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### **Media Advisory**

## **Hillsboro Online Academy Earns Several Grants**

*Online school receives \$84,833 in grants for the 2016-17 school year*

**August 24, 2016, Hillsboro, OR** –Congratulations are in order for Hillsboro Online Academy (HOA) for earning three significant grants that will enhance students’ educational experience this school year.

*Nike Grant* – In March 2016, HOA received notification that they had been selected to receive a Nike Community Grant of \$5,000 to replace the backboards and wall padding in the HOA/Boscow Barnes 1948 gymnasium located at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grant. The Nike Grant is a matching funds grant, with the Hillsboro School District providing matching funds for the project.

*PEEK-8 Grant* – In June 2016, HOA learned it had been awarded a second year of funding through the Oregon Department of Education’s (ODE) PEEK-8 (Physical Education Expansion K-8) grant program. This grant provides \$50,000 toward the hiring of a physical education teacher for grades K-8 to help the school meet the physical education instructional requirements for students.

*College and Career Readiness Grant* – Also in June 2016, HOA received official notification of their selection to receive a \$29,833 College and Career Readiness grant from ODE. The grant will be used to develop an online college and career readiness course. College and career math readiness will be incorporated into the course through the use of EdReady, from the National Repository of Online Curriculum and provided to schools in Oregon by the Oregon Virtual School District (ORVSD), a branch of ODE. The grant will also provide funding for college and career exploration with on-site visits to college campuses and to businesses/organizations.

“Hillsboro Online Academy is committed to providing students with a rich and rewarding educational experience,” explains Principal Linda Harrington. “We are very grateful for these grants as they will help us expand and improve our facilities and programming.”

To learn more about Hillsboro Online Academy (located at 452 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Hillsboro 97124), visit their website at [hillonlineacademy.org](http://hillonlineacademy.org) or call 503-844-1050.

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