



June 2010

Fire Services Administration Program

Beau Bakken

FSA Student of the Year, 2010

2010 FSA Graduate

Fire Chief, Mason County Fire District 2 (Washington)



Congratulations to Beau Bakken, selected as FSA Student of the Year for 2010. Beau will graduate in August with an FSA Bachelor of Science degree.

Entering the fire service as a volunteer with Fire District 2 in 1996, he was hired as a firefighter/paramedic in 1999. His service continued with several promotions and he was appointed as Fire Chief in 2007, at age 29. He faced many new responsibilities during his first year as Chief, one challenge being significant flooding that occurred that year in the North Mason County area. Beau successfully led a response and recovery effort during this time.

Completing paramedic school in 1999, Beau also completed an Associate Degree from Bellevue Community College in 2004. He had a goal early in his career of completing his 4 year degree, but had difficulty finding a program that met his needs. He "knew that EOU was for me" after his initial advising consult and first set of classes. His next educational step is to begin the Master in Public Administration Executive Degree program at the University of Washington this fall.

Beau mentioned that he especially appreciated and benefited from two EOU classes. One of them was Writing 320 (Professional Writing); he states that the course content helped to refine and develop his writing skills. He also enjoyed FSA 423, Labor Management Relations, valuing the opportunity to participate in a real negotiation process.

Hobbies include travel (he and his wife last traveled to Spain and Italy) and he has recently completed restoration of a 2 door Ford Falcon. Beau serves as president of the North Mason Rotary Club, and also works with the Adopt-A-House Program.

Beau's wife has been attending dental hygiene school during the week in Yakima (4 hours from home) for the past two years. She graduated from her program the same weekend as EOU commencement, so Beau chose to celebrate with her rather than attending the Commencement Ceremony in La Grande.

We wish Beau much success in the coming years!

Congratulations to all 2010 graduates!

The Commencement ceremony was held Saturday, June 12 at the main EOU campus in La Grande.



General Ed Changes—

Some revisions have been made to the General Education course list.

See the revised list at [this link](#).

Summer classes start on Monday, June 21. [Online Webster registration](#) will be open through Friday, June 25. Have a question or need assistance with registration? Give us a call!



A Reminder

Attention Spring Term students—have you completed your course evaluations? If not, please log in to your [Webster](#) account, click on “Online/Onsite Course Evaluations” and give your feedback.

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