



# OREGON COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Report  
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## **Accreditation**

On January 8, I (and Dean Cindy Carlson) presented OCCC's Application for Consideration to the NWCCU full commission hearing in Bellevue, Washington. The Commissioners had compliments for our written Application (900 page report) and also asked good questions to further assess our readiness. We were promised formal notification of the outcome within 30 days of the hearing. If the outcome is positive, then OCCC would be recognized by NWCCU as an Applicant for Accreditation, meaning that we fully meet the 24 Eligibility Requirements and have sufficient capacity to begin working towards the next step of applying for Candidacy, a one to three year process.

## **Grants and Gifts**

On December 18<sup>th</sup>, I accepted a \$10,000 donation check for the College from the Georgia Pacific Foundation. These dollars are earmarked for Accreditation Support and/or New Program Development, and were given in response to a formal written proposal to the GP Foundation and Community Relations Director. A new fund within the OCCC Foundation has been established to specifically for Accreditation and New Program Development (Strategic framework Big Ideas One & Two).

Career Pathways: In December, the College submitted to CCWD our proposal for 15-17 Career Pathways funding in the amount of \$74,927. All Community Colleges are eligible, and will be funded at an FTE based level, provided they present a well-developed plan that meets the criteria and eventual outcomes of the Career Pathways program. Broadly speaking, it is the goal of Career Pathways funding to increase the number of Oregonians who enter and complete short term training certificates leading to relevant local employment. OCCC's proposal is in the entry level areas of accounting and computer applications.

## **Student Services**

Oregon Transfer Days is an annual event where representatives from colleges and universities in Oregon and Idaho visit community colleges. Representatives provide information to students transitioning from a two-year to a four-year institution. Students will learn about admissions, financial aid, and program/degree requirements. Oregon Transfer Days will be held at the Newport campus on Tuesday, January 26th from 10:00-1:00 with 13 visiting representatives. The following colleges/universities will be represented: Art Institute of Portland, College of Idaho, Eastern Oregon

University, Grand Canyon University, Linfield College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, OSU-Cascades, OSU-Hatfield Marine Science Center, Portland State University, Pacific University, University of Oregon and University of Portland.

Math tutoring Out of the 32 students receiving one-to-one tutoring in fall term 2015, forty three percent of them requested assistance with mathematics. This is consistent with fall term 2014, when forty percent of students in the tutoring program requested math assistance. In order to meet the high demand for math tutors, the Math Tutoring Lab is now open eleven hours a week to assist math students of all levels. While community volunteers provide one-to-one tutoring, the math lab employs a paid tutor who is available for drop in during Lab hours. Student feedback on the new Math Lab has been extremely positive.

The mandatory online placement prep workshop that was developed by the OCCC Developmental Redesign team is up and running- with some great results. This tool, which was designed by our faculty, includes placement prep questions and study resources for students. So far, students have been spending on average 20 minutes on the reading section, 30 minutes on the writing section, and 45 minutes on the math section as they practice for the placement test. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from students during advising appointments and have recently implemented a student survey that we will use to further refine the placement prep workshop. This year, the developmental redesign team has taken a closer look at our placement process and we have begun to have our faculty phone students who have placed into courses lower than 100 level to determine if the use of other measures of placement, such as a writing sample, or use of high school math scores, may be a more accurate measurement.

Fin Aid Events: Each term Associated Student Government and Student Services co-sponsor a Welcome Back Barbecue. The Winter Term 2016 Barbecue was held on Wednesday, January 6 at the Central Campus Commons in Newport. To complement the barbeque, Student Services invited a special guest from the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) to give a "Finding Funds" presentation. During this 30-minute presentation, 29 students learned how they could apply for over 475 scholarships and over 16 million dollars in awards with only one scholarship application.

Last week OCCC hosted its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual College Goal Oregon event to assist students and community members with completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid.) College Goal Oregon is sponsored by OSAC and is part of a statewide effort to increase the number of college-going Oregonians. OCCC staff and trained volunteers were available to assist students with their FAFSA on Wednesday, January 13 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the North County Center in Lincoln City and on Thursday, January 14 from 5:00-7:30 at the Central County Campus in Newport. Free pizza was provided to participants and Spanish translation will be available at both locations. Participation: six students at North and 13 at Central.

New testing for LCSD: Lincoln County School District's new director of human resources contacted The Dean of Students and Instruction in August 2015. District employees had been traveling to the valley in order to take the Oregon Educator Licensure Assessments (ORELA) at an approved testing site. Because our testing center is an approved Pearson Vue Testing Site, OCCC was able to offer the tests here. To date, the testing center has proctored eleven tests for LCSD employees. Currently the College is offering this as a free service.

## Enrollment

Winter 2016 versus Winter 2015\_2 weeks Prior to term start Report

Course type	2015_16	2014_15	% Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	51.7	62.2	-16.9%	-10.5
Career and Tech Education	36.0	25.0	+48.9%	+11.0
Developmental Education	9.0	10.8	-16.1%	-1.7
Workforce development (Voc. Supp)*	8.8	0.0	+43750%	+8.8
ESL*	0.0	0.0	+0%	+0
GED*	0.3	0.0	+0%	+0.3
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	1.2	0.1	+1816%	+1.1
Reimbursable Total	106.8	98.0	+9.0%	+8.8
Other Comm Ed. (Non-reimbursable)	1.2	0.3	+313%	+0.9
Grand Total	108.0	98.3	+9.9%	+9.7

\* Timing of enrollment input varies year to year. Comparisons are not meaningful until close of year

### Aquarium Science Program

Recently within their courses, students were able to achieve two industry certificates offered within their courses. One of these certificates was through the Aquatic Animal Life Support Operators group (AALSO). Students earned their Level One Life Support Operator certification by taking the AALSO certification exam as part of the Life Support System Design and Operations course (AQS 240). The top two performing students in the class were selected to attend the AALSO national symposium being held in Denver, CO this coming April with all expenses paid through sponsorships obtained by the AALSO Board of Directors. These students will be allowed to take the Level 2 Life Support Operators exam while at the symposium. The AALSO Board continued to support the AQS program by sending a board member from the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to OCCC to participate in classroom sessions and labs during fall term. This is the third year the program and students have benefited from this partnership. Students in the Animal Husbandry in a Research Capacity course (AQS 245) participated in an online module through the University of Prince Edward Island where they earned the Experimental Fish certification as part of the class. This is the third year the program has offered this international certification to aquarium science students.

Additional industry certifications are being pursued by program personnel to include into the existing AQS curriculum as part of the students' learning experience and job readiness, as well as to bolster industry exposure to the program at a national and international level. One possibility is an aquatic animal health certificate to be developed for the Fish and Invertebrate Health Management course (AQS 270). In spring term students will earn their Diver CPR/First Aide certification through the national Divers Alert Network (DAN) as part of the Introduction to Scientific Diving course (AQS 186).

## **Small Business Development Center**

The SBM program currently has 33 participants, more than any other past class in Winter term. SBDC Director Dave Price was named to the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network Marketing Committee and, among other tasks, has re-designed e-newsletters for more than half of the SBDCs in the state.

The Oregon SBDC network successfully completed its State Network Accreditation Process, which included a visit and daylong interview at Lincoln City by the accrediting team. The State Network is accredited every five years.

Though down from its record-breaking 2014 total of 1,234 counseling hours, the OCCC SBDC's 2015 total was a healthy 1,032, well exceeding the 800-hour target set by the SBA. Other metrics included:

- Total Counseling Clients: 185
- Total Training Events: 76
- Total Training Attendance: 560
- Total Capital Infusion: \$993,000
- Total Business Starts: 4
- Total Jobs Created/Retained: 5

## **Health and Human Services**

Nursing: 39 out of 40 students continued in Winter term. This term second year nursing students will be doing a health education fair in the commons on March 10th (the college community and community at large are invited). Students through the Student Nursing Organization will be working with the Warming Shelter in Newport both in volunteering and donating money for socks and laundry costs.

Criminal Justice: The Program is now offering new Corrections courses with the goal of graduating students with Corrections certificates. We are offering a Co-Operative Education class this term providing a student field experience at the probation department. If it goes well the class will be offered to more students next term. Field experience exposes students to invaluable contact with the CJ community.

High school Nursing Assistant Program: This program began this term as a result of a grant received through the Confederated Tribe of Siletz. Five students are enrolled in the program. Three students are from Eddyville HS and two are from Newport HS. Staff is working closely with Lincoln County School District.

Medical Assistant Program: 12 students returned this winter. There has been some attrition in the program due to student life issues. Students are preparing for clinical experiences for spring term.

EMT Program: 15 students returned (two students dropped out due to work situations) and are working with hospital on clinical experiences.

## Other updates

Chris Chandler and Linda Molino visited Dr. Leslie Ogden (CEO at SNLH) to request financial support for the Nursing Program. Dr. Ogden agreed to work with the North Lincoln Health District Board to encourage on-going support of the program now that there's been a shift in focus away from the hospital to the community.

Senior Connections: a group of Lincoln County industry leaders dealing with the health care issues of older adults would like to do a Health Career Fair at OCCC. This has been tentatively scheduled in March. LM is coordinating activities with student services and planned job fair at OCCC.

**President’s External Engagement Since Last Report**

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Newport Rotary My Sister’s Place Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation Georgia Pacific Alan Searle, United Way Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County	Oregon President’s Council Mid Valley Mid Coast Regional Achievement Collaborative AVID Statewide Meeting Oregon Campus Safety Meeting

**OCCC Media Report December 9, 2015- January 19, 2016**

**Apply now for Oregon Promise grant to attend OCCC in the fall**

[www.newportnewstimes.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?...](http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?...)

News Times

Dec 16, 2015

12 hours ago - Last year, the **Oregon** State Legislature drew national attention by passing a bill meant to provide “free community college” to **Oregon** students.

**Let's talk Turkey - Learn A Little**

[www.oregoncoasttoday.com/oct/learn/20151221/lets-talk-turkey](http://www.oregoncoasttoday.com/oct/learn/20151221/lets-talk-turkey)

*Oregon Coast Today*

Dec 21, 2015 - But the Turkey on offer at Lincoln City's **Oregon Coast Community College** is one that feeds the mind and the soul, as opposed to the gravy-soaked bird that ...

The college is offering the chance to tour this magical country the easy way in Envision Turkey, a new 10-week class led by Sener Otrugman of Lincoln City.

**MASCOT: College looks to community for a name - The ...**

[www.thenewsguard.com/...college...community.../article...](http://www.thenewsguard.com/...college...community.../article...)

The News Guard

Dec 21, 2015 - The **Oregon Coast Community College** family has been colloquially known as “The Sharks” for decades. However, the school has long been without a physical ...

OCCC is turning to the community for help. College officials want you to help name the OCCC shark.

### **Wyden to hold Jan. 8 meeting in Newport**

[http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2\\_news\\_articles.php?heading=0&page=86&story\\_id=50809](http://www.newportnewstimes.com/v2_news_articles.php?heading=0&page=86&story_id=50809)

News Times

Jan 5, 2016

NEWPORT — Sen. Ron Wyden will hold his annual town halls on the Oregon coast this week, including Friday, Jan. 8 at Oregon Coast Community College in Newport

### **AT THE COLLEGE: New classes - The News Guard: Community**

[http://www.thenewsguard.com/catches\\_at\\_the\\_beach/at-the-college-new-classes/article\\_6123f3e4-b583-11e5-a88d-a722a6bcdd20.html](http://www.thenewsguard.com/catches_at_the_beach/at-the-college-new-classes/article_6123f3e4-b583-11e5-a88d-a722a6bcdd20.html)

Lincoln City News Guard

Jan 8, 2016

Winter 2016 is off to a busy start at Oregon Coast Community College, and the OCCC Small Business Development Center is looking to make it even busier.

Among the first of the SBDC's classes to start this term is a 10-week class for those interested in earning their Oregon Real Estate Broker's License.

### **If you can't bring the student to the mountain, then bring the ...**

[www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/154738](http://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/154738)

News Lincoln County

Jan 18, 2016 - As students near the end of their two year run at Oregon community colleges, the ... out-of-state colleges and universities visit **Oregon Coast Community College** ...

It's called "Oregon Transfer Days" where representatives from Oregon's seven four year colleges and universities, along with private as well as out-of-state colleges and universities visit Oregon Coast Community College and talk with graduating OCCC students face to face. Students will learn about what each campus has to offer, admission requirements, choosing courses wisely, figuring out costs and obtaining appropriate financial aid and other insights to make their transfer seamless and wrinkle-free.

### **News Lincoln County – Lincoln County's News and ...**

<http://www.newslincolncounty.com/archives/154743>

News Lincoln County

Jan 19, 2016 - TWO NEW CLASSES AT **OCCC** TO ENHANCE WELLNESS ... visit **Oregon Coast Community College** and talk with graduating **OCCC** students face to face.

Practical Metaphysics and Mindfulness Meditation Instructor: Cynthia Clayton, Ph.D

OCCC FACEBOOK FANS: **1966**