

Albany Area Chamber Network

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February Membership Forum Luncheon

With Guest Speaker Dr. Lisa Avery,

President of Linn-Benton Community College

"Real Futures Start Here:"

An update on LBCC's vision for
student and community success"

Wednesday, February 23rd

11:30am-1pm

Linn County Expo Center



\$22 Members | \$35 Non-Members

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Chamber Board Raffle Prize:

Mountain House Adventure Package from Oregon Freeze Dry

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◀ SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR
DIAMOND MEMBER



Welcome to the Chamber!

New Chamber Staff

Jorden Parrish, Events and Programs Manager

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I am so excited to be a part of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. I chose to work here because I wanted to serve my own community in my hometown of Albany. I have a flair for event coordination, and I thrive when I'm able to actively help people and make a difference in the world. Working for the Chamber will also help me to stretch my creative wings to help us really make a statement and bring out the best of our businesses around the area.

In 2016, I graduated from OSU with a Bachelor's Degree in Natural Resources. After college I worked as a reporter for The Brownsville Times Newspaper, and was then the librarian of the Halsey City Library for 4 years. In my spare time I enjoy reading, playing video games, and hiking (when the weather is nice).

Justen Noll, Office Manager

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I'm ecstatic to be supporting the Albany Area's Chamber of Commerce. Joining an advocate such as the Chamber has provided me an opportunity to pursue my passion of engaging with small businesses and the community. This role specifically allows me to assist with the day-to-day functions of the organization while being a communal resource.

Previous to the Chamber, I worked in elementary education in varying capacities after graduating from LBCC with a degree in Business Management. Outside of the office, I have a passion for making movies and love spending time with my family (our second little one arrives in March!).

"If I Were Mayor" contest asks students what they would do as Mayor

For the first time, the City of Albany is holding a local competition as part of the Oregon Mayor's Association's annual statewide "If I Were Mayor" student contest.

Entries are open to students in Albany in three groups: elementary (grades 4-5), middle school (grades 6-8), and high school (9-12). Students are asked to share their creative ideas about what they would do as mayor.

Elementary students will present their ideas in a poster contest, middle school students will compete in an essay contest, and high school students will create digital media presentations. The local contest deadline is Friday, March 18, 2022.

Albany's winners will be announced April 8, 2022.

One local winner in each group will be chosen and will win cash and other prizes including a day with Mayor Alex Johnson II. Local winners move on to the statewide competition where they will be eligible to win up to \$500.

More information is available at <https://www.cityofalbany.net/ifiweremayor>

[See Flyer For Contest Here](#)



Your Business and Community Advocate

Welcome to the Chamber!

New Members

Oilstop Drivethrough Oil Change

527 NW Albany RD

Albany, OR 97321

541-791-3530 | oilstopinc.com/oil-change-albany/

Officially opening 2/15/22, Oilstop Drive Thru Oil Change is excited to serve the Albany community who have been so welcoming to them already. Their mission is to serve every guest with excellence, humbly, with a servant's heart. All oil changes come with a free car wash too! No appointment needed, just drive in!



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30 Years

Selectemp Employment Service

10 Years

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5 Years

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Vivacity Spirits and Calapooia Brewing

Selectemp Employment Service

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Phoenix Inn Suites

Albany Stoves, Inc.

American Family Insurance -

Brian Robinson Agency

Hendrix Heating and Air Conditioning

Greater Albany Public Schools

Davis Glass

Upcoming Events



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In early 2020, after a nationwide search, the Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Dr. Lisa Avery as its seventh president. Since then, she has presided during the most unprecedented period in LBCC's history -- responding to the COVID-19 pandemic with a focus on student and community success that has pivoted to meet today's unique challenges, while charting a bold vision for the college's future.

Dr. Avery previously served as the president of Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus since 2015. At PCC, Dr. Avery was an advocate for career and medical programs, equitable student success, and increased student access, as well as a leading advocate for all community colleges in Oregon. Prior to PCC, Dr. Avery served as the District Vice Provost for Strategic Partnerships at the Community Colleges of Spokane. As the Vice Provost, Dr. Avery was responsible for advancing the college district's strategic plan with key business, industry and foundation partners, as well as enhancing and promoting international exchange. Dr. Avery also previously served as a Professor in the School of Social Work and Human Services at Eastern Washington University.

A first-generation college graduate and native of LaPorte, Indiana, Dr. Avery obtained her doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and her bachelor's degree in research psychology from Ball State University. In addition to her many national appointments including the American Association of Community Colleges Board, Dr. Avery is proud to serve her local community as a volunteer -- including the Albany Community Leadership Roundtable, the Greater Albany Rotary Club, the Boys and Girls Club of Corvallis Board, AMEDC, the South Valley/Mid Coast Regional Solutions Advisory Committee, and more. Dr. Avery is also a strong supporter of the LBCC Foundation, and leads a new annual biking event fundraiser, "Pedal with the President". She and her family live in Millersburg, and love being in the Mid-Valley.



Christmas Elf of the Shelf Contest Winner: Matt Hamel

Congratulations to community member Matt Hamel for winning the Christmas Elf on the Shelf Contest! Matt correctly guessed the locations of the Elf on the Shelf pictures that were taken at Chamber businesses and posted on the Chamber's Facebook and Instagram pages. For his efforts, Matt has won \$50 in Chamber Dollars to use at any participating Chamber Business.



Registration Open for the DSA Banquet!

\$80 Per Person | \$640 for a Table of 8

Where: Boys & Girls Club of Albany

When: Saturday, March 12th

Time: Socializing begins 5:30pm, 6:30pm Dinner

This is a semi-formal event.

Seating is Limited.

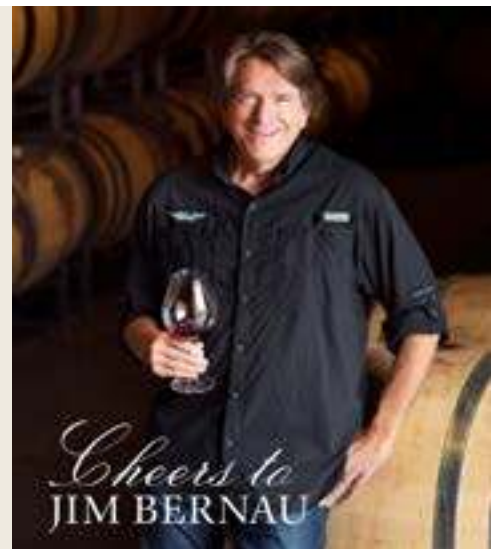
[Click Here to Register Now](#)

Member Accolades and News

Congratulations to Jim Bernau of Willamette Valley Vinyards for winning Oregon Wine Press 2021 Person of the Year

To celebrate this honor, the Vinyard is offering special pricing on their 2018 Bernau Block Pinot Noir and 2017 Bernau Estate Brut. For each case sold, \$10 will be donated to Salmon-Safe, a third-party certification program dedicated to clean water and reducing watershed impacts on salmon and the environment.

[Click Here to Learn More](#)



Helpful Article: 4 Ways to Attack (and Attain) your Business Goals

When you run your own business, you're the person deciding on the direction. You're in control of start dates and marketing promos. You're the one who must hold yourself back from the shiny object syndrome.

It's easy to get overwhelmed with information. Don't try to do it all. Instead:

1. Pick a goal, Pick a timeframe
2. Cluster your Goals
3. Select a Quarter for New Launches
4. Schedule Time and Purpose

[Read Full Article Here](#)

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- Working Capital
- Equipment
- Real Estate Improvements
- Materials & Inventory
- Debt Refinancing

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Albany Business Extravaganza: Chrystal Hart-Meeker & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme Grafx)

Golf Tournament: Dick Perdue (Retired)

Emerging Leaders: Jorden Parrish (Albany Area Chamber)

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Greeters Co-Chairs: Peggy Burris (Albany Historic Carousel and Museum), Mr. G Nassar (G & Jenny Insurance), Kristin Smith (Keller Williams-Smith), Sarah Steen (AmeriTitle)

Women In Business:

Janet Steele, President

Youth Job Fair: Jorden Parrish (Albany Area Chamber)

Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President

Jorden Parrish - Events and Programs Manager

Justen Noll - Office Manager

GREETERS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2022

Meet with us for an interactive, small group networking and to learn about a Chamber member. Thursday mornings at 8:15am, members attend for free.

Interested in hosting or have questions? Contact Jorden at 541-926-1517 or email jparrish@albanychamber.com

3rd

YMCA

Front Warehouse 3201 Pacific Blvd

10th

Albany Public Schools Foundation

Linn Co. Expo Center Conference Rooms

17th

Waverly Place Assisted Living

Zoom

24th

Homegrown Oregon Foods

212 1st Ave. Albany

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 3rd

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, February 8th

3:30 pm Exec Committee

Thursday, February 10th

8:15 am Greeters

Tuesday, February 16th

11:30 am Board Meeting

Thursday, February 17th

8:15 am Greeters

Leadership Albany Education Day

Wednesday, February 23rd

11:30 Membership Forum

Thursday, February 24th

8:15 am Greeters



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