



## **President's report to the Board of Education 10/11/2023**

- The college received a **\$1 M grant from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission of the State of Oregon to fund a partnership with Aviva Health** to connect students to jobs in healthcare while they study and for a guaranteed job at the end of the program. This is a critical program for our community and ensuring everyone in Douglas County has access to quality healthcare. This program is one of the initiatives that ensures that UCC is delivering on its strategic plan by increasing the number of 'Earn and Learn' style programs.
- The UCC Foundation gave **160 scholarship awards to 138 students for a total of \$280,000** to support students success at UCC. There will be another round of scholarship funding in the spring.
- **UCC enrollment has risen again this term by 9%.**
- The last graduate from the nursing class of 2023 just took the NCLEX exam and passed. This means that the UCC Nursing program has a **first-time pass rate of 94%** and 50 new nurses are working in healthcare settings in Douglas County as of today's count.
- UCC remembered the 2015 shooting with a **Day of Service and Remembrance on September 28th**. There were 12 projects in service of local non-profits and to support programs on campus. We had campus and community involvement totaling over 200 volunteers.
- **The UCC Library will reopen to students on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>**. We will have a grand opening for the community on Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> when all renovations will be complete.
- UCC participated in the **Southern Oregon Trades Career Expo** last week at Seven Feathers. 58 schools brought 1688 students who all learned about UCC Career and Technical Education programs.
- In athletics: In the first few weeks of the term **athletes have already put in over 1170 hrs. of community service around Douglas County**. This includes reading programs at local elementary schools, supporting the 'Blocktoberfest' event in downtown Roseburg and volunteering for the Boys and Girls Club Fundraiser. This equates to over \$37,000 in economic impact for the community.

UCC had 4 athletes compete in the **Obstacle Course World Championships in Mammoth Lakes, California** including our first ever relay team, and the eSports is off to a great start and our NBA 2k players are undefeated.

UCC is also pleased to announce the addition of **Women's softball as a sport starting in the fall of 2024**. This is the realization of both the 5-year departmental plan of the athletics department as well as one of the goals of the UCC strategic 'Doing' plan.

- **The college was awarded the ranking of #1 community college in the state of Oregon** by a top college aggregator website Niche.com. The site combines national data, with personal reviews from our students which makes this ranking special for everyone at UCC.

Coming up:

- The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Legacy Ball in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UCC Foundation, is on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you have tickets.
- UCC is hosting an event for the solar eclipse on Saturday October 14th at 8:30 am. UCC is at the centerline of the eclipse and the next viewing date will be in 2077 so this is the time to see it with us at the college.
- The Theater department is looking for community members to be a part of the next show: A Christmas Carol which will be performed in late November/early December. All those interested should email [Bart.McHenry@Umpqua.edu](mailto:Bart.McHenry@Umpqua.edu)