

April 15, 2026
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 March 18, 2026. 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

OCCC Board of Education Meeting
OCCC Town Hall All-Staff Meeting
OCCC All-Staff Lunch & Learn
OCCC College Council Meeting
OCCC All-Managers Meeting

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration

Newport Rotary Meeting
Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation Board Meeting
Toledo Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting
Toledo Rotary Meeting
Lincoln County Emergency Management Meeting
City of Newport Meeting
Newport Boosters Meeting
DPSST Director Meeting
United Way Student Success Planning Meeting
University of Oregon Order of the O Board Meeting
Community College Baccalaureate Association Board Meeting

Professional Development

American Association of Community Colleges Annual Conference
HB 4124 Focus Group

OCCA/Legislative Relations/OPC/HECC

OPC April Board Meeting
OCCA Federal Updates Meeting

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Academic & Student Affairs Report

Dr. Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President

High School Outreach: Darin Seal visited Waldport High School and Taft High School to present financial aid options and assist students and families with completing their FAFSAs. This direct community outreach connects Lincoln County's next generation of learners to OCCC as their first choice for higher education, supporting our strategic goal of reaching all who are interested in post-secondary education.

Financial Aid Team Professional Development: The OCCC Financial Aid team attended the statewide OASFAA Annual Conference at Salishan in January, completing professional development workshops on immigration policy, student equity, and financial aid best practices.

Degree and Certificate Updates: NWCCU has approved the Associate of Science Transfer (AST)-Psychology degree to be offered beginning in the 26-27 academic year.

NWCCU has approved the Associate of Science (AS) - Natural Resources to be offered beginning in the 26-27 academic year. The HECC has approved all the new courses associated with offering this program.

Nursing and Allied Health: 16 Spring NA students -most ever! 8 Early College students from LCSD. Offering NA in summer for the first time in many years due to interest.

Record Numbers for Nursing Applications.

99 for the two-year RN program

103 for the LPN-RN Bridge program.

Aquarium Science: Excited to announce new leadership structure and leaders. To sustain a high-quality teaching aquarium, Steve Vogel is joining OCCC as the Director of the Teaching Aquarium. Steve is coming to us from the Oregon Coast Aquarium and has a renowned reputation in the public aquarium field. We have hired Dr. Carla Schubiger as Dean of Aquarium Science. Dr. Carla elevates her aquaculture, research and grant writing experience to advance the curriculum.

Fall 2026 Applications are back to pre-pandemic level - 31 for 24 spaces.

Registrar: The Registrar's office has already completed 125 transcript evaluations for applicants of the AAS-Nursing and LPN to RN Bridge programs for the Fall 2026 cohorts. These transcript evaluations are an important aspect of the Careers Built Here strategic priority because they document the past academic accomplishments of each student.

We thank David Farrington for being our sanity saving half-time interim Registrar while Kira was on leave for most of winter term

Thank you Faculty: Through a collaborative communication effort and faculty discussions, we were so happy that all grades for winter term were entered on time. This allowed many departments to support students with decisions made in between terms.

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Academic Programs: A recruitment for a full-time faculty to teach Natural Resources and serve as a liaison to Yakona will be launched soon. A draft schedule of courses and workload has been created and ready.

Library & Voter Education: The Library hosted the Lincoln County Clerk to explain voter registration and vote validation in addition to several other related topics. The event was open to the public and drew a crowd of diverse perspectives. The Clerk asked to return in October! Gael Maldonado-Galicia, ASG, gave a "lightening" speech on civic responsibility and encouraging voting.

Engagement Report

Dave Price, Vice President

SBDC

The SBDC is currently recruiting for the Non-Profit Small Business Management Program, starting in May. For your calendars, mark May 13 – the Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) “Pitch Night,” Live at OSU’s Gladys Valley building’s auditorium. The SBDC received big news this month... For the second time in its 30-plus year history, the Oregon Coast SBDC has been named the Region X Center of Excellence & Innovation by the U. S. Small Business Administration. Being recognized as the best SBDC in a sprawling Pacific Northwest District that encompasses the states of Alaska, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon is a remarkable feat for any center, much less one hosted at one of the Region’s smallest community colleges. The Board is invited to join the SBDC team, its stakeholders, clients, and friends, on Tuesday, May 5 at 1 p.m. for the award presentation and open house.

Marketing

Work continues on OCCC’s new website; expect accelerating progress in late spring. The OCCC Marketing Department will expand its streaming-service marketing programs to Pandora and Sirius XM this summer, along with its Spotify campaign, first launched in the Summer of 2025. The College, long an early adopter – having been one of the first in the state to deploy geofencing mobile marketing tools prior to the pandemic – is constantly investigating ways to target specific populations in our large county with a dispersed and often hard-to-reach population.

Foundation

The Foundation report will be presented by Patrick Alexander.

Grants

Rep. Val Hoyle has included a request from OCCC in her Congressionally Directed Spending list, for \$450,000 for an ambulance to enhance the college’s EMT program. We appreciate Rep. Hoyle’s team’s work on our behalf. The College will know later this summer whether this request ultimately make it out of committee and into any budget legislation this fall.

Community Education

Total revenue in booked Community Ed courses so far is about \$16,600 gross, and about \$6,700 net, after instruction and overhead costs. Including 17 FTE generated by the Community Ed Non-Profit SBM, the Community Ed program for spring has contributed (as of 8am, April 9) 19.3431 FTE to OCCC’s Spring Term totals.

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Administrative Services Report

Robin Gintner, Vice President

Finance:

- The configuration data has been submitted to Sage so the buildout of the new finance system can now begin. Staff training is scheduled to start the week of April 20th and will wrap up by month end. Once training is complete, staff will begin testing what they've learned in a "sandbox" environment. This will give us a couple of months to learn the system, test that things are working properly and make adjustments before the system goes live July 1.
- IPEDS and all other federal and state compliance reporting is complete for the year.
- The FY 26-27 budget is in development.

IT:

- We're making incremental updates to the network prior to the June 17th final switchover. A new firewall is currently being installed to begin that configuration and management.
- DarkTrace processed 30Tbs of raw network traffic, conducted 158 Cyber AI Analyst investigations (6 of which led to actioned incidents), and controlled 11 anomalous and potentially dangerous network behaviors in the month of March.
- DarkTrace's email system scanned 44,552 inbound emails, and 7,329 outbound emails. 3,963 suspect email messages were managed by moving them to Junk, locking suspect Web URLs, or converting the attachments to text.

Facilities and Public Safety:

- Excavation has begun on the early underground and foundation work. On Monday April 7th, the main outlet line for the storm drain system started.
- Our new building management hardware and program is nearing completion in the AQS building. They have moved their physical presence to Lincoln City now.
- Power for OCATT will start being bored on April 15th. Traffic will be managed by flaggers to limit the impact of work happening near or in the roadway.

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