



Summer 2018 (May-July)
President's Report
Birgitte Ryslinge



Oregon Coast Community College has been granted Candidacy status, the final stage prior to independent regional accreditation. The announcement was made Thursday, July 26, by Sonny Ramaswamy, President of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

Regional accreditation provides students with access to federal financial aid, and also ensures that credits earned are transferable. Currently, OCCC programs and services are accredited through an agreement with Portland Community College.

According to Ramaswamy's letter, the NWCCU took the action at its meeting on June 27-29, 2018, "after consideration of evidence, including the Institution's Self-Evaluation Report, the Peer-Evaluation Report, the Institutional Response to the Peer-Evaluation Report, and the information received as part of the institutional representative meeting with commissioners." OCCC President Birgitte Ryslinge, Dean of Academics and Workforce Daniel Lara, and Dean of Students Cindy Carlson attended the June meeting of the NWCCU and addressed the commission.

THE PROCESS TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE

Oregon Coast Community College informed the NWCCU of its intent to pursue independent accreditation via a report filed in July 2014. The College was granted "Applicant" status in 2016. With this week's announcement it has achieved "Candidate" status, the only remaining step is to be granted fully independent Accredited status. However, recognition as Candidate neither implies nor ensures an institution will attain Accredited status with the NWCCU. Though every case is different, the process of a college like OCCC pursuing independent accreditation historically has taken 7-10 years. Now that OCCC has been awarded Candidacy, NWCCU allows up to five years to reach Accreditation.

"We have come a long way," Ryslinge said, "and we know that there is still significant work to be done in order to be fully independent. Our team is ready and eager for the challenge. The communities and students we serve deserve nothing less."

[Follow the College's progress towards independent accreditation here.](#)

Events

Commencement 2018



Oregon Coast Community College awarded 63 associate degrees at their 30th annual commencement ceremony, sending students off to more advanced degrees or into the workforce.

At the June 15 commencement 30 students were presented with transfer degrees, which many intend to take to a four-year school; seven aquarium science students earned their associate's degree; seven earned associate of general studies degrees; one student completed the associate of applied science in criminal justice; and 18 received nursing degrees, which some will continue to build on while others have already found jobs.

Awards other than two-year degrees offered at or in conjunction with OCCC were also celebrated with 12 students earning medical assistance certificates, six earning one-year aquarium science certificates, 25 businesses graduating from the Small Business Development Center, 32 completing the Leadership Lincoln Program, 11 earning general education diplomas and 19 finishing the English as a second language program.

State Representative David Gomberg provided an engaging keynote address. Student speakers Jason Bradley and Kathryn Plaster inspired fellow graduates and the audience alike. Plaster received her Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree and plans to transfer to Oregon State University in the fall, where she will pursue a degree in geology. Bradley began studying for the GED exam while in the Lincoln County jail.

During the Commencement ceremony, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI) was named the 2018 Friend of the College in recognition of the organization's longtime dedication and support of the students and employees of Oregon Coast Community College.



The 4th Annual Celebrate Us event provided great comradery and community, lunch and an incredible dessert bar, and recognized the following awards and service anniversaries:

- Teacher of Year: Laura Hamilton
- Shark Pup: Kathy Andrews
- Phi Theta Kappa Advisor: Laura Hamilton
- Committee Choice Awards:
 - Belinda Lewellan – Plant Saver
 - Shaneon Dinwoodie – Event Saver

The following service anniversaries were acknowledged and received service pins:

<p>5 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Price • Ben Kaufmann • Gretchen Havner • Shirley Hill • Michelle Pelkey • Rick Laughlin 	<p>10 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darci Adolf • Janice Bishop • Laura Hamilton • Julia Pence 	<p>15 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Perez <p>20 years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberta Green
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Parades and Fairs, Waverly Was There



Waverly and their entourage participated this summer in:

- Toledo Summer Festival Parade
- Nesika Illahee Pow Wow Parade (Siletz)
- Lincoln County Fair
- Beachcomber Days Parade (Waldport)
- Gleneden Beach 4th of July Parade (We won the “Most Creative” award!)

Chris Rogers and his truck were very appreciated, as well as the dedicated core parade walkers (along with the family friends recruited.) We are always looking for more parade walkers, please contact Lucinda if you are interested in next season.

Student Outreach

New High School to College Matriculation Program

Matriculation means the process of enrolling in a college or university. Some high school students declare their intention to attend college after graduating high school and then “lose their way” over the summer and do not actually enroll. Last year, OCCC started a matriculation program to help those students. The process includes:

- An acceptance letter from the president of the college during winter break
- Targeted financial aid outreach throughout the winter and spring in the high schools by OCCC Student Services staff
- Placement, orientation, and registration meetings for the upcoming school year at the high schools during the spring
- An OCCC open house for seniors and their families in the spring (this year, May 23)
- Continued outreach and engagement events throughout the summer and into students’ first year at OCCC
- Students who complete the in-high school matriculation process are eligible for a scholarship funded by the First Generation Student Success Grant and the OCCC Foundation

Student services is now tracking and contacting 70 identified “matriculation” students as they make their way through the financial aid process.

New Student Orientation

Our second annual Shark Bytes event is September 10th from 10am-2pm. Shark Bytes is an opportunity for students to participate in mock lessons from our faculty, learn valuable tips and tricks from a current student panel, and meet other students through engaging activities and a barbecue.

High School Visits to OCCC

- Taft High School on the 13th
- Waldport, Eddyville, Toledo, Siletz on the 14th
- Newport High School on the 17th

Enrollment

Comparison of 2018-19 Summer Term vs. 2017-18 Summer Term as of 08/13/2018

2018-19 Summer FTE				
7 Weeks after Summer Term Start (08/13/2018)				
Course Type	2018-19	2017-18	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	8.95	7.47	19.81%	+1.48
Career and Tech Education	14.62	11.26	29.84%	+3.36
Development Education	0.68	1.86	-63.44%	-1.18
Workforce Development (Voc. Supp)*	0.02	0.00		+0.02
ESL*	1.80	1.89	-4.76%	-0.09
GED	2.26	3.64	-37.91%	-1.38
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	0.84	0.44	90.91%	+0.40
Reimbursable Total	29.17	26.56	9.83%	+2.61
Other Comm.Ed (Non-reimbursable)	0.44	0.18	144.44%	+0.26
Grand Total	29.61	26.74	10.73%	+2.87

Comparison of 2018-19 Fall Term vs. 2017-18 Fall Term as of 08/13/2018

2018-19 Fall FTE				
6 Weeks before Fall Term Start (08/13/2018)				
Course Type	2018-19	2017-18	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	44.75	31.45	42.29%	+13.30
Career and Tech Education	25.91	26.85	-3.50%	-0.94
Development Education	9.83	6.00	63.83%	+3.83
Workforce Development (Voc. Supp)*	0.33	0.00		+0.33
ESL*	0.00	0.00		
GED	0.26	0.00		+0.26
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	0.29	0.96	-69.79%	-0.67
Reimbursable Total	81.37	65.26	24.69%	+16.11
Other Comm.Ed (Non-reimbursable)	0.56	1.44	-61.11%	-0.88
Grand Total	81.93	66.70	22.83%	+15.23

Oregon Promise (two years no tuition for qualifying high school graduates: there are 28 new incoming, and 20 continuing Oregon Promise students.

Health and Human Services Update

Nursing Students: 18 Nursing students graduated in June. **15** out of **18** have secured employment between Benton and Lincoln County. **Class of 2020:** twenty students have been accepted. **Class of 2019:** 17 students will be returning for their second year of the Nursing Program. All students will be on campus on Sept 11th and 12th for Nursing Orientation.

Update: The agreement with Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) is moving ahead to extend the Nursing Program to Tillamook County. TBCC will be sponsoring 4- 8 students. Thus, the OCCC Nursing Program will increase the cohort for Fall 2019 to 24-28 students.

Medical Assistant: 11 students graduated from the Medical Assistant Program in July. Many of them have secured employment in the health clinics within Lincoln County. Students have been taking their National Certification Exam and thus far we have a 90% pass rate.

Early Childhood Education (ECE): the ECE Program will start in Winter Term 2019 as the faculty search process was not successful. The position has been reposted and we will begin ECE Dual-Credit Classes at Waldport and Toledo High schools in Fall term.

News: Linda Mollino, Director of Health and Human Services has been selected to serve on Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital Board (SPHS).

President's External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Chamber Lincoln County Educational Leaders Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation (chair) Portland Community College Mock Accreditation Evaluation Visit Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County OCCC Foundation Board Meeting Lincoln County Fair Gleneden Beach Parade Nesika Illahee Pow Wow Parade (Siletz) Waldport City Manager Boss radio Interview	NWCCU Presentation for candidacy, Kirkland Washington AACC President's Academy Summer Institute, California OCCA Executive Committee Meetings Student Success Rural Colleges Monthly Meeting Campus Management (ERP) Meetings Oregon President's Council & OCCA, Astoria Ford family Foundation

OCCC Media Report

College Press Releases

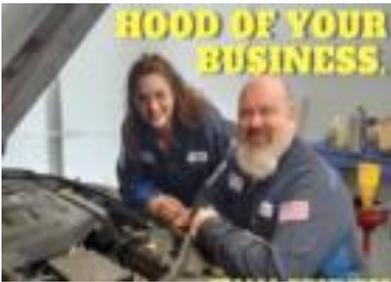


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**SCHOLARSHIP!
FOR LOCAL
BUSINESSES**



Lincoln City offers scholarships for SBDC classes & workshops

Lincoln City provides scholarships to businesses taking SBDC classes For the sixth consecutive year, Lincoln City – via its Urban Renewal Agency, and thanks to a unanimous vote of support by the city council in July – has made scholarships...



Small Business Management Registration Opens

Registration opens for OCCC's 2018-19 Small Business Management Program Are you ready to invest some time in the classroom to help grow your business? Perhaps now is the time to take advantage of one of Lincoln County's most prominent and established...



Caring runs in the family

Caring runs in the family OCCC Nursing-bound student following in her mother's (and aunt's) footsteps In the hospital environment, the focus for physicians is on the medicine, while nurses spend more time with the person seeking help, and frequently are...



Accreditation Update: College achieves Candidacy status

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OCCC LAUNCHES NEW 'GROW YOUR OWN' TEACHING DEGREE PROGRAM



College, School District, Western Oregon University
join forces to help more local students
earn teaching degrees
[Visit the program web page](#)

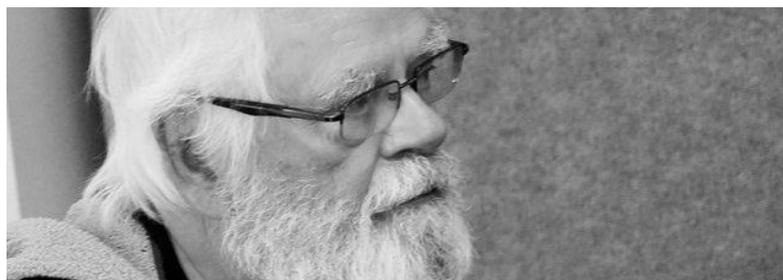
To teach is to help build a better community for future generations. For too many local students, though, the cost of the four-year degree necessary to become a teacher is too great, despite the attractive wages and benefits packages available in the profession...



**PENNYWHISTLES, ASTRONOMY,
 PAINTING ... AND DUNGEONS &
 DRAGONS?**

Just another summer at Oregon Coast Community College

Make the most of your summer! Starting in July, Oregon Coast Community College's North County Center in Lincoln City is presenting something fun, creative, and engaging each and every week...



REMEMBERING VAN

Edward Arthur "Van" van Aelstyn passed away peacefully on May 23, 2018. He was at home and two of his children were by his side.

Van had a rich life as a theater director and actor, professor of English and film, editor, and activist. His approach to theater was unique, as were his productions. Van was an enthusiastic, knowledgeable and discriminating appreciator and supporter of the visual arts, music, theater, and literature....



WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE OREGON COAST SBDC, NEW OWNER TAKES A TURN AT THE WHEEL OF LOCAL POTTERY INSTITUTION

With a combination of innate grit and knowing where to turn when she needs help, Melanie Richardson has become the latest owner of **Mossy Creek Pottery**, a Lincoln City business that is an important part of the Central Coast's creative community.

But she'd rather you not call her that...



REGISTER FOR ADVISING FOR THE FALL 2018 TERM

With summer just around the corner, it's time to schedule your academic advising session as you plan to start your academic adventure at (or return to) Oregon Coast Community College.

Meetings with advisors Blake Hagan and Colleen Doherty can be booked online any time. To schedule your appointment,

visit <http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/advising-appointments/>.

For more information, call Student Services at 541-867-8501...

External Media Coverage About, or Relevant to, OCCC

[POLICE BLOTTER:](#)

The News Guard, August 10, 2018

3:21 pm Theft, **Oregon Coast Community College**, 3788 SE High School Dr. Caller reported theft of solar panel from the greenhouse. The location has ...

[One step closer to declaring independence](#)

Newport News Times, August 4, 2018

LINCOLN COUNTY — **Oregon Coast Community College** is one step closer to being an independent, accredited junior college through the ...

[Applications open for Small Business Management Program](#)

Newport News Times, July 26, 2018

Perhaps now is the time to take advantage of one of Lincoln County's most ... Management (SBM) Program at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[\(Dungeon\)master a new skill with summer classes at Oregon Coast Community College](#)

Oregon Coast Today, July 26, 2018

Fortunately, **Oregon Coast Community College** can help with all these life goals and more, with a range of community education classes covering ...

[Rotary Club takes up shovels, plants new garden](#)

Newport News Times, July 20, 2018

The Lincoln City Rotary Club has deep roots in this community. ... at **Oregon Coast Community College's** North County Center in Lincoln City, the beds ...

[Rotary Club plants new community garden](#)

The News Guard, July 18, 2018

Located adjacent to the OSU Master Gardeners' plot at **Oregon Coast Community College's** North County Center in Lincoln City, the beds were ...

[OCCC offers non-credit courses](#)

Newport News Times, July 14, 2018

This summer, **Oregon Coast Community College** is offering a variety of engaging, entertaining community education courses. Each class features ...

[Rotary Club plans garden party barbecue](#)

Newport News Times, July 14, 2018

On Saturday, July 14, the public is invited to join with Lincoln City Rotarians at **Oregon Coast Community College's** Lincoln City Center (3788 SE High ...

[OCCC offers non-credit courses](#)

Newport News Times, July 13, 2018

This summer, **Oregon Coast Community College** is offering a variety of engaging, entertaining community education courses. Each class features ...

[Stay in the loop, with Gleneden Beach parade](#)

Oregon Coast Today, July 3, 2018

The Gleneden Beach 4th of July Parade will mark its 24th year this ... in Gleneden Beach and plans to attend **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[SUMMER CAMP: RecKids offering fun, adventure, learning](#)

The News Guard, July 2, 2018

We take hikes, go on field trips to Yaquina Head lighthouse, **Oregon Coast Community College**, NLF, Bijou theatre, Driftwood Library, and much ...

[New pathway encourages 'homegrown' teachers](#)

Newport News Times, June 30, 2018

Learning to be a teacher has become more affordable and easier through **Oregon Coast Community College's** new pathway, launching in fall 2018 to ...

[Edward Arthur “Van” van Aelstyn](#)

Newport News Times, June 30, 2018

Ten years after arriving in Newport Van joined the faculty of the **Oregon Coast Community College** when it opened its doors. He taught English and ...

[Degrees in hand, eyes ahead](#)

Newport News Times, June 30, 2018

NEWPORT — **Oregon Coast Community College** awarded 63 associate degrees at their 30th annual commencement ceremony, sending students off ...

[Whitney Steele balances love of fish, plants, business and family](#)

West Hawaii Today, June 18, 2018

While studying aquarium science at the **Oregon Coast Community College**, Whitney met her future husband, Zeke, who held a degree in marine ...

[A better way to teach biology](#)

Newport News Times, June 15, 2018

NEWPORT — Instructor Matthew Fisher of **Oregon Coast Community College** spent three days in a first-of-its-kind conference researching how to ...

[OCCC students ready for next chapter](#)

Newport News Times, June 15, 2018

... aquarium management award-winning student, and academic star Marita Nash are wrapping up their time at **Oregon Coast Community College** and ...

[WATCH / THE PARADE: Annual 4th of July event](#)

The News Guard, June 14, 2018

He works at Cavalier Condominium in Gleneden Beach and plans to attend **Oregon Coast Community College**. The parade begins at 1 p.m. on the ...

[PHOTOS / EARTHQUAKE: Taft students prepare](#)

The News Guard, June 14, 2018

Kusz also holds annual disaster preparedness classes at **Oregon Coast Community College** in Lincoln City. The next class is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on ...

[Talented graduate Price leads Class of 2018 into future](#)

Lincoln City Homepage, June 9, 2018

Take the case of lifelong Lincoln City resident Margery Price. ... Price's father, Dave, is director of **Oregon Coast Community College's** North County ...

[CONCERT: OCCC Chorus to sing](#)

The News Guard, June 6, 2018

The **Oregon** Coast Community College Chorus Class will present their final concert for the Spring term and the school year at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, ...

[Join Uncle Sam's Club](#)

Oregon Coast Today, June 6, 2018

The Governor's Marketplace will be held at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way. Admission is free, but ...

[TBCC CONNECTIONS: County to begin 'growing our own teachers' in fall](#)

Tillamook Headlight-Herald, May 24, 2018

Our community's teachers have dedicated their life's work to educating ... entered into a partnership with **Oregon Coast Community College** (OCCC),

[Be yourself, with "Bi-"](#)

Oregon Coast Today, May 16, 2018

A play that challenges the binary nature of human identity will be on offer at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College** on Thursday, ...

[A cappella summer camp for teens](#)

Newport News Times, May 11, 2018

This music learning experience will take place in Newport, on the campus of the **Oregon Coast Community College**, July 12-14. Participants will ...

[OCCC partners honored at statewide event](#)

Newport News Times, May 11, 2018

Recently, **Oregon Coast Community College** hosted the annual meeting Oregon Association of Community and Continuing Education at OCCC's ...

[OSU College of Business reps coming to Newport](#)

Newport News Times, May 11, 2018

If so, make plans to attend a special presentation on Wednesday, May 16, at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Central County Campus in South

[TRIBE DONATIONS: Siletz contributes \\$202557](#)

The News Guard, May 11, 2018

Oregon Coast Community College – equipment upgrades of classroom videoconference and remote-learner technology; Newport, OR; \$11,000.

[OCCC partners honored at statewide event](#)

Newport News Times, May 11, 2018

Recently, **Oregon** Coast Community College hosted the annual meeting **Oregon** Association of Community and Continuing Education at **OCCC's**...

[Driver classes offered in Newport](#)

Newport News Times, May 10, 2018

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Central County Campus, located at 400 SE College Way in South ...

[Well worth 100 clams](#)

Oregon Coast Today, May 9, 2018

Tickets are now available for Pearls of Wisdom, the new signature fund-raiser from the **Oregon Coast Community College** Foundation. The Saturday, May 19, event will fill the college's Newport campus with gourmet food from Newport's finest restaurants as well as beer and wine from local wineries and ...

[OCCC issues lineup of small business classes](#)

Newport News Times

... break-even analysis exercise, to discussion of what personal traits are common in successful entrepreneurs, to a deep-dive into the different types of business structures and what might be best for any given venture, states an April 18 media release from Dave Price, **Oregon Coast Community College** ...

[Add some class to your business](#)

Oregon Coast Today, May 2, 2018

Ways to keep on top of accounting, marketing, regulations and more are on offer during the spring term at **Oregon Coast Community College's** Small Business Development Center. The slate of classes presents a wide variety of training opportunities for existing businesses — and potential future ...

[A pleasant surprise](#)

Oregon Coast Today, May 2, 2018

Metaphysical educator Violet Young will offer a guide to surviving modern life when her “Have a Pleasant Present” class returns to **Oregon Coast Community College** for six weeks starting on Wednesday, May 9. “The levels of stress that people are enduring currently are unprecedented,” she said. “There

[HONORED: Oregon Coast Community College students recognized](#)

The News Guard, April 25, 2018

Oregon Governor Kate Brown has honored **Oregon Coast Community College** students Victoria Giampietro and Jacqueline Shepherd. The recognition came after the two students were selected through a competitive application process for the All-Oregon Academic Team. Brown held a ceremony in ...

[Leaf through some bestsellers](#)

Oregon Coast Today, April 25, 2018

She has also attended printmaking classes at **Oregon Coast Community College**, papermaking and bookmaking classes at Sitka, and clay classes at the Yaquina Art Association. The books and journals featured in the showcase highlight the many art mediums from these classes. “When you run out of ...

[BUSINESS FOR BUSINESS](#)

The News Guard, April 21, 2018

Flores serves as **Oregon Coast Community College's** full-time business faculty but enjoys the opportunity to work hands-on with local business owners through the SBDC. In addition to Leverage, he's also teaching his popular "Six Steps to a Better Business," a one-night workshop he's offered in English ...

[Antiques and Collectibles Sale set](#)

Newport News Times, April 20, 2018

They are passionate about this work, as proceeds from this sale enrich and benefit local communities through scholarships to **Oregon Coast Community College**, Gambia Rising, Toledo High Stand Up and Toledo after-school programs. Helping both children and adults, donations are made to the Olalla