



# OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report  
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**Turn that frown upside down, our shark has a name!!**

**Welcome to Waverly!**



Waverly is now in the care and custody of Lucinda Taylor, Director of Advancement. Lucinda serves as Waverly's entourage, and will consider future bookings. Waverly made an appearance at the OCA for the First Annual Easter Egg Hunt by the Sea.

## **Grants, Grants, Grants**

OCCC has earned approximately **\$360,000** in grants for the 15-17 Biennium!



#### HECC/CCWD:

- SB 5507 Advising capacity (non competitive, \$57,592)
- SB 4076 Enhanced support services to include Oregon Promise students (non-competitive, \$82,990)
- HB 3063 *Navigate* Grant (competitive, \$129,088). Foundation is partner, see budget.
- Career Pathway, (semi-competitive, \$59,622)

#### Oregon Department of Education

- Acceleration to College, *Four Pathways to Success* (competitive, \$31,157)

Also, awarded (via a competitive process) two Vista positions for 17-18 (\$15,000 is College contribution for these 2 full-time one year positions)

- Career Transfer Readiness Center
- *Navigate* Grant

More information about the specifics of each grant will be shared with the campus community in the weeks to come.

#### **Capital Construction** (Resiliency Education Center Building)

CCWD completed their rankings of proposed new facilities to be potentially funded (50%) by state bonds. OCCC is 9<sup>th</sup> on the list (may move higher if other Colleges already have another approved XI-G project)

Next steps:

- April 29: Deferred maintenance request are due to Community College & Workforce Development (CCWD) staff.
- May 12: Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) reviews, and considers Capital Construction and Deferred Maintenance requests. Considers list for approval and inclusion in the HECC 2017-2019 Agency Request
- Final? When budgets are adopted for 2017-2019 Biennium.
- If OCCC Building remains on the list, will likely contract with consultant to develop a capital building campaign including local bond assessment.

#### **Learning Management System: Hello to Canvas**

I am pleased to announce Oregon Coast Community College will adopt the Canvas Learning Management platform for distance learning, to replace our current version of Moodle effective July 1, 2016. Our goal in making this change is to ensure that instructors have the tools and data needed to improve learning in and beyond the classroom for our students. While this decision will have the most immediate impact on faculty currently teaching on-line for OCCC, ultimately we expect that all OCCC faculty will eventually use Canvas for all classes. Canvas effectively augments face-to-face classes through supplemental instruction tools, communicating with students outside of class, and grading records. Our contract for Canvas is with Instructure, Inc. the software-as-a-service (SaaS) technology company. Its cloud-based Canvas learning management system (LMS) has now connected more than 18 million teachers and learners at over 1,200 higher education and K-12 institutions throughout the world.

#### Why Canvas?

Below are some of the key reasons we selected Canvas with hosting by Instructure:

- Excellent features and functionality, as assessed by the comparison rubric developed by the College community.
- Year-to-year cost effectiveness over the alternatives.
- Compatibility with our local school district
- Compatibility with Oregon State University and University of Oregon

**PCC Accreditation Review Team Visits OCCC:** An important and very successful visit from PCC occurred on March 31 and April 1st. This visit was part of the periodic review inherent in our contracting relationship with PCC for accreditation, and also marked our transition to Applicant status with NWCCU. PCC sent a team of 8 people, including interim president Sylvia Kelly. More than 25 OCCC staff, faculty, administration and Board members also participated (thank you to all for such a great showing). The visit ended with a summation from PCC, they are exceedingly pleased with our progress, and offered assistance in any specific areas where we could benefit.

### **Around the College**

We held a Spring In-Service April 8, and an in-service day in the Spring term will now be part of our annual calendar at OCCC. With so much happening at our College, gathering as a whole to connect and communicate is more important than ever. In order that all could participate, the College was closed to the public and there were no Friday class meetings. The event began in the Commons with a kick-off Morning Social, and the day was filled with information-sessions, opportunities to see friends old and new; learn about Accreditation progress; review a possible next building at OCCC; cheer our Student Success work, and much more.

Today was Administrative Professionals Day, and we recognized our own OCCC support professionals with a luncheon and a small gift. We are so thankful and appreciative to Shaneon, Shannon, Helene, Vicki, Shirley, Tonia, Blake, and Zane, who welcome our students and visitors every day with a smile, all the while handling the myriad responsibilities of their respective areas.

College Call Night, held the third week of the term, had volunteers from student services, faculty, staff and administration placing calls to students who have “declared” in the following programs/pathways: Transfer Degree (AAOT), Associate of General Studies (AGS), Criminal Justice, and Transfer Business (ASOT-B). This term we also reached out to our Aquarium Science students. Fall term 279 students were called, Winter term 299, and this term 286. This is a personal outreach to our students to ask how they are doing, what’s working, and what barriers they encounter. This continues to be well-received by students and affirms our recognition of the importance of the student-College relationship.

The second annual OCCC Job Fair on April 6th was a great success. It served sixty OCCC students and forty community members. Twenty seven employers attended from the Lincoln County area. Compared to last year, employer attendance doubled.

The recent PCC accreditation visit revealed that the Library could be doing more to provide reference support to those students not on the central campus. In direct response to this concern, the Library just added a chat box to its library webpage to allow students to ask questions in real time. Chat reference provides for a two-way conversation, much like talking to a Reference Librarian in person. This feature will allow students at our Lincoln City center, Waldport center, and our Distance Education students to chat live with the Librarian on Central Campus and receive immediate feedback. The Library now solidly meets the accreditation standard, and the Librarian is excited to be using technology to provide services that students appreciate and can use on their mobile devices.

The OCCC Library has recently begun to spotlight various library materials around a central theme. For example, April is National Poetry Month, so we've gathered various books and DVDs to increase the awareness and appreciation of poetry. You will find our monthly displays at the main entrance to the Library.

### **Small Business Development Center**

This is the second of two weeks of the Newport Rotary / OCCC SBDC “Jobseekers” program. The program kicked off with two sessions at OCCC last week, including a resumé-writing workshop led by OCCC Tutor Coordinator Jody Becker and a Social-Media-for-Jobseekers program conducted by Misty Lambrecht. This marks the third year for the program, funded by Newport Rotary and conceived by Sandy Roumagoux, Linda Killbride and SBDC Director Dave Price.

On Friday, April 22, OCCC and the SBDC partnered with the Lincoln City Chamber of Commerce and the Lincoln City VCB to present the third annual “Love Your Lincoln” The customer service training event was held at the Cultural Center and was catered by the Taft Culinary Department. More than 60 participants attended and the keynote address was delivered by Rep. David Gomberg, a former Lincoln City Chamber Executive Director and entrepreneur. At the event, SBDC Director Dave Price announced that the College would be launching a new customer service certificate program this spring. Supported by a grant from the VCB, the workforce development program uses curriculum supplied by the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association’s Education Foundation.

Shirley Hill, the OCCC SBDC administrative assistant, is busy this week with Lincoln City Community Days. Hill is again serving as chair of the 60-year-old community celebration, which features everything from a Ducky Derby organized by Taft Principal Majalise Tolan to a Community Awards Banquet Saturday, April 30, co-emceed by Miss Oregon, Ali Wallace. Tomorrow afternoon, April 28, OCCC will host an hour (4-5pm) of the Community-wide canned food drive. To join the college team, including OCCC’s jovial new mascot, head to Kenny’s IGA North at NW 25<sup>th</sup> and Hwy. 101 at 4 p.m. Thursday.

### **Foundation**

The Foundation is currently accepting scholarship applications for the 2016-17 academic year. The application process has been simplified this year so that students fill out a single application to be considered for all available scholarships. In previous years, nursing students had to fill out a separate application later in the spring due to the timing of acceptance into the nursing program. This has now been streamlined and will benefit both the students and the selection committee. In addition, the scholarship application has now been moved into an online format, again benefiting both students and the selection committee. The Foundation Board has formally adopted giving principles for OCCC Foundation scholarships. Awards will primarily be need based for students demonstrating the ability to maintain satisfactory academic progress, students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0, the minimum award will be \$500 per quarter / \$1,500 per year and the maximum award will be \$1,500 per quarter / \$4,500 per year.

### **Health and Human Services**

Nursing: 35 students continue in the program. Second year students are doing their Capstone Senior Clinical Experience throughout Lincoln and Linn Counties. We anticipate 19 students graduating in June with their AAS in Nursing. Note: Save the date: OCCC Pinning Ceremony is at the Performing Arts Center on 6/10/2016 at 11am (invitations to follow).

Criminal Justice: We are anticipating three students graduating with their AAS in Criminal Justice in June. Two students are currently doing their Co-operative Education experience at Lincoln County Corrections.

High school Nursing Assistant Program: Five students graduated from the High School Nursing Assistant Program. Two are currently working at Avamere Rehabilitation Center of Newport.

Medical Assistant Program: Students are doing their preceptorships throughout the Samaritan Clinics in Lincoln County. Employment prospects look very good for these students. We anticipate 11 graduating with their Certificate in Medical Assisting in June.

OCCC Foundation and Samaritan Health Systems (SHS) are in discussion about ways to increase enrollment for the 2016-2017 academic year (possibly through scholarships) as SHS is in need of Medical Assistants, especially in Lincoln County.

**EMT Program:** 15 students have completed their training and have taken their practicum exam at OCCC. The Lincoln County Fire chiefs are requesting that OCCC offer the EMT Advanced Course next year. OCCC will obtain permission from PCC. If offered, it will allow students completing both the EMT-B and EMT-A to obtain an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician Less than One-Year Certificate.

### **Another Fond Farewell**

Hallie Jo Price accepted a position at OSU as Financial Aid Advisor in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Hallie has worked at OCCC since the summer of 2012 and was an integral part of our community. She worked at the front desk in Student Services (providing a special blend of enthusiasm and caring in explaining college processes to new students) before becoming Financial Aid Specialist. Hallie has also taught a community education writing class and served the Safety Committee and WAVES. She will be missed, and OSU will not regret their choice to hire Hallie.

### **President's External Engagement Since Last Report**

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Rotary	Mid Valley Mid Coast Regional Achievement Collaborative
Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation	Oregon Presidents Council
Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County	American Association of Community Colleges
Aquarium Board Quarterly Meeting	Annual Conference (to accompany All USA Scholarship and Award student)
Lincoln County Housing panel discussion	Campus Compact Anniversary Celebration
Women and Girls in Oregon, Leadership Roundtable	OCCA Education Committee Meeting
GLAMs meeting	Portland Community College's Annual Gala
Williams Lecture Series	

### **OCCC Media Report March 17 to April 27, 2016**

#### [OCCC considers hike in student fees](#)

Newport News Times

Thursday, March 24, 2016

LINCOLN CITY —**Oregon Coast Community College** may decide to increase student fees by \$9 per credit, a bump that would cost the average ...

#### [OCCC's proposed student tuition hike is justified](#)

Newport News Times

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

On April 27, 2016 the **Oregon Coast Community College** Board of Directors will vote on whether or not to raise student tuition by \$9 per credit hour, ...

#### [NEW VOLUNTEERS: Recruits, EMS volunteers graduate; Kusz gets 'Golden Sparky'](#)

Lincoln City News Guard

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

Stafford took particular note of Kusz's new **Oregon Coast Community College** Adult Education program's "Disaster Preparedness for the Pacific ...

[Job fair draws local businesses](#)

Newport News Times

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

NEWPORT — Students at **Oregon Coast Community College** looking to kick off their careers will have the opportunity to network with 30 potential ...

[Have a ball](#)

Oregon Coast Today

April 5, 2016

Though that program also eventually sank, it resurfaced in 2014 and is now being kept afloat by **Oregon Coast Community College**. The classes, held ...

[Matters of the mind](#)

Oregon Coast Today

April 5, 2016

Mental health, and the state of mental health services on the Oregon Coast ... presentation at **Oregon Coast Community College's** Newport campus.

[Mental Health: breaking down the bias](#)

Newport News Times

Thursday, April 7, 2016

The talk begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at the **Oregon Coast Community College** Central County Campus, 400 SE College Way in Newport, ...

[OCCC student honored with national award](#)

Newport News Times

Tuesday, April 12, 2016

... Oregon college student finds himself or herself on the cover of USA Today, but on Tuesday, April 12,

[NATIONAL HONOR: OCCC student named All-USA](#)

The News Guard

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Miguel was one of two **OCCC** students selected to represent the college at the All-**Oregon** Academic Team awards luncheon in Salem on May 3.

[LOVE YOUR LINCOLN: Hospitality training can be fun](#)

The News Guard

Monday, April 18, 2016

Lincoln City's Community Day events have just begun. ... Business Development and Community Education at **Oregon Coast Community College**.

[Be a little self-ish and sign up](#)

Oregon Coast Today

April 19, 2016

It's not too late to sign up for a pair of self mastery courses on offer at the Lincoln city and Newport campuses of **Oregon Coast Community College**. Instructor Dr. Cynthia Clayton will teach "Practical Metaphysics: The Art of Positive Thinking"

**OCCC FACEBOOK FANS: 2,210**