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## Foster Love Gala!

### Congratulating 2023 Gerlinger Award Honoree



Sandy Leong will be recipient of the Gerlinger Award

Boys & Girls Aid is excited to announce that Sandy Leong will be honored as the recipient of the 2023 Gerlinger Award for Service and Philanthropy at the Boys & Girls Aid Foster Love Gala, taking place May 5 at The Oregon Golf Club.

The Irene H. Gerlinger Family Philanthropy Award is designed to recognize and honor individuals and families who have made a positive impact on their local community, and specifically Boys & Girls Aid, through their dedication to philanthropy and leadership. Sandy joins past Gerlinger Award honorees including Michael Balter, Jeff Gianola, the Reser family, and The Standard.

Sandy Leong serves on the Boys & Girls Aid Board of Directors and offers her time and leadership to six organizations across five states. Together with her husband Bob, Sandy supports and volunteers with

a dozen organizations serving communities across the globe. In addition, Sandy has a special connection with our agency: both she and her brother, Allan, were adopted from Boys & Girls Aid.

Please join us in congratulating Sandy Leong when she accepts her award at the Foster Love Gala on May 5, 2023, taking place at The Oregon Golf Club. Tickets are still available!



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## Do You Know Oregon's First Peoples?

### Lecture on the Confederated Tribes

Clackamas Community College (CCC) is partnering with the Clackamas County Indigenous Taskforce to host the lecture "Do You Know Oregon's First Peoples? A History of the Grand Ronde Tribe," featuring The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy.

Kennedy will discuss the history of the Indigenous communities in Clackamas County, and how we can work together to honor their strengths and contributions and celebrate the diversity of contemporary Indigenous lives and experiences.

The lecture will be Tuesday, May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. in the Niemeyer Osterman Theatre on the Oregon City campus. This event is free and open to the public.



The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy

"We are honored to have Tribal Council Chairwoman Kennedy share with us the history of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde," Casey Layton, CCC diversity, equity and inclusion

officer, said. "It is important for CCC to offer opportunities for our community to learn about the Indigenous communities of the Willamette Valley and their history, including culture and traditions, but also the harmful government policies that affected the peoples who lived on the lands where CCC now resides. This event is intended to amplify the voices of Indigenous peoples, and move us forward together."

Kennedy is serving her eighth term on Tribal Council for a total of 12 years. She has served 16 years as the chairwoman. She comes from a family of weavers, bead makers, carvers, gatherers, fishers and hunters. Prior to serving on the Tribal Council, she had a 30-year career as a health administrator and served as the executive director of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. For questions, email [diversity@clackamas.edu](mailto:diversity@clackamas.edu).