



OCCA DIGEST - April 29, 2016

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Time Change: AOAT Luncheon Next Tuesday

If you have registered to attend the All Oregon Academic Team (AOAT) Luncheon next Tuesday, May 3rd, please be advised that the presentation at the Oregon State Capitol and group photo with Governor Kate Brown has been moved up to 9:00 a.m. with an arrival time of 8:30 a.m. This is an hour earlier than previously planned. The luncheon program will move up fifteen minutes and begin promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Schedule for the day is as follows:

Presentation at the Oregon State Capitol

Recognition by Governor Kate Brown and Group Photo in the Ceremonial Office

Arrival time: 8:30 a.m. | Photo time: 9:00 a.m.

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Luncheon at the Salem Conference Center

Check-in time: 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Awards Program and Luncheon: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

201 Liberty St SE, Salem, OR 97301

Lane Community College Receives Goldman Sachs Grant

[Lane Community College \(LCC\) was one of nine community colleges nationwide selected](#) to receive a grant from the [Goldman Sachs Gives](#) Community College Fund. Goldman Sachs, in collaboration with the American Association of Community Colleges, selected the colleges through a competitive application process whereby each college was required to demonstrate both need and the ability to raise matching funds.

According to Goldman Sachs the colleges “demonstrated a record of successful partnership-building, exemplary leadership and a commitment to ensuring that students from all backgrounds and socioeconomic levels have access to educational opportunities through a robust financial aid program.”

Beneficiaries of the *Goldman Sachs Gives* Community College Fund include:

- Borough of Manhattan Community College (New York, NY)
- Community College of Baltimore County (Baltimore, MD)
- Community College of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA)

- Gateway Technical College (Kenosha, WI)
- Lane Community College (Eugene, OR)
- Metropolitan Community College (Omaha, NE)
- Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (Perkinston, MS)
- Odessa College (Odessa, TX)
- St. Louis Community College (St. Louis, MO)

A \$1 million donation from *Goldman Sachs Gives* will be distributed to these community colleges and will be matched 1:1 by donors in their respective communities.

America's Promise Grants

This week Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden announced a new \$100 million grant competition aimed at expanding community college programs that offer full-tuition assistance and connect Americans to in-demand jobs.

Early this summer, the Federal Administration will launch an H-1B funded grant competition by the Department of Labor to create and expand innovative regional and sector partnerships among community and technical colleges, K-12 education system, employers, workforce development boards, and community-based organizations in an effort to create more dynamic, tuition-free education and training programs for in-demand middle- and high-skilled jobs.

To read more about America's Promise Grants, please click [here](#).

Open Educational Resources Grants Awarded

The [2016-17 Open Oregon Educational Resources grants have been awarded](#). These grants were funded with money from the Office of Community College and Workforce Development on the recommendation of [Oregon Community College Distance Learning Association](#). Grant funding was available for projects that originated at one of Oregon's 17 community college and could be used for any course. Courses for developmental education and CTE were emphasized.

Taken together, grantees include fifteen different Oregon community college institutions. The funded projects have the potential to save over 7,000 Oregon students an estimated \$1,142,624 in the pilot year of the program. This represents over \$5 in savings for each \$1 of grant money spent.

Beyond that pilot phase, it is expected that these full accessible and openly licensed course materials will be used even more widely and significantly increase the student savings impact.

Grants were awarded in the following four categories:

- Category 1: Adopt – Redesign your course to incorporate an existing open textbook or open course content as is. (6 projects)
- Category 2: Revise/Remix – Remix existing open educational resources and create new open content to bridge gaps in available resources to enable a fully open course. (18 projects)

- Category 3: Author – Create a substantially new open textbook or open course where it is possible to demonstrate that quality resources are not currently available to meet learning objectives. (8 projects)
- Category 4: Other – Propose a different kind of project not covered by the three categories above. (3 projects)

To view the full list of receipts, please click [here](#).

HECC Administered Open Educational Resources Grant Opportunity

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) announced a Request for Grant Applications (RFA) to provide support for Oregon's public higher education institutions in their efforts to develop and adopt Open Educational Resources (OER) for use in one of the 15 courses specified in the grant application.

In 2015, the Oregon Legislature passed [House Bill 2871](#), creating the OER Grant Program within HECC for the purpose of funding activities related to this effort.

HECC anticipates awarding multiple grants from this RFA. Individual grants will vary in funding from approximately \$15,000 to \$37,500. The term of each grant is anticipated to be from May/June 2016 through June 30, 2017.

This RFA is published in the [Oregon Procurement Information Network](#) (ORPIN).

ODE Grant Opportunity

The Oregon Department of Education announced a Request for Proposal to provide support for Oregon's African American/Black students.

Through HB 2016, the 2015 Oregon Legislature created the African American/Black Student Success Plan Grant. The purpose of the grant is to provide funds to applicants who can document an understanding of the unique needs of African American and Black students, and who have the potential to become exemplar programs and create collaborative practices related to the following:

- Promoting regular and consistent attendance and active parent engagement to eliminate chronic absenteeism; and/or
- Addressing parent and community engagement on the importance of the role of the parent offering training or professional development for parents, educators, and interested community members on closing the achievement gaps for African American and Black students; and/or
- Addressing early childhood to kindergarten, middle to high school and high school to post-secondary transitions for African American and Black students. Programs promote student engagement and literacy development; and/or college and career readiness; and/or transition to college and career.

ODE anticipates funding up to four grants from this RFP. Individual grants will vary in value but not to exceed the total budget amount of \$2,689,283.00. The programs or services may include: the scale-up of an existing program or service; and the implementation of a new program or service. The term of grant is July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Early learning hubs, providers of early learning services, school districts, post-secondary institutions, and culturally specific community based organizations are encouraged to apply. A consortium that includes any of the above agents is strongly encouraged to apply.

Notable Community College Award

At Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention earlier this month, Dr. Frank Toda, president of Columbia Gorge Community College was [one of twenty-one college presidents/campus CEOs nationwide to receive the 2016 Shirley B. Gordon Awards of Distinction](#).

Recipients are selected for this award based on their outstanding efforts given toward promoting the goals of Phi Theta Kappa.

Phi Theta Kappa is the national honor's society for two-year college students. The organization's mission is two-fold: 1) Recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students; and 2) Provide

opportunities for individual growth and development through participation in honors, leadership, service and fellowship programming. To read more about Phi Theta Kappa, please click [here](#).

National college campus security summit to take place in Portland, Oregon

ACCT will hold a national college campus security summit in Portland, Oregon on June 13-14, 2016.

To view the draft agenda, please click [here](#).

*Each Oregon community college will receive **one free** registration!*

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What?

This summit is designed to assist community college board members, presidents and their leadership teams, and others in safeguarding the college while continuing on the path of improving student success and completion.

The one and half day summit will examine the following: preparing for a disaster, reacting to and implementing plans during a disaster, and recovery efforts, both short-term and long-term – all the while helping the college to stay committed to student success, completion, and equity.

The summit will also bring together community colleges' leadership teams to: review policies and systems that should be in place, promote a statewide approach to security preparedness whereby institutions proactively agree to provide assistance to other institutions within their state or region, and participate in disaster learning scenarios to teach effective strategies for managing such events.

Who should participate?

- Trustees
- Presidents
- Board Support Staff
- Senior Leadership Team
- Public Information Officers
- Safety/Security Officers

- State Association Staff

Please bring a copy of your Institutional Readiness Plan, if you have one

Where?

The summit will take place at the [Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront](#).

To receive the ACCT discounted hotel room rate of only \$169 per night, please click [here](#). The deadline to reserve your hotel room is Friday, May 27.

When?

Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Registration

To register, please click [here](#).

ACCT is giving ONE FREE registration per Oregon college. To receive the free registration code, send an email to csimons@acct.org.

Fees:

ACCT Member – Individual: \$300

ACCT Member – Team (up to 5 people from a college):
\$1000

Non-ACCT Member – Individual: \$500

Non-ACCT Member – Team (up to 5 people from a college): \$1500

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Christina Simons, Education Events Specialist at ACCT: csimons@acct.org or 202-775-4462

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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