
Campus Currents: February 24, 2023

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President's Message

Greetings Chinooks,

Have you already given up on your New Year's Resolutions? You're not alone! Research tells us that most people abandon them within the first month.

But, all hope is not lost. Did you know that more recent research tells us that spring is really the best time to set new goals? Apparently, the rhythms of your life tend to match the rhythms of nature. During the spring, new life is blooming and, in some ways, things are beginning again. So, recommit to what you wanted to accomplish and use the energy in nature to motivate you.

Not sure what you want those goals to be or to what you'd like to commit? CGCC has a lot of options to offer. Whether it's a new career goal or a desire to learn something new, we have both degree/certificate options through our programs and lifelong learning options through Community Education.

- Interested? If you are a NEW student interested in degree & certificate programs, contact our outreach staff [here](#).
- If you are a CURRENT student interested in degree & certificate programs, contact your advisor [here](#).
- If you're interested in Community Education classes, [start here!](#)

Until next time, stay safe and warm.

Dr. Cronin

Further reading:

- <https://www.webmd.com/balance/features/psychology-of-new-year-resolutions>

- <https://www.artofmanliness.com/character/advice/why-you-might-want-to-wait-till-march-to-make-your-new-years-resolutions/>

Streams of Consciousness: March – Women's History Month and International Women's Day

Streams of Consciousness is a monthly column designed to create opportunities to reflect and inspire action at the college on topics related to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. If you have comments, concerns, ideas, or suggestions about Streams of Consciousness, please email Lisa AbuAssaly George directly at lgeorge@cgcc.edu

March is Women's History Month in the US and March 11 is International Women's Day. Both nationally and internationally, there is much to be done to bring about gender equity across many areas. The official theme for this Women's Day is [#embrace equity](#).

[According to the US Census Bureau](#), "among full-time year-round workers, women earn approximately 18 to 20 percent less than men." The wage gap varies a lot by occupation: "while wages are at parity in some occupational sectors, gaps are as large as 45 percent in others." The difference increases also when broken down by race and ethnicity, with many women of color being paid even less. For example, Black women were paid 64%, and Hispanic women (of any race) were paid 57% of what white non-Hispanic men were paid, according to the [US Bureau of Labor](#).



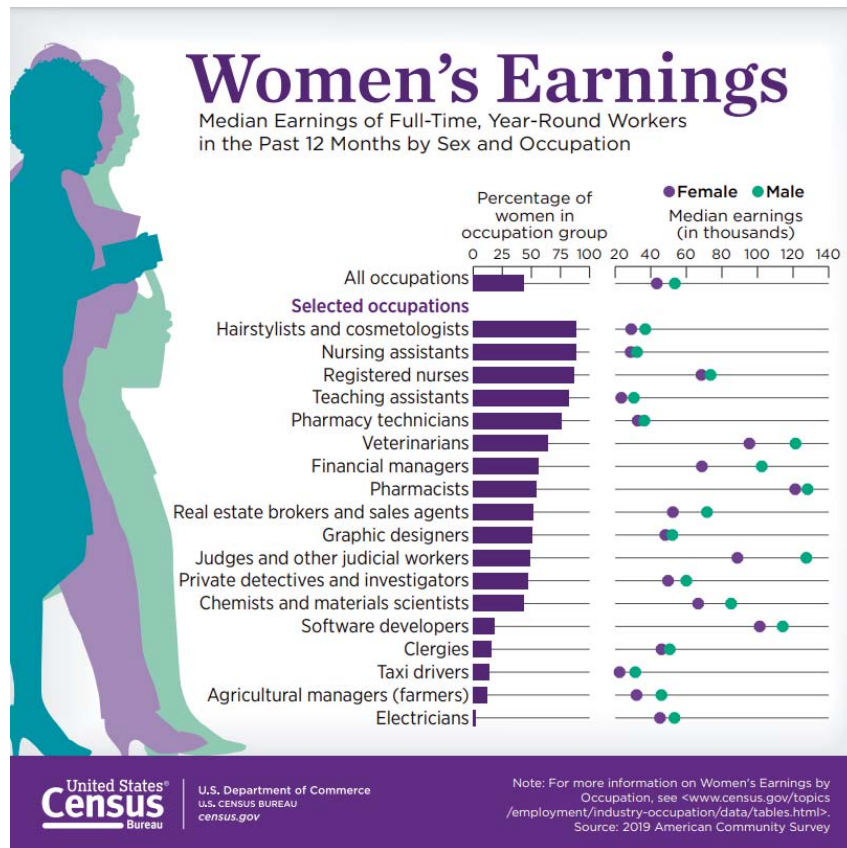
In postsecondary education in the US, there is still much work to be done. Although [women now outnumber men in the U.S. college-educated labor force](#), the earnings gap persists. And as you might have theorized, during the pandemic, [some gender disparities widened in the U.S. workforce](#).

Here are some tools you can use to find out more about gender disparities in pay:

[Pay Gap Calculator](#)

[Earnings by Sex, Race, and Occupation](#)

What does this mean for us at the college? There is a lot to consider, including opportunities across the curriculum to reflect on these disparities. Reflection is good; it's better when it inspires action. In all of our dealings, inquiring about success rates, gendered pay differentials, and opportunities for advancement will give us more information to create better conditions for everyone at the college and after graduation.



"If you have come here to help me, then you are wasting your time...But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

—Lila Watson, collaboratively with additional Aboriginal activists

Above graphics: Oregon Wage Gap 2023: data sourced from <https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/interactives/wage-gap-calculator/> for "Portland/Vancouver." Graphic by Jessica Griffin Conner | Women's Earnings: from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Employees of the Month

January staff member of the Month - Mary Martin
January faculty member of the Month - Annette Byers
Congratulations to both of you!

Vote for Employees of the Month!

Go to cgcc.edu/eom and select a faculty or staff member who has helped you, gone above and beyond, or is just a stellar human being!

Six-Word Story Contest

Win Swag and Gift cards!

Creative Writing Club is challenging you to write a story in six words. Your words could win pride of place in Creative Writing Club's newest project! You can write about anything on earth, as long as you use exactly six words.

A panel of students, faculty, and staff will be judging submissions. The top three stories will be printed on custom swag available in the CGCC bookstore. Honorable mentions may be featured in an upcoming Creative Writing Club project.

This contest is free and open to all CGCC students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Rules:

- Submit six-word stories by March 8.
- Winners will be announced around March 22.
- Stories must be 100% your own creation.
- Submissions in Spanish are welcome.
- Email your stories to the Creative Writing Club at cwc@cgcc.edu. Include:
 - Name
 - Pronouns
 - Phone number
 - Your connection to CGCC
- Each contestant may submit up to three stories, but is only eligible for one prize.
- Each story must be exactly six words - no more, no less.
- Hyphenated words count as two words - for example, "well-known" counts as two words.
- Contractions count as one word - for example, "didn't" counts as one word.
- Punctuation does not change word count.
- Only stories will be featured on swag; authors will be recognized elsewhere.
- Any submissions with hate speech or dehumanizing language will not be considered.



Register for spring term classes now!

Spring term registration is open now! Classes begin on April 3.

Current students: register in your student portal.

New students: [Apply now!](#)

Need help? [Contact an advisor!](#)

Looking for Community Education classes? [Check out CE classes here.](#)



Oregon Transfer Days returns to CGCC

Hey CGCC!

The annual "Oregon Transfer Days" college fair is coming in March. A poster and a social media image sized for Instagram & Facebook are attached. Feel free to share on your own social media. On Thursday, March 9, Columbia Gorge Community College will host Oregon Transfer Days 2023. Representatives from four-year colleges and universities will be on The Dalles Campus from 10 am to 1 pm in The Hook Cafe.

Oregon Transfer Days is an annual statewide tour of community colleges by university reps—one of the best ways for students to get a look at 4-year schools where they can finish their degree. Students and their families will meet with admissions representatives from around the state and beyond. CGCC students can start here, and go anywhere!

Over 15 institutions are slated to attend, with representatives showcasing what they have to offer for students who want to start at CGCC (or another Oregon community college) and transfer to complete a Bachelor's degree. Students get the chance to talk directly with transfer counselors and admissions officers, learn about options they may not know existed as well as what requirements they need to fulfill first. Information about admissions, financial aid, and degree programs will be available, and students and parents will have an opportunity to ask questions.

According to a recent survey by Lending Tree, students who start at a community college and transfer to a four-year institution to complete their degree save an average of 60% on tuition costs.

Don't miss Oregon Transfer Days!

For more information, go to cgcc.edu/otd or get in touch with CGCC's Associate Director of Outreach & Recruitment, Karly Aparicio at kaparicio@cgcc.edu if you have questions about the event.

Radiance Festival at The Dalles Art Center features CGCC Advanced Manufacturing students

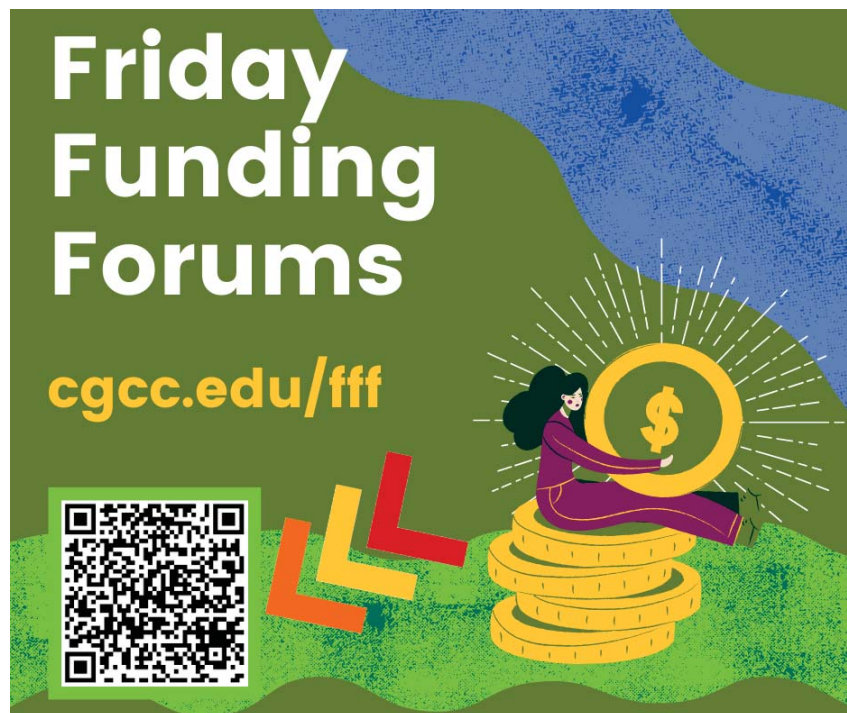


Students from Advanced Manufacturing participated in the first Radiance Festival at The Dalles Art Center, supporting the program and center. A total of \$1,750 was raised through the sale of student projects; with 1/3 going to the artist (our students) and 1/3 going to the Advanced Manufacturing program.

Thanks to Robert Wells-Clark for the photos, and congratulations to our student artists for their awesome work!

Read more at Columbia Community Connection [here](#).

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Is there a career you've been interested in? Let our Youth Compass Program set you up with a local business so you can gain hands-on experience while earning a competitive wage!

To be eligible, you must be between 14 and 24 years of age and be an Oregon resident.

Interested or have questions? Contact us today:
Mike Moreno, mmoreno@cgcc.edu, (541) 300-7703



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Reach out to our new campus *Resource Navigator!*

SHE CAN HELP WITH:

- School supplies
- Oregon Health Plan
- SNAP (or food stamps)
- Housing resources
- Food insecurity
- Childcare resources
- & so much more

If anything is preventing you from being successful in school, contact us today!

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- If you are low-income, you may be eligible for SNAP (food stamps) a FREE food assistance program. This program has recently changed to allow even more college students to qualify. [Apply here](#). On SNAP, you may be eligible for CGCC's STEP program which offers career coaching and financial assistance as you complete your education. Get more information about SNAP and STEP by emailing kraymond@cgcc.edu.
- If you are a parenting student, faculty or staff at CGCC, Child Care Partners is available to assist you with child care referrals. Call Child Care Partners at (541) 506-6134.
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<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE/Pages/Parents.aspx>

- The [CGCC Community Resources page](#) lists these and many other resources. Help is out there!
- And finally, if you need counseling or other mental health resources, you can contact the Student Support Services Coordinator, Shayna Dahl, at sdahl@cgcc.edu, or visit our student support services [facebook page](#) to learn more.

Follow us on social media for the latest updates on what is happening in the CGCC community!




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Here's the first *Campus Currents* of 2023!

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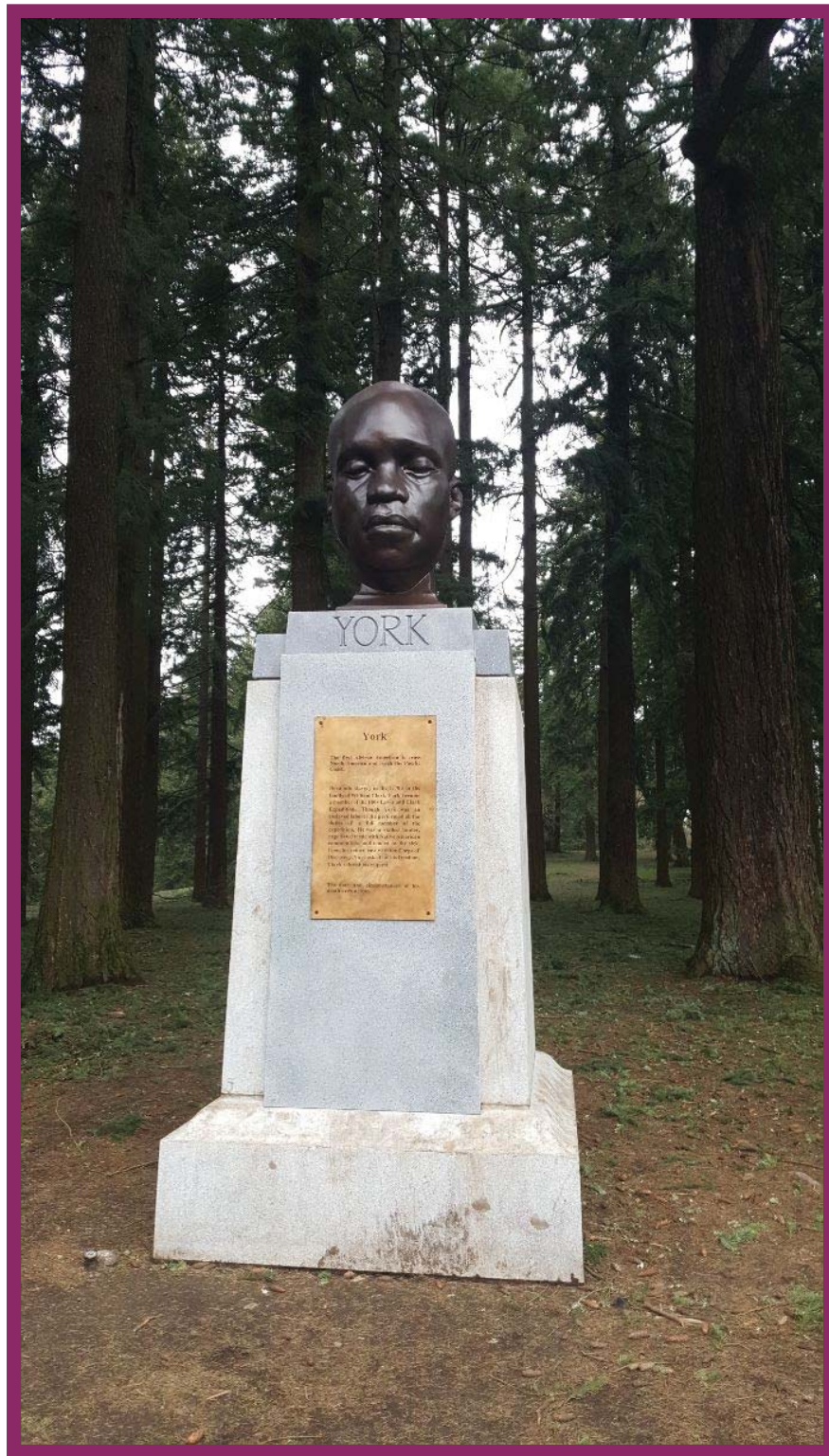
As most of you are already aware, I will be transitioning out of my role as President of CGCC at the end of June. These past few years, we've added several new members to our team, expanded our footprint in The Dalles, secured millions of dollars in grants and even made it through a pandemic.

Change can create a sense of unease, but growth cannot occur without change. As the college moves forward, these changes present an opportunity to create the future.

CGCC is a strong institution with dedicated employees. Our students and communities are in good hands.

Dr. Cronin

February is Black History Month



Beginning with this edition, Campus Currents will feature content from CGCC's new Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

February is Black History Month. Every year, people of all races take the opportunity to celebrate Black history and commemorate the struggles, achievements, and triumphs of Black folks in the United States for generations.

Despite the fact that the state of Oregon was founded on exclusionary racist principles that were [codified in its constitution](#), Black people have been present in the state since before its inception.

This organization's website showcases a wealth of resources on Oregon's Black History, and is available year-round, during Black History Month and every other month of the year: [Oregon's Black Pioneers](#).

Lisa AbuAssaly George, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

If you'd like to learn more about Black History, CGCC's Tina Ontiveros is teaching a class on African American Literature (ENG 257) Spring term. Registration begins February 20.

Above photo: A statue of York that formerly stood in Mt. Tabor Park, Portland. Click the photo to learn more about York, the guide on the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Photo 2021 by: Another Believer, licensed through Creative Commons Attribution-Share Alike 4.0 International.

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SALE! SALE! SALE!
At the Campus Store

30% off apparel - stay warm with a CGCC hoodie!

50% off holiday items (WOW!) - Get a head start on next year's gifts, or just snag some swag for yourself.

SALE ENDS FEBRUARY 3

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In Memorium

Earlier this month, we learned that one of our faculty members, Tess Fegel, passed away.

Tess taught Psychology classes at CGCC, and will be deeply missed by colleagues, former students, friends, and family.

Her full obituary, published by Columbia Gorge News, is available [here](#).

If you have memories or stories about Tess you would like to share in a future edition of *Currents*, please send them to our editor at currents@cgcc.edu.

FOUNDATION NEWS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Need Tutoring or Mentoring? Check Out The Cove!

Tutoring and mentoring services are up and running! Check out cgcc.edu/cove for the writing and math schedules, as well as instructions for what to do if you need help in another subject.

Looking for help with soft skills or something that isn't necessarily tied to a course? Fill out the mentoring form, which will pair you with a faculty or staff member who can offer support and guidance. There is no cost for CGCC tutoring or mentoring..



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Go "Global" with CGCC Financial Aid

Still need to start or complete the financial aid process for this year? There is still time.

This year, CGCC has gone "Global" with a new financial aid portal! To receive federal financial aid, you must complete the portal sign-up process. See below for helpful info.

As always, if you have any questions, you can reach Axel Hernandez or Sara Viemeister at financialaid@cgcc.edu, (541) 506-6021, or to make an appointment, call Student Services at (541) 506-6011 option 2.



1 - SUBMIT A FAFSA

- Go to www.studentaid.gov
- Log in or create FSA ID
 - Apply NOW for the 2022-23 FAFSA
 - October 1st, apply for the 2023-24 FAFSA



2 - CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

- Meet with an advisor
- Choose your program version
- Register through MyCGCC

3 - FINISH THE PROCESS

- Go to www.cgcc.edu
- Log into your MyCGCC
- Click on "My Financial Aid"
- Click on "Global Portal" Sign up/Create account
(Make it the same as your MyCGCC if you'd like)



GLOBAL FINANCIAL AID PORTAL

Start on the other side of this flyer, and follow all steps.

- Sign up for an account by completing basic demographic information, along with creating a new account username and password.
- You will be asked to provide your Program of Study as well as your start date during the signup process.

Info you need to create your GLOBAL account:

- Apply for Financial Aid = Create profile
- JSIR Status = Plug in the number of hours (credits) you're taking each term, see the Pell grant offered if applicable as well as loans. ****Don't forget to ZERO out the loans at the bottom and recalculate if you don't want them. If you do, please reach out to Financial Aid to talk about options.****
- Complete Required Docs = Check here to see if there's anything that requires more information. (Most if not all forms should be web-based so you can fill them out on your computer or phone!)
- Package Status = After review, this is where your award offer will be.



As always be sure to check your student email for notifications and requests!



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Students: Looking for a work–study opportunity?

Looking for a job? You can work and go to school through the Federal Work Study program!

Students must complete a 22-23 FAFSA, then check in with financial aid at CGCC to see if they qualify. Also, the students will need to complete the Work Study - Job Interest Form located on our website [here](#). The page also has a listing for all the available jobs.

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Campus Currents – December 22, 2022



President's Message

Greetings, Chinooks!

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday season with friends and family, it's important to take time out to consider those who might not be anticipating a joyous season.

You may, personally, know someone who may not have family or may lack the resources to provide more than the basics for their family. Even just a small kindness or genuine good wishes sent their way could make a lot of difference in their outlook. If you have the means to spread some holiday cheer to others you may not know, here are some suggestions:

Help THE COMMUNITY

- Help local families by supporting The Next Door, Inc. The Next Door is a local nonprofit that helps families in the Columbia Gorge with counseling, assistance, and resources. You can [donate](#) or [volunteer](#)

Help ANIMALS

- Adopt a pet who has no family to love it (remember, this one is a lifetime commitment.)
- No room in your house for (another) pet, but still want to help? Support our local animal carers/shelters: [Columbia Gorge Cat Rescue](#) is currently in dire need of help. They need a volunteer scheduler so they can reopen in spring 2023, as well as additional volunteers and donations. [Home At Last Humane Society](#) needs donations to build and maintain kennels, shelter, rehome, and feed pets, and they have animals available for adoption! And if you're interested in helping WILD animals instead of domestic pets, [Rowena Wildlife Clinic](#) helps hundreds of injured animals each year, including owls, native squirrels and songbirds, turkey vultures, deer, osprey, and bald eagles!

Help CGCC STUDENTS

- Gifts for students: Tea Church-Witkowski, Resource Navigator, has put together [this list of items](#) requested by CGCC students in need.
- Donate to the [CGCC Foundation](#) - donations fund scholarships that help CGCC students realize their dreams.

We each do what we feel we are able to do. It's all we can do. Whatever your plans, be safe and stay warm. Personally, I'm hoping for a white Christmas. ●

Have a happy holiday season and I will see you next year!

Dr. Cronin



Registration for winter term IS OPEN You can [view the schedule here](#).

Winter term starts January 9th.

Need help? Contact Student Services at studentservices@cgcc.edu, or (541) 506-6011, option 2. **CGCC offices** will close for winter holiday from December 23-January 2, but **will be open January 3-6 to assist you!**

Looking for [Community Education Classes](#)?

Or maybe [Small Business Development Center Classes](#)?

CGCC programs featured on OPB's "Think Out Loud"



CGCC's Columbia Gorge Regional Skills Center, and two of our programs, Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Construction Technology were featured recently on Oregon Public Broadcasting's radio show, "[Think Out Loud](#)."

Journalist Dave Miller interviewed CGCC students Ana Seymour and Ricky Rodriguez, as well as instructor Robert Wells-Clark. The link above leads to a transcript and recording of the segment you can listen to!

(photo above, Dave Miller interviews Ana Seymour)

Employees of the Month!

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November Staff member of the month: Charlotte Cusack

November Faculty member of the month: Stephanie Naas

Congratulations to both of our outstanding employees!

Vote for Employees of the Month!

Go to cgcc.edu/eom and select a faculty or staff member who has helped you, gone above and beyond, or is just a stellar human being!

Check out the ART!!!



If you're over at Hood River Center during winter term, look around on the walls. Students from Elizabeth Anderson's ART 230 class created some beautiful pieces, including those pictured here. You should check them out.

And, if you're interested in learning more about art and unlocking your inner artist, consider registering for an art class for winter term!

New items for sale at the Campus Store



Looking for fun, CGCC-branded stuff? Don't forget to check out the Campus Store!

And, if you're a currently enrolled student, remember that Slingshot accounts are live! Enrolled students can access their accounts to update preferences, access digital materials, track orders, and more. Required course materials are fulfilled automatically according to account preferences - no additional ordering is necessary. Please contact the store with any questions. To view course materials list for all classes, click [here](#).

Need Tutoring or Mentoring? Check Out The Cove!

Tutoring and mentoring services are up and running! Check out cgcc.edu/cove for the writing and math schedules, as well as instructions for what to do if you need help in another subject.

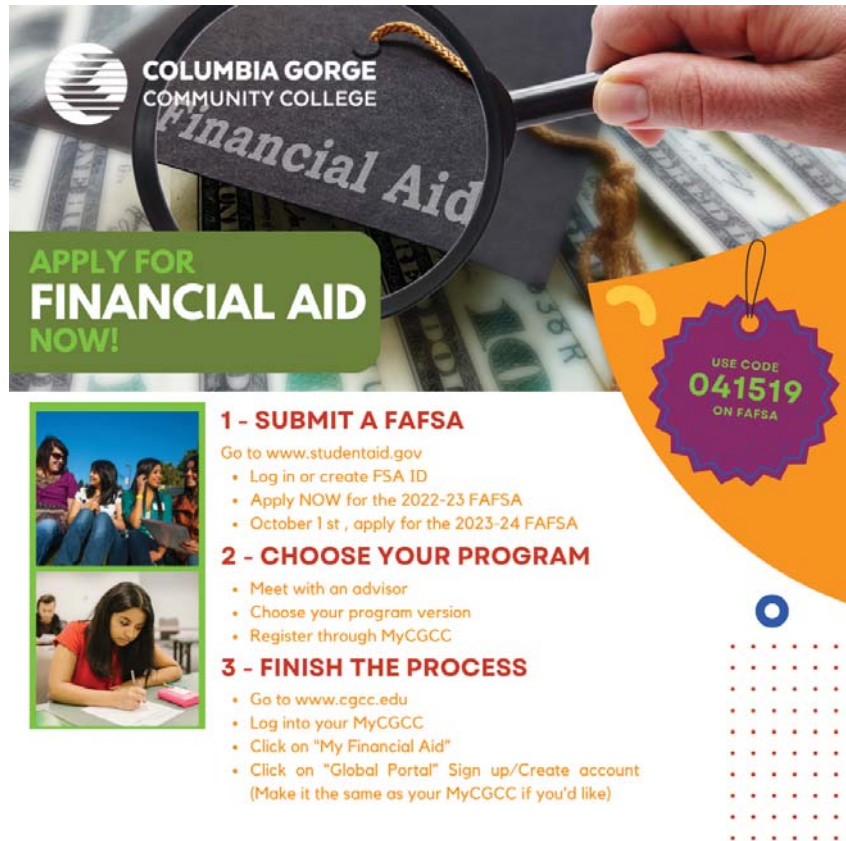
Looking for help with soft skills or something that isn't necessarily tied to a course? Fill out the mentoring form, which will pair you with a faculty or staff member who can offer support and guidance. There is no cost for CGCC tutoring or mentoring..

Go "Global" with CGCC Financial Aid

Still need to start or complete the financial aid process for this year? There is still time.

This year, CGCC has gone "Global" with a new financial aid portal! To receive federal financial aid, you must complete the portal sign-up process. See below for helpful info.

As always, if you have any questions, you can reach Axel Hernandez or Sara Viemeister at financialaid@cgcc.edu, (541) 506-6021, or to make an appointment, call Student Services at (541) 506-6011 option 2.



**COLUMBIA GORGE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL AID
NOW!**

**USE CODE
041519
ON FAFSA**

1 - SUBMIT A FAFSA

- Go to www.studentaid.gov
- Log in or create FSA ID
- Apply NOW for the 2022-23 FAFSA
- October 1st, apply for the 2023-24 FAFSA

2 - CHOOSE YOUR PROGRAM

- Meet with an advisor
- Choose your program version
- Register through MyCGCC

3 - FINISH THE PROCESS

- Go to www.cgcc.edu
- Log into your MyCGCC
- Click on "My Financial Aid"
- Click on "Global Portal" Sign up/Create account
(Make it the same as your MyCGCC if you'd like)

Decorative elements: A hand holding a magnifying glass over a stack of money with the words "Financial Aid" visible. A purple starburst tag with the use code "041519 ON FAFSA". A grid of red dots on the right side.



**CGCC
FINANCIAL
AID PORTAL
(GLOBAL PORTAL)**

GLOBAL FINANCIAL AID PORTAL

Start on the other side of this flyer, and follow all steps.

- Sign up for an account by completing basic demographic information, along with creating a new account username and password.
- You will be asked to provide your Program of Study as well as your start date during the signup process.

Info you need to create your GLOBAL account:

- Apply for Financial Aid = Create profile
- JSIR Status = Plug in the number of hours (credits) you're taking each term, see the Pell grant offered if applicable as well as loans. ****Don't forget to ZERO out the loans at the bottom and recalculate if you don't want them. If you do, please reach out to Financial Aid to talk about options.****
- Complete Required Docs = Check here to see if there's anything that requires more information. (Most if not all forms should be web-based so you can fill them out on your computer or phone!)
- Package Status = After review, this is where your award offer will be.

As always be sure to check your student email for notifications and requests!

Decorative elements: A green arrow pointing right. Three circular images showing students in various settings. The Columbia Gorge Community College logo at the bottom right.

Information sessions for prospective students & families



Do you know someone who might be interested in coming to CGCC?

CGCC is hosting a series of information sessions for prospective students and their families!

Attend an info session to learn about CGCC programs and ask questions. Info sessions in The Dalles include a campus tour. To sign up, go to: <https://www.cgcc.edu/Infosession>

Students: Looking for a work–study opportunity?

Looking for a job? You can work and go to school through the Federal Work Study program!

Students must complete a 22-23 FAFSA, then check in with financial aid at CGCC to see if they qualify. Also, the students will need to complete the Work Study - Job Interest Form located on our website [here](#). The page also has a listing for all the available jobs.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Axel Hernandez ahernandez@cgcc.edu.



Is there a career you've been interested in? Let our Youth Compass Program set you up with a local business so you can gain hands-on experience while earning a competitive wage!

To be eligible, you must be between 14 and 24 years of age and be an Oregon resident.

Interested or have questions? Contact us today:
Mike Moreno, mmoreno@cgcc.edu, (541) 300-7703



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GET YOUR GED® LIVE AND WORK ON CAMPUS!

CGCC's PreCollege Program can provide housing, work experience, career and academic counseling and more for students who qualify for your the Live, Study, Work Program. All for FREE!

PROGRAM BASICS

- Student must be 18.
- Student must be able to pass a background check and adhere to residence hall expectations.
- Student will work on campus or in the community while studying.
- Student should intend to continue studies at CGCC after completing their GED®.
- Student will receive Academic and Career counseling.

Interested? Contact:

pre-college@cgcc.edu | (541) 506-6041



www.ged.cgcc.edu

Columbia Gorge Community College is an equal opportunity educator and employer. Support for the Youth Connect Program is funded through the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act, the U.S. Department of Labor and Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission and the East Coastside Workforce Investment Board. For more information, please contact George Hall, Student Support Services Coordinator, at (541) 506-6044, TDD relay, or shd@cgcc.edu.

Know someone who needs a GED or is getting one at CGCC? This is a great opportunity for students who qualify.

Student & Community Resources

Need anything while going to school?

Reach out to our new campus
Resource Navigator!

SHE CAN HELP WITH:

- School supplies
- Oregon Health Plan
- SNAP (or food stamps)
- Housing resources
- Food insecurity
- Childcare resources
- & so much more

If anything is preventing you
from being successful in school,
contact us today!

Tea Church-Witkowski
tchurch-witkowski@cgcc.edu
(541) 288-3256
Office: TDC 3.317



CGCC also has the following resources available to the community:

- The [Chinook Campus Pantry](#) is open on Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. The Pantry offers fresh produce and shelf-stable items for free to anyone who asks. There is no qualifying paperwork or other requirement. The Pantry is located on The Dalles Campus, at the end of Building 4 (the Art building). If the door is up, the Pantry is open! Please wear a mask, observe social distancing, wash your hands before you come, and wait in your car if there are two or more people already inside. If you have questions, please contact campuspantry@cgcc.edu.
- If you are low-income, you may be eligible for SNAP (food stamps) a FREE food assistance program. This program has recently changed to allow even more college students to qualify. [Apply here](#). On SNAP, you may be eligible for CGCC's STEP program which offers career coaching and financial assistance as you complete your education. Get more information about SNAP and STEP by emailing kraymond@cgcc.edu.
- If you are a parenting student, faculty or staff at CGCC, Child Care Partners is available to assist you with child care referrals. Call Child Care Partners at (541) 506-6134.
- If you are low income and working as well as attending classes, you may qualify for Employment Related Day Care (ERDC).

<https://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ASSISTANCE/CHILD-CARE/Pages/Parents.aspx>


- The [CGCC Community Resources page](#) lists these and many other resources. Help is out there!
- And finally, if you need counseling or other mental health resources, you can contact the Student Support Services Coordinator, Shayna Dahl, at sdahl@cgcc.edu, or visit our student support services [facebook page](#) to learn more.

Follow us on social media for the latest updates on what is happening in the CGCC community!

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