



December 2016- January 2017

President's Report

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### **Student Success Highlights**



OCCC Associated Student Government and Surfrider Beach Cleanup

Students in **Student Government** continue to exhibit leadership and commitment to their communities. Throughout the Fall term they coordinated three events. The annual Day of the Dead celebration provided food and cultural experiences to students and staff, and also raised \$125 for the Susan Archuleta Memorial Scholarship. At the Surfrider beach cleanup (pictured above) twenty volunteers collected ten large garbage bags full of debris. The last event of the Fall term was the first ever Mario Kart tournament which raised \$34 towards a water filter. Go Sharks!

**Student Nurse Organization:** In December, the Student Nurse Organization raised \$1000 from faculty and staff to purchase gift cards from Walmart and Fred Meyer for adolescents in foster care and group homes throughout Lincoln County.

**Oregon Promise** is a state grant program that covers tuition at an Oregon community college for recent Oregon high school graduates and GED recipients who enroll in an Oregon community college within six months of graduation. Oregon Coast Community College has 30 students utilizing the Oregon Promise Grant this year.

OCCC's **College Survival and Success Course** (CG100) is mandatory course for most students to take early in their academic career. This is an important course that strengthens a student's time management, note taking and other study skills, and self-management. At the end of November, Student Services' staff made calls to 66 students to remind them about this required course as they planned for Winter 2017 enrollment. 27 students registered as a result! The Navigate Scholars and Oregon Promise participants are required to take this class to maintain their eligibility for these funding opportunities.

As Winter Term starts, we move on to **Winter 2017 Call Night**. On 1/17/2017, 321 calls were made to students to see how their term, and classes, were going. Student Services with faculty and staff from across the college reach out to see if we can be of assistance in any way, or to answer any questions that may have arisen in the first 2 weeks of the term. (Nursing and AQS program participants are not called, as these cohorts based programs have consistent contact with staff). Of the 321 calls made, 105 voicemails were left! The main topics discussed were OCCC student email accounts, CANVAS and online classes, and when Financial Aid checks would be disbursed.

**Newport Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade Tour.** 140 6<sup>th</sup> graders visited! And Student Services rolled out the OCCC welcome mat! On Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, teachers, chaperones and the Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade class toured the Nursing Department and the Simulation lab. The second part of their tour was a visit to our Aquarium Sciences Building. The youngsters also visited the Mike Miller Forrest and went on a hike on the Disc golf course on a brisk winter morning of 28 degrees.

**Welcome Back BBQ**—On Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 11:30-1:00 OCCC students, faculty, and staff participated in the Winter 2017 Welcome Back BBQ. OCCC conducts this event early each term to foster connections among all in the campus community. Thanks to Your College Store, Facilities, ASG, and Student Services for their work on this event.

**Oregon Transfer Days** is an annual event where representatives from colleges and universities in Oregon and Idaho visit community colleges to provide information about transitioning from a two-year to a four-year institution. Students learn about admissions, financial aid, and program/degree requirements. Oregon Transfer Days was held at the Newport campus in the Commons on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Colleges represented: Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Pacific University, Portland State University, Oregon Tech, Concordia University, University of Western States, University of Portland, Linfield College, Eastern Oregon University and Grand Canyon University.

**OCCC Navigate Grant Program:** The OCCC Navigate Program's goal is to increase the number of under-served, low-income, and first generation college-bound students in Lincoln County through two success initiatives:

- The Navigate Project initiative connects and enhances existing outreach and support activities across partners to encourage more students to complete high school and enter college

- The Navigate Scholars initiative provides direct supports to increase retention and success of qualifying students who enroll at OCCC. Designed to increase the success of under-served, low-income and first-generation college-bound students, Navigate Scholars uses many proven strategies of the Portland Community College Future Connect program.

Along with participating in LSCD College Application Week, College Fair, and Financial aid nights, the OCCC Navigate Project team has been busy working on the Navigate Website and Facebook, and has recently begun making college presentations in LSCD classrooms. The Navigate team has also participated in LCSD high school counselor meetings. At a recent high school principals' meeting the team established a location at each high school to serve students. Meanwhile, the Navigate Scholars have been receiving extra academic support from their success coach while exploring career and transfer opportunities that start right here at OCCC. Coming up in January, Navigate Scholars will have the opportunity to ask university related questions over Skype with a current OSU student through a partnership with OSU called Beaver Hangouts. Also on the agenda for fall term are workshops focused on financial literacy, transferring to a 4-year university, and job seeking among others.

**Juntos:** For the second year in a row, OCCC is excited to be partnering with Newport High School this fall to provide the Juntos program for our community. Juntos means "Together" in Spanish and works to unite community partners to provide culturally relevant programming for 8-12th grade students and their parents. Programming is designed to empower families with knowledge, skills, and resources to prevent youth from dropping out of high school and to encourage families to work together to gain access to college. While the program begins with 6-week curriculum—Juntos is **not** about a set of workshops. Juntos is about building a community amongst the participants, developing engaged families and schools, and providing opportunities for youth leadership.

The **Tutoring Center** at Oregon Coast Community College had a busy Fall term, with 14 volunteers serving 55 students in math, science, writing, and Spanish, all together providing over 300 hours of one to one tutoring appointments in Fall term alone. The Tutoring Center gained 3 new volunteers this term that add to the support team. Math Lab and Writing Lab provide additional support this term and will be open for regular drop in hours next term as well.

The **Career and Transfer Readiness Center** (CTRC) hosted a short series of workshops Fall term and will continue to offer free workshops through winter term as well. The workshops are open to OCCC students and the community on Wednesdays, from noon until 1:00pm in the CTRC (rm 52) at Central Campus. Topics include: Study Skills and Note Taking; Claiming Your Strengths; Test Tips and Tricks; Job Seeking Online; Resume Building; Resume Assistance; Cover Letters Made Easy; How to Transfer to a 4 Year Institution; Stress Management; and Prepare for OCCC's Job Fair

## **Health and Human Services Programming**

OCCC in collaboration with Lincoln County Public Health and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be providing "Mental Health First Aid USA" which is an 8-hour course giving people basic skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis (in a similar way that first aid or CPR training provides basic health response education). The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it does build mental health

literacy, helping the public identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness. The first training will be provided on January 27, 2017. Here is a link for additional information:

<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/cs/faq/> Our goal is to offer additional trainings so that the majority of faculty and staff at the college are able to attend this training. This is part of a larger initiative for Lincoln County to offer trainings throughout the county

### **All-College Student Success Convening**

Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, all faculty and staff gathered together to discuss, explore and learn about our students and our ongoing journey to “equip students for success.” We began with a light breakfast in the Community Room followed by programming designed to be inspirational, informative, interactive, and to move us forward in our work together. We were joined by our new ATD (Achieving the Dream) Coaches, as well as staff from Linn Benton CC who will soon be providing our data reporting.



## **New Newport Building Hours and Coverage Began Winter Term**

Effective January 3, 2017, we expanded our official hours of operation as well as staffing levels at our Newport site. The goal is to provide increased levels of support for current evening students and faculty, and to also create capacity to expand our evening offerings over time, based on demand. Previously, our official hours of operation, and support levels, were:

- *OCCC is generally open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.*  
*During academic terms, Student Services is open on those days from 8am to 4:30pm.*
- *After Hours Assistance*  
*In an emergency, please dial 911. For other assistance when staff is not available, please call TCB Security at 541-574-2828.*

While in practice we typically kept the building open while evening classes were in session, there was neither scheduled administrative oversight nor campus security on site. We now have a new staffing and building schedule which will be in effect for all academic terms.

- Monday to Thursday 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM. (Fridays close at 5:00 PM). During these hours, the building will be open and accessible to all. Doors will be locked at 7:30 PM M-Th.
- From 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM, staff who are working, and students enrolled in evening classes that are meeting remain in the building. No-one will be admitted after 7:30.

Support staffing for evening hours:

- A College manager (affectionately dubbed the “Dean of Darkness, DoD”) will be present and available in the commons from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This assignment rotates between managers. The DoD is there to field questions from all and provide support for evening faculty and students who may need assistance with basic technology, wayfinding, instructional materials, and referrals for services not open in the evenings.
- A Security Monitor (contracted with TCB, our Safety and Security provider) will be present in the building from 5:30 until building closure at 9:30. They will be supervised by the Dean of Darkness until 7:30, and then work independently according to our guidelines. The Security Monitor will be a point of contact (internal and external) for emergency communication, and also perform duties such as building sweeps, monitoring safety alarms, and ensuring compliance with the building schedule. As time allows, the TCB Safety Monitor may also complete clerical duties associated with OCCC Facilities & Public Safety.

Activities outside this schedule:

- Public Hours outside academic terms are M-F 7:30 to 5:00 PM
- Current policies for events outside building hours will continue. (They are scheduled and staffed as needed. Typically, this only opens the building for those specific events and participants.)
- Guidelines for employee access outside of these hours are under development. In the meantime, communicate with your supervisor re access outside of public hours.

We will review the new practice during Winter term, with an eye to continuous improvement in the terms to come, as well as how the policy can apply at our other sites.

## **Community Outreach**

**Veterans:** The third Annual Lincoln County Veterans Stand Down was held on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at the National Guard Armory in Newport. Sponsored by Worksource Oregon and the Lincoln County Veterans Service Office, Stand Downs are events that provide supplies and services to

homeless Veterans, such as food, shelter, clothing, health screenings and VA Social Security benefits counseling. Financial aid specialist and Veterans benefits liaison, Zane Stevens attended this community event.

**The OCCC Foundation** met on November 29 and began developing two-year goals which will be updated annually. Julie Hanrahan of Columbia Bank was approved as a new board member with a term of January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2020. November 29 was also Giving Tuesday and the Foundation launched a small giving campaign on campus and with our two institutionally related boards. We plan to expand the campaign next year to include a wider audience and earlier start.

The OCCC Foundation hosted Manuel Padilla on December 1 for a facilitated conversation on *The Space Between Us: Immigrants, Refugees, and Oregon*. This presentation is part of the Williams Lecture Series and was presented in cooperation with Oregon Humanities through their conversation project. The event was well attended with 50+ participants, many of whom were actively engaged in the conversation.

Waverly was invited to participate in the Oregon Coast Aquarium Sea of Lights kick-off on December 2 & 3. Waverly had a great time and was kept busy greeting fans and participating in photo ops, including Waverly's first meeting with Santa. Photos attached.



The **Small Business Development Center's Small Business Management program**, with 30 participants across two cohorts (Newport and Lincoln City), had its monthly classroom sessions this

week. The topic this month was marketing, with SBM coordinator (and social media expert) Misty Lambrecht leading the sessions and SBDC Director Dave Price delivering lectures on advertising fundamentals.

**SBDC:** Director Price addressed the Toledo Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Jan. 19. The group was engaged, asked many questions and requested a fundamentals of business management course to be offered immediately after a future Chamber meeting. We've agreed to deliver just that. Also, a community education course in dog safety may be offered in the Spring, out of connections forged at that meeting.

The SBDC welcomed House Majority Leader Rep. Jennifer Williamson to the OCCC North County Center on Jan. 23. Rep. Williamson and two staffers met with Price, Misty Lambrecht, Shirley Hill and Rep. David Gomberg, and also received a market tour. Rep. Gomberg reported after the visit that Rep. Williamson was pleased and impressed by what she learned of the SBDC's service to the community.

The SBDC is awaiting the installation of the County's first modern iMac learning lab, which will offer the public and OCCC students the opportunity to learn video editing (via Final Cut Pro X) and other applications in the Apple environment. A bank of 8 iMacs will be installed at OCCC's north county center and two will be available in the Central County Campus Commons. All were generously funded by the Economic Development Grant program of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

**Community Education** continues to thrive, with partnerships bringing courses this term to the Lincoln City Cultural Center (Tai Chi and Ballet), and to Michelle Mausen's "My Petite Sweet" (Cupcakes) in Lincoln City. We anticipate delivering more of these public/private partnership offerings in future, as a way of further increasing OCCC's visibility in the community, and the services we can provide county residents, without the use of College resources, especially in a time of increasing credit-course offerings which may make room availability more challenging in the future.

## Community Relations & Marketing



We are hosted the Newport Chamber weekly luncheon in the Newport commons this past Friday from noon – 1:00pm. The guest speaker was [Senator Arnie Roblan](#). Lunch was catered by La Maison. We will also be hosting the chamber on Friday, March 3, the speaker to be determined.

**The Digital Media & Marketing Studio** in Lincoln City has been busy. The studio, funded earlier this year by the Lincoln County Economic Development Grant Program, provides local businesses and OCCC students with cutting edge audio, video and still photography recording equipment, as well as with editing hardware and software. In December, the community education guitar class used the studio to record a joint performance by two students wrapping up a 10-week course. The Studio also welcomed the Depoe Bay artist who inspired the resource in the first place. In an Artists' Small Business Management Program two years ago, Catherine Hingson left a class mid-way through the session to travel out of town to have some of her paintings professionally photographed so that she could post the images on her website. She was going to pay \$50 per photo, plus the travel time and associated costs. Now, Catherine brought in 25 paintings to the **DMMS** to be photographed and edited. Two hours after walking in the door, she walked out, with super-high-resolution versions of each image, along with web-ready optimized versions of each, on two flash drives. The editor of The News Guard, Gretchen Ammerman, visited the studio during the session and took photos and interviewed Catherine for an upcoming feature.

The Winter 2017 “**Catch the Wave**” publication was distributed to Lincoln County mailboxes in December. For the first time, the publication was mailed not only to every residential address in the county, but also to every business address. Notable in this upcoming term is another new record for Community Ed offerings (42), the return of a full Seataqua series of arts classes spread across two pages, and a page devoted to four new classes scheduled in the South County Center in Waldport.

Google Maps... who knew? OCCC posted some 360-degree images of the OCCC facilities in Newport and Lincoln City on Google Maps a couple of months ago and received a notice just this week from Google that they have been viewed more than 1000 times.

**Where's Birgitte?  
President's External Engagement Since Last Report**

| Lincoln County                                                                                                                                                                                               | Regional & State (& beyond)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Oregon Coast NOW<br>Economic Development Alliance<br>Lincoln County<br>World Aids Day (Quilt display)<br>OCCC Board Coffee Meetings<br>LCSD Board Meeting, Presenter<br>Coastal Maritime Workforce Committee | OCCA Board Meeting<br>Oregon Presidents Council (December & January)<br>OPC Workgroup Growth Management<br>Mid Valley Mid Coast Regional Achievement Collaborative<br>Newport Chamber<br>Executive Leadership Series on Equity & Empowerment<br>HECC Equity Summit<br><i>Leadership for a Healthy World Webinar</i> , Alliant International University, Panel Member, |

**OCCC Media Report  
November 17 to January 25 2017**

[OCCC term begins with more full-time students](#)

Posted: Tuesday, Jan 17th, 2017

LINCOLN COUNTY -- Another term at Oregon Coast Community College is underway, kicking off winter classes at a school that continues to grow in enrollment and offerings.

Students returned to campus on Monday, Jan. 9 for degree and certificate programs that will run through March. 24.

OCCC added two additional full-time faculty members to its roster this year, bringing its [...more](#)

[Central Coast Chorale](#)

[www.centralcoastchorale.com/](http://www.centralcoastchorale.com/)

Jan 6, 2017 - A choral ensemble for the Central Oregon Coast ... on Thursday, January 5 from 3 until 5:30 at the Newport campus of the **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[News Times Oregon Transfer Day returns to OCCC](#)

[www.newportnewtimes.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?heading=0&page=91...id...](http://www.newportnewtimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=91...id...)

Jan 18, 2017 - Oregon Transfer Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Central County Campus, located at 400 ...

[AARP Driver Safety: Oregon Coast Community College - Newport, OR ...](#)

[local.aarp.org/driver.../oregon-coast-community-college-newport-or-b12477.html](http://local.aarp.org/driver.../oregon-coast-community-college-newport-or-b12477.html)

Jan 3, 2017 - AARP Smart Driver Course: **Oregon Coast Community College** ... Plan to enjoy a class with updates on Oregon laws governing driving and safe driving tips.

[OCCC craps class wraps up](#)

The News Guard

November 17, 2016

Students of **Oregon Coast Community College's** craps course—one of a three-part speakeasy series the college held—called their last bets as the ...

[Manuel Padilla to give humanities lecture](#)

Newport News Times

November 25, 2016

... 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** ...

[HELP program benefits from local partners](#)

Newport News Times

November 25, 2016

Homeless program coordinator Katey Townsend said the **Oregon Coast Community College** Student Nurse Association coordinated the eighth annual ...

[OCCC joins space research consortium](#)

Newport News Times

November 25, 2016

NEWPORT — When the moon passes in front of the sun for a total solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017, students at **Oregon Coast Community College** won't ...

OCCC's Facebook page now has 2,403 likes, while the College has 440 Twitter followers (@occcsharks) and 173 on Instagram (@oregoncoastcc)