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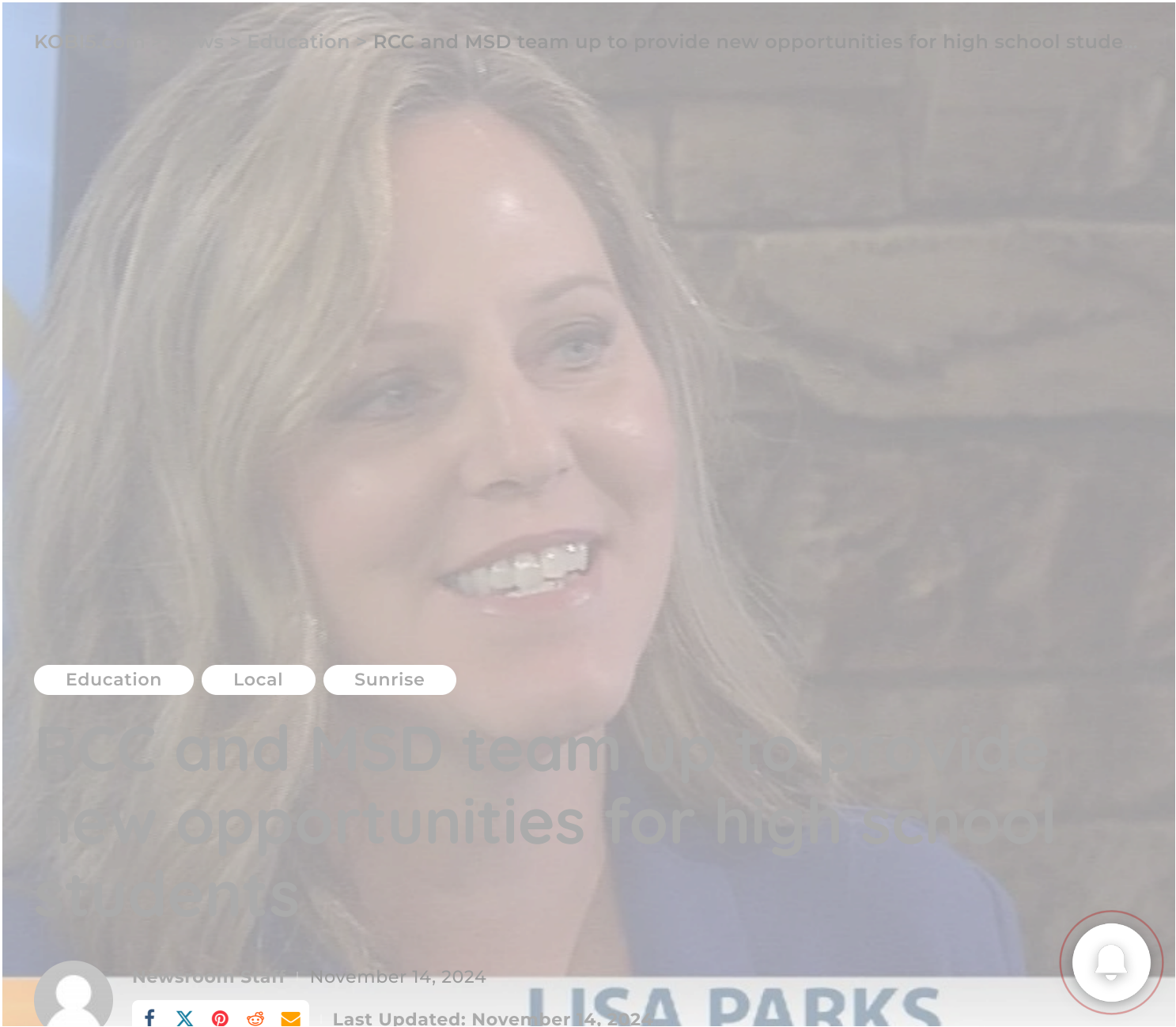


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ROGUE VALLEY, Ore — Rogue Community College has a long history of collaboration with local schools in Jackson and Josephine counties, and that continues with a new partnership between RCC and the Medford School District. RCC Dean of Business and Workforce Development, Lisa Parks joined Sunrise this morning to talk with Emily Storm about the new opportunities available to North and South Medford High School students through this partnership.

Parks says one of the things that makes this partnership great is the fact that RCC goes to the high school classrooms to meet students where they are. This eliminates the complications of scheduling and



transportation that might normally be barriers for interested students. The program is focused on teaching life skills that can be used in the real world of the healthcare workforce. For instance, a high school student can get hands-on experience in areas like phlebotomy or nursing assistance that can then be applied directly upon graduation. It also provides participants with a practicum that illustrates what a career in the healthcare field would look like. It can either stir up interest in students that might not be sure about pursuing a career in healthcare, a low-stakes way for students to find out they aren't as interested as they thought, or introduce them to an aspect of healthcare they hadn't previously considered. Parks emphasized the benefit to students being able to experiment with their futures without accruing any college debt.

For more information on RCC's high school partnerships, visit their [website](#), or call RCC's advising department at (541) 956-7192. The advising department has walk in advising available at all three campuses. Academic and career coaches are available in person on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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