



## Oregon Student Success Center Newsletter

June 2017

### **Guided Pathways Strategy Meeting**

On May 11-12, Jobs for the Future (JFF) held a meeting for the National Student Success Center Network Executive Directors and one state partner in Austin, TX. The purpose of the meeting was to give executive directors and their partners one-on-one planning time with national providers who are partnering with JFF to support the success centers. National providers represented include Achieving the Dream, American Association of Community Colleges, Center for Community College Student Engagement, Community College Research Center (CCRC), National Center for Inquiry and Improvement, and Next Chapter Communications. Cam Preus, President, Blue Mountain CC and Chair of the Oregon Student Success Center (OSSC) Advisory Committee, accompanied Elizabeth Cox Brand, OSSC Executive Director, to the meeting. The key takeaways from the meeting were the importance of having colleges complete the CCRC Readiness Assessment and the time and resource needed to complete the analysis, feedback and coaching of colleges once the assessment is completed.

Another outcome from the meeting was a plan to create an info graphic with Next Chapter Communications showing how current and prior student success initiatives fit in to the guided pathways template of planning, implementation and evaluation. The draft of the info graphic will be vetted by the OSSC Steering Committee at their "virtual" meeting on June 13th. Once a final draft is approved, the info graphic will be used with Oregon community college stakeholders statewide as part of ongoing casemaking for Guided Pathways.

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## **Cultivating a Growth Mindset Community of Practice**

The third, and final, training session for the Cultivating a Growth Mindset community of practice was held on May 19th at the Lane Community College Downtown Center, Eugene. Teams representing 14 Oregon community colleges presented the results of the interventions they had applied to their classrooms throughout the training in a series of three showcases. Teams also mapped their plans for growing the Growth Mindset movement on their campuses. Many college teams are planning to have a presence at fall in-service so hopefully the excitement will spread!

## **Presentation to House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee**

On May 30, 2017, Oregon Student Success Center (OSSC) Executive Director, Elizabeth Cox Brand, and Greg Hamann, President, Linn-Benton Community College, were invited to present to the Oregon House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee. Dr. Brand's presentation focused on the Jobs for the Future National Student Success Network, of which Oregon is a member, as well as plans for initiating an Oregon Guided Pathways cohort in early 2018. Linn-Benton Community College is one of 30 colleges participating in the national American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Pathways Project and President Hamann provided the campus-level perspective of Guided Pathways Implementation. The committee was very interested with Chair Reardon asking that he would like updates to the committee as the work progresses. Presentation slides are found on the OSSC website (<http://www.occa17.com/student-success-center/>) and please contact Dr. Brand with any questions ([Elizabeth@occa17.com](mailto:Elizabeth@occa17.com)).

## **Upcoming Events**

- June 13: OSSC Steering Committee Meeting
- June 21: Year End Practitioners' Convening on Student Success Grants (HB 3063), Oregon State Capitol
- June 23: Oregon Academic Advising Association 2nd Annual Drive-in Conference, Oregon State University
- June 26-27: Oregon Presidents' Council Meeting, Lane Community College, Eugene

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