

Zunkel: Need to increase retention

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Community **Involve-**
ment: Volunteer, Columbia River Maritime Museum, Lower Columbia Hospice, and North Coast Land Conservancy; president of ENCORE, Exploring New Concepts Of Retirement Education, 2017-2020, and current board member. Member, Clatsop Community College Foundation, 2017-2019. Member, Clatsop Community College Board of Education, appointed 2019-present. Donor with my wife to the ESL/Adult Basic Education Annual Scholarship at CCC. Commissioner, Parks and Arts Commission, Mukilteo Wash., 2010-2012. Big Brother, Everett YMCA Big Brothers/Big Sisters, beginning in 2007.

How have you contributed to the board? I serve as a member of the President's Evaluation and "Spirit of Clatsop" Committees and am board liaison to Clatsop Community College Foundation.

TOP ISSUES

- Recovery from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. The college president, faculty and staff have responded well to the pandemic, but significant challenges lie ahead. I will stress increasing declined enrollment via the college's Strategic Enrollment Plan, in order to improve the college's overall financial well-being. This will

also involve increased financial aid and other nonfinancial support of students struggling during the pandemic, especially with food and housing insecurity. We need to increase retention of those students already enrolled and those considering community college enrollment.

- Phase-in of the new college computer system. The new computer system has provided challenges to college enrollment and operations. I will closely monitor progress made in this process.

- Enhanced educational excellence at CCC. Improvement in our core mission of education is an ongoing process. I will monitor the programs which continue this mission, including "guided pathways" efforts, program prioritization, reinvigoration of the MERTS "Maritime Center of Excellence" project, and the blending of in-person and distance learning.

Finally, as a Board of Education member, I will always attempt to approach issues through a lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The next two years will be interesting and challenging for the college, its president, faculty and staff, and the Board of Education. I urge you to vote in the May 18 election and would be honored to have your support.

Iverson: Let's reengage with the community

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dinator, my experience working with businesses and agencies to provide short-term trainings, along with doing needs assessments within the county workforce, have given me great insight and success to meet the needs in the workforce. I understand how a community college runs and know the value it brings to our community. Both of my daughters received their associate degrees from Clatsop and I used the college for my own training for both my col-

lege employment as well as for skills training in my personal business. I will strive to see the college grow, prosper and serve our community.

TOP ISSUES

- Re-engaging with the community. It needs to be more visible and increase marketing to allow community members to learn what our college can offer for academic, one- and two-year training programs, short-term training and lifelong learning classes.

- Seeing enrollment grow,

especially after a yearlong pandemic. I'll look at ways to increase enrollment, again by engaging with community members to meet training and educational needs. I'll work with employment agencies to enhance a better workforce through the education and training the college can provide.

- Keeping classes affordable. The college needs to keep tuition and training costs down while offering quality training and academic education.

Meyer: Seeking solutions over complaints

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time Week celebrations, and built cooperation between retail and chamber members. I'm an active AAUW member. I've served on the 1C School Board, Astoria-Warrenton Chamber board and Clatsop Community College Board.

How have you contributed to the board? I bring a historical perspective and have chosen to give the needed time to the CCC board. I am on two board committees.

I understand and respect the policy role of a board. I seek solutions over complaints. I am a positive proponent for lifelong learning opportunities and the huge impact educated people have on their own lives and in their communities.

TOP ISSUES

This question hedges toward problems rather than opportunities. It's been a tough year,

and I think the CCC staff and returning students rose to its challenges.

- The shutdown has been hard. Staff and faculty needed to retool to teach through online and hybrid. Safety measures needed to develop, comply, be made workable and sustained. Social norms left! And yet, the college rose to provide quality and support. I am grateful for the financial support from the state and federal sources that helped us survive.

- In 2017, CCC (along with five other Oregon Community College) began searching for a new campus computer system as Rogue Net gave notice they would not support the system being used. In July 2020, a faulty program went live. It has been filled with problems and frustrations for students and staff. Finally, in March 2021,

some major fixes give hope that by July 2021 the computer services for the college will be effective. The head of technology tells us that we are moving toward success and he and all have my support.

- With the shutdown, our student numbers were down in 2020-21. Much of that was due to students from Tongue Point being sent home, and students from the Coast Guard, as well as several public entities, were not allowed to take classes.

We also had a drop in students not wanting remote learning. We can appreciate that the state is not using 2020-21 for funding requirements as state funding depends on an average of full-time equivalent students! Staff members need to let people know what classes and programs are offered and rebuild attendance as we, hopefully, return to a new normal.

Preston: CCC should do better with its money

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What will you bring to the college board? I bring a trained leader with 30+ years of experience. I have worked with my educational field of human resource management my entire career and bring a common-sense approach to the board. I have a long history of analyzing and developing courses of ac-

tion as well as implementing those courses of action. I will ensure full accountability, transparency, and fiscal responsibility.

TOP ISSUES

- Providing guidance to improve first-time registration and focusing on bringing students to CCC.

- I see that we need to do a much better job managing

our dollars.

- Requiring a full report on the college's operations focusing on the failed issues such as enrollment of first-time students, a failed computer system, actions by faculty at all levels that represent Clatsop Community College, and reaching out and re-connecting with high schools, employers and partners.



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