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OCCA DIGEST - October 26, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week: 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.

[Schedule at-a-glance.](#)
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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

November 2

OPC/CAO 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

OPC Meeting
Clackamas Community
College, Oregon City

December 12-14
Legislative Days
Oregon State
Capitol, Salem



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Success Center Listening Tour

Another stop on the Success Center Listening Tour occurred at Linn-Benton Community College (LBCC) the afternoon of October 20. Center Executive Director, Elizabeth Cox Brand, was invited to the LBCC Progression Council meeting to explain the Student Success Center, to gather professional development needs, and to learn more about LBCC student success initiatives for the 2016-17 academic year.

To schedule your college's stop on the Listening Tour, please contact Elizabeth directly at elizabeth@occa17.com

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Sara Goldrick-Rab Book Signing Event

Portland Community College and Oregon Community College Association co-hosted an evening with Sara Goldrick-Rab where she gave a lecture highlighting the work and research in her newest book, *Paying the Price: College Costs, Financial Aid, and the Betrayal of the American Dream*.

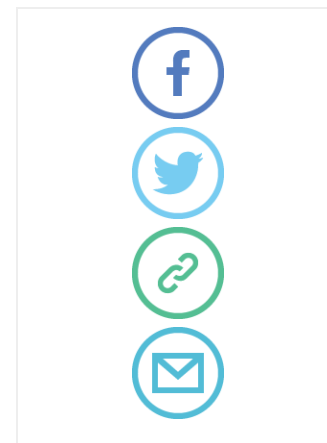
Preceding the event was a VIP reception attended by college administrators, trustees, and legislators. Goldrick-Rab was introduced by Senator Mark Hass and shared with the college community and members of the public the affordability needs of college students.

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College Promise Event

Andrea Henderson, Executive Director of Oregon Community College Association was invited by College Promise Campaign to speak as a panel member on College Promise at an event hosted by College of Southern Nevada in Las Vegas, Nevada. In her talk, Henderson summarized the



Oregon Promise and highlighted public policy questions for future consideration.

2016 Educator Equity Report

The [2016 Oregon Educator Equity Report](#) was recently released. The report cites that significant disparities continue to exist between the diversity of the student population and educators in nearly all districts that have more than 40 percent students of color.

Community colleges are helping to increase the diversity of Oregon's educators through structured pathways. For instance, within the partnerships developed through TeachOregon, 130 candidates (75 percent of whom are culturally diverse) are enrolled in teacher pathway programs at a community college level where they benefit from financial and advising support to ensure a smooth college transfer.

To read more about educator equity in Oregon and the role community colleges are playing, please click [here](#) for the full report.

Washington Conference Opportunity

Washington State's Community and Technical College Leadership Development Association has invited Oregon community colleges to participate in a conference on Guided Pathways on November 18 at the Hilton Vancouver, WA.

Entitled, "The Art and Architecture of Choice: Leveraging the Principle of Decision Science in a Guided Pathways Approach," the conference seeks to inform participants how decision making impacts the success, or failure, of students as colleges begin exploring, developing, or implementing guided pathways.

The conference will be an interactive day of learning about the field of decision science and will be facilitated by [Wendy De La Rosa](#) of Irrational Labs.

Registration Fee: \$175 for participants for member colleges; \$275 for non-members.

Conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 3:30 p.m. Lunch and all materials are included in the registration fee.

[Click here to register.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Kati Hays
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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 katie@occa17.com.

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