



Oregon 150 & Project 2059 present



**A Two-Day Youth Summit
A Chance to Dream Ourselves Better**
August 7th & 8th, 2009
Willamette University

Featured Speakers and Panelists

Opening Plenary (Aug. 7, 8:30 am)

Topics: Why we are here, how youth can engage and make a difference, what is democracy, how community engagement changes policy

- Welcome from Oregon's First Lady, Mary Oberst
- Welcome address by Secretary of State Kate Brown
- State Representative Vicki Berger

Lunch Panel Discussion: The Three E's (Economy, Education and the Environment) How are they connected? (Aug. 7, 12 noon)

Topics: Oregon's future--what issues will shape and inform how we develop as a State over the next 50 years? What does sustainability look like in Oregon and how is it impacting the decisions we are making in business, education and state policy?

Presenters:

- Ed Whitelaw, President of ECONorthwest and Professor of Economics, University of Oregon
- Adam Serchuk, Director of Market Intelligence, Vestas
- Alex Sokol Blosser, Co-President, Sokol Blosser Winery
- Garrett Brennan, Executive Director, Focus the Nation

Saturday Morning Plenary (Aug. 8, 8:30 am)

Topic: Moving to a Greener Economy

- Sue Shaffer, Tribal Chair of Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
 - Rex Burkholder, Councilor, Metro
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Lunch Speaker & Panel (Aug. 8, 12 noon)

Topics: how Climate Change is impacting Oregon and what we can do about it

Presenters:

- Angus Duncan, Chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission
- Nils Kristofferson, Executive Director of Wallowa Resources

Open Spaces—Community Activists and Change Agents (Aug. 8, 9 am)

Topics: Implementation Strategies for the 3 E's Issues

Format: Speakers give 1-2 minute introductory overview, then lead table discussions; participants self-select to interest areas

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Topic(s)</i>
Dick Jenkins	The Round Barn	Agriculture/Tourism
Joanne Bowman	Oregon Action	Activism
TBA	The Bus Project	Activism
Tim Duroche	Portland Center Stage	The Arts
Lauren Jarrett	Consultant	Sustainable Agriculture
Russ Hoeffler	Nature Conservancy	Environment
Charles McGee	Black Parent Initiative	Education
TBA	Bicycle Transportation Alliance	Transportation
Andy Van Oostrum	DemocracyLab	Online Civic Engagement

Closing Plenary (Aug. 8, 3 pm)

Topic: Activating Oregon Youth to Create Oregon's Future

Remarks by Governor Kulongoski

Special Guests

- State Senator Jason Atkinson
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo



Project 2059: Activate Oregon *Program Overview*

“Activate Oregon” Youth Summit Goal:

Youth participants will be guided into leadership positions and move towards actions that respond to a need in their community.

The Youth Summit will offer the opportunity to:

- Engage youth in envisioning Oregon’s highest aspirations for the year 2059
- Develop the youth voice for ongoing youth engagement in state policy discussion
- Create a community of engaged youth leaders from around the state
- Develop specific long-term, measurable goals for implementation
- Develop leadership skills, including group facilitation, decision-making and communications skills
- Connect to community resources to foster ongoing youth activism around the state

Program Philosophy

“Activate Oregon” brings selected youth leaders from around the state to engage in participatory dialogue, planning and decision-making activities to promote leadership development. The philosophy is engagement, participation, experiential learning and focusing on youth-led processes that build leadership skills. Program design has been informed by advance data gathering and resources developed through the Project 2059 statewide outreach process.

The Summit will be youth-led with mentor support. Youth will be active leaders and participants in the course of the event, serving as speakers, moderators, discussion leaders and reporting on their work. With structured, facilitated discussion groups and problem-solving and solutions-oriented activities, participants will engage in information sharing and learning, deliberative process, and consensus building.

Youth will develop an Oregon 2059 vision and goals, as well as develop individual action plans. The Summit also offers youth opportunities to connect to existing organizations and efforts for ongoing engagement.



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