



May 2017
President's Report
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Waverly was in great company at the Newport Loyalty Days Parade with representatives from a cross-section of our college community marching behind our banner. From left to right in photo: Shaneon West – Administrative Services Knot (ASK), Waverly, Marion Mann – Part-time faculty (Aquarium Science), Kylee Travis – Friend of the college, Chris Rogers – Junior Executive Team (JET), Lynn Barton – Full-time faculty (Nursing), Lucinda Taylor – Executive Team (ET), Hilari Bodi – Student

Commencement! The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Oregon Coast Community College's Twenty-Ninth Annual Commencement Ceremony will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, June 16, 2017 the [Newport Performing Arts Center](#). We hope to see you there. Here are some points of interest about this year's commencement

- This is our 29th Ceremony.
- Julie Reynolds-Otrugman, Basic Skills, will be the Faculty Marshall as the faculty member with the longest tenure at OCCC.
- Our student speaker, Brooke Foiles, also graduated from high school this year. Two other students also earned their HS diploma and AAOT during 2016-17.

- The remodel at the PAC should ease the flow of graduates and attendees. Faculty, the Board of Education, and other stage guests will line up (or hang out) at the back of the stage this year to alleviate crowding.
- Sixty-five students are earning (any) AA degree/AQS Cert/NCMA Cert.
- We awarded our first two Entry-Level Accounting Career Pathways Certificates this year (Winter term).

Celebrate Us: Employee Recognition and Service Awards

While our students deserve so much credit for their achievements, we know that many (most) would not be successful without the support, encouragement and inspiration of our staff. Please join us on Thursday, June 15, 2-4pm to celebrate our greatest strength as a college – the talented and dedicated faculty, staff, and volunteers who give so much of themselves so our students can have the opportunity to transform their lives.



Community Engagement

Navigate, it's not just LCSD: our two amazing Navigate Bens (Kaufman and Constantino) visited GED classroom at the Community Services Consortium in Newport. They discussed college goals and financial aid. While there were only four students, all were very thankful for the presentation (without prompting from their instructor.) Better yet, all four said they plan on attending OCCC.

OCCC's twice-monthly video town halls continue to draw crowds to speak directly to Oregon Rep. David Gomberg and Sen. Arnie Roblan. The meetings are held at 7:30 Friday mornings and the public is invited to attend, either at OCCC locations or from their home computer. Participants are simultaneously connected with each other and the elected officials via Zoom videoconference.



Waverly has been busy this month, making appearances at the Oregon Coast Aquarium's Easter Egg Hunt by the Sea, in the Newport Loyalty Days Parade, at OCCC's in-service day, and greeting 5th graders when Sam Case Elementary came to campus for an introduction to the college.

OCCC is sponsoring two art contests in May – one internal and one open to the public. Students may submit artwork for inclusion in our student notecard series – a new competition to be held annually. The idea is to produce three to five different notecards each year with credit to the student artists. Notecards will be for sale at Your College Store and will also be used by faculty and staff for correspondence with the public. Winning artists will receive a cash award, a set of notecards featuring their artwork, and a great line on their resume.

We're also gathering design concepts for a mascot logo. Waverly has been a hit in the community since being introduced last year and we want to have a stylized shark logo to help promote the College. This contest is open to the public and is being advertised in the community. In addition to bragging rights and an uncommon line on their resume, the creator of the selected artwork will receive a \$100 prize and apparel branded with the new shark logo.

Spring Cleaning



Chris Rogers and our facilities team are always busy, helping to ensure we maintain our wonderful grounds and facilities for the enjoyment of students, employees and visitors. In May, they worked in time to power wash our monument signs in Waldport and Newport, and attack that pesky Scotch Broom.



OCCC Foundation

Our William's Lecture event was well attended with approximately 85 county residents actively engaged. Attendees came from as far away as Otis, east of Logsdan, Tidewater and Florence to hear Thomas Linzey share his insight and historical overview of the intersection of community rights and corporate law.

We received 85 scholarship applications and they are currently being reviewed by our dedicated scholarship committee. Recipients will be selected near the end of May or first of June. We did a much better job advertising this year with additional outreach in the high schools. As a result, we increased from 50 applications to 85, an increase of 70%. Many thanks to Ben Kaufmann and the Navigate program, Zane Stevens in Financial Aid, and our advisors, Blake Hagan and Colleen Doherty, for sharing this opportunity with students and encouraging them to apply.

At our last Foundation Board meeting, we created work groups for board development, investment policy review and updates, and facilitating philanthropy (including high level event planning). The board development group met and is working on strategically recruiting new members using a matrix of desired populations we would like to have represented on the board. Our goal is to strengthen our board and increase capacity to support fundraising for College programs, including the proposed Workforce Education and Resiliency Center building (see below).

The OCCC Foundation has received a clean 15-16 audit and our FY16 Form 990 has been filed. The next meeting of the Foundation is May 23.

Potential New Building at Newport Campus

This legislative session, OCCC is asking the state for the first 50% of funding for OCCC's next building. This building would provide capacity for OCCC to add career education and job training in high demand livable wage occupations that we are not able to serve in current facilities. Our ask is for \$8 million in state bonding, to be matched by \$8 million raised locally. President Ryslinge gave testimony in Salem on behalf of the project several times in May, and sixteen community partners (including OSU, Lincoln County Commissioners, Chambers of Commerce, Oregon Aquarium) submitted letters of support to a Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee hearing with only four hours' notice. We will know if our project is approved for the 50% state match when the legislature finishes budget development, sometime in the next few months. If approved, we will have six years to raise the funds, finalize our programming choices, and build the building.

Office of Academics and Workforce

Initiatives

- OCCC completed its application for Title II funding to support ASE/GED/ESOL offerings that support educational preparedness, transitions to College, and the potential to secure

living wage jobs in our communities. This initiative maps to Core Themes 1 (Student Success), 2 (Supported Pathways), 3 (Responsiveness) and 4 (Vitality).

- OCCC continues to participate in the Maritime Sector Initiative, and is working with coastal and inland businesses and public sector partners to explore the regional opportunities and workforce needs. This work maps to Core Themes 3 (Responsiveness), and 4 (Vitality).

Activities

- OCCC continues to play an active role in the Coast STEM Hub, and participated in a Community Listening Session in Newport, Oregon on Tuesday, April 18th. OCCC is also working with the Coast STEM Hub to convene a group of coastal community college STEM faculty and administrators to participate in a visioning and asset mapping workshop.
- Dr. Alberto Flores (OCCC Business Faculty) and the Dean of Academics and Workforce held an Advisory Committee meeting for the OCCC Business Programs on Wednesday, April 19th. The meeting was well attended by business and community leaders.
- Alyssa Squiers (OCCC AQS/Science Faculty) and a student from the AQS program attended the 2017 Regional Aquatics Workshop in Boston, Massachusetts during the week of May 7th. Of the 400 participants from around the nation, ten were OCCC Aquarium Science graduates who are now in leadership positions in the industry.
- Will Quillian (ESOL Faculty) represented OCCC at the Oregon Pathways Alliance and Oregon Council of Adult Basic Skills Directors in Silverton, Oregon on May 8th and 9th.
- Matt Fisher (Biology Faculty and STEM Club Advisor) and his students from the OCCC STEM Club have been invited to participate in atmospheric research activities through the Oregon Space Grant. This work could involve ~\$8,500 in equipment support, and travel for Matt and his students to receive training in Montana or California. Additional funding will cover the cost of Matt and his students presenting their research at a national conference in Washington D.C.

Health and Human Services

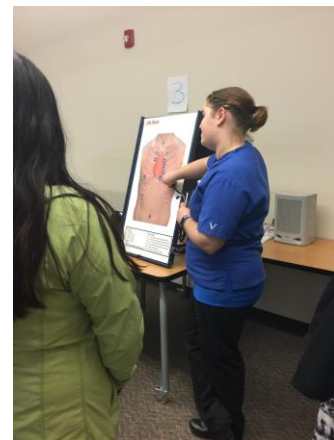
Nursing Assistant: The nine high school students from four Newport, Toledo, Eddyville and Taft High school who are attending the nursing assistant program are progressing and now doing their clinical experiences at Avamere Rehabilitation Center of Newport and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital. If successful they will complete the training prior to their high school graduation. The students are doing very well and the staff are excited to have them on their units.

Taft High school students and Samaritan Students outside the new SNLH Nursing Assistant Sim Lab.



Nursing Students: The second-year nursing students are involved with their Capstone Clinical experiences at various health care facilities in Lincoln and Linn Counties. Fourteen students are on track to graduate on June 16. The OCCC Pinning Ceremony is June 16, from 1100-1230 at the Performing Arts Center, all are welcome. Students have already started interviewing for nursing positions. Applications for the Class of 2019 are now being processed. Final determination will be made the week of May 15th, with acceptance letters to 20 students being mailed by May 19th.

Sam Case Visit: The first-year Nursing Students assisted OCCC in hosting Sam Case 5th Graders (150 students). They did their community project focused on what a hospital room would look like; the importance of not smoking and healthy eating. Each student left with a gift bag that the nursing students put together. The overall response was excellent.



Medical Assistant Students: have begun their clinical experiences at clinics throughout Lincoln County. Job opportunities when the students graduate is excellent.

Presentations by College Staff: Director Linda Molino presents on 5/17 about the Medical Assistant program to the Women's Giving Circle Steering Committee of Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH). The group is considering offering a scholarship to a Medical Assistant student for the 2017-2018 academic year. Linda and Lucinda Taylor (Foundation Director) will be making a presentation on 5/18 to the North Lincoln Health District Board about

the Nursing and Health Occupation programs at OCCC making a formal request for funds to support the Nursing Program.

President's External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
Williams Lecture Series Lincoln City Community Days Banquet Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County Lincoln City Cultural Center, "Culture Of Course" annual fundraiser event Lincoln City Councilors: Diana Hinton & Judy Casper	All Oregon Academic Team Annual Luncheon American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention Oregon Presidents & Campus Works meeting "SERP" (Seven Colleges ERP) Exec Committee, Team Meetings, Vendor meetings. Salem Hearings Testimony: Funding, Capital Construction, Maritime OCCA Executive Committee Congressman Kurt Schrader Leadership Roundtable

OCCC Media Report April 11 to May 17, 2017

OCCC Press Releases

[**OCCC Announces Mascot Logo Contest**](#) OCCC Mascot Logo Contest College invites community members to submit artwork Last year, Oregon Coast Community College debuted its new mascot, Waverly the Shark. Waverly has since enjoyed meeting fans at parades and other community events, but lacks the stylized...

[**Budget Committee Meeting**](#) Notice of Budget Committee Meeting A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln, State of Oregon to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 will be held...

[**OCCC Students Honored in Salem**](#) OCCC students honored at All-Oregon Academic Team Zoe Teplick & Brooke Foiles meet Gov. Brown in Salem Two of Oregon Coast Community College's shining stars traveled to Salem last month, representing the school at the All-Oregon Academic Team. At a...

[**The Business of the Eclipse**](#) Shedding some light on the eclipse Business share strategies during lively planning roundtable By Dave Price OCCC Director of Small Business Development & Community Education ..

Other Media

[**'6 Steps to a Better business'**](#)

Oregon Coast SBDC, April 14, 2017: On Wednesday, April 26, OCCC's new business faculty - the first full-time business faculty member in the College's 30-year history...Dr. Alberto Flores has

designed an event that will provide concrete ideas on how to improve profits, get a grip on time management and help make your team more effective

[Dash Through this RAIN Startup Event](#)

Oregon Coast SBDC, April 14, 2017: Have you ever wanted to start a company, but thought it would take too much effort? All journeys begin with a step, and this workshop will teach you how to take your first steps in the right direction.

[If you're going to jump in, by all means - jump!...just don't jump alone.](#)

Oregon Coast SBDC, April 14, 2017: Take the SBDC's "Doing Business in Lincoln County" first-time entrepreneur's course. If you're considering starting a business on the Oregon Coast, are simply curious about how a typical business gets started, or if you've recently launched a business here, this is a class you shouldn't miss.

[#TSE2017 Block out some time for this roundtable about how your business can survive the Total Solar Eclipse](#)

Oregon Coast SBDC, April 14, 2017: Join SBDC Director Dave Price for a roundtable discussion about the Aug. 21 eclipse, and what it means for Lincoln County's small businesses. Many predict Lincoln County will see crowds unlike any the county has seen before, or may ever see again. Time - and weather, and other factors - will tell, but no matter what the future will bring, it pays to be prepared.

[Veg out, in Newport](#)

Oregon Coast Today April 26, 2017

... at the Newport campus of **Oregon Coast Community College**, 400 SE College Way. The event is free and ...Growing vegetables on the Central Oregon Coast will be the topic of the Thursday, May 4, round table discussion from the Lincoln County Master Gardeners in Newport. Sally Reill and Claudette Schroeder, both experienced vegetable gardeners, will offer techniques and tips for creating a thriving vegetable garden in the coast's cool, maritime climate.

[Oregon Coast Mountain Bike Race Gets Gnarly, Dirty but Scenic, May 7](#)

Oregon Coast Beach Connection April 29, 2017

By Oregon Coast Beach Connection staff ... staging area will be at Wilder Newport located next to the **Oregon Coast Community College** parking lot. (Newport, Oregon) - May 7 Annual Coast Hills Classic Mountain Bike Race in Newport's South Beach area, a race that's part rugged, part scenic splendor and part fundraiser.

[The PLACE to be](#)

Oregon Coast Today May 10, 2017 Registration is now open for the PLACE Conference organized by the Diversity Coalition of Lincoln County and set to take place on Saturday, May 20, ...

An acronym for "Preparing Local Activists for Community Engagement," the PLACE event will include presentations and workshops led by local activists working for social, political and environmental justice.

[LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Local video town hall](#)

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