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Hello UOCOE,

At the [College of Education \(COE\)](#), we believe in the power of opportunity to transform lives. Your support enables students, faculty, and alumni to reach new heights in their professional journeys, from groundbreaking research to preparing inclusive educators. This winter, we're highlighting the incredible impact of your generosity —thank you for being a vital part of our mission to shape the future of education.

Preparing Future Teachers: Alumni Focus: Mo Olguin, M.S. '22

As an outdoor instructor for Whole Earth Nature School, Mo Olguin, M.S. '22, Special Education, found joy in guiding diverse groups of children and young adults through new and sometimes uncomfortable experiences in nature. To create a classroom environment where youth celebrate their multi-faceted identities, Mo pursued a degree in Special Education, supported by the R.H. & Jane Logan Scholarship. Mo shares why diversity in Special Education is important in this Instagram post.



"I became a special educator so I can cultivate an inclusive and compassionate classroom culture where students feel comfortable to be their unique selves and celebrate their diversity."

-Mo Olguin, M.S. '22 Special Education

[Hear More from Mo Olguin](#)



The University of Oregon College of Education is pleased to welcome seven new tenure-track faculty members this year: Sarah Kate Bearman, Sofia Benson-Goldberg, Maithreyi Gopalan, Cindy Huang, Ashley Linden-Carmichael, Kristin Perry, and Amanda Tachine.

Investing in Excellence: How Donors Support New Faculty Success

This academic year, the College is welcoming seven new tenure-track faculty, including Assistant Professor **Sofia Benson-Goldberg, PhD**, supported by the Fairway Endowed Faculty and Outreach Fund. She is collaborating with clinical professors in Communications Disorders and Sciences, **Jeanine Brush** and **Miyoko Patricelli** on *AAC Storytime*, a project improving early literacy and communication for children using augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) systems. This initiative will train graduate students to implement evidence-based interventions and equip caregivers to support children's language development at home, exemplifying how new faculty and donor support drive innovation and meaningful impact.

Startup costs covered by funds such as the Fairway Faculty and Outreach Fund are essential for recruiting exceptional talent. This donor support ensures the College of Education can attract and retain top-tier faculty through competitive startup packages, facilitating the securing of external grants and enabling faculty to remain at the College to advance impactful work.

[Read More About the COE's New Faculty Cohort](#)



Oregon150: Leading the Charge for Student Success in 2025

The Oregon150 Student Success Initiative is transforming how the College of Education prepares future leaders in education and human services. By increasing financial support through the COE General Scholarship fund, this initiative helps **recruit** students through increased tuition support, **retain** them through financial hardships, and **ready** them to enter the workforce by covering fees such as licensure. Your generosity is essential to expand our capacity to support future professionals in education.

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