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All-Oregon Academic Team 2016



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This week the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA), in partnership with the [Phi Theta Kappa honor society](#), [honored 36 outstanding students from Oregon's 17 community colleges](#). These students make up the 2016 All-Oregon Academic Team (AOAT).

Students began the day by meeting Governor Kate Brown and posing for a picture in the Ceremonial Office at the State Capitol. From there, recipients were honored at a luncheon at the Salem Convention Center. In attendance were the students' greatest supporters – their friends and family – as well as community college presidents, administrators, legislators, state officials, and Higher Education Coordinating Commissioners.

Andrea Henderson, executive director of OCCA, calls the awards ceremony her favorite day of the year. "I'm so in awe of their accomplishments," she said of the students. "Many of them are first-generation students, many of them are parents, many of them have had significant financial difficulties," she said.

The AOAT luncheon is a time to celebrate the academic accomplishments these students have attained so far. It is also a time to encourage students to carry forward with their academic journeys to accomplish the goals they have set for themselves.

To encourage students to continue their studies, members of AOAT receive scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$9,000 per year, depending on the Oregon college or university they've chosen to attend.

Also, a special congratulations to Miguel Ángel Gaspar Márquez, student at

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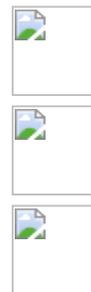
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Oregon Coast Community College, for being one of just twenty students selected nationally to the All-USA Community College Academic Team. This honor recognizes students from two-year colleges across the country who display outstanding academic achievement and community service. Each All USA team member receives a \$5,000 scholarship from Phi Theta Kappa. Miguel is also a member of the New Century Scholars program, which honors the top-scoring student from each of the 50 states and Canada. Each member receives a \$2,000 scholarship. Recipients of this award were recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges (AACCC) annual convention in Chicago last month.



A number of the All-Oregon Academic Team members were also recipients of [Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team scholar awards](#). Gold Scholar awards were given to Alex Autio, student at Clatsop Community College, and Tony Vezina, student at Portland Community College – Cascade Campus. Bronze Scholar award was given to Jamie Corff, student at Chemeketa Community College – Yamhill Valley Campus. Gold Scholar winners each receive a \$1,500 scholarship and Bronze Scholar recipients each receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

2016 All-Oregon Academic Team Members:

Blue Mountain Community College

Elizabeth Olsen

Central Oregon Community College

Waranya Arthonprachachit

Shawn Morgan

Chemeketa Community College – Salem Campus

Kevin Angulo

Nicholas Bradford

Chemeketa Community College – Yamhill Valley Campus

Jamie Corff

Clackamas Community College

Carmen Allen

Adriana Castillo

Clatsop Community College

Alex Autio

Georges Oates Larsen

Columbia Gorge Community College

Bailey McManus

Klamath Community College

Tanner McDougal

Lane Community College

Madison Schell

Linn-Benton Community College

Taylor Megy

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Mt. Hood Community College

Rachel Rutledge

Cassandra Westgate

Oregon Coast Community College

Miguel Ángel Gaspar Márquez

Tomy Perez-Torres

Portland Community College – Cascade Campus

Tony Vezina

Andrew Viceroy

Portland Community College – Rock Creek Campus

Gaetan-Dauphin Nzowo

Vy Vo

Portland Community College – Southeast Campus

Mallory Jasperson

Tai Pham

Portland Community College – Sylvania Campus

Mana Amadon

Mogwai Turner

Rogue Community College

Danielle Anderson

Zachary Malatesta

Southwestern Oregon Community College

Xinyue Xu

Tillamook Bay Community College

Andrew Eklof

Steven Tomlinson

Treasure Valley Community College

Makell Brugger

Tabitha Syme

Umpqua Community College

Jasmine DuBose

Lorenzo Wilcox

To view the event program with full bios of the students, please click [here](#). To view pictures from the event, please click [here](#). Photos can be used by student scholars and their families. Community colleges may use the photos for promotional purposes by crediting [Matt Swain Photography and Design](#), © Matt Swain Photography.

HECC Funding and Achievement Subcommittee Meeting Update

This week the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) Funding and Achievement Subcommittee met in Salem to begin preliminary budget conversations for the 2017 legislative session.

Patrick Crane, Director of the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, presented information on community college funding. Topics covered include: current funding scenario impacting community colleges; cost drivers impacting community colleges, including external costs such as those associated with meeting compliance requirements; and, various budget scenarios to consider for 2017-19 biennium.

Three budget scenarios for the Community College Support Fund (CCSF):

1) Status Quo CCSF

- \$620.2 million (\$550 million CCSF 2015-17 appropriation plus \$70.2 million in external cost drivers for 2017-19)

2) State Support at 50 percent CCSF

- \$680 million

3) Tuition-Free CCSF

- \$1.05 billion

Several community college presidents and Andrea Henderson, executive director of Oregon Community College Association, were also in attendance and gave public testimony in support of an increase in funding for community colleges. Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College, Greg Hamann, president of Linn-Benton Community College, Sylvia Kelley, interim president of Portland Community College, and Jim Langstraat, vice president of finance

and administration at Portland Community College, provided testimony and spoke about what more funding would mean for students. Some things mentioned include: scaling up of student success efforts (e.g. guided pathways, developmental education redesign, placement, advising), improved safety and security on campuses, assistance with housing and food insecurity of students, transportation, and childcare.

To view Patrick Crane's full presentation, please click [here](#).

Karen Humelbaugh, workforce programs director at the Office of Community Colleges and Workforce Development, presented on the 2017-19 workforce programs budget request. The purpose of workforce programs budget includes following: public workforce system; state and local workforce boards, industry-driven; utilize limited time on unemployment (26 weeks); and, work experience (e.g. internships, apprenticeship, on-the-job training).

To view Karen Humelbaugh's full presentation, please click [here](#).

Oregon Talent Council Grant Opportunity

The Oregon Talent Council (OTC) released a [Request for Grant Application \(RGA\) for round 2 funding](#). The RGA is open to all Oregon higher education institutions, workforce boards, and other nonprofit corporations.

OTC seeks to grant applications for proposals that address urgent talent gaps and to provide students, unemployed and incumbent workers with the applied skills and experience that greatly increase their employability. OTC seeks to fund innovative and cost-effective education and training models with clearly measurable outcomes and efforts that demonstrate the ability for: 1) programs to be scaled or rapidly adapted across the states; and 2) greater connectivity between the education and the skills and experience required for employment in Oregon.

The Oregon Employment Department intends to award multiple grants for varying amounts, not to exceed \$750,000 each.

Key dates for this grant opportunity:

- Informational Webinar: May 12, 12:00-1:00 p.m.
- Questions/Requests for Clarifications Due: May 12
- Proposals Due: May 31 by 5:00 p.m.

For full details, please click [here](#).

National college campus security summit to take place in Portland, Oregon

ACCT will hold a national college campus security summit in Portland, Oregon on June 13-14, 2016.

To view the draft agenda, please click [here](#).

*Each Oregon community college will receive **one free** registration!*

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What?

This summit is designed to assist community college board members, presidents and their leadership teams, and others in safeguarding the college while continuing on the path of improving student success and completion.

The one and half day summit will examine the following: preparing for a disaster, reacting to and implementing plans during a disaster, and recovery efforts, both short-term and long-term – all the while helping the college to stay committed to student success, completion, and equity.

The summit will also bring together community colleges' leadership teams to: review polices and systems that should be in place, promote a statewide approach to security preparedness whereby institutions proactively agree to provide assistance to other institutions within their state or region, and participate in disaster learning scenarios to teach effective strategies for managing such events.

Who should participate?

- Trustees
- Presidents

- Board Support Staff
- Senior Leadership Team
- Public Information Officers
- Safety/Security Officers
- State Association Staff

Please bring a copy of your Institutional Readiness Plan, if you have one

Where?

The summit will take place at the [Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront](#). To receive the ACCT discounted hotel room rate of only \$169 per night, please click [here](#). The deadline to reserve your hotel room is Friday, May 27.

When?

Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Registration

To register, please click [here](#).

ACCT is giving ONE FREE registration per Oregon college. To receive the free registration code, send an email to csimons@acct.org.

Fees:

ACCT Member – Individual: \$300

ACCT Member – Team (up to 5 people from a college): \$1000

Non-ACCT Member – Individual: \$500

Non-ACCT Member – Team (up to 5 people from a college): \$1500

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Christina Simons, Education Events Specialist at ACCT: csimons@acct.org or 202-775-4462

Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 313,000 students a year, or about 1 in 11 Oregonians.

The OCCA Digest updates members and the public about recent news affecting community colleges and efforts by the association to enhance student success and workforce development.

Do you have links to local stories or other items of interest? Please forward them to mjensen@occa17.com.

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