

Events & Announcements



Children Explore World of Wetlands

The Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center is launching its popular Nature Spy Explorer Kits with a brand-new theme for summer. The Water Wizard Kit brings the world of wetlands to life with materials in both English and Spanish, and allows children to experience the many wonders of water while learning and playing - from the comfort of home and neighborhood. The cost is \$50 and includes shipping. To purchase kits, visit <https://bit.ly/nature-spy-kits-summer-2025>. For more information, contact jessie.mulcahy@clackamas.edu.

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Voters Approve Mt. Hood Community College Bond Measure 26-258

Mt. Hood Community College is celebrating a major milestone after voters approved Measure 26-258, the college's \$136 million bond measure, in the May 2025 election. This historic win marks the first successful bond measure for MHCC in 50 years and will fund vital updates to aging facilities, safety improvements, and modernized learning environments across its campuses.

"We are profoundly grateful to our community for this vote of confidence," said MHCC President Dr. Lisa Skari. "With the passage of Measure 26-258, we can now take bold steps to modernize our facilities and create learning environments that match the excellence of our students and faculty—so that everyone has an opportunity to get a great education."

Funds from the bond will be used to repair and replace outdated HVAC, electrical, and plumbing systems; enhance safety and accessibility across campus; and ensure MHCC can continue to meet the region's workforce, academic, and community needs.

"This victory belongs to every student, volunteer, and community member who believed in our vision for Mt. Hood Community College," said Skari. "Together, we've made a once-in-a-generation investment in the future of this corner of Oregon."

The college will begin the bond implementation process in the coming months, including appointing a Bond Oversight Committee to ensure transparency and accountability. Community members can follow project updates and learn more at www.MHCCBond.com.

House Republicans Vote to Gut Anti-Hunger Programs, Reversing Generations of Progress

In a devastating blow to working families, children, and seniors, U.S. House Republicans narrowly passed a bill that would rip away essential food and healthcare support from millions of Americans. The bill passed on party lines by a single vote, and the measure is now subject to debate and amendments in the Senate.

"This bill isn't a budget fix," said David Wieland, Policy Advocate at Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon. "It is dismantling effective basic needs programs that have long been cornerstones of our country."

If passed, this legislation will have drastic harmful effects on Oregon families and will drive hunger and economic instability. The legislation includes deep cuts to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid, programs that millions of Americans rely on every day, while extending tax

cuts that primarily benefit the wealthiest Americans.

The impact on Oregonians would be profound. It would cut SNAP benefits by 21%, reducing average SNAP benefits to just \$4.80 per day, and impose harsh time limits on food assistance for thousands more Oregonians, including seniors and parents, and completely exclude Oregonians who are refugees and immigrants.

Oregon's Representative Cliff Bentz cast vote for the bill, even while his district has the most people per capita depending on SNAP and Medicaid in all of Oregon.

All other Oregon Congressional delegates voted to defend basic needs through a "nay" vote on the bill.

Oregon is already in a hunger crisis and emergency food suppliers across the state are seeing historic levels of demand. Over 770,000 Oregonians rely on SNAP to meet their nutritional needs, and over half of those are families with children.

"This heinous proposal upends decades of investment in ending hunger, promises to make America sicker and hungrier, and cruelly targets children in particular," Wieland adds. "We know that when children lose access to SNAP, long-lasting health and behavioral impacts follow. Learning suffers and evictions increase."

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon urges Oregonians to contact their Senators and demand they vote no on any legislation that takes away food, healthcare, or critical supports from struggling families.

Reynolds School District's Graduating Seniors Conduct "Grad Walk" at Feeder Schools

Reynolds High School and Reynolds Learning Academy graduating seniors will don their caps and gowns for a special "Grad Walk" at their feeder middle schools and feeder elementary schools. In collaboration with high school, middle school and elementary school administrations, as well as the Reynolds School District, graduating seniors will walk through the hallways of their feeder middle schools and elementary schools to receive congratulations from former teachers and RSD's future graduating students on Friday, May 30.

Graduating seniors will conduct their "Grad Walk" at Reynolds Middle School and Walt Morey Middle School at approximately 9:25am on Friday; with their grad walk at H.B. Lee at approximately 9:15am on Friday. Their "Grad Walk" parade route will take them through the main hallways and through the 8th grade areas of the middle schools. The graduating seniors will then conduct their "Grad Walk" at their elementary feeder schools.

Salish Ponds Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 9:25am, Margaret Scott Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:05am, Davis Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 9:55am, Troutdale Elementary "Grad Walk"

will begin at approximately 9:55am, Alder Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:15am, Hartley Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:25am, Sweetbriar Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:55am, Glenfair Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 11:15am, Fairview Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:55am, Woodland Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:25am, Wilkes Elementary "Grad Walk" will begin at approximately 10:45am.

This year, the Reynolds Learning Academy graduating seniors will celebrate their graduation on Tuesday, June 10th at 7pm at the Mt. Hood Community College Theater and the Reynolds High School graduating seniors will celebrate their graduation at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland on Thursday, June 12th at 7pm.

PAM CUT // Center for An Untold Tomorrow Announces 2025 Sustainability Labs Fellows

PAM CUT // Center for an Untold Tomorrow, the Portland Art Museum's film and new media arm, is pleased to announce the 2025 Sustainability Labs. Now in its fourth year, PAM CUT's Sustainability Labs program uniquely prioritizes holistic career advancement and sustainability. It is part of PAM CUT's Artist Services, a range of services designed to help support the sustained creative, financial, and personal growth of creative storytellers working across multiple media arts platforms.

Serving five mid-career storytellers working in a variety of mediums, the Sustainability Labs were created to help artists in search of guidance to harness and expand their creative and business talents across multiple platforms. Rather than focusing on a singular project, PAM CUT's Sustainability Labs act as a spark not only for select artists but also for our larger media arts community and the ecosystem at large.

The program focuses on embracing artists' multiplicities and de-siloing modes of storytelling to provide greater opportunity and access. Focus areas will include individual, bespoke support for each artist on business plans, project and personal financial planning, creative brand expansion, and growth opportunities, as well as small group sessions on mental health, balance, and personal sustainability.

The Labs will culminate by pitching to a wide variety of industry professionals at Wieden + Kennedy as well as attending PAM CUT's Cinema Unbound Awards at the Portland Art Museum the evening of May 30.

Community groups to protest "Fascist Family Values" rally at Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill

On Saturday, May 24, at 2pm, community organizations and activists will hold a picket at Cal Anderson Park on Capitol Hill to counter "Mayday USA." The protest and picket, under the theme of "Keep Your Bibles Off Our Bodies" is aimed to counter the well-funded anti-trans, anti-queer event that is led by far-right Christian activists. The Mayday USA rally in Seattle is provocatively being held in the heart of the Queer community. It is part of a 5-city national tour. Reactionary preacher and former Spokane Valley state representative Matt Shea, of the "On Fire Ministries," is one of the prominent supporters.

Organizers of the counter-protest plan to send a loud message that bigotry and scapegoating is not welcome in Seattle. With a lively picket line, signs and banners they are calling on the community to unite to:

- Stop the War on Trans & Queer Folk
- Empower Youth to Speak, Define & Defend Themselves
- Defend Bodily Autonomy & Abortion Rights
- Stand Against the Racist Christian Identity Movement
- Defeat Trump, Musk, & Project 2025

"We are encouraging everyone to come out and show their solidarity," said Freedom Socialist Party leader Doreen McGrath, whose organization is endorsing the picket. "Attacks of this kind need to be met with protest every time." Other endorsers include Organized Workers for Labor Solidarity, Puget Sound Mobilization for Reproductive Justice, and Radical Women.

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