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### **COS Foundation Scholarship Dinner Changes Lives – Purchase Tickets Today!**

Weed / COS –Siskiyou County residents have supported its students by providing thousands of dollars in scholarships for the past 33 years. In 2016, the community showed its support at the annual COS Foundation Scholarship Fundraising Dinner and Dessert / Auction by raising \$9,000 to support Siskiyou County students and the newly established Siskiyou Promise scholarship fund.

The COS Foundation will again host this fun-filled event on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> in Weed at the Sons of Italy Memorial Hall (155 Clay Street). Tickets are on sale and cost \$25 per guest. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Olivera’s Catering will serve a delicious buffet dinner of tri-tip steak and barbecue chicken and the Weed Rotary Club will staff the no-host bar. During this event, guests will also have the opportunity to raise money for the Siskiyou Promise fund by participating the in the dessert auction, silent auction, or the Coat of Many Colors auction.



*Dawna Cozzalio,  
COS Foundation Board President  
2016 Coat of Many Colors  
Recipient*

In 2016/2017, 128 students from Siskiyou and Modoc County high schools attended COS as Promise students. This year, over 150 students will attend College of the Siskiyous in fall 2017 as first year Promise recipients, and 75 of last year’s recipients are receiving a Promise continuation scholarship to attend COS for a consecutive year. The Siskiyou Promise scholarship pays for the tuition and fees, as well as a \$200 book voucher each semester. Students must be enrolled as a full-time COS student to be eligible for funding.

“Our students are our number one priority,” said Dawnie Slabaugh, Director of Public Relations and the College Foundation. “The mission of the College is to promote learning and provide academic excellence for our students. The COS Foundation supports the mission of the College and the Promise award supports our own local students,” continued Slabaugh. “Each and every one of the members of the COS Foundation Board of Directors is very passionate about education and College of the Siskiyous.

Providing support for the Promise fund is a huge commitment and one of the many activities the Foundation is very proud of. The Foundation is not only helping students to succeed, they are helping to change lives.”

One of the highlights of this annual event is the auctioning of the Coat of Many Colors and Mongolian Fur Hat. In 1986, former COS President Dr. Eugene Schumacher donated the Coat, a gift from a Middle Eastern exchange student, to be auctioned off and worn by the lucky winner to a designated event or meeting. That year, COS Women’s Basketball and Volleyball Coach Tom Powers was the lucky recipient. Several years later the Mongolian Hat was donated by Ernie Nagel of Mt. Shasta. Since 1986, approximately 31 “lucky” individuals have had to wear the coat to designated functions. In 2016 recipient of Coat of Many Colors was Dawna Cozzalio, COS Foundation Board President.

For more information about this event, the COS Scholarship Program, the Siskiyou Promise Scholarship, or if interested in joining the COS Foundation Scholarship Committee or learning about the Foundation Board of Directors, call (530) 938-5373 or send an email to [foundation@siskiyous.edu](mailto:foundation@siskiyous.edu). The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling (530) 938-5555 or toll-free (888) 397-4339. Information about the COS Foundation can also be found online at [www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/](http://www.siskiyous.edu/foundation/).