

# Middle College Point Man

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"The Middle College isn't something they'll get to until their junior or senior year, but it's part of the curriculum," says Hickok. "The program is designed to get students prepared to succeed in college even at the most basic level."

The district will learn this month what the public's first reaction to the new focus school is as students within the Jefferson attendance boundary register to attend either Jefferson or one of the neighboring comprehensive curriculum schools - Roosevelt, Madison or Grant. Benson Polytechnic High School and the Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women are other focus school options for Jefferson attendance area students.

The registration process for attending Jefferson begins Friday and runs through Feb. 28.

"When you think about what college costs these days, that's a tremendous amount of money you can save," Gatewood says. "If you transfer those credits into the University of Oregon, it's like \$16,000, and that's just one year."

The current Middle College format is also available, and will continue to be available to students at Roosevelt High.

While the Middle College can be a cost savings for students looking to save money on their advanced studies, it's also designed to attract students who are not headed to college - at least not when they register. These students will still be required to attend two classes at PCC. School and campus officials say it's these students who are likely to draw the most reward from educators on both campuses, Jefferson and PCC.

"Middle College is set up to show

every student is going to want to succeed. The expectations for every student are going up."

The Middle College program will also include a technical program established for specific trades such as becoming an Emergency Medical Technician.

While last Saturday's public meeting at Jefferson promoted the Middle College program, it also pro-

moted the advanced partnership the school is developing with Self-Enhancement, Inc. Students at Jefferson will have regular access to the programs and facilities at SEI, which founder Tony Hopson promoted passionately.

With student access to PCC and SEI, Hopson said the school is primed for success.

"I can see this being THE school to attend in just a couple years," Hopson told the audience, which included several dozen SEI students. "Everyone is going to want

to go to Jefferson."

Hickok says he's excited about the Jefferson's future, especially because he oversaw more than a dozen students from the I Have A Dream Foundation there prior to moving to the Middle College program.

"When I took this job, it was originally only for nine months, but I loved the idea," he says. "I loved working with the people at Jefferson, I live down the street and this is my kids neighborhood school. This school is very important to me."



Tony Hopson, Self Enhancement president and chief executive officer, addresses more than 250 students and family members packed into the Jefferson High School library Saturday for information about the future Jefferson High School Middle College for Advanced Studies.

Jefferson has had a Middle College program since 2007, when the school district and PCC teamed up and hired Hickok and an assistant to locate students and manage them through the program. The students attended classes at PCC in addition to their regular studies, either at night or in summer. Virtually all of these students have been at an advanced level in their courses and more than 85 percent successfully complete their classes.

At Jefferson High - Middle College for Advanced Studies, students will attend PCC as part of the curriculum by simply walking across Killingsworth for those classes. When the class ends, they'll walk back to Jefferson and continue their day. Their curriculum can include as many as 15 classes (45 credits) at no cost.

If students elect, they can also take 15 additional classes in the evening or summer, again at no cost, and graduate with as many as 90 credits, which can be transferred to schools across the nation. PCC promoted free credits as a major selling point to the program.

the kids who think they're headed to college what it's like, especially the speed of classes ... that you might have an assignment to read 60 pages in a night and then remember what you just read," says Hickok, a Grant High graduate who has worked for Upward Bound and the I Have a Dream Foundation. "But some kids don't have the idea they can actually go and succeed there. Some students who took just one class with me here, are going here now and that's an equal success story."

While students with little or no exposure to a college dream will attract plenty of attention from educators at Jefferson school eager for them to succeed, their expectations will be that those students will want to succeed.

"We're going to provide the support our students need, and that might involve me staying in touch with the instructor and telling them they've got a Middle College student in their class and to talk to me if there seems to be an issue like they're not showing up," Hickok says. "But we're going to expect

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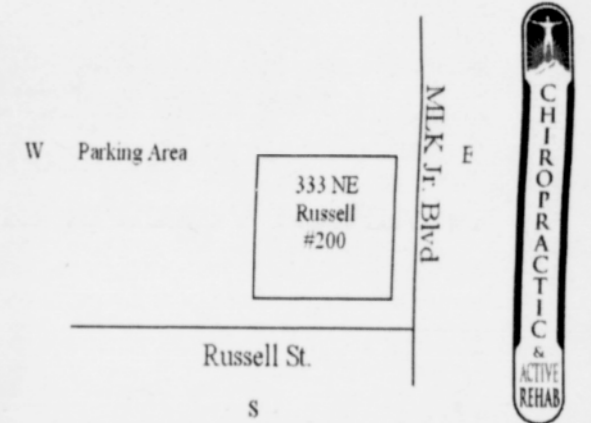
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