



EASTERN Promise

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Governor to show support for Eastern Promise during visit to EOU April 4

LA GRANDE – Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber will show his support of Eastern Promise, a new program designed to help high school students earn college credit, during a visit to Eastern Oregon University Wednesday, April 4.

Kitzhaber will meet with Eastern Promise Executive Director Dan Mielke and Executive Committee members EOU President Bob Davies, InterMountain Education Service District (IMESD) Superintendent Dr. Mark Mulvihill, Blue Mountain Community College President John Turner, and Treasure Valley Community College President Dana Young.

Eastern Promise kicked off last November with the goal of providing greater opportunities for high school students to earn college credits – even an associate’s degree – while still in high school. Through the program, local high school teachers will teach courses under the mentorship of college instructors. Beginning this spring, college-level math will be taught in six pilot high schools in eastern Oregon, with additional courses in writing, biology, speech and health available to all eastern Oregon high school students come fall.

The proficiency-based program is a collaborative effort between EOU, IMESD, BMCC and TVCC. It strives to help eastern Oregon students move towards the governor’s overarching 40/40/20 goal, with 40 percent of adult Oregonians obtaining a bachelor’s degree or higher, 40 percent earning an associate’s degree or postsecondary credential, and 20 percent earning at least a high school diploma.

For more information visit www.eou.edu/eastern-promise.



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