



OCCA DIGEST - June 16, 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Bills Scheduled Next Week

Below is a list of bills that are up for votes next week.

Monday, June 19

11:00 a.m.

[SB 207 B](#)

Senate Floor

Summary: Requires public institutions of higher education to provide credit to each student who receives grade on advanced placement examinations indicating student is fully qualified to receive credit.

June 26-27, 2017

OPC Meeting
Lane Community College

July 25-26, 2017

New Board Member
Training
Agate Beach Inn, Newport,
OR

July 26-27, 2017

New President and
Administrator Training
Agate Beach Inn, Newport,
OR

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Federal News

DACA

On Thursday, the Department of Homeland Security issued a [fact sheet](#) updating information on the status of the Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Included in the release was notice that the DACA program will remain in place.

Established in 2012 via presidential memorandum, DACA provides eligible undocumented youth with protection from deportation and a renewable work permit. For community college students who are registered under DACA, it also provides a pathway for in-state tuition and the ability to work while completing a degree. DACA currently has over 800,000 students registered for the program.

To read the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) official statement, please click [here](#).

Apprenticeship

Also on Thursday, President Trump signed an [executive order](#), entitled 'Expanding Apprenticeships in America', that seeks to expand the number apprenticeships while reforming the current federal role in recognizing apprenticeships. The order would appropriate funds to promoting apprenticeships with a particular focus on 'students at accredited secondary and postsecondary educational institutions, including community colleges'. While full details have not been given by the White House, reports indicate that \$200 million would be available for the program.

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Hundreds of community colleges throughout the country currently participant in the US Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship-College Consortium. As such, community colleges play an important role in many apprenticeship programs, ensuring that students receive the instruction and skills necessary to attain an industry-recognized credential.

To read ACCT's official statement, please click [here](#).

Guided Pathways: Student Perspective

This week, the [Community College Research Center \(CCRC\)](#) released a brief titled, "[What Do Students Think of Guided Pathways?](#)". Author John Fink examined data from 48 interviews with first-year students at City Colleges of Chicago – a seven campus urban community college system that has been implementing guided pathways since 2010 – to understand students' reactions to the reform.

Fink found that a majority of students were enthusiastic about certain key elements of the guided pathways model – program maps and educational planning. However, there were some students that had negative reactions to these very same elements. Nearly half of the students interviewed reported experiencing problems with registration and course planning while the new system and practices were being deployed, pointing to significant

implementation challenges.

To read the full brief, please click [here](#).

CTC Leadership Development Summer Conference

Registration is now open for [CTC Leadership Development Association's 2017 Summer Conference](#).

CTC Leadership Development Association is the professional development organization for administrative and exempt/professional employees of community and technical colleges in Washington State.

The Summer Conference will be held August 3 and 4 at The Historic Davenport Hotel in Spokane, WA. The keynote speaker is [Margaret Wheatley](#), co-founder and president of the The Berkeana Institute, an organizational consultant since 1973, a global citizen since her youth, and a prolific writer. Wheatley writes, speaks, and teaches how we can accomplish our work, sustain our relationships, and willingly step forward to serve.

The Conference will also feature [Adrianna Kezar](#), PhD. Professor for higher education at the University of Southern California and co-director of the [Pullias Center for Higher Education](#) and director for the [The Delphi Center](#). Her research agenda explores the change process in higher education institutions and the role of leadership in creating change.

To register for the Summer Conference, please click [here](#). To view the tentative agenda, please click [here](#).

Upcoming OCCA Events: Register Now

[OCCA New Community College Board Member Orientation](#)

July 25-26, 2017

Best Western Agate Beach Inn

- Tuesday, July 25, 6:00 pm - Group Dinner
- Wednesday, July 26, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm - Orientation and Training

Click [here](#) to register for the board member orientation.

[OCCA New Community College President and Administrator Orientation](#)

July 26-27, 2017

Best Western Agate Beach Inn

- Wednesday, July 26, 6:00 pm - Group Dinner
- Thursday, July 27, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm - Orientation and Training

Click [here](#) to register for the president and administrator orientation.

To reserve a hotel room, please contact Best Western Agate Beach Inn at 541-265-9411 using the code "OCCA". Hotel rooms will be held until July 10, 2017. After that date, rooms can be reserved as available.

- Hillside Room - King or Two Double Beds - \$125 + tax (government rate)
- Ocean-view - King or Two Double Beds - \$165 + tax

Congratulations Graduates

Special congratulations to all community college graduates for your achievements and the very best as you continue to pursue academic goals and as you venture out to excel in your chosen fields!

Oregon's 17 community colleges are a vital part of the state's education system and serve roughly 295,000 students a year, or about 1 in 14 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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