

MODEL CITIZENS

'Spring into Fashion' May 12 features fashion show, honors Judge Dawn McIntosh

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Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Dawn McIntosh, elected last year, is being recognized for her contributions to her community.

The Seaside branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is holding its third Spring into Fashion event 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Attendees will be able to view clothing available from local businesses as models wear items available for purchase in town.

All proceeds from the tickets and food sold will go to local scholarships benefiting women and girls wishing to further their education.

One scholarship benefits a woman who has been out of school for more than five years and wishes to return to a two- or four-year school.

Another that will be funded is the June Stromberg Scholarship, named after a former Association member, and will go to a graduating high schooler who is the first woman in her family to attend college.

Tickets are sold at Beach Books in Seaside or can be reserved and purchased through the treasurer at sharlu@hotmail.com. Adults can purchase their tickets for \$30, students for \$20.

McIntosh will be given the third "Breaking Barriers" award, created to honor women who promote opportunities and equality for women through their work.

Last year, the award went



Fashion photos from Dena's Shop on the Corner in Cannon Beach

to Seaside School District Superintendent Sheila Roley. Roley went on to win the state Breaking Barriers Achievement Award and was honored in a ceremony held in Hillsboro last month.

A woman of 'firsts'

Cindy Gould, the president of the Seaside AAUW branch, interviewed McIntosh because the judge's work aligns with

the Association's mission to empower girls and women locally.

McIntosh said she was excited and surprised to be contacted.

"Personally, this means a lot," McIntosh said. "The organization itself, the philosophy of support for education and equity for women and girls is exactly what I think my career has been about all along."

The Association chose McIntosh because, after she came to the area in 1998, she accomplished a lot of "firsts," Gould said.

"She was surprised that there were no programs available for working with children of child abuse," Gould said.

McIntosh was hired to be Chief Deputy District Attorney, supervising major prosecutions for child



COURTESY AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
A trendy coat



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Fashionable boots

abuse and sex crimes in Clatsop County.

She became a founding member of the Clatsop County's Lighthouse for Kids, an assessment center for abused children.

In 1999, she was named Oregon District Attorneys Association's Child Abuse Prosecutor of the Year and won an FBI award in 2001.

'A small sandbox'

Now, as the winner of "Breaking Barriers," McIntosh's name will be etched into a plaque and she will receive a \$500 award at Spring into Fashion.

McIntosh and her family are establishing a memorial scholarship after her late stepdaughter, Adrienne Darnell, who died in 2014 after living with a rare liver disease.

"(Adrienne) was a remarkable young woman," McIntosh said. "Really, if anybody lived life to the fullest in the time they were given, it was Addy."


McIntosh will use the

award to fund the first year of the scholarship, which will go to a graduating Seaside School District senior and continue to personally fund it in the future.

One thing that stood out about McIntosh, Gould said, is how her children drive her work.

A mother of one daughter and three stepdaughters, McIntosh said she always looked for ways to take care of her children and be career-focused.

McIntosh grew up in the small town of Banks, Oregon, and visited the coast often. After living and working in Portland, she was eager to move back to a smaller community to raise her daughter, she said. McIntosh's children all grew up attending the Seaside School District.

She says she loves living in such a tight-knit community: "I tell people every day when we are in court, it's a very small sandbox." 



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Judge Dawn McIntosh