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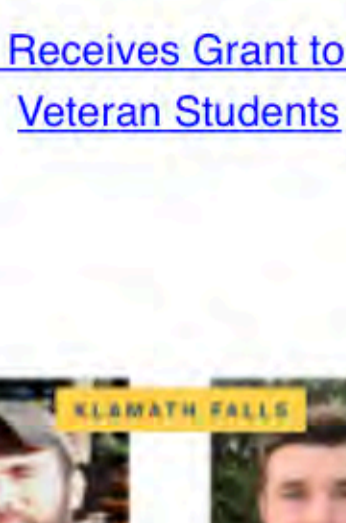
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Danielle Garcia was an exemplary student while studying Medical Lab Sciences at Oregon Tech, and continues to shine as she works in a profession recently thrust into the spotlight during the global pandemic. This is an alumna who truly loves what she does every single day.

[Read Danielle's story here!](#)

HEADLINES



[Oregon Tech Receives Grant to Help Support Veteran Students](#)



Michael Ness Cameron Smith

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BUSINESS INSIDER

[Oregon Tech's Online Education Ranked a Best Value in the Nation](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[Oregon Tech Together: A Conversation with John Van Dyke, Director of Athletics](#)

October 15 | Online

[Virtual Lunch & Learn: Estate Planning Workshop](#)

October 21 | Online

[Virtual Career Fairs](#)

Nov 3-6 | See flyer below

[Oregon Tech Together: A Conversation with Dr. Tom Keyser, Dean of the College of ETM](#)

November 19 | Online

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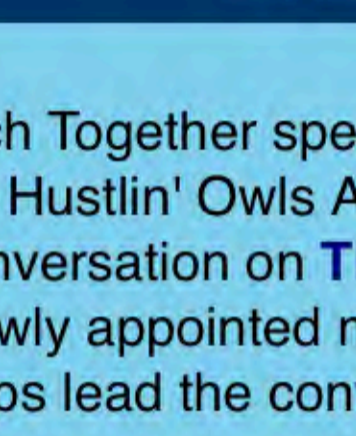
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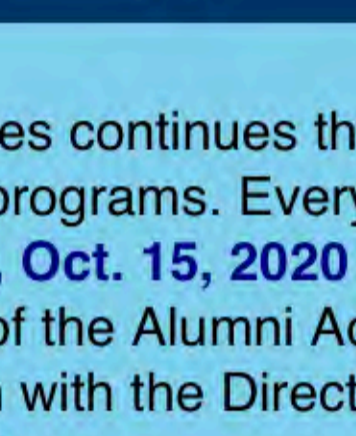
Oregon Tech Together:

A Conversation with John Van Dyke

Moderated by Travis Thomas '19



John Van Dyke
Director of Athletics



Travis Thomas '19
Applied Psychology



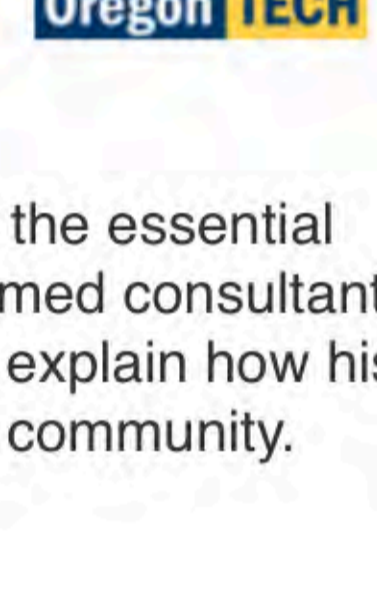
Oregon Institute of Technology

Our Oregon Tech Together speaker series continues this month with an in-depth look at the Hustlin' Owls Athletics programs. Everyone is invited to this special online conversation on **Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020 at 5:30PM** as former track star and newly appointed member of the Alumni Advisory Board, Travis Thomas '19, helps lead the conversation with the Director of Athletics, John Van Dyke.

[SUBMIT A QUESTION & REGISTER HERE](#)



ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP



with Gene Christian of Charitable Estate Planning NW



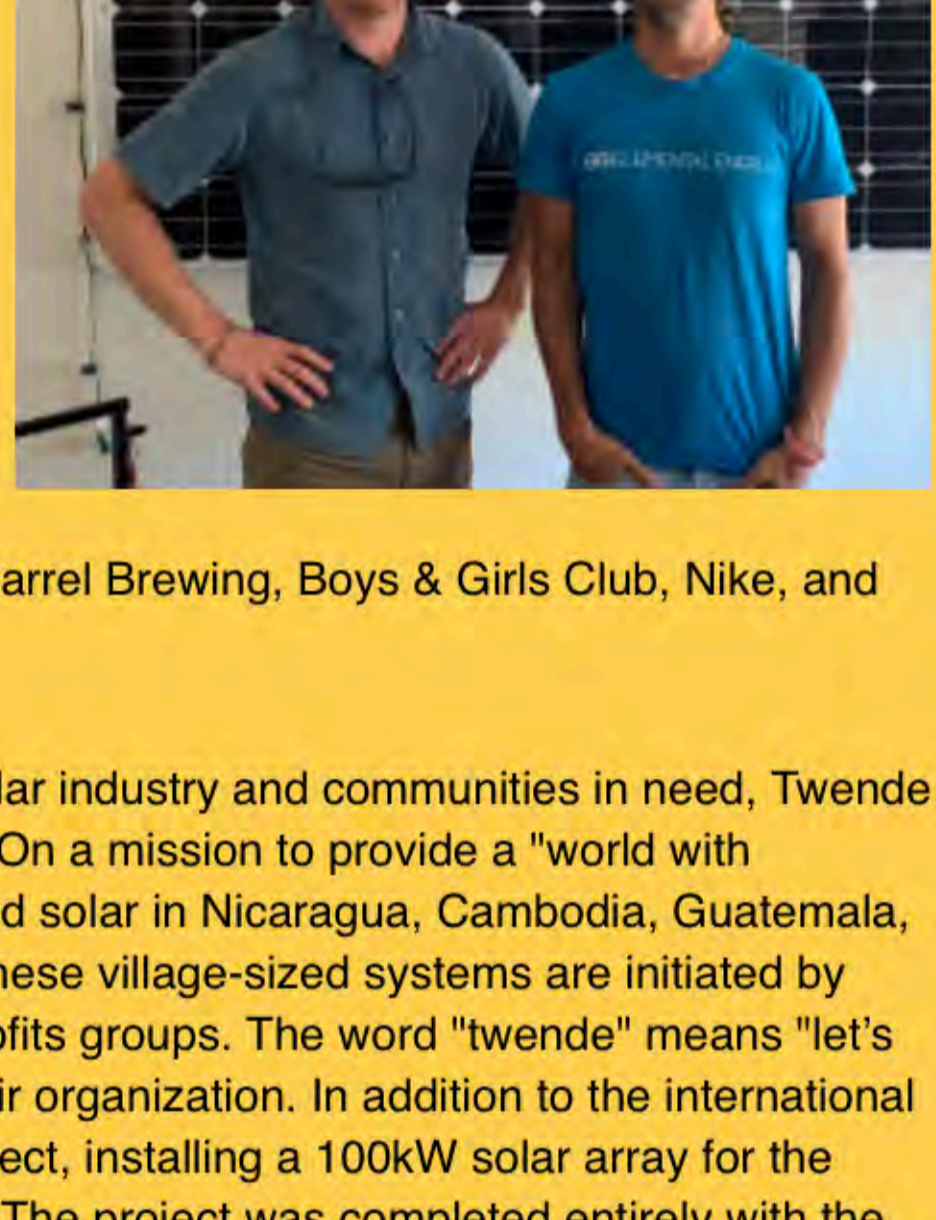
Spend your lunch break with us as you learn about the essential documents everyone should have in place. Our esteemed consultant, Gene Christian, will present this virtual workshop and explain how his services are free to members of the Oregon Tech community.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

ALUMNI-OWNED BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Brandon Little '10 and John Grieser '11 are the owners of Elemental Energy, a solar PV system design and installation firm based in Portland, and Twende Solar, their non-profit organization dedicated to empowering energy-deficient populations with renewable energy systems.

Elemental Energy is a full-service solar, energy storage & electrical contractor, for both commercial and residential projects, with clients such as Multnomah County, 10 Barrel Brewing, Boys & Girls Club, Nike, and hundreds of happy homeowners.



In an effort to bridge the gap between the solar industry and communities in need, Twende Solar is the non-profit started by the alumni. On a mission to provide a "world with sustainable energy for all," they have installed solar in Nicaragua, Cambodia, Guatemala, Peru, Baja California, Haiti, and Tanzania. These village-sized systems are initiated by requests and partnerships with other non-profits groups. The word "twende" means "let's go" in Swahili, which is what they named their organization. In addition to the international projects, Twende also completed a local project, installing a 100kW solar array for the Portland Rescue Mission's women's shelter. The project was completed entirely with the help of 196 local and industry volunteers.

To learn more about Elemental Energy and Twende Solar, visit <https://www.elementalenergy.net/>

* Support alumni-owned businesses by visiting the online business directory [HERE](#). Want to add your business to the list? [Email the Alumni Relations Manager!](#)

Fall 2020

Virtual CAREER FAIRS

JOIN US!

Free for job seeking Alumni to attend!
Registration opens October 5th

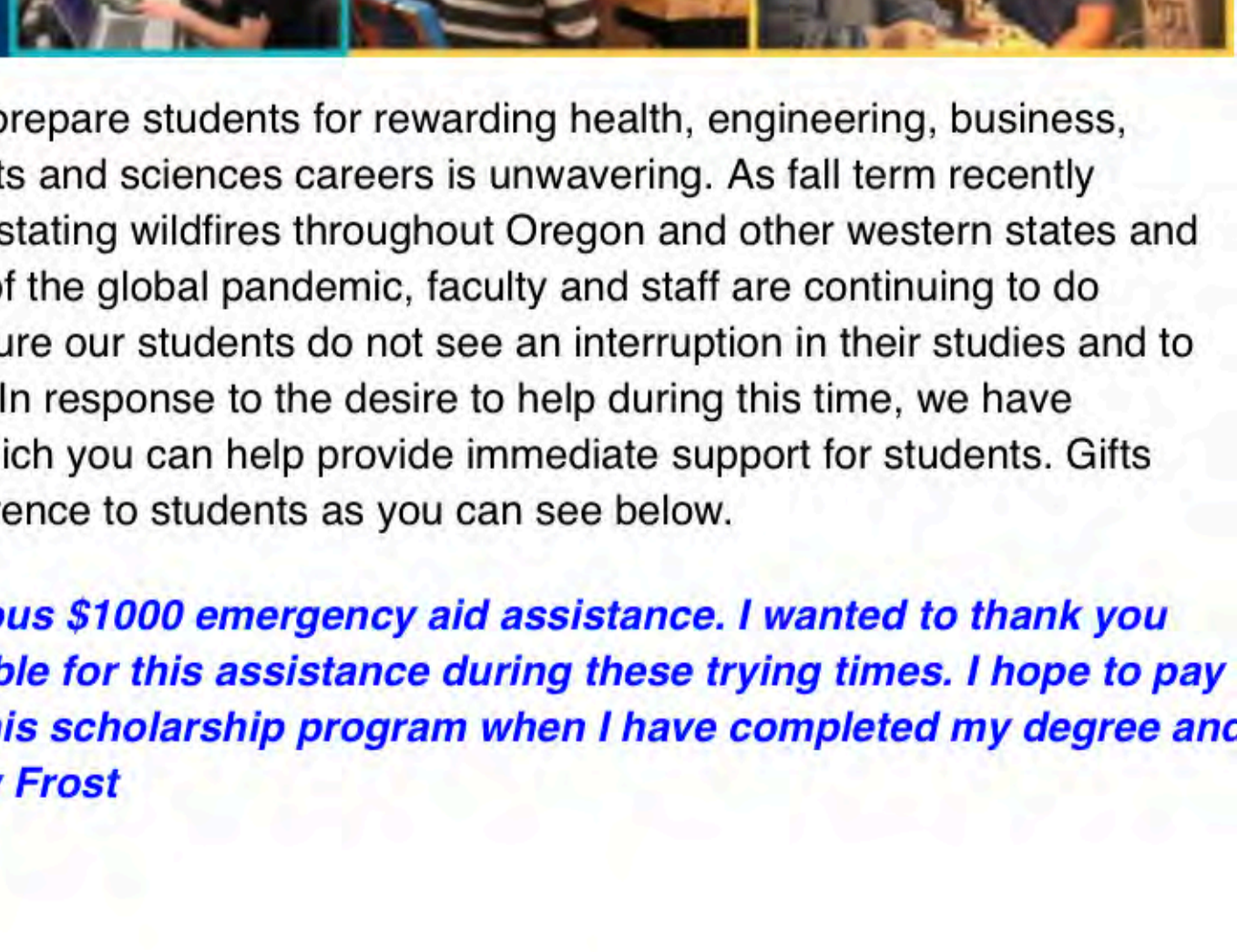
- ▶ **DENTAL HYGIENE**
TUESDAY, NOV 3RD | 8AM-11AM
- ▶ **ENGINEERING**
TUESDAY, NOV 3RD | 12PM-3PM
- ▶ **BUSINESS**
WEDNESDAY, NOV 4TH | 3PM-6PM
- ▶ **HEALTH**
FRIDAY, NOV 6TH | 12PM-3PM

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Employer Registration Fees:
Regular \$350 | Government \$250 | Nonprofit/Small Business \$150



Now more than ever we are called to make a difference.
#OregonTechTogether



Oregon Tech's mission to prepare students for rewarding health, engineering, business, technology, and applied arts and sciences careers is unwavering. As fall term recently began in the wake of devastating wildfires throughout Oregon and other western states and the continued challenges of the global pandemic, faculty and staff are continuing to do everything we can to assure our students do not see an interruption in their studies and to keep our community safe. In response to the desire to help during this time, we have several opportunities in which you can help provide immediate support for students. Gifts have already made a difference to students as you can see below.

"I received a very generous \$1000 emergency aid assistance. I wanted to thank you and the people responsible for this assistance during these trying times. I hope to pay it forward or donate to this scholarship program when I have completed my degree and start my career." ~Macey Frost

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