

# Citizen Recipients



**Bill Korach**

**Bill Korach** is an active volunteer in the community. He serves as a judge at the annual Oregon Ethics Bowl, an event in which middle school students compete. He also teaches the annual Leadership LO class, whose students have included leaders from the school district, local government, and other citizen groups. Bill also serves in a leadership role in planning and executing the Rotary 4-Way test contest for local middle school students. The contest challenges students to think ethically as they work through a fictional or

real dilemma. In recent years, he has been honored as Lake Oswego's Community Leader of the Year and has earned Rotary's Vocational Service award as well as Portland State's Outstanding Alumnus Award. Before his retirement as Superintendent of the School District, he was selected as Oregon Superintendent of the year and as one of the top four superintendents in the nation. He has also received the Bob Bigelow Lifetime Achievement Award and the Lakewood Center for the Arts Champion Award, which he shared with his wife, Dr. Ricky Korach.



**Abigail  
Otaño-Haffner**

**Abigail Otaño-Haffner** was instrumental in the founding of the Palisades World Language School, which will help local students to learn Spanish and Mandarin. She also serves as the first PTO president at Palisades, and is probably most visible as the crossing guard/flagger volunteer who works every morning at the school. She has filled in as a librarian, music teacher, and PE teacher across all the grades, not just at Palisades, but at other schools in the district as well. The Citizen SASEE Award is not her first honor, as she's also a former recipient of the City of Lake Oswego Unsung Hero award for her advocacy and volunteerism with the schools.