

President's Report to the Board

May 2026

1. MERTS Open House

(Strategic Priorities: Improve Student Access; Build & Sustain Partnerships; Strengthen Our Reputation).

The College held a MERTS Open House on April 24. It was a beautiful day and over 300 visitors participated in tours, with students from high schools as far away as Aberdeen, Washington attending. A Special thank you to all the staff, faculty, volunteers, partners and Board members who supported the event.

2. Celebrating Events

(Strategic Priorities: Improve Student Access; Increase Student Success; Build and Sustain Partnerships)

In April, I had the opportunity to celebrate and support students in several meaningful ways. I served as the keynote speaker at the Tongue Point Job Corps graduation. Congratulations to Center Director Mac McGoldrick and his team for enduring a very difficult year and helping students reach the finish line.

Congratulations also to Beth Van Elswyk, Briana Smith, and all of the staff, faculty, partners, alumni, Board members, and Foundation Board members who supported an excellent, and fun, event to benefit students.

On April 17, I joined the Oregon Community College Association as we honored the outstanding achievements of community college students from across Oregon. Congratulations to CCC students Acadia Dwyer and Fiona Giselle Hackett for being named to the All-Oregon Academic Team, a statewide recognition honoring top community college students for academic achievement and leadership.

3. Capital Project

(Strategic Priority: Build & Sustain Partnerships)

In April, I met with a confidential donor who has verbally committed \$500,000 toward the project and provided a progress update. The donor is interested in seeing additional industry investment in the simulator.

I also spoke with Shaver leadership to discuss a potential partnership. Their current focus is on training opportunities closer to their Portland office, but the conversation was helpful as we continue building industry relationships. We are also aligned on the vendor that appears to be the most appropriate long-term solution for the simulator.

On May 4, I met with a simulation consultant to discuss industry trends, simulator use, and how companies are using simulation for training and workforce development.

Activities:

Week of April 1:

- Board Policy Committee
- FT Faculty Bargaining
- Oregon Presidents Council April Meeting

Week of April 6:

- Providence-CCC Meeting
- HVAC Training Project Meeting
- Meeting with Board Member Lloyd Mueller
- ASG Meeting
- Quarterly Grant Reporting
- HYFlex Demo for Donor
- Perkins and Career Pathways Coordination
- ColPac Board Meeting
- Tongue Point Job Corps Graduation
- CCC Foundation Fundraiser

Week of April 13:

- OCCA Legislative Committee Meeting
- MERTS Open House Tour Guide Meeting
- Phlebotomy Meeting
- Blue Economy Steering Committee
- FT Faculty Bargaining
- Clatsop County Superintendent Meeting
- CC Capital Grading w/ HECC
- Faculty Art Show Reception
- All-Oregon Academic Team Luncheon

Week of April 20:

- HVAC Training Project Meeting
- Books / Campus Store Meeting
- OPC meeting with HECC Update
- President's Cabinet
- College Council

- Office of Instruction Staffing Gaps
- HECC/Clatsop Career Pathways/IET Check-in
- CCSF Review Workgroup
- Spring Business/HR Officer Quarterly Meeting
- Partnership Discussion w/ Astoria Picture Show

Week of April 27:

- Staff Planning for 26-27
- TRIO Pre-College Grant Signing
- Maritime Simulator Meeting - Coalition Building
- Policies and Procedures Committee
- ASG Meeting
- President's Council
- Military and High School Recruiting Meeting
- Board Policy Committee
- Library Transitions Meeting
- KMUN Interview w/ Board Chair Ed Johnson
- FT Faculty Bargaining
- MERTS – Covered MODS Classroom