

# **2024 OASSA Election Candidates**

COSA President-Elect:

Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD

### OASSA President-Elect:

Amy Skirvin, Principal, Waldport Middle/High School, Lincoln County SD

### Eastern Region Representative:

Molly Smith, Principal, Powder Valley School, North Powder SD

## Vice/Assistant Principals Representative:

Nicole Hilton, Assistant Principal, St. Helens High School, St. Helens SD

## NASSP Coordinator:

Ryan Gerry, Principal, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School, Morrow County SD



## Kimberly Miles, Principal, East Gresham Elementary/Gresham-Barlow SD

Running for the position of COSA President-Elect presents a unique opportunity to contribute significantly to the advancement of education in Oregon. Being a part of COSA provides a platform to collaborate with other passionate education leaders, share best practices, and drive positive change in the educational landscape. Ultimately, running for this position aligns with my commitment to serving the education community and making a meaningful difference in the lives of students and educators across Oregon.

As COSA President-Elect, my primary goal is to further the mission of COSA by facilitating collaborative planning of professional learning experiences for Oregon administrators. These opportunities will serve as platforms for educators to connect, exchange ideas, and enhance their leadership skills. By fostering a culture of shared learning and leadership, we can continue to advocate for schools, support staff, and ultimately, improve outcomes for students across the state

As a learner who leads, I have held various leadership roles and served on several committees, showcasing my dedication to education and continuous improvement:

Current President of OESPA, demonstrating my commitment to advocating for educational excellence at both the state and local levels.

Experience as a School Improvement Collaborator, where I have worked collaboratively with colleagues to identify and implement strategies for enhancing school performance.

Shared Leadership Facilitator, facilitating collaborative decision-making processes to empower stakeholders and foster a culture of shared responsibility.

Early Reading Systems Specialist, specializing in implementing effective reading programs and interventions to

support early literacy development.

Successful facilitation of a federally funded turnaround school through the Oregon Department of Education, showcasing my ability to lead transformative initiatives and drive positive change within schools.

These roles and experiences highlight my diverse skill set, passion for education, and commitment to serving students, educators, and communities.

## Amy Skirvin, Principal, Waldport Middle/High School, Lincoln County SD

I have been serving as the Middle Level Representative for the past two years. I have a passion for teaching and learning as well as mentoring aspiring administrators. I enjoy the OASSA executive committee and would be honored to serve as the president-elect.

I have been attending the NASSP regional meetings and learning from other state associations. I'm hoping to continue our work to build OASSA as a resource and mentorship for all secondary administrators. I believe in the power of networking and professional development.

Middle Level Representative, NASSAP Regional Meetings & Advocacy Conference



### Molly Smith, Principal, Powder Valley School, North Powder SD

I have appreciated being a part of this group, and giving a voice from the Eastern side of the state. I believe that small schools are unique, and thus having a group to share and problem solve with is invaluable. I would love to continue in this role.

As a member of this committee, my hope is to offer support to all administrators throughout the state, but especially the ones in my region. Our work can be fulfilling, but also stressful. Having a group one can turn to for support is imperative.

Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics President, Vice-President, and Representative, YMCA Board Member, Inquiry Outside of the Cube Chairperson, Northwest Math Conference Executive Committee, Math Cadre member for ODE, as well as many local committees.



## Nicole Hilton, Assistant Principal, St. Helens High School, St. Helens SD

I seek to collaborate with others and represent secondary administrators with a focus on equity. I am passionate about advocating for historically silenced populations.

I hope to collaborate with others and be a voice for my community.

I have been part of OABE and worked on the ELPA21 panel with ODE. I have 8 years experience as an administrator and 26 years in education.

## Ryan Gerry, Principal, Heppner Jr./Sr. High School, Morrow County SD



In my pursuit of the NASSP State Representative role, I aim to uphold the responsibility of championing the voices of secondary principals and school leaders across Oregon on a national platform, dedicated to enhancing and supporting secondary education.

My goal is to collaborate with COSA and secondary principals to strengthen advocacy efforts and broaden the network of advocates in our state. I aim to facilitate seamless communication of information that is disseminated from a national level.

Over the past 8 years, I have had the opportunity to serve on the OASSA Executive Committee in various roles. I started as the 1A/2A Representative, then moved on to become the president-elect, served as the president for two years, and am currently fulfilling the role of the past-president. Additionally, I dedicated three years to serving on the COSA Board and am now actively serving as the NASSP State Representative.