

September 17, 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 August 20, 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

New Simulator College Demo
OCATT Groundbreaking Ceremony
ITECC Building Tour at Lane Community College
OCCC New Student Welcome
OCCC Annual In-Service "Kickoff"
OCCC Board of Education Meeting
OCCC All-Managers Meeting

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration

Newport Rotary Meeting
Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Lincoln County Educational Leaders Meeting
Lincoln City Rotary Meeting
United Way Meeting
Newport Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Newport Rotary Annual BBQ
Newport Rotary Fundraising Event
Beach Bike and Brews Event in Waldport
Newport Chamber of Commerce Board Retreat
Newport Police Department
Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Board Meeting
Agate Beach Surfing Competition
Lincoln City Council Board Meeting (virtually)
Toledo Rotary Meeting
Taft High School Community Event

Professional Development

OCCA Summit and Training

OCCA/Legislative Relations/OPC/HECC

OCCA Federal Issues Update Call

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Academic & Student Affairs Report

Dr. Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President

Academic Affairs

As of 9-9-25 RFTE = 15% above first day of term FTE;

Employee onboarding in August and Early September:
Sarah Whiteford, Dean of Academic Pathways and CTE
Erin Riggs, Director of the Library
Darin Seal, Director of Financial Aid
Matt Masarik, GED instructor & Student Resource Assistant & Math Tutor
Fiona Curliss, Science Lab Assistant

There is a significant increase in Dual Credit sections in LCSD high schools. We anticipate between 35-45 class sections, approximately a 50% increase in classes over last year.

New Dual Credit MOU developed for South Beach Christian School. Planning to add Early College to the agreement next year.

Dr. Sarah Whiteford will be presenting at the national Quality Matters conference this fall with her former colleagues from OSU. Quality Matters (QM) is a program to assess and develop high quality online courses. OCCC has used this model in the past. Nursing still uses QM. OCCC has a new subscription to the support service from the Oregon Community College Distance Learning Association.

Student Affairs

We are reviewing a new student Information System as a future replacement for the current Anthology system. We are focused on a system that better meets our needs as a small comprehensive community college, provides high levels of support, minimizes upgrading, and is less expensive. Staff have been assessing compatibility and implementation requirements of a new system designed for small colleges by a vendor we already work with that has a great product and extraordinary customer service.

Notable Grant Purchases:

VR headsets and human systems software for A&P classes. Moving away from more expensive plastic models.

Vehicle simulators (2) to train on forklifts, CDL vehicles, forestry equipment, and earthmovers. They are portable and will be available to be located in LCSD high school CTE program classes.

We wrote a letter of support to the Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County for their Step-Up grant. Ben Kaufmann has been invited to be on their board and will collaborate to create a clear pathway to OCCC through direct outreach and IET (Integrated Education and Training) opportunities.

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Engagement Report

Dave Price, Vice President

Community Education

The “Catch the Wave” magazine was mailed on Aug. 22, exactly one month before the start of term, our annual target date for distribution. Counting Small Business Development Center workshops and events, we will offer 101 different sessions of community education and SBDC opportunities this fall. As of September 10, two weeks before the first class, already 10 of these events are sold out. More than 360 people have registered for at least one class with some registering for as many as 10.

SBDC

The Small Business Management Program is recruiting for three new programs starting in the Fall – Restaurant, Retail, and Traditional. Meanwhile, the Non-Profit program that launched in Spring term continues through the fall. Assistant Director Kelliane Parker recently attended the American SBDC Conference in Louisiana. The Fall SBDC lineup includes a wide array of topics, ranging from AI to sources of capital and much more.

Leadership Lincoln

The College has been actively engaged in the planning for Leadership Lincoln in collaboration with the Newport Chamber of Commerce. For the program starting this month, two OCCC employees will be active participants and a third, the North County Coordinator, will support the Leadership Lincoln Program on site and in planning meetings throughout the program year.

Engagement & Marketing

The Office of Engagement promoted the OCATT groundbreaking across multiple platforms throughout the months of August and September. Including Foundation outreach, more than 200 handwritten invitations were distributed to engage the community with the Groundbreaking event. Marketing also focused on the College’s “On the Spot Admissions Events,” Academic & Student Affairs’ innovative and helpful resource events targeted at new incoming students. Summer marketing wrapped since the last BOE meeting, after campaigns focused on enrollment growth that ran across the Google platform and on Spotify. Through the latter, virtually every user of Spotify (ad-supported, non-premium version) across the county aged 18-25 (more than 6,000 prospects) was served our message - some dozens of times.

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Administrative Services Report

Robin Gintner, Vice President

Finance:

- On September 22, the auditors will begin their review of our FY 24-25 financial information for our annual audit.
- With the Anthology CNF implementation paused, the department will be looking at demos of both Sage and Quali financial software as potential alternatives to SharkNet.
- In preparation for Fall term, the bookstore is recruiting for a part-time clerical position, and Kate is adding take-home meals to the Fall menu as they were very popular over the summer.

IT:

- The Sharknet Student Information System has been removed from the main network. It is still accessible for legacy data purposes and financial operations, but its segregation will now allow the rest of the network to be made more secure from cyber threats.
- With Sharknet now safely encapsulated, we are able to update the network hardware with new switches. We will be deploying Fortinet switches, firewalls, and network configurations in the near future.
- Our Microsoft Server environment is also now open to upgrade. We'll be shifting to Microsoft Server 2022 very soon, for better network speed and service to the college campus.

Facilities and Public Safety:

- Summer "Fix it" projects are moving along with minimal delay to the schedule. Painting of exteriors is complete at the South center and roughly 50% done at Central as of Friday the 12th.
- North Center has had many other projects addressed also. A sagging support beam in the north end of the building has been jacked up and remounted. Windows at the southeast corner of the building have been removed and repaired to be watertight again.
- Clery surveys have been sent to local law enforcement agencies to collect crime stats for the 2024 year. Department of Education requires these numbers by October 15th this year.

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Media Report

Dr. Marshall Mease Roache, President

[Oregon Coast CC president joins national baccalaureate board • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

July 20, 2025 - Oregon Coast Community College president Marshall Roache has been appointed to the board of the Community College Baccalaureate Association...

[College president on the run | News | newportnewstimes.com](#)

July 23, 2025 – Cook, the President of Clackamas Community College, set off on his 1,500-mile journey June 16, with plans to connect to all 17 of the State’s community colleges.

[Degree? Cha-ching! Here are the top-paying college degrees in Oregon](#)

July 22, 2025 - Several Oregon community colleges offer certificates through construction trades general apprenticeships such as Oregon Coast Community College....

[Community college president swings by OCCC Thursday on his 50-day, 1,500-mile trek around Oregon • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

July 24, 2025 – Oregon Coast Community College was the 11th of 17 community colleges of Tim Cook’s running route Thursday on his 50-day trek...

[Oregon Coast CC announces new dean of academics and CTE • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

August 10, 2025 – Oregon Coast Community College has hired Sarah G. Whiteford as its dean of academics and career technical education.

[Best community colleges in WA, OR | FOX 13 Seattle](#)

August 13, 2025 - Oregon Coast Community College — 11th in Oregon, 158th overall.

[Infrastructure projects in Oregon's 4th District are chosen for federal funding, but there's a caveat](#)

August 22, 2025 - The Oregon Coast Community College is developing new programs focused on maritime trades, and soon will be breaking ground on a facility to support them.

[Oregon Coast CC sets up fund in honor of former small business coordinator • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

August 24, 2025 – The Oregon Coast Community College Foundation has established a new fund in memory of Ron Spisso, the longtime small business management coordinator who served Lincoln County entrepreneurs for 25 years through the SBDC.

[Housing, workforce training, fire service funding possible for Lincoln County | News | newportnewstimes.com](#)

August 29, 2025 - \$1,000,000 for Oregon Coast Community College’s Seafood Workforce Training Facility and Equipment.

[OCCC to host groundbreaking ceremony for OCATT Center | Business | newportnewstimes.com](#)

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September 1, 2025 - On Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025, Oregon Coast Community College will celebrate a landmark moment in its history—and in the future of Lincoln County’s economy and youth—with the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Oregon Coast Advanced Technology & Trades (OCATT) Center.

[Indivisible Waves offering 5-session civics class this fall at OCCC • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

September 8, 2025 - Indivisible Waves of Waldport is sponsoring a five-session civics class at the Newport campus of Oregon Coast Community College beginning in late September and going into December.

[2025-26 Fellows of HACU’s Leadership Academy/La Academia de Liderazgo Announced | Morningstar](#)

September 9, 2025 - The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities is pleased to announce the 26 fellows who were selected for the seventh cohort of its Leadership Academy/La Academia de Liderazgo.

[Community college officials and supporters break ground Thursday on 22,000 square foot trades education center • Lincoln Chronicle](#)

September 11, 2025 - Politicians, college leaders and supporters symbolically shoveled dirt in the air and posed for photographs in front of a crowd of more than 60 people.

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