

# OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report  
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## **Commencement: The happiest day of our year!**

June 10 at 6:00 PM at the Performing Arts Center in Newport, we will again celebrate our accomplished students and send them on their ways. Bring your tissue for those happy tears. (If you are part of the stage party, please be there by 5:45.) Our keynote speakers are always special, but this year even more so. Come and be inspired.

**Nursing Celebration:** The OCCC Pinning Ceremony is at the Performing Arts Center the same day (6/10) at 11am. Invitations are in the mail.

## **Celebrateus!**

Commencement celebrates our students. On Thursday before commencement, we celebrate "us:" all the wonderful staff, faculty, and Board members who make OCCC what it is. At this annual (yes, this is our second year) event, we gather to honor new retirees, give service awards, and just take a breath to reflect on our amazing colleagues. This year the committee is developing some fun additions to recognize the good work that happens all year, and they are also working on gift baskets to raise funds for the student emergency loan program. And dessert, did I mention dessert? Thursday, June 9, 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

## **Student Government & Leadership**

During Winter Term, our fearless student leaders picked up about 200 pounds of trash at the annual Beach Clean Up, held Student Forums and learned that the major concerns were price of textbooks, a desire for higher level computing capability, and cancelled classes. They also collected over 300

pairs of socks for the warming shelter, volunteered at the Hearts for Horses event at the Oregon Aquarium, and volunteered at Welcome back BB. They also helped to coordinate and host a Scholarship Awareness Event. I am always so impressed and proud of our students who not only work hard academically and likely are working to support themselves or family, and still make the time to be volunteers and leaders in the college and community. Go Sharks!

### **Tutoring Makes Smart People Smarter!**

The Tutoring Center and Career and Transfer Readiness Center has been assisting 2nd year Nursing Students with resumes, cover letters, and interview skills in preparation for employment after college. Our OCCC's Career Coach (Jody Becker) visits the classes to speak about what is next including resume and cover letter presentation, which is followed by relevant assignments. Students have found the presentations and assignments highly useful in their transition from career to employment.

There are 33 students enrolled in tutoring this term and many of them are meeting with their tutors weekly. A tutor has been placed in the day GED class in order to assist the instructor in meeting the needs of the diverse student skill sets and it has been a great success in the program. Strong collaboration between students, faculty, and volunteers from the community has lead to a well-sustained and successful tutoring program at OCCC. Interested in volunteering? Contact Jody Becker.

### **Another Fond Farewell**

The lure of Corvallis has taken another from OCCC. Jean Garcia Chitwood, who has been in the temporary position of Associate Dean of Instruction for the past 16 months, will take on the Pre-College Program Coordinator position at OSU. Jean's last day at OCCC will be Friday, May 20. Jean played a strong role in our accreditation application with her work on faculty qualifications and evaluations. She was instrumental in revitalizing our Dual Credit program with Lincoln County School District and was part of the team that created OCCC's Early College program. Jean was a leader in implementing the new Juntos program, and was the co-chair of the Equity and Inclusion committee. At OSU she will join Barbara Kessel and Hallie Price. We trust that all three will continue to strengthen the bonds between OCCC and OSU.

Off to OCCC East!



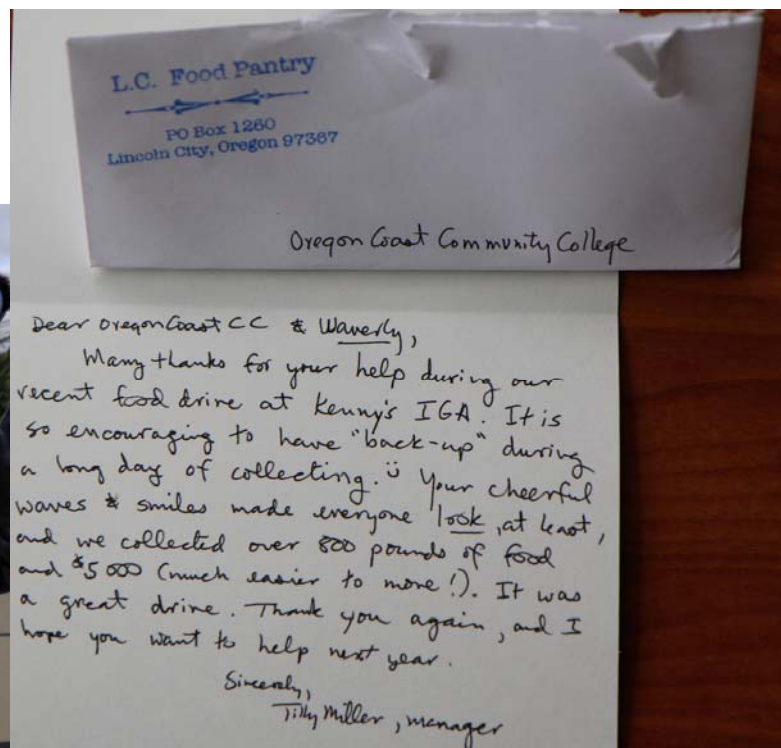
### A Jewel in the OCCC Crown: Our Library

The Library is conducting their second-annual survey of library collections, services and spaces during the month of May. This is in response to the library's desire to be a customer-driven academic library. Efforts are closely tied to the Library goal of Student Success by providing strong collections, responsive services and welcoming physical spaces which help foster critical thinking and academic study. We are hoping that the changes we have made since the last survey have created a "belonging place," where students feel invited to come in and collaborate, study, or just relax. Survey results will be available next month.

### OCCC Advancement (Foundation, Marketing, Community Relations)

This month, it is all about Waverly, who is clearly stealing the show. Beloved by children, beauty queens, and everyone in between: Waverly is *Out* and *About*.

Shirley Hill and Waverly at the Lincoln City Community Days food drive. Shirley is the chair of this weeklong celebration that raises funds for local charities -- as well as food for the Lincoln City Food Pantry.





First year Nursing students did a teaching project with about 30 Girl Scouts from 5-12 years old on: Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Waverly was able to assist with the teaching.

#### Digital Media & Marketing Lab:

The Sharks Digital Media & Marketing Lab is waiting for just one more piece of equipment - the drop-down backdrop - before its grand opening is scheduled. Meanwhile, the Nursing Department is planning to use the lab this month to record a PSA for radio and the studio was used to produce the "Meet Waverly" video last month.

#### Enrollment:

Spring Enrollment data to date is reflecting similar trends as previous terms. CTE and Workforce Development are up, and Transfer (LDC) is recovering, but still showing the impact of the severe reduction in Expanded Options enrollments.

Spring 2016

Course type	YTD FTE % Change 14/15 to 15/16	YTD FTE Change 14/15 to 15/16
Lower Division Collegiate	-9.3%	-19
Career and Tech Education	+19.8%	+26.8
Workforce development (Voc. Supp)*	+16.1%	+6.0
ESL	+6.6%	+1.15
GED	-2.0%	-0.6
PSR	-37.5%	-10.2
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	+28.2%	+2.8
<b>Reimbursable Total</b>	<b>+1.1%</b>	<b>+5.0</b>
Other Comm Ed. (Non-reimbursable)	+75.5%	+13.5
Grand Total	+2.35	+11.1

What does our year-end look like? Below is a comparison of this year 2015-16 (to date) with 2014-15

Course type	2015_1 6	2014_1 5	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	204.9	224.6	-8.8%	-19.7
Career and Tech Education	135.4	107.9	+25.5%	+27.6
Developmental Education	27.3	37.5	-27.3%	-10.2
Workforce development (Voc. Supp)*	37.5	31.2	+20.3%	+6.3
ESL*	17.5	18.7	-6.2%	-1.2
GED*	31.3	29.9	+4.7	+1.4
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	9.8	7.2	+35.3%	+2.6
<b>Reimbursable Total</b>	<b>463.6</b>	<b>456.9</b>	<b>+1.5%</b>	<b>+6.7</b>
Other Comm Ed. (Non-reimbursable)	17.9	4.3	+312.2%	+13.6
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>481.5</b>	<b>461.2</b>	<b>+4.4%</b>	<b>+20.3</b>

\* Timing of enrollment input varies year to year. Comparisons are not meaningful until close of year

### Program News

**Criminal Justice:** Faculty along with the Criminal Justice Advisory Board are working on strategies to increase enrollment in the CJ courses and increase the number of students that are completing their degrees and certificates. One of the strategies is to hold an open house in August with local law enforcement. We are considering partnering with other CTE programs such as Medical Assistant, Accounting and Administrative Assistant to develop a more comprehensive college open house.

### Small Business Development Center and Community Ed

The OCCC SBDC has announced its first customer service-focused workforce development project to begin with a two-session program on May 31 and June 2 in Lincoln City. In partnership with the City of Lincoln City's Visitor & Convention Bureau, the SBDC is delivering the Certified Guest Service Professional certification program, provided by the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association and created by the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute. The SBDC aims to place 20 students in the inaugural session and to hold similar sessions at least once during each academic term.

Dave Price and Paul Robertson expanded the Community Ed shellfish class this month. Pictured are some of the students, watching very fresh mussels prepared before their eyes. New News Guard publisher Mark Smidt and his wife, Barb Smidt (in today's News Times as the new bank manager at Oregon Coast Bank in LC) are pictured at left.



Ollie Richardson is returning to OCCC this summer to offer his one-credit surfing class. Here he is, with Bella, showing off for the Oregon Coast TODAY at Otter Rock in 2012.



Seen around OCCC: You can't escape good teaching, our faculty will find you in the parking lot and give you a study guide. Thank you Laura Hamilton!

### College News & Tidbits

A siding fix at North Center resolved a long-standing building leak that had stained ceiling tiles in the Community Room almost from day one. Stay dry, our friends in North County.

Canvas Progress: The implementation of our new Learning Management System is well under way. A planning and implementation team of 10 is leading the way. Work groups have been established for Resources, Technical Integration, Branding, and more. Cindy Carlson and Linda Molino are leading this work (updates are given regularly at CoCo and please watch your email for information on this important transition.)

Progress toward implementation of our new system for Data and Institutional Effectiveness (CORE) is also moving along. OCCC and our LBCC representative will together attend a state data summit this summer. The meeting will focus on improving data quality in key areas including: identifying students who are Limited English Proficient (LEP), collecting Credit for Prior Learning (CPL), collection and use of major codes in student reporting (and its link to Webforms), and preparing for the Voluntary Framework for Accountability (VFA).

Website: For the first time in more than six years, Oregon Coast Community College is redeveloping its web presence. The new site, due to launch July 1, 2016, is being designed to better serve student needs while affording greater utility and ease of use to faculty, staff, community members and other visitors to the site. The new site, created by an in-house team including Misty Lambrecht, Spencer Smith and Dave Price, with contributions coming from every department in the College, is fully responsive for viewing on mobile devices and tablets as well as traditional laptops and desktop computers. The new site brings many other improvements, including a robust new calendar tool which will help OCCC better share with the community the many special events and activities that its students and staff present or support throughout the year. Further, the site will be much more

accessible to visitors with limited eyesight. Look for the new website, coming July 1, 2016, to [oregoncoastcc.org](http://oregoncoastcc.org).

### Facilities: Safety & Lighting

Chris Rogers started working with Slatercom Lighting within in his first week as interim Facilities Manager. He continued a project started by Russ Engle to explore better outdoor lighting options for Lincoln City and Newport. He settled on a new LED fixture that was eligible for nearly 40% pay back from the Energy Trust through Pacific Power. After finishing this application and paperwork, work has begun replacing the 20 parking lot fixtures. The old fixtures were High Pressure Sodium bulbs that ran at 70 Watts. These new LED fixtures are smaller and only run on 20 Watts but are substantially brighter with a wider range of light as well. Soon, we will replace the last few lights on the exterior wall of the North County building and the entry sign lights. Chris says, "It is a huge safety improvement as well as energy saver. Not only does it make someone feel more comfortable about walking to their car at night, the new fixtures also provide better lighting for our surveillance cameras to see more. We hope to begin tackling the lighting at the Newport facility this summer. "

### President's External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Rotary	All Oregon Academic Team Celebration, Salem
Host of Rotary German Study Exchange	Mid Valley Mid Coast Regional Achievement Collaborative
Safe Haven Hill Ribbon Cutting	Nonprofit Workshop, Center for Nonprofit Stewardship
Ocean Lake Elementary (with Waverly)	Oregon Presidents Council
Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation	
Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County	
Aquarium Board Quarterly Meeting	

### OCCC Media Report April 27 to May 18, 2016

#### [Student tuition fees on the rise](#)

April 28, 2016

Newport News Times

NEWPORT — The **Oregon Coast Community College** Board of Education voted unanimously to increase student fees by \$9 per credit, a move that will ...

#### [36 of Oregon's top community college students will be honored Tuesday](#)

May 2, 2016

OregonLive.com

Miguel Ángel Gaspar Márquez, a 22-year-old student at **Oregon Coast Community College**, is one of 20 students in the U.S. to receive a \$5,000 ...

#### [OCCC's Shark Get's Its Name](#)

May 4, 2016

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[Raucous Bike Race Draws 100's on Central Oregon Coast](#)

Oregon Coast Beach Connection

May 9, 2016

... Mountain Bike Race happens around Newport's South Beach, in a winding, 11-mile course that begins at the **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[The epicenter of learning](#)

Oregon Coast Today

... summer experience need look no further than the Earthquake Camp taking place this July at **Oregon Coast Community College** in Lincoln City.

[Celebration of Katy: Family shares her story](#)

The NewsGuard

May 11, 2016

[Strike gold at Lincoln City](#)

May 17, 2016

Oregon Coast Today

...the Lincoln City Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center are partnering together to bring world-class customer service training to Lincoln City.

[New Customer Service Training Available to Lincoln City Businesses](#)

May 17, 2016

Oregon Coast Daily News

OCCC FACEBOOK FANS: **2,222**