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Featured Grant: EFP helps fund trip to UO Language Studies Day

Grant money from the Education Foundation of Pendleton helped Pendleton High School language students attend the annual University of Oregon Foreign Language and International Studies Day in April.

"The students had the opportunity to explore different aspects of language learning and cultural study. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive," said Kathryn Youngman and Lori Albright, Spanish and French teachers respectively.

This year was the 15th year that 30-40 PHS language students attended the study day. Nearly 1,000 students from across the state attend.

"This is an event that many of our students look forward to, but last year, the group did not receive any funds from the Pendleton School District due to budget cuts. We believe this

conference is a very valuable experience for all our students," Albright said.

Nearly \$1,500 was granted by the Education Foundation for the group's 2013 trip. Although the study day is one-day long, Pendleton students go for an overnight because of the distance to Eugene.

"The trip also serves as an incentive for beginning students to continue their language studies," Albright said.

Students said they enjoyed the experience.

"I thought the foreign language trip was really fun...the classes were about the myths of China, scenery of Austria, and about the Netherlands," one student commented about the field trip experience. "On the bus ride home (our exchange student from the Netherlands) was teaching us phrases in Dutch that made the ride home go by a lot faster."

Goodbye, Bobby Farley

Pendleton said good-bye to the second half of a special teaching duo this spring with the passing of Agnes Iver "Bobby" Farley.

Wife of Phil Farley, Bobby began her teaching career at Hawthorne Elementary in the fall of 1950. She soon moved to Helen McCune Jr. High, where she taught physical education. In 1968 she moved from the classroom to the counseling center where she advised, consoled, cajoled and challenged generations of Pendleton students. Bobby retired in 1985 from Sunridge Middle School after 35 years with the Pendleton School District.

"Both were great believers in enrichment at all levels of education," Brigit Farley said of her parents.

The Education Foundation of Pendleton has been the recipient of over \$2,800 in memorial gifts from friends of Phil and Bobby.

Bobby taught summer school for Native Americans and did a heritage tour of the Northwest with them. Special volunteer projects of Bobby included the Civic Music concert

series, activities of the American Association of University Women, and the Pendleton Parks and Recreation Commission.

"She was always looking for ways for people to have recreation opportunities and worked to establish McKay Park, the River Parkway, and bike paths in Pendleton," Brigit said.



Bobby Farley

2013 Spring Grants Total \$7,359.61

- 388 Washington and 420 Sherwood Heights students had the opportunity to work with children's author David Munsen, honing their creative writing skills and learning about how ideas become books. (\$1,798)
- 95 PHS students traveled to Newport with Honors Biology II teacher Schelle Hand Bixler where they explored the sandy beach ecosystem, rode in an ocean-going research vessel, and visited the Hatfield Marine Sciences Center and Oregon Coast Aquarium. One student remarked that the trip was "something I waited for the entire year," while another said, "This would not have been as successful without your help!" (\$400 in addition to \$1500 granted last fall)
- 175 students at Lincoln Primary School completed a week of arts enrichment with Artist in Residence Linda Davies-Gage, learning 3D drawing, color mixing, and art appreciation skills. (\$824)
- 391 students at Washington Elementary School are benefiting from the "Second Step Program," a curriculum used by all students and staff, beginning in kindergarten and building each year through 5th grade. Students develop skills in the areas of listening, attention, following directions, empathy and problem solving. (\$1,649)
- 35 Students from the PHS Spanish and French departments traveled with instructors Kathryn Youngman and Lori Albright to Eugene for the University of Oregon Foreign Language and International Studies Day. "Super-ultra-omega fun times!" were reported by one student. (\$487 in addition to \$1000 granted last fall)
- 65 2nd grade students from Sherwood Heights Elementary toured the Heritage Station Museum, the Children's Museum and the Arts Center, as part of their social sciences unit on community and maps. For some students, this was their first visit to these local cultural resources. (\$452)
- 28 PHS students in the ECMC Scholars program traveled with instructor Jodi Bettineski to Portland, where they visited two- and four-year colleges, used public transportation, and visited the Nike campus, all with the aim of getting a glimpse of opportunities available beyond high school and outside of Umatilla County. Many ECMC Scholars are first-generation high school graduates who are overcoming challenges and embracing new opportunities. (\$1,750)

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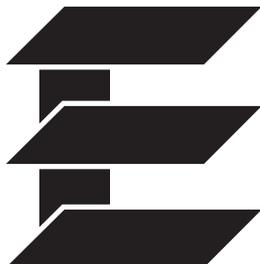
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