Burril wins Breaking Barriers Educator of Year

Blue Mountain Eagle

Grant County Education Service District Special Ed Director/Specialist Wendy Burril was recently named the Breaking Barriers Educator of the Year.

Burril received the award, which recognizes people making a difference for people with disabilities in Oregon, at the Breaking Barriers Conference April 26 in Redmond.

Grant County ESD Superintendent Robert Waltenburg said, thanks to Burril, the ESD will also be hiring a half-time youth transition specialist.

"Wendy was instrumental in bringing this position to the four outlying districts," he said. "She has a heart for these students, and it really shows in all she does for them."

Burril was nominated for the award for helping a student in Long Creek build job skills in an area with limited opportunities to work at a restaurant.

Despite the 80-mile round-trip commute, Burril set the student up to travel to the John Day Senior Center with a job coach to volunteer for skill development.

Later, she approached a John Day restaurant and set up the opportunity for the student to work as a dishwasher four days per week.

When the restaurant advertised for a dishwasher position, they encouraged the student to apply for the

Burril continued seeking additional opportunities for the student to develop employment and communication



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Grant County Education Service District Special Education Director/Specialist Wendy Burril, center, receives the Breaking Barriers Educator of the Year award at the Breaking Barriers Conference in Redmond April 26. At left is Donna Lowry, transition network/pre-ETS support specialist, and at right is Heather Lindsey, secondary transition liaison/office of student services.

EOU graduates celebrate commencement June 15

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Eastern Oregon University graduates will celebrate their achievements during two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, June 15, in La Grande.

Graduates from the College of Business, the College of Science, Technology, Mathematics and Health Sciences, those graduating with a Master of Business Administration and those from EOU's partner program with Oregon State University will walk across the stage starting at 10 a.m. on June

Later that afternoon, at 2 p.m., the gym will fill with graduates from the College of Education, the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, those completing a nursing degree from Oregon Health and Science University and those receiving a Master of Science in Education or Master of Arts

Distinguished EOU alumnus and Oscar-nominated filmmaker Skye Fitzgerald will deliver the keynote speech at both ceremonies, addressing about 200 graduates at each. After graduating with a degree in theater and a minor in creative writi 1993, Fitzgerald earned an MF and st Spin Film in Portland.

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Contributed photo/Eastern Oregon University **Eastern Oregon University 2018 graduates** celebrate their commencement. The 2019 commencement takes place during two ceremonies June 15 in La Grande.

up to commencement. Online and onsite students who've completed their degrees at one of EOU's 11 regional centers or online will celebrate their achievements from 5-7 p.m. June 14 on the third floor of Hoke Union Building in room 339.

All 438 commencement participants will convene June 15 for their respective ceremonies in Quinn Coliseum. Tickets are required for the main seating area in the sym, but overflow areas do not require tickets. Free dditi cei mormation is

available at eou.edu/comme cting

Andrea Comer receives art scholarship

By Angel Carpenter Blue Mountain Eagle

Union High School senior Andrea Comer was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Grant County Art Association.

The association offers the scholarship to a student who plans to pursue art or an art-related course.

Association Secretary Eloise Boren said Comer submitted three original pieces that showed artistic ability and creativity. Comer is enrolled to attend Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton and plans to pursue a degree in art or graphic design.

"We're so proud to give this scholarship to a student who shows so much artist mise," said asso President Mary Snyder.

The Grant County Art Association, a nonprofi organization, was formed in 1969 and encourages art ics.com.



Contributed photo **Grant Union senior Andrea** Comer was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Grant County Art Association.

in the community by offering workshops, awards at the Grant County Fair and scholarships. Association members meet on the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. int o.m.

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Grant **County Futures Scholarship** recipients announced

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The Grant County Futures Scholarship named two winners.

Erin Cantrell and Teri Hamilton have been selected as the recipients of the 2019-2020 Grant County Futures Scholarship, which awarded by the local Grant County College Advisory Board from an endowment of the EOU Foundation.

The scholarships will be used for tuition and books for classes taken through Un versity n Commuor nity College's online prothe "Grant

Cantrell is a Blue Moun-College on prerequisites for acceptance into ing pron. Hamilton is also attending BMCC, worl Associate e in early chilanood education.

The Grant County Col-Board the Futures Scholarship each year, and it is for students availa through degrees the Grant County Center, locate the (t County ESD, S. C. on Blvd.,

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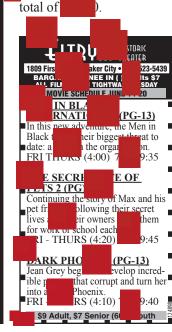


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