

**WILLAMETTE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY RECEIVES DONATION OF \$5,000 FROM
MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS OF EUGENE**

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Willamette Leadership Academy is pleased to announce it has received a \$5,000 donation from McDonald's Restaurants of Eugene. This money will be used to establish a Uniform Fund. Uniforms are an essential part of Willamette Leadership Academy, providing the opportunity for our cadets to learn uniformity, pride in personal appearance, and is a unique aspect of the structure and equity of our program. McDonald's Restaurants of Eugene generous donation will provide uniforms for families who are in need of financial assistance.

Directly following Second Battalion's Promotion and Awards ceremony, which starts at 8:45 AM on April 18th, McDonald's Restaurant of Eugene will present a check in the amount of \$5,000 for Willamette Leadership Academy's Uniform Fund. The presentation will take place at Willamette Leadership Academy 2nd Battalion, 91166 Sunderman Rd., Springfield, OR 97478.

Willamette Leadership Academy is a public charter school, chartered with Springfield School District. We serve approximately 300 students in grades 6 through 12. Our students come from a number of districts throughout Lane County and beyond, including Cottage Grove, Creswell, Eugene, Bethel, Springfield, Fern Ridge, Lebanon, and Salem. Our graduation rate for the 2017-2018 school year was 72%, with a 5 Year Completion Rate of 85%. For the current school year, we are on track to have 91% of our senior class graduate with a 5 year Completion Rate of 86.9%. Willamette Leadership Academy's goals include preparing students with rigorous academic curriculum and valuable life skills such as confidence, leadership, problem solving, and accountability, as well as career and college readiness skills.

As a community partner, McDonald's Restaurants of Eugene supported WLA this year with incentives for students for regular school attendance. This additional donation directly benefits our families and goes above and beyond the call of duty.

We are extremely grateful for McDonald's Restaurants of Eugene and Patti Sanders' generosity and commitment to education.