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Amy Kuperstein

Khiseth Abramvicka

COLE Architects welcomes new designers **Amy Kuperstein** and **Khiseth Abramvicka** to their Bend office.

Kuperstein joins COLE with an extensive background in the design and construction field, amounting to over 30 years. She believes in "creating spaces that feel good and peaceful, that serve the needs of the people and animals inhabiting the space and in building for the long term — eco-friendly and low maintenance." Kuperstein's education includes an undergraduate degree in environmental design from University of Colorado and a master of architecture from the University of Oregon.

In his role as designer, Abramvicka will contribute to the architectural process from conceptual design to construction. His previous experience includes architectural design, construction and metalsmithing. Abramvicka is particularly interested in architecture's role in fostering sustainable and equitable growth. Having experienced the effects of a gentrifying community, Abramvicka finds great purpose working on architectural projects that prioritize affordable housing. He is an architecture graduate from the University of Oregon.

John L. Scott Real Estate welcomes broker **Tessie Cummins** to their team. Cummins currently resides in Bend and has been a member of the community for six years. As a broker of the Bend office, she assists both buyers and sellers with residential real estate in Bend and surrounding areas. Cummins joined real estate primarily because she, "grew up moving all over the country." If not assisting clients, you will probably find Cummins taking time to enjoy skate skiing, hiking, fly fishing or any other outdoor activity.

Prior to real estate, Cummins worked as a master seamstress and designer.



Tessie Cummins

Tetherow Resort announces the hiring of new Food and Beverage Director **Samar "Sam" Sharaf**.

A 30-year veteran of the culinary and hospitality industries, Sharaf will oversee the food and beverage operations at Tetherow's four dining outlets, including Solomon's, The Row, Tetherow Cafe and the Member's Lounge, in addition to managing resort catering and banquets. Sharaf will also be responsible for budgeting, staffing, training, enhancing member, guest and staff experience and developing new programming opportunities.

Born in Jerusalem, Sharaf was raised and educated in Kuwait before moving to the United States in 1980. A graduate of Portland State University, Sharaf most recently served as general manager of Nestucca Ridge Family of Companies' newest Pelican Brewing Company location in Siletz Bay, where he oversaw construction, development, hiring, training, menu development and more.

Sharaf's impressive resume also includes management experience at Guten Foods, which operates Bargarten Social House and Gustav's Pub & Grill in Portland, more than five years as director of restaurant operations for Shilo Inns Hotels Management Group, McCormick & Schmick's seafood restaurants in Portland and Seattle, Portland's Steve McClain Group of award-winning restaurants group. All told, Sharaf brings with him an unmatched level of experience as director of operations for nine restaurants across three states, including extensive banquet and catering experience.

Outside of work, Sharaf enjoys rafting, golf, dogs and hiking, and speaks three languages including English, Arabic and Spanish. A true family man, Sharaf also speaks to his son in Portland and his siblings in Jordan on a daily basis.



Mollie Boyd

Northwest Key Commercial Real Estate & Property Management announced that **Mollie Boyd** recently passed her real estate brokerage exam and has received her brokerage license. She will continue supporting the firm's property management needs and begin operating as a broker under the mentorship of Amy Cecil, supporting the growing business community in Central Oregon. Boyd also owns Summit Insurance Agency and has a background in finance and small business operations. In the past year, Boyd has grown in her role and become an invaluable asset to the team, which also includes broker Dinah Green.

Mt. Bachelor Sports Education Foundation (MBSEF) announced the selection of **Amy Tarnow** as their new executive director. Tarnow succeeds John Schiemer, who announced in April that he would be stepping down after ten successful years of leading the organization. Tarnow comes to MBSEF with over 20 years of experience with the Bend La Pine Schools in a variety of teaching, administrative and leadership roles. Most recently, Tarnow has been the lead administrator for the Online and GED programs, as well



Amy Tarnow

as the Canvas Learning Management System. Tarnow's experience and successes in leading education programming coupled with her past World Cup level snowboarding accomplishments, her passion for snow sports and cycling and her existing relationship with MBSEF as a parent and volunteer all provide her a unique skill set that she is excited to bring to the foundation.



Lisa Mensah

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) Board of Directors announced that they have named a national expert in economic opportunity and security, **Lisa Mensah**, to be the Foundation's next chief executive officer. Mensah will be OCF's fourth CEO in its nearly 50-year history, succeeding Max Williams, who is transitioning out of his role after a decade of leadership.

Mensah is widely considered an expert on access to capital in distressed and low-wealth communities and on the role of finance in social, economic and racial justice. As president and CEO of Opportunity Finance Network (OFN), Mensah currently heads one of the nation's leading networks of Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs). Since joining OFN in 2017, Mensah has brought new visibility and investment to the CDFI field. Most recently during the COVID-19 pandemic, she was a forceful advocate for America's most vulnerable small businesses and microbusinesses, helping safeguard them by bringing new capital and partners to the CDFI industry. In 2020, Google partnered with OFN to invest \$180 million in corporate and philanthropic capital into CDFIs through OFN as the lending intermediary. The same year, OFN launched the Finance Justice Fund, which strives to raise a fresh \$1 billion of socially responsible capital, with Twitter as the Fund's first investor.

Born and raised in Oregon, Mensah is returning to her home state following an illustrious career that has taken her from working on rural poverty with the Ford Foundation to serving as Undersecretary for Rural Development at the USDA in the Obama Administration, managing a \$215 billion loan portfolio, to currently leading Opportunity Finance Network.

Mensah begins her official role as president and CEO of Oregon Community Foundation in September 2022. She will oversee the development of the Foundation's next strategic plan and OCF's 50th anniversary in 2023. Until her arrival, Max Williams continues in the top leadership role.

Mensah holds a masters from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies and a bachelors from Harvard University, and has led Opportunity Finance Network since March 2017, bringing expertise in both public and private sector financial tools to improve economic security. She serves on the Board of Ecotrust, as well as the FDIC Advisory Committee on Economic Inclusion, Bank of America National Community Advisory Committee; Morgan Stanley Community Development Advisory Committee; Capital One Community Advisory Council; and Goldman Sachs One Million Black Women Advisory Council. She also sits on the boards of Fidelity Bank of Ghana and Heritage and Cultural Society of Africa-USA and the Gaia Impact Fund Advisory Council.

Mensah has previously served as USDA Undersecretary for Rural Development during the Obama Administration; founded the Initiative on Financial Security at The Aspen Institute; and held leadership positions at the Ford Foundation. She began her career in commercial banking.

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Heart of Oregon Corps announces the promotion of **Kara Johnson** to deputy director. This is a new role for the organization that will lead programming, and advance Heart of Oregon's mission and impact.

Johnson, a Madras resident who has been with Heart of Oregon for 12 years as program director, brings a wealth of experience and community connections to the new position. Johnson is a certified Child and Youth Care trainer who has earned numerous national awards, including the YouthBuild USA's President's Award for supporting YouthBuild young leaders, and is currently serving on the national Rural Youth Work Group through the Rural Youth Catalyst Project to support young people and support youth leadership in rural communities.

Prior to joining Heart of Oregon Corps, Johnson began her career in service to the community acting in varying positions in both school-age before and after school programs, summer day camps and Early Childhood Education programs at the Treasure Valley Family YMCA in Boise, Idaho for 12 years. Johnson also served as a TEACH Counselor through the Idaho Association for the Education of Young Children providing scholarship support for Child and Youth Care Professionals throughout the state of Idaho to pursue higher education opportunities within the Early Childhood Education field. Johnson received her bachelor of science in exercise science and physical education from the College of Idaho, and received her teaching certificate K-12 through Boise State University.

In 2010, Johnson and her family were blessed with the birth of an exceptional child, Jace, who is now 12 years old. Jace was diagnosed with Down syndrome soon after he was born, and the hands-on experience of raising a child with cognitive delays and health issues inspired Kara and her family to become advocates for children and adults with disabilities.



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BBT Architects (BBT) announced the award of its annual scholarship to **Emma Daniels**, a recent graduate of Crook County High School in Prineville. Daniels will be attending the University of Oregon's School of Architecture and Environment to study interior architecture.

Compass Commercial Real Estate Services announced partner and broker **Graham Dent** recently obtained his Society of Industrial and Office Realtors (SIOR) designation. The SIOR designation indicates that an individual has met the appropriate business production, experience, stringent education requirements and ethical standards required by the organization. Dent and Compass Commercial partner and broker Jay Lyons are currently the only SIORs in Central Oregon.

Dent has over 20 years of experience in the commercial real estate industry. He joined Compass Commercial in 2013 following more than ten years with CBRE Global Investors. Dent became a partner in 2019, later taking on the role of Vice President in 2021.

Professionals who obtain the prestigious SIOR designation are recognized as the most knowledgeable, capable and experienced brokers in the real estate industry and are often partners and leaders in their organizations. SIOR is a professional affiliate of the National Association of Realtors® with a network of more than 3,600 members worldwide.

Bend Endurance Academy is sending seven athletes to USA Climbing's Youth National Championships in Chicago. These athletes have been competing in the three disciplines of bouldering, lead/toprope and speed climbing over the past nine months. On their journey to Nationals, the climbers must compete at Local, Regional and Divisional competitions to move on through to the next round. In order to compete at Nationals in their chosen discipline, climbers must place in the top six in the Division, which is made up of all youth climbers from Oregon and Washington. The athletes will be competing with hundreds of others from around the United States, coming together to try their best on the hardest climbs possible. You can tune in to the live stream to watch our athletes compete at the USA Climbing Youtube page. Three coaches will accompany athletes **Mira Capicchioni FYA**, **Drew Childers MYA**, **Virginia Johnson FJR**, **Katie Lindsay FJR**, **Shae McCarl FYB**, **Nathanial Perullo MYB** and **Wyatt Perullo MYB**.

Four **St. Charles Health System** nurses have been honored with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, recognizing the outstanding, compassionate nursing care they provide patients and families every day — **Kathryn Phillips**, Medical Services in Bend; **Kate Goodling**, Family Birthing Center in Madras; **Julie Rariden**, Emergency

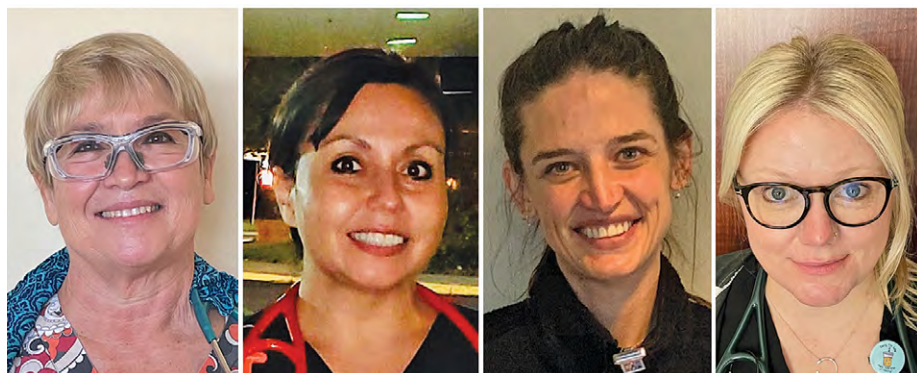


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Department in Prineville; and **Susie Tuttle**, Emergency Department in Redmond. Nominated by patients, families and colleagues, the award recipients were chosen by a committee at St. Charles.



Connor King



Cody Manriquez

The Center Foundation announces the appointment of two new board members. **Connor King, MD** and **Cody Manriquez, PA-C** began three-year terms effective June 16, 2022, and will support the work of the organization to provide prevention, education and treatment of injuries and concussions for young athletes in Central Oregon.

King is a fellowship trained joint replacement surgeon with The Center for Orthopedic and Neurosurgical Care and Research (The Center) and specializes in treating patients with hip and knee arthritis. Manriquez, also with The Center, is a board certified physician assistant and native of Central Oregon.

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Linnius Construction announced that **Jason Shurmur** was selected to lead the sales efforts for the organization, which specializes in luxury home remodels.

Shurmur brings over 15 years of experience in custom kitchen and bar design, project development and project management consultation. In his new role, Shurmur will drive growth using the client-focused approach that Linnius has become known for.



Jason Shurmur



Nataalka Palmer



Lisa Price



Carrie Larsen



Jessica Ruhl

Harcourts The Garner Group Real Estate welcomes additional members to their team: **Nataalka Palmer**, managing principal broker; **Lisa Price**, transaction coordinator; **Carrie Larsen**, broker; **Jessica Ruhl**, broker; **Lauren Handley**, broker; **Will Price**, broker and **Molly Jo Sommer**, broker.



Lauren Handley



Will Price



Molly Jo Sommer

The Board of Directors of **Abilitree** announced that **Travis Forrest** is the new executive director of Abilitree effective June 16, 2022 replacing Interim Director, Brenda Speirs. Forrest comes with a background in nonprofit leadership, with roles in quality, business development and community outreach.

Businesses Serving Community

HEART OF OREGON CORPS

On a beautiful Central Oregon Friday evening, 200 business leaders and community stakeholders gathered to raise funds for local youth. Aperion Management Group, along with title sponsor Mike's Fence Center, hosted the fifth annual Farm to Fork Dinner and Fundraiser on Friday, June 3 at the beautiful Seventh Mountain Resort to benefit local non-profit, Heart of Oregon Corps. The event featured entertainment by the Maxwell Freidman Group, a farm to fork dinner by a local chef, wine tasting by local winery Lava Terrace and meaningful testimonials by youth participants.

Local chef Gene Soto of Bowtie Catering arranged a menu to delight with items such as grilled, marinated local tri-tip with creamy horseradish, polenta cakes and smoked tomato fondue and pesto crusted roasted salmon filet.

Ingredients were sourced from Central Oregon farms.

The Farm to Fork event is also about the community raising money to support youth in Heart of Oregon's "work-earn-learn" programs. Businesses and individuals alike gave in different ways throughout the evening including table sponsorship, bidding on beautiful centerpieces provided by local plant store Somewhere That's Green, a raffle for a round of golf at the Del Monte Golf Course in Pebble Beach, California and a donation paddle raise. The goal to raise \$100,000 was achieved!

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