

President's Coco Update June 10, 2022

Nursing Accreditation

This week, Dr. Crystal Bowman led the Nursing department and College administration through the rigorous process of re-accreditation by the Oregon State Board of Nursing. She prepared a thorough and exhaustive Self Study report and created a virtual "evidence room." The two-day visit interviewed College leadership, faculty, students, and community partners. Crystal and her team passed with excellence, receiving many accolades in the process. At the exit interview (attended by many people from across the College, the OSBN representative announced that there were NO findings at all for the program and that her report recommends that OSBN grant OCCC's Nursing Program an 8-year approval period, which is the maximum approval time allowed. They were so impressed with the program and Crystal's leadership that Crystal was also given permission to increase enrollment and exercise greater flexibility in hiring nursing faculty. Congratulations to Crystal and all of the Nursing Team.

End of Year Celebrations

This is the time of year to celebrate all of the students and learners that engage with OCCC, along with our own employees who make it all possible. It is a joy to be able to have these events in person again. I hope college employees have/will participate in as many of these as possible:

- **Celebrateus** happened earlier today, in which we give ourselves a collective hurrah and thanks for all the excellent work that occurs during the year. We recognize 5-year increments of employment with OCCC with Service Pins and announce the recipients of employee awards. The Shark Pup award (for a single employee that joined within 5 years) has been replaced with four "C-Star" awards. These and the Educator of the Year were announced earlier today. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Foundation, we also enjoyed lunch and a chance to win some impressive gift baskets.
- **Nursing Pinning and Commencement.** We are excited to be back at the PAC in-person. June 17, at 11 and 6, respectively. Once again, the Foundation will be handing out congratulatory notes and an OCCC lapel pin at both the Nurse Pinning Ceremony and Commencement. This year, ninety students will be welcomed to join the Alumni Association.
- **Leadership Lincoln.** Their graduation will be June 16 at OCC Newport. OCCC has been a co-sponsor with the Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce since Leadership Lincoln's inception.
- **Small Business Management Graduation Celebration.** Their graduation celebration was also at the College last night. These small business owners completed a yearlong curriculum of working on their businesses learning about goal setting, book-keeping, taxes, marketing, leadership & staff management. Since inception, there have been over 350 graduates!

Town Hall Next Week

Virtual Town Halls have occurred every other month since January. The next one is Thursday, June 16th from 3pm-4pm. These Town Halls are open to all employees and are an opportunity to ask questions and have conversations about what is happening at the College. If you have a question you would like to have answered, it is helpful if you send it to Kathy so we can have the info or person on hand that can best address it. The zoom info is sent out via email.

Strategic Planning Update

Thank you all of CoCo for your engagement and reflection last month on the draft strategic priorities. Your feedback and suggestions were integrated into a final refinement of the *draft Strategic Priorities*, which will be presented to the Board of Education for review, modification, and endorsement at the June 15 Board meeting. The final draft is as follows:

OCCC is a Student-Centered College

- Equitable outcomes for all students
- College is designed and organized for student success
- Guided Pathways model is fully implemented and scaled for Lincoln County

Our People, Technology & Buildings are Student Ready

- A stronger, more cohesive, and inclusive culture exists for students and employees
- Staff development enables full use of tools and resources
- Technology enabled access is woven throughout all we do
- Buildings provide vibrant & relevant learning environments & are well-maintained

The Next CTE Building is Funded, Built and Occupied

- Significantly increase CTE capacity and enrollment
- Provide state of the art CTE facilities for students, employers, and partners

Lincoln County Thinks OCCC first

- Education (Transfer, Workforce, Community Ed) Provider of Choice
- We reach all who are interested in post high-school education with particular attention to those who have stepped away
- Employer of Choice

OCCC Positively Impacts Lincoln County

- Grow the living wage workforce
- Support, engage with, and grow the business community
- Serves as a convener of civil community discourse and learning

OCCC is Secure on a Strong Fiscal Foundation

- Demonstrate financial stability, including sufficient cash flow and reserves to achieve and fulfill mission
- Cultivate alternative sources of revenue
- College enrollment and fiscal resources are aligned in a sustainable way

Prior Version, reviewed at May CoCo:

1. Continued evolution to a student-centered college following [Guided Pathways](#) pillars.
2. Develop a stronger, more cohesive, and inclusive culture for students and employees
3. Grow enrollment (the right programs, focus on retention, invest in outreach, adults)
4. Be an “[Employer of Choice](#)” in Lincoln County.
5. Strengthen Infrastructure: esp. facilities and technology (maintenance, the next CTE facility, technology-enabled access & cybersecurity).
6. Diversify funding sources & increase partnerships.
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