

June 24, 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* May 20, 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 Budget Committee Meeting
OCCC Town Hall All-Staff Meeting
OCCC All-Staff Lunch & Learn
OCCC College Council Meeting
OCCC All-Managers Meeting
OCCC Family Fun Night
OCCC/SBDC Graduation Event
OCCC GED Graduation Event
OCCC 38th Annual Commencement Ceremony

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration

Newport Rotary Meeting (2)
Toledo Rotary Meeting (2)
Lincoln City Rotary Meeting
OCDC Head Start Meeting
LCEL Meeting (2)
Newport Chamber Board Meeting
Newport Chamber Lunch Event
City Manager Newport Meeting
President Mt. Hood Community College Meeting
President Linn Benton Community College Meeting
United Way Board Meeting
Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation Board Meeting
Thompson's Sanitary Ribbon Cutting
Oregon Coast Aquarium Tour
Yakona Bartow Studio Ribbon Cutting
Newport Marathon
Newport Kiwanis Meeting
Avemere Director Meeting
Taft Music Room Ribbon Cutting
Economic Development Alliance of Lincoln County Board Meeting
Georgia-Pacific Community Days Event
Yakona Board Meeting

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Georgia-Pacific Community Advisory Meeting
University of Oregon Order of the O Board Meeting
Oregon Coast Aquarium Board Meeting
Pacific Community Health District Board Meeting

Professional Development

Workforce Pell Learning Lab – Chemeketa Eola

OCCA/Legislative Relations/OPC/HECC

Senator Merkley Staff Tour/Meeting
OCCA Lunch and Learn
Legislative Finance Officer Meeting
OPC June Monthly Meeting
HECC Funding and Achievement Subcommittee
OCCA Federal Issues Call
HECC Commission Meeting

Academic & Student Affairs Report

Dr. Bruce Clemetsen, Vice President

Allied Health and Nursing Updates: With Crystal's departure, Mr. Pierce Moon is now the Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. With this leadership changes we have been busy making sure all the bases are covered according to various state standards. To this end, Riley Schroeder will be designated as the EMT director; Justin Mackey will be designated as the Nursing Assistant Director, and Pierce Moon will be the Medical Assistant director and Nursing director. Director roles involve ensuring that courses and programs meet state standards. These positions are often held by the faculty in the field due to previous work experience required for the role.

The BSN application was opened June 1 and will close June 26. We will admit a max of seven students. Preference is given to Lincoln County residents, and applicants must be a licensed RN by the time courses begin in September.

Faculty have been improving accessibility this past year with support from Dr. Sarah Whiteford, Dean of Academic Pathways and CTE, and Dana Gallup, Testing and Accessibility Services Coordinator. Our overall accessibility score from our Panorama Accessibility Assessment tool shows we have an overall score of 86%; our goal remains 90%. Our Canvas courses collectively score above 90% accessibility in 4 of 6 categories and we need to keep improving PDF and PowerPoint accessibility.

Our new Student Information System - Focal by Quali - is about to "go live." We are appreciative of the responsiveness of the Focal team and their efforts to customize the system to meet our needs. While we are a bit behind our implementation timeline, we are very excited about how much less manual work will be required to support students. This has been a team effort. We are anticipating there will be some bumps over the coming months, but our OCCC team and the Focal team work well together.

The Financial Aid Team hosted the spring meeting of their Oregon community college peers.

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Kira Woosley, Registrar, hosted the spring meeting of Oregon's community college registrar and admissions officers.

Dr. Sarah Whiteford, Dean of Academic Pathways and CTE, has been working with faculty and staff to establish a "block schedule" plan for offering classes. This structure is a significant shift in how the quarterly schedule is designed. The concept standardizes start and end times to allow students to register for more courses because the schedule has fewer course overlaps.

Ben Kaufmann, Dean of Academic Foundations and Student Success, has been granted authority to use funds from The Ford Family Foundation to establish a cadre of student ambassadors for extending outreach in high schools.

Erin Riggs, Director of the Library, has assisted the public library network enhance courier route efficiency by guiding the network to use a new software feature.

This is my last official update to the board. This adventure that began as a 5-month commitment has stretched to 24 months. The students and staff have been gracious in making me part of the team and community. Together we have changed so much to improve access, success, and opportunity for the community. The newish leaders in Dean, Director, faculty and staff roles, and Dr. Holton are the right people to keep the college achieving its mission. Thank you, Marshall and the OCCC community for a great run. Go Sharks!

Engagement Report

Dave Price, Vice President

Marketing

“Marshall, I’ve heard your ad 10 times,” said Brian Keever, of the Newport Chamber of Commerce. “It’s on my College Baseball radio!” Meanwhile, a director at OCCC is hearing Dr. Roache’s voice on her favorite Formula One racing podcast. This is part of OCCC’s Summer ’26 marketing campaign. It builds on 2025 and 2026 forays into Spotify, diving deeper into the power to geographically define a listening audience and receive fine-grain metrics including click-through rate, number of listeners, and number of impressions served. OCCC’s summer campaign is running across Google (AdWords), Spotify, and AudioGo (iHeart Radio, TuneIn Sports, Pandora and other platforms.) The ads are institutional and not focused on any one program, although there are certain targeted topics and keywords employed in the Google campaign.

Commencement photos are available on the College’s Facebook page, and the recording of the livestreams of Commencement and Pinning are also available from the college website. Kudos to Julia Ryan for the photography.

The largest project of the year for Marketing has been the months-long web redesign project. It is due to be completed July 15. The site is meant to be more student-friendly, more recruitment-focused, and fully accessible.

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Grants Office

Title III / SIP eligibility secured: OCCC received its FY2026 Title III eligibility designation from the U.S. Department of Education, allowing the College to apply for the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). The designation also makes OCCC eligible for a one-year waiver of certain non-federal match requirements, including Federal Work Study, beginning July 1, 2026.

SIP proposal development: The 2026 SIP proposal will focus on launching and strengthening credit-bearing OCATT programs in Building Facilities Maintenance, Industrial Facilities Maintenance, and Land-Based Maritime Maintenance. The proposal may also include a small, restricted endowment component.

Additional Workforce Ready Round 3 funding (awarded): OCCC was awarded an additional \$26,969.05 from Northwest Oregon Works through unspent Workforce Ready Round 3 funds. Because OCCC successfully fulfilled both of its prior NOW WFR3 sub-awards, NOW is reallocating those funds to OCCC for equipment purchases.

HVAC/R training capacity expanded: The additional WFR3 funds will be used to purchase two Copeland HVAC/R trainers supporting heating, cooling, and refrigeration instruction. This equipment will allow OCCC to offer Copeland™ Certifications developed and administered by NC3 (The National Coalition of Certification Centers) including HVAC/R System Fundamentals, Compressor Operation and Maintenance, and System Troubleshooting. These skills align directly with maritime maintenance, industrial facilities maintenance, and building facilities maintenance needs.

OCATT equipment paperwork: The Grants Office completed work on the FY26 federal CDS/USDA Rural Development equipment memo and budget narrative for the \$1 million OCATT equipment-only award. The revised approach emphasizes that funds will be used across major equipment categories for the OCATT Building, without implying that the College must document construction match or other non-federal project costs.

Rural Health Training Program (RHTP) application submitted: OCCC submitted its Rural Health Training Program application at the end of May. The proposal supports the College's continued work to strengthen rural health care pathways and expand access to training that responds to regional workforce needs.

Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) application submitted: OCCC applied to the STCCF 2026 Round 3 for field equipment to support the new Associate of Science in Natural Resources, launching in Fall 2026. Requested equipment includes GPS units, forestry tools, radios, binoculars, field guides, field documentation supplies, and safety equipment to support hands-on instruction at Yakona Nature Preserve and other field-learning sites.

Integrated Education and Training compliance work completed: Under the leadership of the OCCC Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, and in collaboration with academic administrators and faculty, the Grants Office led a discussion with the HECC and the development of the Integrated Education and Training (IET) planning documentation for the Early Childhood Education program, bringing the program into compliance with state and federal IET requirements. A major improvement came from Dr. Sarah Whiteford's recommendation that OCCC treat the supplemental instruction component similarly to the College's support labs for math and writing –

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i.e., as just-in-time instruction connected directly to the credit-bearing course. OCCC rapidly created a non-credit supplemental instruction course, moved it through Curriculum Committee review, and submitted the completed documentation to the state. OCCC received strong praise from HECC for the quality and responsiveness of this work.

Foundation

Budgeting for the new FY is underway with a meeting held the week of June 8.

Scholarship award letters have been emailed to students who received their share of \$136,000, an increase of \$25,000 in total scholarships awarded compared with last year. 121 students applied; 98 were awarded. The largest scholarship was \$4,500, the smallest was \$1,000. (Last year the smallest scholarships were \$500.)

SBDC

Dr. Roache joined the SBDC at Beachcrest Brewing this month, when it held its SBM graduation. The ceremony honored participants in three different cohorts of the 30-year-old program, including Traditional, Restaurant and Retail.

Community Education:

The Community Education lineup for Fall should be one of the College's biggest ever. New course proposals for the Fall term are due to the Engagement Office by July 15, 2026.

Administrative Services Report **Robin Gintner, Vice President**

Finance:

- Finance staff are wrapping up testing of the new Sage system and making final configuration tweaks in anticipation of the switchover in a few weeks. We will be doing double entry through summer as we finalize FY 25-26 in SharkNet and begin FY 26-27 in Sage.
- The FY 25-26 audit is underway with a goal of completing fieldwork by the end of September. If the federal government doesn't delay issuing their instructions for the Single Audit review of all federal grants, the auditors should have the audit completed in its entirety by December 31.

IT:

- On June 17th, 18th, and 19th the OCCC network will be upgraded across the enterprise. Fortinet hardware, including switches, firewalls, and fiber connectivity will be installed, configured, and tested. The new network will provide better failover and independence between the different sites, as well as a much faster connection to the Internet as a whole.
- In May, DarkTrace processed 359,992,082 raw events, of which 152 triggered network model alerts. 5 of those model alerts were followed up as incidents, and of those incidents, none were found to be critical incidents involving data exfiltration.
- DarkTrace's email system scanned 41,092 inbound emails, and 5,519 outbound emails. 3,223 suspect email messages were managed by moving them to Junk, locking suspect Web URLs, or converting the attachments to text.
- 30TB of total bandwidth was scanned and processed.

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- The Barracuda email filtration system has been assessing and blocking incoming email as well. From May 1st through May 31st, 454 messages were blocked by Barracuda's filtering policies, 4,021 were blocked as spam, 9 were blocked by ATP (Advanced Threat Protection), and another 6,184 were blocked for other reasons, such as suspect internal links, bad From: or To: addresses, and spoofed domains.

Facilities and Public Safety:

- The OCATT concrete footing pours have started and will be done by the end of the week of June 15th.
- The AQS staff is working hard on getting animals moved in preparation for the floor refinish starting the week of the 15th. Warm water species will be moved to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and cold-water species will go to the Hatfield Marine Science Center.
- The building management system and new access control system rollouts have begun at Central Campus. This work will take up a good amount of the summer.

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