Oregon State University
Alumni Association

Joan Austin Honorary Alumni Award

Sponsored by the OSU Alumni Association | **Nominations due May 1, 2026**

Established by the Oregon State University Alumni Association in 2005 and permanently renamed the Joan ("Jo-Anne") Austin Honorary Alumni Award in 2014, this award recognizes those who have contributed greatly to OSU and the Alumni Association, yet have not received a degree from OSU. Like its first recipient and eventual namesake, these individuals have given so tirelessly of their time and resources to the university that it is obvious that they are Beavers at heart.

One of Oregon State's most beloved friends and supporters, Joan ("Jo-Anne") Austin died June 5, 2013, in Newberg, Oregon, where she lived with her husband of nearly 60 years, Ken Austin, a 1954 alumnus. The Austins co-founded A-dec, the world's largest privately-owned dental equipment manufacturing company, and when they found themselves able to help meet critical needs in society, in their hometown, and at Ken's alma mater, they did so with great enthusiasm and generosity. Austin Hall, the new home of the OSU College of Business, bears their name.

Eligibility Considerations:

- Any non-alumni of Oregon State University.
- Integrity of recipient must be of such high quality as to inspire others to emulate the standards Joan Austin represents.
- In addition, please highlight how your nominees' service and accomplishments relate to one or more of the following areas:
- Supported and/or activated change within industry, local community and/or OSU community in respect to diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice.
- Supported governmental and community advocacy efforts for Oregon State University, OSU Alumni Association and/or OSU Foundation's education efforts, research and programs.
- Supported students and graduates with career advice and connections to alumni, donors and friends and/or providing their career expertise to university leadership, faculty and staff to guide outreach and educational efforts of the OSU community.
- Supported engagement activities designed to cultivate stewardship and donations, and/or help to strengthen the OSU community.

Those Ineligible for Nominations:

- A candidate for any public office.
- Anyone currently serving as a member of the OSU Board of Trustees, OSU Alumni Board of Directors or OSU Foundation Board of Trustees; and/or an OSU Alumni Association, OSU Foundation, INTO OSU or Oregon State University employee.

Nominations:

- Nominations for the award are encouraged from any source.
- All nominations shall be kept confidential.
- If a nominee is not selected the first year they are nominated their file will remain active for two years following their nomination.

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Deadline: May 1, 2026

Who would you like to nominate for this award:

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home address: _____

Primary Phone: _____ **Alternative Phone:** _____

LinkedIn: _____

Who is making this nomination:

Name: _____

OSU Dept: _____

Email address: _____

Primary/ Work Phone: _____ **Mobile Phone:** _____

Please include with your nomination:

- This nomination cover page
- A letter of nomination which includes the reason this person was chosen to be nominated and how they meet all the award criteria.
- Current resume or vitae
- Other supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, links to videos and/or presentations with a short summary describing the content for each link, letters of reference, etc.

Email documents in one message to osualum@osualum.com with subject line: Black and Orange Awards or send paper files to: OSU Alumni Association, 204 CH2M HILL Alumni Center, Corvallis, OR 97331.

Additional notes about nominations:

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