

President's Report to the Board of Education – September 21st, 2023

- **UCC staff and faculty kicked off the new academic year** with a full week of activities that included an amazing keynote address by Dr. Donna Beegle. Dr. Beegle is a nationally known author on the crisis of poverty and how generational poverty affects educational, health and legal outcomes.
- **UCC has 5 new faculty Riverhawks** on board this fall in Mechatronics, History and Education combined, Nursing, Forestry and Math.
- Our on-campus community partner, **Maple Corner Montessori opened for the school year to weeks ago with an additional classroom space in our tech building** that has allowed the school to expand further into middle school grades. We are proud to have this wonderful school on our campus.
- Total number of students and FTE are still settling out but at this time our enrollment appears to be at least **5% increase over last year** with many of our areas still to report. Notable programs that have considerable growth include Dental Assisting, Certified Nurse Assistant, and Theatre Arts.
- The **Wolf Creek Jobs Corps** is onboarding an additional 12 students every two weeks and hopes to get to its capacity number of 190 by the end of the year. There are currently around 40 students enrolled. In addition, the Wolf Creek Education Department was recently voted the best department at the job corps. We are proud that the education department is run by amazing UCC faculty and staff.
- UCC moved 104 students into UCC owned housing and 70 students into housing that UCC leases for students for a grand total of **174 students**. Many thanks to Brittany Weerheim who is a one woman show as our Housing Director and doing an amazing job with the program.
- **Roseburg Forest Products donated a truck** to the UCC truck driving program. This helps our students get more hands-on learning time in a vehicle that reflects the ones they will be driving when they graduate.
- **The library remodel project is due to complete during the second week of October**, and we will host a soft opening at that time. We are very excited for the reimagined student space and believe the study and gathering opportunities that will be housed in reimagined building will enhance the student experience and ultimately student success.
- **The athletic program** is off to a great start with Volleyball, Soccer and Cross Country already into their seasons. The program will likely enroll 230 students this year, their highest ever number.

Coming up:

- The **7th Annual UCC Legacy Ball** Fundraiser is coming up on Friday November 10th at 5:30 pm at Seven Feathers. Please get your tickets now on the UCC Foundation website. Tickets are \$125 and the theme this year is "50 years of giving."
- **The UCC Day of Service and Remembrance will take place on September 28th**. There are 12 service projects that students, staff and community can sign up for throughout the day and there will be a lunch from 11- 12:30pm and a moment of silence for us to remember our students and staff who were impacted on October 1st, 2015.