



Oregon Student Success Center Newsletter

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To keep you up to date on our emerging Oregon Student Success Center (OSSC), we will issue a monthly newsletter with updates and upcoming events, starting with this inaugural edition!

If you have suggestions for content or questions, please contact
OSSC Executive Director Elizabeth Brand at elizabeth@occa17.com.



The OSSC now has a logo! Dr. Brand worked with two students from a Professional Communications course at the University of Northern Iowa to create the logo as their class project. The students designed the logo as they thought trees not only represent learning and collaboration but also are something that would connect with Oregon. The bright star in the middle of the tree symbolizes the OSSC and how it may be the middle of this learning and collaborative work.

Listening Tour Update

As of the writing of this newsletter, ten Oregon community colleges have hosted Dr. Elizabeth Brand for a listening visit. Here are common themes being expressed:

- Student learning outcomes/assessment
 - Assessing student services (eg. Tutoring)
 - Outside classroom (eg. student clubs)
- Faculty professional development
 - Use of technology
 - Active learning strategies

- Pedagogy
- Providing effective feedback
- Best practices for working with online students
- Advising
 - Influence on retention and student success
 - Advising online students
 - Using student development theory
 - Training for faculty advisors
- Data
 - What to collect
 - How to turn 'data' into information
 - How to use it to encourage engagement
 - How to disseminate it to the entire campus community (esp. faculty)
- Equity
 - Culturally appropriate practices for working with diverse students
 - How to make an 'equity lens' actionable

This will be updated as visits continue as these topics may become professional development or technical assistance opportunities.

Upcoming Events

- March 10: Cultivating a Growth Mindset Community Of Practice #1, Lane Community College, Eugene
- March 13: Rob Johnstone campus visit to Chemeketa Community College, Salem, and webinar with OSSC Advisory Committee (10:30-11:30am)
- March 14-15: Rob Johnstone campus visit to Portland Community College
- March 23-24: Co-requisites in Writing #2, Chemeketa Community College, Center for Business and Industry, Salem

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