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## College hikes tuition another \$3

Increase will take effect for the summer term

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The Clatsop Community College Board voted Tuesday to hike tuition another \$3 per credit to \$105, effective summer term.

The increase will translate to another \$75,000 in revenue and help the college put forth a budget that maintains all service levels while accounting for increased operational costs, said Christopher Breitmeyer, the college president.

The college board last hiked tuition \$3 per credit at the beginning of this school year.

Board members Esther Moberg, Andrea Mazzarella, Karen Burke and Anne Teaford-Cantor reluctantly signed on to the increase as a necessity. Tessa Scheller and Rosemary Baker-Monaghan voted against the increase in protest of how they said the state has abandoned its role in funding community colleges. Robert Duehmig was unavailable for the vote.

"It's my little protest for when the state cut the support for community colleges," Baker-Monaghan said of her vow to oppose all tuition increases. "We used to be a state-supported institution, and we are not anymore."

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## Local flu-related death first of season in Oregon

Warrenton teen died Sunday

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Timothy Pior, the Warrenton teen who died of flu-related illness Sunday, is likely the first pediatric flu-related death of the season in Oregon.

The state has reported more than 7,100 positive tests this season for Influenza A, an avian-carried strain of the illness commonly responsible for epidemics, but no deaths. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported 64 flu-related deaths so far this season nationally.

"We're aware of reports of a pediatric death, and we are still collecting information," said Dr. Richard Leman, a physician with the Oregon Health Authority.

Pior's family posted on social media Sunday that he died of complications related to Influenza A, the dominant strain so far this season. The family and state health officials have declined to elaborate on the complications or other details about his death.

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Tux, the latest member of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office K-9 unit, sits at attention at the feet of Senior Deputy Thomas Phillips, his handler.

## VERY GOOD DOGS

A Belgian Malinois is the sheriff's newest recruit

By BRENN A VISSER  
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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office welcomed its newest recruit over the weekend.

Tux, a 5-year-old Belgian Malinois, met his new handler, Senior Deputy Thomas Phillips, just a few days ago. In the next few weeks, Tux will go to patrol school to train up on how to sniff out drugs and find suspects.

But until then, Tux's first order of business will be to play around and eat. Food, unsurprisingly, is a crucial tool to build trust between a canine and his handler.

"I'm the guy who brings him food," Phillips said. "I'll do little things, like having him eat the food out of my hand versus just giving him the bowl of food, so he knows, 'Well, food is coming from this guy, so I should be nice to him and maybe listen.'"

Tux replaces Pax, a fellow Belgian Malinois, who served as the sheriff's



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Thomas Phillips, senior deputy with the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office, talks about his new canine partner, Tux.

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Thomas Phillips | senior deputy and Tux's handler

dog for 6½ years and conducted more than 70 captures. The 8-year-old Pax suffered an injury after chasing a ball down an embankment and was off the streets for about six months.

He eventually trained up and got recertified. Pax had the ability to work a little longer, Phillips said, but doing so would probably take years off his life.

Around the same time the sheriff's office was considering a new dog, the Washington County Sheriff's Office was looking for a new home for Tux. After five years on the job, his former handler had moved into the agency's

public affairs unit.

The timing couldn't have been better.

Phillips was excited at the prospect, as he had met Tux multiple times at canine training exercises around the state.

"They wanted Tux to be able to come to a good home," Phillips said. "He has a lot of years of working life in him, and I think he'll be able to serve the sheriff's office and citizens really well here."

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Sarah Masoni speaks about food innovation at the Columbia Forum on Tuesday.

## Food innovator finds flavor in her work

Masoni appeared at Tuesday night's Columbia Forum

By BRENN A VISSER  
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Whether it's ice cream or veggie burgers, there's a good chance Sarah Masoni has had something to do with the way it tastes.

For 18 years, Masoni has worked in product and process development at Oregon State University's Food Innovation Center, specializing in helping local entrepreneurs produce and sell the visions they have for their food.

Masoni, who is now the center's director, discussed what it takes to develop a snack for supermarket shelves, and what those snacks could taste like in the future, as part

of the Columbia Forum speaker series Tuesday night at Baked Alaska.

Masoni got much of her inspiration from her father, who was a professor of food science at the University of Minnesota. One year, while on sabbatical, he took the family around on a European tour of dairies, where Masoni learned to make cheese.

"I like to say I got my Ph.D at the dinner table," Masoni said.

She moved to Oregon to study food science at Oregon State like her father in 1982, but eventually switched her major to art.

"I have found my creative side has been pretty useful," she said. "Our industry has always been very interested in the science of food. I always felt like the development of food is diminished."

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