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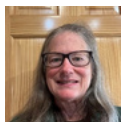
CURRY CAMPUS NEWSLETTER | DECEMBER 2023



A note from the Dean

By JILL te VELDE

Greetings and Happy Holidays Curry County! I'm excited to introduce to you some new faces at SWOCC's Curry Campus. I'm equally pleased to review a few of the highlights of 2023 and to provide a sneak peak of exciting new programs and community education classes as well as some workforce training opportunities under development.



Professor Louise Abbott - Anatomy and Physiology

Dr. Abbott recently retired as a Full Professor from Texas A&M University with the title Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences and Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence (retired). Dr. Abbott taught veterinary professional, undergraduate, and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral fellows. She maintained an active research program with national and international collaborations for over 30 years. Dr. Abbott has published over 90 peer-reviewed research articles and co-authored two books, one of which is in its third edition. She resides outside Brookings on 10 acres with her husband, Reverend James L. Abbott, an ELCA Lutheran Pastor. Dr. Abbott completed a Fulbright Fellowship in 2023. Through the fellowship she taught Veterinary Anatomy and Histology at Badr University in Cairo, Egypt, for one semester.



Professor Carlene Bettencourt - Food and Nutrition

Dr. Bettencourt has been a registered nurse for 40 years in the fields of oncology and home health. She has also been a nursing instructor for various colleges and universities. Due to the changing nature of health care, she became interested in holistic health with its emphasis on treating the person as a whole. This interest led her to obtaining a Doctorate of Naturopathy as well as a PhD in Natural Health. Dr. Bettencourt finds it a pleasure to share this knowledge with the students in the courses she teaches. Dr. Bettencourt has especially enjoyed the ability to teach online as it provides more opportunities for students to attend college who otherwise might not be able to due to the need to balance jobs and home lives.

SWOCC Works!

The SWOCC Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program. Starting winter term, January 2024, this free state-registered program is designed to provide comprehensive training in simulated heavy equipment operation, an introduction to the construction trades, career readiness, and OSHA safety.

The SWOCC Works program is tailored for individuals 16+ years old who are seeking the transferrable skills needed to enter apprenticeships, or to apply to jobs that may include operating equipment such as forklifts, loaders, bulldozers, graders, and cranes. In just two terms, participants will undergo 120 hours of FREE training under the guidance of industry-experienced instructors and earn a certificate of completion issued directly from the Bureau of Labor and Industry

SWOCC Works Pre-Apprenticeship Program Highlights:

- No experience required
- High school juniors and seniors eligible (16 +)
- Classes available at SWOCC's Coos and Curry campuses
- Earn a BOLI-approved certificate
- Gain entry-level construction skills
- Obtain OSHA 10 certification
- Preparation for a career in the trades

Please contact us via email

(swocccworks@socc.edu) or call 514-888-1545



**Professor Bj Farris - American Sign Language (ASL)**

Bj is a certified ASL interpreter. She received her training from Western Oregon University in Monmouth, Oregon. Bj has been teaching ASL for SWOCC since 1998 with a short break due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to teaching at SWOCC, Bj also provides private lessons for the Homeschool Cooperative.

**Professor Linda Pope - General Biology**

Dr. Pope received her PhD in Sustainability Education. She has taught biology, environmental science, and sustainability for 11 years at Portland Community College. Dr. Pope has published four peer-reviewed journal articles and co-authored another two. She has also authored two books as well as published six abstracts for poster presentations and delivered 12 seminars on sustainability and learning through gamification. After using the typical PowerPoint lectures, Dr. Pope is excited to offer a new way of learning. Her Biology 101 and 102 classes are designed to be interactive for the non-science major. The students will create games and puzzles that make learning fun while teaching the required materials.

**Professor Jana Rivers - Norton - General Psychology**

Dr. Jana Rivers-Norton has been teaching college courses in English, the Humanities and Psychology since 1991. She retired in 2018 from full time teaching in Arizona, moved to Oregon, and decided to complete her third graduate degree in Art Therapy and Counseling. When not counseling kids of all ages, Dr. Jana paints, publishes books, and studies creativity and experiences in nature as therapeutic. She currently lives in Gold Beach, Oregon, with her husband of over 35 years and enjoys the beauty of the Oregon Coast!

**Professor Tenea Smith - Psychology and Addiction Studies**

Tenea Smith has master's degree in psychology, a bachelor's degree in psychology, and business, science, and mathematics units at the community college level. Tenea has worked in the Human Services and Behavioral Sciences and Substance Abuse treatment field for over 20 years. She is experienced with Level of Care

Utilization System (LOCUS) and the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement System (ASAM), Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), motivation interviewing and person-centered approach. Tenea brings a passion for teaching and thorough knowledge of her discipline to SWOCC.

**Professor Jennifer Taylor - Microbiology and Organic Chemistry**

Dr. Taylor received a PhD in Comparative Pathology (focusing on Immunology/Vaccinology) with an Emphasis in Biotechnology from UC Davis. For nearly 20 years Dr. Taylor has worked in the vaccine industry, developing and licensing animal vaccines. Currently she is working as a part-time adjunct biology professor at SWOCC. Throughout her career, Dr. Taylor has always had a passion for teaching biology classes and laboratory-related skills. Her previous experience includes teaching at Sacramento State University, Cosumnes River College as well as educational and career guidance at UC Davis.

**Professor Shernette Wallace - Math**

Shernette Wallace is the new math instructor at SWOCC. She has a Master's of Science degree in Mathematics Education (postsecondary). Shernette has been a resident of Brookings for 11 years. Prior to this, she lived in Jamaica where she taught mathematics for 12 years.

In her formative years she developed a passion for mathematics and has continually pursued additional knowledge in the subject. Shernette's raison d'être at SWOCC is to encourage students to have a greater appreciation for mathematics and its applications, while alleviating the fear and anxiety often associated with the subject. She also enjoys gardening and participating in church activities.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Mixed Media

with Leslie Wilkinson. Sneak preview of project at: photoartbyleslie.com

Mysteries of Sourdough

with Karen Perry. Make and sample delicious sourdough bread.

Color Drawing and Painting

with Gary Christensen

American Sign Language

with Bj Farris

Introduction to Grant Writing

with Alisa Green

Wednesday Night Yoga

with Leslie Caswell (don't worry, morning yoga is still happening.)

Tuesday Night Tai Chi

with Deanne McConnell (don't worry, morning Tai Chi is still happening.)

For a complete schedule with dates, times and cost of classes see the printed College News or online at:

<https://www.socc.edu/programs-classes/community-classes/>

**To register, call:
541-813-1667**

EVENTS

SWOCC WORKS! Open House:

December 19, 5 - 7 pm

Curry Campus - 96082 Lone Ranch Parkway, Brookings OR 97415



Friends of Curry Campus Speaker Series

The Friends of Curry Campus and Lifelong Learning organize monthly presentations by local residents about topics of interest to our community. Previous topics centered around travel, gardens, and the Wild Rivers Coast Food Trail on the south coast.

Stay tuned for more talks in our speaker series including discussions on tourism and the coastal economy.

The Friends of Curry Campus and Lifelong Learning speaker series takes place on the second Thursday of every month from noon to 1pm during winter term. Registration is not required. See the schedule to the right for meeting dates in the new year.



Rio Tinto Land Donation for Future College Expansion

Rio Tinto and Southwestern Oregon Community College today are celebrating the company's announcement of a 28.25-acre donation valued at approximately \$165,000 to the college's Curry Campus.

This land donation triples the size of the campus about two miles north of Brookings. The newly donated land features upland forested and wetland areas. These areas can provide additional



teaching opportunities related to natural resources and forestry career pathways, along with space for potential development of a career technical facility related to manufacturing and trades. The College plans to explore these and other possibilities with Curry residents in 2024, as it revisits its Master Facilities Plan for a mid-range plan update.

Connected Seniors

The Connected Seniors Program is a unique initiative between the Coos-Curry Electric Charitable Foundation, Beacon Broadband, Southwestern Oregon Community College and Brookings-Harbor High School. It's designed to bridge the digital generation gap by pairing seniors with high school students to teach them the fundamentals of computer technology. The program is absolutely free! See the schedule to the right for meeting dates in the new year.



Women in Business

SWOCC, in partnership the Coos, Curry and Douglas Development (CCD) and the Curry County Chamber of Commerce, launched Women in Business (WIB) in May 2023, on SWOCC's Curry Campus. This grassroots, networking event is to inform, support, connect, and celebrate women in business. Each month, a different women-owned business is highlighted. The WIB launch, and subsequent meetings, have been wildly successful with over 30 women attending nearly every month. This networking event happens every month at different locations throughout Curry County.



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Connected Seniors

Winter Session:

January 23,

February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Cost: Absolutely free!

Sign up at:

www.beaconbroadband.com/connected-senior

Friends of Curry Campus

Speaker Series Second Thursday from 12-1pm. No registration required:

- January 11, 2024
- February 8, 2024
- March 14, 2024
- April 11, 2024
- May 9, 2024
- June 13, 2024

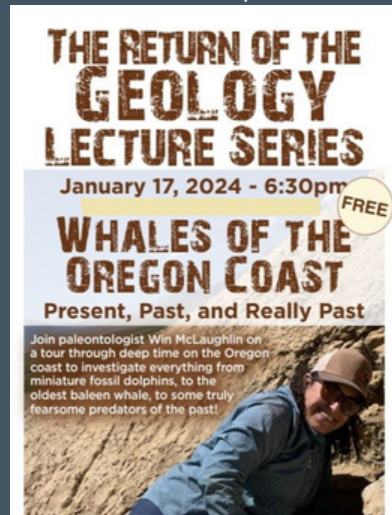
Livestreamed Lectures at the Curry Campus beginning at 6:30

96082 Lone Ranch Parkway,
Brookings OR 97415

For more information call:

541-813-1667

Refreshments provided !



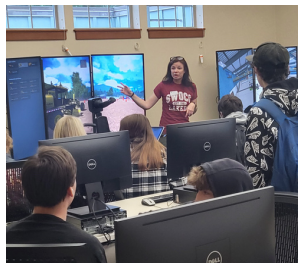
Brookings-Harbor High School Prom 2023

A great pairing - Brookings-Harbor High School students and SWOCC Curry Campus. After a thorough search of local venues, the BHHS Prom Committee chose to hold their May event at the SWOCC Curry Campus. For many of the students the prom was the first time they had been on the Curry Campus. They were awed by it's beauty and close proximity to town.



Academic Excellence Day

Every second Wednesday in October, the BHHS freshman class make a visit to SWOCC's Curry Campus to learn about career pathways that connect with SWOCC. In 2023 some major changes were made, most of which included hands-on activities. SWOCC'S nursing program participated for the very first time. A Curry General Hospital Talent Acquisition Specialist presented options for career training pathways sponsored by CGH as part of an effort to develop local talent. Students used the electron microscopes to learn about microbiology, and one of the most popular sessions were the heavy equipment simulators.



Curry Campus Open House

In April 2023, the Curry Campus opened the doors to the community. The open house showcased Curry's flagship nursing program, invited people to pitch their ideas for community education classes and offered a yoga class demonstration.



Mushroom ID Class

The ever popular community favorite Mushroom Identification Class with the master of mycology, Bob Burch, returned in November after a four-year hiatus. This inter-

active class included a lecture on the different types of mushrooms followed by a gathering field trip and culminating in tastings paired with bread and potato soup. The class occurs in both Brookings and Port Orford.



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ON THE HORIZON:

IN THE CLASSROOM

- Agroecology
- Addiction Studies Certificate
- Film / Video Production
- Hospitality and Ecotourism

IN THE COMMUNITY

- Writers Conference
- South Coast Cultural Tour
- Portable Planetarium and astronomy exhibit and lecture for all ages.
- Career Exploration Day 4th - 8th grades
- Back to School Fashion Show and Class Pairing
- Azalea Festival
- Curry County Fair
- Christmas Parade

IN THE WORKFORCE

- In collaboration with local restaurant and business owners, develop a basic culinary training program.
- In partnership with the Wild Rivers Film Festival, SWOCC Curry Campus will be the site of a three week filmmaking class in June - July 2024. More information will be available in the coming year!
- In partnership with the City of Brookings, offer required Safety Training courses for regional local governments, construction and contractor employers.
- In partnership with the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation explore training to enhance Traditional Health Workers providing services to children with parents impacted by opioid use disorders.

