



OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fall 2018
President's Report
Birgitte Ryslinge

Student Success Highlights

Affordability & Paying for College

The Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school graduates and GED® test graduates. This program was launched by legislation passed in 2015, and grant awards became available for Oregon students to attend college beginning in Fall 2016. Our current enrollment (registered and have accepted financial aid awards) of Oregon Promise students is 40 first-year, 17 second-year, and 5 third-year.

Open FAFSA lab/financial aid nights are part of a program to help students and their families learn about the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and how to apply for financial aid. Attendees receive information on navigating the steps of financial aid, learning about scholarship opportunities, completing the FAFSA and learning about financial aid challenges. In October there were FAFSA nights offered in Newport and Lincoln City.

Three students were awarded \$2,000 as part of the Rural Teachers Education Project with funding from the Meyer Memorial Trust.

Supporting Transitions from High School to College

Last year, OCCC adopted a new matriculation program for high school seniors starting with “Oregon College Application Week” activities in the fall. The goal of this model is to increase the likelihood of underserved high school students successfully transitioning to college. Elements of the matriculation program include:

- A college acceptance letter from President Ryslinge 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
- 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

These are the results of the first year of the matriculation project:

- 57 participating students are registered for a total number of 665 credits. Averages 11.66 credits per student. Each received a \$875 scholarship for a total of \$16,624.62 in Matriculation project funding for Fall term
- 42 students are full-time, 3 students are $\frac{3}{4}$ time, and 12 students are registered for $\frac{1}{2}$ time

Navigate Program Update

Our Navigate Outreach Specialist, Holly Shank, has been busy visiting each school in the district, meeting students and families individually, through classroom presentations, and during after school events. So far, Holly has met with 240 students, including 97 individual appointments in which she is discussing college and career goals and helping with financial aid applications. She has also participated in “Welcome Back to School” nights at Taft, Siletz, Toledo, and Waldport, presenting to students and families. In addition, Holly spent two full days at Newport High School registration/resource event.

Holly has also made connections to specifically target first-generation and low-income students. These contacts include Katey Townsend who works with the Homeless Education and Literacy Project, Tracy Bohne from DHS, and Korrina Hargett an ECE instructor at NHS, and Violet Brown, who is the ECEL teacher at NHS.

Fall High School Visits to OCCC

We had 3 very successful high school visit days this Fall. One visit was from Taft with around 80 students, Newport was around 120 students, and the Waldport, Toledo, and Siletz visit was also around 120 students. During that time the Nursing department, Aquarium Science department, Facilities and the Student Services department pulled together to show these students our beautiful college and the programs that we have to offer, including grilled hamburgers and hotdogs.



Off to a Great Start

In addition to the Welcome Desk during week one of the term, Student Services coordinates other events to help students make connections to campus resources. The second week of each term Student services reaches out to all faculty and staff of the college to see if we can get help calling every student that attends the college the beginning of each term. We feed any volunteers pizza. We had a total of 12 people who called all our school, we welcome students, we inform them of our tutoring and writing & math labs, we invite them to our welcome back BBQ. We called around 400 students to connect with them. The final welcoming event was held on October 10th with the Club & Info fair we served novelty ice cream and socialized with our students. We had approximately 12 different clubs and community participate including the League of Women Voters and My Sister's Place.

On October 19th Penny McDermott is bringing her 4th grade class to visit our school. This is a regular annual visit for this fourth-grade class, which includes a tour of our campus, meeting Waverly the shark, lunch at the college, and afterwards they hike the Mike Miller Trail. There will be around 23 students attending and 4-5 chaperones.

Progress to Independent Accreditation

Oregon Coast Community College was granted Candidacy status this past July, the final stage prior to independent regional accreditation by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). While a College can spend up to five years in candidate status, we were encouraged to consider whether we might wish to apply for independent accreditation in Fall of 2019. After careful assessment, President Ryslinge made a formal application to NWCCU for a Fall 2019 consideration. On October 5, we were notified our request for early consideration was granted. While this is very exciting news, it comes with a great deal of work and coordination. We will assess ourselves in Spring 2019 to ensure we are on-track for the Fall 2019 evaluation.



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October 5, 2018

Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, President
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Dear President Ryslinge:

Thank you for your letter of September 17, 2018. We are pleased to inform Oregon Coast Community College that the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities has granted your request to schedule the College's initial accreditation evaluation in Fall 2019. The College's Interim Candidacy Evaluation presently scheduled for Fall 2019 is rescinded. As a reminder, the Commission requests that the College address Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Spring 2018 Initial Candidacy Peer-Evaluation Report as an addendum to the Fall 2019 Initial Accreditation Self-Evaluation Report.

We will write in Spring 2019 to set specific dates for the initial accreditation on-site evaluation visit. In the meantime, please feel free to contact your liaison, Valerie Martinez, if you have questions or wish to discuss any aspect of the accreditation process.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Sonny Ramaswamy
President

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cc: Mr. Dana Lara, Dean of Academics and Workforce
Ms. Debbie Kilduff, Chair, Oregon Coast Community College Board of Education

To be granted independent accreditation, OCCC must meet all the NWCCU Eligibility Requirements and Standards, and specifically address the recommendation given to us from our Spring 2018 granting of Candidate status.

1. Finalize core theme sub-objectives, indicators, and thresholds for achievement, use the results of assessment to improve institutional programs and services, and include the achievement of core theme indicators collectively as a component of mission fulfillment (3.B, 4.A, 4.B, 5.A).
2. Fully adopt, publish, review and adhere to policies and procedures for key financial planning and fiscal operations. This should include the setting of reserve policy, risk management practices and operational support to its auxiliary services (2.F.1, 2.F.6).
3. Incorporate the achievement of Student Learning Outcomes, such as Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) and College/Institutional Learning Outcomes (CILOs), more centrally into core theme planning (4.A.3, 4.A.4, 4.A.5, 5.A).
4. Regularly evaluate all areas of the institution, including constituents' roles and responsibilities, the institution's shared governance and decision-making policies, procedures, and processes (5.B.2, 5.B.3).
5. Clarify its definition of mission fulfillment through the accomplishment of core themes objectives while distinguishing College efforts around strategic priorities ("Five Big Ideas") as a means of achieving its core theme objectives (5.A.1, 5.A.2, 5.B.1, 5.B.2, 5.B.3)

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

Upcoming Events



2018 Fall Dates to Remember

OCTOBER	
Welcome Back BBQ	Wednesday, October 3 rd
College Council	Friday, October 12 th 1-3pm
Costumepalooza	Wednesday, October 31 st Noon-1:30pm
NOVEMBER	
OCCC Foundation Donor Scholar Event	Monday, November 5 th 7pm in the Commons
College Council	Friday, November 9 th 1-3pm
Veteran's Day College Closed	Monday, November 12 th
Thanksgiving Day Holiday College Closed	Thursday, November 22 nd And Friday, November 23 rd

College Council (CoCo) Adopts Representative Model

Per its charter, CoCo is a forum for all constituencies to discuss college-wide issues in an open and inclusive atmosphere. The council promotes cooperation and mutual understanding among the various campus groups and committees as it considers matters related to fulfilling the college mission. Guided by OCCC's stated values, individuals and groups share expertise, ask pertinent questions, develop recommendations, and advise the president on issues that affect the college.

The bestowal of voting rights and responsibilities to specific individuals representing various employee groups is new this year. This structure will provide greater clarity and weight for CoCo in their role of *"advise the president on issues that affect the college."* Because the structure is new, we should expect that part of the work of 18-19 will be to develop the supporting processes and procedures to enable the new structure to add to, rather than diminish, the strong levels of CoCo participation seen in the past. CoCo remains an open, inclusive all-college body, and many non-voting individuals will participate. The additional expectations upon voting members are to commit to regular attendance and prepare for CoCo meetings by reviewing materials in advance and consulting with those represented.

- Many thanks to the inaugural voting membership serving on CoCo this year, along with co-chairs Ann Wales and Marge Burak. Below are your representatives, please reach out to them to ask about the work of CoCo.

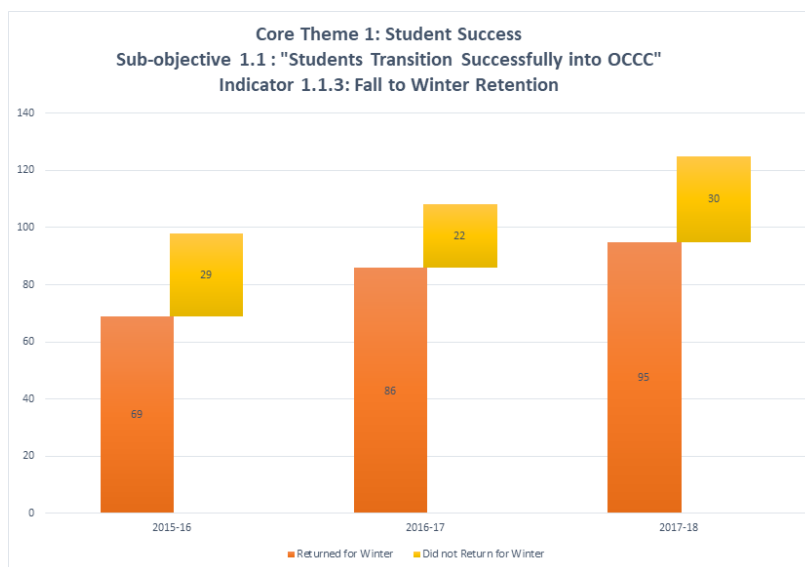
<u>Faculty (8)</u>	<u>Administration (3)</u>	<u>Support Staff (4)</u>
Lynn Barton – Nursing Faculty	Larry Boles – AQS Program Manager	Shaneon Dinwoodie – Your College Store/Bookstore Assistant
Karen Pfaff- Nursing Faculty	Ben Kaufmann – Navigate Program Manager	Shannon McKibben – Administrative Assistant, Library Services
Greg Dewar- Communication Studies Faculty	Spencer Smith – IT Support Manager	Tabitha Hoadley – Administrative Assistant, Academics and Workforce
Alison Williams- Math Faculty		Colleen Doherty – Academic Advisor, Student Services
Will Quilian- ESL Faculty		
Alyssa Squiers- AQS Faculty		
Ann Way- Nursing Faculty		
Patrick Misiti – Reading & Writing Faculty & Laura Hamilton – Reading & Writing & College Success Faculty	<u>Associated Student Government (1)</u>	
	John Watson - Student	

Data, Data, Data

Increasingly, the College Community will be presented with data organized around our Core Themes of Student Success and Educational Pathways. The Core Theme framework was the focus of both In-Service and the Board of Education Planning Retreat this year. Expect to see regular reporting of progress on various Core Theme metrics within President's Reports. Here's some data around retention of students from Fall to Winter terms over the past three years:

Core Theme 1, Student Success, is focused upon the success of students, both individually and as a cohort. The theme is organized around the student experience, with the first several sub-objectives focused on the student transition into College.

Indicator 1.1.3 looks at the % of students who started in the Fall that are retained into the Winter Term. In a sense, this is a lagging indicator for the successful transition (too late to do anything about) but is the indicator that most demonstrates a successful transition into the College. Next month we will look at leading indicators associated with successful transitions into the institution, starting with student attendance. We will also explore accelerated college credit in high schools and high school penetration rates.



Enrollment is an important measure of how many students come to OCCC and has a significant impact on college funding. Oregon is seeing a decline in community college enrollment, as more people enter the workforce rather than attend school during strong employment cycles. OCCC has experienced modest growth during the past three years.

Three-Year Trend Reimbursable FTE			
	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Oregon Coast	460	455	474
% change		-6	19
		-1%	4%
All OR CC	90511	88330	85642
% change		-2181	-2689
		-2%	-3%

President’s External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Chamber Lincoln County Educational Leaders Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County OCCC Foundation Board Meeting Bosque Café/Wilder OSU/Marine Studies Initiative	OCCA Executive Committee Meetings Student Success Rural Colleges Monthly Meeting Campus Management (ERP) Meetings Oregon President’s Council & OCCA OSU/Mid-Valley Mid-Coast Collaborative Oregon Coastal Caucus Economic Summit (OCCES) Governor’s Maritime Task Force Senate Democratic Rural Summit in Washington, D.C (US Senator Merkley) DC Meetings with offices of Wyden and Schrader Higher Education Coordinating Commission

OCCC Media Report

College Press Releases



[Student Nurses Collect Hygiene Supplies](#)

Make a difference in the lives of Lincoln County Youth: Donate to the OCCC Nursing Program Hygiene Drive the Oregon Coast Community College Student Nurse Association has announced its 10th annual Hygiene Drive. Each year for the past decade, students



[OCCC Fall Term Launches](#)

Oregon Coast Community College’s Fall Term begins Monday, Sept. 24. The term stands out for a number of reasons. First, it features the largest lineup of classes offered in Lincoln City in the College’s history. Second, it marks the launch

External Media Coverage About, or Relevant to, OCCC

[School board appoints new director](#)

Newport News Times, October 13, 2018

LINCOLN COUNTY — After two three-way tie votes, the Lincoln County School ... and as North County director for **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Oregon Schools Face Long, Uphill Road To More Diverse Teaching Force](#)

Jefferson Public Radio, October 13, 2018

If you're inclined to grade Oregon schools for making progress, these ... the **Oregon Coast Community College** and Western Oregon University to help ...

[Generating a surge in interest](#)

Oregon Coast Today, October 12, 2018

Even though we were right on the coast, we didn't see the wave. ... at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College** on Thursday, Oct. 18, ...

[DECISION: Price selected to fill vacate school board post](#)

The News Guard, October 12, 2018

Price currently is the director of the Small Business Development Center at **Oregon Coast Community College** in Lincoln City. His wife, Nike Price, ...

[Price is right as Bondley's replacement on School Board](#) - Lincoln City Homepage

[Watch the weather: Weather spotter volunteer training offered on Oregon coast](#)

KPTV.com, October 10, 2018

The training is free, no registration is required and it's open to the public. ... 15 in the community room at **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 S.E. ...

[CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY: Human sex trafficking, domestic abuse](#)

The News Guard, October 10, 2018

... annually," Lincoln City Police Detective Jane Johnson said during the Oct. 2 class at **Oregon Coast Community College** campus in Lincoln City.

[A LIFE JOURNEY: Local woman launches new business](#)

The News Guard, October 8, 2018

She eventually got her GED from **Oregon Coast Community College** and was selected as the keynote speaker at the class graduation. She is currently ...

[Oregon Coast Film Festival features Jesse Dizard documentaries](#)

Coos Bay World, October 5, 2018

COOS BAY — Southwestern **Oregon Community College** and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee are proud to host award-winning ...

[A heart for helping others](#)

Newport News Times, September 27, 2018

She had been living in Central Oregon, but after going through a divorce, she ... through the nursing program at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Child care is an issue. No kidding.](#)

Oregon Coast Today, September 19, 2018

The challenges caused by lack of child care on the Oregon Coast will be ... and Brigette Ryslinge, president of **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Crisis in child care is focus of presentation](#)

Newport News Times, September 19, 2018

The Central Oregon Coast Chapter of the National Organization for Women ... and Brigitte Ryslinge, president of **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Shake, Rattle & Run](#)

Newport News Times, September 19, 2018

Oregon Coast Community College's campus in Newport also has a “cache container,” which could feed 4,000 people over the course of three weeks.

[Leadership Lincoln taking hiatus for 2018-19](#)

Newport News Times, September 19, 2018

The Leadership Lincoln Steering Committee consists of Ferry, Shirley Hill (**Oregon Coast Community College**), Jeanette Campagna (Greater Newport ...

[CHILD CARE CRISIS: Finding solutions](#)

The News Guard, September 17, 2018

... Ogden, M.D, CEO of Pacific Communities and North Lincoln Hospitals; and Brigitte Ryslinge, PhD, President of **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[House concert to feature Milo Graamans](#)

Newport News Times, September 15, 2018

... music at the University of Oregon in 2011, but then returned to the coast to ... in Newport and the **Oregon Coast Community College** chorus class.

[WELCOME: to the Citizen Police Academy](#)

The News Guard, September 15, 2018

4, an OCCC classroom filled with eager students from various backgrounds, all with the common interest of learning about what their **community** police ...

[Lincoln County poised to grow its own teachers](#)

Newport News Times, September 15, 2018

In the first two years of the program, students will attend **OCCC** and earn their associate of arts **Oregon** transfer degree. This degree will allow students

[Newport Chamber of Commerce plans events](#)

Newport News Times, September 7, 2018

The Sept. 7 lunch will be held at **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way, South Beach, and will feature OCCC's new “Grow Your Own ...

[Business speaker series planned](#)

Newport News Times, September 7, 2018

Join Oregon RAIN for the Next Level business speaker series. ... Harborton St., South Beach), near the campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**

[Leadership Lincoln accepting applications](#)

Newport News Times, September 1, 2018

Oregon Coast Community College and the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a new session of the Leadership Lincoln program,

[TAKE PART: Citizen Academy seeking participants](#)

The News Guard, August 31, 2018

The third annual Lincoln City Police Department's Citizens Academy begins on ... 4, at the Lincoln City campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**

[Program provides small business tune-up](#)

Newport News Times, August 30, 2018

... September White joined the Small Business Management Program offered by the **Oregon Coast Community College's** Small Business Development ...

[Consortium of 5 Oregon Community Colleges Selects Campus Management Suite of Solutions to ...](#)

PR Newswire (press release), August 25, 2018

... to select a modern system that would not have been possible on our own," said Oregon Coast Community College President, Dr. **Birgitte Ryslinge**.

[Learning under pressure](#)

Oregon Coast Today, August 24, 2018

... in at the deep end or the type who likes to let things sink in slowly, **Oregon Coast Community College** wants you to sign up for its new SCUBA class

[Consortium of 5 Oregon Community Colleges Selects Campus Management Suite of Solutions to ...](#)

Markets Insider, August 24, 2018

The Oregon Community College Consortium, which consists of Blue ... Columbia Gorge Community College, **Oregon Coast Community College** and ...

[Caring runs in family](#)

Newport News Times, August 22, 2018

... Sciarrotta to begin the first part of her Certified Nursing Assistant certification through **Oregon Coast Community College** while still in high school.

[A NEW KEY: Going green](#)

The News Guard, August 15, 2018

22 the Master Gardeners will be hosting a garden talk and plant clinic at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Campus. The garden talk, hosted by ...

[Lincoln City provides business scholarships](#)

Newport News Times, August 16, 2018

Lincoln City provides business scholarships ... and programs offered at **Oregon Coast Community College's** Small Business Development Center.

[A cloche encounter](#)

Oregon Coast Today

The roundtable session will run from 9:30 to 11:30 am on the lawn outside the Community Room at **Oregon Coast Community College's** Newport ...