

Did you know...?

Students spend an average of \$1,200 on books and supplies every year., according to The College Board.

(Source: The College Board 2013)

National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) focuses on readying students for work

PBS Newshour recently highlighted employers in the Chicago area who are investing in WorkKeys and the NCRC: http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/education/jan-june14/skillsgap_01-22.html

There are more than forty states utilizing the NCRC across the country. The Oregon program supports statewide and regional efforts to build a more skilled workforce. To date, over 28,500 Oregonians have earned a certificate over 1,277 employers of all sizes, in a variety of industries, are supporting the certificate by preferring the NCRC in their hiring practices.

The NCRC is the foundational piece of a much larger, economic development initiative in Oregon. This initiative, Certified Work Ready Communities, creates competitive advantage for Oregon's communities in order to recruit new businesses and expand existing businesses.

For additional information about the Oregon NCRC, visit the website: <http://www.oregonworkready.com/>

OYCC sponsored program highlights youth conservation projects in Clackamas County

Wilderness International has posted a video on YouTube that focuses on local natural resources projects and their impact on local youth participants: www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqtHyp2yF7U

Community college student transferring to for-profits earn less

Community college students who transfer to for-profit colleges earn less than students who transfer to public or private non-profit colleges, according to a new study from the Center for Analysis of Postsecondary Education and Employment (CAPSEE). Read the complete *Community College Daily* article here:

<http://www.ccdaily.com/Pages/Campus-Issues/columbia.aspx>

Who are the long-term unemployed?

NPR's Planet Money identifies the long-term unemployed in three graphs: Where they are by state, and who they are industry and age group: <http://www.npr.org/blogs/money/2014/01/28/267743569/who-are-the-long-term-unemployed-in-three-graphs>