The Sustainable Agriculture and Energy Center recently joined Celebrate Oregon Agriculture to provide Morrow County agricultural education and marketing effort. The decision to participate was simple.

“The SAGE Center and the Port of Morrow are a really important part of the Columbia Plateau when it comes to agriculture,” Garman said. “The SAGE Center is on the list because it is an organization in a part of the state that want to reach out to and is doing really good things to promote agriculture.”

Celebrate Oregon Agriculture launched with KATU-TV in July 2012. The state agriculture department then adopted the name and was able to supply some resources, work with industries and other agricultural organizations, Garman said. As a year-round campaign, the celebration has different themes throughout the year featuring various Oregon products or the state’s agriculture industry.

The campaign will help the SAGE Center take its local message statewide and specifically to the Portland market. This will show statewide consumers how Eastern Oregon agriculture impacts the local, state, national and global economies.

“It is important for the SAGE Center to be involved in Oregon agriculture because we are a unique facility that has the ability to showcase food from the farm to the table,” Davis said.

Go to http://visitsage.com for more information.

Celebrate Oregon Agriculture uses television commercials, long-form video segments on KATU’s AM Northwest, print publications, and digital platforms with a blog, Facebook and KATU’s website. Learn more at http://celebrateorag.wpengine.com/.
Meet the Port of Morrow student employees

Each summer, the Port of Morrow hires college students to work in a variety of jobs to earn money for the coming school year.

Each year, local students gain valuable work experience during summer months at the Port of Morrow. This year there are five college students working for the Port of Morrow. Students sometimes also work during other school breaks if they are available.

Students perform a variety of tasks for the Port of Morrow main office, maintenance shop, and the SAGE Center.

Edith Velasco
A 2016 graduate of Riverside High School, Velasco is filling a few roles at the port this summer. She is working with the engineering department and at the SAGE Center. Velasco has worked with the SAGE Center previously assisting with events, school visits and anywhere help is needed.

She is attending Oregon State University this fall to major in civil engineering.

Sami Hernandez
Hernandez has worked for the Port of Morrow for the past two years. During the school year she works part time and in the summer she works as a full-time temporary employee.

“I do a little bit of everything,” Hernandez said. “I’ve had experience running equipment, laying pipe in the ground, I fill in at the SAGE Center when needed and currently, I am a parts runner and have been organizing and cleaning up the shop.”

Hernandez attends college at Blue Mountain Community College and will complete her AAOT this fall. She plans to continue her studies at Washington State University in civil engineering.

Cisco Nunez
This is his second summer working at the Port as a laborer. Nunez works on pipe projects, landscaping, pulling wells, painting and cleaning irrigation sprinklers.

Nunez will return to school at the end of September after working at the Port of Morrow for over three months.

Nunez is in school at Mount Hood Community College and will continue his studies to become a radiologist.

Arrow Corpus
Corpus is working toward his bachelor’s degree, studying business at Dixie State University in St. George, Utah.

Corpus also works as a laborer with the maintenance shop. His duties also include working on pipe projects, landscaping, pulling wells, painting, and cleaning irrigation sprinklers.

Jason Hendricks
Hendricks works in the accounting department at the Port of Morrow. He has worked at the port for several summers as an undergraduate studying business administration with an emphasis on accounting at Eastern Oregon University. In August, Hendricks will begin a graduate program at Boise State University to obtain his Masters of Science in Accountancy through a one-year program.