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Student advocates give award to Girod

Salem, OR – The Oregon Student Association has given its "Golden Clipboard" award to Senator Fred Girod (R-Stayton) for his advocacy on behalf of higher education and student issues.

"I believe that affordable access to a quality college education is one of the most important keys to pursuing and achieving the American Dream," said Girod. "Skyrocketing tuition is a daunting barrier to entry that is keeping more and more would-be students from entering school. It is an issue I'm very passionate about, because I know what a college education did for me."

The Oregon Student Association (OSA) is a statewide, student-led advocacy and organizing non-profit which was established to represent, serve, and protect the collective interests of students in postsecondary education in Oregon. They advocate for issues such as affordable education, childcare, tuition equity, and campus governance.

Girod has been a tireless champion of lower tuition rates and making education more affordable to more students. Girod is concerned that students are graduating from college with an average debt of \$25,000 and climbing. He wants to see the state make a greater investment in Oregon's higher education system in order to lower tuition rates and the overall costs of attending college.

Fred Girod is a dentist and small business owner. He has served in the Oregon State Senate since 2008, where he has been a passionate voice for rural Oregon, taxpayers and natural resource based small businesses. Girod believes that government should do more with less, and has worked hard to make sure Oregon families have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed.