



## OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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President's Report  
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*Thank you Shannon McKibben for catching this early morning pic!*

### **Signs of Spring at Oregon Coast**

As Spring Term begins, College volunteers again come together for our College Connect event. College Connect evolved from the “Call Nights” coordinated by Student Services for the past two years. The Student Services team, along with faculty and staff volunteers from across the college, reach out by phone to students with offers of assistance and to answer questions that may have arisen in the first 2 weeks of the term. OCCC volunteers will make an estimated 350 calls to welcome and connect with our students on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Spring means scholarships: the 2017-18 Foundation Scholarship application cycle opened March 21 with a deadline of May 1. This opportunity is being promoted in the weekly Student Services email to all students, on the digital screens around the college, at the April 7 CTE fair, the April 10 Job Fair, and through multiple channels within the high schools.

Spring means transitioning: the second-year nursing students participated in mock interviews with OCCC faculty members and staff volunteering as panel members. Students will begin

their Senior Capstone Experience in a variety of clinical sites this week. Applications for the Class of 2019 are now being processed. Final determination will be made in early May after the students take their entrance exam. Medical Assistant Students will also begin their clinical experiences this term at clinics throughout Lincoln County.

Another sign of Spring is Legislative Session in Salem, which means keeping OCCC in view for our elected representatives. OCCC's twice-monthly video town halls continue to draw crowds to speak directly to Oregon Rep. David Gomberg and Sen. Arnie Roblan. The meetings are held at 7:45 Friday mornings and the public is invited to attend. Participants at OCCC locations in Newport and Lincoln City are simultaneously connected with each other and the elected officials via Zoom videoconference.



In legislative session, we also travel to Salem to advocate for the needs of Lincoln County, our students, and community colleges. Board Chair Debbie Kilduff, President Ryslinge, Lucinda Taylor and Cindy Carlson all participated in the OCCA Legislative Summit in March which included training on advocacy and visits to our representatives. Senator Roblan is a Star Wars fan and wants us to know "The force is with us!"

US Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici visited OCCC for the state convening of the [Oregon STEM Hubs](#). OCCC is a member of the Coast STEM Hub. Thanks to Dan Lara, Chris Rogers, Kathy Andrews and Jennifer Davis who all put in lots of effort in organizing this high-profile event.



## OCCC Foundation

The Foundation Board met March 28, and formed workgroups to support the Foundation's 2017-19 goals. The workgroups are:

- Finance: Updating and operationalizing our investment policy and practices
- Board Development: Evaluating gaps in representation on the board and identifying potential candidates to strategically diversify our membership
- Philanthropy: Developing actionable plans for donor cultivation and stewardship – includes high-level event planning and oversight

The Board reviewed a proposal for a new signature event highlighting our students, programs, and achievements for the year. This event would replace our participation in Oyster Cloyster, which was placed on hiatus in 2016. The new event would focus solely on the College. The program would intertwine brief presentations to the audience as a whole (including a paddle raise), and also different stations around the college, each featuring a different program, department, or student group. Each station would offer a different appetizer, salad, or small plate along with wine and/or beer tastings. The concept will be developed more fully over the next couple months.

The Foundation is pleased to host Thomas Linzey for a dynamic presentation on the environmental rights of communities, as part of its Williams Lecture Series. The event, entitled "Who Decides? Elevating Community Rights Over Corporate 'Rights'," will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 14, at the Newport Performing Arts Center. The PAC is located at 777 W. Olive Street in Newport. Linzey is an attorney and the Executive Director of the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF), a nonprofit law firm that has provided free legal services to over 500 local governments and nonprofit organizations since 1995.



The Oregon Music Teachers Association (OMTA) of Lincoln County held their annual Ribbon Festival at OCCC on March 18. The studios and teachers involved in the festival sponsored a Practice-a-Thon to raise funds for repairs and maintenance of the Steinway grand piano donated to the College through the Foundation last year. The Foundation gratefully accepted

a contribution for \$5,600 toward this cause. We were truly amazed by the efforts of the young students involved. One young lady raised \$1,100 with another three students each raising \$500 or more.

Waverly has been out and about, making an appearance at the Lincoln City Chamber After Hours event hosted at our North County Center, meeting high school students at our CTE Day, and hamming it up with STEM Hub conference participants. Waverly will participate in Hatfield's Marine Science Day on April 8 and the Aquarium's Easter Egg Hunt by the Sea on April 15.



This month, the Buy Local Lincoln County Association, formed in 2009 by a group spearheaded by former SBDC director Guy Faust, became a project of the OCCC Foundation. The Buy Local board dissolved the organization's nonprofit status with the State of Oregon and transferred its bank balance of about \$4,000 to an account within the Foundation. The change will reduce the red tape required to run the organization. The Association will continue its efforts to support the Lincoln County economy and the affiliation with the Foundation will allow donors to continue to make tax-deductible contributions to the cause.

### **Community Education and Small Business Development**

Just a week into the spring term, community education courses have filled to capacity, including ballroom dance, guitar and a new course devoted to exploring the science behind the upcoming solar eclipse. Meanwhile, the Small Business Development Center anticipates a standing-room-only crowd for its business workshop on May 4 to discuss the impacts of the eclipse on local firms.



Captain Jim Kusz preparing for April 8<sup>th</sup>'s Disaster Preparedness class in Waldport

Through the first three months of the year, the SBDC has delivered 233 hours of counseling to 66 clients. Currently, the SBDC is counseling clients looking to purchase property, launch restaurants, recruit new key staffers and relocate to Lincoln County from out of state. SBDC Director Dave Price joined the Oregon Community Foundation's North Coast Leadership Council in March, attending its quarterly meeting March 21 in Tillamook. He fills a seat being vacated by Lincoln County Commissioner Bill Hall.

### **Around the College: Cha-cha-cha-changes!**

Our Finance department is excited to have our new payroll system, Paycom, up and running. Sharon Hahn reports that while there are still a few bugs to be worked out, it has been a relatively smooth transition. All employees should now have access to their employee portal where they can:

- Review paystubs
- Obtain copies of W-2's
- Update personal information
- Change W-4 withholdings
- Request time off
- View vacation, sick leave and personal accruals
- Receive important information about changes and upcoming events

Any employee who does not have access or needs help with access may contact Sharon Hahn @ 541-867-8504 or by e-mail [shahn@oregoncoastcc.org](mailto:shahn@oregoncoastcc.org)

The move to the Paycom system is one of several system changes in the past year. Kudos to all of our faculty and staff who have made these improvements possible, either in helping to implement or in being patient and forgiving of our transitions. We have brought on-line a new website, moved on-line learning to Canvas and changed our employee e-mail system so we could bring student email (and Office 365 access) on line, all in the past 12-18 months. That's a lot of change in how we do our work, and there will be more to come as we continue our focus on enhancing student success, new program development, and independent accreditation.

Managing our forest: during spring break, a crew from the Angell Job Corps Arborist group was on site to assist with the removal of four trees deemed potentially hazardous in the event of a large scale earthquake. Of these four trees, three were taken all the way down. Two were cut for fire wood which we will be donating to families in need around the county. The third tree will be given to Saelwood Coastal Milling in the hopes of building new, OCCC themed benches for the patio area. The fourth tree was chosen to become a "Habitat Tree". It was cut about half way up, at a spot that has three large branches protruding from the sides. This makes for an excellent perch for any large birds of prey. In fact, just minutes after running the saws, as the crew started to take their lunch, we observed two Bald Eagles circling the area of this habitat tree. Soon, we plan to install a live streaming camera on the tree next to the habitat tree in the event that an eagle or other life makes the tree home. Tree photos on the next page.



A second phase of tree work will begin in the coming weeks. A section of land at the south west corner of the property will be cleared and leveled to house additional shipping containers for storing emergency supplies. Our goal is to add two 40 foot containers in addition to our current 20-foot container. As the main assembly point for South Beach after an earthquake and tsunami, we need as much storage and supplies as possible. When completed, this project will be a massive step forward for the safety and survivability of the residents and workers in the South Beach area. On this project, OCCC is working closely with Newport Fire, OCA, and HMSC along with multiple other agencies in the area.



## **More Student Engagement**

On Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Coast Community College hosted **CTE (Career and Technical Education) Day**. Employers, Oregon Coast Community College and other community colleges shared information about their programs with OCCC and Lincoln County School District students. Taft High School, Newport High School, Toledo Jr/Sr High School, Waldport High School, Eddyville Charter School and Siletz Prep Academy all attended CTE Day. Students learned about different career and technical post-secondary options that are available to them, participated in hands-on activities, and engaged with professionals who work in different CTE fields. Represented at CTE day were:

- Samaritan Pacific Community Hospital – Nursing (OCCC)
- Water Environment and Technology- (Linn Benton Community College)
- Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office – Criminal Justice (OCCC)
- Credit for Work Experience (CWE) – (Linn-Benton Community College)
- Pacific West Ambulance – Emergency Medical Technician (OCCC)
- Occupational Therapy Assistant and Diagnostic Imaging (OCCC and LBCC)
- STEM Club (OCCC)
- Aquarium Science (OCCC)
- Parole and Probation – Criminal Justice (OCCC)
- Medical Assisting (OCCC)
- Accounting and Administrative Assistant (OCCC)
- Law Enforcement K9

The Navigate Program at Oregon Coast Community College continues to provide outreach services to Lincoln County School District (LCSD). The Navigate Team has met with students individually and in classes across Lincoln County, encouraging them to pursue post-secondary options, assisting in the college application process, helping students complete their scholarship and financial aid applications, and building a college going culture.

Oregon Coast Community College and the Navigate Program also are hosting Beaver Hangouts for students. Beaver Hangouts is an interactive program, designed by Oregon State University, where transfer students from OSU skype in with students from different community colleges or high schools and discuss how to transfer to a 4-year institution, their experiences, and answer any questions that students have about the process. More information can be found at [beaverhangouts.oregonstate.edu](http://beaverhangouts.oregonstate.edu).

## **Office of Academics and Workforce**

### **Initiatives**

After a rigorous examination of technology based retention tools, the Offices of Academics and Workforce and Student Services have utilized grant funding provided by the State of Oregon to purchase the “Aviso Retention Platform”. Aviso will 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. The

software will also assist the college in targeted text messaging of students (i.e., a student has not enrolled in the next term by the last day of the current term) and alerts advisors and other members of a support team when a student deviates from an Academic Plan. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success) and 2 (Supported Pathways).

OCCC has received permission from Portland Community College to run two sections of WR 123 with Lincoln County School District (Taft H.S. & Waldport H.S.) through a Supported Dual Credit Model. In this model, an OCCC Writing Faculty Member agrees to serve both as the Instructor of Record for the course and as a mentor to the high school dual credit instructors. The Supported Dual credit model is employed when a high school teacher does not meet the Instructor Qualifications required by the college providing credit. By pairing the high school teacher with a mentor/instructor of record from the OCCC Writing department, the College is able to assure that the instructional standards of the institution are met, while building the capacity to offer additional dual credit writing courses with LCSD in the future. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success), 2 (Supported Pathways), and 3 (Responsiveness).

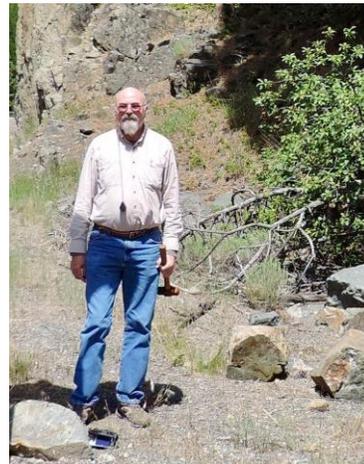
OCCC has “stretched” its credit course offerings into the evenings. New to the evenings this term, students are able to take WR 121 (English Composition), MTH 111 (College Algebra), G 207 (Geology of the Pacific Northwest) and BI 112 (Cell Biology). BI 112 and WR 121 are both prerequisites to the Nursing Program, and student reception to the new evening offerings have been quite positive. In the Cell Biology class, numerous students indicated that they would not have been able to take the class if it were not offered at night. These courses join Yoga I/II, Drawing I/II, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Spanish, Film Studies, and Scientific Diving as the evening credit offerings at the Central Campus; Folklore and Mythology at the North Campus; and Advanced EMT at the South Campus. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success), 2 (Supported Pathways), and 3 (Responsiveness).

The focus by President Ryslinge, Dave Price, Cindy Carlson, and Linda Molina on building strong relationships with LCSD is paying dividends at Taft High School. The Business program concluded a first-of-its-kind offering of BA 101 (Intro to Business) on March 24<sup>th</sup> which served 25 high school students, and has followed this up by offering BA 111 (Intro to Accounting) which will serve 15 Taft students this Spring. Both courses are offered at 8 a.m. at the Lincoln Center. On-the-ground leadership for the Business Program Partnership has been provided by Dr. Alberto Flores (OCCC Business Faculty, whose magnetic personality, deep knowledge of industry, and inspired creativity has kept students both challenged and engaged). Additional North County offerings serving Taft High School Students include CG 100 (College Success) and NUR 101 (Nursing Assistant Level 1). Ben Kauffman (OCCC Navigate Manager) and Kimberly Jones (OCCC Enrollment Services Manager) have also been instrumental in recruiting and registering Taft students. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success), 2 (Supported Pathways), 3 (Responsiveness), and 4 (Vitality).

**Office of Academics and Workforce**

**Activities**

Gilbert “Gib” Bernhardt (OCCC Geology Faculty) has developed a radio show for KYAQ on Oregon Geology. Be sure and tune in Friday Evenings 8:40 pm for “Conversations about Geology with Gib”! You can see more at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/KYAQ91.7fm>



Matt Fisher (OCCC Biology Faculty and STEM Club Advisor) and President Ryslinge hosted the Associate Director and Program Manager from Oregon Space Grant on a visit to Oregon Coast Community College on March 16<sup>th</sup>. OCCC is the newest Community College member of Oregon Space Grant.

President Ryslinge and members of the Executive Team hosted the Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) Director and the HMSC Program Manager on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting discussed future collaborations related to facility expansions in advance of OSU’s Marine Science Initiative.

The Business Department, Aquarium Science Department, and the STEM club, hosted tables at the 1<sup>st</sup> CTE Day on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. The Aquarium Science Department hosted a table for Marine Science Day at Hatfield Marine Science Center on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Business Department participated in the Job Fair, hosted at the Central Campus on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Rotary OSU Marine Studies Initiative Wilder Community Meetings OCCC Foundation Board Meeting Lincoln County Poverty Simulation Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County	Oregon Space Grant staff OCCA Executive Committee and Board Meeting OCCA Legislative Summit Oregon Presidents Council “SERP” Project Kick-off Campus Compact ELSEE Session Mid-Valley Mid-Coast Regional Partnership Present testimony: Ways and Means Education Sub-Committee, Salem Present testimony: Maritime Task Force Bill, Salem

## OCCC Media Report March 14 – April 11, 2017

### [Oregon Coast Community College 'Lincoln City' Hosts Chamber](#)

News Lincoln County March 21, 2017

The Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce after-hours mixer on Thursday, March 23, 5:30pm, will be held at **Oregon Coast Community College's** North ...

### [BUSINESS: After Hours](#)

The News Guard March 22, 2017

**Oregon Coast Community College** will host the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce's March Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 23 ...

### [KLCC Community Support Board](#)

KLCC FM Public Radio March 23, 2017

His career over the next forty-three years included service as the **Oregon Coast Community College's** Small Business Development Center Director, ...

### [Eleven Central Oregon Coast firms taking business instruction through RAIN](#)

The Register-Guard March 30, 2017

Eleven Central Oregon Coast firms taking business instruction through ... The Newport cohort is taking place at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

### [Just a hint of green](#)

Oregon Coast Today April 4, 2017

... discussion on these diminutive delicacies from 10 am to noon at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way.

### [Party with the stars at Marine Science Day in Newport](#)

Oregon Coast Today April 5, 2017

... STEM Hub and representatives from OSU and **Oregon Coast Community College** will engage K-12 students interested in pursuing marine studies.

### [OCCC building 2017-18 budget in face of uncertainty](#)

Newport News Times, April 5, 2017

NEWPORT — Faced with costly accreditation requirements and an uncertain level of state support, administrators at Oregon Coast Community College are working to build a budget for the upcoming fiscal year.... [more](#)

### [Oregon Coast's Newport Features Hatfield Science Day Saturday](#)

Oregon Coast Beach Connection April 7, 2017

The Oregon Coast STEM Hub and representatives from OSU and **Oregon Coast Community College** will also be available to engage K-12 students ...

### [LECTURE SERIES: Community Rights Over Corporate Rights](#)

The News Guard April 10, 2017

The **Oregon** Coast Community College (**OCCC**) Foundation will host Thomas ... The Williams Lecture Series is funded through donations to the **OCCC** ...