Tucker Maxon is an inclusive, experiential, progressive nonprofit Preschool to 5th grade. Our mission is to teach children who are deaf and hearing to listen, talk, learn, and achieve excellence together. Our goal is to help every child reach their full potential in school and life. We offer Early Intervention for infants and toddlers with hearing loss, and we co-enroll deaf and hearing children together in small classes (1:8 adult-to-student ratio) in our school programs. We focus on helping children with hearing loss build mainstream lives, helping students develop spoken language skills on par with their hearing peers.

What is a recent organizational milestone, story, or achievement you’d like to share?
Tucker Maxon was recently named one of the 100 Best Green Workplaces in Oregon. The school features 128 solar panels, where we produce 51.4% of our own electricity. We recently added new LED lights and an energy efficient heating system. We also offer a renewable energy curriculum, new STEM lab, treehouse classroom, greenhouse, organic garden, observational bee hive, 4 resident goats, 12 hens hatched in classrooms, and a salmon release program.

How has being an NAO member helped you succeed in furthering your organization’s mission?
Tucker Maxon has benefitted from NAO’s workshops and trainings, especially the 10-month cohort assessment training Project Impact. We also appreciate the advocacy and policy work NAO does on behalf of the sector, especially the Urgent Alerts. We have also found the networking opportunities NAO offers very helpful.

Anything else you’d like to share?
Tucker Maxon’s innovative co-enrollment model was featured in a chapter of a book published by Oxford University Press entitled Co-Enrollment in Deaf Education in 2019. Our unique model combines academic excellence, Social Emotional Learning, environmental initiatives with excellent outdoor facilities, and a strong emphasis on STEM, arts, and music. In 2019, we added a Reading and Writing Lab to support literacy and help children struggling with Dyslexia.

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