



# OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

November 2016  
President's Report  
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We are now in week 8 of the Fall term at the College. Students have found their way to the tutoring center, weathered one or more mid-terms, and have dug out their rain gear. Faculty and staff have been very busy as well. Here are some highlights from the past month.

## Donor Scholar Reception



Top left: Foundation Board Chair Adam Springer and scholarship recipients Daniel Edwards and Krysty Brooks. Top right: Members of the Yachats Ladies Club. Bottom: student art, student scholars.

The OCCC Foundation hosted a very successful Donor & Scholar Reception on Monday, November 14. We thanked our donors and helped show the impact of their investments when four amazing students shared their stories.

- Olivia Dye earned her certified nursing assistant certificate through OCCC while still in high school and is now in the first year of our nursing program.
- Daniel Edwards experienced a life-changing motorcycle accident that put him on the path to a transfer degree that will ultimately lead to a career as a paramedic.
- Kaylee Sivihok has dreamed of working with marine wildlife from a young age, but was almost derailed when she discovered she had a learning disability while attending OSU. She has overcome challenges related to test anxiety and now finds herself thriving in our aquarium science program.
- Krysty Brooks didn't let her family's lack of finances or homelessness hold her back. She's on target to graduate from the nursing program next June.

Part of our culture at OCCC is to say, "that was wonderful, what can we do to make it even better?" Lucinda Taylor, our Director of Advancement, brought this spirit to the annual Donor Scholar Reception. Like the prior year, recognition of scholars and donors was accompanied by music and refreshments. New this year was a later time (7 pm), a little wine, and student artwork on display. Lucinda and faculty such as Laura Hamilton also worked more closely with student speakers to help them develop and present their very moving stories. Story boards of more scholars were also displayed throughout the commons. Lucinda also ensured the event was well publicized and personally invited donors. All of this careful planning and execution gave us our most successful Donor Scholar Reception to date. The commons was full, and we had to add more chairs three times. Thanks to the many people who helped make the event a success, thank you to the many faculty and staff that attended, thank you donors, and congratulations to our incredible students. With the current year awards, the OCCC Foundation has now awarded over \$1 million in scholarships, changing lives and futures with every dollar. (Want to be a donor? Many employees already are. Contact Lucinda Taylor or Sharon Hahn to set up payroll deduction.)

### **World AIDs Day December 1: PFLAG hosting the AIDS Quilt at OCCC**

From November 28th through December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Lincoln County panels of the AIDs Quilt (<http://www.aidsquilt.org/>) will be on display in the OCCC Library in Newport. Medical Assisting Faculty member Debbie Spicer has led this effort, along with the local chapter of PFLAG (<http://occpflag.org/>). The College and PFLAG also worked with the Lincoln County Commissioners to adopt a Proclamation for World AID's Day, scheduled for the November 30, 2016 Board of Commissioners meeting.

### **Williams Lecture Series, OCCC Foundation Presents**

**The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon**

**7 P.M. DECEMBER 1 – NEWPORT**

Global displacement is on the rise, thanks to intractable conflicts, economics, and climate change. Oregonians have and will continue to see the results of international migration in our neighborhoods. How might we build more informed, responsive, resilient, and vibrant communities?

This is the focus of "The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon," a free conversation with Manuel Padilla starting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 1, in the Community Room of Oregon Coast Community College's Central County Campus in Newport. This program is hosted by the OCCC Foundation and sponsored by Oregon Humanities, and is the latest in the Foundation's long-running Williams Lecture Series. Padilla has done peace work in Haiti, Chad, and Washington, DC, working with internally displaced people, immigrants, and refugees. Currently he implements reconciliation workshops in refugee contexts with the Jesuit Refugee Service, works with youth through restorative justice frameworks, and volunteers with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Circles of Support and Accountability program.

### Newport High School Boosters 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Spelling Bee

Once again, OCCC hosted this fun event, which raises money for academic programs at Newport High School. This year, OCCC even entered a team, sponsored by:



Our team made it to the semi-finals, and along the way, assisted by supporters ready to hand over \$\$ bribes, all in a good cause.





## STUDENT SUCCESS

### OCCC JOINS OREGON NASA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM

The Oregon Space Grant Consortium, a part of the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program, is a state-wide network of universities, colleges, museums, educators, researchers, students and science professionals promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) education through cooperative and interdisciplinary programs while recruiting and training NASA's next diverse workforce.

"Being a member institution of the Oregon NASA Space Grant Consortium provides our students with amazing opportunities that range from scholarships to really cool research projects like the Eclipse Ballooning Project," said Matthew Fisher, OCCC's Lead Science Faculty and the College's Space Grant representative. "We will use this resource to help attract and train the next generation scientists and engineers from our community."

*(Image courtesy the Montana Space Grant Consortium, photographed from a balloon at about 85,000 feet in 2007.)*



Get help with your Financial Aid application

Oregon Coast Community College is again hosting College Goal Oregon events to provide Financial Aid information to students, their family members, and interested members of the community. Participants enjoy free pizza while they learn about the recent changes to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other important financial aid information. The first event was this past Tuesday, at OCCC's North County Center in Lincoln City. The second will be held Nov. 17 at the Central County Campus in Newport.

This event is part of a program to help students and their families learn about the FAFSA and how to apply for financial aid. Attendees receive information on navigating the steps of financial aid, learning about scholarship opportunities, and hands-on assistance completing the FAFSA.

# Costumepalooza 2016





Prize Winners



SNO (Student Nursing Organization) and Waverly Stepped it Up:  
1578 pounds of supplies delivered on November 8<sup>th</sup>!

***Collection of Personal Hygiene  
Items for the Children of Lincoln  
County***

***8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hygiene Drive***

*Support Local Homeless Youth and Families  
Unfortunately, many children and their families are in need of personal  
hygiene supplies. We can help through a simple donation to our Lincoln  
County based family support program:*

***H.E.L.P of Homeless Education & Literacy Project***





**ASK KNOT what you can do for the College!**





ASK is the Administrative Support Knot - so named because folks in OCCC front-line support positions are ASKED for lots of things, by a lot of people, all the time. The Knot, imaged here by ASK member, Tonia Anderson, illustrates the tightness of our group (we don't just help others, we support each other too!):  
*Helene Serewis*

ASK meets monthly to share good ideas, offer mutual support, learn about each other's work, and talk about ways to improve the front line experience of the students, staff and public they all support. ASK meetings are a great place for College staff considering changes to come for ideas and feedback.

ASK Members:

- Tonia Anderson, Administrative Assistant to the Navigate Program and Office Receptionist to OCCC North Center
- Kathy Andrews, Administrative Assistant for Academics & Workforce
- Vickie Jones Briggs, Administrative Assistant for Health & Human Services
- Kori Copp, Administrative Assistant for Student Services
- Shirley Hill, Administrative Assistant for OCCC North Center
- Shannon McKibben, Library Assistant
- Helene Serewis, Executive Assistant to President and Board
- Shaneon West, Bookstore Assistant

### Small Business Development Center

With only 45 days left in the year, the SBDC is looking at its year-end performance. Notable figures include **59 jobs created or retained so far during 2016**, as a result of clients working with the Oregon Coast SBDC. These numbers are generated solely by the clients themselves, who must fill out and sign impact validation forms that explain that retention or creation of jobs at their businesses resulted, at least in part, from assistance those businesses received from the SBDC. Further, our report card shows the SBDC has helped **launch three new businesses this year** in Lincoln County, and has helped clients increase sales by \$176,000. So far this year, the SBDC has provided free, confidential, one-on-one business counseling services to **145 businesses in Lincoln County**; 47 of these have spent more than 5 hours with SBDC staff.

### Community Education

The Community Education lineup for Winter Term is coming together and will be announced before the December board meeting. Among the enhancements coming for Winter is our biggest-ever lineup of non-credit offerings in Waldport. These new additions come as a direct result of OCCC staff working with members of the Waldport community. We appreciate their outreach and their interest in College services and programs.

This weekend, on Saturday, Nov. 19, OCCC Community Ed students will head off-site, to Lincoln City's Eventuary, an eclectic events center with a fully functional commercial kitchen. There, two sold-out classes will dive into the tasty subjects of how to make "Party Foods, from Simple to Fabulous," and "Baking Extraordinary Holiday Cookies." The College's continuing effort to forge new community partnerships for the coming term of non-credit enrichment programming has led to a new dance class, to be held at the Lincoln City Cultural Center. Stay tuned for more of the same.

And, speaking of Lincoln County cities, we're pleased to note that Newport Mayor Sandy Roumagoux is returning to OCCC to teach an oil-painting class in Newport this winter.

The community will learn more about upcoming Small business and Community Ed news as Dave Price speaks to chambers of commerce in Newport (Dec. 9) and Toledo (Jan. 17).



Students in OCCC's inaugural home-brewing class, a sold-out offering led by the Rogue Brewery's own Joel Shields, pose for a photo last Tuesday night. (Yes, the class is definitely returning for the Winter 2017 term.)

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

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOE Individual Meetings Meetings: (Osterlund, Kilduff, Nelson-Robertson, Ouderkirk)</li> <li>• Siletz Fire Chief, Representing Lincoln County Fire Defense Board</li> <li>• Newport Chamber</li> <li>• LC Commissioner Bill Hall re: Mental Health First Aid</li> <li>• Lincoln County LGBTQ Task Force</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus Compact, Executive Leadership Series on Equity and Empowerment (ESEE)</li> <li>• OCCA Executive Committee Meeting</li> <li>• Oregon Presidents Council</li> <li>• OPC Affordability Workgroup (Chair)</li> <li>• OPC Distribution Formula Growth Management Component Workgroup (Chair)</li> <li>• OCCA Annual Conference</li> <li>• ATD Rural Colleges Meeting</li> </ul>

**OCCC Media Report**

October 25 to November 16, 2016

[Donor & Scholar Reception - Oregon Coast Community College](#)

[www.oregoncoastcc.org/event/donor-scholar-reception/](http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/event/donor-scholar-reception/) Nov 14 ..Donor & Scholar Reception honors 2016-17 scholarship recipients and donors.

[OCCC Joins Space Grant Consortium - Oregon Coast Community ...](#)

Nov 3, 2016 - OCCC Joins *Oregon* NASA Space Grant Consortium.

[News Times OCCC ceremony to mark Veterans Day](#)

[www.newportnewstimes.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?heading=o...](http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=o...)

Nov 4, 2016 - This month, **Oregon** Coast Community College continues its tradition of honoring ... The public is invited to join OCCC President Birgitte **Ryslunge** at noon on ...

[Get pizza \(Oh, and help with financial aid.\) - Oregon Coast Community ...](#) Nov 2, 2016

[College Goal Oregon event](#) *The News Guard, November 9, 2016 - Get help with your Financial Aid application. OCCC Hosts 'College Goal Oregon' Events. Get help with financial aid, free pizza. Be prepared to apply!*

[Williams Lecture Returns Dec. 1](#)

"The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon," ...

[Roll the dice this election day](#)

Oregon Coast Today, October 25, 2016. If national politics seems like too much of a crap shoot, **Oregon Coast Community College** has a way to spend Nov. 8 that does not involve gambling ...

[Share your passion as an instructor at OCCC](#)

The News Guard, November 5, 2016... you'd like to share with your neighbors and the community, consider being a Community Education instructor at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Take your pick - Learn A Little - Oregon Coast Today](#)

[www.oregoncoasttoday.com/oct/learn/20161115/take-your-pick](http://www.oregoncoasttoday.com/oct/learn/20161115/take-your-pick)

Oregon Coast Today, November 15, 2016

The Lincoln County Master Gardener class will meet from 9 am to 4:30 pm each Tuesday at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College** from ...

OCCC FACEBOOK FANS: **2,312**