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Oregon Presidents Council Retreat Recap

The Oregon Presidents Council (OPC) met for their annual retreat in beautiful Ontario, Oregon, focusing on several topics for the upcoming year.

Two of the major areas of focus were guided pathways and affordability. A guided pathways model provides students with structured pathways toward degree or certificate in specific program areas.

On the issue of guided pathways, presidents discussed their need for early and strong faculty engagement. In addition, they discussed the need to engage universities to ensure smooth transfer of credits for students who complete a pathway leading to a four-year institution.

OPC also discussed other topics such as workforce and applied baccalaureate, among others.

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CCSA Summer Leadership Institute Overview

Each summer, the Council of Student Services Administrators (CSSA) hosts a summer leadership institute for student affairs staff who are new to Oregon, student affairs, or their position. Oregon community college deans/vice presidents of student affairs serve as faculty and facilitate workshops on issues such as “hot topics” in Oregon higher education, the history of student development, diversity and inclusion, and strategies for collaboration, among others. PCC-Sylvania President, Dr. Lisa Avery, also hosted a “fireside chat” in which participants asked questions about professional development and the role of the president. One participant stated “it was a rare treat to be able to network and learn from such a wide pool of knowledge. The time commitment given by each faculty member is an active mark of dedication to the enrichment of Student Services professionals”.

Recent graduates of the Institute were asked to serve on the planning team for the annual Oregon Student Success and Retention Conference (SSRC), an event also coordinated by CSSA. The 2017 SSRC is scheduled for February 2 – 3, 2017 at the Portland Airport Sheraton Hotel. Questions about the conference can be directed to [Alicia Moore](#), Conference Director and Dean of Student & Enrollment Services for COCC, or [Tara Sprehe](#), Conference Associate Director and Associate Dean of Student Success at Clackamas. A

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call for programs will be sent soon so start planning for your session submission now!



Oregon GEAR UP Offering Free Community College Outreach Workshop

[Oregon GEAR UP](#) is offering a free workshop for Oregon's community college outreach and recruitment staff about planning campus visits for younger students.

WHAT: Campus Visits for Younger Students (They Don't Have to Cost You Time or Money) Planning Workshop

WHO: Oregon public community colleges are invited to bring a team of 2-5 people, including those responsible for outreach, recruitment and/or fielding requests for younger student visits on campus, and at least one person with the power to make decisions about your group visit program.

This engaging workshop encourages collaboration among coworkers and colleagues across the state.

100% of past attendees would recommend this workshop to colleagues at other institutions, saying

- It gave my team the opportunity to really brainstorm.
- I loved how interactive the day was.
- I appreciated the opportunities to share but also work with colleagues.
- It was nice to “dream big” and then come back to reality and discuss what is actually doable for our campus.

WHEN & WHERE: Thursday, September 8 at Umpqua Community College in Roseburg

OR

Friday, September 16 at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham

Both days, the workshop will be from 10am-3pm; lunch will be provided.

Campus teams will leave the workshop with a plan for developmentally appropriate group visit opportunities that highlight the college’s distinctive culture and campus features that fit within the institution’s budgets (both financial and staff time).

Interested colleges should register their team by

August 25: <http://bit.ly/youngerstudents>.

Questions can be directed to Oregon GEAR UP program managers Dana.Beck@oregonstate.edu or Adrienne.Enriquez@oregonstate.edu.

CTC Leadership Development Association Summer Conference

[CTC Leadership Development Association's](#) 2016 summer conference is taking place August 11 and 12 in Spokane, Washington at the Davenport Hotel. The theme for the conference is, "Implementing Guided Pathways through Adaptive Leadership Strategies".

CTC Leadership Development Association is formally the Association of Washington Community and Technical College Administrators and Exempt Staff. It is the professional development organization for administrative and exempt employees of community and technical colleges in Washington state.

The conference keynote speaker is [Ronald Heifetz](#), speaker and author on adaptive leadership and director of the Center for Public Leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School. In addition, [Deborah Helsing](#), senior associate at Minds at Work and faculty member at Harvard University Graduate School of Education, will be speaking about immunity to change. To view the tentative agenda, click [here](#).

To register for the conference, please click [here](#). The cost of attendance is \$290 for member colleges and \$390 for non-members. To book at hotel room at the conference of \$96, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about this event, please

contact Catherine (Kati) Hays, executive director of CTC Leadership Development Association at CHays@columbiabasin.edu. For more information on the conference, please click [here](#).

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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