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## SOU Athletics Give to Help Beat Cancer

Southern Oregon University ended its school year on a high note, and not only for a stellar athletic season that included a national championship in football. The athletics department at SOU also raised \$800 for breast cancer awareness and new imaging technology at Asante to aid in early detection.



*Bobby Heiken presents this year's gift to Asante Ashland Community Hospital CEO Sheila Clough and Ashland Community Hospital Foundation staff members Kathleen Mackris (left) and Stephanie Roland.*

And the university will continue its cancer fundraising efforts in future years.

This past season, SOU Athletics dedicated one home game in football, volleyball, soccer, softball, and men's and women's basketball, to support breast cancer awareness. A portion of those games' ticket sales went toward the fundraising effort, and spectators at the games also donated to the cause.

Associate athletic director Bobby Heiken said that nearly all SOU athletes have been affected by cancer and some are experiencing it close to home through their parents and grandparents.

The Raiders will expect to exceed this year's contribution when they continue their fundraising efforts next year, he said.

Heiken presented this year's gift to Asante Ashland

Community Hospital CEO Sheila Clough and Ashland Community Hospital Foundation staff members Kathleen Mackris and Stephanie Roland.

This year's gift will go to the foundation's 2015 Patrons Campaign to support the health care needs of women. In addition to purchasing new imaging technology, the campaign is raising money to buy surgical equipment for gynecological and breast reconstruction surgeries, and to create a fund to support the health care needs of underinsured women.

To learn more about this initiative or to make a gift, phone the Ashland Community Hospital Foundation at (541) 201-4015 or [visit its website](#).

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