her by our clinic staff and patients. She provides reliable information and goes above and beyond her duties to keep doctors and patients informed.

She keeps the providers, patients and community up to date on new medications. She has completely changed the work flow and it has improved our work environment 100 percent.

As for our overall work in the pharmacy, there has been no discrepancy with our Schedule II medications. We have decreased our expenses of medication by 15.10 percent, increased our prescriptions by 2.99 percent and increased patients by 12.9 percent.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Leatha Lynch

Congratulations!

Photos by Mandi Smith

Winter came early in Oregon as an arctic air mass enveloped the state in early December. Many areas dealt with snow and ice, some for days on end. By the solstice, though, temperatures had returned to near normal in most areas and Christmas brought dry skies and sunshine to parts of the state.

