



## OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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President's Report  
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### **Equipping Students for Success Partnerships Are Vital!**

In the last month, the Navigate Program (managed by Ben Kaufman) scheduled visits at Newport, Taft, Toledo, Waldport, and Eddyville High schools (Siletz Valley school is in development). During these visits, the Navigate Program has served over 60 students on an individual basis and hundreds more in classroom presentations, sharing information about how to access, pay for, and succeed in higher education. The Navigate Program is funded by a competitive grant we secured last year from Oregon state student success funds, and work began in earnest this year. Keeping this program going once grant funding ends is an important priority for OCCC and the high schools we serve.

Also in collaboration with LCSD high schools, OCCC will be holding a CTE (Career and Technical Education) day on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon in the Commons at the Newport Campus. Representatives from all of OCCC's CTE programs along with several LBCC and Chemeketa programs will provide interactive displays for students to engage with and explore opportunities in Career and Technical Education. Over 300 students are expected to attend from all LCSD high schools.

On March 7<sup>th</sup> Oregon Coast Community College was pleased to host a site visit from the Job Opportunities for Youth (JOY) Project. Approximately 30 students from Toledo, Taft, Newport, and Waldport attended an informational session about how to pay for college and enjoyed a tour of the Aquarium Science Building. OCCC is continuing to build relationships with Lincoln County School District Programs like the JOY Project and the Homeless Education and Literacy Project (HELP).

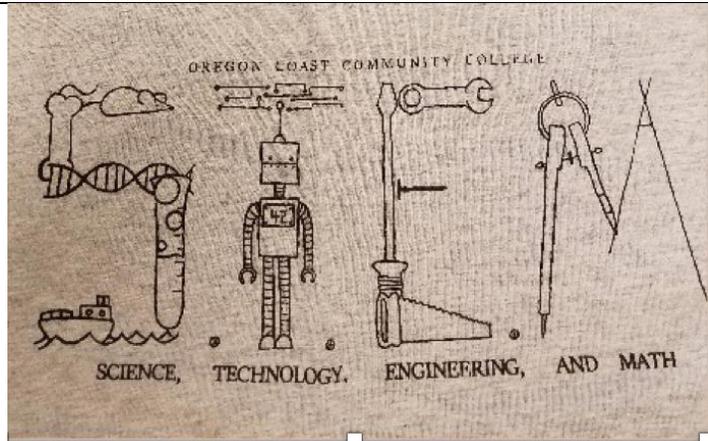
There will be two new OCCC Nursing Assistant Classes in the spring term:

- A new collaborative effort with Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH), OCCC and Taft High school will include three employees from SNLH and three high school students from Taft. This is the first time that we will be offering a nursing assistant class in the north county. SNLH created a skills lab the purpose of this class and it will be made available to OCCC on an ongoing basis for future classes.
- The second Nursing Assistant class will be offered at OCCC Central Campus and is a collaborative effort between Newport, Toledo, and Eddyville Charter School. LCSD is covering tuition and fees for these students and has made a commitment to cover costs for this course on an ongoing annual basis.

Six new Nursing Assistants completed their class and will be taking their Nursing Assistant State exam on April 7<sup>th</sup> at OCCC. All have been offered positions at Avamere Rehabilitation Center of Newport. Waverly was able to attend the graduation.



The OCCC STEM Club (faculty sponsor: Matt Fisher) designed and produced its first T-Shirt. The T-shirts were silk screened in the OCCC Art Classroom with assistance from the OCCC Art Faculty (Julia Goos-Pence).



### All's Fair

The College will host its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Job Fair at Central Campus April 10 from 10 am – 1 pm. This event is open to the community and free for employers and job seekers to attend. Lincoln County School District will be bringing students from the JOY, HELP, and AVID programs to learn more about local employment opportunities. Companies like Angel Job Corps, Charter Communications, Mid-Columbia Bus Company, Lincoln County School District, Oregon State Police, and Inn at Nye Beach will be attending. Employers are continuing to reserve their spot at a table.

The second year nursing students will be holding a Health Fair at Angel Job Corp on Thursday 3/16. AJC is estimating that 150 students and staff will be attending.

## **The Path to Independent Regional Accreditation (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (<http://www.nwccu.org/>))**

Many activities are underway to support our timeline of applying for our next step of Candidacy in Spring of 2018.

- We have formed an Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) to educate the college community in the meaning of the accreditation standards and regulations and to guide and engage the college community implementing the accreditation process.
- The Executive team has completed a review of the 128 standards and created a tracking document that reflects leadership responsibility, degree of completion, and supporting evidence needed. This review document is guiding the work in ensuring all standards will be addressed, and to identify what areas will need further support.
- For the third year in a row, an OCCC team (President Ryslinge, Dean of Students Carlson, and Dean of Academics and Workforce Lara) attended the annual NWCCU accreditation workshops. President Ryslinge conferred with NWCCU Vice-President Pamela Goad to keep her up to date on OCCC's progress and next steps, and this update was well received.
- Dan Lara was introduced to NWCCU staff as OCCC's Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO), a role which will be a formally recognized by NWCCU once we reach candidacy.
- While at the NWCCU workshop, we also met with PCC and agreed to the following two meetings/visits:
  - Summer 2017 a meeting with staff focusing on the operational aspects of our current contract, to ensure both colleges are fully meeting expectations
  - A mock accreditation peer evaluation visit, in early 2018, as preparation for the formal peer visit which will occur sometime around April 2018.

### **Office of Academics and Workforce**

The Office of Academics and Workforce is working with Faculty and Student Services to complete and publish a year-long schedule as part of the College's focuses on Student Success (Core Theme 1) and Supported Pathways (Core Theme 2). Students who are able to plan for and commit to an entire academic year are more likely to be retained from term to term. Additionally, a published year-long schedule allows advisors to work with students to create a year-long academic plan and ensure that all courses necessary for students to transfer and/or complete an academic program are offered within the academic year. The 2017-18 Summer and Fall schedules will be published electronically in April and May, respectively. The 2017-18 Winter and Spring schedules will be available in June.

The Offices of Academics and Workforce and Student Services are also investigating the potential for utilizing the "Aviso Retention Platform" to integrate the College's LMS (Canvas) and SIS (RogueNet) to provide real-time monitoring of student progress (e.g., grades, attendance, and other early warning indicators) and case managed advising. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success) and 2 (Supported Pathways).

Beginning in Spring 2017, OCCC will offer co-requisite writing courses integrating WR 115/WR 121. Native WR 121 students and WR 115 students will be integrated into the same WR 121 section, with

WR 115 students receiving an additional hour of instruction prior to and immediately following each two-hour class period of WR 121. Both WR 115 and WR 121 sections will be taught by the same instructor, a veteran developmental writing faculty member who will receive mentoring from a seasoned WR 121 instructor. Instructional assistance for WR 115 students will also be available through the newly created Writing Lab. These same supports will be provided to WR 090 students receiving individualized instructional plans and supplemental instruction in a Writing Lab. Accelerating students through the developmental Writing sequence, while creating support structures to aid in the successful completion of courses, maps to OCCC Core Themes 1 (Student Success) and 2 (Supported Pathways).

### **Our Own Learning is Key to Student Success**

Over the past year, we have taken advantage of grant resources to provide increased and high professional development for our own faculty and staff. Here are some examples:

- A team of faculty (Marge Burak and Patrick Misiti, Laura), and staff (Ben Kaufmann) from OCCC attended the first of three sessions from the “Cultivating a Growth Mindset” Institute in Eugene, Oregon. (Amanda Zerr has been a leader in this work at OCCC, but was unable to attend the first session). The Institute presented strategies to implement research-based growth mindset practices to improve student learning for community college students.
- An OCCC Team comprised of a faculty member (Ann Wales) and the Dean of Academics and Workforce (DAW; Dan Lara) attended the Community College Conference on Learning Assessment in Orlando, Florida. This conference provided a theoretical and practical support for developing and implementing learning assessment activities that help us understand more about student learning. In addition to the operational aspects of assessment, the conference focused on creating an environment within which faculty, staff and administrators can engage one another in ways that will improve learning over time.
- An OCCC Team of five participated in the Dream 2017 Conference in San Francisco, California: Marge Burak, math faculty, Colleen Doherty, academic advisor, DAW Dan Lara, Dean of Students Cindy Carlson, and President Ryslinge. The DREAM conference focuses 100% on student success, and the team participated in many useful and inspiring plenaries and workshops. They have met subsequently and are developing a plan of what ideas could be applied here.

### **More Community Engagement**

The College hosted a team of high-level professionals from the Aquarium, Research and Ornamental Fish Industries as part of a National Visiting Committee that advises the OCCC Aquarium Science Program. The NVC spent four days at OCCC meeting with students, faculty, staff, members of the local advisory committee, and local workforce partners. The College President and the DAW were

also able to meet with the NVC to discuss Strengths, Weaknesses and short-term and long-term opportunities for the AQS program. An official summary of the report from the NVC will be provided to the College by April 1.

AQS Faculty (Alyssa Squiers) and her staff hosted Dr. Greg Barord from Central Campus High School in Iowa and his 45 students. The high school students received a tour of AQS facilities and College Campus and then participated in a Q&A session with AQS students, faculty, and staff.

OCCC, the SBDC and the OCCC Foundation are hosting a Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce after-hours mixer at the North County Center in Lincoln City on Thursday evening, March 23. The public is invited to this free event, which will feature tours of the building and the Digital Media & Marketing Studio and the chance for the public to meet Alberto Flores and other OCCC representatives. The event is being catered by Vivian & Bill's BBQ, the company that purchased the Foundation's lakefront property two years ago.



The new Catch the Wave publication hit the county mailboxes around March 10 and features a hefty lineup of first-time courses, including three astronomy classes held to preview the coming eclipse. Each of the astronomy classes will be free to anyone under the age of 17, and each is taught by Sifan Kahale, a recent transplant to the Oregon Coast and software engineer for the Pan-STARRS observatory on Maui. The lineup also includes new ballroom dance and improvisational dance courses by Kirsten Ransdell, held offsite at the Lincoln City Cultural Center, and Afro-Brazilian and Afro-Contemporary dance classes taught by Rachel Barrerras-Kleenmann, held at the OCCC Central County Campus in Newport.

### **Foundation**

The Foundation last met January 24 and will meet again on March 28. We received funding for two new one-time scholarships of \$2,000 each for second year nursing students. The two donors are retired nurses living in Yachats. The Tony & Ruth Amundson Scholarship is in honor of close family friends who paid for one donor's nursing education when she was a young girl. The other donor chose to honor her mother, an early supporter of education for women, with the Ethel Airhart Schneider Scholarship. Both donors made a verbal pledge to continue supporting nursing scholarships for several years into the future.

The Foundation will begin accepting applications for scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year by

the end of March. The application period will close at the end of April and awards will be announced in early June.

An appeal for student and program support via Foundation contribution went out to all faculty and staff in late February. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, the number of staff giving through payroll deduction has increased 300%. 100% of the executive team are now giving via payroll deduction and the number of additional staff contributing continues to grow, which is deeply appreciated by students and college administration.

**President’s External Engagement Since Last Report**

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Rotary AQS National Visiting Committee Siletz Tribes Economic Development	OCCA Executive Committee Oregon Presidents Council Ways and means Roadshow, Tillamook NWCCU Annual Workshops NOW (Workforce) ERP Consultant Vendor Presentations Campus Compact ELSEE Session DREAM 2017: Achieving the Dream annual conference

## OCCC Media Report February 15 – March 14, 2017

### [Ammerman named host of OCCC digital studio](#)

[The News Guard](#)-Feb 21, 2017

The **Oregon Coast Community College** Small Business Development Center has announced the hiring of Gretchen Ammerman as the host of ...

### [Shore to be interesting](#)

[Oregon Coast Today](#)-Feb 21, 2017

The Waldport training session will take place at **Oregon Coast Community College**, 3120 Crestline Drive, from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday, March ...

### ['Practice-a-Thon' organized to benefit OCCC piano fund](#)

[Newport News Times](#) February 24, 2017

The Lincoln County district of the Oregon Music Teachers Association ... a "Practice-a-Thon" to benefit the **Oregon Coast Community College** Piano

### [Ornamental fundamentals](#)

[Oregon Coast Today](#)-Feb 28, 2017

The round table will run from 10 am to noon at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way. The event is ...

### [News worth sharing](#)

[Oregon Coast Today](#) March 1, 2017

This year's Sharing the Coast Conference will kick off with a free ... at the Waldport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**, 3120 Crestline Drive.

[Waldport holds Coast conference](#) - The Register-Guard

### [Oregon Coast Science Event This Week Releases Full, All-Star Roster](#)

[Oregon Coast Beach Connection](#)-Mar 2, 2017

Oregon Coast Science Event This Week Releases Full, All-Star Roster ... campus of **Oregon Coast Community College** (3120 Crestline Dr.).

### [TAKE A LOOK: OCCC hosts live video town halls from Salem](#)

[The News Guard](#) March 3, 2017

OCCC's Central County Campus is located at 400 SE College Way in ... **Oregon Coast Community College** serves Lincoln County through centers in ...

### [A bower-point presentation](#)

[Oregon Coast Today](#)-Mar 7, 2017

The round table will run from 10 am until noon at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Newport campus, 400 SE College Way.

### [Gardeners gear up for spring](#)

[Oregon Coast Today](#)-

As spring begins to creep across the Oregon Coast, the Lincoln ... 10 am until noon at **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way.