

OCCC Foundation

Mission and Purpose

The Mission of the Oregon Coast Community College Foundation is to advance educational opportunities at OCCC by raising funds for college needs and increasing public awareness of the College and its many benefits. The Foundation fulfills its mission by securing private donations, applying for grants, holding special events and fundraisers, stewarding resources, and administering special programs, such as the OCCC Foundation Scholarship program.

Goals and objectives of the OCCC Foundation include:

- Student aid in the form of scholarships. For more information: <http://www.oregoncoast.edu/scholarships>
- Emergency aid to students
- Funds to help the College in technology advancements and equipment
- Funds to strengthen programs, such as Business, Teaching, Nursing and Aquarium Science
- An Annual Campaign to support unrestricted funding
- Funds to assist with program development
- Capital funds to support campus development and improvements
- Endowed funds to secure the future of Oregon Coast Community College

Background

The Foundation received its nonprofit, tax exempt status from the IRS in 2000. Gifts to the Foundation are gifts of knowledge that help build a better future for Lincoln County through an educated citizenry. Donations qualify as charitable contributions and may be tax-deductible. The Foundation helps to ensure growth and stability for the College, thus ensuring the future of higher education in Lincoln County.

The OCCC Foundation Board and staff work closely with the College President and the elected Board of Education to raise funds for college priorities. The College supports Foundation operations by providing office space and partial funding for equipment, materials, supplies, and staff salaries. The support provided by the College is essential in ensuring that the majority of donor contributions directly support students, programs, and other College needs that are not possible through the College's general operating budget. Individual Board members support the Foundation by contributing financial resources as well as individual expertise. Members serve as community ambassadors to enhance the College's relations within the community. Members also actively participate in fund-raising efforts and College events.

OCCC Foundation Board Members: 2024-2025

Billie Jo Smith, President
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David Bigelow, Treasurer
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Beatriz Botello
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Birgitte Ryslinge, OCCC President, serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Foundation Board.

Jeanette Campagna, Director of Advancement, serves as the Foundation Director and is a non-voting member of the Foundation Board.

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