

Oregon **TECH**

**2030: Oregon Institute of Technology
for the Next Generation**



Convocation Address: September 19, 2011
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Hands-on education for real-world achievement

- **Current Vision & Strategic Plan (OIT 2017)**
 - **Some Accomplishments to Date Based on OIT 2017**
 - **Moving Forward with OIT 2017 as the Springboard**
- **What We Should be in 2030**
- **Thank You and a Call to Collective Action**
 - **Updating? Revising? Rewriting? Our Strategic Plan**
 - **Moving Forward with OIT 2017 in Perspective**

***Vision 2030 for Oregon Institute of Technology**

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The Current Vision

- ✧ Oregon Institute of Technology will **grow** and be recognized as an **outstanding university** in Oregon, the Northwest region, and nationally.
- ✧ **Educate graduates** who excel in the **technological workplace**.
- ✧ We will be known for our commitment to **applied research**, the preparation of "**world-ready**" graduates, and **partnerships** that ensure **quality** programs.
- ✧ We will be a leader in **economic development**.

Oregon **TECH** Strategic Plan: OIT 2017

- **Academic Programs:** National Recognition & Delivery Throughout Oregon to Improve Access for Oregonians
- **Graduate Programs:** Areas of Excellence to Meet Needs of Oregon's Workforce
- **Faculty:** Engaged in Globally Competitive Applied Research to Bolster Oregon's Market Advantage
- **Finance:** Long-term Fiscal Viability & Broad Funding Base
- **Sustainability:** Forefront in Areas of Campus Operations, Academics, & Community Involvement

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➤ Academic Programs: National Recognition & Delivery Throughout Oregon to Improve Access for Oregonians

- US News #8 (Western US colleges) & #60 (Engineering, BS/MS colleges & universities)
- Forbes top 20% all US universities
- eHow; *Chronicle of Higher Ed*; *WiseChoice*
- Accreditations this year in REE, Respiratory Therapy, Dental Hygiene, others
- Preferred partner university with Boeing

➤ Academic Programs: National Recognition & Delivery Throughout Oregon to Improve Access for Oregonians

- La Grande; Salem; Wilsonville
- Distance Education
- Enhanced Collaboration with Community Colleges
- Director of Academic Agreements
- Focus on Oregon students
- Applied Baccalaureate

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➤ Graduate Programs: Areas of Excellence to Meet Needs of Oregon's Workforce

- MS Manufacturing + online option
- MSREE (Fall 2012)
- MS Civil Engineering approved
- Exploring MS/MBA (with University of London), MS Applied Psychology, DPT
- Geothermal & Solar Energy-Generation
- OREC, Geo-Heat Center
- Centers of Expertise (e.g., Health Professions, Manufacturing, Renewable Energy Engineering)

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➤ Faculty: Engaged in Globally Competitive Applied Research to Bolster Oregon's Market Advantage

- Office of Strategic Partnerships
- Office of Innovation & Tech Transfer (OITT)
- Sponsored Programs Work Group
- New collaboration with SOU for international student recruitment
- Exploring other opportunities for faculty and student exchanges & engagement

- Faculty: Engaged in Globally Competitive Applied Research to Bolster Oregon's Market Advantage
 - Focus on undergraduate applied research
 - Internships, externships, part-time employment
 - High-quality faculty and adjunct faculty
 - Continued faculty replacements to the maximum extent possible
 - Successful university-industry partnership grants

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➤ Finance: Long-term Fiscal Viability & Broad Funding Base

- Partnership with Oregon Tech Foundation
- Investment in direct revenue-generation areas (e.g., Admissions, Development)
- Investment in “getting the word out” about Oregon Tech (e.g., Marketing, PR, Alumni Relations)
- Investment in Wilsonville campus (long-term enrollment growth/sustainability; enhanced efficiencies; options for new programs)

➤ Finance: Long-term Fiscal Viability & Broad Funding Base

- Continue looking for areas of cost reductions and reallocation of resources
- Extension of postponed planned spending
- New focus on recruiting students whose tuition covers more of the cost of their education
- Focus on student retention & success

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➤ Sustainability: Forefront in Areas of Campus Operations, Academics, & Community Involvement

- LEED-equivalent building & upgrades (Owens Hall, Sustainable Village, Wilsonville Campus)

- Large, active Sustainability Committee

- Sustainability integrated in curricula

- Tanzania projects (Solar HOPE, Engineers Without Borders)

- Dental Hygiene (local clinics, many years of international experiences)

- Student projects (e.g., David Douglas High School, Crater Lake National Park)

Metrics Used by the OUS to Evaluate Oregon Tech

- **Student Enrollment (Total; New)**
- **Women in Engineering-Related Fields**
- **Degrees in Designated Shortage Areas**
- **Full-time Student to Full-time Faculty Ratio**
- **Diversity (Students; Faculty; Contractors)**
- **Graduation (4-, 5-, 6-year; Transfer 2- & 3-year; Total #)**
- **Retention (Freshman-to-Sophomore; Transfer)**
- **Faculty Compensation Compared to Peer Universities**
- **Philanthropy (Oregon Tech Foundation \$ Value)**
- **Sponsored Research Expenditures**

➤ Student Demographics, Preparation, & Learning

- Under-represented groups now will not be then
- Broader range & more even distribution of student ages
- Self-paced learning
- Starting anytime, ending anytime, many schools
- More interest & input in outcomes & meaningful majors

➤ Alumni

- Living longer – doing more
- Life-long learning & life-long mentoring
- Many different careers

➤ State, Nation, and World

- US no longer the world's leading economy
- Population is more urban and less rural
- Knowledge needed about international culture (not necessarily languages)
- Increasing longevity of Oregon, US, and world populations
- Continued erosion of public monetary support for public education

➤ Technology & Health

- Still driven by fundamental principals
- Rapid advances mixed with stagnation (computers vs. shuttle)
- Fewer MDs? More PAs? Fewer Dentists? More Hygienists? Fewer visits? More remote &/or self diagnostics?
- Patient control of records

Oregon **TECH** What Oregon Tech Should be in 2030

The Core Values of Our Future Success

- Focus on Undergraduate Teaching & Learning
- Quality, Quality, Quality
- Applied Research & Problem-Solving Skills
- Professional (Work-Ready) Educational Opportunities
- Integrity, Professionalism, Leadership
- Shared Responsibility & Participation
- Commitment to Service
- Social & Environmental Responsibility

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Keys for Our Future Success

- **Focus on Re-balancing Student Mixes**
 - Larger % of non-Oregon students
 - Larger % of non-rural students
 - Enhanced transferability, dual enrollments, and student life

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Keys for Our Future Success

- Establish More of an International Presence
- Sustain Regional, State, & National Mission
- Enhance Regional, State, & National Reputation
 - Quality, Quality, Quality
 - Broader & Deeper Industry Relationships

Keys for Our Future Success

- **Long-term Financial Viability**
 - Increase number of students
 - Larger % of non-Oregon students
 - Increase retention & number of graduates (Legislatively codified 40-40-20 goals)
 - Increase endowment value, scholarship opportunities, and other non-state sources & amounts of funds

Keys for Our Future Success

- **Long-term Financial Viability**
 - **Creative, mission-supporting revenue options**
 - **More tracks for faculty & staff (joint appointments; applied-research Intellectual Property [IP] opportunities)**
 - **Share services & collaborations**
 - **Reduce costs, especially those we do not control directly (e.g., utilities)**

What Oregon Tech Should **NOT** be in 2030

Our Future Success Cannot be Built Upon:

- Long-term Financial Variability & Vulnerability
- Mediocrity at ANY Level (~4000 competitors just in US!)
- Purely Body-Count-Driven Metrics
- Driving Retention & Graduation Simply by Lowering the Bar of Expectations
- Degrees & Programs that Stray from Our Mission
- Over-reliance on Traditional-Delivery Classes
- Over-reliance on Freshman- & Sophomore-Level Classes
- Large, Impersonal Classes & Labs

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Revisiting OIT 2017 with 2030 in Mind

- Much progress on many aspects of OIT 2017 already
- Process will begin this term
- Small groups, many communities, one Oregon Tech
- What have we accomplished so far?
- What are the priorities moving forward?
- Are all parts of OIT 2017 still relevant?
- Are we missing something in OIT 2017?
- Let's build on our strengths as a university to enhance our reputation and continue to distinguish ourselves from other post-secondary colleges and universities

Focus Our Gaze Down the Road and Through the Turn

