



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Have you met Washington Representative Gina Mosbrucker? A Co-Chair of the CSG West Workforce Development Committee, she will work with New Mexico Senator Benny Shendo to facilitate member dialogue and collaborative solutions to issues faced throughout the region. We look forward to supporting the committee's efforts in the coming years.

WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE EMERGING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE WEST?

As we move out of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to rebuild our economy with new ideas and innovation. America needs to get back to work with a more flexible and equitable workforce. To accomplish this, we need to be focused on several key areas:

- Business engagement on skill sets needed by employers focused on both degreed education and trade skill specialties
- Embrace lifelong learning and cross-training to meet both the employer and employee life-work balance ratios
- Prioritize internship and apprentice programs allowing future employees to find their passion and purpose to help enhance their communities, and
- Reimagine the workforce development eco-system.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR DISTRICT?

I am honored to represent the magnificent Columbia River Gorge between Oregon and Washington. It is one of the most beautiful districts in the country and we refer to it as "God's Country." The four counties I represent include everything from the Yakama Nation Reservation, with majestic wild horses in the hills, to incredible technology and innovation businesses, to many world renown agriculture crops, extreme outdoor recreation, and nature preservation on the Columbia River. Come visit!



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WHAT IS ONE THING THAT MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT WOULD FIND INTERESTING?

Most people may not know that I teach “self-esteem” through performing arts to children at my Touch of Class Dance, Gymnastics and Cheerleading Studio. Founded in 1993, the studio allows me the chance to teach tap, jazz, ballet, pointe, lyrical, hip hop, gymnastics, and cheerleading, as well as prepare students for local and national competitions. Additionally, I give focus to gifting many scholarships for youth in need ensuring that they have access to these experiences. It has been life changing and incredibly rewarding. I often teach just for smiles!