

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



Mindy Proski
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Chris Snyder, Laura Hottman and Sarah Petrich, School of Nursing, submitted the following nomination...

We would like to nominate Mindy for a golden rose award for her outstanding performance in planning, organizing and executing the School of Nursing Whirlwind Tours to LaGrande and Ashland/Klamath Falls in October 2009. The Whirlwind Tour was conceptualized by Michael Bleich, Dean for the School of Nursing, as a way to immerse faculty and staff who live and work in Portland and Salem areas with the communities that host our other regional campuses. Mindy originally volunteered to assist only with the travel arrangements for both tours; but her knowledge, skills and enthusiasm made her an essential part of the planning committee. She was ultimately responsible for all of the logistical planning and worked with three individual committees and Kim DeRienzo on the campus itineraries. In addition to assisting with campus itineraries, Mindy sought out educational opportunities and arranged for several lectures including one on "Climate and Disease Forecast" at Oregon State University on the Ashland/Klamath Falls tour and another one on "Travails on the Trail: Health, Disease & Pestilence in Settling Oregon" at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. The tours brought significant media coverage in each of the communities that were visited including newspaper and television interviews. Mindy researched every possible scenario in order to bring the event under budget and negotiated a phenomenal rate for the bus and hotel rooms. After the first tour to LaGrande, Mindy developed a survey monkey for participants to provide feedback and used the data collected to improve the second tour. While many people assisted in making the Whirlwind Tour a huge success, everyone who was involved would agree that Mindy went far beyond her original role and was an integral part of that success. Her role at the school of nursing is in finance and human resources and this event was far beyond the scope of her position. She managed this event in addition to her regular duties and worked tirelessly to make the Dean's vision a reality. We are truly blessed to have someone of Mindy's caliber in the School of Nursing!



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