

Salem-Keizer School Board approves acceptance of the donation for CTEC

At its meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 12, the Salem-Keizer School Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve the acceptance of the donation for the building and land where the district operates its Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC). The center houses 10 of the district's 54 career and technical education programs.

The donation comes as a result of the innovative public-private partnership between Salem-Keizer Public Schools (SKPS) and Mountain West Investment Corporation to provide more career and technical education opportunities for high school juniors and seniors across the district.

"What started as a vision is now a

truly remarkable opportunity for our community," said SKPS superintendent Christy Perry. "Year after year, we have seen the impact CTEC has made on students who graduate with a competitive advantage as they enter the next chapter of their careers. Many go on to a trade school, university, or directly into high-skill, high-wage and high-demand careers."

CTEC first opened in 2015 with the first two programs: Manufacturing, Welding and Engineering and Residential Construction. Each year, the partnership was committed to grow the facility by two additional programs, and now, at its full capacity, serves nearly 700 juniors and seniors in 10

programs.

"Our team at Mountain West is grateful for the partnership with Salem-Keizer Public Schools and look forward to watching students flourish through participation in the CTEC programs," said Jason Tokarski, vice president of Mountain West. "Our hope is that CTEC's impact is felt in our community for generations to come and we humbly thank everyone that came together to make it happen."

The decision from the board of directors marks the next chapter in CTEC's story as SKPS formally takes ownership of the property, which was previously leased from SUNTEK Oregon, LLC and CRTCTEC, LLC. The district

will continue to partner with Mountain West Investment Corporation, the business community and industry partners to provide students with robust CTE programs.

Making the vision of CTEC a reality required ongoing collaboration and support from district, community and industry partners. A full list of past and current community leaders who played integral roles in preparing for this historic donation is available on SKPS website.

To learn more about CTEC, the history of the public-private partnership and the programs it provides for students, visit ctec.salkeiz.k12.or.us.

KAA announces September winners

Keizer Art Association's September show was the Member's Showcase #3, open only to association members. Winners of the all-virtual show were announced Saturday, Oct. 2.

The winners were:

2D — First place: *Shelter* by Carol Sims, second place: *Vivaldi Summer* by Martha Hughes; third place: *Faded Paint and Rusty Stories* by Donna Lee.

Photography— First place: *Memory of a Lake Michigan Freeze* by Gary Olsen-Hasek, second place: *Old and Shiny* by John DeJarnatt, third place: *Solitude* by Donna Lee.

Digital art — First place: *Celestial Lights* by Janice Christman, second

place: *By the Bonny Stormy Banks of Loch Lomond* by Gary Olsen-Hasek, third place: *Impression of a Visit to Lochranza Castle* by Gary Olsen-Hasek.

3-D — First place: *Spots, Dots and Squiggles* by Jo Ann Leadingham; second place: *Patron Saint of Technology Wreath* by Leland Gilson; third place: *The Cannibal's Dilemma* by Leland Gilson.

Juror's Merit — *What is This?* by Jo Ann Leadingham

Best in Show — *Boni Blue* by Gary Olsen-Hasek.

All the entries of the show can be seen at www.keizerarts.com during October.



Gary Olsen-Hasek won Best in Show for his entry, *Boni Blue* Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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