Oregon Coast Community College
(CORE)

Community Profile

Population 44,630
Location Lincoln City

Position Description

Sponsor Oregon Coast Community College
Supervisor Guy Faust, Director

Assignment There are five RARE positions sponsored by the CORE Collaborative. CORE, which stands for Connecting Oregon for Rural Entrepreneurship, is a collaboration spearheaded by Oregon's Rural Development Initiatives. While each of the five RARE assignments vary based on the needs of the specific communities, all CORE positions share a focus on creating and sustaining entrepreneurship development systems in economically distressed target areas. The RARE participants work closely with their sponsoring organizations hosting appropriate trainings on entrepreneurship, conducting a youth entrepreneurship programs with local high school students, and supporting the efforts of growing farmers' markets and buy local campaigns. While local leaders and entrepreneurs spearhead CORE's regional efforts, a CORE Statewide Advisory Board will bring together diverse lessons learned to ultimately impact statewide policy change.

In Lincoln County, the RARE participant has two main focus areas: educating local consumers about the power of their spending dollar and its impact on the local economy and encouraging county businesses to be more local-consumer-friendly as a way of increasing sales throughout the county. Specifically, the participant organizes and facilitates meetings; acts as a liaison to businesses, community organizations and community leaders; creates promotional materials; and works with young entrepreneurs.

RARE Participant

Hannah Klausman, a native Oregonian, grew up in Eugene. She graduated from Lewis & Clark College with a BA in International Relations. In the first grade, Hannah was selected to attend the United States' first Japanese Immersion Charter and was fluent in Japanese by the 5th grade. During college, Hannah studied abroad in Osaka, Japan which led to a position with the State Department at the Osaka Consulate. Following her work in Japan, she served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia. As a Peace Corps volunteer, taught English and developed creative curriculum and class room materials.