THE OC3 MONTHLY
OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

November 18, 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 October 21, 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 – 22
Employee Groups/Students/Events – 23
Board of Education Interactions - 5

External Relations/Partnerships and Collaboration
Community Member 1-on-1's – 4
Community Groups/Events – 9
Community Boards – 5

Professional Development
Oregon Coast Economic Summit – Seaside, Oregon
OCCA Annual Conference – Sun River, Oregon

Special Events of Note
SWOCC Athletic Fundraiser – Bandon, Oregon
NWCCU Accreditation Year-7 Visit

Academic & Student Affairs Report
Dr. Kristina Holton, Vice President

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
In October, OCCC celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a campus event featuring homemade tamales and empanadas, lotería, and Cumbia lessons. The event provided an opportunity for students and employees to celebrate Hispanic cultures.



Left to Right: Jeanette Campagna (OCCC Foundation Director of Advancement, Jose Hernandez (Student Success Coach), and Haiden Zimmerschied (Human Resources Coordinator.)

Just recently, OCCC completed a successful Adult Basic Skills program review conducted by the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). Reviewers recognized OCCC's Adult Basic Skills, citing growing numbers of GED and English Language Learner (ELL) students transitioning into credit programs, the college's integrated career and college readiness approach, and strong community partnerships. OCCC also exceeded the federal benchmark for measurable skill gains and ranks 5th among Oregon's 16 federally funded community college GED programs for the percentage of students completing the GED.

On Wednesday, November 4th, we hosted our fourth annual Student Resource Fair. As part of an ongoing effort to assist students with their basic needs and foster a community of support here at OCCC, this even brought community organizations to OCCC to interact directly with students, providing information and resources regarding their programs to support student needs. Organizations in attendance included: 211info, Community Services Consortium, Lincoln County DA - Victim Advocate, Lincoln County Health & Human Services, Oregon Department of Human Services - Self Sufficiency, WorkSource Oregon, and many more. The goal of the event was to dismantle barriers to access for OCCC students and create an open dialogue, not only between students and the community organizations, but also between the organizations themselves.

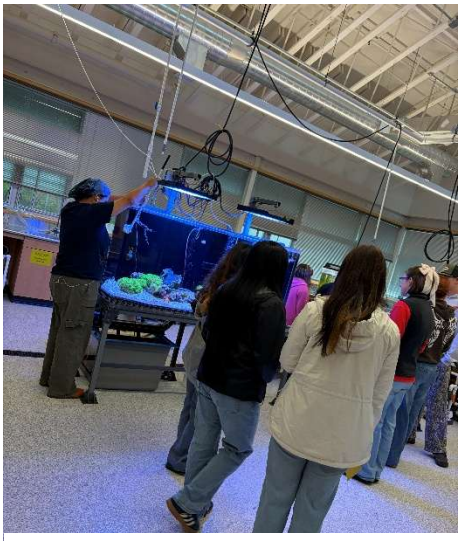


Fourth Annual Student Resource Fair on Wednesday, November 4, 2026

On Friday, November 13, OCCC hosted all sophomores from Newport High School. They spent the day learning about our college and our programs, and touring our facilities. It was exciting to get these students thinking about their futures and how OCCC can be part of that!



OCCC hosted Newport High School (NHS) Sophomores Friday, November 13, 2026



NHS Sophomores explore the Aquarium Science (AQS) Program and learn about academic and career opportunities in the field.

Academic Pathways & CTE

Faculty continue to do great things, both inside and outside of the classroom. Sam Loftus (Biology Instructor) was recently invited to speak at a Biology conference in Denver, CO. Julia Goos (Art Instructor) has an art show at the Visual Arts Center in Newport from work she did from a professional development trip to Greece. Paul Lask (Writing Instructor) presented for the first time at the Two-Year College English Association of the Pacific Northwest. Together with high school colleagues, they discussed dual credit and AI use.



OCCC's Aquarium Science (AQS) Program welcomed Oregon State University's Ocean11 Marine Club on November 7, 2026, for a tour showcasing student projects, teaching aquarium facilities, and career opportunities in aquarium science.

Aquarium Science

Dr. Carla Schubiger (Dean of Aquarium Science Program) and current AQS student Ziah Barron hosted OSU's Ocean11 marine club last weekend. This was an opportunity to introduce OSU students to our Aquarium Science Program, explain the curriculum and show off current student projects and our teaching aquarium facilities. We were also able to share about career opportunities within the field. It was a great recruitment event!

Engagement Report
Dave Price, Vice President

Grants Office

- T3-SIP Grant – Marine Maintenance Technology Program: Grants Office staff, accompanied by the VP of Academic & Student Affairs and an independent consultant, traveled to Skagit Valley College (SVC) in Mount Vernon, Washington, to observe its Marine Maintenance Technology Program. The visit provided an opportunity to explore program curriculum, and equipment needs and identify how they could align with T3-SIP grant objectives. The grant requires the hiring of a 0.5 FTE Director as soon as possible. In the interim, the Grants Director is serving in this capacity to advance implementation and keep grant activities moving forward.

- NSF Advanced Technological Education (ATE) Program: OCCC Grants Office staff and the Dean of Aquarium Science traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in a conference for anticipated National Science Foundation (NSF) ATE awardees. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) largely covered lodging and conference registration costs in anticipation of an OCCC award. The conference provided an opportunity to learn about NSF grant requirements, connect with program resources, and engage with the network of ATE awardees.

OCCC Foundation

- Foundation report presented this month by Board Member and Foundation Liaison Patrick Alexander.

Marketing

- This month new posters were delivered to Student Success Coaches to better promote programs like Natural Resources, Psychology, and the Oregon Coast Scholars scholarship in local high schools.
- Marketing is also developing new college brochures – replacing the 2-year-old “Start Here” four-page document, including new content such as OCATT as well as the new Natural Resources and Psychology programs.
- In late October, OCCC Marketing invested in a new collection of photographs showcasing classrooms, campus life, and OCATT construction progress. A Portland-based photographer with roots in Lincoln County. Lease Crutcher Lewis sharing the cost in exchange for access to the construction photographs.
- Marketing is supporting the development of a new annual report for the OCCC Foundation, scheduled for distribution in January 2027. The report will provide stakeholders with greater insight into the Foundation’s impact, activities, and growth. This initiative marks another step in the Foundation’s continued evolution with assets under management doubling over the past four years to than $3 million today.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

- This month, the SBDC held its latest Construction Contractors Board (CCB) licensing course, helping aspiring contractors to obtain the credentials needed to licensed, bonded and insured. This two-day program supports Lincoln County's efforts to address the shortage of qualified contractors, with 13 businesses participating. Additionally, 48 participants are enrolled in the new Small Business Management (SBM) programs launched last month, with the Nonprofit SBM serving 31 participants. Combined, the SBM programs represent 79 FTE for 2027. Under HECC guidelines, SMB FTE is recorded during the programs' final quarter; therefore, most of these enrollments will not appear in year-to-date FTE reports until Spring 2027.
- Community Outreach and Student Engagement: On Friday, November 6, the SBDC supported Fishermen's Appreciation Day at the Port Dock. That same day, OCCC welcomed 80 Native American students attending the Native American Student Summit on campus. As part of the summit, Assistant SBDC Director engaged approximately half of the students through the Career Path class, introducing entrepreneurship and related career opportunities.

Administrative Services Report
Robin Gintner, Vice President

None received.