

President's report to the Board of Education – May 10th, 2023

- The college successfully completed the **purchase of 3 buildings in downtown Roseburg** that will be renovated and used for housing for students. The college expects to begin renovation work in the next month.
- **Fall registration opens on Friday May 12th**. This is the first term where we will implement our tuition freeze program so the business office, IT and Student Services have been highly engaged in ensuring that the college is ready to manage multiple tuition rates and ensure that our students get the most value out of their investment.
- The college will start two **important renovation projects** this month:
 - A remodel of the Sue Shaffer library and learning commons. This building looks much the same as when it was built in the 1970s. The college has a title III grant to support this remodel.
 - A remodel of the Truck Driving School site in Green. This program trains truck drivers for local industry and the remodel will provide a modern and functional learning space. The college received funding support from the trucking sector partnership and Douglas County for this remodel.
- We are thrilled with the outcome of our recent **Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities 7-year accreditation visit**. I want to thank everyone on campus for fully participating and sharing their hard work with the team that came. We were able to celebrate last week, and we also took time to reflect on some things we would like to improve in the years to come.

This positive institutional accreditation outcome is important to our trust relationship with our stakeholders. This shows our students, community, and business partners that we offer quality programs and operate effectively.

- The college received a grant for \$66,870 from the state of Oregon to help us develop a **mechanism to award credit for prior learning** to students who have gained skills outside of the traditional education system. This will help students who come in with training experience in the workplace and from the military to get college credits for that experience therefore shortening their time to graduation and recognizing them for what they know.
- The Woolley Center has again been named the **best GED program in the state**. As of today 72 students completed their GED and there is a goal of reaching 100 by the end of the year. We look forward to seeing those students at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

As a title II program, the Woolley Center will receive a 10% increase in their funding because of their great outcomes. Performance based funding is really paying off for the Woolley Center!

- UCC received program approval from the state this week for the **Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)** program. The first class will start in the fall of 2023. This is an important program for our local healthcare facilities and workforce development.

- And in **Riverhawk Athletics**:
 - Our track and field program is having a great season. Colby Neron won the javelin throw at the University of Oregon Twilight meet for his 2nd win at Hayward Field this year. James Kelly finished 2nd and Daniel Gee finished 4th in the NWAC Decathlon Championships. Avery Shinkle was 6th in the NWAC Heptathlon Championships.
 - Baseball solidified its position in the league playoffs this week with a sweep over Clark. UCC Baseball also hosted a kids clinic for Cal Ripken youth baseball that had over 325 kids in attendance.

Upcoming events:

- **Graduation** is on Friday June 16th at 6 pm at Swanson Auditorium. We anticipate between 350-400 graduates this year and we look forward to celebrating with the students and the community.
- The **UCC Concert Band** will hold its Spring concert on May 23rd from 7- 8:30pm
- The Spring musical **“Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”** opens this week. It runs on May 11th, 12th and 13th at 7 pm and the 14th at 3 pm in Jacoby Auditorium.
- The **student art show** kicks off May 15th in the art gallery.