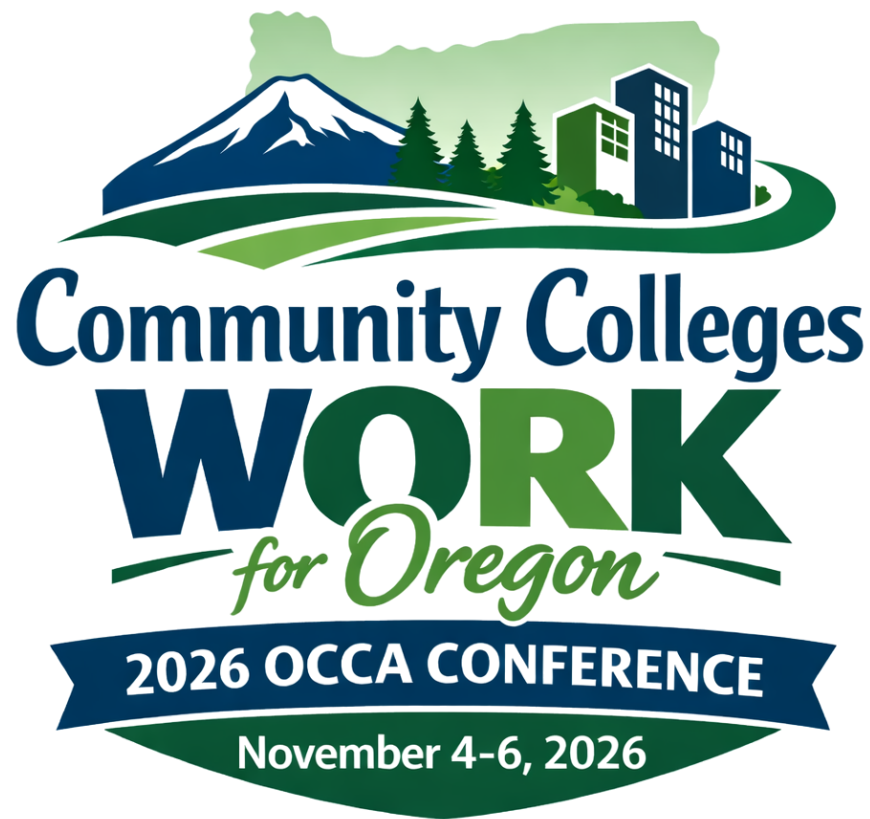




SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

November 4–6, 2026 • Sunriver Resort • Sunriver, Oregon

WEDNESDAY		November 4 • Conference Opening Day
12:00–4:30 p.m.	Exhibitor Setup	<i>Heritage & Landmark Galleries</i>
1:00–5:00 p.m.	Registration Open	<i>Fireside Gallery</i>
2:30–4:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Session – Board Chairs & Vice Chairs	This session provides connection, peer learning, and clear insights for community college boards. <i>Fireside Room</i>
5:00–6:00 p.m.	Exhibitor Welcome Reception	<i>Heritage & Landmark Galleries • Great Hall Foyer</i>
6:00–8:00 p.m.	Welcome Dinner & Centering Student Voices Panel	<i>Great Hall</i>

THURSDAY		November 5 • Full Conference Day
7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Registration & Exhibitor Area Open	<i>Fireside Gallery • Heritage & Landmark Galleries</i>
7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:30–8:45 a.m.	Conference Welcome	<i>Great Hall</i>
8:45–10:00 a.m.	Keynote: Kermit Kabela	Strategy Director, Credentials of Value, Lumina Foundation <i>Great Hall</i>
10:00–10:15 a.m.	<i>Transition Time</i>	
10:15–11:15 a.m.	Concurrent Breakout Sessions <i>Four conference tracks — see back page.</i>  Budget Law 2026: Building Together — Board & Staff Roles Presenters: Jeff Shaffer (Clackamas CC), Allegra Willhite (Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission) • <i>Location: Heritage 2</i>  Blueprints for Success: Building Rural Pre-Apprenticeship through Community Partnerships Presenters: Helen Wiersma-Koch (COCC), Sarah Cochran (Better Together/South County Collaborative) • <i>Location: Landmark 1</i>  How We Do This Matters: Mission-Aligned Basic Needs for Student Success Presenters: Zoe Cooper-Caroselli and Adam Mennig (Portland CC) • <i>Location: Fireside</i>  Making STATS Work for Oregon: Federal Accountability and Program Value Presenter: Ryan West (Chemeketa CC) • <i>Location: Heritage 1</i>	
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Lunch	<i>Great Hall</i>

THURSDAY**November 5 • Afternoon & Evening****12:30–1:45 p.m.****Keynote & Workforce Panel***Great Hall***1:45–2:00 p.m.***Transition Time***2:00–3:00 p.m.****Concurrent Breakout Sessions** *Four conference tracks — see back page.***Building for the Future: PERS Rates, Costs & What's Ahead**

Presenters: Carol Samuels and Brendan Watkins (Piper Sandler) •

Location: Heritage 2**Putting Workforce Pell to Work for Oregon**Presenters: Cindy Lenhart (COCC), Adam Mennig (Portland CC), Holly Nelson (Chemeketa CC), Kim Parker (Willamette Workforce Partnership), Julie Pontoni (HECC), Ryan West (Chemeketa CC) • *Location: Landmark 1***Building the Bridge: Strengthening Transfer Pathways to Oregon's Private Institutions**Presenters: Linda Samek and Brent Wilder (The Alliance) • *Location: Fireside***One College, One Plan: Building a Unified Three-Year Financial Strategy**Presenters: Stephanie Bulger, Kara Flath and Jesse Maldonado (Lane CC) • *Location: Heritage 1***3:00–3:15 p.m.***Transition Time***3:15–4:15 p.m.****Concurrent Breakout Sessions** *Four conference tracks — see back page.***The Governance Jobsite: The Board's Role in Addressing 2026's Emerging Legal Issues**Presenters: Rebekah Jacobson (Garrett Hemann Robertson), Jollee Patterson (Miller Nash), Karen Smith (OCCA) • *Location: Heritage 2***Building for Impact: Rethinking Academic Program Decisions**Presenters: David Koehler and Lisa Parks (RCC) • *Location: Landmark 1***Financial Aid Toolbelt: Navigating OB3, Pell, and Oregon Grants**Presenters: Karen Ash (LBCC), Breana Sylwester (COCC) • *Location: Fireside***Power in Partnership: Turning Collaboration into Savings & Impact**Presenters: Sage Freeman and Layli Liss (Chemeketa CC) • *Location: Heritage 1***Beyond Incremental: How Rogue Community College Made Modified Zero-Based Budgeting Work**Presenters: Michael Pollock and Lisa Stanton (RCC) • *Location: Great Hall***5:30–6:30 p.m.****Howard Cherry Awards Reception***Great Hall Foyer***6:30–8:30 p.m.****Howard Cherry Awards Banquet***Great Hall***EXPLORE MORE IN THE CONFERENCE APP**

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FRIDAY		November 6 • Closing Day
7:30–11:00 a.m.	Registration & Exhibitor Area Open <i>Fireside Gallery • Heritage & Landmark Galleries</i>	
7:30–8:30 a.m.	Breakfast <i>Great Hall</i>	
8:30–8:35 a.m.	Conference Welcome <i>Great Hall</i>	
8:35–9:35 a.m.	The Board's Role in Labor Negotiations <i>Great Hall</i>	
9:35–9:50 a.m.	<i>Transition Time</i>	
9:50–10:50 a.m.	Legislative Panel <i>Great Hall</i>	
10:50–11:00 a.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Great Hall</i>	

Preliminary schedule — program details and session titles are subject to change.

BREAKOUT SESSION TRACKS

Explore four tracks that group breakout sessions around the priorities shaping community colleges. Find fresh perspectives, practical approaches, and conversations that connect your role to the broader work of our colleges and communities.



Community Colleges WORK for Board Leadership & Governance

Build effective boards through clear roles, strong board–president relationships, and sound decision-making. Explore ethics, public meetings law, and practices that strengthen board culture and engagement.



Community Colleges WORK for Oregon's Economy & Communities

Connect education and workforce needs through partnerships with schools, employers, and communities. Explore career pathways, apprenticeships, and regional strategies that strengthen Oregon's economy.



Community Colleges WORK for Student Success & Institutional Effectiveness

Improve retention, completion, and transfer through data-informed decisions and student-centered practices. Explore ways to close equity gaps, meet basic needs, and expand access.



Community Colleges WORK Through Advocacy & Investment

Advance policy and investment that support community colleges for the long term. Explore funding, infrastructure, and ways to communicate college impact while aligning resources with institutional priorities.