

March 9, 2018

TO: Linn-Benton Community College Board of Education

FM: Jennifer Boehmer, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement

RE: Recommendations for the 2018 LBCC Distinguished Alumni Awards

Each year, the LBCC Foundation solicits nominations from the community for outstanding LBCC alumni to be considered for the annual Distinguished Alumni Award. Established in 2005, the Distinguished Alumni Award honors alumni who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in their professions and/or through service to their communities. Selected alumni have made a significant contribution to LBCC, the community, the nation or education over a period of time, and completed a minimum of 36 credits at LBCC.

The awards recognize alumni excellence, engage alumni with the college and Foundation, and inspire faculty, staff, students and community by spotlighting the service and achievements of LBCC alumni. Thirty-five alumni have been named Distinguish Alumni. 2018 Distinguished Alumni will receive their awards at the Honors Reception on Wednesday, April 25, 7 p.m., in the Commons. They are also recognized during Commencement on June 22.

This year, I am recommending the LBCC Board of Education approve two people for the LBCC Distinguished Alumni Award: Rachel Bristol and Michael Quiner.

Rachel Bristol has been an outstanding leader in efforts to alleviate hunger throughout Oregon. Her abilities as a problem solver and a community organizer helped her merge Oregon Food Share and the Interagency Food Bank in Portland to form the Oregon Food Bank. She became executive director in 1990 and CEO in 1995. Under her leadership, the Oregon Food Network tripled the amount of food it distributed by the time she retired in 2012. She led fundraising campaigns that expanded facilities and equipment that allowed it to go from serving 200,000 people per year to serving more than 1 million people.

The Oregon Food Bank was twice named Oregon Most Admired Non-Profit while Rachel was its leader. She was also named Most Admired Non-Profit Executive in Oregon in 2009, and a University of Oregon Distinguished Alumna the same year.

Since her retirement she has done consulting work in part to help feed the hungry, volunteers for the Moore Institute of Nutrition and Wellness at the Oregon Health Sciences University, and is involved with her neighborhood organization's emergency response and safety teams.

She attended LBCC from 1977 to 1979, before transferring to the University of Oregon.

Michael Quiner is a leader focused on combining technology and education to support communities of learning. Throughout his career, his leadership and innovative approach have moved various institutions to higher levels of technological excellence. Michael focuses on the practical integration of technology with a continual set of goals: to make learning better, increase administrative operation efficiency and make technology logical and user friendly.

Michael's journey began as a computer lab manager while he was a student at LBCC. He followed that with positions at Willamette University, Cal State Chico, and Whitman College in Walla Walla. His journey now comes full circle as the Director of Instructional Technology at LBCC.

Michael makes a direct and significant contribution to LBCC's highest priorities through technology – from master planning to bringing people together to make new goals happen. His leadership is always aimed at working for better solutions, how to use software to be more efficient for students, and the wise use of campus resources. His efforts touch everything from campus IT plans, technology for universal accessibility with students with disabilities, to security and data security that are above national standards.

Michael sees how people interact with technology, not just the technology itself. He is compassionate and loved by his staff, making those around him better by showing rather than telling. He is always looking forward, thinking outside the box, and seeking ways to follow future trends.

Michael has served as the chair of several regional professional organizations. He has also been well received at multiple professional conferences using his unique brand of humor and outdoor metaphors to instruct, motivate, and educate technology professionals to better serve their educational partners.

Not one to stay locked in an office, Michael has been a volunteer with his church for more than 35 years, and has been taking kids to the great outdoors as a Boy Scout volunteer for than a quarter century.

Michael attended LBCC from 1989-90 and earned an Associate of Arts in Oregon Transfer Degree, then went on to Linfield College for a Bachelor of Science-Business in Information systems. Michael then undertook graduate studies at Cal State in Instructional Technology.