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Bushnell University fosters wisdom, faith, and service through excellent academic programs within a Christ-centered community.

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Evening of Tribute 2022

THE BEACON AWARDS

Tuesday, November 15th

**Welcome
Special Music
Presentation of Awards:
Northwest Community Credit Union
Trace Skopil
Gabe Piechowicz '19
The Beacon Fund**

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2022 Beacon Award Recipients



Northwest Community Credit Union

Northwest Community Credit Union was founded in 1949 by six Weyerhaeuser employees who wanted to start a fund to help friends in need. Their \$50 seed money was the inspiration for the Eugene-based organization which now serves over 100,000 members across 14 branches and manages assets of over \$1.6 billion. NWCU is a not-for-profit financial cooperative committed to superior service, compassion and loyalty to its members. The organization strives to help each family find resources to improve their financial future and is unwavering in its desire to treat everyone with courtesy, dignity, and

respect. Creating a work environment in which employees can flourish personally and professionally is a key value, as is the desire to help the local community thrive.

NWCU has been deeply invested in Oregon through several service and philanthropy programs. Project Community is NWCU's annual mini-grant program dedicated to helping educate youth. Grants fund materials and resources local schools for projects aimed at inspiring student engagement and learning. Their two college scholarship programs provide awards to over 20 students annually, and students are chosen for their dedication to their community. The credit union also hosts Financial Reality Fairs at schools to increase financial literacy. NWCU is also a committed sponsor of multiple nonprofit organizations all over the state of Oregon with an emphasis on youth education/development and community sustainability programs which provide support for those assisting people in need.

Trace Skopil

President, TPS Consulting, Inc.
Retired Partner, Moss Adams LLP

Trace Skopil has forty years of accounting and finance experience in a variety of positions and organizations. Most of his experience is with Moss Adams, LLP, the 11th largest CPA firm in the United States and headquartered in Seattle, Washington. He worked in the Eugene, Oregon office for almost thirty years and retired in October 2018 with almost twenty years as an audit partner. The last four years Skopil was the Partner in Charge in Eugene, managing an office of 65 people and actively participated in the regionalization of the three Oregon offices in Eugene, Portland, and Medford. Prior to Moss Adams in Eugene, Skopil served as CFO at BodyWear in Seattle, and Finance Manager at Esprit de Corp in San Francisco.



Skopil has served on numerous board of directors including the Greater Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, the University of Oregon Accounting Advisory Board, the Moss Adams Endowment Board, Oregon Bach Festival, Eastside Faith Center Church Council, and Birth to Three (now known as Parenting Now).

Skopil was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon and a graduate of Sheldon High School and the University of Oregon with degrees in Accounting and Finance. He was awarded the University of Oregon Beta Alpha Psi (accounting honor society) Professional of the Year in 2008.

Trace and Lisa will have been married for 37 years next month and are parents of Erik and Bekah.



Gabe Piechowicz '19

Pastor, Everyone Church

Gabe Piechowicz '19 is the leader of Everyone Church, an innovative ministry in west Eugene, Oregon. The Church does not hold worship services, but – instead – serves the needs of the unhoused through the work of Everyone Village. The Village is a holistic community that does more than simply provide shelter to previously unhoused individuals.

With wrap-around services provided by more than 70 partner organizations (business, government, non-profits, and the faith community), Villagers are able to

take positive steps that will help them flourish: physically, mentally, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually.

Piechowicz uses approachable language and practices spiritual consent, not discussing spirituality until the other person broaches it. And he is clear that his job is to walk with people on their journey, not to judge where they are.

As for the life-changing work, his approach is simple: remind people of their inherent value enough to get them to contribute and then they will see the value come back to them. Even with those in the depths of their use, he is clear that they still deserve acceptance: "You can affirm humanity without condoning behavior."

Piechowicz is a 2019 graduate of Bushnell University and previously has worked as a professional logger, a track coach, and an overseer of homeless camps. Gabe and his wife, Gina, have three children: Athens, Sahalie, and Penelope.

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500+ students from Oregon



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June 10, 2022 *Engaging People* Event at Bushnell University

The Center for Leadership and Ethics (CLE) hosts events throughout the year to support ethical leadership in Lane County.

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March 9, 2022 *Champions of Wellness* Event at The Community Room of Northwest Community Credit Union

The Beacon Fund

Evening of Tribute supports the Beacon Fund for student scholarships. Donors to Bushnell University are investing in the lives of students. Gifts to the Beacon Fund help keep a Bushnell education within reach for students.

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