Student
The OCCC Chorus class presented two free performances open to the public as part of their final exam for the Fall term. The performances were held in the commons of the OCCC Newport Campus December 9th & 10th. The Chorus, under the direction of Music Instructor Dr. Mary Lee Scoville performed a number of traditional and fun selections including several holiday songs and a clever arrangement of Christmas In About Three Minutes by Mark Weston which presents snippets of twenty-three traditional Seasonal carols.

All-Oregon Academic Team: Oregon community college scholars are honored each year at the capitol when two students from each college are recognized by high-ranking public officials and offered scholarships to participating four-year institutions to continue their education. The students chosen represent excellence in the classroom, intellectual curiosity outside the classroom, evidence of substantial development of their talents and the ability to share this development with others. This year our All-Oregon Scholars are Garrett Buehling and Joy Lee.

The Associated Student Government (OCCCASG) had its quarterly South Beach clean up and also raised $125 (along with some of OCCC’s ESOL students and alumni) towards the Susan Archuleta memorial scholarship.

Grants
The College’s Small Business Development Center was awarded a Community Development Block Grant of $50,000, with $13,000 for youth entrepreneurship via Neighbors For Kids and the balance to underwrite the cost of tuition for many of the SBDC’s offerings, for those who income-qualify. Competition for CDBG funds, and even national issues like last year’s fiscal sequestration, delayed the grant for almost a year, but with help from advocates like State Rep. David Gomberg and others, the grant became available again. “The vast majority of Lincoln County’s businesses have five or fewer employees, and it’s projects like this that help turn small businesses into larger businesses,” Gomberg said. “I'm so pleased with the work that our Small Business Development Center is doing to help the economy of Lincoln County move forward.”

Oregon Coast Trending
A 19-second video shot Dec. 9 made something of a stir on the College’s Facebook page. Total page followers jumped from 1500 to 1625 in 24 hours. More striking, the video was seen by more than 250,000 viewers across the world, thanks in part to about 2,500 shares of the video. The video was shot during the lunch hour, and was simply a spouting horn, spouting in 20-foot swells, on the seawall. It is still available for viewing.

Legislative News
On Saturday, Dec. 13, Democrats met at Salishan to determine committee assignments. David Gomberg, who also serves on the OCCC SBDC advisory committee, was appointed to the Ways and Means committee and will chair the Transportation and Economic Development Joint Committee.
By changing from remedial math using lab/lecture to just lecture, the amount of clock hours per student decreased by 38%, reducing our FTE. As such, 8 of our 31.7 FTE decline was due to changes in PSR Math.

President’s External Engagement since last Board Meeting

YBEF
Newport City Council Meeting
Oregon State University
  • Marine Studies Initiative Working Group
  • Provost Dinner
  • Student Housing Advisory Committee
  • Extension
  • Open Campus
Mid-Valley Mid-Coast Partnership (RAC)
OEIB RAC & STEMhub Summit

Campus Compact
Legislative meetings in Salem:
  • Gomberg
  • Roblan
  • McKeown
  • Devlin
  • Buckley
Oregon Presidents Council
Oregon Community College Association
League for Innovation, Panel Presentation
Economic Report: Tues Dec 9
http://www.thenewsguard.com/news/article_971a9ffe-775c-11e4-8654-73ac3227b7bc.html

Business Datebook: “Hiring, Evaluating and Firing”

Master gardeners recognized at graduation

HYGIENE DRIVE: Successful effort to benefit homeless
http://www.thenewsguard.com/news_paid/article_0092f93c-7c9d-11e4-9da5-2f9f7291230b.html

Gardening Classes
http://www.thenewsguard.com/catches_at_the_beach/article_2bd30dfa-7cc8-11e4-805e-5f456f28efe4.html

College will hold Candidate forums at South Beach Campus

Holiday Concert
http://www.thenewsguard.com/catches_at_the_beach/article_ab2aa85a-7b43-11e4-b8fd-1319b9e89292.html

Lincoln County School District Board Report

OCCC students gather donations for HELP Program

OCCC WINTER TERM: Enrichment classes for any interest

College Financial Aid Workshops Planned Throughout Oregon

Facebook Fans:
November 19 - 1500 likes
December 14 - 1629 likes