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OCCA DIGEST - November 12, 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

## 2016 Oregon Election Results

While the national election produced seismic change in Washington D.C., the elections in Oregon did not produce any such fundamental shifts in direction.

With the exception of the Secretary of State's office, which will be held by Republican Dennis Richardson, the remaining statewide offices continue to be held by Democrats as do both chambers of the House and Senate. The House actually retained its current makeup of 35 Democrats and 25 Republicans, while Democrats lost a seat in the Oregon State Senate changing the makeup of the body to 17 Democrats and 13 Republicans.

With the failure of Ballot Measure 97, which would have added a 2.5 percent tax on sales of over \$25 million in Oregon, the state budget continues to face a \$1.4 billion structural deficit. The passage of Measure 98, which dedicates more funding to certain K-12

### 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

programs will add further pressure to the state budget as the Measure raises no revenue to pay for the increase in funding.

For full Oregon election results, please click [here](#).

In the November 8 election, Treasure Valley Community College (TVCC) was asking voters to pass a bond that would allow for renovations to be performed on the school's existing vocational tech building as well as for safety and security upgrades. Voters failed to pass TVCC's \$4.8 million bond.

[TVCC President Dana Young said](#), "We will keep working with our community partners to create opportunities for career and technical training for high school and college students, and our industry partners. Our next step is to start looking at additional options because we still need to address safety and security costs, as well as expand local training opportunities for our students and our community."

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## OCCA 2016 Annual Conference

Oregon Community College Association's 2016 [Annual Conference](#) was held last week at Sunriver Resort. Over a hundred community college leaders and board members from across the state were in attendance.

This year's theme was "Navigating the Future" and featured information on affordability, equity, and pathways to student success. The featured keynote speakers included: Dr. Martha Kanter, who spoke about community college affordability and the Complete College America Campaign; Dr. Robin DiAngelo, who gave a presentation on findings from her new book, "What does it mean to be white?"; and Dr. Mary Rittling, who spoke about student success efforts at Davidson County Community College where

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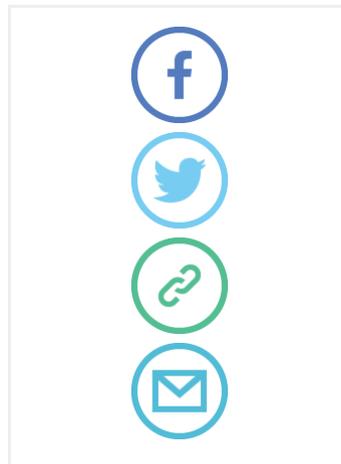
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To view presentation materials from the keynote speakers and other presenters at the conference, please click [here](#). The page will be updated as more presentation materials come in.

Thank you to all who presented and attended the event and made it such a success!

Mark your calendars for the 2017 OCCA Annual Conference: November 1-3, 2017 at Salishan Spa and Golf Resort in Gleneden Beach, OR.



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## 2016 Howard Cherry Award Recipients

The 2016 Howard Cherry Award reception and dinner was held on Friday, November 4. The Howard Cherry Award is the Oregon Community College Association's highest honor and is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding leadership, commitment, and accomplishment on behalf of community college. The award is named for the late Howard Cherry, a lifelong advocate for education and community involvement in Oregon.

This year, the award was granted in two categories – community college board member and community college advocate – to those who, by their contributions

to the community college cause in Oregon, have brought recognition to community colleges statewide.

This year's Howard Cherry recipient for community college board member went to Vanessa Becker, board chair at Umpqua Community College (UCC), for her strong leadership and support to her college and community during and after the October 1, 2015 event. Becker was unable to attend the award ceremony and Doris Lathrop, a fellow board member at UCC, accepted the award on her behalf.

The Howard Cherry award for community college advocate was given to Mary Spilde, president of Lane Community College. Spilde has shown outstanding leadership and commitment, both locally and nationally, to community colleges with decades of service. She is past chair of the American Association of Community Colleges board of directors and has won several national awards including the Association of Community College Trustees CEO of the Year/Marie Y. Martin Chief Executive Award in 2011.

Congratulations to both Vanessa Becker and Mary Spilde for their outstanding leadership and accomplishments.



Mary Spilde holds Howard Cherry Award

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## Education Pathway Statewide Meeting

Representatives from community colleges, K12 districts, private and public universities gathered for the first meeting to discuss development of a pathway from community college to university for students seeking to be teachers. The meeting was hosted by Western Oregon University. A successful model from Chemeketa was shared, that included a teacher leader program for bilingual students that includes tuition assistance, mentoring and volunteer and GPA requirements.

The meeting centered around work done this past year by several community colleges to develop an education pathway including the following points:

1. Community colleges are in an ideal position to encourage and support students who are studying to become teachers.
2. Community colleges must be able to offer a significant core of courses directly in the

education field to feed the motivation of students to persist through the 2 year AAOT. It is essential that ED credits transfer as valuable ED degree requirements, in addition to specific general education classes that meet the needs of licensing and testing.

3. The community college group proposed an 18 credit Education Core.
4. Community Colleges will also continue to offer a paraeducator track, and continue to work on the transferability of those credits.
5. The community colleges in Oregon seek to collaborate with public and private universities to create a coherent and efficient Education Pathway. The community colleges are willing to adjust course content and offerings in an effort to best partner, and seek collaboration to create a strong and productive guided pathway for our students.

There is hope that with a strong community college/university pathway even more bilingual/bicultural students will be served, and become teachers in Oregon.

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## AAWCC National Conference

On October 27, [American Association of Women in Community College](#) (AAWCC) held their first annual national conference in Portland, Oregon. Over one hundred women from community colleges across the nation attended this inaugural event.

AAWCC is the leading national organization that champions women and maximizes their potential. The Oregon chapter of AAWCC has been holding an annual conference for decades; 2016 marks the first year of a [national conference](#) to bring chapters from around the country together.

The conference provided participants with a leadership development program that supports multiple viewpoints and empowers women leaders in higher education to succeed and overcome obstacles, whatever their role is at the college.

The conference theme was "Bridging the Leadership Gap: Access, Challenges and Opportunities." Keynote speakers included: Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, President at Mott Community College, Flint, MI; Letitia Clark, District Director of Public Affairs, Marketing, and Government Relations Coast Community College District in Costa Mesa, CA; and Dr. Mary Spilde, President at Lane Community College, Eugene, OR.

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## 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.](#)

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