



## PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT – APRIL 2024

Rachel Pokrandt, President

- The **new Free Application for Federal Student Aid** is still a work in progress. Student Services and IT are working on the testing phases of implementation with a consultant to get our Banner software system set up properly.  
The Financial Aid department plans to import actual 24/25 FAFSA applications and send Welcome emails to our students by the end of April or the first part of May. Students will receive an updated message on their applications in the coming weeks that their aid will be processed ASAP and that we can't wait to see them in classes at UCC.

- The **UCC Bookstore** is doing really well this year with cool new items on sale and new coffee cart offerings. The updated coffee cart menu includes seasonal drinks and a new blender arrived and is making awesome blended coffees and smoothies. Sales of textbooks are up 22% and most importantly the store has the most incredible group of student employees: Winter O'Hara-Frantz, Alaura Hale, and Austin Jansen.

- UCC is rolling out a **new annual evaluation process for staff** that is aligned with the strategic "doing" plan and focused on continuous improvement. HR will be training all employees on the new process, and we look forward to having an even better way of recognizing our amazing employees and spurring everyone on to learn and grow.

- **Repairs to the roof on the CWT building** have begun with a roof replacement budgeted and planned for this coming summer. There are currently 5 gallons of water per day coming through the roof at various points on rainy days. This building is one of our oldest and has not received the maintenance it has needed over the years. We are now at crisis point with the state of the roof and the spaces inside the building are not conducive to modern learning environments.

As the college would like to remodel this building in the near future, we are considering ways to get that remodel work completed sooner rather than later.

- And in other facilities news I am informed that **the Osprey/UCC Official Riverhawk has returned to campus and reacquired its nest from the bald eagles on the east side of campus**. We all love watching our beloved Riverhawk on campus and we're considering a game cam that could stream on our website so we can all enjoy our amazing wildlife.
- Nominations are open for the **"Spirit of Umpqua"**, Umpqua Community College Hall of Fame award. The "Spirit of Umpqua" Hall of Fame Award honors persons who have made significant contributions to Umpqua Community College through their actions, talents, dedication, and/or financial support. Their accomplishments advance the College, contribute to the common good,

and inspire others to lead a life of service and educational advocacy. This award is given every five years.

Nominations are due May 2, 2024, and employees can find the nomination information on UCC's internal intranet page (The Nest). All nominators must be UCC employees or Board of Education members. The community may view past recipients on the UCC website by searching [umpqua.edu/spirit](http://umpqua.edu/spirit).

**Upcoming:**

- **The UCC staff and faculty End of Year Celebration is scheduled from 3 to 5 pm on Tuesday, June 18, in the Danny Lang Event Center.** The committee is planning a fun event to celebrate the end of the year and honor employees and retirees.
- **CTE signing day** is Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> from 6–7:30 pm at the Danny Lang Event Center
- UCC has **two FREE Dental clinics** (exams, x-rays, fillings and more) coming up on April 30th and May 14th from 8-4pm. For appointments, please call 541.440.4710.
- **May 9th UCC will be holding a UCC Trades Showcase and Career Fair.**
- Come and cheer on the **UCC Riverhawks Baseball** team at a double header against Chemeketa Community College at Champion Car Wash Field this Saturday at 1pm and 4 pm.