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## Why BMCC? Poster contest spurs creativity in Morrow County students

MORROW COUNTY, Ore. – Why BMCC? That's the question Blue Mountain Community College asks students in Morrow County who participated in a poster contest to show why students choose to attend BMCC after high school graduation. One contest entry was selected from three participating Morrow County high schools, with the winner taking home \$250. The posters will be used for marketing purposes for BMCC. The scholarships were funded by the BMCC Foundation Board's discretionary fund.

Each poster entry was required to contain creative original artwork and text designed to answer the question of why students should consider attending BMCC upon graduation. The contest was the brainchild of Morrow County residents and longtime BMCC supporters Chris Brown and Louis Carlson. Their hope was that the contest would inspire a thoughtful process for students to consider BMCC as an option after high school, as well as to enable a student's parents to better understand the opportunities for tuition cost savings, workforce training opportunities and a jump-start on a four-year degree at a local community college.

Contest winners include:

- Demi Schmidt, Olivia Schmidt, Katlyn Harper and Marissa McKague – Heppner High School
- Brittany Zuercher – Irrigon High School
- Dixie Gonzalez – Riverside High School

Thank you to all of the contest entrants!

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