

OPPORTUNITY: Looking forward

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Jane Reid serves on CCC's Board of Education as a representative of Estacada. She understands that transportation is a huge concern for many students, and that making transportation easier on all levels would help them tremendously.

"It's a 30 minute drive at least from Estacada to here, over lots of hills," Reid said. "I know that we're collectively looking at that, and that would mean working with other partners in the community to make something like that happen. That's sort of a hard one to crack, but I think people are realizing how important it is."

She added: "I'm just so impressed by our college community. When they see that there's a problem, they don't wait and go, 'Well, we can't do that until 2015.' People are so creatively thinking about ways to collaboratively look and see what's already existing, figure out ways to make things happen."

CCC is a pioneer in this community for giving people access to the things that they need to further their education. The biggest part of that was the third problem that Imagine Clackamas highlighted

— access to information. As the community has grown and changed, the needs of the people have grown and changed with that. The survey results featured how important a broad spectrum of what CCC offers is, from the degrees and certificates that assist chosen careers, programs that lead to four-year degrees, the classes and workshops that improve students' job skills and nurture their career advancement, along with training that highlights business opportunities, career coaching or retraining, and the credit given for work-based experience.

"I wasn't surprised that people wanted continuous improvement around our web and portal and areas like that," Parini said. "But the other was access to more face-to-face information from our high school students and our community members. They want to see us more often out and about in the community, talking to them about what we offer."

For CCC to reach its 50th anniversary is a huge milestone in the community. The fact that CCC's values have stayed constant through 50 years speaks to the dedication of those who are devoted to making CCC a better place to learn.

"When you think about the college and its beginnings in 1966 and

what was most valuable to people then, it was really refreshing that what our core mission is is still what is important today," Parini said.

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We also wanted to identify where we can improve”

Shelly Parini
Dean of College Advancement

Through 50 years of change, the value people have placed on CCC and the trust in the college's ongoing ability to educate has been tremendous. Judith Ervin, the Board of Education's chair and representative of Zone 3, explains the reason for Imagine Clackamas in one simple sentence.

"It's about our power of listening to our community," she said.

CCC Announcements

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Celebrating collaborative college education

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Going to college is a big step toward financial independence. When asked about their plans, most students fell into two categories: community college, then transferring to a university or attending a university directly out of high school.

Most community college-bound students agreed they opted for transfer degrees for general education and pre-requisite classes because of cost. Tuition is lower at community colleges than at four-year universities.

There is a third option —

co-admittance. Co-admittance, or co-enrollment, allows a student to take university classes, while at the same time using the community college to take prerequisite courses at lower rates.

Katelynn Karch, student advisor at Clackamas Community College, is a co-admittance proponent. She said it can relieve student stress.

"Students can ease themselves into the university environment," Karch said.

System shock is not the only pain that co-admittance can alleviate. Joan Jagodnick, director of transfer student services and community college relations at Portland State University, said there are also admissions process benefits of co-enrollment.

"A new student applying for

normal admission into PSU has only three terms to take a class before they are dropped and their application is canceled, whereas a co-admitted student has up to 16 terms until they are required to take a class at PSU," said Jagodnick.

For many co-admitted students, this means their financial aid caps will be based on the federal graduate school maximums and not the undergraduate level limitations.

It allows getting pre-requisites out of the way with the ability to take classes in their chosen fields, which may not be offered at the community college.

"Co-admittance will allow students to take classes CCC doesn't offer or to still attend a

university [even] if they don't have enough credits to do a full transfer," said Karch.

What if the desired bachelor's program isn't offered at PSU or they consider a different university?

Larry Cheyne, CCC director of educational partners, offers this bit of advice for students who want to take advantage of co-admittance:

"The Clackamas Community College website has three degree partnership programs available with easy to access links to the different university admissions websites: Portland State University, Oregon State University, and Oregon Institute of Technology," Cheyne said.

PSU and CCC renewed their co-admittance agreement on

Monday at a formal signing ceremony held on the CCC Oregon City campus in the Niemeyer Center.

PSU President Wim Wiewel and CCC President Joanne Truesdell listened to speeches from grateful graduates who took advantage of the co-admittance policy. They then signed the documents.

The PSU-CCC co-admittance agreement was the first of its kind in Oregon, officials said.

Jagodnick recommends that any students who wish to co-admit into PSU should fill out the application now.

"The PSU scholarship deadline is Feb. 1, and you need to be a PSU student in order to apply," Jagodnick said.



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Top Photo: PSU President Wim Wiewel highlights co-admittance benefits. Bottom Photo: Former students speak about how the co-admittance policy between PSU and CCC helped them get their degree quicker.

Faculty and students look on as PSU President Wim Wiewel and CCC President Joanne Truesdell show off their handwriting skills as they sign the renewal of the college co-admittance agreement.