

## GRANTS PASS KIWANIS AWARDS

**Oliver Oaks Award** - The **Oliver Oaks Award** was begun in 1992 to recognize the Grants Pass Kiwanian who most embodied the Kiwanis devotion and ethic of Oliver Oakes. It is in effect, the ***Kiwanian of the Year***.

1992 - Don Moir  
1993 - Dick Hall  
1994 - Allan Coon  
1995 - John Moir  
1996 - Mike Becker  
1997 - Bill Rossknecht  
1998 - Charlie Didato  
1999 - Ken Hickenbottom  
2000 - Judie Drummond  
2001 - Jim Dole  
2002 - Rene Pare  
2003 - Toni Pyatt  
2004 - Charlie Didato  
2005 - Lee Spargo  
2006 - Bill Rossknecht  
2007 - Doug Richardson  
2008 - Al Paulsen  
2009 - Dick Fowler  
2010 - Larry McCurry  
2011 - Melinda Matson  
2012 - Beth Harden  
2013 - Liz McKinney  
2014 - Dick Fowler  
2015 - Beth Harden  
2016 - Melinda Matson  
2017 - Beth Harden  
2018 - Kaylyne Grant  
2019 - Joanne Pont  
2020 - Lonnie Johnson  
2021 – Joanne Pont

### **The Dick Hall Youth Service Award**

Dick Hall was a long-time member of Kiwanis and truly understood the meaning of community service. As many of you are aware, he was the consummate Oregon Ducks fan. When Dick learned of College Dreams and our mission to get middle school students excited about staying in school and attending college, Dick went the extra mile. He called me and said he would be willing to get tickets to a Ducks football game for all 33 of our College Dreamers and chaperon. Many may not know that he made this happen out of the kindness and generosity in his heart. That was the first time these students were on a college campus and I believe that Dick would be enormously pleased to know that of the high school graduating class of 2005, 5

students have received a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Oregon, 14 have received a Bachelor's Degree from other state schools, one U of O grad has stayed on for his Masters Degree and one has just been admitted to OHSU Medical School.

I've often wondered if through Dick's generosity it helped to light a passion for education in a group of middle school students. The Dick Hall Youth Service Award was created in 2001 to honor Dick's memory and to recognize a College Dreamer with a passion for volunteer service. We believe that if we teach our young students and get them involved in Community Service, they will take that lesson into the future and continue this work through various service clubs and organizations. To be eligible for a scholarship award at the end of the school year, Dreamers are required to attend school regularly, obtain good grades, participate in healthy youth activities and community service.

*Judie Drummond*

### **Dick Hall Youth Service Award Past Recipients**

2001 - Sunflower Ortiz, South Middle School  
2002 - Renee Brown, Fleming Middle School  
2003 - Lacey Price, South Middle School  
2004 - Joe Webb, South Middle School  
2005 - Amber Dougherty, South Middle School  
2006 - Vanessa Verrett, North Middle School  
2007 - Brentie Jones, Grants Pass High School  
2008 - Carys Layton, North Valley High School  
2009 - Rachel Sheets, North Valley High School  
2010 - Sarah Calver, Hidden Valley High School  
2011 - Gabrielle Delgado, Hidden Valley High School  
2012 - Taylor Prulhiere, Grants Pass High School  
2013 - Raul Gonzales, Grants Pass High School  
2014 - Laura Chavez-Acosta, Grants Pass High School  
2015 - Danielle Cain, Illinois Valley High School  
2016 - Piedad "Pily" Gonzalez-Diez, GPHS  
2017 - Jessica Phung  
2018 - Tori Cook  
2019 - Kourtney Azevedo  
2020 - George Morris  
2021 - Donald Rogers