

The Associated Students of Central Oregon Community College

Students enroll at COCC to acquire job re-training, credits that will transfer to 4 year institutions, and job skills to survive a difficult economy.

However, students serious about securing the education and job skills they need find that needed classes are full. Science labs used today were built more than 40 years ago. COCC's enrollment has increased 45 percent in two years. Ballot Measure 9-73 can be part of the solution for both students and Central Oregon's economic recovery.

An educated workforce fuels the engine of economic recovery. The success and growth of COCC is instrumental to the economic well-being of Central Oregon.

Central Oregonians understand that as America ages, the need for well-trained, well-educated health professionals including nurses, pharmacy technicians and medical assistants is great. Students who seek education in high-technology will provide an educated work force for established businesses. As importantly, an educated workforce is an appealing factor to new businesses who consider locating here in Central Oregon.

COCC students are connected to this vast educational district that encompasses Deschutes, Jefferson, Crook, and parts of Klamath, Lake and Wasco counties. In great part because of its size, the average homeowner's investment of less than two dollars a month will contribute a sizeable return to Central Oregon's economy: Nearly \$55 million dollars.

Central Oregon's businesses will benefit from this bond measure. Local workers as well as students will benefit from the quick groundbreaking for new health careers and science buildings in Bend, a new technology education center in Redmond, and satellite campuses in Prineville and Madras.

Central Oregon Community College is an integral thread in the fabric of this community, and we are an important thread in this region's economic recovery.

The Associated Students of Central Oregon Community College ask that you support COCC, by voting YES on Measure 9-73.

Measure 9-73 is GOOD for our college, GOOD for our community, and GOOD for our economy.