

# Umatilla administrator receives Doug Flatt award

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Bob Lorence, principal of Umatilla High School, was honored as the 2018 Doug Flatt Memorial Leadership Award winner by the InterMountain Education Service District and Mid-Columbia Bus Company.

Lorence received the award May 14 during the 19th annual Crystal Apple "Excellence in Education" Awards at the Pendleton

Red Lion Hotel. It was presented by Cindy Nicholson, regional director of operations at MidCo, and Mark Mulvihill, IMESD superintendent.

The leadership award is named for the late Doug Flatt, who was the chief executive officer of Mid-Columbia Bus Company. Flatt died in an October 2003 plane crash while on business.



Lorence

Flatt was a leader, who was recognized for his attention to detail, service to his community, interpersonal relationships and customer service. The award recognizes a school administrator from a Mid-Co school district who exemplifies the same qualities for which Flatt was known.


Mulvihill said Lorence is noted

for his calm, steady demeanor and a reserved leadership style. When Lorence assumed leadership of Umatilla High School in 2016, the school was known as student-centered, but also had poor academic performance, in particular a graduation rate consistently below the state average.

By using data effectively to monitor students, meeting with them individually and embracing wraparound and outside resources


to provide a support system, Lorence improved the graduation rate to 82 percent, five points above the state average, said a press release from IMESD. This is the first time the district has exceeded the state average in each student group.

"Bob Lorence deserves to be recognized for his dedication and hard work in Umatilla. He is passionate about student success and courageous and relentless in his decision making," Mulvihill said.



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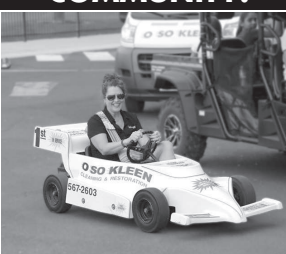
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