Moments Like These Define Us.

A single moment – a spark – lit the University of Oregon into being nearly 140 years ago. On that day, the citizens of Lane County came together to define and shape one of the largest public universities in Oregon.

Throughout its history, the UO and universities around the state, have made promises that have spanned generations – that Oregonians would have the opportunity to take flight.

Over the decades, moments and opportunities intertwined on Oregon campuses everywhere. Changing the world. Enlightening the present. And empowering a global community.

We’re living in one of those moments today. When opportunity, discovery, and collaboration will define the entire state’s higher education system. And a new covenant will be made to Oregonians and the world.

That Story Begins Anew with Your Leadership and Support

Oregon families understand the importance of a college education and believe college is the key to the American dream.

Quality of life is directly correlated with higher education.

Oregonians Have Spoken

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature and Governor Kitzhaber focused on restoring funding for K-12 education to pre-recession (2007) levels. The time has come to make the same investment in our university system and community colleges.

Together, we can keep a promise to families from Beaverton to Burns, Enterprise to Eugene. Together we can make a covenant to accessibility and affordability for all Oregonians. To ensure a bright future for our state and the families of tomorrow.

When you help reinstate pre-recession funding you’ll be giving more Oregonians the chance to go to college, graduate and realize their American dream.

THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS
OREGON BELIEVES IN EDUCATION

Oregon believes changes are necessary to make our state universities more affordable for families. The Higher Education Coordinating Commission is working with Oregon universities to help ensure that affordability is shifting back to the state allocation dollars to campuses. Adequate funding at pre-recession levels would equal $755 million when combined with continued investments in tuition relief. Returning to funding at this level would turn the tide on a decade of cuts for our public universities and allow campuses to make critical investments in financial aid, student support, and academic offerings. In addition, it would ensure more Oregonians have the skills needed to pursue the American dream.

OUTCOMES FOR OREGONIANS

Oregonians understand the importance of campus investments, faculty and research. Expanded state funding will make college more affordable and accessible for more Oregonians.

Capitol Makes Improvements

The University of Oregon also has plans for much-needed capital construction to meet growing demands. Capital improvements include the modernization of Chapman Hall to help meet Oregon’s 40-40-20 goals, building a new College and Careers Building to connect Oregon students with Oregon jobs, renovating Research Hall to provide a modern and collaborative space for innovation and learning, and creating a new home for the School of Architecture and Allied Arts to attract students and provide a new facility for the Oregon Accelerator and Innovation Network.

How Much is Enough?

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PathwayOregon

PathwayOregon ensures all high-achieving Federal Pell Grant-eligible Oregonians have their University of Oregon tuition paid through a combination of federal, state and UO funds. The program currently serves 1,724 students, but aspires to reach hundreds more with state support.

Graduate Assistance Grant Program

Graduate Assistance Grant Program provides grants to first-time, full-time Oregon students who have exhausted their federal loan eligibility. With the state’s assistance, we can keep juniors and seniors on track to graduation.

Expand Tenure Track Faculty

Expand Tenure Track Faculty gives students the opportunity to work with and learn from some of the best minds in their respective fields of expertise. Whether it’s nanoscience, history, art, mathematics or engineering, the right faculty makes a significant difference.

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Rising Above Rising Tuition

State funding reductions are the primary factor for higher costs at the University of Oregon and colleges across the state. Fears exist that cuts are putting access to a quality college education at risk for all Oregonians. While state funding cuts of colleges and universities were necessary during the recent recession, the burden to cover those costs shifted to Oregonians and their families in the form of steep increases in tuition.