

Did you know...?

Those with associate's degrees can expect lifetime earnings 27 percent higher than those for high school graduates.

(Source: The College Board, 2014)

CAP report on innovations in apprenticeship

The Center for American Progress has released a [report](#) that examines a number of innovative apprenticeship models from around the country. It provides detailed case studies of Vermont Healthcare and Information Technology Education Center, or Vermont HITEC; the Michigan Advanced Technologies Training program, or MAT2; the SEIU Healthcare NW Training Partnership; the National Institute for Metalworking Skills, or NIMS, Certified Registered Apprenticeship program; and Apprenticeship Carolina. The models show how apprenticeships have been expanded into new occupations and sectors and how they increased overall enrollment.

Chemeketa CC's enrollment drops as some students return to work

As the economy rebounds, some students are putting higher education on hold and coming back into the workforce. Student enrollment at Chemeketa Community College dropped 6.5 percent this fall compared to last year, a decline that is about half of what college officials initially projected.

Read the complete Statesman Journal article here:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/education/2014/10/01/cccs-enrollment-drops-students-return-work/16546299/>

Student loan defaults put Oregon community colleges in harm's way

Student loan defaults have soared at many Oregon community colleges. Klamath Community College escaped by the narrowest margin possible fatal sanctions by the U.S. Department of Education after the Oregon college managed to reduce its student loan default rate to 29.4 percent. Lane and Umpqua community colleges both exceeded 30 percent the last two years. If they can't reduce the rate to less than 30 percent next year, they too will face possible expulsion.

The U.S. Education Department claims to have banned some 1,200 schools from its loan program over the years due to excessive loan defaults. Some insiders dismiss the notion the agency would bar a public community college from its student loan program. And indeed, there are signs the department, at the Obama administration's urging, will be lenient with high-default schools.

The default surge also raises the specter that at least some students have manipulated the federal loan program, with its minimal credit checks, to get the cash. It also raises questions about the safeguards in place to prevent abuse. Local community college officials say federal rules allow only the most perfunctory of underwriting while processing loan applications.

Read the complete *Oregonian* article here:

http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/09/student_loan_defaults_put_oreg.html#incart_river

Comparing Oregon colleges by cost, student debt, enrollment numbers and more: Interactive graphics

It's been a painfully expensive 10 years for Oregon college students and their families. They've taken out more than \$12 billion in federal student loans since the 2003-04 academic year.

The Oregonian is publishing an occasional series, "[Era of extreme debt](#)," examining rising student debt and the chokehold it has on students, the universities and community colleges they attend and the state's overall economy.

Read the complete *Oregonian* article here:

http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/09/oregons_higher_education_compa.html#incart_hbx#incart_best-of

Oregon is one of the very worst states when it comes to preparing students for college and the work force, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce says [in a report released Tuesday](#).

Oregon a 'laggard' at getting students ready for college, careers, U.S. Chamber says

States in general have a long way to go when it comes to getting students ready to compete in a global economy, the report says. And [Oregon tends to perform near the middle of that poor-performing pack](#) at key measurements, such as students' reading and math skills, the truthfulness of state test scores and putting education dollars to effective use.

Read the complete *Oregonian* article here:

http://www.oregonlive.com/education/index.ssf/2014/09/oregon_a_laggard_at_getting_st.html#incart_river

Jerry Brown approves community college bachelor's degrees

In what could portend a monumental shift in public higher education in California, Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill Sunday that will allow up to 15 community colleges to launch bachelor's degrees programs in vocational fields.

Read the complete *Sacramento Bee* article here: <http://www.sacbee.com/2014/09/29/6744704/jerry-brown-approves-community.html>

2014 GED® program updates

- GEDTS is **extending** the See for Free promotion to adult educators in Oregon by an **extra week**, October 4 - October 10, 2014. There's still time for students to take the free GED Ready® practice test at a local adult education center. [Learn more.](#)

GEDTS is not extending the promotion nationwide so a different promo code will be used starting on September 4th, please use the new Promo Code: ORseeeforfree
Educators can contact the call center at 1-877-EXAM-GED if you have any questions.

- The Enhanced Score Report has been redesigned to make it easier for students to get their personalized study plan.
- Students can see the tour of the new MyGED® dashboard using the new "Give me the tour" link. <https://ged.com/>

GEDTS for educators:

http://www.gedtestingservice.com/educators/orderfreematerials?utm_source=iContact&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Non%20TT&utm_content=In-Session%3A+Univ+Access+Oct+1

Adult English and GED classes start in Mid-Valley

The Mid-Valley Literacy Center, which has offered English conversation classes in Silverton for the last three years, is expanding to offer GED high school equivalency courses at St. Joseph Shelter in Mt. Angel.

Read the complete *Statesman Journal* article here:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/local/silverton/2014/09/30/adult-english-ged-classes-start/16568519/>

CWRC/NCRC E-Newsletter

The CWRC/NCRC E-Newsletter is designed to provide stakeholders with a condensed summary of the most current information, events, and data related to Certified Work Ready Communities (CWRC) the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) efforts across the state.

Read the current edition here: <http://us8.campaign-archive2.com/?u=0264f1038c8c96d67fafa92b5&id=d11e12b257&e=ce0d0831bd>

Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and Subcommittee Meetings

<http://education.oregon.gov/Pages/HECC-Meeting-Materials.aspx>

Oregon Education Investment Board (OEIB) and Subcommittee Meetings

<http://education.oregon.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Oregon Workforce Investment Board (OWIB) Meeting Dates

http://www.oregon.gov/gov/skilled_workforce/Pages/Vision%20and%20Strategic%20Plan.aspx

HECC-OWIB Joint Task Force Meetings

http://www.oregon.gov/gov/skilled_workforce/Pages/HECC-OWIB-Joint-Task-Force.aspx

The Mission of the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development is to contribute leadership and resources to increase the skills, knowledge and career opportunities of Oregonians.

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