

## Jennifer Ames

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**To:** Jennifer Ames  
**Cc:** Susan Nielsen; Holly Denniston  
**Subject:** OPB & PWA

Hi Jen,

Hope you're doing well. It was great to meet you at the NW Youth Careers Expo and see so many students stopping by your booth. That's just what we hoped for when we expanded the Arts & Communication Zone to include more media-related employers at the Expo.

I'm also glad you and Holly had a chance to connect beforehand with our board president, Natalie Miller.

In case you missed it, here is a student video showing the impact of employers and volunteers at the 2017 Expo: <http://www.portlandworkforcealliance.org/expo-2017-student-video-shows-impact-of-employers-volunteers/> We had more than 6,000 students from about 70 high schools at this year's event.

Following up, I wanted to reach out to see if my colleague, Susan Nielsen, and I could meet with you at your office for 30-40 minutes to debrief the Expo and talk through a few possibilities for next fall.

The heart of what we do at PWA is team up with employers, educators and volunteers to provide career-learning opportunities for Portland-area high school students. We work with our employer partners to find out more about their interests and resources so we can help them engage in ways that are doable (and fun) for them.

We do know there is tremendous interest in OPB from the high schools. We also know you're stretched thin. We'd be happy to share some specifics about what PWA does as a facilitator, then we could talk through some possible next steps.

Would you like to suggest a couple good dates/times this month (before Memorial Day), and we could go from there?

Meantime, here's a link to our website: <http://www.portlandworkforcealliance.org/>

Sincerely,

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