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Kernutt Stokes announced its latest employee promotions: **Nick Vitale**, CPA, to director of Virtual Accounting; **Claire Pahlmeyer**, CPA, CIA and **Lita Mylenek**, CPA, to managers; and **Sam Cleary**, CPA, **Kim Dowe**, CPA, **Seth Hescoock**, **Amy Johnson**, CPA and **Aaron Kromer** to senior associates; and **Amity Carberry** and **Valerie White** to Virtual Accounting senior associates.

Vitale holds a master of accounting degree from University of Oregon and a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from Michigan State University. He has been with the firm since 2013.

Mylenek is a graduate of University of Oregon's Lundquist School of Business where she earned bachelor of science in accounting. She's been with the firm for five years, working in the Eugene office.

Pahlmeyer joined Kernutt Stokes in 2018. She holds a bachelor of business administration and a bachelor of arts in economics (summa cum laude) from Pacific Lutheran University. She works in the firm's Eugene office.

Carberry is an Oregon State University graduate and has been with Kernutt Stokes since 2021. She works on the Virtual Accounting team in the Corvallis office.

Cleary has been with Kernutt Stokes for three years. He is an Oregon State University graduate and works in the Corvallis office.

Dowe is an Oregon State University graduate. She has been with Kernutt Stokes for three years and works in the Corvallis office.

Kromer started with Kernutt Stokes in 2021 after graduating from Oregon State University. He is in the Corvallis office.

Hescoock, a graduate of Australian National University, has been with the firm for two years and works in the Bend office.

Johnson has been working in the firm's Eugene office for three years. She is a Concordia College graduate.

White, a graduate of Cal State University Fullerton, has been with Kernutt Stokes for six years. She is a member of the Virtual Accounting team and works remotely.



High Desert Chamber Music (HDCM) announces the addition of **Cory J. Allen** as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Allen brings a wealth of experience in the banking sector and a deep commitment to community involvement, making him an invaluable addition to the organization.

Allen currently holds the position of senior vice president at Washington Trust Bank. Prior to this, he served as senior vice president at Columbia Bank and vice president at Wells Fargo Bank. He graduated from Oregon State University with a bachelor's in business, pre-law and finance. His longstanding residency in Bend and active charitable participation reflect his deep-rooted connection to the local community. He is a member of the Greater Bend Rotary and serves on the Board of Directors for Opportunity Knocks, Northwest Business Development Association and EDCO.

High Desert Chamber Music would also like to say farewell to one of our longtime contributors, **Betsy Warriner**, who has served on our Board of Directors since 2016. Betsy is a revered member of the community through all the work she has done starting Volunteer Connect, which merged into Connect Central Oregon, where she currently serves as president of the Board of Directors. Warriner has been a champion of High Desert Chamber Music and we thank her for her support and dedication over the past eight years.

HDCM current Board members include Ethan Gray (president), David Gilmore (secretary), Rick Samco (treasurer), Cory J. Allen, Leslie Barbour, Durlin Hickok, Phil Machonis, Jeff Patterson and Charlie Wintch.

OnPoint Community Credit Union and the **Oregon School Activities Association** (OSAA) recently announced six graduating seniors have won scholarships worth up to \$10,000. The awards are part of the 2024 OnPoint Community Credit Union Scholar Program.

The program recognizes graduating Scholar Athletes and Activity Scholars from OSAA member schools with two \$10,000 scholarships and four \$5,000 scholarships. **Jillian Bremont** of Redmond High School is one of the winners of the \$5,000 scholarship. Bremont participated in soccer, basketball, track and field and cheerleading during her time at Redmond High School. She uses her passion for sports to serve young members of the local community, coaching youth soccer and basketball teams and volunteering with the Redmond Swim programs and Unified Sports teams on campus. During the pandemic, she helped with the Redmond Cares program, gathering goods and household items for impacted families. Outside of the classroom and volunteer work, Bremont spends every morning before school helping at an early childcare program at a local elementary school while also juggling two jobs. Bremont earned a 4.346 weighted GPA and will graduate with 56 college credits.

Bend-La Pine Schools has hired **Paul Dean** as its new chief operations officer, effective July 1. Dean replaces Terry Cashman, who has retired, and will absorb additional executive duties. The COO oversees Transportation, Facilities and Maintenance, Custodial and Sustainability, Information Technology, and School Safety to ensure the day-to-day operations of the district are efficient in serving the needs of students, staff, and the community.

Dean has worked for the school district for 19 years, most recently as the human resources director of Workforce Relations, a position he has held for three years. Prior to that, he was the district's director of Safe and Healthy Schools, where he oversaw efforts to understand and implement the state's guidance on the COVID pandemic mitigation and transition of students back to in-person learning. Dean has held building-level leadership roles as principal of Highland Elementary School, Middle School principal at the American



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School of Barcelona and assistant principal at High Desert and Cascade middle schools. He has nine additional years of experience as a school counselor. He began his educational career as a high school teacher and coach in 1989.



Laura K. Markham

1031 CORP. welcomes **Laura K. Markham** back to the company in dual roles as general counsel for 1031 CORP. and as vice president of affiliate company, Reverse 1031 CORP. Markham has an extensive background in real estate, land use, and business law and has worked as a Qualified Intermediary for 1031 exchanges since 2019. Based in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Markham will serve company needs for legal counsel and assist with West Coast exchanges. Markham will also serve as Vice President of Reverse 1031 CORP, assisting with company operations for reverse and improvement 1031 exchanges and developing relationships with real estate investors, business owners, their advisors, and parties to real estate transactions. Markham returned in April, 2024.

Markham worked previously with 1031 CORP. as a vice president and manager for the company's operations in the Pacific Northwest from 2019 to 2022. She managed client transactions, ensured compliance with the regulations under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code and assisted with legal review of company needs. In the interim term, Markham worked for a private law firm in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, specializing in civil litigation, construction, transactional real estate, development, land use, municipal services and general business practice.

Markham has been a practicing licensed attorney for nearly 11 years. She holds a juris doctorate from the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University and is an admitted attorney in three states: Arizona, Idaho and Oregon.



OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY – CASCADES HAS GIVEN ITS 2024 EMPLOYEE AWARDS TO EIGHT FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BEND CAMPUS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. (L-R) QUENTIN COMUS, NATHAN MOSES, LUCY PURGASON, KIM VIERRA, RACHEL KENNEY, KRISTINA SMITH, SHANNON LIPSCOMB, CASSIE COPELAND, DEVIN DUNCAN | PHOTO COURTESY OF OSU-CASCADES

Oregon State University – Cascades has given its 2024 Employee Awards to eight faculty and staff members for outstanding contributions to the Bend campus and surrounding community.

The recipients of the campus' 2024 employee awards were:

Cassie Copeland received the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award. Copeland is assistant director of TRIO, a program that supports retention of first-generation students and students in financial need or with physical or learning disabilities. She was honored for serving a cohort of 140 enrolled students, providing career development, financial aid guidance and other services that have resulted in an 89% retention rate.

Quentin Comus received the Outreach Award for his efforts to engage local organizations and businesses in the Cascades Edge career development program. The program has hosted 26 events for undergraduate students over the past year,

including networking events and panel talks, where students can learn from and interact with individuals working in their chosen career fields.

Devin Duncan, belonging and care coordinator, received the Unsung Hero Award. The leader of the campus Student Care Team, she was recognized for creating an environment where students are encouraged to seek support for their needs and to successfully navigate the challenges of pursuing degrees and learning to live more independently.

Rachel Kenney received the Service Excellence Award. A senior administrative assistant, Kenney was recognized for her service to faculty, staff and students; her positive and proactive approach to problem-solving; and for inspiring others through her dedication to the campus community.

Shannon Lipscomb, associate dean for research, also received the Outreach Award. A professor in human development and family sciences, Lipscomb was honored for her work collaborating across OSU's Bend and Corvallis campuses to support faculty and student research at OSU-Cascades, and especially community-engaged research. She was also recognized for the extensive partnerships she has built in her own research, which focuses on community resilience and strategies to support early childhood teachers in nurturing resilience in children in Central Oregon and Malheur County.

Nathan Moses received the Bend Beavs Culture Award. The award recognizes an individual who fosters a positive sense of community. Moses, associate director of student life, was recognized for his positive work ethic and ability to connect and build partnerships with faculty, staff and students.

Lucy Purgason, an associate professor in the Master of Counseling program, received the Scholarship and Creativity Award. Her achievements include developing, in partnership with Assistant Professor Molly Moran, also in the counseling program, and the Bend-LaPine, Crook, Jefferson, and Redmond school districts, a program to address the region's school counselor shortage and K-12 student mental health needs. The program, PATH-SC, was funded in 2023 through a \$3.9 million federal grant.

Kristina Smith, a senior instructor in the biology program, received the Teaching Excellence Award. She was recognized for engaging students in ways that allow those with different learning styles to fully grasp the content, and for being approachable and accessible to students in and outside the classroom. She was also recognized for growing student participation in the annual Research and Scholarship Symposium, and for helping found a campus chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science.

Kim Vierra received the Sustainability Award. Vierra, student engagement manager and an instructor in the business degree program, was recognized for helping to form and operate the Clothing Connection, a resource for students, staff and faculty at OSU-Cascades and Central Oregon Community College offering gently-used business and casual wear at no cost.

Casa of Central Oregon announced the addition of six new dedicated Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) to our community, sworn in by Judge Flint after completing comprehensive trauma-informed training. These passionate individuals bring diverse backgrounds and a shared commitment to improving the lives of foster youth across Central Oregon.

Each advocate has invested nearly 40 hours in specialized training and court observation over eight weeks, equipping them with the knowledge and skills needed to support and advocate for children navigating the complexities of the foster care system. Their roles are crucial in ensuring that every child's voice is heard, and their best interests are represented during challenging times.

Now, the work of advocating for children begins. The CASA volunteers will work closely with children, families, social workers, and the court system to provide personalized advocacy. They will conduct thorough investigations into each child's circumstances, attend court hearings to present their findings, and ensure that the child's needs are prioritized and met.

If you have ever considered making a profound difference in a child's life by becoming a CASA volunteer, now is the time to act. We are currently accepting applications for our upcoming two fall training sessions, one starting on September 10 from 9am to 12:30pm, at the Deschutes Children's Foundation Rosie Bareis Community Campus, and another training starting September 12, from 1:30-5pm online via Zoom. The eight-week trainings will provide you with the knowledge and tools needed to become a powerful advocate for children in need.

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In a recent weekend, the inaugural flight for a new partnership between the Angeles Wound Care Institute (AWCI), a division of Bend Plastic Surgery, and Angel Flight West, a 501c3 nonprofit that provides free medical transport to people in need. A volunteer pilot with Angel Flight West flew Dr. Adam Angeles, owner and founder of AWCI, out to John Day on Saturday, June 15, to provide advanced wound care to rural patients in their homes.

Advanced wound care is a set of specialized treatments for complex and

chronic wounds that result from common medical issues including radiation, ostomy, ulcers, and more. This highly specialized and necessary care, typically requiring frequent visits, is not readily available in small, rural towns throughout Oregon. But patients in these communities needing emergency and/or advanced wound care, often aging or already experiencing medical hardship, may have limited physical or financial capabilities to travel long distances.

Volunteer pilot, Anthony Wiltse, met the AWCI team at Redmond SkyService on Saturday morning to load the plane and get ready for a flight to the Grant County Regional Airport in John Day, Oregon. From there, Dr. Angeles and his medical assistant drove to the patient's home to administer advanced wound care.

When asked why he became a volunteer pilot with Angel Flight West, Wiltse replied, "I worked hard all my life and want to give back to the community by helping patients and doctors."

Dr. Adam Angeles is a board-certified plastic surgeon with over 25 years of wound care training, research, and practice. He is the Founder and Medical Director of Bend Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and the Angeles Wound Care Institute. Since starting his practice in 2005 in Bend, Oregon, he and his team have offered a full complement of modern, state-of-the-art surgical, and non-surgical procedures to patients in the Pacific Northwest, including those in rural areas like John Day, Burns, Lakeview and more.