



KLAMATH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Foundation

The Mission of the Klamath Community College Foundation is to support the strategic initiatives, and nurture educational opportunities at Klamath Community College-through fundraising and philanthropic leadership that benefits the community.

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Klamath County Commissioners
305 Main Street #224
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Dear Commissioners,

As you are aware, Klamath Community College Foundation is dedicated to the continuing success of KCC students, both in, and beyond the classroom setting.

In 2023, we are excited once again to support and promote the region wide entrepreneurship and innovation concept/pitch competition, known as *Badger Venture*.

The Badger Venture program is intended to stimulate a dynamic team experience, encourage creativity, and connect area leaders of tomorrow to information, resources, and personal networks that will serve them well in their future professional trajectory. Additionally, Badger Venture serves as a preliminary “feeder” competition for *InventOR*, Oregon’s statewide collegiate invention competition, which seeks projects that can be designed, manufactured, or delivered in-person/remotely from within the contestant’s home community.

The *goal* of this effort is to recognize and reward KCC student participants engaged in a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship, while inspiring locally owned business development across South Central Oregon (a critical part of the region’s economic vitality).

As an example, 2019’s competition winner, KCC alum Wyatt Paul, founded PourHorse Mobile Cantina and Libations, LLC (a mobile bar and catering service), and used his prize money toward a mobile trailer to expand his business in Klamath Falls. Wyatt and his team have since thrived, recently facilitating beverage service for more than 500 attendees at the annual Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala.

The KCC Foundation is requesting \$2,500 to use as prize money for the upcoming 2023 Badger Venture competition, which is slated to be held at KCC on April 19, 2023 at the KCC Conference Center.

We greatly appreciate Klamath County’s consideration and support of this important program in helping our students to see economic possibilities for themselves in founding businesses in our region, and potentially employing others in their future.

Respectfully submitted,


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