

## **OREGON TECH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (Table 7.3)**

### **Background**

Established in 1949, the Oregon Tech Alumni Association seeks to provide alumni a worldwide network that strengthens friendships and promotes OIT as a premier learning institution. Membership is free and open to all graduates of Oregon Technical Institute and Oregon Institute of Technology, and is available to any former student who wishes to be a member. Chartered in 1989 under the Oregon Tech Foundation, the Association is led by an appointed advisory board in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations.

Approximately 50% of OIT alumni reside in Oregon, followed by population centers in Washington, California, Idaho, Alaska, Nevada and Arizona. Alumni can be found in almost every state as well as Asia, Europe and the Middle East.

### **Activities and Involvement**

The Association and the Office of Alumni Relations offer many valuable programs and services to involve alumni in the college and with each other. Social and educational events like reunions, career networking receptions, continuing education courses and legislative activities help foster the feeling of community and further cultivate the alumni to support the school long after they graduate.

The Association's most prestigious award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, is presented annually during commencement ceremonies to honor a graduate who has made significant contributions to their profession, community and college. The 2000 award was given to Calvin "Cal" Caldwell, '81 Computer Systems Engineering Technology.

### **Partnerships**

The Office of Alumni Relations partners with several other colleges departments in order to provide a wider spectrum of programs and services to OIT graduates. Our partnership with the Office of Career Services led to the creation of the Alumni Mentor Index (A.M.I.) in 1999. Designed to promote career advice and friendships between graduates and students, the program will help the alumni and students feel connected to each other and to the college. In addition, the Office of Career Services offers many valuable services free of charge to alumni, including resume assistance, job postings, and job searches. Many alumni return to campus each year as corporate recruiters as well, continuing the tradition of providing excellent job opportunities to OIT graduates.

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**Oregon Tech Alumni Advisory Board  
2000**

Michael Cuddy, '86, <i>Chair</i>	Las Vegas, Nevada
John Duarte, '87	Klamath Falls, Oregon
Tim Kent, '71	Vancouver, Washington
Carl Keyes, '86	Pleasanton, California
Bill Lewis, '83	Klamath Falls, Oregon
Christine Milne, '97	Portland, Oregon
Jeff Sahr, '78, <i>Chair-Elect</i>	Littleton, Colorado
Tony Thomas, '85	Spokane, Washington

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