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cation and workforce training. I have brought to the board an understanding of how the college connects with our health care facilities, our employers and our K-12 system to strengthen opportunities for our citizens and make the North Coast a more inviting place for people to invest and create jobs.

Since becoming board chair, I have implemented regular board work session to help the board better understand complex issues facing the college before setting policies and approving budgets. These

sessions have helped guide decisions on academic program prioritization, guided pathways, distance learning, campus management/ERP (enterprise resource planning), board governance and the college relationship with the Foundation.

Additionally, because of the hard work of the president and college employees, we have successfully completed our Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities accreditation.

I actively participated in development of the new maritime sciences hall at the

Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station (MERTS) campus. The project will strengthen the role of CCC in the maritime sciences and provide much needed training in a needed field.

TOP ISSUES

- Adapting to the new educational reality. This reality impacts how we deliver our classes and how our students will learn. While we will return to face-to-face education, tele-education will not be going away. We need to look at how we support our faculty and staff to strengthen their

abilities to continue offering classes online and through hybrid models.

This will mean an investment in technology necessary to offer high-quality education to students anywhere in the county and to those from outside the county. Tele-education means we will compete more with institutions farther away and we must be able to meet that challenge.

- Adapting to the needs of our local businesses. From timber to hospitality, the last year has created challenges for our local

employers. I will focus on not only ensuring that CCC continues to meet the needs of our local businesses but is also there to help new businesses start up as the economy begins to return to normal.

- Partnerships. With the changes in how we deliver our education and, as we invest in the future, I will focus on how we partner better with other coastal community colleges and Oregon institutions to strengthen the academics and training we are able to offer right here in Clatsop County.

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County and a sixth generation Astorian. I'm co-owner of Oregon's oldest business, Van Dusen Beverages, Inc.; I've started two other local businesses, Fire Station Yoga and The Rosebriar Inn. I'm committed to ensuring Clatsop County's bright future. As manager of a million-dollar business and former corporate strategist for a multi-billion-dollar business, I have experience with financials, budgeting, systems implementation and long-term planning. I'm a former management consultant to several Fortune 500 companies and former vice chair of the national association representing independent Pepsi bottlers. I'm the parent of Alina, 8,m and Dominik, 5, both in the Astoria School District. I'll advocate for students living with disabilities. Espero estar disponible a la comunidad hispana/I look forward to being available to the Hispanic community. Le pido con humildad su voto en esta eleccion/I respectfully ask for your vote in this election.

TOP ISSUES

- There has been a precipitous drop in full-time equivalent enrollment due to Covid-19 and other factors, which could

negatively impact future state funding levels. We need to provide outreach to former students to understand attrition rationale and potential supports and we need to engage faculty and staff to understand their point of view and implement recommendations.

- ERP System Software Implementation obstacles and failures. We should quickly determine if the latest phase of the rollout improved usability. If not, consider pursuing alternatives.

- Proposed new Marine Sciences building. We need to reprioritize the project in light of the enrollment challenges,

meet with faculty and staff to understand opportunities and challenges, ensure value engineering, and ensure viable funding sources both for construction and for future maintenance.

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