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### **University of Oregon President Scholz Awarded First-Ever Emerald Award for Leadership**

EUGENE, ORE. — University of Oregon President Karl Scholz will be awarded as the first-ever recipient of the Emerald Award for Leadership at downtown's Graduate Hotel on Feb. 22 by The Eugene Chamber of Commerce.

The Emerald Award for Leadership is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated innovative, initiative-driven leadership in the community. The Chamber Board of Directors decided to create this new award to honor an individual who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to address important social issues in Lane County. President Scholz's work as an economist and leadership at the University of Oregon the past year has demonstrated his commitment to the region.

Brittany Quick-Warner, president of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, was the first to notify President Scholz of his achievement. Quick-Warner expressed the Chamber's appreciation for his work, and the impact he has made on higher education. "Karl is a shining example of how leaders promote issues of great relevancy to people living in our community. His additional work as president for the University of Oregon further demonstrates his commitment to the region," Quick-Warner said.

President Scholz first took on the role at the university in 2023, addressing important social issues in Lane County and its surrounding regions. "I'm honored to be the first recipient of this award, and I appreciate the Chamber Board of Directors for recognizing me with my work relating to financial barriers in higher education," Scholz said.

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### **About the Eugene Chamber of Commerce**

As a non-profit organization, the Eugene Chamber of Commerce is guided by a board of directors made up of local business owners. Through strategic initiatives and advocacy efforts, the Chamber serves as a catalyst for business success. While they focus on bringing the community together, their main goal is to support their impact on advocacy and economic development.

**About the University of Oregon**

Founded in 1876, the University of Oregon is a leading institution of higher education tucked into the scenic Willamette Valley. As a member of the Association of American Universities, it is one of the top 71 research universities in the nation. With a diverse campus culture, the university provides students with a transformative learning experience.