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## **Oregon Aerospace Careers for Everyone Grand Opening Celebration**

*Innovative, collaborative O-ACE program held in classroom space onsite at the Hillsboro Airport paves the way for high school students to enter careers in aviation and avionics*

**April 1, 2022, Hillsboro, OR** - The Hillsboro School District, Oregon Air Show Charitable Foundation (OASCF), Oregon Air Show, Portland Community College, and Port of Portland are pleased to announce a grand opening celebration for the Oregon Aerospace Careers for Everyone (O-ACE) program on Thursday, April 7, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hillsboro Airport.

O-ACE is a high school pathway program for students interested in careers as aviation maintenance technicians, avionics technicians, or professional pilots. The program began in the fall of 2020 and has a goal of increasing diversity within the industry by introducing nontraditional (female and/or non-white) candidates to the field. The course is taught by a bilingual, licensed female pilot - Sheri Fisher.

The O-ACE program is unique and was made possible by a two-year planning process and multiple partnerships. Money raised through the OASCF funded the renovation of the former KUIK radio station space at the Hillsboro Airport into a classroom. The work of transforming the space was done by members of the Hillsboro Rotary Club International and Oregon Air Show volunteers. Additional partnerships and connections will be explained and celebrated at the grand opening.

The media is invited to this event.

**What:** Grand Opening for O-ACE Program and Recognition of Key Partners

**Where:** O-ACE Classroom at the Hillsboro Airport, 3355 NE Cornell Rd., Hillsboro, OR 97124

**When:** Thursday, April 7, 2022, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. (remarks begin at 3:30 p.m.)

**Agenda:** Social and refreshments

Brief welcome and remarks by Superintendent Mike Scott

Scheduled remarks by:

Chris Barber, Oregon Air Show Foundation

Bill Braack, President, Oregon Air Show

Katy Ho, VP of Academic Affairs, Portland Community College

Curtis Robinhold, Executive Director, Port of Portland

Carlos Zendejas, VP of Flight Operations, Alaska Air Group

Instructor and Student remarks

Ribbon cutting

Unveiling of recognition plaque created by Century High School Manufacturing class

Classroom tours

Media are asked to RSVP to Communications Officer Beth Graser at [graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us](mailto:graserbe@hsd.k12.or.us) or 503-844-1772.

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