

I am the science and natural resources teacher at Helensview High School. My school joined Future Natural Resource Leaders (FNRL) in 2019. Being a part of this Career and Technical Student Organization has provided my students with an opportunity to participate with students throughout the state in natural resource related career development events. During the pandemic, these events have been online and accessible. After the pandemic, I expect my students will be able to participate in person. My school is an alternative high school in NE Portland and serves a diverse population of students, all of whom have experienced obstacles in their education. CTE education and CTSO participation connects students with experiences that get them excited about school and resources that connect them to career possibilities. Our participation in FNRL has also provided professional development and educational resources that I am able to share with my students. FNRL has been a positive and valuable resource for Helensview students.