

Did you know...?

America's more than 1,200 community colleges enroll nearly seven million students—about 40 percent of all higher education enrollment in the country. Yet these institutions receive less than one-third the level of federal government educational support as do public four-year colleges.

(Source: The Brookings Institute, 2014)

Tillamook Bay Community College announces new degree program

Since its recent accreditation, Tillamook Bay Community College has been able to expand its curriculum by creating an Agricultural and Natural resources degree. The program is designed to prepare students who are going into agriculture, forestry, fish and wildlife or natural resources. (Reported by Oregon Campus Compact newsletter.)

You can read more about the TBCC 's program here:

<http://d31hzlhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20140714/5c/a4/c8/6e/01b0d91a85baf55bca1576a/TBCC.jpg>

Congress and Biden aim for job training that actually leads to jobs

When an unemployed or dissatisfied worker seeks out job training through a government program, the hope is to get a new job in a field where workers are in demand. But the nation's workforce development system hasn't always succeeded in matching the training with the work.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act aims to fix that by better matching training to employer needs. It encourages more apprenticeships and on-the-job training. The measure of success will no longer be just how many people sign up for help, but also how many actually get jobs.

Read the complete NPR article here: <http://www.npr.org/2014/07/23/334091696/congress-and-biden-aim-for-job-training-that-actually-leads-to-jobs>

The OCTAE launches website to help understand WIOA implementation

In an attempt to address the developing demand for information, the Office of Career and Technical Adult Education OCTAE has launched a WIOA Reauthorization page at:

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ovae/pi/AdultEd/wioa-reauthorization.html>

OCTAE is offering the site as a premier site to find the most current WIOA implementation information. In addition, they are trying to corral all of the WIOA questions from stakeholders in one place. Please email your questions to the communications team at this address: AskAEFLA@ed.gov.

House passes four higher education bills

(From *NGA Center for Best Practices* newsletter, July 28, 2014) The U.S. House of Representatives passed H.R. 4894, a bill that enhances the financial literacy information and instruction institutions of higher education must offer to students receiving federal or private student loans. The House also passed H.R. 3393, a bill that consolidated the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit, the Lifetime Learning Credit and the college tuition deduction into the current American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC). Until 2017, under the new AOTC, tax filers could claim up to \$2,500 each year for up to four years for college expenses. On Wednesday, the House passed two higher education bills. On a 414-0 vote, the House passed H.R. 3136 which authorizes the U.S. Department of Education to establish demonstration projects for competency-based education to reduce federal barriers and provide more resources for higher education institutions to innovate in this field. By voice vote, the House passed H.R. 4983 which would provide \$1 million to replace the current federal College Navigator website with a more comprehensive consumer information system on higher education institutions. The bills now head to the Senate where the Chairman of the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions has indicated that he will pursue a comprehensive reauthorization of the Higher Education Act instead of smaller piecemeal tweaks with individual bills.

More than 80 percent of recent graduates employed post-college

The National Center for Education Statistics released a [report](#) on employment opportunities for Americans who graduated with bachelor's degrees in the 2007-2008 academic year. The report used data from the Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study, a sample of more than 17,000 students eligible for Title IV federal student aid. According to the report, 83 percent of degree recipients not enrolled in postsecondary education were employed, and 85 percent of the employed had full-time jobs. Additionally, the report found that graduates were employed nearly 85 percent of the time in the four years following graduation.

Report: Higher education behind on Common Core

America's primary and secondary schools may be busy preparing for the onset of the Common Core standards, meant to better prepare students for college, but one key partner isn't even close to ready: colleges and universities themselves.



Read the complete *Hechinger Report* newsletter article here:

http://hechingerreport.org/content/report-higher-ed-behind-common-core_16785/

How the government exaggerates the cost of college

The government's official statistic for college-tuition inflation has become somewhat infamous. It appears frequently in the news media, and policy makers lament what it shows.

No wonder: College tuition and fees have risen an astounding 107 percent since 1992, even after adjusting for economywide inflation, according to the measure. No other major household budget item has increased in price nearly as much.

But it turns out the government's measure is deeply misleading.

Read the complete *New York Times* article here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/29/upshot/how-the-government-exaggerates-the-cost-of-college.html?hpw&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&version=HpHedThumbWell&module=well-region®ion=bottom-well&WT.nav=bottom-well&r=1>

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

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