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OCCA DIGEST - October 14, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACCT Leadership Congress Recap

Last week, thousands of community college trustees and leaders from across the nation gathered in New Orleans for the annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress.

Participants enriched their knowledge on the following session track topics:

1. **New reality of commuter campuses:** Security and preparing for disasters
2. **Expanding the mission:** The baccalaureate degree, partnerships with K-12, corporate colleges, reverse transfer, and other innovative models
3. **Entrepreneurial and strategic alliances with business and industry:** Meeting the evolving new workforce needs of urban, rural, and all communities, emerging industries, and new realities

November 2
OPC/CIA Meeting
Sunriver Resort, Bend

November 2-4
OCCA Annual Conference
Sunriver Resort, Bend

November 17
OPC Meeting
Oregon Coast Community College, Newport

November 18
OPC Meeting/OCCA Board Meeting
Oregon Coast Community College, Newport

December 8
OPC Meeting
Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

December 9

4. **New pathways to student success:** Learning analytics, data-informed solutions to foster equity, access, competency-based education and student success and completion
5. **The new financial model:** New strategies for leveraging resources and funding
6. **Combating poverty and promoting citizenship:** Innovative alliances to serve at-risk students and underserved populations
7. **Strengthening governance:** Effective practices from policy to fiduciary responsibilities

The conference also provided ample time to network and share ideas among fellow community college leaders. Several board members and community college leaders from across Oregon were in attendance.

Oregon Presentations at ACCT Leadership Congress

Andrea Henderson, Executive Director of Oregon Community College Association (OCCA), participated on a special session panel discussing the College Promise movement and gave an update on the Oregon Promise.

Debbie Derr, President at Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC), and Susie Jones, Board Chair at MHCC, led a session on utilizing strategic industry partnerships to maximize services and build capacity for growth through grant funded projects.

Mary Spilde, President at Lane Community College, participated in the special summit on safeguarding college campuses that took place at the same time as the Congress. Spilde sat on a panel of community college presidents speaking about how they led their community colleges following active shooter incidents, hurricanes, flooding, and other natural and unnatural disasters. The focus was on best practices for prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery. Spilde spoke about her experience assisting Umpqua Community College after the October 1 incident.

OPC Meeting
Clackamas Community
College, Oregon City

December 12-14
Legislative Days
Oregon State
Capitol, Salem

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A panel presentation detailing the community college and philanthropy partnership that resulted in the Oregon Student Success Center was also presented at Congress. The panel consisted of Ed Dodson, Board Member, Chemeketa Community College; Cam Preus, President at Blue Mountain Community College; Denise Callahan, Director of Postsecondary Success at The Ford Family Foundation Scholarship Office; and Elizabeth Cox Brand, Executive Director of the Oregon Student Success Center. Panelists shared specific strategies employed by the partnership and ideas for implementing local collaborations to support this critical work. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Cox Brand at elizabeth@occa17.com.



OCCA Annual Conference

The Oregon Community College Association's [Annual Conference](#) is just around the corner! Join us November 2-4, 2016 at the beautiful [Sunriver Resort](#) in Sunriver, OR.

View the [draft schedule](#).

2016 OCCA Annual Conference Featured Speakers

Affordability

Dr. Martha Kanter, Executive Director, College Promise Campaign & Senior Fellow, Steinhardt Institute of Higher Education Policy, New York University

Equity

Dr. Robin DiAngelo, Racial Equity Education

Pathways to Student Success

Dr. Mary E. Rittling, President, Davidson County Community College

Pathways to Student Success

Stacey Clawson, Director, Student Success Center Network, Jobs for the Future



HECC Meeting Update

The full Higher Education Coordinating Commission (Commission) met this week to discuss a variety of topics. One of the topics discussed was the introduction of [applied baccalaureates](#) and what they are and how they work in other states. The Commission is considering legislation for potential pathways for applied baccalaureates in Oregon.

To view the agenda and meeting materials, please click [here](#).

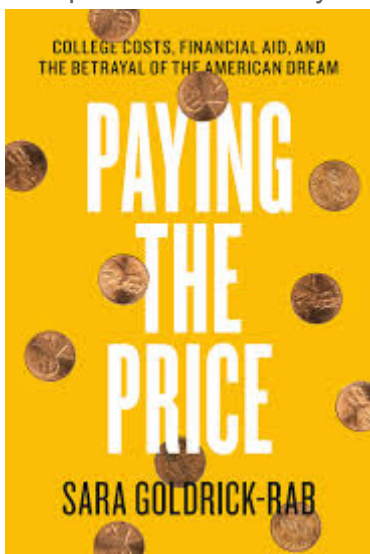
Oregon Council of Student Services Administrators Meeting Update

This week the Oregon Council of Student Services Administrators (CSSA) held their quarterly meeting at Chemeketa Community College. Elizabeth Cox Brand, Executive Director of the Oregon Student Success Center (Center), attended the meeting to give an update on the new Center and to foster a partnership with CSSA. CSSA also discussed the following topics: foster youth students, undocumented students, transgender students, and Oregon Promise.

Sara Goldrick-Rab Lecture and Book Signing Event

Dr. Sara Goldrick-Rab is coming to Portland Community College (PCC) on October 18 to discuss her new book, *Paying the Price*, an in-depth look at the value and price of higher education.

Join Dr. Goldrick-Rab for a lecture and book signing at PCC Cascades Campus at 6:00 p.m. on October 18. The event will take place in the Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building.



Central Oregon Community College Receives Multi-Million Dollar Grant

Central Oregon Community College (COCC) recently received a [five-year, \\$2.25 million Title III grant](#) from the U.S. Department of Education to assist in developing new programs to help struggling students develop better math and writing skills.

COCC's Director of College Relations, Ron Paradis, said that nearly 85 percent of COCC students start classes below college level in writing and/or math. [Paradis stated](#), "One of the problems in higher education is taking students who aren't

quite ready for college level and getting them there. We've known that's a problem for years, and unfortunately, with Oregon's lack of funding for higher education it's been difficult for us to institute some of these programs. So, this will allow us to do a lot of programs in the developmental writing and math area, and do other things to help transition students toward college level courses."

COCC also plans to use the funds to develop a first-year experience program to boost retention rates.

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.

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