

"It's because he loved all the kids. If you aren't advocating for every single child, for their success and health, then there is no way you can be inclusive or equitable," Krina Lee said.

"He was all about diversity, equity and inclusion," Herrera added. "He always wanted to hear other points of view."

According to his wife, Lee's passion for education stemmed from the genuine love and care he had for his students.

"Being around the kids was his favorite. He still remembers the names of nearly every kid he met in the 16 years he was at Blanchet," Krina Lee said. "He wanted to be involved in your life."

In 2009, Lee received an award from the National Catholic Association for outstanding leadership and service and in 2013, he and Krina were honored with the Service to Education Award at the Keizer First Citizen banquet in 2013.

Lee initially anticipated spending the rest of his career at Blanchet. However, when he got an opportunity to play a crucial role in the creation of CTEC, he knew he couldn't pass it up.

"He anguished over leaving Blanchet. He thought that was where he was going to

retire from. But I told him that it was time to make a change, and take that heartfelt passion into a new venture," Krina said.

The vision for CTEC is to prepare high school students for high-skill, high-wage and high-demand careers while developing the professional skills, technical knowledge, academic foundation and real-

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world experience to assure their success upon graduation.

The school, which opened in 2015, was created thanks to an innovative public-private partnership between Salem-Keizer Public Schools and Mountain West Investment Corporation — Lee was hired by Mountain West Investment Corporation to guide the private side of the partnership.

"We are committed to growing Oregon's economic vitality. With this strategic investment and innovative



In 2009, Lee was one of seven recipients of the National Catholic Education Association's Catholic Secondary Education Award. FILE PHOTO, Keizertimes

public-private partnership, our region can develop a workforce that is so highly skilled and trained that our state becomes a magnet for new business and strengthens existing industry," Lee said about the mission of CTEC.

Lee's passion for education and service was second only to the love he had for his family and the unique bond he created with his 11 grandchildren.

Every summer, Lee hosted "Camp Poppa" where he would take all of his grandkids on a trip, often consisting of museums, college visits, the Great Wolf Lodge and a lot of pizza.

"It was so important for him to have a relationship with his grandkids. He would take them to do something fun. It was always an adventure," Krina Lee said.

One of his grandkids, Sam Fulwiler, became the lead singer of a rock band called The Macks, and their debut album was called Camp Poppa. The band is still well known for wearing caps and t-shirts that say Camp Poppa.

Making the people in his life a priority is one of the things Krina Lee will remember most about her husband.

"He put people first. Relationships were the most important to him. At the end of the day, that is what his legacy entails," she said.

A celebration of life will be held for Lee will be held at Blanchet on Sunday, Sept. 26 (4373 Market St. NE, Salem) beginning with a Rosary at 1 p.m., followed by Mass at 2 p.m. A "tailgate" reception will follow the service. The service is open to the public.

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