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The Department of Defense has graciously supported two STARBASE Academies in Oregon for well over 20 years!! With Academies in Klamath Falls and Portland, STARBASE Oregon currently serves 84 Fifth Grade classes a year totaling approximately 2460 studentsAll title I.

STARBASE Kingsley enjoys the distinction of inviting every 5th grader in the Klamath Falls Basin, rallying huge support from the community! This academy also boasts housing one of the two State-of-the-Art Manufacturing Centers, a major component of Kingsley's robust 2.0 Program.

STARBASE Portland is responding to a significant population by hosting two classes a day. This academy will serve 54 classes this school year! Additionally, Portland is excited and proud to be launching two pilot additions to its operational procedures this year:

- The Portland staff has written and filmed a series of videos aimed at familiarizing the students with the lessons before they arrive at STARBASE. They are replete with data under the guise of intrigue and humor. (Thank you Beth Adams!) The success of this innovation has wildly exceeded the expectation and is now a permanent addition!
- Student Manuals are in the process of being downloaded onto iPads. Soon, every STARBASE Oregon student will access their handbook via an iPad, providing yet another state-of-the-art educational piece while saving the program paper, ink and man hours.

Both Oregon sites were combined under one directorship in August of 2014 to form STARBASE Oregon. Simultaneously, Denise Kortes was appointed State Director. Denise has a double B.A. in Speech Pathology and Child Psychology. She started with STARBASE Portland in 2012 and has offered her educational and operational background to assist in growing and developing the program. Denise's main office is located at the Portland Academy, commuting when needed to the Kingsley Academy. This extremely successful paradigm is made possible by an incredible staff at both sites ("Specifically my Deputy Director, Alesha Earnest.")!!

"I am delighted to be a part of a program that makes such a difference in the lives of the children in my community! It is a privilege each day witnessing these students discover their brilliance and recognize their value is truly the crux of all of this for meit just doesn't get better than that!"

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