



PRESIDENT'S BOARD REPORT – DECEMBER 2023

Rachel Pokrandt, President

- The Roseburg City Council voted to enter into an agreement with UCC to direct the work initiated by the Southern Oregon Medical Workforce Center. The **college will create partnerships with universities to bring bachelor's, master's and doctoral level academic programs and residency and clinical opportunities to the region** to create a pipeline to high demand healthcare careers. Initial funding received will support the hiring of a Dean of Advanced Medical program partnerships.
- On December 12th, the office of early college hosted **300 students from local high schools on campus to participate in a healthcare careers exploration event**. Students learned about various healthcare related careers paths at UCC and beyond. Local healthcare providers gave of their valuable time and helped illuminate pathways for students across the county.
- UCC celebrated the **grand re-opening of the library space** on December 8th. Over one hundred folks from the campus and community came out to see the new space. The college also received positive press and excitement about the new services on offer.
 - The library also hosted a study-in the week before finals for the fall term. These extended hours included free daycare, tutors on hand, a raffle, snacks, and a pizza dinner provided by ASUCC. Over fifty students participated, and this event will now be held every term on the Friday before finals week.
- The new **UCC Facilities workplan** is in its final draft stages. I hosted four feedback events with campus employees in the past 3 weeks and gained a lot of valuable insights that have informed the final drafts of the plan. It is an aspirational plan and one that will keep us busy in the years to come. We have big dreams for our students and community, and we are excited to roll up our sleeves to ensure that our physical space matches the energy and future-focused attitude of our students.
- The **2023 Hawk Highlights** publication is out! This publication is a project of the UCC foundation and highlights student success stories and big initiatives of the college this year. It is an important communication to the community and a true celebration of UCC's impact. Big kudos to the foundation and marketing department for their work on this.
- The **UCC Foundation's Employee giving campaign** wrapped up this week with 71% participation. Last year's participation was 29%. The total funds raised was close to \$18,000.
- The **2023 UCC Legacy Ball Fundraiser** was a tremendous success not only in the amount of money raised, but in the friend-raising and support category. I was impressed by the outpouring of support for the direction of the college and the work of the UCC Foundation. Proceeds

exceeded past year's giving by over \$140,000 (38% increase), raising a total of \$369,000. Expenses are estimated to be around \$120,000.

- The first class of **twelve phlebotomists** graduated from UCC last week. This is one of UCC's new allied health programs. These students will go on to positions locally with annual salaries around \$40,000.
- The **Office of Early College** hosted area high school counselors on campus for a day of learning and partnership. 14 of 17 area high schools sent representatives (2-3 per school). Counselors learned about dual credit opportunities, financial aid opportunities, college services for them and their students, and programs they can direct students to post high school graduation.
- **Fall Intercession enrollment is at 52 students.** The 4 week extra mini term enrolled sixteen students in its pilot year last year and we are pleased to see that it is catching on and becoming popular.
- In news from the **Athletics**
 - Women's Wrestling is ranked #3 in the country.
 - eSports is participating in the National Playoffs.
 - The fall team sponsor fundraiser has topped \$70,000.
- **UCCs Dental Assisting Program** hosted the Commission of Dental Assisting (CODA) team for its 7-year accreditation visit this past week. The program received zero recommendations and passed with flying colors.
- There is now an **Interactive Mobile Map of the UCC campus** available at umpqua.edu/map . This app allows all campus visitors to get directions while walking across campus directly from their phone.
- Digital transformation work continues in the IT department and investments are continuing in some of the basic IT architecture to ensure that our VDI systems work efficiently. IT is still struggling hire staff in open positions which makes progress slower than the department would like.