



September 16, 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 August 12, 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

Employee 1-on-1's – 35

Employee Groups/Events – 17

Board of Education Interactions - 5

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration

Community Member 1-on-1's – 7

Community Groups/Events – 21

Community Boards – 9

Professional Development

Community College Legislative Caucus, Oregon Capital – Salem, OR.

Dean's Conference – Florence, OR.

Special Events of Note

All-Manager's Leadership Training

Newport Boosters Fundraiser

Waldport Chamber Fundraiser

Lincoln County School District "Kick-off"

OSCC In-Service Day

East County Center Ribbon Cutting

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Academic & Student Affairs Report

Dr. Kristina Holton, Vice President

Academic & Student Affairs

The initiatives outlined below reflect OCCC's continued commitment to expanding access, strengthening workforce and transfer pathways, enhancing student support services, and fostering student success throughout Lincoln County.

Academic Foundations & Student Success

In response to local survey data indicating that more students are choosing immediate employment over postsecondary education, OCCC is launching a Near Peer Outreach Program. The initiative will engage recent graduates as mentors and role models to help high school students better understand educational opportunities and see college as an attainable pathway.

The college is also introducing a redesigned New Student Welcome experience that emphasizes early connection, belonging, and community building through student-led activities, faculty engagement, and peer networking opportunities. Complementing these efforts is the development of a student storytelling publication featuring personal narratives from current students, helping incoming students see themselves reflected in the college experience and reinforcing the message that success at OCCC is achievable.

Academic Pathways & CTE

OCCC launched two new academic programs this year: an Associate of Science in Natural Resources and an Associate of Science Transfer degree in Psychology. The Natural Resources program is already strengthening connections with both Yakona and Oregon State University. At the college, we also hosted tribal youth participating in an environmental leadership camp, providing an opportunity to introduce students to educational pathways available at OCCC. Faculty professional development continues to evolve in response to faculty feedback and institutional priorities. This year's programming kicked off on September 14th and emphasizes instructional excellence, ongoing assessment work, and preparation for the college's upcoming accreditation visit.

OCCC was awarded a \$75,000 for the Short-Term Credential Grant to develop curriculum for the manufacturing industry, specifically focused on aluminum welding. The opportunity will expand our current welding offerings expected to begin offering its first modules in Summer 2027.

Aquarium Science & The Teaching Aquarium

OCCC was awarded a \$75,000 Workforce Investment grant to develop a new series of stackable short-term training certificates focused on aquaculture. The opportunity will provide workforce-focused training aligned with regional industry needs and is expected to begin offering its first modules in Summer 2027.

Significant facility improvements at the Teaching Aquarium are nearing completion, including upgraded climate control, lighting, and other infrastructure enhancements that support both student

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learning and animal care. Additionally, the program is modernizing animal record management through adoption of industry-standard software used by major aquariums nationwide, further strengthening student preparation for careers in the field.

Nursing & Allied Health

This fall kicks off our first group of seven OCCC students who are part of the BSN consortium. We are also looking to make adjustments to the EMT program which will allow students to complete both the basic and advanced coursework in one academic year.

Library & Learning Center Development

With the creation of the OCCC College Learning Center Strategic Plan, we have outlined how renovating the Library will allow for the development of a college Learning Center, which will serve as a centralized hub that connects students to a wide range of academic resources, and learning support services. At its core, the Learning Center initiative reinforces OCCC's commitment to equity, belonging, and student success by creating a welcoming environment where students feel supported, connected, and confident in seeking help when needed.

Curriculum Operations & Effectiveness

Dual Credit programming continues to expand for this academic year. The return of Eddyville Charter School to the Dual Credit program represents an important step in strengthening educational partnerships and increasing access throughout the region.

Financial Aid

Student access to financial resources continues to grow, which reduces barriers to enrolment. As of early September, the number of students receiving Oregon Opportunity Grants has increased by approximately 23% compared to last fall, while Oregon Promise Grant recipients have increased by approximately 15%.

Engagement Report

Dave Price, Vice President

None received.

Administrative Services Report

Robin Gintner, Vice President

Finance

The Finance Department is live in the new Sage accounting system and staff are still navigating the transition. The purchasing and accounts payable modules are 100% up and running, the grant module is a work in progress and the budget module will be implemented this Fall.

Everything has been submitted to the auditors for the FY 25-26 audit and sampling is taking place.

IT

The Barracuda email filtration system has been assessing and blocking incoming email. From August 1st through August 31st, 71,765 email messages were evaluated. None were archived during

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that time. 10,734 messages were blocked by Barracuda's threat filtering policies. 441 threats were remediated after delivery (pulled back out into use). A total of 5,417 Inboxes were protected, including targeted outside addresses.

The new Fortinet network is in, and it's a thing of beauty! It gives us full access to each protected port in the network fabric and has made networking with the various contractors very manageable.

Facilities and Public Safety

Central Campus and North Center HVAC controls are nearing completion and will be commissioned in the coming weeks.

Building access control is roughly 80% done at the Central Campus. The new alarm program has been fully programmed and is working well. A few hardware changes are needed and we are just waiting on those to complete the work.

The East County Center – Arcadia remodel in Toledo is wrapping up and will be ready for classes to start on September 21st. The interior has been painted, the bathrooms renovated and the old tile floors have been sanded and waxed. A few more small projects will take place to finish up. The OCATT roof deck is more than 85% complete. A few panels are just waiting on a small modification to a support beam before getting installed.

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