



October 21, 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 September 16, 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 – 32

Employee Groups/Students/Events – 27

Board of Education Interactions - 2

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration

Community Member 1-on-1's – 7

Community Groups/Events – 13

Community Boards – 11

Professional Development

"5 Transformative AI Wins," President's Round Table – online

Special Events of Note

All-Manager's Leadership Training

Associated Student Government Meeting

Yachats Chamber of Commerce, Pelican Brewing Ribbon Cutting

Coast Busters Cancer Walk Fundraiser

OCCC Student Welcome BBQ

Present at National Council for Workforce Education, "Designed for Impact: Rural Workforce Models for Inclusive Prosperity" – Palm Springs, California

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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 our college and Lincoln County.

Academic Foundations and Student Engagement

Fall term began with several successful community-building initiatives. OCCC welcomed new students through a redesigned New Student Welcome event featuring faculty presentations, peer engagement activities, a student panel, and team-building experiences. The event was designed to foster early connections among students, faculty, and staff while supporting a successful transition into college life. We also had a Welcome Back BBQ and Lunch & Learn, which brought together students, faculty, staff, and college leadership, creating meaningful opportunities for connection and engagement across the college community.

Academic Pathways & CTE

Faculty In-Service was held in September and included professional development focused on teaching excellence, assessment practices, student support, accreditation preparation, and community partnerships. Faculty also engaged with partners at Yakona to learn more and explore future collaboration opportunities.

A collaboration between Academic Pathways and Academic Foundations and Student Engagement around the documentary *Gone Guys* also led to the creation of a new Philosophy Club, expanding opportunities for student engagement and co-curricular learning. The new student club is co-hosted by one of our faculty.

The new Natural Resources program is off to a strong start, with students already participating in field-based learning experiences at Yakona and engaging with local industry professionals through a career exploration speaker series. Interest in the program continues to grow.

Aquarium Science

The upgrades and renovations in the Teaching Aquarium are near completion. All major systems and nearly all animal collections have been returned to the facility, with final work continuing on several exhibits and building systems. This process provided students valuable hands-on experience as exhibits were reestablished in our space.

Dr. Carla Schubiger and Dan Lara were invited to attend the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technological Education Conference, a national event focused on advancing technician education through community and technical colleges. Participation in this conference may open additional opportunities for OCCC in the future.

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Nursing and Allied Health

The Nursing program is off to an energetic start, with students actively engaged in volunteer service throughout the community, including flu clinics, charity athletic events, blood drives, and food drives. Second-year nursing students have also begun mentoring first-year students, strengthening peer support and community within the program.

The college continues to expand clinical and workforce partnerships, with opportunities at Salem Hospital and PeaceHealth in Eugene. The EMT program enrolled 14 students this fall and is preparing to relaunch Advanced EMT coursework in Spring Term. The Nursing Assistant class has moved into learning their skills and will be headed to Newport Rehabilitation of Cascadia (formerly Avamere). We are excited that Cascadia has offered the same affiliation agreement that we have had with Avamere and we are looking forward to continuing our partnership into the future.

Library and Learning Center Development

Planning continues for the future OCCC College Learning Center, which will be developed as part of the library renovation project. A cross-functional committee of faculty and staff has been established to guide planning efforts and help shape a centralized learning hub that connects students with academic support services, technology resources, tutoring, collaborative learning spaces, and other essential resources.

Curriculum and Community Partnerships

The college is preparing to submit a Notice of Application for a new Land-Based Maritime Technician program. If approved, the proposal will begin the curriculum development and state review process for a program designed to support regional workforce needs in Oregon's maritime industry.

Financial Aid

We are grateful that Carol Martin has stepped back into Financial Aid as our interim director. Her knowledge and expertise is allowing us to continue to assist students in accessing available state and federal aid resources, as affordability remains a key component of OCCC's commitment to educational access.

Engagement Report

Dave Price, Vice President

Grants Office

New Contracts since September Board Meeting:

- Workforce and Talent Development Board Short-Term Credential Grant (Aquaculture):
\$104,000
 - Principal Investigator: Dr. Carla Schubiger (0.25 FTE)
 - Provide faculty support for the development of six Non-Credit Training Certificates totaling 210-hours
 - Provides funding for Aquaculture Equipment
 - Provides professional development/training for OCCC AQS Faculty/Staff

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- Future Ready Short-Term Credential Grant (Aluminum Welding): \$75,000
 - Principal Investigator: Nevin Sjostrom (FTE TBD)
 - Provide faculty support for the development of a 12-credit Career Pathways Certificate in Aluminum Welding;
 - When combined with the existing 48-credit Shipbuilding & Repair Level II Certificate will create a new 60-credit Certificate in Maritime Construction/Welding
 - Provides professional development/training for OCCC Welding faculty
- Title III – Strengthening Institutions Program (OCATT Program Development): \$590,868 in Year 1, renewable for up to 5 years @ \$2,979,350
 - Principal Investigator: Dan Lara (0.25 FTE in year 1)
 - Provide administrative and faculty support for the development of 3 new OCATT programs
 - Land Based Maritime Maintenance
 - Industrial Maintenance
 - Building Facilities Maintenance and Trades Preparation
 - Purchase equipment to support the 3 new OCATT programs

OCCC Foundation

- **Recent Grants Received**
 - Hummingfrog Fund: \$7,500 for student emergency assistance
 - TLC Fibre Federal Credit Union: \$2,500 for the Student Success Fund and support of the EMT program
 - Georgia-Pacific: \$5,000 to support workforce development programs
 - Roundhouse Foundation: \$22,500 for CTE program support
 - Georgia-Pacific: \$20,000 for Expanding Access to Career & College Pathways
 - John F. Wooley Scholarship: \$2,000 new named scholarship and the Foundation's first scholarship designated for Natural Resources students
 - A new \$150,000 scholarship endowment is being finalized, with the Fund Agreement expected to be signed this week
 - These grants and scholarship commitments represent \$209,500 in recent support for OCCC students and programs.
- **Upcoming Activities**
 - Donor & Scholar Reception: October 22, bringing together scholarship donors and student recipients
 - Pearls of Wisdom 2027: The first planning meeting has been held. Save the Date: March 13, 2027

Marketing

- Launched a targeted Spotify ad campaign in September to support SBDC's SBM recruitment efforts, achieving the highest click-through rate (CTR) of any OCCC campaign to date.

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- Updated the College's Style & Branding Guide and continued improving the new website's content, accessibility, and mobile experience in collaboration with faculty and staff.
- Coordinated the second planned visit by construction photographer Josh Kulla to capture OCATT progress as the roof nears completion. Kulla will also photograph classes and campus activities alongside Julia Ryan and Dave Price, in coordination with faculty.

Community Education

As of October 14, Community Education generated \$18,775 in gross registration revenue for Fall Term 2026, with 269 participants registering for 405 course seats, including free offerings. New courses include emergency preparedness workshops, coffee roasting, tea, sonnets, and mushroom foraging. Classes are offered in Waldport, Toledo, Lincoln City, and Newport.

Small Business Development Center

The SBDC has 40 participants enrolled in its 2026–27 Small Business Management (SBM) programs and 32 in Nonprofit SBM, with additional registrations expected. The Youth Entrepreneurship Program (YEP) will return in January, with scheduling coordinated around tribal dates to maximize countywide student participation. The SBDC is also partnering with EDALC to develop new asynchronous learning videos for Siletz High School.

Administrative Services Report

Robin Gintner, Vice President

Finance:

- Everything has been submitted to the auditors for the FY 25-26 audit and sampling is complete. The Auditors have notified us that they will be unable to complete our federally mandated single audit until the federal government, specifically the Office of Management and Budget, releases its final audit guidance for federal grants. A similar delay happened last year.

IT:

- The WiFi network is now very robust in its security and connectivity. The guest network, OCCC, connects directly to the Internet with strict boundaries that keep it from accessing the College's internal local network. The OCCC Secure network allows for internal network access, but the password is zealously guarded for use only by faculty and staff at OCCC.
- The Barracuda email filtration system has been assessing and blocking incoming email. From September 1st through September 30th, 81,440 email messages were evaluated. None were archived during that time. 9,767 messages were blocked by Barracuda's threat filtering policies. 543 threats were remediated after delivery (pulled back out into use). A total of 5,583 Inboxes were protected, including targeted outside addresses.

Facilities and Public Safety:

- The commissioning of the Central Campus and North Center HVAC is close to complete but there have been delays due to unanticipated repairs and upgrades of the existing equipment that have been needed.

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- 99% of the buildings' new access controls are done. We are still waiting for some hardware for Central Campus. The new alarm program has been fully programmed and is working well.
- The East County Center – We held our ribbon cutting on September 11th. It was well attended and everyone was impressed with the remodel. Classes are being held in the new space and students and faculty have responded well. There are still a few more small projects that will take place but nothing that will disrupt classes.
- Installation of the OCATT roof panels will begin the week of October 19th. Interior wall framing has started, but we are in a pause awaiting the roof bracing.

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