

Chemeketa to host annual college and career fair on Nov. 3

Chemeketa Community College is teaming up with Salem-Keizer Public Schools to host the annual Salem Area College and Career Fair on Nov. 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. The fair will take place at 4000 Lancaster Drive in the Building 7 gymnasium.

In addition to Chemeketa, 40 other colleges, universities and industries will showcase their offerings to students and their families.

"This event provides an opportunity for Salem area high school students and their families to engage with both colleges and industries in person," said James McNicholas of Student Recruitment, Enrollment & Graduation

Services at Chemeketa Community College. "These first-time connections are mutually critical to building relationships and determining the best fit for students."

High school seniors at Salem-Keizer high schools will have the opportunity to win one of several education scholarships at the fair as well. The scholarships are possible thanks to a generous donation from Dutch Bros.

This will be the first time the event has taken place in two years after being cancelled last year due to COVID. In 2019, the event attracted over 2,000 visitors.

Keizer Fire receives yearly clean audit review

Oregon budget law requires governmental agencies to review all financial controls annually for special districts, such as fire districts. Keizer Fire District (KFD) has again received the highest review score of an "unmodified opinion" which is the highest positive auditor opinion they can offer, regarding the accuracy of the accounting and fiduciary responsibility, for a fire district.

Not only has the responsibility been met, KFD accounted for all financial positions regarding assets and liabilities and related public employee documentation recording.

Using Governmental Accounting Standard Board rules (GASB) which were established in 1984, KFD utilizes the accounting firm of Grove, Mueller, & Swank, P.C. The KFD board of directors went over the auditor findings in detail at their October 2021 monthly board meeting with the auditor and financial committee for Keizer Fire.

Kathy Wilson, CPA, who reviewed the audit summary to the board of directors, said that, "the fire district financial status and cash position are a direct result of good management decisions and good strong relationship with your community".

Keizer fire baord president, Chet Patterson, who also is a CPA, added, "the importance of good financial records and recording regarding public funding, year after year, is vital in our public trust and reflects directly on a good organization such as ours."

Patterson thanked Kathy Wilson and KFD staff for their attention to every detail.



Keizer Fire District Board of Directors: From Left: Joe Van Meter, Betty Hart, Chet Patterson, Colleen Busch, Greg Ego. Submitted photo

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