



NEWS DIGEST - March 21, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Rogue Community College Announces New President

The [Rogue Community College \(RCC\) Board](#) named [Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle](#) as the college's [sixth president](#). Dr. Kemper-Pelle is currently the Chief Academic Office at Lee College Baytown, Texas. She's also a graduate of the University of Texas leadership program.

Dr. Kemper-Pelle was chosen from a pool of four finalists, drawn from 49 total applicants. Kevin Talbert, RCC Board Chair said, "In the end, it was clear to the Board that Dr. Cathy Kemper-Pelle was best prepared and equipped to move Rogue forward."

April 9-12, 2016

AACC Annual
Convention
Chicago, IL

April 20-21, 2016

OPC Meeting
OCCA Office, Salem

May 3, 2016

AOAT Recognition
Program
Salem Convention
Center

RCC's current president, [Peter Angstadt, is set to retire on June 30, 2016](#), after serving the College for 12 years. Dr. Kemper-Pelle will assume her role as president on July 1, 2016.

Oregon Community College Association looks forward to welcoming Dr. Kemper-Pelle to Oregon and working with her.

Guest Column: Portland Community College is “Fostering Success”



By: Neal Naigus, Assistant to the PCC CLIMB Executive Director

Portland Community College (PCC) is committed to creating educational opportunities for youth that have been in the foster care system. Each year, over 600 youth in Oregon age out of foster care. Research shows that about half of youth in care complete high school by their 18th birthday. 84% of students want to go to college but only 20% actually attend, and among them less than 3% will go on to get a four-year degree. Foster youth that are over 18 years old are more likely to experience

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homelessness, prison, and difficulty holding a job as an adult.

However, these statistics do not mean that these students aren't courageous, intellectual, and capable of hard work. It's only about their life circumstance and the challenges they face not having a supportive background.

In order to help improve foster youth's success rate in college, PCC is creating the Fostering Success Initiative, which provides educational advocacy and support to help youth transition into PCC and adulthood. Fostering Success will have access to many different resources at PCC such as academic advising, counseling, career planning, and tutoring as well as additional support they may need.

Fostering Success' support is not only provided by PCC faculty, staff, and students, but also from our community partners, The Oregon Department of Human Services, New Avenues for Youth, Lifeworks NW, Impact NW, and the Native American Youth and Family Center. These partners provide ongoing support for foster youth students at Portland Community College and expertise to help the college community better understand and address the unique issues of foster youth that create barriers to their success.

PCC would like to hear from other Oregon Community Colleges about initiatives they may have to support foster youth.



And, if other community colleges would like to learn more about our program or are interested in starting a similar project, please contact us.

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Threat Assessment Training Opportunity

Chemeketa Community College's Threat Assessment Team is putting on several training workshops for campus teams and their partners. The [training team](#) includes Dr. Rebecca Bolante, Director of Threat Management Resources, Bill Kohlmeyer, Director of Public Safety, Rebecca Hillyer J.D., Director of Legal Resources, and potential partners in your area.

Dates and locations of the training workshops:

June 16-17, 2016

Shoreline Community College, Shoreline,
Washington

November 9-10, 2016

Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon

November 21-22, 2016

Honolulu Hawaii

Day 1 of the training:

- Research on the training needs for campus threat assessment teams
- Introduction to threat assessment
- Basic principles, research, history
- Pathway to violence
- Pre-incident Indicators/Risk factors
- Context/situation
- Management strategies
- Examples of a campus threat assessment team protocols
- Team composition and dynamics

Day 2 of that training:

- Mental Health (Ethical implications)
- Domestic Violence
- Legal Implications (FERPA/HIPAA/ADA, Title IX, etc.)
- Documentation
- Campus Instrument
- Case Studies
- Labs/Scenarios: using campus instrument

Registration is \$395. To save your spot, contact: rebecca.bolante@chemeketa.edu or [503.409.1385](tel:503.409.1385)

Grant Opportunities

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) issued a Request for Grant Applications (RFA) to provide support for innovative activities aimed to recruit, retain, and support underserved students for programs at Oregon's community colleges and public universities that can lead to high-wage and high-demand jobs related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), specifically in the areas of health sciences, computer science, engineering, high-tech manufacturing, precision agriculture, and advanced food processing. In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed [House Bill 3072](#) which provided \$2 million for the purpose of funding activities related to this effort.

HECC anticipates the award of multiple Intergovernmental Grant Agreements (IGA) from this request. Individual IGAs will vary in value from approximately \$150,000 to \$350,000. The term of each IGA is anticipated from May 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Only Oregon's 17 community colleges, 7 public universities, and Oregon Health & Science University are eligible to apply for a grant from this RFA.

The RFA, including potential addenda, is published in the Oregon Procurement Information Network (ORPIN) at <http://orpin.oregon.gov>.

Save the Date: All Oregon Academic Team Luncheon

The 2016 All Oregon Academic Team Recognition Program will be held May 3, 2016 at the Salem Convention Center. Please save the date and join us in celebrating the achievements of our 2016 All Oregon Academic Team recipients.

Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 350,000 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 mjensen@occa17.com.

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