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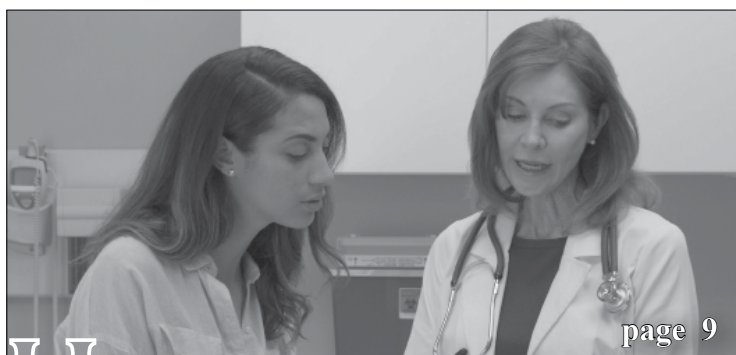
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CCC President to Run 1,500 Miles

Clackamas Community College President Dr. Tim Cook is lacing up his running shoes and setting out on a journey — running 1,500 miles across Oregon, connecting all 17 of the state’s community colleges.

An avid marathoner, his goal is to run to each community college, averaging 32 miles per day. The campaign, running for Oregon Community College Students (ROCCS) aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by students and advocate for increased state funding to support their basic needs.

At Clackamas Community College, 38% of students reported food insecurity in a survey this spring. They also shared challenges with affording child care and transportation. At the state level, a survey from The Hope Center reported:

- Food insecurity: Approximately 41% of students reported experiencing food insecurity.
- Housing insecurity: About 52% of students

faced housing insecurity, which includes difficulties such as affording rent, utilities or the need to move frequently.

- Homelessness: Nearly 20% of students experienced homelessness, indicating a lack of stable and safe housing.

On Monday, June 16, Cook will start his run at Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Ore. From there he will work his way across eastern and central Oregon, then south to Klamath Falls, up the Willamette Valley, over to the coast up to Astoria, down through the Portland metro area and finishing in Hood River where he plans to end his run with a jump in the Columbia River.

“Some have questioned why I’m doing this run and why I would subject myself to this, but our students deserve to be able to afford college and be able to pay for rent, child care, groceries and transportation,” Cook said. “If this run helps raise awareness and funding for basic needs, it will be worth every blister.”

Oregon’s community colleges serve approximately



Clackamas Community College President Dr. Tim Cook running a marathon in Vermont in 2024.

200,000 students, accounting for 52% of all public and private higher education enrollments in the state. The funds raised during the ROCCS campaign will be distributed to each community college, directly supporting students’ essential needs. To donate or learn more about the run, visit run4roccstudents.org.

Explore Trucks of All Sizes

A Free Touch-A-Truck Event

Randall Children’s Hospital at Legacy Emanuel is pleased to invite families and children of all ages to the third annual Touch-A-Truck event, which will be held from 9 am to noon on June 21, at Clackamas Community College, located at S.E. Harmony Road in Portland.

This is a hands-on event where children of all ages will be able to explore trucks and vehicles of all sizes, from fire engines, ambulances, school buses, and more. Meet firefighters, talk to a first responder, and hear from numerous community organizations that will be on hand to provide ed-

ucation and hands-on safety demonstrations for families.

Members of the Randall Children’s Hospital Child Injury Prevention team will be there to help families learn more about water safety, car seats, and boosters at a child passenger safety station. They will also get home safety tips to keep children safe and avoid unnecessary trips to the hospital. Health educators and certified child passenger safety technicians will be available to answer questions and provide parents and caregivers with hands-on demonstrations.

Children can visit the safety stations and enjoy a variety of vehicles on display. Each family will leave with supplies and education to ensure children stay safe.



A child touching a schoolbus at the 2024 Touch-A-Truck Event.

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