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**Cory Darling**

**Central Oregon Community College (COCC)** has hired **Cory Darling** as director of campus safety and emergency management. Darling brings a 35-year career in Central Oregon law enforcement with a focus on training, crisis intervention, emergency preparedness and community partnerships to the role. Most recently, he served as the chief of the Sunriver Police Department from 2018 until his retirement in 2022.

Darling was born and raised in a small farming community in southern Idaho. He moved to Bend in 1984 and began his law enforcement career in 1988. He holds an Associate of Applied Science from COCC in apprenticeship in law enforcement, a bachelor of arts in criminal justice from American Military University, and is a graduate of the FBI

National Academy Class 237. He served on the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team (SWAT) for 16 years and the Central Oregon Drug Enforcement Team (CODE) for five years. Darling is currently on the board of directors for KIDS Center, is the state vice president for the Oregon Fallen Badge Foundation and is a board member for the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police.

Darling has held several positions as a law enforcement training instructor. He also holds past positions as president of the Oregon Tactical Officers Association (OTOA), vice president of the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA), Central Oregon Police Chaplaincy board member, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) liaison for the Oregon Terrorism Information Threat Analysis Network (TITAN) Fusion Center, chair of the Deschutes County Crisis Intervention (CIT) Steering Committee and National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

Darling begins in his new role at COCC on Monday, April 3.

**The Center Orthopedic & Neurosurgical Care** announced the appointment of **Dr. Ian McAlister** as its new orthopedic trauma surgeon. McAlister brings a wealth of knowledge to The Center's orthopedic team.

McAlister specializes in caring for patients that have sustained an injury to the muscular or skeletal system, such as a fall or car accident, in addition to performing hip and knee replacements. He spent five years in an orthopedic trauma residency at the renowned Mayo Clinic, followed by a one-year fellowship at the prominent R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. McAlister joins The Center after working for three years at OrthoIndy at Ascension St. Vincent, working at a Level 1 trauma center in Indianapolis.

McAlister was inspired to pursue a career in medicine after sustaining a shoulder injury while playing football and receiving surgical treatment from Dr. Jacobson at The Center. After that experience, he knew he wanted to be able to help people in the same way. After 20 years, not only has he achieved that, but he also has the privilege of practicing medicine in his hometown and helping our community that he deeply cares for. He enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf and traveling.



**Ian McAlister**



**David Gilmore**

**Coldwell Banker Bain** would like to congratulate **David Gilmore** on multiple successes. A consistent top producer, Gilmore has achieved International Diamond Society status which places him in the Top 10% of nearly 100,000 Coldwell Banker agents/brokers worldwide. He is also celebrating 25 years as a real estate professional. Gilmore is uniquely positioned to serve clients in both Central Oregon and the Greater Palm Springs area.

Bend's **Taylor Northwest** was recognized for having one of the best construction safety and health program in 2022 by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC). The association, which oversees the prestigious AGC-WTW Construction Safety Excellence Awards, an annual ranking of construction safety and health programs, noted that 47 other companies were also selected as winners for their commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control.

Dan Fordice, the association's president and vice-president of Fordice Construction Co. in Vicksburg, Mississippi, noted that there are multiple winners because the awards are distributed for several divisions and categories, based on the amount and type of work performed. He added that the AGC-WTW Construction Safety Excellence Awards winners are selected by a panel of five independent safety and health professionals within the construction industry. Finals judging for the awards program took place during the contractors' association's annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.



**Suzanne Moore**

After working in the Early College world for the past 15 years, **Suzanne Moore** has launched her own Educational Consulting company, **MOORE Educational Service**, in Bend. Moore brings over 30 years of experience in education to the position. She has taught secondary math and science in Beaverton, Istanbul, Malaysia and India. After ten years teaching overseas, Moore and her family settled in Bend. While living in here, Moore earned her masters of education degree in School Counseling and Guidance, in addition to earning her administration certification from Lewis and Clark and certification in College Consulting from UCLA. Over the past decade, while working in Central Oregon, Moore has realized her passion lies in assisting families with making the

college search and application process stress-free and engaging. Students in high school are ideal candidates for Moore's services.

Four Central Oregon community members have been appointed to serve on the **Oregon State University - Cascades Advocacy and Advisory Board** by Interim Vice President Andrew Ketsdever.

**Amber Broadbent**, senior director of portfolio and product development at Bend Bioscience. Prior to joining Bend Bioscience, Broadbent worked in product and commercial development at Bend Research-Capsugel-Lonza. She earned a doctorate in engineering and a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Montana State University.

**Iman Nazeeri-Simmons**, chief operating officer of St. Charles Health System in Bend. Prior to joining St. Charles, Nazeeri-Simmons served as chief operating officer of Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, where she had also served as chief quality officer. Nazeeri-Simmons grew up in Oregon and earned a master's degree in health behavior and health education from the University of Michigan. Nazeeri-Simmons has taught in higher education for more than 17 years, most recently at the School of Public Health at University of California, Berkeley.

**Mike Wallenfels**, senior vice president of global sales for Helen of Troy's home and outdoor division, where he oversees North America sales teams for Hydro Flask, OXO and Osprey brands. Wallenfels earned a bachelor's degree in management at San Diego State University and has devoted a 30-year career to the outdoor industry and to advocacy in support of outdoor recreation issues. He has served as president of the board of the Oregon Outdoor Alliance and currently serves on the advisory board of the OSU Center for the Outdoor Recreation Economy.

**Wade Westhoff**, who leads the Westhoff Group of Raymond James Financial Services in Bend. Westhoff served as chair of the OSU Alumni Association board of directors from 2016 to 2017. In 2021, he was awarded the Alumni Association's Jean and C.H. "Scram" Graham Leadership award. Westhoff earned a bachelor's degree from OSU and is a third-generation alumnus.

The OSU-Cascades Advocacy and Advisory Board is made up of community members who provide advice and support to the vice president of the campus.

**Environmental Science Associates (ESA)** announced the additions of **Aaron Killgore**, **Anna Kopitov** and **Jennifer Thomas** to its Biological Resources and Land Management Team in the Pacific Northwest. Joining the region's 150-plus employee-owners working to sustainably conserve sensitive natural communities throughout Washington and Oregon, Killgore, Kopitov and Thomas bring with them deep expertise in environmental planning, wildlife surveys and mitigation policy.

As senior principal biologist, Killgore will use his more than 15 years of experience as a wildlife biologist specializing in environmental planning and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) project management. With an emphasis on aviation, military and public lands projects, Killgore is well-versed in biological and cultural compliance, public outreach and federal business development. He also has experience in conducting wildlife surveys and preparing natural resource management plans. Killgore most recently served as senior environmental planner at Mead & Hunt.

Kopitov steps into the role of senior ecologist possessing more than 20 years of professional experience as a wildlife biologist, wetlands specialist, conservation biologist and regulatory compliance specialist. Her expertise includes technical research and studies, terrestrial and fresh water and marine aquatic field studies, habitat and plant community mapping and wetlands assessments. She has vast experience preparing regulatory compliance and permit applications in support of NEPA and other federal and statewide laws. Kopitov joins ESA most recently from PND Engineers, where she was senior ecologist and regulatory specialist.

As a principal restoration biologist at ESA, Thomas is a mitigation policy expert with more than 30 years of experience. A pioneer of the discipline, she has worked on more wetland mitigation bank proposals than any other individual in Washington state. Her experience includes leading an inter-agency team of ecologists to work with state and federal agencies and Tribal representatives to write King County's Wetland Mitigation Banking rules, the first in the state. Thomas has also developed monitoring and management protocols for bank sites on behalf of King County and for private sector clients. Thomas comes to ESA from Jacobs Engineering, where she served as senior scientist and project manager.

ESA's integrated team of fisheries and wildlife biologists, wetland scientists, conservation planners and water quality specialists work with clients throughout



**Amber Broadbent**



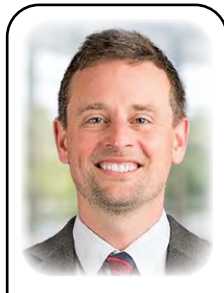
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Oregon and Washington. They support important transportation and airport projects, conservation planning and restoration design largely focused on salmon recovery, as well as clients in the energy and water markets.

Following an in-depth evaluation of internal operations, financial management practices, risk management practices, governance standards and youth programming operations, **Heart of Oregon Corps** received accreditation from the Corps Center of Excellence, the national accrediting body for Service and Conservation Corps.

As defined by The Corps Network, the national association of Service and Conservation Corps, Corps are comprehensive youth development programs that provide young people (generally ages 16-25) the opportunity to serve in crews on important community and environmental projects. Corpsmembers develop job and leadership skills and earn wages, a stipend, and/or an education award for their service. Accreditation is granted to Corps that demonstrate a high level of accountability to the communities in which they operate and the Corpsmembers they enroll.

As an accredited Corps, Heart of Oregon Corps has proven its ability to provide



(L-R) MARY ELLEN SPRENKEL (THE CORPS NETWORK STAFF), LAURA HANDY, PATRICK ORR, ROBIN ALONZO AND KARA JOHNSON | PHOTO COURTESY OF HEART OF OREGON CORPS

safe, appropriate, meaningful experiences to the young people they engage in service projects. They have also proven their ability to provide high-quality project outcomes to their partners – including the U.S. Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Parks, Deschutes County Solid Waste, Bend Parks and Recreation, Sisters Habitat for Humanity and more — with whom they collaborate to develop service opportunities for Corpsmembers.

The Corps Center of Excellence is administered by an advisory committee made up of retired and former Conservation Corps leaders, retired and former federal land management agency staff and other experts. During the accreditation process, an accreditation team comprised of persons with expertise in Youth and Conservation Corps operations review a Corps' service project and Corpsmember outcomes, internal documents and financials. This team also conducts a multiple-day site visit at each Corps undergoing the accreditation process. Results of these reviews are presented to the Advisory Committee for discussion and approval. Accreditation lasts for five years with each Corps required to provide an annual update.

**Bright Wood** recently had 31 supervisors graduate from COCC's Leadership Lab and they aren't stopping there. Bright Wood is on track to have 15 more graduates of the program by the end of spring 2023.

Each session covered a skill set that all great leaders have: moving from peer to supervisor, accountability and delegation, coaching and feedback, working with difficult people, performance management and team building.



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