

OSU-Cascades' first-year students up 28%

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BEND — Fall term enrollment at Oregon State University — Cascades has increased 4.1 percent and includes 28 percent more first-year students than a year ago.

The cohort of 145 incoming first-year students dropped the average age of OSU-Cascades students from 25 to 24.

In total, 1,311 students are enrolled at the Bend campus.

Eighty-two percent of OSU-Cascades' first-year students are Oregonians, and 26.9 percent are students of color. Overall enrollment of students of color at OSU-Cascades increased slightly to 17.5 percent. The fall 2019 enrollment includes 306 undergraduate students who are the first in their families to attend college.

The average unweighted high school GPA of OSU-Cascades' first-year class increased from 3.46 to 3.49. First-year students with a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher increased to 28 percent.

Thirteen percent of first-year students came to OSU-Cascades with enough college

credit to enter at the sophomore or junior level. Nearly 61 percent of first-year students earned college credit while in high school.

Of the 578 transfer students at OSU-Cascades, 62 percent are from Central Oregon and previously attended Central Oregon Community College.

Sixty-five percent of undergraduate students pursue their studies full-time when combining credits from OSU-Cascades, OSU Ecampus and COCC. Through a degree partnership program with COCC, 270 students are taking at least one class at the community college.

Eighty-five percent of OSU-Cascades students are from Oregon, with 61 percent coming from the Central Oregon region. Fifteen percent of students are from out-of-state, including students from 34 states, as well as nine countries.

OSU-Cascades' enrollment increase was spread across disciplines, with the most popular majors being biology, business administration, energy systems engineering, computer science, natural resources, and kinesiology.

Newly launched undergraduate degree programs in

elementary education, and in art, media and technology attracted 19 and 17 students respectively, which are the highest starting enrollments of any major launched at the campus.

This fall term marks the third year that the OSU Honors College undergraduate degree is offered at OSU-Cascades. Twenty-seven students are enrolled in the rigorous degree program — a 35 percent increase from a year ago.

OSU-Cascades enrolled 285 graduate students in fall 2019. The counseling degree program is the largest with 80 students. Forty students are enrolled in the Master of Arts in teaching program. The low-residency Master of Fine Arts in creative writing program has 21 enrolled students this fall. The average age of a graduate student is 39.

Seventy-seven student veterans are enrolled at OSU-Cascades.

The youngest enrolled student is 16 and the oldest is 79.



SFF hosts student art exhibition

Sisters Folk Festival, in partnership with the Sisters School District, will offer a gallery show, A Student Art Exhibit: Come Celebrate The Artists, beginning Friday, November 22, at the Sisters Art Works Building, 204 W. Adams Ave.

Drawings, paintings, and scratchboard art by middle school and high school students will be on display.

The exhibit will open on Friday, November 22, as part of the 4th Friday Art Stroll in Sisters from 4 to 7 p.m. in the gallery space at Sisters Art Works. Refreshments will be served.

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NOV 21 THUR
Cork Cellars Tasty Thursday Hosted Wine Tasting 5 to 7 p.m. For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com. 🍷

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NOV 22 FRI
The Belfry Let's Sing, Sisters! 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. FREE! (doors open hour early for no-host bar/food); Rock/Pop community sing with live band; Details: citizens4community.com/events; or 971-998-6900. 🎵

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Galleries and shops feature live entertainment and refreshments, every fourth Friday of the month! For additional information go to sistersartsassociation.org. 🎨

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Hardtails Bar & Grill KJ Annie Rawkstar Karaoke Night! 9 p.m. Every Friday, no cover! For additional information call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com. 🎤

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Cork Cellars Live Music with Drift with Mark Quon 6:30-8:30 p.m. No cover! For information call 541-549-2675 or go online to corkcellarswinebistro.com. 🎵

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NOV 26 TUES
Sisters Saloon Trivia Night 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sign-up is at 6:15 p.m. Free, every Tuesday! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sistersaloon.net. ?

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NOV 29 FRI
Fir Street Park Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30 p.m. Join the community for the singing of Christmas carols and see the tree light up! For info call 541-549-0251 or go to sisterscountry.com. 🎄

142 E. Main Ave. Three Sisters Lions Club Holiday Faire 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Handmade items from local vendors in this 9th annual fundraising event! Free admission, every day through Dec. 21. For info email dttowing6811@yahoo.com. 🎁

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NOV 30 SAT
Hood Avenue Sisters Christmas Parade 2 p.m. Following the annual parade, kids are invited to meet with Santa at the Chamber building at Main & Spruce! For more information 541-549-0251 or go to sisterscountry.com. 🎄

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