

# CGHS named in top 25 in Oregon

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After not having a single school in the state make it into the top 100, a year later Oregon has found two of its high schools on the list released annually by U.S. News and World Report ranking the top public schools in the nation.

Cottage Grove High School ranked 21st in the state and 2,441 in the nation according to the report released last week.

The school's 94 percent graduation rate was cited in the distinction as well as the school's advanced placement program which sees 31 percent of the population involved.

Principal Mike Ingman said

of the ranking, "The staff and students here at Cottage Grove High School are truly amazing. To be recognized for being one of the top high schools in the state gives them the credit that they deserve." He went on to say, "The community cares so much for everything that we do here at the high school. This award puts on paper what we all already

knew; that CGHS is one of the top schools in the state.

This award shows how hard the staff, students, and the community have worked to make that mission a reality. We still have more work to do, but it feels good to get a pat on the back while we work to make Cottage Grove High School the best that it could be."

## Mary Kingston named new chief executive by PeaceHealth

PeaceHealth recently announced that Mary Kingston, RN, FACHE, will join the organization on July 30 as chief executive of the PeaceHealth Oregon network.



Mary Kingston

Kingston is a seasoned healthcare leader with 30 years of broad executive experience - with more than 10 years dedicated to leadership in Catholic healthcare.

Most recently, she served as chief executive of two acute care hospitals with Providence St. Joseph Health in California. In this role, she netted significant impacts

in the areas of growth, integration and population health; physician relations; quality; engagement, and financial stability. Examples of her achievements include:

Executing a clinically integrated network focused on service line development and growth with the recruitment of specialists.

Attaining Magnet Designation and Leapfrog A designation at both hospitals.

Expanding the Lean process to include Lean Daily Management.

She also has held roles as chief operating officer, vice president of

performance improvement and clinical excellence, assistant vice president of quality and director of nursing.

"I'm truly committed to the areas of performance excellence, physician relations and financial stability, and my focus in this work is grounded in the values of respect, teamwork, compassion and servant leadership," Kingston said. "I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and working in partnership with PeaceHealth leaders and caregivers to ensure together we deliver on our shared commitment to live true to the PeaceHealth Mission and Values."

She earned her bachelor of nurs-

ing degree from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill., and her master's degree in business and nursing administration from the University of California, Los Angeles. She holds a Lean Black Belt Certification and is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Kingston and her husband Robert, a retired emergency department physician who is practicing as an advanced wound care physician, are looking forward to making Lane County their new home, where they are excited to meet new people, to participate in outdoor activities and cheer on the University of Oregon Ducks.

### Teacher Pat retires

Pat Fordyce, "Teacher Pat," will retire as preschool teacher at Trinity Lutheran Preschool at the end of May. Her family and the church will host an open house on June 3, 2018, to honor her 27 years of Christian education to hundreds of our community's children. Guests may drop in from 11:45 a.m. 2 p.m. There will be a brief program at 12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

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As we look forward to an extended holiday weekend, our area merchants encourage you to celebrate responsibly - for your own safety and the safety of our entire community. According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) statistics, Memorial Day weekend ranks second only to New Years in percentage of alcohol-related traffic deaths. Whether you're driving a car or a boat, it's important to remember that alcohol impairs your judgement and slows reaction time. You can help prevent drunk driving tragedies this holiday weekend and year-round by staying sober behind the wheel and keeping friends from drinking and driving.

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