

**July 16, 2025**

**President's Board of Education Report**

**Dr. Marshall Mease Roache, President**



The following is a summary of the activities I have been involved in on behalf of the college since June 18, 2025. This is not an exhaustive list of my daily work at the college. This list highlights specific activities that align with our college mission, vision, strategies and values.

**Internal College Relations**

Board of Education meeting in Waldport  
OCCC Foundation Board Chair meeting  
OCCC Lunch and Learn Teambuilding lunch  
SBDC Non-Profit class introduction  
Waldport Center visit  
Lincoln City Center visit  
All-Managers meeting  
Newport Chamber of Commerce at OCCC presentation  
Lunch & Learn Staff luncheon

**External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration**

Community Coordinator meeting  
Santiam Hospital President meeting  
Community College Baccalaureate Association Board Chair Meeting  
Lincoln County Educational Leaders meeting  
Georgia Pacific meeting and tour  
Newport Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet  
KYAQ Radio interview  
Newport Chamber Library event  
YBEF/EDALC Joint Board Meeting  
Newport City Manager meeting  
Newport Brewing Grand Re-Opening  
Waldport Community event  
Yakona Rick Bartow fundraiser  
Lincoln County Fair  
City of Toledo parade

**Professional Development**

Yakona Board retreat and work session

**OCCA/Legislative Relations/OPC/HECC**

OCCA Legislative Call  
OCCA Federal Issues Update Call  
Attorney General of Oregon Town Hall meeting

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## **Academic & Student Affairs Report**

### **Dr. Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President**

Summer enrollment is up 50%+ compared to last year. SBDC programming is the primary growth factor.

Dr. Sarah Whiteford, Dean of Academic Pathways and CTE, started her tenure with OCCC this week. Sarah hails recently from OSU and has experience as a faculty member in Criminal Justice. She brings many talents to OCCC, specifically in faculty development and learning assessment.

A number of staff have been updating state grant applications for 25-26 or 25-27 funding cycles. We have been approved for Career Pathways, First Generation Student Success, Wrap Around GED, and Career Connected Learning.

The Registrar, Kira Woosley, successfully led the team for commencement in another successful celebration of student achievement. Dean of Nursing and Allied Health, Crystal Bowman, led the team to coordinate the impactful Nursing Pinning Ceremony. These events bring together many faculty and staff to work together to celebrate our students.

In mid-June our Career Connected Learning Navigator team (Becky York, Genifer Lara, and Devonee Trivett), Craig Watkins-Brant (Apprenticeship Coordinator), Larry Boles (Director of AQS) and fantastic colleagues at LCSD and both charter schools coordinated four, 3-day Career Cruises for in-coming 9th graders thru incoming seniors. The cruises were in Healthcare, Trades, Aquarium/Marine Technology, and Natural Resources. Each career cruise involved learning about our academic programs, completing hands-on projects, visiting various work/business sites, and guest speakers working in various aspects of the field. The 29 students attending their cruise all 3 days received a stipend. Funding came from the LCSD Summer Learning Program and the OCCC Perkins Innovation and Momentum grant. There is interest in continuing to coordinate similar experiences next year.

Wish our welding faculty good luck as they are completing coursework to become CWI certifiers for the American Welding Society. They will take a 3-day exam in early September. If successful, they can offer CWI certification services to area welders and our students. They report that the course is grueling. However, they believe they will be better instructors and can improve the program as a result of this course.

The Chinook Library Network has been transitioning to a new shared platform for patron access to all libraries in the network. The OCCC Library has experienced no issues with the transition. The new interface on the website is much more appealing and user friendly.

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## **Engagement Report**

### **Dave Price, Vice President**

#### **Community Education**

Yesterday, July 15, was the deadline for Community Education course submissions for the Fall 2025 academic term. New offerings include garlic growing, beekeeping, Italian cooking class, and climate change and its impact on children. Additionally, a multi-part workshop will cover basic

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civics, helping locals navigate state government, local elections, and much more, courtesy of a lineup of powerful presenters including Representative David Gomberg. Discover what it's like to be a police officer in Lincoln City or learn to write a play in Newport. The schedule will be available in Catch the Wave, to be mailed August 22.

### **SBDC**

The Small Business Development Center presented another “Connect 2 Oregon” event this week. These events help connect local small businesses with government agencies and assist them through every step of being prepared and properly registered to secure government contracts. The SBDC has been busy elsewhere this summer, meeting daily with clients but also presenting, just last week, a two-day CCB License program. Nine local businesses will ultimately be launched from this effort, which delivered the Oregon SBDC Network’s unique Contractor’s licensing program, which affords participants the opportunity to study for the exam – and take the exam – over one intensive two-day period.

### **OCCC Foundation**

The OCCC Foundation distributed its quarterly newsletter, “The Rising Tide,” this week. Board members are encouraged to check it out to find features such as a discussion with longtime Foundation board member and OCCC donor, Chris Boyle, and a profile of recent nursing graduate Flor Gaspar. The newsletter also contains details about Dr. Tim Cook’s impressive run to all of Oregon’s community colleges. He’s running to raise awareness of student basic needs, and he’s arriving in Lincoln City on July 24. We’ll be meeting in the parking lot at the North County Center to honor Tim Cook’s effort and accept donations to the OCCC Foundation. Join us at 9 a.m.! Dr. Mease Roache may even run north with Dr. Cook for a distance to escort him out of Lincoln County.

### **Marketing**

OCCC’s Marketing team (Dave and Julia) have been a little depleted since April, when Julia left for a three-month maternity leave. We were thrilled to welcome Luke to the Ryan family. Julia returned this week, and you’ll be seeing her impact immediately in OCCC’s return to TikTok. Also on the agenda for the coming months are meetings with the College’s new website design contractor to plan for redesign of the site, with a focus on delivering superior accessibility to all users.

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## **Administrative Services Report**

### **Robin Gintner, Vice President**

#### **Finance**

- The Go-Live date for the new finance module (CNF) to replace SharkNet is being reassessed due to delays in the User Acceptance Testing that is required by Microsoft.
- The new Student Accounts Specialist, Isaac Kinion, started on 6/16/2025.
- Audit fieldwork for FY 24-25 is ongoing.
- End-of-year grant spending has come to an end with year-end reports due between July 10 and the end of the month.

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## IT

- Users have been asked to update both their network and email level passwords as part of our annual cybersecurity initiatives. BOE members will need to update their Outlook accounts and should reach out to IT for help if needed.

## Facilities and Public Safety

- Normal summer projects are getting underway. Cleaning classroom carpets, painting and eventually waxing tile floors in late summer.
- Clearing for more Geotech work at the site for OCATT will begin on July 10<sup>th</sup>, with the drilling taking place July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Working with our landscaper to clear and thin out the vegetation around AQS to make it more open on the drive into the Newport property

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## Media Report

### Dr. Marshall Mease Roache, President

[Lacing up for Community Colleges: CCC President to run 1500 miles | Cottage Grove Sentinel](#) June 16, 2025 - Cook is running to shine a light on the very real struggles our students face,” **Oregon Coast Community College** (OCCC) Director of Advancement Jeanette Campagna said.

[College President using running shoes to raise awareness, funds for community | Newport News Times](#)

June 22, 2025 - ... Oregon, connecting all 17 of the state's community colleges, including Oregon Coast Community College in Lincoln City. Cook is an avid marathoner ...

[Want to teach others what you know? OCCC offering you that chance • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

June 29, 2025 - Oregon Coast Community College is seeking proposals for its fall Community Education classes from artists, tinkerers, and everyday experts eager to share what they love.

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