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To the EOP Family,

We were so saddened to learn of the recent passing of Dr. Larry Griggs. He had been at OSU since 1972, completing his doctorate and going on to lead the [Educational Opportunities Program](#) for 22 years. Dr. Griggs served as a campus leader, a role model, and an example of how we can provide the best support possible for students, especially those who have not had the same advantages as others. His goal was to “level the playing field” for students of color, those who are the first generation in their families to attend college or on financial aid, students from rural backgrounds, veterans, students with disabilities . . .

Larry not only provided leadership within EOP but also across the campus and around the state. He served on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and was integral in starting many important initiatives which had long-lasting effects on the curriculum, policies, and procedures of Oregon State. All who knew him, including decades of alumni spread across the country, mourn his passing and are saddened by such a loss.

EOP is developing plans to commemorate Larry’s many contributions. We will be announcing opportunities to join others in remembering his life and work.

One of the best ways to honor Larry would be to donate to the Larry Griggs Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship support for EOP students. Please see this

link: <https://securelb.imodules.com/s/359/foundation/index.aspx?sid=359&gid=34&pgid=1982&cid=3007&bledit=1&dids=869>

As Larry himself said and truly believed, it is essential to support students in reaching their goals because “that is the only way we can we can really change things in the world.”



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“Helping Students Thrive: Supporting Student Development; Celebrating Student Success”