

# K-12 Partnerships Newsletter

#### LETTER FROM THE DEANS

Season's greetings from the K-12 Partnerships Team!

How is it December already? This month, we are wrapping up the Fall semester and putting the final touches on what needs to be done to start the Spring.

During this time, we are assisting your students with finalizing enrollment, providing advisement appointments and site visits, and sending out late 8-week midterm grades for the Fall. We are also registering all of our students taking concurrent classes on your high school campus sites.

If you have students interested in taking concurrent classes this spring, remind them not to drag their feet! Spots are limited in online and on-campus sections this time of year, and we want each of our concurrent students to work within the ideal schedule for them. As a reminder, all students will need to submit both the Concurrent Approval Form and the Financial Responsibility Form to enroll. You can find our new forms by clicking HERE.

Happy holidays!

Dr. Colbi Beam

Dean of K-12 Partnerships

Mr. Kyle Gardner Assistant Dean of K-12 Partnerships

## NEWS & UPDATES

#### NEW:

- We are STILL hosting concurrent info sessions for the Spring. We will extend these to include Early Start Orientations for students who have their paperwork submitted by the Dec. 1 deadline and haven't completed an orientation yet! See flyer below for more details.
- OCCC K-12 Partnerships began sending out midterm grades this semester! Your school will receive an email with the late 8-week class midterm grades next week if you have not received them already.

#### RECURRING:

- We have started requiring updated Financial Responsibility Statements each semester for every concurrent student. Although some schools pay all student costs, that is not the case for all school districts. As high school students transfer from school to school, we want to ensure they have informed consent to all costs prior to enrolling should their situation change.
- WE ARE HIRING! See the open position for a K-12 Student Success Advisor HERE!
- We've updated our concurrent approval packet! New documents can be found <u>HERE</u>.



November 3, 10, and 17 4 PM - 5 PM

December 1, 8, and 15 4 PM - 5 PM

**SCAN QR CODE** FOR ZOOM ROOM:



The presentation will start with a general concurrent information session. Anyone that would qualify for Early Start can stay for a full orientation. This is NOT a come-and-go event. Parents MUST be in attendance for the Early Start orientation portion of the presentation.

For more information contact Concurrent Coordinator Jana Wade, jana.l.wade@occc.edu.



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#### **UPCOMING DATES**

- October 9 Registration for all Spring classes opened.
- **December 1** Early Start (freshmen/sophomore) paperwork deadline: registration form, concurrent forms, and early start contract for all students.
- December 1 Late eight-week midterm grades will be emailed to high schools.
- December 3 Last day to drop a Fall late 8-week class with a "W" on the transcript.
- December 21 through January 2 Winter Break (Campus Closed).
- January 3 Campus opens for Spring.
- January 15 MLK Day (Campus Closed).
- January 17 OCCC 16-week and early 8-week Spring classes begin.
- January 18 MLK, Jr. Day of Inspiration Speaker: Brandon Fleming, on "Overcoming Societal Obstacles"
- January 18 Last day to add early 8-week classes for the Spring.
- January 22 Last day to add 16-week classes for the Spring.

Additional Dates

### K-12 Partnerships Staff Spotlight

### Jana Wade, K-12 Coordinator



"I am Jana Wade, and I'm proud to have spent the last decade at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC), where I've had the privilege of working with high school concurrent students throughout this time. It's been an incredibly fulfilling journey for me. I wholeheartedly believe in the power of concurrent enrollment, making higher education more accessible and cost-effective for both students and their parents. This pathway also provides high school students with the incredible opportunity to start their college experience early.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my work is witnessing the transformation in our students. They often come in feeling nervous and uncertain, but as they progress through the program, they walk out with newfound confidence and readiness to embark on their higher education journey. It's an honor to be part of this transformative process.

Outside of my professional life, I cherish my role as a wife to my husband, Josh, and a mother to our two wonderful children, Harrison and Vivian. They bring so much excitement and joy into my life, balancing the intensity of my work and reminding me of the importance of family and fun."



We have an open position in the K-12 Partnerships Office! We are looking for an advisor to work with our concurrent and early college students. If you know of anyone great, please encourage them to apply.

WE ARE HIRING!

Job Description

## OCCC RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: OCCC Food Pantry & Clothing Closet

Did you know that more than 60 percent of OCCC students who don't return to college do so for non-academic reasons? When it comes to basic needs, many students face significant struggles. Hunger on college campuses is a bigger problem than you might think, and unfortunately, Oklahoma City Community College is no different. We know that our students are typical of community college students across the nation - one in four arrives on campus hungry. OCCC is meeting our students' needs by providing a Food Pantry and Clothes Closet open to all OCCC students, concurrent students included.

#### Fall 2023 Hours

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Food Pantry: <a href="https://www.occc.edu/hunger/">https://www.occc.edu/hunger/</a>

Clothes Closet: https://www.occc.edu/clothes-closet/

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## **HELPFUL LINKS**

Concurrent

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Calendar



**Application** 

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