



Project 2059  
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### **Teens to envision Oregon's next 50 years**

*Oregon 150, Voice Box Media challenge high school students to become community organizers*

**PORTLAND (May 26, 2009)** -- Oregon 150, in collaboration with Travis Huntington of Voice Box Media and the Multnomah Youth Commission, will embark on a statewide road trip to engage high school students in identifying their vision of Oregon's future for the next 50 years. The trip is scheduled to begin Tuesday, May 26, and end Wednesday, June 3. This outreach effort is the first phase of Oregon 150's Youth Legacy project, "Project 2059."

Project 2059 is using an online social networking and community organizing campaign to provide teenagers with a platform to voice their visions for Oregon's future. The goal of this multimedia visioning process is to identify youth in each town who understand their stake in the future of Oregon's development and want to do something proactive about it.

"By giving students an active role in structuring community organizing efforts, we're looking to ensure peer-to-peer outreach and to embed a transformational process that not only gets young people thinking about their communities, but becoming active in them as well," said Aili Schreiner, Project Manager of Project 2059.

Huntington will visit high schools across the state and lead 45-minute question and answer sessions with students while facilitating conversations about public policy issues from the youth perspective.

Students are asked to complete an online application to continue participating in Project 2059, as well as move their conversations to the Project 2059 Facebook group and engage with peers on a statewide level. These conversations will be recorded and posted on the Oregon 150 YouTube page and Project 2059 Facebook group. Footage is already available for viewing on YouTube (link listed below) from Phase 1 of this road trip, where teens from Central and Northeastern Oregon were interviewed.

Link to Oregon 150 YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/orsesquicentennial>

Link to Project 2059 Facebook group:  
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=53031855938&ref=ts>

**The following is an itinerary for the Project 2059 road trip:**

May 26

- St. Helens: 10:30 a.m.
- Astoria: 12:00 p.m.
- Seaside: 1:30 p.m.
- Tillamook: 3:30 p.m.

May 27

- Lincoln City: 8:00 a.m.
- Newport Bay: 9:30 a.m.
- Waldport: 11:00 a.m.
- Florence: 1:30 p.m.
- Coos Bay: 3:00 p.m.
- Bandon: 4:30 p.m.

May 28

- Brookings: 7:30 a.m.
- Ashland: 12:00 p.m.
- Medford: 1:30 p.m.
- Grants Pass: 3:00 p.m.
- Roseburg: 4:30 p.m.

May 29

- Eugene: 7:30 a.m.
- Corvallis: 10:00 a.m.
- Albany: 1:30 p.m.
- Woodburn: 3:30 p.m.

June 1

- Arlington: 9:30 a.m.
- The Dalles: 11:30 a.m.
- Hood River: 1:30 p.m.
- Troutdale: 3:30 p.m.

June 3

- Beaverton: 9:30 a.m.
- Hillsboro: 11:30 a.m.
- Banks: 1:30 p.m.
- Forest Grove: 3:00 p.m.

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**Project 2059:** Project 2059 provides Oregon high school students to work together and propose their vision for Oregon's future. They will decide how we as a state can reach this vision by 2059. This youth-led project is part of the 2009 sesquicentennial celebration – Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> year of statehood. Project 2059 is sponsored by **Oregon 150**, a special commission created by Governor Kulongoski. For more information, visit [oregon150.org](http://oregon150.org).

**Voice Box Media:** Voice Box Media is a media literacy and mentorship program founded in 2008 through the **Multnomah Youth Commission**. Students range in age from 13-22 and come from a variety of backgrounds. Beyond leadership development, students engage in regular, skill-based workshops aimed at developing critical thinking in and around the creative services industry. The services we provide include public relations, advertising, grass roots guerrilla marketing, social media marketing and multimedia production. Find out more at [Voiceboxmedia.org](http://Voiceboxmedia.org).