



BMCC PENDLETON

2411 NW Carden Ave. ♦ PO Box 100 ♦ Pendleton, OR 97801  
(541) 276-1260 ♦ [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu)

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 25, 2017

*Contact: Casey White-Zollman, Vice President of Public Relations  
541-278-5839, [cwhitezollman@bluecc.edu](mailto:cwhitezollman@bluecc.edu)*

## BMCC to celebrate FARM grand opening Thursday

PENDLETON, Ore. – Blue Mountain Community College (BMCC) will host a grand opening celebration for its new agriculture complex – the Facility for Agricultural Resource Management, or FARM – this Thursday, Sept. 28, at 4:30-6:30 p.m. on the Pendleton campus, 2411 NW Carden Ave.

The event is open to the public, and includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony assisted by the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce at around 5 p.m. BMCC President Cam Preus will speak, as will Board of Education Chair Chris Brown and BMCC agriculture faculty. Light refreshments and tours of the new facility will be available.

The facility was made possible through a voter-approved bond in May 2015, and cost \$6.3 million to construct, including \$2.1 million of state match and Lottery funds. It is the last of the three major bond construction projects to reach completion, following the opening of the Workforce Training Center in Boardman in early April and the Precision Irrigated Agriculture Center located at the Oregon State University Hermiston Agriculture Research and Extension Center in late-July.

Other improvements funded by the bond were completed on the Pendleton campus last summer and this summer for renovated student use spaces, safety and security improvements, and HVAC/electrical updates. A renovation at the BMCC Milton-Freewater Center was also completed this summer.

Thursday's grand opening will coincide with the opening reception for a special exhibit at BMCC's Betty Feves Memorial Art Gallery, also from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The Gallery will exclusively host Oregon State University's Art About Ag: "Places to Thrive" exhibit through Oct. 26. The exhibition features fine art by professional and emerging Pacific Northwest artists that is inspired by, based on and portraying agriculture and this year's theme of "Places to Thrive." Event attendees are encouraged to stop by the Gallery following the FARM grand opening celebration.

###

BMCC BAKER COUNTY  
3275 Baker St.  
Baker City, OR 97814  
(541) 523-9127

BMCC HERMISTON  
975 SE Columbia Dr.  
Hermiston, OR 97838  
(541) 567-1800

BMCC MILTON-FREEWATER  
311 N Columbia Dr.  
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862  
(541) 938-7176

BMCC MORROW COUNTY  
PO Box 939/300 NE Front St.  
Boardman, OR 97818  
(541) 481-2099