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## Portland Community College Selects New President

Portland Community College (PCC) Board of Directors announced that Mark Mitsui will be PCC's next president.

Mr. Mitsui currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges for the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to his current position, Mr. Mitsui served as president of Washington state's North Seattle College.

Mr. Mitsui will begin his role as president of PCC this fall. We look forward to working with him to support and advance the work of community colleges in Oregon.

To read the full press release from PCC, please click [here](#).

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## OCCA Visits Community College League of California

Earlier this week, Megan Jensen, Director of Member Services at Oregon Community College Association (OCCA), spent two days in Sacramento with staff from the

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Community College League of California learning about services and programs the league provides for its 72 community college districts.

OCCA has begun work to increase and expand the services it provides to Oregon community colleges and the California league has several programs of interest to OCCA, including a policies and procedures service and a large sponsorship program.

The OCCA board will receive an update in the coming weeks about the possible programs and services OCCA might consider implementing in Oregon.

OCCA extends its gratitude to League president Larry Galizio and staff members Elaine Reodica, James Wisner, and Jane Wright for sharing their time and expertise.

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## **Oregon Representation at Jobs for the Future Convening**

Last week, a five member team from Oregon, including Cam Preus, Jessica Howard, Jim Eustrom, Donna Lewelling, and Andrea Henderson attended a Jobs for the Future (JFF) convening on state policy that focused on guided pathways.

In particular, the meeting focused on rethinking advising and ensuring connections to the labor market, and the rule of student success centers in this work. Participants brought back a wealth of information and ideas that will aid in the formation of the Oregon Student Success Center.

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# Council of Instructional Administrators Summer Meeting Update

The Council of Instructional Administrators (CIA) held their summer meeting last week discussing many of the major topics that will be the focus of the group's work in the upcoming academic year.

Instructional administrators from all of Oregon's community college discussed a variety of issues including ongoing work around guided pathways, accelerated learning, and career pathways, among others.

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## State Treasury Offers New Public Investment Option

[The Oregon State Treasury is now offering a new option to invest public funds, the Oregon Local Government Intermediate Fund.](#) This new intermediate fund provides a longer investment horizon to qualified parties, such as cities, counties, school districts, and special districts with a Treasury-overseen investment pool.

"We rely on our local governments in Oregon to improve public safety and wellbeing, to supply irrigation water, and to guide education and job training," said State Treasurer Ted Wheeler. "At the Oregon Treasury, we worked diligently – in consultation with legislators – to design a new program that responds to the evolving financial needs of our vital local governments, while also ensuring appropriate oversight and diversification to reduce volatility."

Depending on market conditions, the new intermediate fund is constructed and diversified to potentially yield higher returns. Unlike the Oregon Short Term Fund, the invested principal in the intermediate fund will be at risk.

The new intermediate fund was opened to investments on July 1; however, only surplus funds can be invested. The State Treasury will oversee the pooling of assets for participants, while an external provider will manage the investments.

For more information on the new intermediate fund, please click [here](#).

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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.*

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