

March 12, 2018

TO: LBCC Board of Education

FM: Jennifer Boehmer, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

RE: Distinguished Citizen Award recommendation

The Distinguished Citizen Award is given to individuals who have provided many years of service to the college and have a significant impact on its direction and/or purpose. Since the first Distinguished Citizen Awards were given in 1979, 19 people have been recognized and their pictures and a brief description of their contributions have been placed in the Distinguished Citizen Gallery at the entry of the Administrative Offices in the Calapooia Center.

This year we have one nominee whom I recommend to receive the award: Dr. Larry Mullins.

Larry Mullins: If you were to picture “visionary leadership,” you would picture Dr. Larry Mullins. Since 1992, the mid-valley has benefited from the drive and vision of Dr. Mullins. As the long-time CEO of Samaritan Health Services, he has reshaped how the community thinks of healthcare, building the Samaritan Health Network from five separate hospitals into one cohesive unit.

Not content with reimagining the delivery of healthcare, Dr. Mullins leadership has been instrumental in the attraction and development of numerous businesses and institutions including the Boulder Falls Hotel and Conference Center as well as the COMP-Northwest Medical School.

Larry has served in numerous local, state and national leadership roles over the years. He has passionately given his time to help those in need and deployed his leadership skills to bring those around him to new heights.

Dr. Mullins has been an ardent supporter of LBCC in the community, constantly championing the quality of an LBCC education. He has backed this verbal support with action, maintaining a workforce at Samaritan filled with LBCC graduates and finding numerous ways to build educational partnerships between the hospital network and the healthcare programs of the college. Today’s students are better educated and better prepared for success due to the commitment that Dr. Mullins has made to LBCC.