National Disability Employment Awareness Month

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Peer2Peer

An award-winning employment mentorship program for students with disabilities

Celebrating Value and Talent

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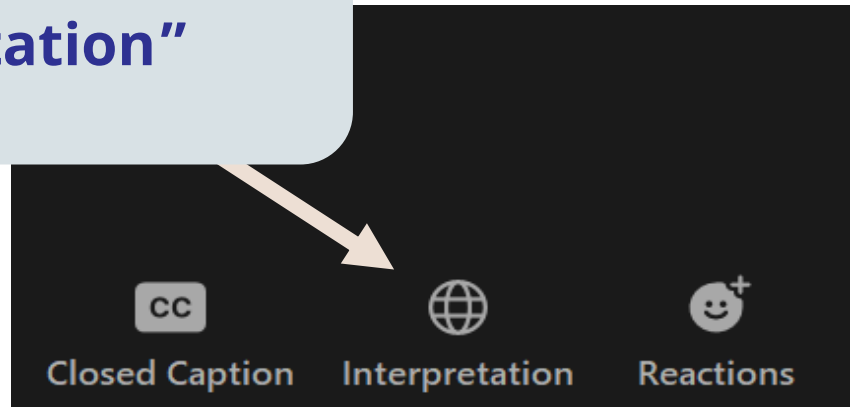
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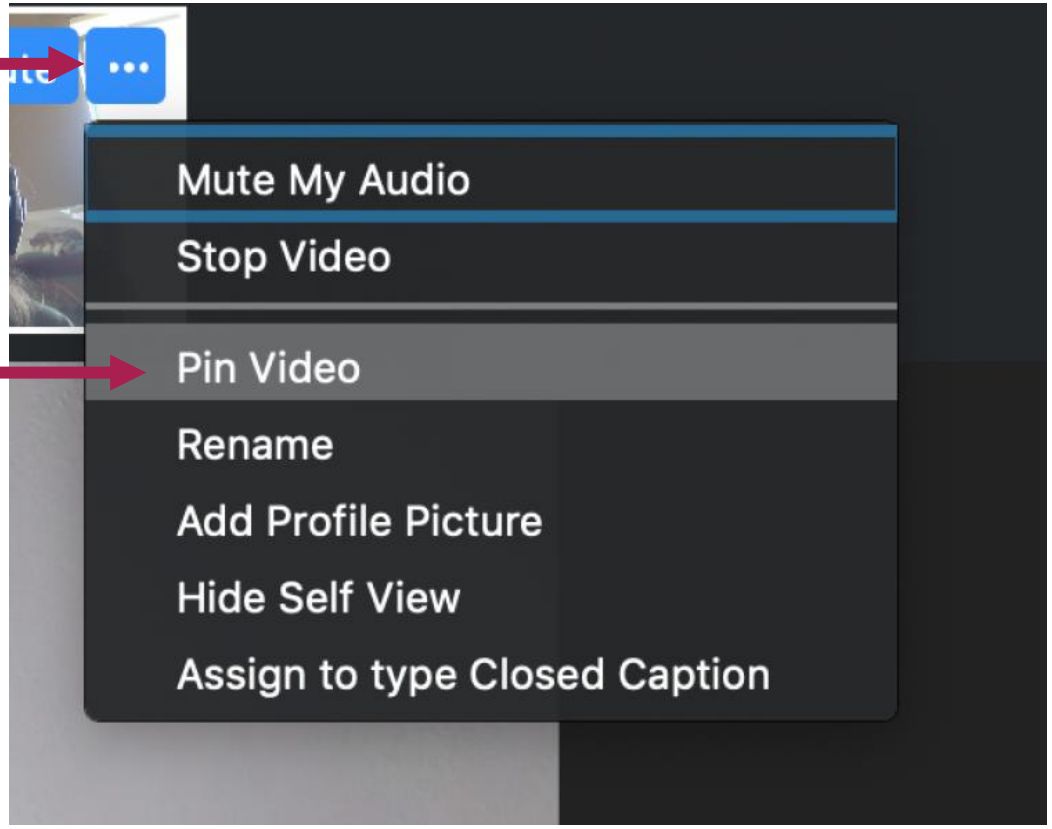


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"Oregon reaffirms its commitment to expanding access to good jobs, career pathways, and economic opportunity for all Oregonians,
including people with disabilities."

Governor's proclamation

Welcome and introductory remarks



Ramonda Olaloye

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Today’s presenters

Leadership Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Ramonda Olaloye, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities, Oregon Department of Education

Moderator

Josh Barbour, Transition Network Facilitator

Panelists

Les Rogers, Transition Network Facilitator

Amber Gries, YMCA of Douglas County

Cyn Demers, Development and Communications Manager, Saving Grace Humane Society

Josh Sturholm, Saving Grace Humane Society, Volunteer Coordinator

Beth Hunter, Youth Development Mentor Douglas Education Service District

Peer2Peer: Award-Winning Program

Program Description: Summer Work Experience Program in which peer mentors trained in job coaching support mentees on IEP or 504 plans in a paid summer work experience for 60 hrs.

Funding structure: Currently funded through Youth Development Oregon Job and Workforce Readiness Grant

Organizations involved: Douglas ESD, South Umpqua High School, Sutherlin High School many businesses throughout Central and Southern Douglas County, additional school districts pending for year 6 of Peer2Peer in 2027

Program's Future:

- Integration of the ODDS Supported Employment Curriculum
- Mentors complete the program with all required Job Coach training
- Mentorship framework
- Dual Credit certificate through local community colleges

Resources: Peer2Peer Article and Podcast



Questions and discussion

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NDEAM Webinar Schedule 2026

OCT 6	Lunch and Learn for Business: Celebrating Talent and Transforming Workplaces
OCT 13	Oregon as a Model Employer: Promoting Employment and Career Advancement for People with Disabilities in State and Local Government
OCT 20	What is Ableism and Why it Matters in the Workplace
OCT 27	Technology in Employment: How assistive technology and AI can support people with disabilities at work
NOV 7	Peer2Peer: An Award-Winning Employment Mentorship Program

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