

As a small business owner who has done opinion research across the state of Oregon for over 40 years, I have met many, many people involved in planning, public policy-making, and communications. Sarah Cohen-Doherty really stood out for me. She was not just a bright star in the sky of emerging Oregon leaders, but for many people she was their north star as well. From students and their parents to community leaders and her family, she was there for them with her smarts, empathy, listening skills, laser-like-focus, and commitment to the welfare of young people and the less fortunate. I had never experienced someone so consistently "in the moment" with you no matter how many details and projects were on her plate. She could see, develop and promote strategies on goals all the while tending to details small and large. Oregon will miss her sage advice (well beyond her years), impactful accomplishments, her wonderful smile and can-do attitude.