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COS Foundation Announces 2022 Officers

Weed / COS –The College of the Siskiyous Auxiliary Foundation Board of Directors has elected new officers for 2022. Madeleine Ayres, of Etna, will serve as President and Dennis Sbarbaro, of Weed, will serve as Vice President. Dunsmuir resident, Bruce Deutsch, is the immediate Past President.

Madeleine Ayres is a proud Siskiyous alum. She joined the Foundation Board of Directors in July 2019. She comes from a long line of teachers and chose that profession after attending College of the Siskiyous, Dominican College and Chapman College, earning a teaching credential in English and Music. She lives in Scott Valley, where she is now, happily retired.

Dennis Sbarbaro joined the Foundation Board of Directors in October 2010. This is Mr. Sbarbaro's second term as the Vice President of the COS Foundation Board of Directors. He also serves as a member of the Investment Due Diligence Committee. Mr. Sbarbaro is a retired bank officer with years of experience teaching financial and banking classes.

Since 1992, the Foundation has actively raised funds with the intent of helping to keep College of the Siskiyous has been at the forefront of educational quality by developing new programs, improving facilities, providing equipment, and offering student scholarships. The Foundation receives and dispenses funds to assist and support the educational programs and general welfare of the College of the Siskiyous. Quality education depends on fiscal stability, well-maintained facilities and equipment, up-to-date technology, and a faculty and staff that are current with new and innovative advances in their fields. Since its inception, the Foundation has worked to assist the Board of Trustees and College staff to maintain its standard of excellence. The funds raised by the Foundation Board benefit five areas of priority: encouraging excellence in teaching and learning; offering student scholarships and emergency aid grants (including the Siskiyou Promise grant); acquiring and supporting new technologies; completing and supporting campus renovations and new building projects; and, enhancing the arts.

Support for the Foundation can be in the form of cash, commitments, life insurance, wills, or transfer of investments and real property. Other giving arrangements include bequests (wills), trust funds, and endowments, which are invested for long-term growth and ongoing income to help College of the Siskiyous students reach their educational goals. All gifts to the COS Foundation are tax deductible, and subject to current tax accounting limitations. Prospective donors are encouraged to

consult a qualified tax consultant for more detailed information. Contributions of any size are enthusiastically welcomed and greatly appreciated - and supporting the COS Foundation is a great way to invest in the future of our students.

For more information about the work of the Foundation or if interested in joining the Board of Directors, contact the Foundation Office by calling (530) 938-5373 or send an email to foundation@siskiyous.edu. The Weed Campus can also be reached by calling toll-free (888) 397-4339.