Oregon Open Campus

“Communities Driving Education: Get on the Bus!” by J.L. Oppenlander

Jefferson County Education Council (JCEC)

Mission Statement: “To identify, implement and oversee access to education and workforce training for Jefferson County residents.”

ABOUT JCEC

Who

JCEC is a group of citizens, representing all facets of our community, interested in directing the future of education in our county, particularly post-secondary education.

Why

We believe the future of our community and economy will be affected by the education of our citizens.

What

We meet once a month and discuss ideas and ways to identify, implement and promote post-secondary education.

Outcomes: provide community members the opportunity to increase job skills.

Most significant outcome: JCEC has identified, promoted and helped implement educational opportunities that best fit the needs of our community.

Welding Program

Developed by JCEC

This program was developed from a community wide needs assessment declaring a need for basic welding skills at local businesses.

A grant was obtained through the JCEC to provide protective gear and scholarships for the class.

Students and community members were able to take the class for credit and noncredit at the local high school with the instructor provided through Central Oregon Community College.

OVERVIEW

Oregon Open Campus, a statewide community-based education partnership convened by Oregon State University, provides local access to learning in order to meet the unique educational needs of Oregon’s communities.

At each Open Campus location an advisory board is established to ensure that the work being done effectively serves the people and community.