

# CRIME: Campus Safety rejects 'knockout game' label

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In the Campus Safety report, the victim said she was texting while walking home down the secluded trail between CCC and OCHS when a couple approached her. The man knocked her down and punched her three times, and the woman kicked her once. They then both ran off towards the college without stealing anything from the victim, the report said.

The student then walked back to campus and called Campus Safety officials, who then met her at Randall. Together they walked to the path with the student, hoping to find evidence

of the alleged assault. They also interviewed her and photographed her injuries.

After a Campus Safety officer met the student, he asked her if she would show him where exactly the assault happened.

Once he parked at the gate at the beginning of the trail, the student "appeared scared or nervous," the report noted.

As a result of the assault, the college is trying to work with the high school to help get better lighting on the path between CCC and OCHS, Isham said.

Isham said the incident marked the campus's first report of stranger-on-stranger assault in 2013.

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Director of Campus Safety

Documents released to The Print from the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office show one additional assault was reported on campus, on April 3. Isham said that if that's true, no one reported that incident to her office.

Whether the victim knows her assailant or not, Isham argues that it's never a "game" when a person attacks another person.

"We have had unsolicited assaults occur throughout history," Isham said. "I don't want to perpetuate a thought that this is some new game that is coming to the state of Oregon when it's not. It was an assault and it was tragic."

## TIPS:

- Don't isolate yourself.
- Don't text or use your phone while walking alone.
- Walk with a purpose; you're less likely to get attacked.
- Take your headphones out, don't make yourself a victim because you can't hear things around you.

CALL:  
(971) 563- 0101  
for a walk out by  
Campus Safety.



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The path between CCC and OCHS was the site of an alleged assault on a female CCC student. The path is known to be dimly lit but CCC is attempting to work with OCHS to light the pathway to prevent future assaults like the one reported on Nov. 21.

## State of Schools strengthen community relationships

Erin Carey  
News Editor

Last Tuesday, many highly respected and well-known members of Oregon's educational system and local businesses came together to hear the 2013-14 State of the Schools address by Clackamas Community College President Joanne Truesdell and Oregon City Schools Superintendent Larry Didway. Oregon City's Chamber of Commerce hosted the event, which aimed to bring together local businesses and educational teams to advance students' progress in the workforce.

Didway and Truesdell presented informative and in-depth statistics collected from both CCC and local schools like Oregon City High School. CCC focused on their students — young and old — and their progress, highlighting the college's dual enrollment with high schools. Right now, 9,436 high school students have dually enrolled at CCC, which saved parents and students collectively \$9 million, Truesdell said.

Dual enrollment also allows CCC students to take classes at four-year universities like

Portland State University, Oregon State University and Oregon Institute of Technology. Ninety percent of dually enrolled students continued in their major at a public university, Truesdell's presentation showed.

Despite losing about \$20 million dollars to the budget in the past five years and being forced to cut a quarter of its full-time staff, the college has experienced more and more people deciding to come to CCC to further their careers. A focus on degrees and certificates that lead to careers became especially important to students when the economy took a dive, Truesdell said.

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Truesdell said CCC has played an important role in helping students — especially older students, who need retraining in new fields — learn crucial skills. For example, people who've been in the work force for 20 or 30 years may come back to school because they need to learn to manage an Excel spreadsheet or even how to type. "In partnership with Workforce Investment Council of Clackamas County, we brought in over \$27 million to the district to address the high

unemployment rate here and to get people re-skilled," Truesdell said.

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CCC President

The entire event wasn't just focused around the college. Superintendent Didway demonstrated that CCC's success depends on the success of high schools in the area, which feed many students to community colleges rather than straight to universities. When elementary schools close, when budgets get

cut in K-12 programs, it has an effect on CCC, Didway said.

A lot of focus is placed on standardized tests today. But Didway acknowledged the problems of relying too much on state testing.

"Oregon City School District turned in a stellar performance in the 2012-13 state standardized test, doing better than the state averages in almost every grade and subject tested," Didway said.

State testing often doesn't account for the strengths and weaknesses in students. A state test result doesn't know the story of the students, their home lives, language or economical barriers. A state test doesn't know children like a teacher does, he said. "We've relied too heavily on standardized tests as a sole indicator of success," Didway said. "We're guilty of being oppressed by statistics and thinking that if everyone just understood the data, they'd be spurred to action."

The State of the Schools event brought together people with varying goals for the community. But they shared at least one goal, and Didway summed it up.

"We must continue to provide these opportunities for every one of our children," Didway said. "We are their opportunity."

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