



Tillamook Bay Community College History at a Glance

1974

- In September, Clatsop Community College establishes a satellite campus in Tillamook County

1975

- The Bay City Grade School is leased from Neah-Kah-Nie School District #56 for classrooms and offices

1981

- In January, Clatsop Community College announces that service to the Tillamook County area would be discontinued in June of that year. In March, the Tillamook Bay Area Education District was established by the voters of Tillamook County. Roy Mason, the former director of the satellite campus, became the first president.
- Area Education Districts are renamed Community College Service Districts by legislative action

1984

- Tillamook Bay Community College (TBCC) opens the first Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in the state
- Tillamook County voters approve a \$360,000 tax base
- The college campus opens, offering daytime classes for the first time

1985

- Nineteen students are honored at TBCC's first formal graduation
- TBCC hires its first instructor (Office Skills)

1987

- TBCC leases the old Nehalem Grade School from District #56, establishing the Nehalem Bay Center

1989

- TBCC opens its new computer lab
- TBCC houses the Veterans' Service Officer in cooperation with Tillamook County and the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs

1990

- President Roy Mason accepts position of President at Eastern Wyoming College and the Board of Education appoints Jerry Hallberg, Dean of Instruction, as the new College President

1992

- TBCC hires a reference librarian to serve college students through a mutual agreement with the Tillamook County Library

1993

- TBCC's planning team completes its first college-wide strategic plan
- TBCC hires its second instructor (history, political science)

1995

- TBCC hires its third instructor (mathematics)
- TBCC completes and submits an instructional self-study to Portland Community College for use with PCC's accreditation process with the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges' Commission on Colleges
- TBCC joins the Tillamook Education Consortium, working with the three school districts within the county
- Two new classrooms and student services offices are constructed at the First Street Campus, financed by the sale of donated lands. The administrative offices remain at Bay City
- TBCC acquires Internet access for its students, staff, and faculty

1996

- TBCC establishes a website
- The College Dual Credit Program is created to allow high school students a way to earn concurrent high school and college credits

1997

- The TBCC Foundation is established

1998

- The State Board of Nursing approves an extended site in Tillamook County for a nursing program through Clatsop Community College

1999

- The nursing program is established in partnership with Clatsop Community College

2001

- President Jerry Hallberg retires and Dr. Gail Pincus is named Interim President
- TBCC adds the 'Electronics Technology Program' to its list of offerings

2002

- Following a nationwide search, Ralph Orr is named TBCC's third President
- The first Mildred Davy Scholarship Luncheon is held, raising funds toward TBCC's first endowed scholarship in her name. The first scholarship is awarded to Lori Collinsworth
- The administrative offices are moved from the Bay City campus to the First Street Campus. The SBDC (BizCenter) follows suit

2003

- TBCC hires its fourth instructor (business)
- The second annual Mildred Davy Scholarship Luncheon is held

2004

- TBCC hires its fifth instructor (biology)
- The front lobby of the First Street Campus is remodeled
- TBCC goes wireless

2005

- Board approves remodel of the First Street Campus administrative office, student lounge and employee work room
- TBCC hires its sixth instructor (accounting)

2006

- Board resolves to place a bond measure on the May 16 ballot for capital construction, which fails to pass with the voters
- Ralph Orr takes a position as President of North Plains Community College in Arizona

- Jon Carnahan is selected as Interim President. Later, Carnahan is hired on a permanent basis
- Board resolves to place another similar bond measure at a later date

2007

- The Associated Students of TBCC select blue and silver as school colors and “Waverunners” as mascot after a popular vote by the student body
- The Capital Construction Bond Measure on the May 15 ballot passes
- J. J. Henri, Co. is selected as project managers and DLR Group Architects is selected for the new campus project
- President Carnahan begins discussions with Tillamook School District #9 Superintendent to upgrade facilities and equipment at the high school’s Career Technical Building with the goal of increasing long-term, shared use
- Board discusses allocations of bond proceeds to go towards building campus centers in North and South Tillamook County
- After the passing of Mildred Davy, The TBCC Foundation agrees to host the first annual Mildred Davy Memorial luncheon held in her honor

2008

- Nestucca Valley School District (NVSD) and Neah-Kah-Nie School Boards approve locating centers on district property near the respective high schools
- The Career Technical Building at Tillamook High School is renovated
- President Carnahan gets approval from the board to advise interested parties of TBCC’s intent to sell the First Street Campus
- TBCC signs joint partnership agreement with the Economic Development Council of Tillamook County
- A memorandum of understanding is signed with the Tillamook County Fairgrounds for the new campus property. Work IS scheduled to commence following the fair in August
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities pays its first site visit for independent accreditation
- TODD Construction, Inc. is selected for new campus project
- The ‘First Class Scholar Program’ is approved. This scholarship grants full tuition for up to two years to qualified Tillamook County high school graduates

2009

- TBCC is accepted for candidacy for independent accreditation
- New TBCC campus construction begins in January and is completed in December

- The TBCC Foundation meets a \$50,000 Miller Family Foundation Challenge match, giving TBCC more than \$100,000 for scholarships
- Discussions commence between the Port of Tillamook Bay, TSD #9 and TBCC for purchase of the First Street Campus
- President Carnahan announces potential plans for an OSU open campus building to be constructed next to the new TBCC campus
- Staff moves to the new TBCC campus at 4301 Third Street in Tillamook over Christmas break
- TBCC Board resolves that TBCC will be a tobacco-free campus

2010

- Winter term classes begin in new Third Street campus
- Ribbon cutting and building dedication ceremonies held at new campus
- TBCC weathers the national economic crisis with streamlined services and staff furloughs
- Enrollment hits all time high
- President Carnahan announces intentions to retire; Dr. Connie Green hired as Vice President and successor to the position of College President
- First Street Campus is sold to Tillamook School District #9 in a three-way Intergovernmental agreement between the Port of Tillamook, Tillamook School District #9 and Tillamook Bay Community College

2011

- Tillamook Bay Community College celebrates its 30th anniversary
- TBCC hosts its third accreditation visit for independent accreditation for NWCCU
- TBCC begins yearly shared workshops with three local school district

2012

- TBCC opens TBCC South at Nestucca Valley High School in Cloverdale
- TBCC creates strategic framework for planning

2013

- TBCC opens TBCC North at Neah-Kah-Nie High School in Rockaway Beach
- NWCCU conducts its fourth on-site visit for initial accreditation
- TBCC receives a Title III federal grant award in September providing \$450,000 per year for five years through the Strengthening Institutions program

- The Oregon Legislature awards TBCC \$2 million to construct a Career and Technical Workforce building called the TBCC/OSU Partners for Rural Innovation Center. The \$2 million must be matched.
- TBCC receives Regional Achievement Collaborative Award with Tillamook School District #9 to support Career College Ready (CCR)

2014

- TBCC becomes independently accredited through the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) in January
- TBCC begins its first new degree program an Associate of Applied Science degree in Agriculture and Natural Resources fall of the 2014/2015 academic year
- First graduating class receives TBCC diplomas
- TBCC Foundation begins 'Teaching Excellence of the Year Award'
- TBCC President Connie Green is honored with the Howard Cherry Outstanding Administrator Award through the Oregon Community College Association

2015

- OSU President Ed Ray Visits TBCC campus to sign dual enrollment and reverse transfer agreements, and voice his support for the new Agriculture and Natural Resources Degree
- The Tillamook County Commissioners sign an agreement to help support fundraising efforts to raise \$1 million toward the TBCC/OSU Partners for Rural Innovation Center
- TBCC takes possession of three acre parcel adjacent to the college and across from the Tillamook County Fairgrounds for future site of the Partners for Rural Innovation Center
- TBCC breaks ground September 2015 on Partners for Rural Innovation Center

2016

- TBCC celebrates the 35th anniversary of the college
- Construction begins in March on the new Partners for Rural Innovation Center
- TBCC hosts mid-cycle accreditation visit
- Implementation of 2-year guarantee degree maps for all degrees
- All Career Technical programs redesigned to meet local and industry needs
- TBCC launches a redesigned website
- The Board refinanced TBCC's General Obligation Bond that was approved by voters in 2007 saving taxpayers approximately 10 percent beginning in the 2017-18 tax year.

- Dr. Connie Green announces intentions to retire; Dr. Ross Tomlin is hired as Vice President of Tillamook Bay Community College.

2017

- February 2017 the Partners for Rural Innovation Center opens to the public
- The Partners for Rural Innovation Center fundraising campaign is complete
- Dr. Connie Green retires and is appointed President Emeritus
- Dr. Ross Tomlin is appointed President of Tillamook Bay Community College
- TBCC announces a new Career-to-Career Scholarship program to fund up to two-years of tuition for Tillamook County residents who have been in the workforce for five or more years.

2018

- TBCC successfully completes Title III federal grant that provided \$450,000 per year for five years through the Strengthening Institutions program. Retains Director of Advancement and Institutional Research Analyst.
- Tillamook Bay Community College Foundation Board approves 2019-2021 Strategic Plan developed in collaboration with the TBCC Board of Education. The two sign official Memorandum of Understanding.

2019

- TBCC launches new Welding Technology AAS degree and 1-year certificate
- TBCC hires three new fulltime faculty: math, writing, and welding
- First eight Career-to-Career scholarship students graduate.

2020

- The TBCC main campus building turns 10 years old.
- The First Class Scholar program was redesigned to support fees and books rather than tuition for qualifying graduating high school due to the success of the Oregon Promise program, which now covers tuition.
- TBCC completes a 20-year Facilities Master Plan and submits request to the Oregon Legislature for a funding match. Plan includes new building and campus remodel.
- Agricultural Technology degree and Healthcare Administration degree launch.
- Commencement ceremony was cancelled and spring classes were transitioned to online due to the novel Coronavirus pandemic.
- TBCC was ranked #10 for Best Community Colleges in the United States for 2020 by SmartAsset. The study ranked 821 of the 1050 community colleges in the U.S. by analyzing student-to-faculty ratio, graduation and transfer rate, and cost of tuition and fees.