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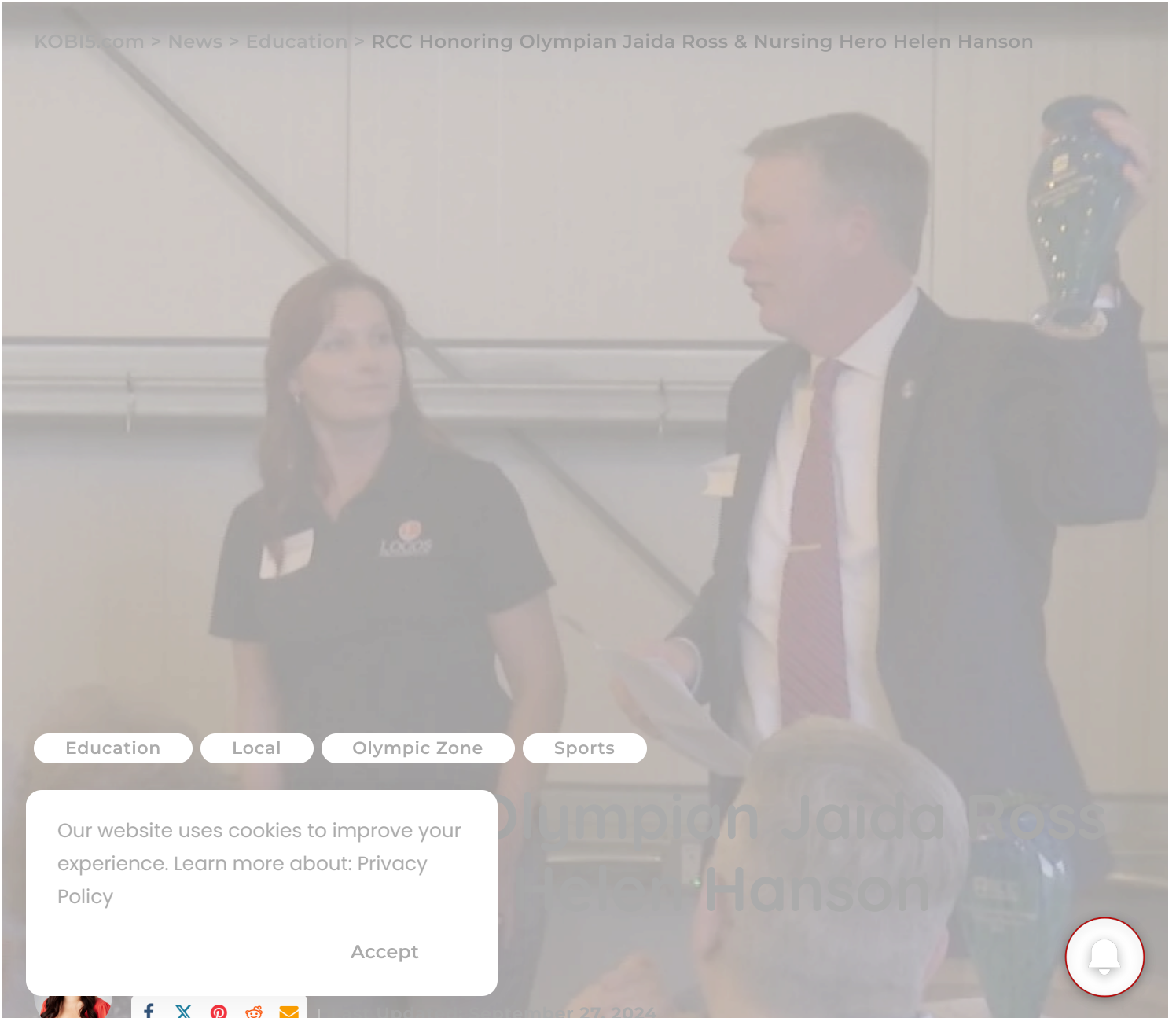


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JOSEPHINE COUNTY, Ore.- Rogue Community College honoring Olympian Jaida Ross and nursing hero Helen Hanson during its 2024 President's Circle Dinner.

The achievements of Alum of the Year Ross and Citizen of the Year Hanson

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Ross is a 2020 RCC graduate who just returned from Paris after placing fourth in the 2024 Summer Olympics' women's shot put.



Hanson has recognized the need for skilled medical personnel in the Rogue Valley, so she stepped up to provide a stipend to help cover increased clinical fees for nursing students.

Though Ross wasn't able to attend, it was clear both her and Hanson were gracious of the recognition.

"I'm so grateful for RCC for providing me with the resources and quality education. Thank you so much for this award, I am forever grateful," a letter from Ross wrote.

"I was a scholarship student. I just said when I am successful, which I have gotten for lots of reasons, I want to share what I was able to accomplish with other students," Hanson said.

The college says Ross' dedication to her sport and her academic pursuits, along with Hanson's commitment and impact on RCC's nursing program

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The college says the President's Circle Dinner reflects RCC's ongoing commitment to recognizing those who help build a stronger, more resilient community.

Medford's Pheasant Fields Farms kicks off harvest season this Sunday

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