

## **Report to Oregon Sheep Commission on Oregon Make It With Wool Funding for 2018-19**

The Oregon Make it With Wool contest held in The Dalles, OR on October 27, 2018, was extremely successful and one of the best. We had 43 entries from across Oregon and, with only a few cancellations, we ended with 38 participants for the contest itself. Of course, our pre-teen group is always the largest and surprisingly, we had quite a few adults.

The judges were very impressed and had some deliberations in a few of the groups, which means we have quite the number of talented individuals in Oregon. We were fortunate to have a modeling workshop for the contestants, which was led by one of the junior contestants, Hannah Mansur from Prineville.

After a busy morning we broke for lunch, for which I provided a hearty, fall meal. We had potato soup, ham and beans with salad and cookies for dessert. Some parents chipped in and made some cookies and rolls to compliment our meal. Looking back, it would have been a nice touch to be able to have a potluck lunch where we could mingle and enjoy each others company over good food.

After lunch was the fashion judging, before we headed into the evening's fashion show. Kip Krebs, OSGA Vice President, joined us for a fabulous evening. Our top winners were as follows:

Pre-Teen:	Tora Jo Timinsky of The Dalles
Junior:	Becca Ziegler of Cloverdale
Senior:	Caitlin McCabe of West Linn
Adult:	Mingaile Simenate of Portland

Becca, Caitlin and Mingaile represented Oregon very well on the national level. Mingaile placed second in the adult contest with her jumpsuit. The judges were excited to see the creative use of her thrift store wool fabric and the incredible attention to detail. Becca and Caitlin traveled to New Orleans for the National Competition and had a fabulous time going to Mardi Gras World and a ferry ride down the river. The comments on their scoresheets were very positive. Both girls made new friends and came back inspired with new ideas.

It is sad to say that I am unable to continue with the Oregon Make it With Wool Contest, but Jana Webb, the new director, will be a great new addition to the contest.

Thank you, Oregon Sheep Commission for your continued support of the contest and of my self for the last six years. Your contributions to the Oregon Contest have helped many young people grow and succeed in the contest, as well as develop as individuals.

Sincerely,  
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Former Oregon Make it With Wool Director