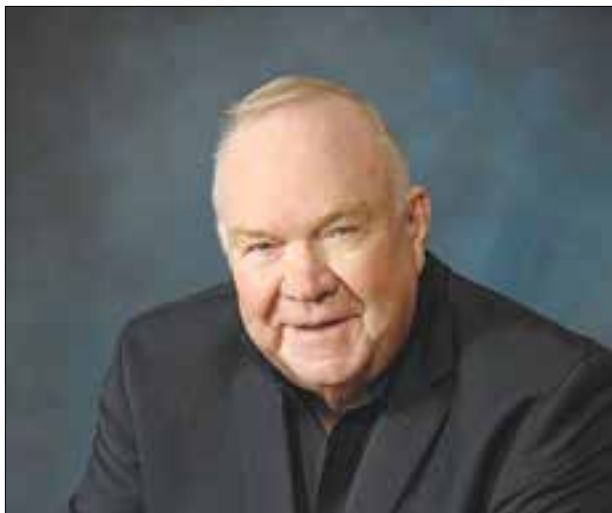


2023 Oregon History Maker Honorees



Transformative Sports Industry Executive, Sarah Mensah



Visionary Business and Civic Leader, Brian B. Obie



Path breaking Union President, Liz Shuler

Shaping the history, culture and landscape of Oregon

The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) is delighted to announce the 2023 Oregon History Maker honorees. First celebrated in 2009, the annual Oregon History Makers Awards & Dinner recognizes contemporary individuals and organizations that are positively shaping the history, culture, and landscape of Oregon. The event also supports the Oregon Historical Society's important work to collect, preserve, and interpret Oregon's past. There are three honorees. Sarah Mensah who is a Transformative Sports Industry Executive. She

graduated from Aloha High School and the University of Oregon, Sarah Mensah has forged a path breaking career in both the professional sports and athletic apparel industries. She spent almost two decades with the Portland Trail Blazers, eventually becoming one of the highest-ranking woman executives in professional sports. In 2013, Mensah joined Nike — Jordan Brand. Today, she serves as Vice President/General Manager, North America, at Nike, the first Black woman to hold that position, and excels at developing, empowering, and guiding culturally diverse cross-functional teams through periods of change and growth.

Visionary Business and Civic Leader Brian B. Obie who is also being honored is recognized for his revolutionizing leader-

ship has left an indelible mark on Eugene, Oregon, creating upscale environments that celebrate local art, food, and businesses. As president and principal owner of Obie Companies, Inc., his catalog of commercial and development accomplishments includes two nationally-acclaimed hotels in Eugene — the luxurious Inn at the 5th and the art-centric Hotel Gordon, named after his father — and a third, The Inn at 500 Capitol, located in Boise, Idaho. Obie is also responsible for the development of the 5th Street Public Market, and the new, beautifully designed Market Alley in Eugene. As a community volunteer, Obie has served on the Eugene City Council, as Mayor of Eugene, and as president of the University of Oregon Foundation.

In addition, Path breaking Union Presi-

dent Liz Shuler is also among the others being honored. She is a native of Milwaukie, Oregon; Liz Shuler made history in 2021 when she was elected as the first woman president of the AFL-CIO, a federation of 56 unions with 12.5 million members. The daughter of parents who both worked for Portland General Electric, Shuler began her career working for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers in Oregon (IBEW) before becoming chief of staff for the IBEW president. A visionary leader and longtime trade unionist, Shuler believes the labor movement is the single most powerful vehicle for progress and that unions are a central force in leading lasting societal transformations. Awards and dinner is set for October 1st 2023 at the Portland Art Museum.

Statement from the National Bankers Association on Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank

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to riskier asset classes and have the capital and strong liquidity to best serve consumers and small businesses. If you're looking for a place to bring your deposits and have greater impact, bring your deposits to minority banks" said Nicole Elam, President and CEO of the National Bankers Association.

"The Biden-Harris Administration, FDIC, and Federal Reserve worked hard this weekend to make sure that these bank failures are the exception, not the rule, and that all Americans can continue to have confidence in our banking system. I also applaud bipartisan leaders in Congress for keeping stakeholders informed about how hard earned deposits are being kept safe," said Robert James, II, Chairman of the National Bankers Association, President & CEO, Carver Financial Corporation.

The National Bankers Asso-

ciation is the nation's leading trade association for the country's minority depository institutions (MDIs). MDIs have always focused on safety and soundness as a part of our conservative, relationship based business model. We continue to monitor SVB's impact on large corporate deposit concentrations, fintech, tech companies, and larger financial institutions that have partnerships with MDIs or who have made investments in MDIs. MDIs are in the strongest position ever to support their customers and here's why:

- Traditional Banking Model with Diverse & Secure Assets: MDIs are diversified in terms of their assets, predominantly focused on well-collateralized loans, and are not exposed to riskier asset classes. Unlike both SVB and Signature Bank, MDIs have very limited exposure to the venture capital industry and crypto.

- Well-Capitalized and Strong Liquidity: MDIs are in the strongest position ever. The

sector is exceptionally well capitalized, enjoys substantial liquidity overall, and has grown by 33% over the last three years in total assets. Nearly \$4 billion in new, permanent capital has flowed to MDIs and currently, the median MDI common equity ratio is 16.4% versus 14.8% for non-MDIs.

- Positioned for Impact: 77% of MDI branches are in areas with a higher average share of minorities compared to 31% for all FDIC-insured depository institutions. According to a Dallas Fed Study in 2022, MDIs originate almost 40% of their mortgages to minority borrowers, versus only 10% by other banks. Additionally, MDIs originate 30% of small business loans to low- to moderate-income communities in comparison to 20% at community banks and 24% at large banks. Customer deposits are not only extremely safe in an MDI but are far more likely to have a positive impact in the community.



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