

### Central Oregon Community College Foundation

### The Culinary Campaign Working Toward a Successful Conclusion

With \$300,000 more to raise to reach its \$3 million goal, the culinary capital campaign is moving toward a successful conclusion. While volunteers are working hard to secure the remaining funds, work has begun on the new Cascade Culinary Institute to meet the growing needs of the region.

Last year COCC worked with a curriculum consultant, Michael Carmel, to help



*Culinary students practice skills learned in the classroom as they prepare weekly public luncheons.* 

identify possible directions for the instructional program. Staff is now working on how best to implement the proposed changes and plan to institute some as early as fall 2009. Once the new \$6 million building is completed, COCC will begin offering expanded instruction in baking and will become a national *(continued on page 6)* 

### Art in Public Places Selection Made for Plaza Sculpture

Bruce West's sculpture titled "The Cutting Board" was recently selected by Art in Public Places and ArtMatch for the plaza near the future COCC culinary school.

Seventy-five Northwest artists submitted proposals for the culinary plaza project to ArtMatch, a nonprofit that funds the purchase of art pieces under Bend's Art in Public Places program. The two other finalists were "In the Mix" by James Pridgeon and "Fork" by Steve Jensen.



"The Cutting Board" sculpture by Bruce West (continued on page 6)

### Chandler Visiting Scholar Program HERB MEYER

June 2009

Former Special Assistant to the Director of Central Intelligence

What in the World is Going On? A Global Intelligence Briefing 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4 Tower Theatre, downtown Bend

The COCC Foundation's Nancy R. Chandler Visiting Scholar Program is presenting a lecture by Herb Meyer, who served as special assistant to the director of Central Intelligence and vice chairman of the CIA's National Intelligence Council during the Reagan administration. Tickets will be available Oct. 4.

Meyer is widely credited with being the first senior U.S. government official to forecast the Soviet Union's collapse, for which he later was awarded the U.S. National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal, the intelligence community's highest honor. The program is in collaboration with Vistage International.

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# Careers, Jobs and Good News in Central Oregon

Central Oregon Community College is helping people get back on their feet in more ways than one.

#### New Careers

First, we are preparing thousands of individuals for new careers. Not only are we training the chefs, automotive technicians, foresters, nurses and other medical professionals of tomorrow, we are helping many prepare for four-year colleges and universities and careers as accountants, lawyers, engineers and business owners.

As a result, COCC has become what may be the fastest growing midsized or larger community college in the country. Just two years ago, our average enrollment for the three terms was 4,100 students; this year we have grown to more than 5,500—an increase of 34 percent. And since more are attending full time, students are taking 44 percent more classes than just two years ago.

#### New Construction

Second, we are keeping people at work with construction jobs. The construction of the Campus Center, set to open in June, employed 10 to 65 contracted employees during the past year. In addition, *Go Oregon!* stimulus dollars have energized a wide range of projects employing arborists, landscapers, asbestos technicians, electricians, flooring installers, contractors, pavers, fiberglass installers, engineers and architects.

COCC's explosive growth and the jobs created through construction projects provide two bright spots in today's troubled economy, and have led to a great new opportunity for Central Oregonians. To support continuing growth, expand educational opportunity, and create more jobs, the COCC Board of Directors has announced its intent to place a bond measure on this November's ballot. The bond would provide for new

### Important giving opportunity to expire Take full advantage of the Pension Protection Act of 2006

For calendar years 2006 and 2007, Congress provided new charitable giving opportunities through the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This has been extended through 2009.

Among the provisions:

- It allows individuals 70 1/2 years and older who have traditional or Roth IRAs to make tax-free gifts to qualified charities (these gifts may not be made to donor-advised funds, private foundations or supporting organizations)
- Donors may make donations in any amount, without penalty, up to \$100,000
- A couple with separate IRAs could each give up to that amount For more information, go to http://foundation.cocc.edu/ira/.

#### from the President

health careers and science buildings on the Bend campus, a technology education center in Redmond, new campuses in Madras and



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Dr. James Middleton COCC President

Prineville and some work preserving our existing buildings. The cost to the average homeowner in the Central Oregon area would be less than \$2 per month.

Passage of the measure would allow COCC to continue to grow and to meet the needs of District residents. We would expand the popular and needed health career programs – including nursing – by adding lab and classroom space specifically dedicated to these programs.

#### Good News

The good news continues. The 2007 Legislature dedicated more than \$5.7 million toward the health careers building; in addition, COCC is under consideration for an additional \$5.7 million for the technology education center in Redmond in the current Legislative session. This would mean a contribution of less than \$2 per month by the average homeowner could result in more than \$50 million worth of construction—projects generating up to 1,500 jobs.

I want to thank all the COCC Foundation volunteers and donors for helping to continue to provide opportunities for students. Together, we are building a brighter future.

### The Last Course by Eileen McLellan

Call and

We're almost at the dessert! Thanks to the friends and supporters of this community, we are very close to our goal. Three years ago, the COCC Foundation committed to raise \$3 million to construct a new culinary instruction facility.

We promised you a "Best in the West" school, where culinary students and



enthusiasts could master complex cooking and baking techniques. A place for you was set at the table of this campaign, and many

of you

Eileen McLellan Culinary Campaign Chair

have contributed with personal gifts, in-kind support and your positive messages to the community about the value of this project.

The end of the fundraising campaign is so near, we can almost taste it. Only \$300,000 remains to be raised before our vision and dream of training skilled Central Oregon chefs, culinary workers and hospitality managers is a reality. Please join this effort by filling out the gift card and return envelope. Your support is very important and very much appreciated. Sharpen your knives, whet your appetite and prepare to hone your culinary skills because the new culinary facility is expected to break ground later this year and open in 2011.

### *Thank You for All Your Support* On Behalf of the Many Lives You Change

This is the time of the year where we make contact with most of our scholarship donors, thanking them for last year's support and asking for their



*Jim Weaver Executive Director* 

support for the next COCC Foundation academic year. This year in particular, it has been inspiring to hear so many "Yes" answers right as we experience record enrollment increase, and all the hopes, dreams and financial challenges that go with those dreams.

Community colleges, as Dr. Middleton observes, welcome all students. Community colleges also pursue expanding

#### opportunities, as COCC is doing through the planned new culinary facility (another deep source of inspiration, as so many have chosen and are choosing to support the culinary capital campaign) and through the health careers center being pursued through the November ballot.

In all cases, it is a partnering among Central Oregon Community College Foundation, Central Oregon Community College and you. On behalf of the many lives changed and that will be changed—thank you.

(To discuss giving, your estate plans, or the COCC Foundation, please contact Jim Weaver at jweaver@cocc.edu or 383-7212.)

# Meal of the Year

### Two Benefits Raised More Than \$192,000

The Central Oregon Community College Foundation's 34th annual Meal of the Year and Taste of the Town benefits raised more than \$192,000 for scholarship assistance for COCC students and related Foundation activities.

"It's hard to thank those who made this result possible enough," said Jim Weaver, executive director of the COCC Foundation. "Our scholarships are based on financial need and the applicants' promise and sense of direction and countless lives will be transformed because of these scholarships."

A challenge grant from the James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation—an independent, private organization established to enhance the quality of life of Oregonians—provided additional incentive at this year's fundraising events. By meeting the challenge of raising \$50,000 in increased giving, the Foundation will be able to provide 40 new full scholarships for some of the most financially strapped students.

This year Irene Bostleman, Dick and Mary Carlson, and Peter and Patti Carlson were honored for their longtime support of the COCC Foundation scholarship program as well as many causes in Central Oregon and beyond.



# LEGACIES

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### Julian Darwin's Culinary Journey With a Goal of Creating a Program of Distinction for Central Oregon

"My grandmother was a wonderful cook, and the memories of holiday meals at her house are as clear today as then," recalls Julian Darwin about his years growing up in Yorkshire, England. "I remember the joie de vivre, the aroma, the big hug from a lady in a flour-covered apron. Comfort food, well prepared, is what she taught me, and that's what I practice today." As co-founder and director of the Cascade Culinary Institute, Julian carries on his grandmother's legacy.

After finishing grammar school at age 15, he started attending culinary school in England.

"My three years in culinary school were great, the experience of preparing and serving food fit like a glove," says Julian. "I still quote my baking class teacher when cracking eggs; she would always wipe all the white out of the shell and tell us how much that was if you were going to crack 100 eggs."

After graduating, he worked in England before venturing to the continent to work in Germany, Switzerland and Spain. "To this day I still remember a Spanish cook showing me a different way to flute a mushroom a skill I was having trouble mastering —that really clicked for me."

In 1975 a "too good to pass up" offer from the American Restaurant Corporation lured Julian to Atlanta, Georgia to become the corporate food production manager and executive chef. Four years later a business proposition as vice president of Gillespie/Darwin Foods beckoned in Little Rock, Arkansas. He later worked for the Hotel St. Francis and the Royal Stanford Court Hotel in Santa Rosa before moving north to enjoy Central Oregon's lifestyle and serve as the executive chef at the Sunriver Lodge and Resort in 1990. That same year Julian taught his first culinary class, "Introduction to Culinary Arts," at COCC.

Two years later Julian became a partner and culinary director of the Coho Grill and Catering Services at Top Hat Enterprises. In 1996 he bought the business to become its sole owner and executive director.

Meanwhile, interest in forming a culinary school was growing. Julian and his partner Vern Liebelt discussed many times the need for culinary training to fill the need for knowledgeable staff for local restaurants. The Deschutes Educational Service District was interested in starting a program and Tim Hill, then professor of business at COCC, was also on board.



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Darwin, extraordinary mentor, teacher, chef and energizer in the classroom.

In 1993, with the paperwork finally completed, the Cascade Culinary Institute was born. Ten years later, the CCI reached a major milestone when the American Culinary Federation accredited the school after an exhaustive weeklong evaluation and it became the first culinary program to be accredited in Oregon.

"What surprised me about teaching the first class and what surprises me to this day are the new and creative ways students approach a task; each and every one is different," reflects Julian.

For Julian the most satisfying part of the last 16 years is the number of young people who have completed the culinary program and bumping into them years later and learning about their lives.

"It's very satisfying to see the college take the culinary program to the next step, to be involved in the planning of a new building and the curriculum revision as we set out to create a program of distinction."

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# A Salute to COCC's Culinary Program

My family and I have chosen to support the COCC Foundation's Culinary Campaign for several reasons.

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Trish Smith

Oregon economy depends largely on tourism and the many wonderful restaurants here. To be successful, these businesses need qualified culinary professionals. These skilled workers with family-wage jobs become tax-paying, contributing citizens of our community. All in all, supporting the Culinary Campaign is a win-win for everyone.

—Trish Smith

COCC's culinary program is doing a marvelous job producing great chefs; however, we need to expand it. We need a place that can easily accommodate the growing number of students who want to enter the culinary field.

I want our young people to stay in Bend and to open up restaurants here. I want them to be able to get the best training while staying in their hometown and later giving back to their community. If we don't help our Bend students, they will only seek those opportunities elsewhere and leave their hometown behind. Not a good thing for anyone.

-Susie Polykronis

I was involved with the food service field for many, many years and have supported culinary courses at COCC in small ways since they



Shirley Ray

were first introduced in the 1960s.

As Bend has grown as a destination recreation area, it has become more important to educate skilled culinary students. When Julian Darwin's dream of expanding his first-class culinary institute at COCC became a viable opportunity, I couldn't have been more pleased.

-Shirley Ray

### Toasting Julian Darwin

During my time as a foods/culinary teacher at a local middle school, I asked Julian several times to visit my classes with his students to teach a certain aspect of the industry. He not only came beautifully prepared with a tremendous lesson, but totally engaged my students. Quite an accomplishment to inspire young teenagers! No one quite comes up to his standard as far as mentor, teacher, chef and all around "energizing" personality in the business. —Judy Smith

I first met Julian 15 years ago when I interviewed for a night chef job at the Coho Grill. During the 4 1/2 years I have worked with Julian as a chef instructor, I have learned to look at situations from a student's perspective. Julian is very passionate about everything culinary, and students enjoy his enthusiasm. — Kristen King

As a chef instructor, I teach culinary class at CCI with Julian. I am impressed by his ability to lead with a sense of humor and honesty. Also, he constantly experiments, using the whole product he is working with. I try to emulate his ability to engage students; students have fun and learn at the same time. —Jules Schmitz

Julian came to NeighborImpact to talk about the possibility of starting a food recovery initiative to pick up excess food in the community to give to those in need. We came up with the Empty Bowls fund-raising project. He and his students have been making the soup every year since 2003.

As a side note, my son graduated from the COCC culinary program four years ago and was recently laid off in Seattle. Within two weeks he had another job, due to the excellent reputation of the Cascade Culinary Institute on the West Coast. — Holly Hutton

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# Conclusion of the Culinary Campaign

leader in two new areas: sports nutrition and sustainable gastronomy. Sustainable gastronomy will provide an opportunity for students to experience food systems through exploring the taste, art, science and history of some of the foods that fuel our lives and passion.

"It is so exciting to see the new culinary facility and its curriculum begin to take shape," Culinary Campaign Chair Eileen McLellan said. "We have seen so much support — from volunteers, to donors, to local businesses and foundations—

### Art in Public Places (continued from front page)

it's great to see everyone's hard work become a reality."

The College, which is providing the other \$3 million to build the facility, is working this spring with a kitchen designer who will help refine the plans for a more efficient kitchen to meet the needs of the culinary program and the restaurant. With the recent hiring of an architectural firm, work will now move quickly to develop the complete plans for the new facility. The goal is to begin construction early next year with completion in time for winter term 2011.

"Having three highly qualified artists as finalists made the selection difficult," says Cate O'Hagan, executive director of Art Central and Art in Public Places committee member. "While all were a thematic fit with the culinary focus of the building, the Art in Public Places committee was particularly drawn to the complexity and rich textural quality of the Bruce West sculpture."

"I'm ecstatic," said Bruce. "I'm very excited and pleased to have my piece associated with the new culinary school.

"Besides being connected thematically to the culinary arts, I wanted it also to be functional," he explains.

The sculpture will be part of a large square concrete sitting area. "I was envisioning people saying, 'I'll meet you by the cutting board.""

"The Cutting Board" is one of more than 50 commissioned works Bruce has produced. His burnished stainless steel "Earth Song" sculpture was installed at the roundabout at Northwest Crossing and Shevlin in 2005.

Art in Public Places has been placing art in the Bend community since 1973. The members of AiPP believe art enhances the cultural environment and the quality of life for the citizens of Bend and will encourage visitors to our area. COCC President Jim Middleton said the timing is perfect, even considering the current state of the economy.

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"Tourism and hospitality will continue to be key elements of Central Oregon's economy and culture," Middleton said. "While currently challenged, these fields will recover and require more highly trained workers as we welcome and delight visitors to our region. The evolution and expansion of the COCC's Cascades Culinary Institute will be a key asset to supporting recovery in this important economic sector."

The new facility will also support advanced training for current chefs and offer special programs for nonprofessional home cooks looking to improve their skills.

Additionally, the Culinary Center will be part of a broader mixed-use development on the southern edge of the campus which will feature office, retail, financial services and other elements. Recognizing this initiative as an important new "place" in Bend, Art in Public Places is donating funds for a significant piece of public art for the plaza just outside the entrance to the Culinary Center. (See front page)

"OSU-Cascades will soon be initiating a new Hospitality Management program," Middleton noted, "which will further enhance COCC/OSU-Cascades as educational leaders linked to key Central Oregon priorities. Together these are important initiatives to make a great community even better in the future."

# Donors Investing in Community

The following individuals, businesses and foundations are generous friends of the Central Oregon Commuity College Foundation who gave cash gifts between January 1 and December 31, 2008. We have worked to have an accurate list, but encourage you to call Andrea Gibson at (541) 383-7582 if you find an error. Most of all, to those who give: thank you!

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