

OnPoint Credit Union Awards Scholarships to OSAA Students

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needed it most. Bradford earned a 3.83 GPA while pursuing challenging Advanced Placement courses and will study pre-law to become an attorney.

Tara Subramanian of Lincoln High School is a nationally competitive congressional debater. She helped rebuild Lincoln's debate team and coached Beaverton High School debaters at a time when the discipline's popularity was waning. Subramanian created the Oregon Red Cross Youth Council, where she recruited and led more than 600 volunteers and coordinated statewide service events. Her international humanitarian law presentations educated thousands of students about foreign policy and war crimes. Subramanian also organized the Oregon Youth Neuroscience Conferences. After taking 17 college-level classes as an International Baccalaureate student, Subramanian will graduate with a 4.0 and attend New York University.

Austin Baker of Bend Senior High School captained his basketball, football and lacrosse teams and helped students with disabilities compete in sports through the Unified Sports Program. His Unified Sports Program teammates played in the gold medal match in their division. Baker earned a 4.35 GPA while taking college-level classes through the International Baccalaureate program and is a member of the National Honor Society. Austin will continue his education at Wesleyan University.

Charles Black of Central Catholic High School led his school's chapter of CommuniCare, a student-powered social justice and community service organization. A leader in Central's campus ministry and student body vice pres-

ident, Black played five sports and co-captained his varsity cross country and track teams and junior varsity basketball team. He earned a 4.0 GPA and is a National Merit Scholar finalist. Black will attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and plans to become a physician.

Camila Garibay of Sheldon High School played trumpet in the school's concert band, wind ensemble and marching band and swam competitively. A student in the Spanish immersion and International Baccalaureate programs, Garibay earned a 3.74 GPA. She also participated in Oregon Young Scholars, a four-year college preparatory program. Garibay will be the first in her family to attend college and plans to become a nurse to honor her grandmother, who was a midwife.

Lane Shaffer of McDaniel High School He campaigned for better transportation infrastructure as co-chair of the Transportation Equity and Environmental Advocacy committee of the Multnomah Youth Commission. Shaffer earned a 4.0, took college-level classes, and participated in football, cross country, wrestling, and the student newspaper. He also served as president of McDaniel's Youth Action Council. Shaffer will major in public health and public policy on a pre-law track.

All graduating seniors who participate in OSAA activities were eligible to apply for a scholarship. The Scholar Program is part of OnPoint's partnership with OSAA as the title sponsor of the Oregon high school state championships.

OnPoint selected winners based on letters of recommendation and personal essays about their community leadership, classroom success, and how participating in OSAA activities has helped them achieve their goals.

Success at Any Age

Earning a Degree Can Be Easy at EOU

Story by Michael Dakota

At 46 years old, Kente' Bates has accomplished quite a bit in his life. The native of rural Georgia joined the Army at age 32, moved to Oregon, and adopted Portland as his home. In December, the husband and father of two will add college graduate to his list of achievements. Bates will earn a Bachelor of Science with a concentration in Leadership, Organization & Management from Eastern Oregon University.

Bates' personality is loaded with optimism and energy. His positive attitude and drive to succeed helped him finish his degree after a 13-year break.

"I was the oldest guy in my platoon when I joined the military, I want people to escape the mindset that anything is impossible, or it is ever too late," Bates said.

During the pandemic, Bates decided it was a good time to go back to school. His wife told him about Eastern Oregon University, which turned out to be a great fit for the busy father. Even though the University is located in La Grande, Oregon's Rural University is a leader in online education, offering most programs digitally. Bates earned



Kente' Bates

his degree from the comfort of his home. He was also able to get credit for his life experience, including his military training, through the University's Credit for Prior Learning programs. Not only did this cut down on his time to accomplish his educational goals, it saved him money as well.

"Eastern Oregon University is already affordable, which really appealed to me," he said. "But they also recognize a person has a lot of past experiences and give you credit for it. There was nothing difficult about getting credit for my life experiences, the process was made very easy for me."

One way that the people at EOU made earning a degree easier for Bates was that they met him where he was in the Portland area. He was able to meet with Kerry Thompson, Eastern Oregon University's Military/Veteran Coordinator, and fellow veteran, at EOU's Gresham Regional Office located at Mount Hood Community College. Thompson, based out of EOU's Hermiston Regional office, one of Eastern Oregon University's 11 offices spread across the state, drove the three hours to give Bates the personal attention the University is known for. Bates praised "the great team" when it comes to serving veterans.

Bates' optimism is contagious. He urges others to pursue their educational goals, no matter the obstacle.

"If you want to get your degree, I would encourage people, especially those over 40, to do it. Just put one foot in front of the other," he said. "Eastern Oregon University is an example of a very well-kept secret, a hidden gem. Nobody talks about the rest of the state, but there is a lot of amazing things over in Eastern Oregon. Definitely check it out. It will be worth it."

To learn more about Eastern Oregon University, email Alasane Diagne at diagnea@eou.edu. To learn more about EOU's Credit for Prior Learning opportunities, visit eou.edu/credit-for-prior-learning.

Five Reasons to Consider a Career in Healthcare

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As the demand for medical care continues to be at the forefront of national conversations, it is important to recognize the underlying foundation of what keeps the healthcare industry moving when considering a career in healthcare.

Healthcare professionals are leading the sector with their ability to combine new ideas with technology and compassionate care. These professionals work on the cutting edge of science, and now more than ever the combination of science with new technologies is putting healthcare at an extremely exciting precipice for advancements we have never seen before. These drivers as one can imagine are meaningful, measurable and in demand.



As you explore a career in healthcare, examine these five key considerations:

- **Impact and Purpose:** In Healthcare, each position whether direct or indirect has the ability to impact an individual's life. People come together with

a collaborative commitment to make a difference in the community. These impacts give healthcare workers a sense of purpose and fulfillment within their careers.

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