



September-October 2017
President's Report
Birgitte Ryslinge

Student Spotlight



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The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are also encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in Society programs and are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. Nearly 1,000 applications were received. Only 200 are awarded. Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations.

Equipping Students for Success

It is always a wonderful time of year when we see our parking lots full again. The weeks leading up to the start of Fall term were also very busy. Zane Stevens, our Financial Aid Specialist, assisted 100+ students with their financial aid questions. Our intrepid Academic Advisors Blake Hagan and Colleen Doherty conducted numerous student orientations between Lincoln City Center and Newport Campus this summer. They served over 100 new students, and introduced new advising walk-in sessions with high turnout.

On September 18th, Oregon Coast Community College and the Navigate Program held the first annual Shark Bytes event. Designed to encourage readiness and confidence among first year students at the college, this event allowed incoming first year students to meet with faculty, meet other new students, and help prepare them for their first year of college by breaking down some of the myths about college. Students were welcomed by President Ryslinge and then participated in an ice-breaker activity and general introductions. Then students were rotated through a series of activities and mock-lectures presented by members of our faculty, Amanda Zerr, Patrick Misiti, and Laura Hamilton. Students also got some inside perspective on what it means to be a student at Oregon Coast Community College, during a student panel hosted by some of our current students. Incoming students were also treated to a barbecue and met our mascot Waverly. 19 incoming students participated in this event.



Oregon Coast Community College hosted several high schools in the Lincoln County School District for high school visits in September. Students from Toledo Junior and Senior High School, Siletz Valley School, Newport High School, and Taft High School visited the Newport Campus to learn more about what it means to be a college student.

- September 14th, 2017 – Toledo High School and Siletz Valley School
 - Students from Toledo Junior and Senior High School and Siletz Valley Prep School visited Oregon Coast Community College – Newport Campus. Students were welcomed by the President of the College, Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, and were cycled through four different rotation activities and presentations. Financial Aid Awareness and Jeopardy, a tour of the Aquarium Science facility, a tour of our Nursing/Medical Assisting Department, and a student success presentation. Students were also treated to a barbecue and met our mascot Waverly. 40 students visited the college.
- September 15th, 2017 – Newport High School
 - 10th grade students from Newport High School visited Oregon Coast Community College – Newport Campus. Students were welcomed by Lucinda Taylor, Director of Advancement, and were cycled through four different rotation activities and presentations. Financial Aid Awareness and Jeopardy, a tour of the Aquarium Science facility, a tour of our Nursing/Medical Assisting Department, and a student success presentation. Students were also treated to a barbecue and met our mascot Waverly. 150 students visited the college.



- September 19th, 2017 – Taft High School
 - Students from Taft High School visited Oregon Coast Community College – Newport Campus. Students were welcomed by the President of the College, Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, and were cycled through four different rotation activities and presentations. Financial Aid Awareness and Jeopardy, a tour of the Aquarium Science facility, a tour of our Nursing/Medical Assisting Department, and a student success presentation. Students were also treated to a barbecue and met our mascot Waverly.

Accreditation Update

The entire college is focused upon preparing for our Spring 2018 initial candidacy visit from a peer-evaluation team from NWCCU institutions. The exact date of the visit will be established after a preliminary visit from NWCCU Vice President Dr. Valerie Martinez, who will spend a day with college staff on November 29th. The purpose of the November visit is to ascertain whether we are ready for the Spring 2018 evaluation for initial candidacy. Following Dr. Martinez's visit the dates for the Spring visit will be set.

And of course, many of us are hard at work assembling the required Self-Evaluation Report (SER), documenting a comprehensive analytical self-analysis which will be provided to the peer-evaluation team 90 days prior to their visit. Per [NWCCU guidelines](#),

Institutional self-evaluation is the most significant part of the accreditation process. It must be comprehensive, encompass the entire institution, and address the Commission's accreditation criteria and be viewed as an ongoing process to understand, evaluate, and improve quality and effectiveness by:

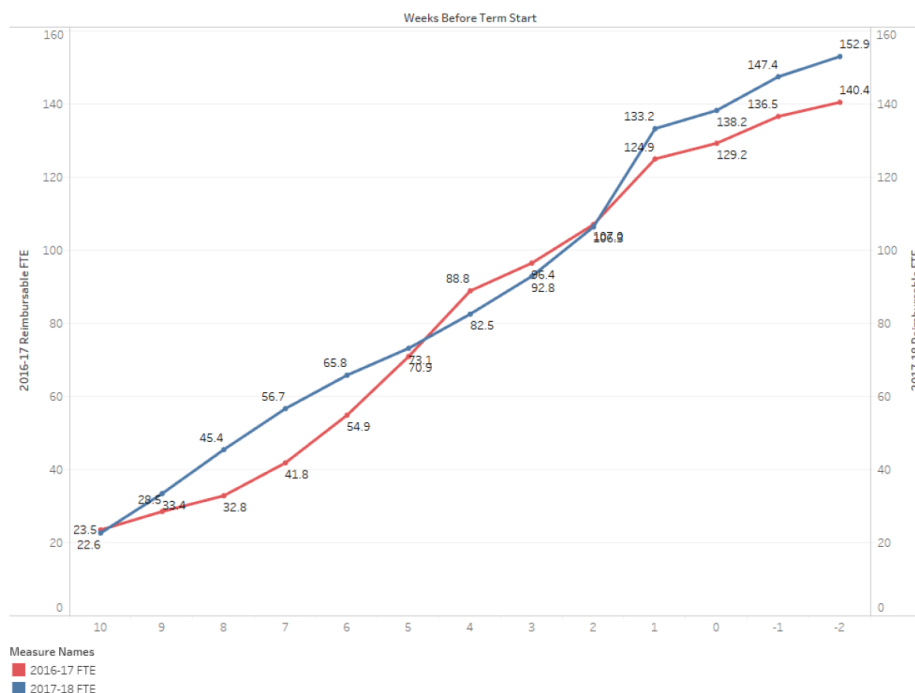
- *analyzing institutional resources and effectiveness in fulfilling its mission;*
- *demonstrating that student achievement is commensurate with the certificates, diplomas, degrees, or other recognition awarded;*
- *appraising the relationship of all the institution's activities to its purposes;*
- *providing a sound basis for institutional planning and improvement;*
- *assessing educational achievements as well as structures and processes;*
- *assessing student achievement with respect to programs and services offered to accomplish educational purposes;*
- *assessing performance in achieving institutional mission and goals.*

Enrollment Trends

Comparison of 2017-18 Fall Term vs. 2016-17 Fall Term as of 10/09/2017

2017-18 Fall Term				
2 Weeks after Fall Term Start (10/09/2017)				
Course Type	2017-18	2016-17	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	78.34	66.37	18.04%	+11.97
Career and Tech Education	34.53	35.83	-3.63%	-1.30
Development Education	12.50	12.12	3.14%	+0.38
Workforce Development (Voc. Supp)*	14.08	11.86		+2.22
ESL*	4.31	4.11	4.87%	+0.20
GED	4.54	5.20	-13.52%	-0.66
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	4.58	4.88	-6.15%	-0.30
Reimbursable Total	152.88	140.37	8.91%	+12.51
Other Comm.Ed (Non-reimbursable)	4.98	3.55	40.28%	1.43
Grand Total	157.86	143.92	9.69%	+13.94

2017-18 Fall vs. 2016-17 Fall Reimbursable FTE as of 10/09/2017



Focus Topic: Our Work with Lincoln County School District

Oregon Coast Community College has partnered with Lincoln County School District to serve Lincoln County students since the college's founding in 1987. Here are some examples just since 2014:

Systems Improvements

We have reduced barriers to entry for High School students. Placement tests for college courses (at high schools or college) are not required for students still in high school. For students who come to the college within 3 years from graduating from High School, we now use high school transcripts for placement. More students now go directly into college level work as a result. This year we started planning for an annual Lincoln County educational data summit. Staff from LCSD and OCCC met to develop methods to look at educational "pipelines" and how students are served across the educational continuum.

Outreach

- The college's **Navigate Program**, started in late 2016, and has served 1020 students from Newport High School, Taft High School, Waldport High School Toledo High School, Eddyville Charter School, and Newport Middle School, providing:
 - Classroom presentations on college access, finding the right college, financial aid, and goal setting
 - Entire grade presentations at Taft High School and Eddyville Charter School
 - Participation in college application week, financial aid nights, and forecasting nights.
 - Individual appointments with students covering:
 - financial aid
 - college applications
 - scholarship searches
 - scholarship writing
 - college goal setting
 - finding the right college
 - helping students navigate accelerated learning choices – Dual Credit, Early College
- **Career Technical Day** - 230 students from Newport High School, Taft High School, Waldport High School, and Toledo High School visited OCCC for this event. We created this new event at the request of the High School counselors. The objective of CTE day is to expose high school students to the various potential Career and Technical Education programs available to them. 13 programs were showcased from OCCC and LBCC using hands-on activities, games, and demonstrations. OCCC hosted this first time event on April 7, 2017.
- **Juntos**--We are in our second year of Juntos- 40 Families from Newport and Lincoln City. This outreach program serves Latino students and their families with the goal of increasing entry to post-secondary education after high school. So far we have run four Juntos cohorts, 6 sessions each. Curriculum covers importance of family involvement in both high school success and college access and success. We have alternated - a fall cohort at Newport and spring at Taft.

Accelerated Credit: High School Students earning College Credit

- Beginning in 15-16, we worked with LCSD to restart a **Dual Credit** program, which had been previously phased out. We have developed rigorous college level dual credit offerings within LCSD supported by a professional learning community, close work between college & HS faculty, oversight & assessment to ensure alignment and rigor, and meaningful credits earned (will apply to AAOT and eventually transfer majors). This is in place for WR 121, 122, 123: Math 111, 112. Biology and College Success are being considered next.
- We also created **Early College** wherein any Lincoln County student who is college ready can take one class per term at no cost (from a list of AAOT relevant courses), and additional courses at 50% of

normal tuition and fees. Enrollment has been small, and there are opportunities to grow enrollment with better coordination with LCSD scheduling.

- **Concurrent enrollment:** In 2016-17 OCCC's focus on building strong relationships with LCSD began paying dividends at Taft High School. Intensive planning with Taft facilitated offering college level business classes that aligned the high school "bell schedule" so that high school students could take college business classes at the college. The Business program concluded a first-of-its-kind offering of BA 101 (Intro to Business) on March 24th 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. In 2017-18, the College has expanded this model to include a Fall term BA 101 dual credit course at Taft which is followed by a BA 211 Marketing class in the same timeslot at OCCC in the Spring. Literally the very act of crossing the geographic boundary between THS and OCCC is eroding psychological barriers for first-generation college students.
- **CNA High School Cohorts:** we have done six Certified Nursing Assistant cohorts with LCSD with good success, and believe that doing one cohort per year somewhere in the district is sustainable. There are skills labs now in place in Newport, Waldport and Lincoln City.
- **Partnering on AVID:** Taft High has been the leader in institutionalizing the AVID program across LCSD, and we have begun to partner in the delivery of college success curriculum. We are jointly delivering a course to the high school mentors within the AVID program, CG191: Exploring Identity and Diversity for College Success. These high school mentors will receive dual credit as they work on developing cultural competency skills

What's Next?

OCCC, LCSD and Western Oregon University have developed a "grow your own" teacher education program (to attract, educate and retain culturally responsive teachers for pre-school and k-12). Initiating and sustaining this new program for the first four years will require approximately \$500,000 in funding. We are awaiting word on our application to Meyer Memorial Trust which would provide the bulk of the funding. If we are awarded, program development will begin in January 2018.

OCCC Foundation

At its annual retreat on August 25, the OCCC Foundation Board of Directors welcomed five new members: Maryann Bozza, Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC); David Gomberg, State Representative for District 10; Gloria Ingle, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians Tribal Council; Dr. Lesley Ogden, CEO of Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital & Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital; and Andi Spirtos, fundraising professional. Board members received an overview of activities and key messages for each of the functional areas of the college.

The Williams Lecture Series Committee is planning for fall 2017 and spring 2018 presentations. At 7:00 PM Thursday, Oct 26, Robert Kenta, the Cultural Resources Director and Tribal Council member for Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, will present on Siletz Tribal History (Community Room, Newport campus).

Notecards featuring student artwork have been produced as the result of the first OCCC Student Notecard Contest. Sets of five cards, one with each image, will be available for purchase in Your College Store.

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 9, 7:00-8:30pm, and join us for the OCCC Foundation Donor & Scholar Reception. The Foundation awarded \$100,000 in scholarships to 53 students for the 2017-18 academic year. This annual event highlights scholarship recipients and recognizes the generosity of our donors who make it all possible.

Career Focused Programs, Some Updates

Business

Business is the newest addition to OCCC career focused programs, and only really got underway with the hiring of Dr. Alberto Flores, full-time faculty for Business, in 2016. Enrollment in BA 101 Intro to Business is consistently strong (15 enrolled this fall), and while it has shown a slight decline since it was first offered (21 students, subsidized at \$100/course), this course continues to expose potential new students to the business field, as well as serving the needs of students declared into a business track. Also this term, BA 131 Intro to Business Computers, (offered once per year) has its highest enrollment to date (8 enrolled).

The Business program has new offerings this fall, EC 201 Microeconomics (21 enrolled), BA 211 Principles of Accounting I (8 enrolled), and BA 226 Business Law I (7 enrolled). All three courses are required for students seeking to transfer through the ASOT-Business (Associate of Science Oregon Transfer). There are currently 23 students declared into ASOT taking classes at OCCC, and this continues to be the major track for students pursuing Business.

The Business advisory committee met in August and suggested revising the AAS (Associate of Applied Science) Degree in Business to reflect a concentrated core of Business Courses with smaller specialized career focus tracks (Marketing, Accounting, Entrepreneurship, and Transfer).

This term, Dr. Flores is also meeting weekly with Mr. Bass from Taft High School as part of a sponsored Dual Credit offering of BA101 Intro to Business at the high school. As the Taft High School term ends the first week of February (during our Winter Term), students will not register for the course until Winter 2017 registration opens. Students from this Dual Credit sequence will then feed into Dr. Flores' Intro to Marketing course that starts the 2nd week of February and runs through the end of the OCCC Winter Term. This course meets every morning at 8:00 a.m. and is aligned with first period at Taft High School.

Criminal Justice

The process of suspending the CJ program will continue during the 2017-2018. Portland Community College approved our suspension plan at their Degree and Certificate Committee on Oct 11th and we will now be contacting (CCWD)/HECC to formally notify the state of our planned suspension. We continue to work with our students who are pursuing CJ degrees to ensure that they have a plan in place to complete their degree or certificate.

Medical Assistant

16 students are currently enrolled in the program (our largest class since the start of the program). 85% of the graduates from the Class of 2017, are nationally certified and employed as Medical Assistants in Lincoln and Benton Counties.

Emergency Medical Technician

We currently have 10 students enrolled in the EMT Basic class for fall term. The following departments are sponsoring students (paying tuition, fees and textbooks): PacWest Ambulance; Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue, North Lincoln Fire Rescue District, Toledo Fire and Rescue and Siletz Valley Fire Department.

Nursing

Nursing orientation was held on Sept 12th-14th for incoming and returning nursing students.

Our graduates from 2017 continue to do well in securing their first nursing positions. We currently have 33 students enrolled in the nursing program, between first and second year student. Two second year students will be rejoining the Class of 2018 in winter term. The Student Nurse Organization (SNO) will be doing a hygiene drive at Fred Meyer and Walmart on Oct 28. They will also be doing a drive at BiMart, date TBA.

The hygiene drive benefits the Lincoln County School District Homeless Programs. This is an annual event for SNO and last year because of the generosity of the citizens of Lincoln County the students collected over 1500 lbs of hygiene items.

See below for an email from one of our former students that reinforces how the nursing program continues to make a difference in our graduate's lives:

"Linda, there really are no words to describe how much I love my job, my career path, I can clearly see it, my current move, my next move, without calculation it is just simply unfolding. Mental Health, the fit could not be more perfect, I am just a sponge for knowledge in an environment where every team member is completely willing to educate. ... (The) Oregon Coast Community College graduates that I get the honor of learning from now, they are excellent nurses.. ... I felt compelled to express to you the gratitude that I have and always will have for your Nursing Department, I truly could not have gotten here without you. Thank You."



2017 Nurse Pinning Ceremony

President's External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
OCCC Foundation Annual Retreat Newport Rotary Welcome & Panel Presenter: Leadership Lincoln Lincoln County School District meetings Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation, Chair OCCC Board Retreat Newport Chamber of Commerce: Presenter	OSU President Ray Annual Community Partners Event Oregon Coast STEM Hub Steering Committee Mid-Valley Mid-Coast Collaborative OCCA Executive Committee Retreat & Meetings OCCA Operations Subcommittee Meetings NC3 National Coalition of Certification Centers OPC Meeting (Mt. Hood) LBL ESD/LBCC/OCCC Grant Meeting

OCCC Media Report

August 23, 2017 to October 18, 2017

Media

[OCCC Student Named Coca Cola Leader of Promise Scholar](#)

[Oregon Coast Daily News](#)

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[Get a line on learning, in Lincoln City](#)

Oregon Coast Today 9/14/2017

Whether you want to tie a fly or get fly with tiles, the fall term of community education courses from **Oregon Coast Community College** has the perfect ...

[Hitting the Baha'i' notes](#)

Oregon Coast Today 9/14/2017

Music, dance and inspiring words will fill the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College** on Friday, Sept. 15, as the annual Celebrating ...

OCCC Media (cont'd)

[School safety starts with preparation](#)

Newport News Times 9/15/2017

To make its campuses as safe as possible for students and staff, the Lincoln County School District and **Oregon Coast Community College** have

[High school students pursue college-level science](#)

Newport News Times 9/21/2017

High school students pursue college-level science ... senior Rosemary Hume, who takes all of her coursework at **Oregon Coast Community College**

[INSIDE LOOK: Citizens Police Academy](#)

The News Guard 9/24/2017

The second annual Lincoln City Police Department Citizens Police Academy is underway at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[OCCC teaching small business owners to thrive](#)

Newport News Times 9/29/2017

LINCOLN COUNTY - **Oregon Coast Community College's** Small Business Development Center offers free advice and tuition programs to launch and

[Classes and glasses](#)

Oregon Coast Today 10/11/2017

A pair of upcoming presentations from **Oregon Coast Community College** aim to help bring both issues into sharper focus. On Monday, Oct. 16, and

[Put a little pork in your budget](#)

Oregon Coast Today 10/18/2017

In 2017, the club awarded three \$1,500 scholarships to nursing students at Oregon Coast Community College. These recipients have been invited to ...

[Spelling Bee to benefit Newport High](#)

Newport News Times 10/18/2017

Buzz is building about the eighth annual Community Spelling Bee, to be ... at 6:30 p.m. at the Newport campus of Oregon Coast Community College.

OCCC Press Releases

[*Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill*](#)

Dear Faculty and Staff, The safety of our students, staff, and faculty is a key priority of Oregon Coast Community College and earthquakes are one of our region's significant safety threats. Whether we live in earthquake country or may one...

[*Student Nurses Hold Hygiene Drive*](#)

Help with OCCC Nursing's Hygiene Supply Drive! Every fall for the last 8 years, Oregon Coast Community College's Student Nurses Organization has completed a community service project, a "Hygiene Drive." Conducted at various local businesses, the drive supports the county..

[*HMSC, OCCC Form Partnership*](#)

This Fall, Oregon Coast Community College and OSU's Hatfield Marine Science Center are launching a cooperative quarterly outreach/bridge program. The two events scheduled for Fall term are listed below. Check back for more details as plans gel and additional events are scheduled.

[*Along with the rain drops the SBDC's new Fall lineup 9/19/2017*](#)

The rain is back! I am excited to see the change in the weather, and I know I'm not the only one. The air is clearer, the rivers teem with anglers - and, here at the OCCC Small Business Development Center, our busy Fall lineup of classes and workshops is ready to launch.