SWOCC culinary students excel on USA Olympic team
OCCI students experience life-changing international culinary competition

From Coos Bay USA to Stuttgart Germany, eight student chefs and Executive Chef Randy Torres brought the award-winning spirit of Southwestern’s Oregon Coast Culinary Institute to the IKA/Culinary Olympics in February.

OCCI students joined other aspiring chefs from across the country on the USA Junior National Team. The excitement was intense with this being the first major competition for most students. “This event is amazing! It connects young chefs with people who can help further their careers for the rest of their lives,” OCCI student chef Brooklyn Hansen said.

The 26th international culinary sport competition featured teams from 55 nations and more than 1,200 participants. It’s the oldest, largest, and most international culinary competition in the industry.

The USA National Team, comprising professional chefs from across the nation and coached by OCCI Executive Chef Randy Torres, brought home an overall Silver Medal.

The USA Junior Team, all 25 or younger, participated in two competitions. They earned a Bronze Medal in the “Restaurant of Nations,” a three-course menu for 110 people, and brought home Silver in the “Junior Chef’s Table,” a five-course menu for ten people.

OCCI hosted both teams’ practice sessions as they prepared for Stuttgart. It was extremely valuable training for our students to work alongside and learn from the finest professional chefs from around the country.

Congratulations Chef Torres and OCCI students!

Student Ice Carving team competes at the World Ice Art Championships

As this publication goes to print the student ice carving team from Southwestern’s Oregon Coast Culinary Institute will be in the midst of creating frozen masterpieces for the World Ice Art Championship in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The team of talented and passionate students have been diligently honing their skills for months. With chainsaws and drills in hand, they’ve meticulously refined their designs, ensuring that they’re able to execute each detail on a frosty canvas.

The journey from Oregon to Alaska is transformative for these students. Part of the experience will be watching and learning from professional carvers who will compete in six different categories.

Want more ice? Visit opb.org to enjoy a recent episode of Oregon Field Guide featuring our own world-class carver, OCCI Instructor Chef Chris Foltz at last year’s Ice Alaska.

To find out how the team and Chef Foltz (who is competing in the Multi Block category) did check our social media:

Skyeler Martius puts the finishing touches on her icy creation.
Good News: Southwestern’s Dental Assisting program is accepting students for Fall 2024.

Many people dream of pursuing careers where they can have a positive impact on people’s health, self-esteem and lives. Dental Assistants can do that.

At Southwestern, Dental Assist students will graduate into a high-demand field with competitive wages locally and statewide.

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Upon completing the nine-month program, students can sit for the entry-level national dental assisting exams.

Dental Assistant Statistics

$49,689
Average annual southern Oregon coast wage

$54,344
Average annual statewide wage

30
Annual southwestern Oregon job openings

888
Annual statewide job openings

Source: Oregon Employment Department

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Maritime Training

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All classes take place at 2140 Newmark Ave, Coos Bay

MARI 0340 OPERATOR OF UNINSPECTED PASSENGER VESSEL (OUPV)
This eight-day class will satisfy the Coast Guard exam requirements for the OUPV or 6-pack captain license. This license is popular with fishing guides and tour boat operators carrying six or fewer passengers. Subjects include seamanship, navigation, Rules of the Road, and the federal regulations for small uninspected passenger vessels.

$1,100 / 8-days
April 1-8, 2024
April 15-22, 2024
May 6-13, 2024
June 3-10, 2024

MARI 0281 MASTER 100-TON
This ten-day class will satisfy the Coast Guard exam requirements for a Master license. The Master is required to operate charter boats and other vessels carrying more than six passengers. Subjects include seamanship, navigation, Rules of the Road, and the federal regulations for both inspected and uninspected passenger vessels.

$1,300 / 10-days
April 1-10, 2024
April 15-24, 2024
May 6-15, 2024
June 3-12, 2024

MARI 0399 RADAR OBSERVER UNLIMITED
The scope of this course is to provide instruction and assessment in the theory, operation, and application of radar for navigation and collision avoidance as required by federal regulations for Radar Observer Unlimited endorsement; and to meet the STCW Radar TASK assessments established in NAVIC 12-14 for OICNW Operation and Management level on seagoing vessels of 500 GT (200 GRT) and greater, including:

a. 1.4.A Position fix by two ranges.
b. 1.4.B Position fix by two tangents to identified objects.
c. 3.1 Radar Fundamentals.
d. 3.2.A Setup and maintain radar display.
e. 3.2.B Switch display modes.
f. 3.3.A Identify false echoes, sea return, radar, and SART.
g. 3.4 Interpreting information from a radar.

This course is open to all mariners, however, it is strongly recommended that the mariner hold an MMC National Officer endorsement, or have good plotting and navigation skills.

$700 / 4-days
April 8-11, 2024
April 29-May 2, 2024
May 27-30, 2024

Emergency Medicine

EMT 0501 65 ADVANCED CARDIAC LIFE SUPPORT (ACLS) REFRESHER
ACLS is an advanced, instructor-led classroom course that highlights the importance of team dynamics and communication, systems of care and immediate post-cardiac-arrest care. Students must provide proof the required precourse was done before entering the class, completed at elearning.heart.org/course/423.

Instructor: Tasha Renard
Location: B2
Cost: $249
Day (s): Tue 4/13/24
Time: 9:00am-5:00pm
ONLINE JOB TRAINING

RE 0100 65 REAL ESTATE BROKER LICENSE COURSE
This accelerated course prepares you to qualify for the Oregon Real Estate Broker’s License Exam in just ten weeks. It is a hybrid course, combining live lecture with the 150-hour online home study to meet the Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA) requirements. The course and instructor are certified by the OREA. For more information contact Janda Fleming at 541-388-1021 or janda@a1schools.com.
Instructor: Debra Roth
Location: Stensland 203
Day: Tue 4/2/24-6/4/24
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Cost: $695
Study session held Saturday 6/8/24 9:00am-5:00pm

IND 4100 68 TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION
This training is an ODOT approved safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages over 18. Class book is included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.
Instructor: Michelle Holifield
Location: Online (4/1-6/13)
Cost: $145

CHILD CARE PROVIDER TRAININGS
Offered through Southwestern’s CARE Connections Child Care Resource & Referral
For information and to register call 541-888-7957

Classes are now being offered at no cost online:
• Department of Human Services Child Care Provider Orientation
• Family Child Care Provider Overview
• Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect
• Introduction to Child Care Health and Safety

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Community Education offers life-long learning and personal enrichment opportunities to the community. Non-credit classes are provided by qualified instructors from our community. Course and section numbers are located before course title. Spring term classes are eleven weeks long from April 1, 2024 to June 13, 2024 unless otherwise indicated by a date(s).

### The Arts

**ART 0257 65 CERAMICS BASICS**
Explore in a studio setting the art of working in clay. In this course, students are guided to develop skills with hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. Perfect for beginning and intermediate potters.
Instructor: Annie Pollard
Location: Eden 5
Day: Tue
Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm
Cost: $129

**ART 0259 65 ADVANCED CERAMICS**
Create works of art through supervised mentoring of advanced techniques for advanced level potters. Course cost does not include clay. Clay is purchased as needed in class through the ceramics department.
Instructor: Aimee Bennett
Location: Eden 5
Cost: $209
Day: Mon, Wed
Time: 12:30pm-3:20pm

### Special Interest

**G 025CA 65 REGIONAL GEOLOGY – CAPE ARAGO FIELD TRIP**
This fun day features a lecture in the field to highlight the significant geologic features along the Oregon Coast with stops focused along Cape Arago and around Bandon. Some of the highlights include stops at: Fossil Point, Sunset Bay, Shore Acres, Bullard’s Beach, Bandon Marsh, Bandon South Jetty, Face Rock and more.
The course consists of a field trip designed to illustrate the geologic setting, stratigraphy and structure, topography, age and origin, significant event through geologic time, and special features unique to the region. Find out more about the rocks, fossils and landscapes found in our neighborhood.
Instructor: Ron Metzger
Day: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Time: 7:45am-5:00pm
Cost: $60 (includes transportation, participants bring lunch)

**MUP 0105 65 COMMUNITY CHOIR**
The SWOCC Community Choir provides an opportunity for singers of all levels to participate in a musically rich, and socially engaging choral ensemble. The Community Choir will focus on providing a safe and stimulating environment for people of all backgrounds to learn, practice, and perform quality choral literature in a large group setting. Focus will be placed on healthy vocal production, musically inspiring performance, strong social connections, and effectively working with others. A wide variety of musical styles will be explored, and participants will present a concert performance at the end of each term. This is a non-auditioned ensemble, but the ability to match pitch is requested.
Instructor: Ken Graber
Location: Sunset 2
Cost: $30
Day: Mon
Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm

**WR 0100 65 WRITING YOUR AUTOBIOGRAPHY**
Who better to tell your story than YOU? Come and learn how to put together all of your stories into a book. Your autobiography is sure to be something cherished. This course will introduce you to the techniques of writing an autobiography.
Instructor: Sally Harrold
Location: Sitkum 11
Day: Thu
Time: 12:30pm-2:50pm
Cost: $105

**WR 0100 66 Online Zoom Version**
Location: Zoom at 11:30am-1:50pm
Day: Tue
Time: 1:30pm-4:00pm
Cost: $105
CIS 0165 65 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI): EMBRACING THE FUTURE TODAY!
This course unlocks the world of tomorrow which is being reshaped by artificial intelligence (AI). Starting with a quick look at the captivating history of AI, you will then learn to harness its power for creative pursuits – from writing, art and music, to transforming your home into a tech utopia, revolutionizing travel, and discover the impact AI is having on health and longevity. If you’re eyeing the future job market, we’ve got you covered with AI-driven opportunities. This course offers a blend of foundational knowledge, practical applications, and hands-on experiences. At the conclusion, you’ll be equipped to harness the power of AI in various aspects of life and work. Sign up and start shaping your future today!
Instructor: Dr. Alla Sergueeva
Location: Stensland 201
Cost: $50
Day: Thu
Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

DRIV 0622 65 BASIC RIDER TRAINING
Basic Rider Training is a 15-hour (three-day) course for novice riders to build fundamental street-riding skills and strategies. Training motorcycles and helmets are provided. For individuals with no riding experience, this is the recommended course. Registration must take place prior to the date of the class at http://team-oregon.org/.
Instructor: Michael Heinen
Location: Newmark 201
Cost: $229
Days: Sat 7am-4:30pm
Sun 12pm-4:30pm
Sat 7am-4:30pm
Sun 12pm-4:30pm

DRIV 0623 65 INTERMEDIATE MOTORCYCLE RIDER TRAINING
Intermediate Rider Training is an eight-hour (one day) course for riders who already know how to get underway, turn, shift and stop a motorcycle or scooter while strengthening fundamental street-riding skills. Training motorcycles and helmets are provided. Registration must take place prior to the date of the class at http://team-oregon.org/.
Instructor: Michael Heinen
Location: Newmark 201
Cost: $199
Day: Sat 3/30 & Sat 6/29
Time: 7:00am-4:30pm

HD 0964 65 INTERPERSONAL PROBLEM SOLVING
Interpersonal Problem Solving is for both men and women (separate sessions). The length of the program is 36 weeks (Oregon State Law) and the intake/assessment fee is $150.00. Each session attended is $35.00. Alternatives to Violence offers these classes in cooperation with The SAFE Project. Appointments are scheduled with Chuck Stepping at 541-808-7436 or 541-888-1048 Ext 102.

IND 0905 65 MARINE SAFETY
This is an Oregon State Marine Board approved course that will provide the instruction (with prior study) to pass the Oregon Boater Education Card test. Pre-registration is required and is completed by calling 541-267-6152.
Instructor: George Tinker
Cost: $15
Location: Columbia Pacific Maritime, 2140 Newmark Ave
Day: 3/23, 4/20, 5/18
Time: 8:00am-5:00pm

Cooking
CRT 0103 65 SOFT GERMAN PRETZEL MAKING
Come learn how to make soft German pretzels! Mixing, ingredient selection, forming and shaping, poaching for flavor and texture, baking and finishing techniques will all be explored. We’ll also enjoy a beer-cheese sauce demonstration and sampling.
Instructor: Chef Chris Foltz
Location: OCCI Hollandaise Kitchen, room 121
Cost: $89
Day: Sat 4/6/24
Time: 9:00am-12:00pm
Please Note:
As a safety precaution students attending cooking classes must wear pants and closed-toe shoes. Menu items are subject to change up to the day of the class based on availability, costs, and shipping times.
PE 0507 65 YOGA FOR HEALTH – BEGINNER
Therapeutic, restorative yoga. Easy, safe, comfortable practice for healing, stress and tension release. Ease into movement for improved mobility and balance. Hatha yoga with a bit of flow for better health. Yoga mats, yoga blocks, yoga straps, and foam rollers are not provided. Patrons may bring their own for use.
Instructor: Linda Laverty
Location: Rec Center 121
Day: Mon
Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm
Cost: $75

PE 0506 65 YOGA FOR HEALTH – INTERMEDIATE
A more challenging yoga practice with restorative and therapeutic benefits. Hatha yoga with a bit more flow for better health. Yoga mats, yoga blocks, yoga straps, and foam rollers are not provided. Patrons may bring their own for use.
Instructor: Linda Laverty
Location: Rec Center 121
Day: Wed
Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm
Cost: $75

PE 0503 65 PILATES® EXERCISE
Pilates® is a body conditioning routine that helps build flexibility and muscle strength. It puts emphasis on spinal and pelvic alignment, breathing, and developing a strong core, as well as improving coordination and balance.
Instructor: Melissa Loudenbeck
Location: Rec Center 121
Day: Tue, Thur
Time: 12:00pm-12:50pm
Cost: $105

PE 0505 65 TURBO KICK
Turbo Kick is a combination of intense kickboxing moves, as well as a unique blend of intense interval strength and endurance training all perfectly choreographed to high-energy and motivating music. Turbo Kick requires no previous kickboxing experience or equipment.
Instructor: Melissa Loudenbeck
Location: Rec Center 121
Day: Mon, Wed
Time: 5:30pm-6:20pm
Cost: $105

PE 0201 65 BELLY DANCE BEGINNING
Belly Dance has long been admired as a form of dance that is sensual, exciting, uplifting, healing, and fun! This class is for anyone looking to incorporate some physical activity while learning traditional dance moves related to the art of Belly Dance. No dance experience is necessary. This class gives you the understanding of basic belly dance technique, posturing, language, move execution and it helps you to build necessary strength. Some use of finger cymbals or veil may be covered as the course progresses.
Instructor: Mezdulene Reed
Location: Rec Center 131
Day: Fri
Time: 10:15am-11:15am
Cost: $85

PE 0201 66 BELLY DANCE INTERMEDIATE
This class will expand on the foundations of Belly Dance that was gained in the beginning sessions. Focus of this course will be on gaining familiarity with moves, technique, posturing, language, and choreography. Use of props in dances will be more regularly used as the course progresses.
Instructor: Mezdulene Reed
Location: Rec Center 131
Day: Mon
Time: 6:15pm-7:15pm
Cost: $85

PE 0509 01 ZUMBA®
Zumba® Fitness is a global brand that fuses fitness, entertainment and culture into an addictive dance-fitness class. Zumba® utilizes the principles of fitness interval training and resistance training to maximize caloric output, fat burning, and total body toning.
Instructor: Tina Woodworth
Location: Rec Center 131
Day: Mon, Wed
Time: 5:15pm-6:05pm
Cost: $95
A Compassionate Journey
Human Services degrees lead to rewarding career options

In a world marked by diverse challenges, the need for empathetic and dedicated people to make a positive impact on the lives of others has never been greater. Choosing a career in the field of Human Services can be a profoundly rewarding and fulfilling decision.

Making a Real Difference
Whether working with individuals facing mental health challenges, addiction, families in crisis, or marginalized communities, social workers and counselors play a crucial role in supporting and empowering people to overcome obstacles and build better futures. These professions provide an opportunity to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals, families, and communities.

Diverse Career Opportunities
Human Services encompass a broad spectrum of specialties and settings. Whether you are interested in school counseling, clinical mental health, substance abuse treatment, or working with the elderly, there is a wide array of career paths to choose from. This diversity allows individuals to tailor their careers to match their passions.

With an Associate of Applied Science degree in Human Services from Southwestern you will meet the course requirements of the Mental Health & Addictions Board of Oregon for a Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor (CADC). These courses prepare you for the National Certification Exam qualifying you to become a CADC, and able to obtain a job at a recovery agency or center. You’ll get real-world experience while completing the eighteen clinical hours required for your degree. This also affords you opportunities to connect with local employers.

Personal Growth
Working in the field of Human Services requires a commitment to ongoing learning and personal growth. The dynamic nature of the profession means that individuals are continually exposed to new challenges, perspectives, and therapeutic approaches. This commitment to professional development enhances one’s skills and contributes to a sense of fulfillment derived from continual improvement.

If you are drawn to the idea of being a source of hope, healing, and positive change, a career in Human Services may be your path, supporting others in their journey toward well-being.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Student Voices
“I appreciate Dr. Lewis! She is open, honest, encouraging, and very engaging. She responds quickly, is patient, and clearly explains complex topics and nuances.” –Anna Carder

Jenn Lewis, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Human Services
Southwestern is pleased to welcome Dr. Jenn Lewis as our Assistant Professor in Psychology and Human Services.

Jenn grew up splitting her time between California and the UK where she’s from originally. She attended the University of Alaska to obtain her master’s in clinical psychology, and stayed on to work as a therapist and teacher. After obtaining her PhD through Northcentral University she landed in Georgia for an adjunct faculty position in psychology.

Jenn is happy to be back on the West Coast and teaching Human Services courses at Southwestern since fall of 2023. Jenn says, “For me it has been figuring out how to put my desire to help people to work, and where I can do the most good. Connecting and helping has been the theme of my life’s work.”

Are you considering a career in human services and have questions? Contact Jenn at 541-888-7249 or by email at jennifer.lewis@socc.edu.

Student Voices
“While obtaining my Human Services degree at Southwestern I’m working for a nonprofit as a state certified Peer Support Specialist. My goal is to become a mental health counselor and provide recovery services in Curry County.” –Laura Kukuricas
HE 0509 99  STANDARD FIRST AID & CPR/AED
This course follows the International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation (ILCOR) standards, and OSHA requirements to prepare the student with knowledge, skill, and techniques necessary to recognize and provide care in first aid, respiratory, and cardiac emergencies using the latest CPR and emergency cardiac care guidelines. Students learn how to perform rescue breathing; CPR; how to use personal protective equipment; how to use an Epinephrine Auto-Injector; and how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). CPR/AED and First Aid certification is given upon completion of course requirements. Certification can be from one of the following ILCOR agencies: American Heart Association; American Red Cross, EMS Safety; or any other provider following ILCOR standards. This is a stand-alone training that will help you gain employment or maintain employment in fields where safety of others is paramount such as early childhood educators, exercise instructors, mariners, public safety/security, or other positions where the employer requires this training. Instruction is provided on infant, child, and adult persons in this course.
Instructor: Amber Espinoza
Location: Curry Campus 137A/B Cost: $79
Day: Wed 3/20/24 Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

HE 0533 99  AHA BLS HEALTHCARE PROVIDER
This basic life support course teaches healthcare professionals how to perform CPR to victims of all ages, as well as other life-saving skills, in a wide variety of in-hospital and out-of-hospital settings. American Heart Association cards will be issued upon success completion of the course.
Instructor: Amber Espinoza
Location: Curry Campus 137A/B Cost: $105
Day: Wed 4/17/24 Time: 9:00am-1:00pm

IND 4100 68  TRAFFIC CONTROL FLAGGER CERTIFICATION
This training is an ODOT approved safety training course covering the requirements for flaggers and approved techniques for moving traffic cautiously and consistently through work zones. For ages over 18. Class book is included. Receive necessary credentials for employment upon successful completion.
Instructor: Michelle Holifield
Location: Zoom/Canvas Cost: $145
Days: Scheduled online

ART 0147 99  COLOR DRAWING
This course is designed to teach the fundamentals of color theory applied to colored pencil and marker drawings. Using elements of design, students will learn to combine different color combinations of the color wheel to produce works that enhance drawing mark-making techniques.
Instructor: Gary Christensen
Location: Curry Campus 138A/B Cost: $90 Fee: $20
Day: Mon, Wed Time: 1:00pm-3:20pm
Fitness

**PE 0506 99  YOGA FOR HEALTH**
An introduction to the Hatha physical yoga. Includes the background, safety precautions, and value of yoga. Stretching postures, proper breathing techniques, and stress reduction will be emphasized. This course will focus on the health and wellness aspects that are gained in making yoga an integral part of everyday life.
Instructor: Leslie Caswell
Location: Curry Campus 138A/B  Cost: $88
Days: Mon, Wed  Time: 8:30am-9:50am

**PE 0506 98  YOGA FOR HEALTH**
Location: Curry Campus 138A/B  Cost: $68
Days: Wed  Time: 5:30pm-6:50pm

**PE 0504 99  TAI CHI**
This course in Tai Chi is a gentle, relaxed non-sweat, personal exercise (translated as the “Grand Ultimate”) for any age. The ‘Yang Form’ will be taught along with ‘Chi Gwa’ (circular breathing) and ‘Silk Cocoon Chen’ (fine intertwining energy). This course is noncompetitive and will start with the basics, and then individuals will progress at their own rate.
Instructor: Deane McConnell
Location: Curry Campus 137A/B  Cost: $63
Day: Tue  Time: 10:00am-11:20am

**PE 0504 98  TAI CHI**
Location: Curry Campus 137A/B  Cost: $63
Day: Tue  Time: 5:30pm-6:50pm

**PE 0570 99  LOW-IMPACT AEROBICS**
This low-impact Aerobics class uses easy-to-follow dance steps and rhythmic movements that are choreographed to upbeat music. This is a fun way to get you moving while improving your cardiovascular system, muscle strength, flexibility, and balance, and boosting your overall fitness level. This is a great class for active seniors no matter your level of fitness. You are encouraged to work at your own fitness level and to modify moves based on your fitness needs. Mats are not supplied and needed for floor exercises.
Instructor: Mary Whitaker
Location: Curry Campus 138A/B  Cost: $63
Days: Tue, Thur 4/9/24-6/13/24  Time: 8:30am-9:50am

**PE 0502 99  BETTER BONES AND BALANCE®**
Better Bones and Balance® is an exercise program designed to reduce the risk of osteoporosis and falling. Based on research of the Bone Research Laboratory at Oregon State University, this exercise program utilizes a simple weighted-vest exercise program to protect bone by halting bone loss and reduce fall risk by improving balance, muscle strength and power.
Instructor: Lisa Reed
Location: Langlois Lions Club  Cost: $89
Day: Mon, Fri  Time: 9:00am-10:20am

Special Interest

**TA 0103 99  CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE FILM APPRECIATION**
Are you a classic movie fan, or maybe just enjoy watching films with your friends? Join SWOCC for a ten-week classic movie matinee film appreciation class. In this class we will view and discuss classic movies from Hollywood’s Golden Age - movies from the 1930s to the 1960s. Film is more than entertainment; it’s a reflection of our history, culture, and psyche. Understand why film matters and the personal significance and joy it brings people. In partnership with the Wild Rivers Film Festival, students enrolled in this class are eligible for a “Buy One, Get One Free” offer for their choice of film festival passes for the August festival, a $20-$150 savings. Please see page 12 for more details. Students must have a receipt from SWOCC for this class in order to claim the discount.
Instructor: Stacy Bergstedt
Location: Curry Campus 137 A/B  Cost: $75
Day: Thur 4/11/24 – 6/13/24  Time: 2:00-4:00pm

**ASL 0501 99  AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**
Introduces the natural, signed language of American deaf people. Includes instruction in proper sign formation, American Sign Language (ASL) grammar and vocabulary, expressive and receptive skills. Emphasis on history of ASL, the deaf community in North America, and deaf education.
Instructor: Bj Farris
Location: Curry Campus 206  Cost: $115
Days: Tue, Thur  Time: 4:00pm-5:20pm

**GED 0745 99  GED**
The GED program prepares adults age 16 or older for passing the GED exam, entry to postsecondary degree or certificate programs, training, and/or success in the workforce. Classes are offered in Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. GED classes adhere to Oregon Adult College and Career Readiness Standards.
Instructor: Claudia Moser
Location: Curry Campus 234  Cost: NO COST
Days: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur  Time: 12:00pm-1:50pm

**ESL 0747 99  ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE**
The English as a Second Language program offers classes in reading, listening, speaking, and writing English. ESL classes are offered according to Oregon Adult Learning Standards guidelines. Class is a live Zoom session with instructor.
Instructor: Karen Taylor
Location: Curry Campus 234  Cost: NO COST
Days: Mon, Wed  Time: 5:00pm-7:50pm
Days: Tue  Time: 5:00pm-6:50pm

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Friends of Curry Campus Speaker Series
Noon to 1 pm in the Community Room on the Curry Campus. Bring a friend and a brown bag lunch.

Thursday, APRIL 11
The Odd Creatures in Our Tide Pools
Bill Gorham

Thursday, MAY 9
Inspiring Travel and Strengthening a Sustainable Coastal Economy
Stacey Reynolds, Oregon Coast Visitors Association
Miranda Plagge, Economic Development Administrator, Curry County & Travel Curry Coast

Thursday, JUNE 13
Second Annual Wild Rivers Film Festival in Brookings
Sue Wright

Talks are free and sponsored by the Friends of Curry Campus. Check our website for upcoming talks in the series. For more information contact the Curry Campus at 541-813-1667.

Wild Rivers Film Festival
The second annual Wild Rivers Film Festival will take place August 15-18, 2024, in Brookings. And since hardly anyone goes to see a movie alone, Wild Rivers Film Festival is offering students enrolled in the Classic Movie Matinee Film Appreciation class (see page 11) a “Buy One, Get One Free” offer for their choice of festival passes (must show receipt from SWOCC class).

Students can save from $20-$150, depending on which festival pass they purchase. Day passes are $20, Festival passes are $50, VIP passes are $150.

Southwestern’s Small Business Development Center

Small Business Management (SBM) Series

Starting October 2023, the Small Business Management Series began with fifteen businesses enrolled, and has been progressively working through essential business topics each month. So far, the topics have included marketing strategies, branding, social media, and taxes. Topics coming up will cover financials, risk management, access to capital, and more.

The structure includes in-classroom expert presenters, as well as one-on-one sessions where participants meet with SBDC Business Advisors and get personal attention that brings the knowledge to life.

“What’s great about this program is that it brings business owners together, not only to gain valuable information, but to build a network of business owners who share their experiences with each other. It has become a cohesive and motivated group. As a result, the program has built momentum of its own,” said Curry Campus Business Advisor, Gayle Goldstone.

The next SBM Series kicks off in October 2024. If you are interested in participating in the program, and want to receive updates, please contact us:

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Here’s what participants have to say about the program

“I have really been enjoying the SBM workshops. Although my business has been running for 11 years now, we are at a point where we are considering expansion and are at a crossroads. I’m so glad I signed up for the classes and even though some of the content was familiar, I still found it valuable. It’s a great group of people. Everyone is very supportive, helpful, and kind. The best part about it is the monthly one-on-one advising sessions where you get customized advice. I can’t recommend it enough!”

–Kristen (James) Smith, Owners, Arch Rock Brewing Company

“I’m currently attending the SBM program at the Curry Campus. It’s truly special as it brings people from the Curry and Coos campuses together via technology so we are one big class miles apart. I’m so thankful for the class. I’m increasing my knowledge of how to run a small business, and I’ve already seen improvements! In addition to the class, each business owner attends sessions with their business advisor. Since starting my work with Gayle, I’ve increased my awareness of how to run my business more efficiently and highlighted areas that need improvement. This feedback has resulted in me developing a time-saving business strategy that has already affected my company’s growth.”

–Alisa Green, Owner, The Green Team! LLC

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[Go to: https://mylakerlink.socc.edu/ICS/Admissions]

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