



OCCA DIGEST - January 13, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Legislative Organizational Days Recap

Legislative organizational days were held in Salem, January 9th through the 11th. During organizational days, members-elect were sworn in, bills were given their first-read on the floors of the Senate and House, and legislative committees were officially created.

On January 9th, Governor Kate Brown was sworn in for the first time as Oregon's elected governor and outlined her agenda for the 2017 Legislative Session in her inaugural speech. Governor Brown spoke about the importance of bipartisanship, especially in today's political and social climate.

Governor Brown also spoke about the guiding principle of her public service: to bring opportunity to all Oregonians, especially those who have not have a fair chance or who have been left behind. She

January 19, 2017
OCCA Board Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

January 20, 2017
OPC Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

February 1, 2017
2017 Legislative Session Begins

March 2-3, 2017
OPC Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

March 22-23, 2017
OCCA Legislative Summit
Salem Convention Center, Salem

March 23, 2017
OCCA Board Meeting

pointed out that this principle can be seen in the priorities she outline in her proposed budget: the opportunity for a good job; the opportunity for good health; and the opportunity for a good education.

The Governor also called for lawmakers to change the state's tax structure so that we have a fair and balanced tax system that provides stable and adequate funding for schools and to meet the state's critical needs. She also spoke about pension reform. To read the full transcript of Governor Brown's inaugural speech, please click [here](#).

The 79th Legislative Assembly will convene on Wednesday, February 1st for the regular session.

LCC President Spilde Receives Leadership Award

Lane Community College (LCC) president Mary Spilde was recently named the 2017 recipient of the [Council for Advancement and Support of Education](#) (CASE) [District VIII Leadership Award](#). This award recognizes a CASE District VIII member institution CEO/President for outstanding efforts to promote the understanding and support of education and institutional advancement.

President Spilde will accept the award at the district conference awards luncheon that is to be held in Seattle on February 3.

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

OCCA Legislative Education Opportunity

Chemeketa Community College, Salem

March 24, 2017
OPC Meeting
Chemeketa Community College, Salem

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Join OCCA for the "Legislative Process 101" webinar on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 11:00 am. Learn about the Oregon legislative process, how a bill becomes a law, and the work of OCCA during the legislative session.

This webinar will provide an overview of basics for anyone who has not experienced the legislative process in Oregon or for those who would like to brush up on their knowledge. Information on accessing the webinar can be found on our website [here](#).

OCCA Legislative Summit Registration Open

Registration for the OCCA Legislative Summit on March 22-23, 2017 at the Salem Conference Center, is now open! This is your opportunity to learn how to advocate effectively for your college and have conversations with legislative leadership and representatives from the Governor's office. You'll walk away from this summit with the tools you need to maximize your effectiveness during the 2017 legislative session.

Click [HERE](#) to register online for the 2017 OCCA Legislative Summit

Registration Fee: The registration fee is \$95 per person, which includes lunch and dinner on March 22, 2017.

Registration Deadline: March 13, 2016

Hotel Room Availability: A block of hotel rooms has been reserved for summit participants at a rate of \$129 per night using the code "Oregon Community College Association". Please contact the Grand Hotel at 877-540-7800 by February 19, 2017, to reserve a

hotel room with the discounted rate. After February 19, 2017, rooms may be available at the discounted rate but it is not guaranteed.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

11:00 - 11:30 a.m.: Check-In/Registration

11:30 – Noon: Welcome/OCCA

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Noon - 1:00 p.m.: Luncheon

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.: Summit Sessions

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Hosted Reception

Reception hors d'oeuvres will be provided by students in the culinary arts programs at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Wine will be provided by the viticulture programs at Chemeketa and Umpqua Community Colleges.

Thursday, March 23, 2017

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.: Appointments with Legislators

REMINDER: Each college makes their own appointments with their legislators.

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.

Do you have links to local stories or other items of interest? Please forward them to katie@occa17.com.

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