



**Stephanie Sultzer**

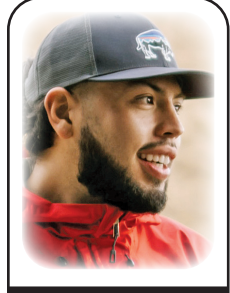
**Stephanie Sultzer**, PT, DPT, has joined the staff of **Rebound Physical Therapy's** East Bend Clinic.

Sultzer earned her bachelor of arts in psychology from The University of Virginia in Charlottesville. Following graduation, Sultzer obtained her doctorate of physical therapy degree from Boston University, and then worked at well-respected outpatient orthopedic clinics located in Boston and Richmond, Virginia. Sultzer has over ten years of outpatient orthopedic experience and a treatment philosophy rooted in manual therapy, individualized exercise prescription and patient education.

Sultzer places emphasis on being a lifelong learner in many areas of life, especially in physical therapy. She recently completed over a year-long advanced manual therapy training curriculum with the Institute of Orthopedic Manual Therapy in Massachusetts. Outside of the clinic, Sultzer enjoys spending time with her husband and two young daughters, hiking, running and the occasional pickup soccer game.

The **Latino Community Association (LCA)** welcomed a new staff member and three new members to its board of directors in 2021.

**Erika Ortiz**, client services coordinator, was already a familiar face at LCA's Bend office, where she has volunteered off and on since 2008. She began assisting LCA part-time as an independent contractor early in the pandemic, navigating applications for the Oregon Worker Relief Fund. Ortiz grew up in Mexico, where she earned a degree as a systems analyst and computer programmer. She moved to Central Oregon in the late 1990s and worked for over 18 years in customer service at restaurants, hotels and retail sales.



**Zavier Borja**

**Zavier Borja (Zavi)** grew up in Central Oregon and brings his enthusiasm for youth and the outdoors to the LCA board. Borja has worked for the Boys and Girls Club of Bend, Bend Parks and Recreation District, Education Outside in San Francisco and as a youth mentor at Summit High School in Bend. In 2019, he founded the Central Oregon chapter of Latino Outdoors and took local folks out on trails. Borja joined the Children's Forest of Central Oregon in 2020 in a new position to increase access to the outdoors for Latinx populations called *Vámonos Outside*.

**Kinsey Martin** was born and raised in Bend and works for the Bend-LaPine school district that educated her as director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She earned her master's degree in education with certification in bilingual education, English as a New Language and a reading specialization at Oregon State University. She moved back to Central Oregon and taught in dual language classrooms. Martin has two bilingual children and joined the LCA board because, "I love my community and want it to be a welcoming place that serves all community members."



**Jeff Baker**

**Jeff Baker** works as vice-president of Craft3 in Bend, an organization that makes loans to nonprofits, start-ups and homeowners. He grew up in Southern Oregon, and attended the University of Oregon and the University of Montana. He worked for a national bank in Seattle and then traveled the country as a corporate trainer. In 2007, he and his family moved to Central Oregon, where he serves on the board of Mosaic Medical. Baker wants his three children to, "see the work their parents do and the causes we stand for and not cower to inequality and racism."



**Jenn Limoges**

**Jenn Limoges**, CCIM, partner at **NAI Cascade**, recently earned her Oregon Principal Broker Real Estate license. The Principal Broker license allows Limoges to have a supervisory role in brokerage or property management, which she intends to employ as NAI Cascade grows.

Limoges has held her Oregon Real Estate license since 2013 and came to commercial real estate with over 15 years in executive management of multiple retail and office facilities and operations. Limoges partnered with Walt Ramage in the beginning of 2021 to assume ownership of NAI Cascade Commercial Real Estate Services.

The **Rotary Club of Bend** is honored to announce the winners of its annual Traxler and Del Morris scholarships for the 2021 year. The awards are named for Ernie Traxler and Del Morris, two past-members of the Rotary Club of Bend who shared a passion for music.

The Traxler Scholarship is awarded to local graduating high school seniors who excel in music and pursue music in some way at the university level. This year's recipients are:

- **Sam Smith**, tenor trombone, graduated from Summit High School and plans to attend University of Oregon
- **Logan Lasala**, euphonium, graduated from Summit High School and plans to attend Oregon State University
- **Jordyn Graham**, voice, graduated from Trinity Lutheran High School and plans to attend Concordia Irvine

The Del Morris Scholarship is awarded to a secondary education student and goes directly towards piano lessons. This year's Del Morris recipient is Matthias Santucci for his excellence in piano. Matthias attends Summit High School and is in 11th grade.

Scholarship applications will be accepted in the spring of 2022 for next year's program.

**Rosell Wealth Management** announces that **Emma James** has been promoted to wealth coordinator. James has excelled as the firm's client services manager since she began in 2018. She recently passed her Series 7 and 66 Licenses and is passionate about guiding people's financial future so that they may live the life they have always imagined for themselves. James holds a double bachelor of arts in International Studies and Spanish from University of Oregon.



**Jed Bellefeuille**

The **Coldwell Banker Bain** Commercial division welcomes **Jed Bellefeuille**, who brings with him years of experience in sales, management and business start-up. On top of his work experience, Bellefeuille is well connected with Central Oregon, having lived here for nearly 30 years. Whether you're looking to buy, sell, lease or invest, Bellefeuille will work hard to make sure your plan succeeds.

The **City of Bend** announced the addition of **Dana Wilson** as Utility business manager. Wilson joined the Utility Department in March 2021 with more than nine years of service with the City of Bend. She started in the Finance Department, then moved to the Engineering and Infrastructure Planning Department, where she worked as a management analyst leading the strategic financial planning and analysis for the Capital Improvement Program. In her role as Utility business manager, Wilson will focus on fiscal management and strategic business alignment of the Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Utility programs. She replaces Mike Buettner, who was promoted to Utility director in January 2021.

**Bethlehem Inn** is honoring the decade-long service of three remarkable staff members. Each of these inspiring women has dedicated ten years of her life to helping people in crisis. Over the past decade, all three have played key roles in doubling the Inn's capacity to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Congratulations to **Elizabeth Clemens**, **Tara Feurtado** and **Kim Fischbach**, who are celebrating their ten-year anniversaries at the Inn.



**Elizabeth Clemens**

Through dedication and a love for making a difference, Clemens started making an impact at Bethlehem Inn as an AmeriCorps volunteer before joining the staff in 2011. As the Families First program manager, Clemens collaborates with a wide variety of community agencies that provide housing, medical, educational and job-seeking support. While working full-time at the shelter, Clemens earned a master of social work degree from Portland State University; she will soon be a licensed social worker. Clemens has served on numerous committees, lending her expertise on equitable



**Erika Ortiz**



**Kinsey Martin**



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**Emma James**



**Dana Wilson**

practices (CO-OATH, Central Oregon's chapter of Oregonians Against Trafficking Humans, 2014–2016) and serving as co-chair of the Family Access Network steering committee. She is a member of the National Association of Social Work, serves on the board of the Central Oregon Homeless Leadership Coalition (HLC) and recently joined the Community Advisory Group of Fair Housing Central Oregon.

Feurtado, Next Steps program manager, joined Bethlehem Inn after working for five years with Head Start, where she established and maintained a safe and engaging classroom environment for children. Tara earned her master of art from Portland State University in 2006. Her collaborative spirit preserves working relationships with outside agencies and partner organizations. She served as the secretary for the Homeless Leadership Coalition from 2017 to 2018 and currently serves on the board of our neighboring Bend International School. She chairs HLC's Regional Shelter Committee and was recently selected to serve on the City of Bend's Emergency Homelessness Task Force. In 2020 she was nominated for the Bend Chamber's Community Hero award.



**Tara Feurtado**

The Families First and Next Steps programs provide the direction of the Inn, through an inclusive and trauma-informed lens. Clemens and Feurtado have helped to create and evolve the range of services that the Inn provides. They work tirelessly to review challenges and opportunities and to provide staff support in this demanding field. Together, they work to guide communications with 70-plus allied community organizations, a multitude of agencies and the public to help Inn residents transition into more stable lives.

With a strong background in marketing and nonprofits, Fischbach serves as director of Philanthropy at the Inn. Before joining our staff, she volunteered with and worked for CASA. With a degree from the University of Washington in education, she brings an enlightened gift in sharing the Bethlehem Inn story. Fischbach is instrumental in the organization's growth.

She was a prime mover in the successful \$9 million capital campaign that funded the rebuilding of the Bend Campus. Fischbach designs and implements a robust strategic marketing and development plan, carefully coordinating the Inn's messaging and resource materials. Her responsibilities include directing the efforts of thousands of volunteers and business partners who support the Inn's mission. Fischbach provides that special glue, ensuring that all staff members feel special and cared for.



**Kim Fischbach**



**Brian Smith**

**AP Equipment Financing** has hired **Brian Smith** as senior vice president of Risk. With over 25 years of experience in various credit and syndication roles in the equipment finance industry, Smith will be responsible for growing AP's funding channels and further nurturing these important relationships. Furthermore, Smith will oversee AP's third-party origination channel to ensure great service and funding options for our indirect partners.

**Liam Windhamsmith**, who will be in 11th grade this fall at the Redmond Proficiency Academy, is interning this summer at **STEELE Associates Architects** of Bend. He has been working with his team on a variety of projects including senior housing, commercial/retail, industrial, a new residence and an animal hospital.

In addition to his interest in architecture, Windhamsmith enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding and playing in the Funk and Jazz Band.



**Liam Windhamsmith**

Selections have been made for the **Leadership Bend Class of 2022**, a nonprofit civic engagement and leadership development program of the Bend Chamber. Leadership Bend is designed to identify, educate, engage and connect willing and committed citizens to leadership roles in our community.

Participants are chosen from a broad and diverse cross-section of candidates from around the region who must go through a significant application process. These acknowledged and aspiring leaders share a commitment to active participation in shaping the future of Central Oregon.

There now are over 525 Leadership Bend alumni, many of whom serve as our community "trustees" through board service, elected office, volunteerism and more.

Leadership Bend Class of 2022 are **Michelle Abbey**, Central Oregon Veterans Ranch; **Sean Bearden**, Hayden Homes; **Eric Berlin**, First Interstate Bank; **Rebeckah Berry**, Central Oregon Health Council; **Emily Boynton**, Mosaic Medical; **Cody Cloyd**, Ablis CBD; **Chloe Crabtree**, PrideStaff; **Heather Dion**, CASA of Central Oregon; **Breck Flanagan-Caldwell**, Swalley Irrigation District; **Jen Gordon**, Bend Chamber; **Matthew Guthrie**, BBT Architects; **Jessica Higgins**, Invera Wealth Advisors of Raymond James; **Haley Jensen**, Eleusis Athletics; **Matt Kelly**, Ten Over Studio; **Cynthia Maree**, St. Charles Health Care; **Sarah Monkton**, Karnopp Petersen LLP; **Brittany Nichols**, COCC Foundation; **Juan Olmeda-Chavez**, City of Bend; **Mary Overman**, Volunteers in Medicine Clinic; **Ashley Pascale**, U.S. Bank; **Scott Ross**, Taylor Northwest, LLC; **Jeff Sanders**, Mid Oregon Credit Union; **Ryan Schomburg**, Rogue Real Estate; **Eric Webber**, Morrison Maierle; **Meli Wellington**, Arbor Mortgage Group; and **Jo Wells**, City of Bend.

**Corban University** has officially announced the hire of Dr. **Susie Nelson** to the position of director of Agriculture Science. As a new member of Corban's expanding ag. faculty, Nelson will oversee the launch and creation of the University's new agriculture science major.

Holding a Ph.D. from Oregon State in agriculture education, Nelson brings a wealth of diverse agricultural experience and expertise as an instructor at the high school and college level, a researcher and lecturer in Oregon State's College of Agriculture Science, and as a farmer, raising crops and cattle on her 40-acre family farm.

With Corban's agriculture science program set to officially launch in fall of 2022, Nelson will now begin the process of building the program's structure and recruiting students for their inaugural class of agriculture science majors. Nelson sees the University's location in the Mid-Willamette Valley as a major draw for prospective students.



**Susie Nelson**

**Oregon Trucking Associations (OTA)** recently held their 70th Annual OTA Convention & Exhibition at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes in Bend. During the three-day event August 9-11, attendees heard from nationally renowned and locally sourced speakers including demographer **Ken Gronbach**, American Trucking Associations (ATA) President & CEO **Chris Spear** and Oregon Department of Transportation Director **Kris Strickler**. Discussions took place around the changes and challenges Oregon's trucking industry is facing, while also celebrating the accomplishments and dedication of drivers and other frontline workers throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Trucking never stops delivering the goods.

Three companies were recognized for their outstanding contributions over the past year. OTA's Carrier of the Year Award went to Signature Transport, a family-owned company started in 1966 with locations in Kelso, Washington, Portland and Central Oregon. With 55 years of combined experience, knowledge and love for the transportation industry, Signature Transport is a company of many talents servicing wood residuals, live haul, flatbed, heavy haul, dry van and containers. Under the leadership of President **Dale Lemmons**, Signature Transport is moving forward with expansion plans to create several high-paying, safety-engaged positions that provide excellent customer service.

The OTA Allied Carrier of the Year for 2021 is Freightliner Northwest, an expanded network of dealerships with multiple locations throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho. With locations off every major northwest highway, Freightliner Northwest has more than 30 years of helping customers satisfy their transportation needs. Freightliner Northwest has a strong commitment to their customers and their employees. They have been an active participant in OTA through support of events and other efforts. **Mark Christie** accepted the award on behalf of the dealership.

Since its inception in 2018, the OTA Image Award has highlighted those OTA members who consistently go the extra mile in serving their communities, promoting trucking and solidifying the industry's commitment to safety. This year's award winner is TP Trucking, a privately owned, progressive company specializing in handling flatbed freight. TP Trucking gained the attention of the OTA Image Committee by engaging with Rogue Community College's Art Department to have students submit their own armed forces trailer design. The winning design was placed on a new TP curtain van that is making its way up and down I-5. TP Trucking also has a Breast Cancer Awareness Truck and Trailer that travels to various events in Southern Oregon. TP has worked to keep their drivers safe throughout the pandemic, supplying them with PPE kits. This is just a small portion of everything that TP Trucking continues to do to support the industry and educate the public on the trucking industry. **Dave Hopkins** and the TP Trucking team accepted the award during the convention's closing-night banquet.

This is the 70th year that Oregon Trucking Associations has gathered members and others involved in the industry to talk about key issues and provide insight from expert speakers. With over 76 percent of Oregon communities depending solely on trucks to deliver goods and move commodities, trucking is more essential than ever to Oregon's economy. Oregon Trucking Associations, Inc. (OTA) is a not-for-profit Oregon corporation that advocates for Oregon's trucking industry by positively influencing laws and regulations, promoting public safety, enhancing the industry's image, fostering a healthy business climate and inspiring innovation to improve fuel efficiency and lessen greenhouse gas emissions.