

President's report to the UCC Board of Education – April 2023

- **Fraudulent apps** – The college has been receiving a surge in fraudulent applications. These applications are coming in with more detailed and localized information making them harder to detect. We are trying to catch these while trying not to slow down the admissions process for legitimate students.

Cyber attackers do this in order to get access to financial aid and EDU email addresses. We have done a pretty great job so far of eliminating the threat, but it is taking an enormous amount of staff time. Thank you to registration & admissions and the IT department for their work to minimize the threat while still maintaining a fast and efficient registration process for students.

- UCC is hosting its **7-year accreditation** visit from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities April 19th through 21st. The board is invited to the opening breakfast on April 19th at 8:15 am – 9:00 am at the Lang Center. The college is really excited to show off its work to the accrediting team and we expect to learn from the team ways in which we can continue to improve.
- UCC hosted 70 students from high schools across the county competed in the **2023 Oregon invitational Math competition**. The students also stayed for lunch at UCC and then took a campus tour. It was really energizing to have these students with us for the day and we were all impressed by their knowledge and skills. Yet another example of the great job our K-12 schools do in preparing our youth for their bright future.
- **Enrollment** - annual enrollment of credit students is already about 8% higher overall at the start of spring term this year than it was for all of last year. Some notable areas where we have seen an increase:
 - At the end of winter term this year, there were 41 students taking Early Childhood Education courses – more than double last year's total of 19 winter term students.
 - At the end of winter term this year, enrollment in each of the following subject areas was at least 20% higher than it was during winter term last year: General Business, Computer Information Systems, Emergency Medical Technician, GED, and Paralegal.
 - At the end of winter term this year, enrollment in Theater Arts courses, at 32 students, was quadruple last year's winter term value.In addition, overall student headcount is up 12% for the year.

- **New Mechatronics program** - Spring term just kicked off and UCC offered a soft start class in the new mechatronics program. APR-130: Mechanical Principles and Drive Design, has 25 students enrolled and we are expecting many of these students to form the first cohort in the new program which officially launches in the fall.
- **Baseball and track** are 50% completed with their regular seasons. Many school records have been broken in track and field and currently we have the Top 2 junior college javelin throwers in the country.

Baseball travels this week, for only the second time this season, as we have played 26 of our 28 games at home because of weather and our ability to host games on our turf facilities. Last weekend we had 4 former players that saw playing time in Power 5 programs and we had 4 professional scouts at our Saturday game.

- **Events space bookings have exceeded their targets by 150% of their budget** – Most notably bookings of the Lang Center are very busy. We now have the opposite issue that we have a year ago which is that folks in the community are frustrated because there are not many open days to select for their events. We are excited about this revenue stream and also the opportunity to support our non-profit partners with reduced rates and show off our campus to members of the community that may not otherwise interact with us.
- **UCC Foundation Scholarship Decision Day** was April 11th - We had a record number of reviewer volunteers and applicants this year. 320 students completed applications and 75 reviewers helped with the process. The foundation was able to award, \$500,277 to our students.

Events upcoming

- April 20th is **CTE signing day**. There will be events on campus in the afternoon for students incoming in the fall who have chosen a career and technical education pathway.
- May 6th we will host the **STEAM Extravaganza**. This is a free community event and will feature science activities, robotics and free food and fun.
- May 11th sees the opening of **Joseph and the amazing technicolor Dreamcoat**. This is a really fun musical and the cast includes alumni, community and Montessori school students along with our growing group of student performers.