



December 2017
President's Report
Birgitte Ryslinge

Dear Readers of the monthly President's Report,

With 2017 drawing to a close, it is a good time to reflect upon what an important year this has been for this college. OCCC turned 30 this year. Thirty years of growing from humble beginnings to a vibrant community college that changes lives and helps our community grow for the better every day. Each day I am mindful of and inspired by the foresight and courage of those early community leaders who had a dream for higher education in Lincoln County. Likewise, I am inspired by the College Board, leadership, faculty and staff that have kept this little college growing and focused on students and learning and making a difference to the community. Many dedicated individuals have made a meaningful difference for the college over the past 30 years. We are now poised to reach another milestone, preparing for a Spring 2018 visit from our Accreditors (Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities) which will assess whether we meet the standards to be recognized by NWCCU as a Candidate for Independent Accreditation. We did not get here without the contributions and hard work of so many. I am so appreciative and thankful for the faculty, staff, administrators and volunteer Board members who make OCCC the best institution I have ever had the privilege of being part of. I wish the very best for every one of you during this season of reflection and renewal. Thank you for what you do for our students and this college. *Birgitte*

Equipping Students for Success: Developing Student Leaders



Katherine Meredith, Carlee Deitrick, Waverly Sudborough, Henry Gross, Hilari Bodi

The Associated Student Government of Oregon Coast Community College (ASG) is the official organization representing our students. ASG operates under a constitution to promote student activities and a student

voice, providing an important link to other students, college staff, and the public. All students are invited to attend ASG meetings to give voice and suggestions. For many years, Will Quillian (ESOL Faculty) served as the advisor to ASG and facilitated student engagement in the college and helping students play an active role in the community via service projects. This year the ASG advisor role has been taken on by Colleen Doherty (Student Services Academic Advisor). Five students have agreed to serve as ASG leadership this year and among other things they are reviewing policies, procedures, roles and responsibilities (just like us!) with the intention of ensuring relevancy and good structures. Two students have been appointed to College Council which is advisory to the college president and is a key place for discussion on college matters with broad impact. We are beginning a new tradition this December of the President's office hosting a luncheon to honor and get to know our ASG leaders.



Meeting the Diverse Needs of Our Community

College secures grant, creates new opportunities for local students

OSCC, LCSD and others build new track to teaching degree. (College Press Release, December 7, 2017)

Oregon Coast Community College (OSCC) has been awarded a major grant to help the region “grow our own” teachers for the K-12 schools that serve communities along the Central Oregon Coast. In partnership with the Lincoln County School District (LCSD), Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) and Western Oregon University (WOU), along with other supporters, OSCC has secured a \$250,000 Meyer Memorial Trust Grant to fill the educator workforce gap in Lincoln and Tillamook Counties with culturally responsive and prepared K-12 teachers and Early Childhood Education professionals.

“This grant will open new pathways for local students planning to begin their teaching careers right here in Lincoln County,” said OSCC President Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge. “It will provide our students with a direct path towards a teaching degree, while minimizing the time they are forced to spend away from home. And, it will help the school district add to the diversity of instructors serving Lincoln County’s children.”

The first seeds of the project were planted in February of this year and, with the opportunity to apply for funding from Meyer Memorial Trust, the plan grew to include several other partners. The Lincoln County School District has been involved in developing the project from the beginning and Superintendent Tom Rinearson has played a key role. “Lincoln County School District is excited about this partnership with OSCC to provide a pathway to grow our own teachers and early childhood educators,” he said. “There is a tremendous need for this labor force and it will be a benefit to the youth of Lincoln County. We thank Meyer Memorial Trust for entrusting us with this grant and we know the results will be amazing.”

Western Oregon University has also been on board since the beginning with a goal of providing a seamless transfer from our local community colleges to the university program. TBCC was invited to join the project shortly after the grant proposal entered development. Their participation will help ensure sustainability of the program by increasing the total number of participants who form the WOU cohort. Though there is no guarantee, with enough participants, some WOU courses could be offered here on the coast, reducing the amount of time students need to spend away from home. “This program is another of the College’s ongoing

efforts to add to the career opportunities available to our students right here in Lincoln County,” said Daniel Lara, OCCC’s Dean of Academics and Workforce.

In a release, the Meyer Memorial Trust stated it strives to “advance equity across Oregon,” and works “to help build wealth in communities that have long experienced income disparities.” Income disparities are the norm here in Lincoln County, as evidenced by the county’s own “10-Year Economic Update” study, whose findings included 2012 median family income totals of \$41,996 for Lincoln County as compared to \$50,036 for the state. One of the desired outcomes of the grant is to produce a more diverse teacher workforce and the project will include targeted outreach to underrepresented populations. OCCC is partnering with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Centro de Ayuda to provide culturally appropriate outreach and student recruitment. The partnerships will also help support cultural representation on program advisory boards.

The teacher track

Through the program, local students can take core courses at Oregon Coast Community College and then transfer to Western Oregon University’s College of Education to complete a four-year degree and earn a teaching certification. The program also includes placement in student-teaching positions here in Lincoln County. “Through this program, Lincoln County residents – whether they are new to the area or have deep roots and family ties here – can not only stay here, but can develop successful careers while they share their experience and local expertise in the classroom,” Lara said.

The program has been carefully designed to ensure that the courses taken at OCCC prior to transferring to WOU all apply directly to the eventual teaching degree, with no loss of credit. As part of the partnership, TBCC will produce the required math courses and OCCC students will participate via videoconference at OCCC’s North County Center in Lincoln City. OCCC will reciprocate by producing the teacher education courses required for the associate’s degree program and TBCC students will participate via videoconference. The Meyer Memorial Trust grant will help develop the program, and will also fund special advising and student recruitment materials tailored to the program. The grant will also fund improvements in OCCC’s distance-education infrastructure, ensuring smooth and convenient delivery of courses such as those mathematics courses produced by TBCC.

The new program marks an important milestone in Oregon Coast Community College’s growth. The 30-year-old college already presents robust clusters of programs in Business, transfer degrees, Aquarium Science, and Health and Human Services. Education will become OCCC’s newest cluster and will include an early childhood education certificate program. Thanks, in part, to this grant, the college will be able to offer new pathways for local students looking to earn college degrees, and launch their working careers, here at home. Learn more about the Meyer Memorial Trust at <https://mmt.org/>. Watch for updates and details about the Lincoln County program at www.oregoncoastcc.org.

New Non-Credit Offerings in Hospitality

The hospitality (tourism, restaurants, hotels, etc.) sector is an important part of the economic fabric of Lincoln County. The College is frequently approached by local employers who would like work force training programs for potential and current hospitality employees. In 2018, two new non-credit programs are being launched to help address these needs.

“The hospitality industry is important to Lincoln County’s economy in every community in the county,” said Oregon Coast Community College Small Business Development Center director Dave Price. “But, hospitality is critical in the south and north areas of the county, communities that don’t have county government offices, large ports or other industries. Thanks to these programs, OCCC – and our partners, including the Overleaf

Lodge in Yachats, the Lincoln City Culinary Center, the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association, and Waldport High School – will be able to deliver powerful, relevant training to the local workforce at no out-of-pocket expense.” Price said he hopes Lincoln County employers will support the program by sending new employees to either of the programs. “If employers are willing to send employees ‘on the clock’ to participate in this powerful training opportunity, we’ll be happy to accommodate them. In the long run, they’ll save money on training and professional development and will create a happier, more capable workforce in the process.” To learn more about these programs, visit the college website at <http://www.oregoncoastcc.org/hospitality-training-programs/>

Enrollment Trends

Fall term finished with about 7% growth in enrollment over Fall 2017. Growth in Lower Division Collegiate (transfer) was significant, as were enrollments in ESOL. Enrollments for Winter term are also up, compared to this time last year.

Comparison of 2017-18 Fall Term vs. 2016-17 Fall Term as of 12/11/2017

2017-18 Fall Term				
11 Weeks after Fall Term Start (12/11/2017)				
Course Type	2017-18	2016-17	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	76.51	66.36	15.30%	+10.15
Career and Tech Education	34.31	35.81	-4.19%	-1.50
Development Education	12.06	12.12	-0.50%	-0.06
Workforce Development (Voc. Supp)*	13.62	13.62	0.00%	0.00
ESL*	7.73	6.06	27.56%	+1.67
GED	7.76	9.28	-28.79%	-1.52
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	6.82	5.28	29.17%	1.54
Reimbursable Total	158.81	148.53	6.92%	+10.28
Other Comm.Ed (Non-reimbursable)	4.97	3.86	28.76%	1.11
Grand Total	163.78	152.39	7.47%	+11.39

Comparison of 2017-18 Winter Term vs. 2016-17 Winter Term as of 12/11/2017

2017-18 Winter Term				
4 Weeks before Winter Term Start (12/11/2017)				
Course Type	2017-18	2016-17	% FTE Difference	FTE Difference
Lower Division Collegiate	49.22	45.24	8.80%	+3.98
Career and Tech Education	30.31	30.24	0.23%	+0.07
Development Education	7.24	5.07	42.80%	+2.17
Workforce Development (Voc. Supp)*	1.32	0.00		+1.32
ESL*	0.00	0.00		
GED	0.13	0.00		
Community Ed. & Prof Dev*	0.33	0.14	135.71%	+0.19
Reimbursable Total	88.55	80.69	9.74%	+7.86
Other Comm.Ed (Non-reimbursable)	1.55	0.17		+1.38
Grand Total	90.10	80.86	11.43%	+9.24

Celebrating Our Wonderful Colleagues

Kathy Andrews, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Education, was awarded a 2017 Community College Excellence Award, Oregon Chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges, Oregon Chapter. This award celebrates individuals whose accomplishments made a difference for women at their community college. Kathy was recognized at the annual AAWCC conference in Tigard. Cindy Carlson presented the award and made comments on behalf of President Ryslinge and OCCC, which included:

Kathy is a champion for building community where ever she finds the opportunity to do so. Without being asked, Kathy and our HR director developed a breakout session at Fall in-service where all staff were invited to create quilting squares for a commemorative quilt for our 30th college anniversary, representing the themes of the College's mission and values. This meaningful quilt now hangs in our college commons, a reminder not only of our mission and values, but as a tangible example of what can occur when people choose to work together.



Accreditation Update

On November 29th, we hosted the technical visit from NWCCU Associate Vice-President Valerie Martinez. After the visit, she promptly provided a follow-up message, noting, “Thank you for the depth of preparation for my visit. I appreciated the warm hospitality you extended and your willingness to give me every opportunity to learn about your preparedness for initial candidacy for accreditation. Ms. Martinez also provided valuable feedback and additional guidelines to help us prepare for the initial candidacy peer evaluation visit which will occur on April 9-11, 2018. Our Self-Evaluation Report (SER) is due mid-February and the OCCC staff working to prepare the report (thank you to all involved) is maintaining a 100% focus on producing an excellent report which will accurately reflect the important work that we do, that we meet all NWCCU eligibility requirements, and that we have the capacity and plans to meet all accreditation standards within the years of candidacy.

What’s an ERP you ask?

Our beloved SharkNET is an ERP, a type of software platform used by colleges and universities (and in private industry). The acronym ERP stands for Enterprise Resource Planning. Whenever you (and students) use OCCC systems to get information about courses, enroll in a course, develop a budget, get information about student success, check the schedule, etc. SharkNET is the underlying system that houses and manages all that information and related processes. Alas, SharkNET’s days are now numbered. This home-grown system was developed and maintained by Rogue Community College (where it is called RogueNET). Rogue has decided to transition over the next 2-3 years to a commercially available and supported ERP, most likely one that “lives in the cloud.” Five colleges including OCCC are impacted, and joined by Mt. Hood and Clackamas we have formed a collaboration to jointly examine at what’s available in modern ERPs, along with understanding the costs.

OCCC staff has been very involved in the review process, which has been on-going for almost a year now. A Request for Proposals (RFP) for ERP systems was issued jointly for the seven colleges in early December, and from those proposals a subset will be invited to come and demonstrate their capabilities. A team from OCCC will participate in the demonstration and scoring process in January. More to come.

Health and Human Services

Emergency Medical Technician Program: Seven students are enrolled in the EMT Basic class. The students will be moving on to the second term of the program which will involve clinical experiences at our two acute care facilities along with experiences with Pacific West Ambulance.

Nursing Students: We have thirty-two students are enrolled in the nursing program, between first and second year students. Three students (who did not complete in prior cohorts) have applied for readmission and been accepted for Winter term. The nursing program has submitted a grant to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for \$45,000 to upgrade the Simulation Lab at Central Campus. We should hear about the grant at the end of January 2018.

The Student Nurse Organization (SNO) have been very busy this term with fundraising activities:

- The students have collected over 1590 lbs. of hygiene products for the Homeless Education & Literacy Project (HELP) through LCSD. This is the 9th year we have sponsored this event.



- The SNO students along with assistance from other student clubs including: Sea Fans (Aquarium Science Program), Phi Theta Kappa (Honor Society) and Associated Student Government (ASG), have raised over \$1540 for 77 adolescents in foster care in Lincoln County. Each child will receive a Christmas present of gift cards worth \$20. This is the fifth year that SNO has sponsored this fund raiser.
- The students will also be going to Avamere Rehabilitation Center of Newport for Christmas Caroling. This the fifth year that we have done this event.

Debbie Spicer, who is one of our Medical Assistant Instructors, has been selected to participate as a member of Sheriff Landers Community Advisory Group (CAG).

Mental Health First Aid Training: OCCC held it second Mental Health First Aid training which was presented by staff from Lincoln County Health and Human Services. Twenty-one faculty and staff participated in the training. This is part of OCCC's initiative to have all faculty and staff participate in this very important training that is nationwide.

President's External Engagement Since Last Report

Lincoln County	Regional & State (& beyond)
BOSS Radio Yaquina Bay Economic Foundation (chair) Economic Development Alliance Lincoln County Wilder Community Meeting, Safety Planning OCCC Foundation Board Meeting	NWCCU Technical Visit to OCCC NWCCU Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA Oregon President's Council & OCCA, Coos Bay OCCA Executive Committee Meetings

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College Press Releases

[OCCC, LCSD to "Grow our own" teachers](#)

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[Community Ed winter offerings announced](#)

OCCC and its SBDC fire up new programming to warm up your Winter This week, residents of Lincoln County will find something other than early holiday greeting cards in their mailboxes. The Oregon Coast Community College 'Catch the Wave' winter-term



[Thirty for Thirty](#)

Join us in celebrating OCCC's 30th anniversary. Your gift of \$30 can make a difference! Established in 1987, OCCC is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. If you or someone you know has benefited from OCCC, from a single class

[More from SOAR](#)

Check out the latest from OCCC's SOAR program – which featured OCCC students launching high-altitude balloons last summer, training for (and ultimately accomplishing) an experiment to measure the atmospheric effects of totality. The SOAR Program Blog, found at this link,

Other Media Coverage

BOSS Radio President Ryslingle, Superintendent Tom Rinearson (LCSD) with Cheryl Harle11/27/2017 8:00 AM

[AT THE COLLEGE: Catch the Wave](#)

The News Guard, December 5, 2017

The **Oregon Coast Community College** 'Catch the Wave' winter-term course schedule will be distributed starting around Dec. 9. The schedule is also ...

[Oregon State gives first glimpse at \\$50 million Newport expansion](#)

OregonLive.com November 16, 2017

OSU also plans to build a nearby dorm on five acres near **Oregon Coast Community College**. The building, which could house 360 ...

[OSU marine studies building to offer tsunami 'vertical evacuation'](#)

KTVZ, November 17, 2107

Oregon State also announced that it has purchased a site of more than five acres near **Oregon Coast Community College**, where it will begin

['The Future Satellite Catalog' is topic](#)

Newport News Times, November 17, 2017

Information about this tracking operation is the subject of a presentation called "The Future Satellite Catalog," a simulcast featuring Dr. Paul Schumacher that will be presented at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, at the **Oregon Coast Community College** North County Center, located at 3788 SE High School

[Winter whale countdown](#)

Siuslaw News, November 22, 2017

9, in Newport, at the **Oregon Coast Community College** (As of press time, only 10 spots remained). Training will be delivered by Dr. Bruce Mate, an expert on whales and director of the Oregon State University Marine Mammal Institute. Additional volunteer training is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018