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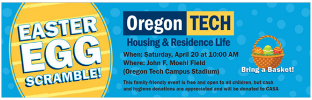
Housing and Residence Life

Spring is trying to peek out in the Basin and our students in Housing are ready to enjoy the sunshine and blue skies! After a long and snowy winter, Housing staff is excited to welcome in warmer weather as we prepare for spring term activities both indoors and out! The annual Easter Egg Scramble, a fun community service based event we offer to kids, will take place on Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10:00 am. The John F. Moehl stadium is where the action takes place. All children with families ages 0-12 are invited to join us to scramble for prized filled eggs. Donations will be accepted to benefit CASA in Klamath Falls. Student volunteers have been busy stuffing between 10,000-15,000 eggs, and will spend a few hours spreading the eggs all over the inside of the track field. At 10:00 am sharp the kids will get to scramble to pick up as many eggs as they can!



EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE!

Oregon TECH
Housing & Residence Life
When: Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM
Where: John F. Moehl Field
(Oregon Tech Campus Stadium)

Bring a Basket!

This family-friendly event is free and open to all children, but cash and hygiene donations are appreciated and will be donated to CASA

The end of April will also see current Housing students get first chance to *Choose My Room*. Anyone who is a current Oregon Tech student signed up to live on campus for the 2019-2020 academic year can sign up and choose the space they would like to live in for the upcoming year! For our incoming students, their turn to choose a room will come up in June, but anyone can start the housing application process now by visiting www.oit.edu/housing and clicking on *Apply Now to Live on Campus*.

Housing has enjoyed our largest residential population to date, and we are on track to house an even larger number of students on campus for the 2019-2020 academic year. Housing is guaranteed for all students who complete the application and make their housing deposit by May 1, but please note, Village space will fill up fast! The Res Hall is a great alternative with its vibrant communities, quiet study spaces, and as a bonus, Housing staff cleans the bathrooms/showers and takes out the trash!

Spring term on campus brings with it a lot of opportunities for residents to interact with each other socially and we hope to get outside and enjoy springtime in the Basin. If you haven't visited Klamath Falls in spring, we are experiencing typical spring like weather for us-rain, snow, sun and wind - often all in the same day! The Residence Life student staff is undeterred though and will offer many spring events, including our annual week of Spring Fling events, May 13-17, 2019. We hope to see all of our residents join us for activities throughout the week!

Spring term also marks the end of our academic year in June, and the time when we say "Aloha" to our residents who are graduating or just heading to other places for the summer. Mark your calendars now for June 15, 2019 as this is the final day of the 2018-2019 housing contract. Only students who have a summer contract are allowed to stay with us after 4:00 pm on June 15, 2019. It is never too early to make plans with your student for move out and summer term! If you have any questions about closing or any other activities going on in Housing Spring term, please call our office at 541-885-1094 or email us at housing@oit.edu.

Integrated Student Health Center

A LITTLE
SOMETHING TO
BRIGHTEN
~~YOUR~~ DAY!
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As we move into Spring here in Klamath Falls, the Integrated Student Health Center (ISHC) staff want to encourage you to consider brightening your student's day. We had quite a hard winter, with more snow than we have seen in many years. The most difficult part, however, was that the wintery cloud-cover stayed for weeks at a time. That was unusual, as we typically have more sunny days than not. Now, we have moved into Spring which (unfortunately) tends to be quite rainy, at least through April. Many people are negatively impacted by continued "gray-ness" outdoors, and if your student is one of them, they might be struggling right about now. Of course, ISHC offers counseling at no charge, which we are always happy to encourage. However, sometimes all our students need is a little something fun, or a reminder from home that they are loved, to brighten their mood. So, please consider sending a little something if you can – it can even just be a card or note, but baked goods are always highly sought after, of course. Other popular pick-me-ups are gift cards to local restaurants, flowers, or even an electronic-card through e-mail. This can be a difficult time of the term, and so we would like to request that you reach out from your end with a little encouragement to help our students make it to summer! Questions? Call 541-885-1800.

Plan

Catalyze Klamath Falls Challenge

Thursday, April 25th 4 pm - 7 pm

Oregon Tech's Catalyze Klamath Falls Challenge has been a huge success for student competitors and the Klamath community. Over the past four years, 23 student/alumni teams have competed for over $50,000 in prize money that was generously donated by Representative Whitsett, Senator Whitsett, Klamath County, City of Klamath Falls, KCEDA, Avista, the Gaucho Collective, the Herald & News, Klamath IDEA, Oregon BEST, Business Oregon, the Wendt Family Foundation, and Black Canyon Woodworks.

Catalyze Klamath Falls Challenge aims to support business ideas and/or fledgling entrepreneurial activity from any field of study that produces a new idea, product or service that could become a thriving business in Klamath Falls, and has the potential for job growth in rural Oregon. The culmination of the challenge will happen on April 25th, when teams compete in front of a panel of judges for the prize money and opportunity to continue to the statewide competition.

Student Project Symposium

Oregon Tech invites you **Friday, May 31st from 11am- 2pm** to the Student Project Symposium & Open House. This is an annual event during which students from all departments are invited to present their junior, senior or capstone projects, and departments open their do

Music Garden

Join us Saturday, June 1st for our 5th annual Music Garden event! An outdoor music festival for all! Follow us on Instagram to for the band lists and updates on vendors who will be at the event.

Commencement

Klamath Falls Campus – Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 10:00 am, John F. Moehl Stadium

Commencement is an important way to mark the completion of this part of your student's education. Faculty members look forward to sharing it with your student, their family, and friends. We encourage the earlier graduates of the academic year (Summer 2018, Fall 2019 and Winter 2019) and the graduating candidates for Spring and Summer 2019 to join us!

Student must complete the Walk Form to participate.
Walk Form: Walk Form

Mandatory Rehearsal for all participants - **Friday, June 14, 2019 at 2:00 pm**
Do not bring cap and gown. Please assemble according to major at Owen's Hall

The Grad Bash BBQ will be held before rehearsal beginning at 11:30 am outside of the College Union.

All Graduates must report to Owens Hall by 9:15 am on Saturday, June 15, 2019 **attired in caps and gowns for final arrangements for the processional**. Please arrive on time to ensure a smooth ceremony for all graduates.

Lifetouch photographers will be on site to take your student's photo when they walk across the stage and receive their diploma. To purchase photographs, visit www.events.lifetouch.com after the ceremony.

Breakfast Club

First Wednesday of the Month
8:00 am – 10:30 am at LRC 2nd Floor
All Students, Faculty and Staff are invited for a FREE breakfast of waffles, bagels, yogurt, fruit, muffins, etc. Breakfast Club is held on first Wednesday of every month on the second floor of the LRC. The event is sponsored by the Student Success Center and hosted by various campus departments each month. Contact ssc@oit.edu for more information. We look forward to serving you breakfast!

Academic Calendar

Spring Term 2019

April 1	Classes begin
April 5	Last day to use Web for Student for all registration changes
April 12	Tuition and Fees Due
April 12	Last day to register without late charge
April 12	Last day to drop without a "W"*
May 1	Registration for Summer Term for all students begins
May 13-23	Registration for Fall Term
May 17	Last day for course withdraw
May 27	Memorial Day holiday
June 7	Last day to completely withdraw from the University
June 10-13	Final exams week
June 14	Spring Term ends
June 15	Commencement

Succeed

There are many resources on campus to assist your student to succeed. All the way from financing their education to finding a job when they graduate, the Oregon Tech Student Success team is here to assist them throughout their journey. Read on for more information.

Career Services

The Key to a Great Job After Graduation, Part-time Employment While in School, or an Amazing Internship Opportunity Before Graduation

Does your student have an internship lined up for summer? Give them a pat on the back, as it will be invaluable to them in their career development.

Take the smaller tasks in stride and keep your mind focused on the big picture. You may need to make some coffee or do some filing at some point but if making coffee and filing takes up the majority of your day, it's time to

Are they still looking? They can make an appointment on the Handshake app with Career Services to discuss their search and get some tips. They can look for *Career Center* at the top of their Handshake home page, then select *Appointments* from the drop down list.

TRAINING
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Internship

Below is some great information from The Balance.com on how to maximize the internship experience and turn an internship into a full-time offer.

Organizations seek interns who are motivated and exhibit a "go-getter" attitude. Employers also want people doing internships in their company who have a strong work ethic and are dependable and work well independently and in a team environment. Many Human Resource Departments report that they seek many of their full-time employees from interns exhibiting these skills who have previously interned with their organizations. Following these tips will increase the likelihood that your internship will turn into a full-time job offer.

Meet and Greet with Everyone

Successful work relationships require excellent communication skills as well as a positive attitude. Your supervisors and co-workers may be immersed in projects and deadlines and not take notice that you are new to the organization; so make sure you take the initiative to introduce yourself and exhibit a positive and friendly attitude to everyone you meet, from the janitor to the CEO.

Do Your Research

Make it a point to do research and learn all you can about the company and industry. Your Career Services Office at your college is an excellent place to start. You can also write directly to a company for information, engage in informational interviews, contact the local Chamber of Commerce, and read local newspapers and business publications to find out more about an organization.

Set Personal Goals and Keep Yourself Busy

Set personal goals that you want to achieve during your internship and ask your supervisor for things to do. If you find that your work is done, ask for new projects or look to read company literature and/or professional journals. Goal setting is especially important for interns - to ensure that you gain the relevant skills employers are seeking when hiring future full-time employees.

Read Professional Trade Journals & Magazines

Keep up with employer information and read what the professionals are reading. Learn more about your employer, their competition, and additional information about the industry in general.

Are there new trends or is there something exciting currently happening in the field? Internship success requires motivation and a true desire to learn more about the industry. Successful interns take the initiative to learn as much as possible during the short duration of their internship experience.

Be Prepared to Do Some Grunt Work

speak with your supervisor about your goals and expectations of the internship. One way to avoid this situation is to make an agreement prior to the internship outlining your responsibilities. Remember there are menial tasks included in all jobs and pitching in and doing your share will establish better teamwork and goodwill among co-workers.

Ask Questions

Take advantage of your student status and ask questions about everything you don't understand. Employers believe that students who ask questions are motivated and really want to learn all they can about the industry.

As an intern, employers do not expect you to know everything about the job or industry. Internships are a great learning experience and the more questions you ask the more you will learn about the job and how the industry operates.

Find a Mentor

Learn from those you admire and develop mentoring relationships you can continue long after your internship has ended. Professionals enjoy sharing their expertise and want to assist new professionals entering the field. A good mentor is someone who is willing to share their knowledge and expertise and wants to see their mentee succeed in the field.

Be Professional

Maintain a professional image and avoid gossip and office politics. Maintain a positive and professional image both inside and outside the office. Maintaining professionalism while interning also means making efficient use of your time by avoiding the use of company time for personal phone calls and emails.

Develop Professional Relationships

Communicate with supervisors and co-workers and keep yourself in the loop of office communications. Professional relationships are key to starting a successful career. Throughout your career, a professional network will help you to learn about new opportunities and offer ways to advance in your field.

Be Enthusiastic!

Show your enthusiasm and motivation and ask to be included in meetings and professional workshops. Enthusiastic employees tend to rub off on each other and have a positive impact on the organization as a whole.

If you're looking to be hired as a full-time employee after your internship ends, exhibit the qualities of an enthusiastic worker during the short time you have to make a positive impact on both your co-workers and supervisors.

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Peer Consulting Center

Peer Consulting is a completely FREE academic support service available to all students at Oregon Tech. The consultants who work at Peer Consulting are your student's peers and have taken the same classes your student has and have earned a 3.0 or greater.

Peer Consulting serves to help your student develop the skills they need to become successful both academically and professionally.

What we offer

- Scheduled individual or group tutoring appointments
- Drop-in tutoring
- Online tutoring for distance students
- Supplemental Instruction study sessions
- Help with math, physics, chemistry, writing, and much more!

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a new program offered by Peer Consulting. SI incorporates a student SI leader into historically difficult courses. SI leaders are junior and senior students who have previously completed the course with a 3.0 or better. SI leaders attend class lectures and collaborate with faculty to provide at least one study session each week for their class. The mission of SI is to increase academic success by providing a collaborative learning environment to help students strengthen their foundational knowledge, improve study skills, and foster critical thinking. The spring 2019 term will have SI's available in the following courses: trigonometry, differential calculus, physics, and intro to general chemistry.

Peer Consulting is located on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center (Library) in LRC 233. Using our services is easy. Students are free to drop in or make scheduled appointments through our online scheduler accessed via the Student Resources tab in TECHWeb.

Peer Consulting is open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 7pm, Fridays 8am to 5pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 6pm. Students can get help making an appointment by emailing us at peerconsulting@oit.edu or calling us at 541-851-5226.

Whether it's your student's first year or fourth year, we are here to help empower your student to become successful in their academic career and reach their graduation goal.

The Rock

With spring term underway, students will soon be preparing for next year. What did their first year at Oregon Tech look (and feel) like? The pressure of academics, the responsibility of being a student, making (and ending) friendships, questioning/testing their ability and goals – it has been a year of tremendous growth! The ROCK team has had the opportunity to get to know many students and guide them through a year of change. Topics covered in student meetings have ranged from overcoming academic/personal **obstacles** and establishing school/life **balance** to helping students find and follow their **passion** in the face of challenges.

Obstacles: Obstacles are present in everyday life and in every obstacle is an opportunity to learn; our role as ROCK Specialists is to help student find their way around roadblocks and barriers. Anything that halts progress, from an unexpected low grade to financial aid confusion, can be discouraging. This year we have helped students navigate these issues so they can leave them in the past, adapt, and move on to achieve their goals.

Passion: Finding and following your passion can be both exciting and daunting, and the first year in a college community is a great time to explore. Tackling university courses can cause some to doubt their chosen major and question their motivation. At times it's important to redirect their attention and encourage them to use small steps in moving forward toward their goal. Growing and changing is a valuable lesson students learn and something we all use throughout our entire life.

Balance: Making new friends and hanging out is a huge part of college life. Family, friends, and academics are all top priorities; however, managing these relationships along with student responsibilities can be difficult and even overwhelming. The ROCK team has helped students create better plans for time management and provided resources for finding balance in their busy lives.

At the close of year, a student who has met with their ROCK Specialist will have learned many things: how to find resources when needed, a more balanced perspective on school/life, better focus and commitment to their goals, and more. And the ROCK team has learned about the unique and interesting perspective that each students brings to our campus. We are proud of what they have accomplished in their first year at Oregon Tech, and excited to see what the next years have in store for them!

Alumni Spotlight: Justin Parnell '11

Oregon Tech is known as a leader in engineering, applied sciences, psychology, health technologies, communications and management, yet its athletics programs are also quite notable. In this spotlight we feature head men's basketball coach, Justin Parnell, who had big shoes to fill after taking over from legendary coach Danny Miles… and Parnell has definitely stepped up to the challenge!

At just 30 years old, Justin Parnell is leaving his mark on Oregon Tech. The National Association of Basketball Coaches named Justin one of the country's best 30-under-30 in 2018, during only his second season as the head coach of the Hustlin' Owls men's basketball team. He took the team to the NAIA National Tournament all three years and this year, he took the team to the NAIA National Championship game. He was named the Cascade Collegiate Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Owls to their best regular season in the three years since taking the reins from Hall of Fame coach Danny Miles.

Justin grew up in Sutherlin, Oregon, another small town that loves basketball. He attended Oregon Tech as a Communication Studies major, graduating in 2011. He only played basketball for two years for Oregon Tech, having transferred after his sophomore year from Northwest Nazarene. He was a part of Coach Miles' 900th career win and would eventually come back as an assistant coach alongside Danny Miles during 2011 and again in 2014. When Coach Miles retired in 2015, Justin was named head coach.

The future is bright with Coach Parnell at the helm of the Oregon Tech men's basketball program. Along with assistant coaches Paul Poetsch, Josh Wetzler and Joel Yellow Owl, the tradition of training "Oregon Tech Guys" to be champions is a given. As Justin puts it, "Champions do things the right way because they want to. You win with champions." Good character is just as important as strong athleticism at Oregon Tech.Justin enjoyed other career successes before taking over as head coach in 2016. He coached at Lost River High School in 2012. He then worked at Oregon Tech as the Alumni Relations Manager from 2012-2015 in the Portland-Metro office. Justin also coached the women's basketball team at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City before moving back down to Klamath Falls.

Justin is married to Oregon Tech alumna, Joey Parnell, and they live in Klamath Falls with their son Jace and daughter Rylie. Joey played volleyball at Oregon Tech and studied echocardiography, graduating in 2013. We can't wait to see what comes next for the Parnells and Hustlin' Owls basketball!

Oregon Tech Foundation

The Oregon Tech Foundation and Alumni Association are here to show support for your students! Through initiatives that fund priorities such as faculty advancement, classroom upgrades, student project funds, and scholarships, we work to further the goals of the university and enrich the educational experience for all students. This year alone we are thrilled to have awarded over $800,000 in scholarships to very deserving students!

The Alumni Association strives to engage students while achieving their educational goals at Oregon Tech, as well as build and strengthen our alumni network after graduation. By providing students with an insight into what their future career has in store through connections with experienced Oregon Tech alumni, the strength of the alumni network has a direct benefit. Alumni have the opportunity to support, engage and give back to the university in many different ways such as participating in student mentorship programs, making donations to the program, club or scholarship of their choice, or attending any of our free alumni or low cost events throughout the year.

The 2019 Golden Owls Reunion, which is the largest alumni event of the year is fast approaching. This free event takes place during commencement weekend June 14-15. All Oregon Tech alumni, the graduating class of 1979 and prior and their spouses are eligible to attend. The weekend is filled with fun events and the chance to re-live old memories. For more information contact Alumni Relations Manager Rebecca Burkeen at 503-821-1145, or via email at rebecca.burkeen@oit.edu

Oregon Tech Foundation Student Support

Oregon Tech strives to offer hands-on, real-world educational experiences. Student experiences are enhanced from support from the following activities:

- Academic Projects
- Clubs
- Regional and national competitions
- Community outreach programs.

The Oregon Tech Foundation helps with these student initiatives, as well as helping provide the 'Finish Line Fund', assisting students who are close to graduation and financial aid is running low. For more information please contact Oregon Tech Foundation Program Manager, Katie Cavendish at katie.cavendish@oit.edu.

Oregon Tech Foundation – Give to Oregon Tech

Oregon Institute of Technology has been transforming lives for more than 60 years, preparing students to lead and succeed in high demand fields such as engineering, technology, allied health and renewable energy. With the help of our donors and volunteers we are building a world-class university.

To find out how you can support Oregon Tech through the work of the Foundation, please visit oit.edu/development or oit.edu/give to make a donation.

Cascade Health Alliance Invests in Children with Expansion Grant to Oregon Tech Behavior Improvement Clinic

Oregon Tech has announced a generous community investment of $150,000 from Cascade Health Alliance (CHA), for the critical expansion of Oregon Tech's Behavior Improvement Group Applied Behavior Analysis (BIG ABA) clinic. Focusing primarily on the treatment of children with autism or pervasive developmental disorder diagnosis, the Oregon Tech BIG ABA clinic began serving local families in May 2018 as the only ABA clinic within 75 miles of Klamath Falls. The BIG ABA clinic and training center also provides high quality training and supervision for Oregon Tech bachelor's and master's students in the ABA degree programs.

This investment from CHA supports the BIG ABA clinic's goal of increasing treatment hours by 300 percent over the next five years, serving the needs of the community and helping to address shortages of qualified interventionists. The clinic expansion will help build solutions to the hurdles preventing patients from receiving treatment, expand community outreach efforts, and add in-home support for families, increasing overall services for youth in our regional communities.

"At CHA we believe that by investing in our community we are also investing in the members we serve," said Tayo Akins, President and CEO at CHA. "Our partnership with Oregon Tech is a natural fit since we are both highly engaged in serving our community. The BIG ABA clinic is a shining light in the behavioral care services provided to our members. We take pride in being a partner to empower the most vulnerable residents of Klamath County.

"The shortage of Applied Behavior Analysis professionals is very significant in Oregon, let alone Klamath that has a significant demand for this service for the population we serve. This investment will allow CHA to develop and have adequate access to Applied Behavioral Analysis providers and hopefully attract providers that will stay in Klamath once they finish this program," Akins added.

The BIG ABA clinic has been identified as a priority project in the Rural Communities Development initiative of the $4 million Foundational Campaign for the Future at Oregon Tech. This initiative focuses on creating strong partnerships which provide students unique applied experiences, improving the health and capacity of community partners, and building projects which bring the campus into the community for the benefit of both.

"The community investment from Cascade Health Alliance demonstrates their passion and commitment for the Klamath Community," said Oregon Tech president, Dr. Naganathan. "CHA has been a strong community partner for Oregon Tech in a variety of important initiatives, and this is one more example. We thank CHA for investing in our students' education and practical experiences as we build the region's rural health care workforce."

To learn more about the BIG ABA clinic, visit bigaba.oit.edu or contact the clinic leadership team at abaclinic@oit.edu or 541.885.1675.

For more information about how you can help support students at Oregon Tech contact Tracy Ricketts, associate vice president for Development and Alumni Relations at 541-885-1118 or Tracy.Ricketts@oit.edu.

Financial Aid

We started processing FAFSAs in early March and have been sending out requests for additional information and award notifications. If students have filed their FAFSA they should be looking for an email requesting more information or an email notifying them they have been awarded. Award notifications are sent to continuing students through their Oregon Tech email accounts only.

Scholarships

The Oregon Tech Foundation Scholarship process began in December and expects to award over $375,000 in scholarships.

The selection process will take place in April and students can expect to be notified of their award around May 1st.

The summer scholarship application will be available in early July, with a submission deadline of approximately mid-July. Emails will be sent to all students notifying them of the process. Please encourage your students to apply.

Additional scholarship opportunities are listed on our website at oit.edu/scholarships. If you have specific questions regarding scholarships, please contact Julie Daniels at julie.daniels@oit.edu.

Summer Attendance

If your student is attending summer term they must contact the financial aid office. We do not automatically package financial aid for summer unless students are in a special program where summer attendance is required.

Parent Loans 2019-20

Parents who wish to take out a Parent loan (PLUS Loan) for the 2019-20 school year need to apply online at studentloans.gov. If you do not have a login from completing the FAFSA with your student, you will be asked to create one.

Oregon Tech Email

Remind your students that Oregon Tech e-mail is important to check throughout the year, including summer. Information on scholarship opportunities, financial literacy workshops and announcements are sent to this email on a regular basis.

Helpful Websites:

nslds.ed.gov
finaid.org
studentloans.gov
oit.edu/owls-worth

Owls Worth - Financial Literacy

OWLS' $ WORTH
Oregon Tech's Financial Literacy Program

We have two events scheduled for spring term, Basic Investing and a Financial Literacy Fair. Each event comes with a free food and a $500 scholarship drawing.

Basic Investing

May 2nd at 12 pm in Mt. Mazama in the College Union.

Financial Literacy Fair

May 10th from 11 am to 2 pm in Mt. Mazama in the College Union.

New Student Orientation is Hiring!

If your student loved NSO, we'd love to have them apply for the 2019 NSO Leadership Team! If your student didn't attend NSO, they can still apply and help us welcome the next class of Hustlin' Owls. Students can apply on Handshake!

New Student Orientation is held each year on the weekend preceding the start of Fall term classes. The mission of NSO is to empower incoming Oregon Tech students by providing opportunities and experiences with are designed to:

- Integrate students with the campus community
- Equip new students with resources and areas of support
- Connect with their fellow students
- Facilitate transition and foster success in collaboration with other campus departments and Week of Welcome programs

The NSO Leadership Team works as a leadership laboratory through which staff members enhance and supplement their communication, time management, and other professional skills. The members of the NSO Student Leadership Team PLAY A PIVOTOL ROLE IN THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS OF NSO for incoming students at OREGON TECH, ENSURING THAT THE students learn not only about Oregon Tech, but also about the general resources available to them and the benefits of Klamath Falls and the surrounding area. The NSO Student Leadership Team should strive to improve student success by being role models and a source of information for all students.

NSO falls under the department of Campus Life: Where Students Connect.

Campus Life supports the meaningful growth and development of Oregon Tech students throughout the life of their university experience. Through active partnership with our students, opportunities are created for hands-on learning, self-discovery, leadership, teamwork, diversity, community service, and social justice in an environment that is rewarding, energetic and fun.

Volunteer Owls Lend a Hand and a lot of Shovels

For the fifth consecutive year, the Volunteer Owls have ventured beyond the Klamath Basin to serve in a neighboring community.This year, the group traveled around Northern California to serve in the communities affected by the 2018 wildfires. Seven students and two Oregon Tech staff members departed on Monday to Montague, CA and served at the local chapter headquarters of Habitat for Humanity. We moved furniture and cleaned three spaces in their newly acquired warehouse. This support will help them open the space into a conference room and office space.Then, we helped even their front-entry landscaping. After settling into our cabin in Lakehead, we spent the evening in Redding with a little laser tag, go-kart racing, and arcade games. The heavy lifting continued Tuesday, with a trail maintenance project with the City of Redding. We collectively hauled a truck load of new gravel to cover the trail and planted flower seeds along the half-mile Palatine trail. Wednesday was spent cleaning and preparing the Shasta Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center for their grand opening, April 6th. Their crew of three will work April – October rehabilitating wildlife rescued all over Northern California in order to return them to the wild. The group spent Thursday laying woodchips over the playground in the Paul Bunyan Forest at the Turtle Bay Exploration Park. Everyone worked with positive attitudes during the four days of intermittent showers and sunshine.

Treehouse Explores Culture in Mexico

For the second consecutive year, the Treehouse has taken a group of students to venture beyond our borders! This year, the group of 13 students went to Guadalajara, Mexico for the week. We spent time exploring the city center, touring the blue agave plantations and cultural museums. We even had time for an Atlas soccer game!

The Treehouse, rooted in diversity and inclusion, feels strongly that trips like this are important. They focus on encouraging students to travel (on a budget) and learn something new about the world around them. We are always impressed with our students at Oregon Tech, but watching them take risks, experience new things, and broaden their horizons makes us EXTRA proud!

10 Oregon Tech Athletes Earn Academic All-CCC Honors

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A total of 10 Oregon Tech Athletes joined a list of 124 Cascade Collegiate Conference student-athletes in the in the winter sports of men's and women's basketball and men's wrestling have earned U.S. Bank Academic All-CCC honors for their performances in the classroom, the conference office announced.

To earn recognition as a CCC scholar-athlete, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and sophomore standing.

Name	Yr	Sport	Major
Alix Biddington	Sr.	Women's Basketball	Medical Imaging Technology
Scotty Burge	So.	Men's Basketball	Biology-Health Sciences
Amanda Constant	So.	Women's Basketball	Civil Engineering
Seth Erickson	Jr.	Men's Basketball	Biology-Health Sciences

Mitchell Fink	Jr.	Men's Basketball	Communication Studies
Abby Kreiser	So.	Women's Basketball	Communication Studies
Megan Morris	Sr.	Women's Basketball	Communication Studies
Bailey Nelson	Sr.	Women's Basketball	Respiratory Care
Quim Valive'	Sr.	Men's Basketball	Business Marketing
Nohea Waiwaiole	Sr.	Women's Basketball	Communication Studies

#10 Hustlin' Owls Win CCC Championship over #3 College of Idaho

YOTES
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FINAL
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In a weekend of upsets for Tech, the No. 10 Hustlin' Owls (15-3 CCC, 24-6) completed their sweep of the weekend by overthrowing No. 3 College of Idaho (14-4 CCC, 25-5) 75-72 in a thriller, with the victory the Owls win their 10th CCC Men's Basketball Regular Season Championship and first outright championship since 2010-2011. The Owls will now host Northwest University in the CCC Quarterfinals presented by US Bank on Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at Danny Miles Court. Tickets are available at www.oregontechowls.com

Head Coach Justin Parnell on the game, "First of all, hats off to Idaho. They are an outstanding team and a class group of guys. The effort our guys gave this weekend was special. They locked in for 80 minutes and earned this conference championship. I'm proud to coach them."

The victory was decided in the final minutes as the Yotes came within a single point of reclaiming the lead with a 12-2 run bringing the score to 73-72 with just 3.3 left on the clock. However, a foul by Keun Palu-Thompson allowed junior Mitchell Fink to add two points from the charity stripe before the final buzzer went off, leaving CI with no chance to retaliate.

Fink led the team with 23 points and five assists, claiming game high honors in the process. Fellow junior Seth Erickson added another 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and sophomore Garret Albrecht tallied 11 points.

Another seven rebounds from junior Tyler Hieb helped push OIT to a 41-37 rebounding edge, out-rebounding the NAIA 3rd ranked team in total rebounds.

The Owls started strong in the first half, securing a starting advantage with a 7-0 run and going 9-0 later to expand it. But at No. 3 in the nation, College of Idaho was a force to be reckoned with, riding an 18-4 run into a lead that they held to the end of the half.

Tech came back fast with a 9-2 run in the second and three consecutive three pointers – including two from Erickson and one from Steiger – to put them in a strong position to deal with CI's attempted comeback.

Hustlin' Owls Fall to Cougars in NAIA Championship Game

NAIA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
82
FINAL
76

No. 7 ranked and No. 2 seeded Spring Arbor University showed up in a big way as a career-high 32 points from Brandon Durnell sent them past No. 8 ranked and fellow No. 2 seed Oregon Tech 82-76 to win the first NAIA National Championship Title in their program's history.

The win is huge for the Cougars, who started their season unranked but quickly climbed the polls, earning a 30-7 record over the course of the season. The team pushed their way through National Championship play with a lead on the half in all five games.

As for the Hustlin' Owls, who upset defending champion and overall number one seed Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday and then CCC rival College of Idaho on Monday in a hard-fought battle to the Championship game, the loss keeps them from their fourth Championship Title in their program's history for at least another year.

SAU led off strong, as Luke Barber and Durnell landed three-pointers to take the team 8-for-0. OIT countered with a strong 12-2 run to turn the game in their favor, but Spring Arbor took the lead for good at the 11-minute mark as a Denver Cade three-pointer kicked off an 11-0 surge.

A major long-range shooting advantage for the Cougars gave them the edge they needed as they went 11-for-22 on the night for a 50% average, keeping Tech at a 42.9% average at 6-of-14 and holding them without a 3-point bucket for the first 13 minutes of the game.

The first half closed 44-35 in favor of Spring Arbor University, and the second half saw the lead jump into double-digits. Junior Seth Erickson and sophomore Cal Stueve didn't let them keep it for long though, scoring four and five points respectively as the Hooters went 13-for-6 to cut the lead to eight.

A strong game from Stueve helped Tech stay afloat, as he came off the bench to score 13 points, shooting 5-for-6 and making 3-of-4 from long range to come within a single bucket of his career high.

Shortly after, CCC Player of the Year Mitchell Fink led the Hustlin' Owls on an 8-1 run, scoring all eight points and bringing OIT within a mere four points of SAU as the clock slipped to the three-minute mark.

The Hooters put in the effort, but only made 2-of-5 in the final minutes as a Jeff Beckman block helped the Cougars hang on to the lead to the final buzzer.

Fink led the team with 25 points, scoring 16 of those in the second stanza alone as he led Tech's comeback effort. He also grabbed five rebounds and seven assists as NAIA's number one ranked player in assists per game, narrowly passing Paul Marandet, NAIA's number two ranked player, who tallied five.

Fink was only one of four Owls to score in double-digits, with junior Kellen Gerig adding 14 from the bench and junior Seth Erickson tallying another 12.

Stueve and Gerig's double-digit scores led OIT to a strong 37-12 advantage in bench scoring.

Durnell led SAU and took game high honors with his career high scoring as he shot 12-of-17 on the night and 4-of-7 from long range, adding eight rebounds as well to lead the team to a slight 32-30 edge in the category.

Marandet added another 16 points while Barber scored nine on the night and Jeff Beckman tallied another eight and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Oregon Tech held a 44-30 edge in the paint and forced eight turnovers while only committing four of their own.

However, the Cougars shot from the charity stripe with an 80% average to beat the Hooters 66.7% and held a 16-9 assisting advantage as the team came together for the win.

The season ends for the Hustlin' Owls on a 28-8 record. Fink was named to the NAIA All-Championship Tournament Team.

Oregon Tech's Fink Tabbed First Team NAIA All-American, Erickson Honorable Mention

NAIA
MITCHELL FINK
SETH ERICKSON
NAIA ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Just two days after leading the Hustlin' Owls into the NAIA title game Oregon Tech junior Mitchell Fink (Clackamas, Ore.) was named a 2019 First-Team NAIA Division II All-American with fellow junior Seth Erickson (Salem, Ore.) picking up Honorable Mention recognition announced Thursday by the national office.

Earlier this year Fink and Erickson were named first-team all-conference, while Fink was selected the 2018-19 Cascade Conference Player of the Year, for the second year in a row, after leading Oregon Tech to a 15-3 conference mark and the Owls 10th regular-season cascade conference championship.

Fink led Oregon Tech to a 28-8 overall record and a 2nd place finish at the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux Falls, S.D. Fink led the Owls in scoring this season averaging 15.1 points per game and an NAIA leading 7.2 assists.

Fink is now fourth all-time at OIT in total points scored with 1,553 and second all-time in assists with 656.

Erickson was second on the Owls with 5.5 rebounds, and scoring at 13.9 points per game including a team best 42% from long range on 65-of-156.

Fink becomes the Owls 10th First Team NAIA All-American joining fellow selections Bobby Hunter (2012), Joseph Foster (2011), Justin Parnell (2010), Jguwon Hogges (2009), Ryan Fiegi (07-08), Levell Hesia (05-07), LaMont Swinson (01) Saif Abdur-Rahman (98), Rafid Kiti (94), Second Team Selection Joel Yellow Owl (2017), and Third Teamer Todd Matthews (04).

Tech's Waiwaiole Named All-American Third Team

NAIA
NOHEA
WAIWAIOLE
3RD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN

After a standout season and career, Oregon Tech senior *Nohea Waiwaiole* (Portland, Oregon) was named to the NAIA All-American Third Team, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced on Thursday.

Waiwaiole was also named a Cascade Collegiate Conference First Team recipient earlier this year. She is in the fourth Owl in the last six years and seventh all-time at OIT to be recognized on a national level, following Morgan Roberts-Eli Honorable Mention in 2017, Karly Leveque's Third Team selection in 2016 and Karissa Dixon's Honorable Mention selection in 2014, Nikki McElligott Third Team in 2004, and 2005 and Carmen Arroquero Honorable Mention in 1985.

"I am thrilled that the NAIA recognized what an exceptional player Nohea is and has been for the Lady Owls the past 4 years," said Head Coach *Scott Meredith*. "We are a very balanced offensive team but she filled up the stat sheet every game and led our team in almost every category. Nohea had a fantastic tournament in Sioux City and committee members saw her play in person. She was a tremendous leader for this team and has 31 entries in our programs record book. Nohea had an outstanding career at Oregon Tech and I couldn't be prouder to be her coach."

Waiwaiole averaged 10.9 points, 6.1 rebounds, and 4.6 assists in leading her team to a second place finish in the Cascade Conference at 16-4 and a 24-10 overall record leading her team into the second round of the NAIA National Tournament.

Waiwaiole finishes with 1,192 (6th all-time) career points, 708 rebounds (3 rd all-time) and is the all-time leader in assists at OIT with 411.

Owls Earn a Record 7-All Americans at NAIA Indoor Track & Field Championships

NAIA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
NAIA INDOOR
TRACK & FIELD
CINDY REED
ALL-AMERICAN
DANIELLE DE CASTRO
ALL-AMERICAN (X2)
SUSIE GARZA
ALL-AMERICAN (X2)
AMBER VON ESSEN
ALL-AMERICAN
DELANI DIETRICH
ALL-AMERICAN

The Final Day of the 2019 NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championship ended up being a record day for the Oregon Tech Track & Field Team with five athletes earning a total of seven All-Americas on Saturday's final day at the Sanford-Jackrabbit Athletic Complex.

"We had a dream weekend on the women's side," said Head Coach Jack Kegg. "Every woman is an All-American and we had the best team finish in school history from indoor. All seven athletes competed at their very best and represented Oregon Tech very well. I am so proud of how they competed after some very challenging travel conditions."

Danielle De Castro and Susie Garza got the day off to a great start as they finished 2nd and 4th respectively in woman's 1K. De Castro finished in a time of 2:55.39 with Garza at 2:58.49.

Next up, Cindy Reed finished 2nd in the 5K in a time of 17:39.58 to claim the Owls' 3rd All-American on the day.

The Oregon Tech Women's DMR team wrapped up the day with a 5th place finish in a time of 12:06.52. a new school record and All- American status for Danielle De Castro (her 2nd of the day), Amber Von Essen, Delani Dietrich, and Susie Garza (her 2nd of the day).

Softball Field Dedication

Oregon Tech Athletics along with the Oregon Tech Foundation held a special ceremony and official unveiling of the new John and Lois Stilwell Stadium on March 23.

The ceremony took place between games of the Lady Owls' doubleheader with Carroll College.

Oregon Tech Athletics Director *John Van Dyke* said, "Having a softball stadium of this caliber is a game-changer. I'm so happy for Coach Stewart and his softball team. The coaches can now focus on coaching rather than field maintenance. John and Lois Stilwell's gift will benefit OIT athletes for generations."

The John and Lois Stilwell Stadium is dedicated in honor of John and Lois's generous philanthropy to Oregon Tech. This first-rate softball complex is made possible by the vision of the Stilwells and their lead gift.

Their passion for academic excellence, athletics, and student success motivated John and Lois to generously support the University in many ways, including capital projects, student travel, and endowed scholarships which make it possible for numerous students to pursue their educational and professional dreams, now and in the future.

Owls Celebrate Dedication with Sweep of Fighting Saints

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Pictured:L-R Athletic Director John Van Dyke, Associate VP Development Tracy Ricketts, OIT President Dr. Nagi Naganathan, John Stilwell, Head Coach Greg Stewart, OIT Players.

No. 9 Oregon Tech (22-10, 9-3 CCC) celebrated the dedication of its new softball facility with a sweep of Carroll College (9-16, 2-10 CCC) 11-3 in game 1, and 14-7 in game 2 at the new John and Lois Stilwell Stadium.

Head Coach Greg Stewart said on his team's effort, "We made some really good adjustments at the plate today and hit both of their pitchers well. Once again our team proved to be very resilient playing through some cold, wet weather."

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