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Pendleton Foundation Trust Welcomes Hegarty as Inaugural Executive Director

The Pendleton Foundation Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of Tiffany Hegarty as its inaugural Executive Director. This strategic move marks a significant milestone for the 96-year-old organization as it solidifies its commitment to enhancing the well-being of the Pendleton community.

Tiffany Hegarty brings to the Pendleton Foundation Trust a successful career history in philanthropy and nonprofit leadership. With a proven track record, Tiffany has consistently demonstrated a passion for creating positive change. As Development Director for the Pendleton Center for the Arts she helped secure approximately \$500,000 in grants and contributions in two years with the local arts organization.

"I am honored and excited to join the Pendleton Foundation Trust." Tiffany said. "This is an incredible opportunity to contribute to the betterment of Pendleton, and I look forward to working closely with the board and community partners to make a meaningful impact."

Tiffany brings deep experience in philanthropy, with more than 30 years in the sector. In her role as a consultant, she has been instrumental in assisting



Tiffany Hegarty

numerous nonprofit organizations in achieving their missions through strategic planning and resource development. She has worked with several prominent statewide foundations including The Oregon Community Foundation and The Ford Family Foundation.

Beyond her professional achievements, Tiffany, along with her husband Mike, has been a proud resident of Pendleton since 2007, where they have raised two children, Morgan and Reilly. She is a board member of the Education

Foundation of Pendleton and previously served on the Children's Museum of Oregon's Board of Directors.

As the inaugural Executive Director, Tiffany Hegarty will be instrumental in shaping the strategic vision of the Pendleton Foundation Trust. She will lead the organization in its commitment to fostering community well-being, supporting local initiatives, and building lasting partnerships.

The Board of Directors has expressed their excitement and confidence in Tiffany's ability to lead the foundation into a new era. "Tiffany Hegarty's exceptional leadership qualities and dedication to community philanthropy make her the perfect fit for the Pendleton Foundation Trust. We are thrilled to welcome her on board and look forward to achieving new heights under her guidance," said Board Chair Lonnie Read.

As part of its commitment to sustained growth and impact on the Pendleton community, the Pendleton Foundation Trust is actively exploring opportunities to secure dedicated office space to establish a permanent home to further enhance its capacity for community engagement and collaboration.

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The Foundation Board thanks those who have made a contribution to Pendleton Foundation Trust. This support makes it possible to provide more grants that improve life in our Pendleton community.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

2016 Pendleton Foundation Trust Fisk Scholarship Recipient

T.J. O'Hanlon

The Pendleton Foundation is always delighted to highlight PHS graduates that leave Pendleton and soar to new heights. TJ has certainly soared to incredible career heights.

TJ O'Hanlon received the Pendleton Foundation Fisk Scholarship in 2016 and subsequently attended UC Berkley where he received his double major in Physics and Astrophysics. While TJ was at Berkley, he helped a research group build a spectrograph to go with the Keck telescope in Hawaii. The W.M. Keck observatory in Kamuela Hawaii allows astronomers from around the world to observe the universe with unprecedented power and precision.

TJ now works as a Detector Engineer at LIGO Livingston in Livingston Parish Louisiana. LIGO Livingston studies



gravitational waves from colliding black holes and neutron stars far out in the vast reaches of space. If that does not keep TJ busy enough, he is also currently studying to get his Master's Degree in Space Systems Engineering from Johns Hopkins University. TJ is the son of Tim and Beth O'Hanlon.

The Pendleton Foundation is honored to support TJ and watch his path that is just out of this world. Congratulations TJ.

Partnerships Increase Outreach

The Pendleton Foundation Trust is based on partnerships - with those who donate funds, with community organizations, other foundations and funders, and with regional colleges. Eastern Oregon University's Foundation is a key partner in awarding scholarships to students from the Pendleton area nearing completion of bachelor's degrees. The University's scholarship application provides students the opportunity to complete one application - which may lead to a match with criteria established by donors - in this case with criteria established by the Pendleton Foundation Trust. The University then handles disbursement of funds.

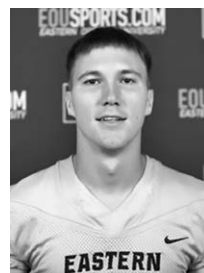
By partnering with EOU, funds generated from investment earnings from Lee and Luella Dudek's estate gift can be directed to students in their junior or senior years, when fewer scholarships may be available.

Two seniors from Pendleton, **Jillian Samp** and **Walker Camp** received \$3,000 awards for the 2023-24 academic year. Jillian is an elementary education major currently student teaching second grade in Cove Elementary - and "absolutely loving it!" She plans to continue her education by completing a master's degree next year.

Walker Camp is majoring in Health and Human Performance - Exercise Science Concentration, with plans to pursue a career coaching football at the college level. A football player for the EOU Mounties, Walker will complete an internship focusing on strength and conditioning at Montana State University this winter. He enjoys fishing, working out, time with friends and family and the smaller size of EOU, adding, "You can't beat the view!"



Jillian Samp



Walker Camp

The Gift that Keeps on Giving

On May 10, 1775, the Second Continental Congress convened in Philadelphia and issued paper currency for the first time. On that day in 1940, Winston Churchill succeeded Neville Chamberlain as British Prime Minister. In Pendleton, Oregon, on that day in 1928, Col. James Raley was joined by other leaders in the area to give birth to the Pendleton Foundation Trust. I don't actually remember these important events firsthand, but it's all true - just Google it.

The original Foundation Committee not only included Col. James Raley, but also James Akey, N.D. Swearingen, James S. Johns, James A. Fee and Mrs. E.W. McComas. These pioneers had the foresight to create a foundation:

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Since then, we've been committee-ing for over 95 years and the Trust has given over \$4.7 million back to our community. This has only been possible because of many gifts, including several generous bequests from the Claude and Bertha Hanscom Trust, the Jessie Furnish Estate, the Mary Lecklider Estate, the Dan & Dorothy Bell Trust, the John S. "Jiggs" Fisk Estate, the David Horne Trust and most recently the Clelan Dudek Estate, which has funded scholarships for local students. Without these and many other sustaining gifts throughout the years, it wouldn't be possible for the Foundation to have such a positive impact on the quality of life in Pendleton.

This is a story - and a history - of success. The success of a community gathering around a cause and supporting the vision of the Pendleton Foundation Trust founders. As Winston Churchill said (you know, the same guy who took office on the same day twelve years after our Foundation was formed? Yeah, that guy...), "Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." So, to make it count, we must continue courageously and that's where you come in. Through your donations, you can join us in the mission of the Pendleton Foundation Trust and help to continue the vision that our first Trustees shared with each other and the community back on that special May 10th of 1928.

To learn more about the Pendleton Foundation Trust visit our website at www.pendletonfoundationtrust.org. Donations may be mailed to Pendleton Foundation Trust, 222 S.E. Dorion Avenue, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

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— Winston Churchill

Armstrong Joins Foundation Trust Board

The Pendleton Foundation Trust welcomed Brooke Armstrong to the Board of Directors in July 2023, as the appointee of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. She brings a wealth of experience to the Board in promoting Pendleton.

As a lifelong resident of Pendleton, Brooke is excited to be a part of the Pendleton Foundation Trust that has helped so many businesses and individuals in town. She has personal experience working with the Foundation to obtain grants for the Underground Tours that helped to improve access to the underground tours and storefronts with awnings.

Brooke is the Executive Director of the Pendleton Underground Tours and oversees three businesses including the Underground Tours, Working Girls Hotel, and A Piece of Pendleton. Through the Chamber of Commerce Brooke is active in promoting businesses and tourism in Pendleton. She is on the Travel Pendleton Committee, Leadership Pendleton Committee and Get Wild in Pendleton which is responsible for putting on events downtown during the summer. In addition, she has served on the Heritage Museum Board of Directors and the Tourism Education Committee of the Pendleton Chamber.

Brooke will serve as President of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and will be an ex-officio member of the Pendleton Roundup Board of Directors in 2024. She has also actively volunteered in Goldies Bar for Happy Canyon during the Pendleton Round-Up.



Brooke Armstrong

Foundation Trust Announces 2023 Fall Grants

The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust announced that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2023 will total \$219,849.50.

The board has awarded **FALL GRANTS** in the amount of \$72,704.00 to the following recipients:

- **Pendleton Children's Center, \$10,000.00** toward Phase 1C/D for a new, safer drop off/pick up entrance, with sight lines to a new outdoor playground, and to expand office and support staff spaces.
- **Capeco, \$22,000.00** for The Promise Inn emergency shelter program, to provide flooring to complete the last 11 rooms of the 34-room facility.
- **Pendleton Christian School, \$25,704.00** to provide new Marmoleum sealed sheet flooring for the kitchen and cafeteria floors, which was formerly the Harris Jr. Academy, and serves K-8th grade.
- **Horizon Project, Inc., \$15,000.00** toward the purchase of a large generator at the Pendleton office to enhance Emergency Preparedness for the many people they support.