



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:  
MONDAY MUSINGS

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Colleagues,

We, as a community, have an ethic focusing on the success of our students, working with them to overcome obstacles and tribulations so they can create the foundation to achieve their goals and dreams. It is easy for us to say that we do this. It is another thing for students—the beneficiaries of our efforts—to say that we do.

Recently, at an event sponsored by the EOU Foundation, several students had this opportunity. While each of them had truly amazing stories, I want to highlight the experience of Nyki Anderson. Nyki prepared her entire life to go to college with the dream of working at NASA, and she was accepted to a prestigious university that would propel her to this ambitious goal.

While I could relate how EOU is providing a pathway toward her goal, it would be best for you to hear directly from Nyki as she shared her experience during Tea & Trumpets. Click [here](#) to watch.

### **Star of Eastern Oregon University**

This week's Star of Eastern is a person who exemplifies optimism, hard work and dedication to our University. For years, Tyler Dubsky traveled throughout the Pacific Northwest recruiting students and spreading the good word for our Admissions Office. In his new role as a development officer for the EOU Foundation, he is putting this same zeal into meeting with alumni and others interested in supporting EOU through financial contributions to assist our students and programs. In a very short period of time, he has been successful in securing new endowed scholarships and other gifts of support. On several occasions I have received notes or comments from those who Tyler is working with and they all talk about the passion he exudes for Eastern.

### **Kudos and Miscellaneous**

I am very pleased to acknowledge 11 of our faculty members, this year's sabbatical and summer stipend awardees. One of the keys to the high-quality of student learning that EOU offers centers around our faculty's ongoing commitment to their subject disciplines, and nowhere do we see this commitment more clearly than in the work that our faculty engage in their sabbatical and summer stipend projects. While we received twice the number of summer stipend requests that we could fund, our college-level faculty recommendations made it clear that the high-level scholarly and creative work that our

faculty engage remains of the highest caliber.

This year's sabbatical awardees are:

*Teun Fetz, music, full sabbatical*

*Rebecca Hartman, history, full sabbatical (with summer stipend)*

*Donna Rainboth, education, full sabbatical*

*Jodi Varon, English/writing, full sabbatical (with summer stipend)*

This year's summer stipend awardees are:

*Mike Heather, theatre, full summer stipend*

*Colby Heideman, chemistry, half summer stipend*

*Scott McConnell, economics, full summer stipend*

*John McKinnon, music, half summer stipend*

*Kelly Rice, physical science, full summer stipend*

*Heather Tomlinson, theatre, full summer stipend*

*Amanda Villagomez, education, full summer stipend*

Please join me in congratulating our faculty members as they plan for their sabbatical and summer stipend projects.

Sincerely,

Bob

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President