



## OCCA DIGEST - July 7, 2017

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Legislative Update

Today marks the end of the 2017 Oregon legislative session. Below are updates on several key community college issues. A full report on bills OCCA actively lobbied and monitored can be read [here](#).

#### Community College Support Fund ([SB 5524](#))

The Community College Support Fund (CCSF) received a \$20 million increase from 2015-17, receiving \$570 million for the 2017-2019 biennium – only a 1.1 percent increase over current service level (CSL). Conversely, the university budget increased 6.3 percent over CSL. If community colleges were to receive the same 6.3 percent increase above CLS as the public universities, the CCSF would be funded at \$608 million.

By making significant cuts to programs and critical student services at colleges across the state, community college boards kept tuition increases to an average of 4 percent

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statewide for the next academic year. Unfortunately, this lopsided budget will further entrench those cuts. In order to have a no-cuts budget for community colleges, the CCSF would need to be funded at \$634 million.

Both community colleges and universities face the same chronic funding shortfalls at the state level. Each are critical parts of our higher education system and should be supported in recognition of that. On the House floor, Rep. Mark Johnson led 21 members in voting “No” on the budget bill citing its lack of adequate support for community colleges.

To view the budget report and measure summary for SB 5524, please click [here](#).

#### Oregon Promise ([SB 55 EN](#))

The Oregon Promise received \$39.7 million for the biennium, which is several million dollars short of what is needed to run the program in its current configuration. Legislators approved [SB 1032](#), allowing the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to means test the program by setting a cap on the Expected Family Contribution calculated by the federal government when families fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

#### Capital Construction ([SB 5505](#))

OCCA worked hard this session to pushing through capital construction projects as the colleges had not received capital construction funding since the 2013 session. That year, legislators funded the entire first tier of capital projects but asked colleges not to submit another list until the 2017 session. This session, the legislature allocated \$101,397,241 in capital construction spending for community colleges, funding twelve new projects and reauthorized three projects to be carried over.

To view the budget report and measure summary for SB

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5505, please click [here](#).

### Transfer ([HB 2998 EN](#))

This legislation included the concept developed by the Oregon Presidents Council to align the top 25 majors so a student at any Oregon community college may transfer seamlessly and without credit loss to any Oregon public university. This legislation was a major priority for OCCA throughout the session. Rep. Mark Johnson led the House Higher Education Committee's work on the legislation which passed both chambers unanimously.

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## **Federal News**

### US Supreme Court Decision on Visa/Travel Ban

The National Association of College and University Attorneys released the following update that can be shared with your campus:

"The US Supreme Court granted certiorari and will review the consolidated visa/travel ban Executive Order (EO) cases in the October term. In the meantime the Court stayed \*in part\* the preliminary injunctions blocking implementation of the EO. The EO now may be applied to individuals who "lack any bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States." Eliminating the double negatives involved in staying an injunction barring implementation of an EO, this means the EO still does \*not\* apply to individuals with a bona fide relationship with a person or entity in the United States, including intending refugees who have a qualifying relationship in the United States.

The decision specifies that the following parties clearly have

a qualifying relationship so \*remain protected\* by the preliminary injunctions: those with a close family relationship with an individual in the United States, giving spouse and mother-in-law as examples; students admitted to a US college or university; those who have accepted offers of employment in the United States; and those invited to give a lecture in the United States.

Three dissenters, Justices Thomas (writing), Alito and Gorsuch, concurred in part and dissented only as to continuing the preliminary injunctions to protect individuals with qualifying relationships in the United States. The court asked the parties to brief the question whether the case is moot because the 90-day duration of the EO ended on June 16, 2017 even though the Trump Administration tried to extend the effective date to the date of a court decision lifting the preliminary injunctions.”

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## **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 clicker [here](#).  
To view the tentative agenda, please click [here](#).

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## 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
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*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.*

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