

# IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS &amp; COMMISSIONERS

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 26, March 2026

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

We hear it everywhere: in an era of automation and AI, human connection is critical. It is essential that we prioritize being together in person and — as Michelle Price shared so poignantly in our recent Common Thread conversation — that we model the strength of those relationships for the next generation.

This is the leadership our future workforce needs from us. I feel privileged to work alongside you and to see you showing up for one another whenever and however you can. Your commitment to being present is what makes this system work, and I'm looking forward to seeing that energy continue as we head into the busy months ahead.

Thank you for all you do,



Lisa Romine, CEO

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## Recognition Banquet

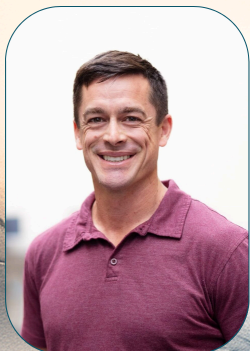
**It only happens every two years. And it's next week!**

It's almost time for the SkillSource 35th Recognition Banquet. We'll see you at Confluence Technology Center in Wenatchee for an in-person board meeting at 4:30 pm. Followed by a catered dinner and awards presentation at 6 pm. The evening will conclude by 9 pm.

We are looking forward to celebrating with you!



## Weaving Our Common Threads



*Thank you  
Tad & Michelle!*



**COMMONTHREAD**

### Human Connection

Thank you to Tad and Michelle for joining in the conversation last Friday! These common threads of personal histories and partnerships are what weave the fabric of our regional workforce system. Grateful for your time, passion, and service on the SkillSource board.

[Watch & Share the Video](#)

# COMMON THREAD

Stories and perspectives that connect  
our regional workforce system.



**Randy Curry**  
IBEU #191



**Augustine Gallegos**  
Teamsters 760



**Nate Mack**  
LiUNA 348

**Friday May 15, 2026**

**11 - 11:45 AM**

**[Zoom Link → skillsource.org/events](https://skillsource.org/events)**

## Common Thread: May Conversation

**Friday, May 15, 2026 | 11:00–11:45 AM**

Featuring Randy Curry, Augustine Gallegos, and Nate Mack

Mark your calendar for our third Common Thread conversation coming up in May with voices from Labor: **Randy**, **Augustine**, and **Nate**. Please share the invitation with your staff and network.

The Zoom link is available on the SkillSource calendar:

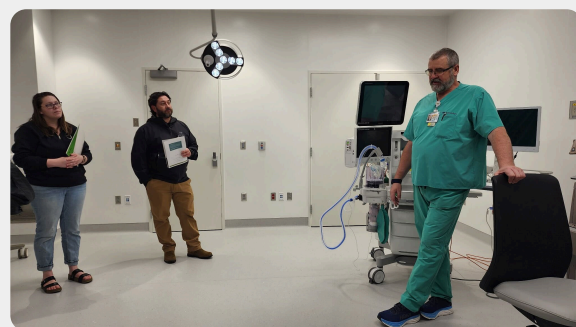
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## Business After Hours: Samaritan Hospital

Modern healthcare doesn't fit inside a 1950s footprint. A recent tour of the new Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake made it clear that the future has arrived. Thank you to the Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce for giving us a look inside this impressive facility. The staff's pride in this new space is clear and well-deserved, and their partnership with

SkillSource is a vital part of the local talent pipeline. In the last five years alone, Samaritan has hired nearly 30 nurses supported through SkillSource. It was a great chance to see up close both the physical infrastructure of care and the people who provide it, and to imagine the expanded care and career opportunities that the new hospital brings to the region.



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## Making Career Connections



### Meeting People in Person

The value of an in-person hiring event is more than the sum of its parts. People find good jobs. They learn about community resources. Partnerships are strengthened. And the awareness increases about how we work together. Kudos to the Grant-Adams team and partners for coordinating the recent hiring event in Othello! It was a solid turn out, and so great to see current and past SkillSource board members there to meet people in person.

**UPCOMING:** Spring into Summer Hiring Event, **March 27th**, 10 am - 2 pm at WorkSource Wenatchee, 270 9th St NE, East Wenatchee.



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Thank you for engaging with this month's issue of In The Loop! Want to peek at past issues? You can find them and more on the [Board page of the website](#). If there is anything you need, please reply to this email, or [reach out to Kelli](#) at any time.

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