



Higher Ed members stop merger and increase grant funding by over 70%

Members in Higher Education had several victories this session. Not only did workers from the Oregon Student Assistance Commission fight off attempts to force its merger with another agency, we helped to increase Opportunity Grant funding by more than 70%. This will be the first time that all eligible students will receive a grant. Our brothers and sisters in the Oregon University System were also instrumental in securing tens of millions in badly needed funds for repairing crumbling buildings on campuses across the State.

SB 501: Lincoln County members hold their representative accountable

At our June regional bargaining meeting, we learned that our state Representative – Alan Brown – was actively blocking one of our Affordable Health Care bills. We decided we had to take action fast. Shortly thereafter, over a dozen of us marched to Alan Brown's place of business to tell him to stand up for affordable health care in Lincoln County. Despite being met with a hostile response from his son that day, we got our message across to Alan Brown and the bill passed soon afterwards.



“We took action to hold our State Representative Alan Brown accountable. He was saying one thing and doing another. We wanted to let him know we weren't going to take that.”

Tom Matteson

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