

# 2021 Convocation President's Address

Coming together for  
**STUDENT SUCCESS**

Dr. Nagi Naganathan, President  
Oregon Institute of Technology

# A Singular Commitment to Student Success



**One Choice -- You're Always One Choice  
Away from Changing Your Life**

**By: Mac Anderson**

# Academic Affairs & Strategic Enrollment Management

- **Successful AY for students with in-person, hybrid, and online instruction**
- **Third successive increase (11%) in New Freshman Cohort in Fall 2020**
- **Successful multiple accreditation site visits & continued preparation for NWCCU**
- **Continued building of DPT and services through community clinics**
- **809 graduates**
- **National recognition for Respiratory Care & Geomatics**

# Finance & Administration

- Continued pro-active management of financial resources with changes in revenue streams and required process adaptations
- Response to changes in University Shared Services Enterprise (USSE)
- New IT systems in finance and payroll
- Facilities: CEET, Boivin, TechRec, Track Renovation, Geothermal...
- Successful Proposal for new residence hall on K-Falls campus
- Funding conversations with HECC



# Student Affairs

- TOP Bridge
- Flight School
- S.O.A.R.

**Record  
Housing  
Occupancy:  
up 9.5% (724)**

**Student Health  
Center**

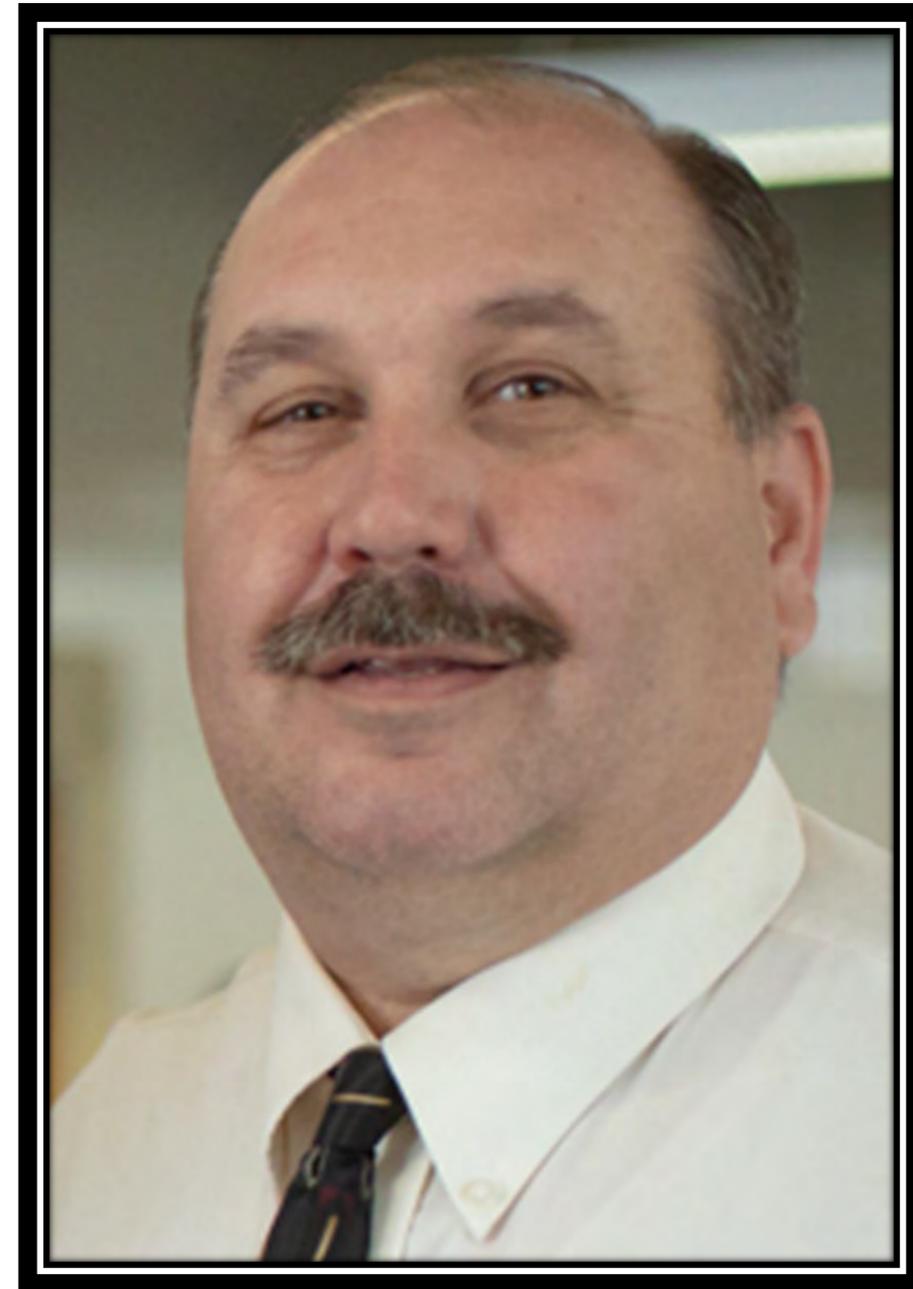
**Student  
Veteran  
Program**

**Virtual  
Career Fairs  
&  
Interview  
Preps**



# Student Affairs MVP

**Steve Kappler**  
**General Manager**  
**Sodexo**



# Advancement & Foundation

- #Giving Tuesday on Dec 1, 2020
- \$85,000
- 4 Memorial Scholarships



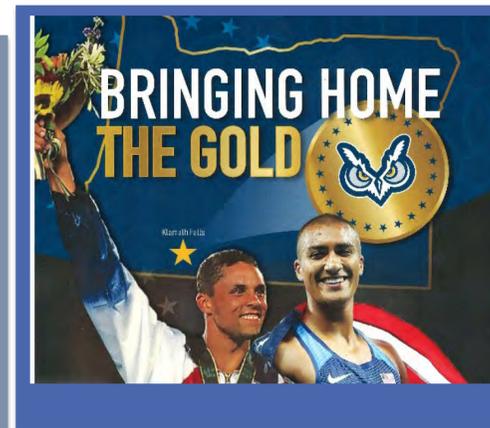
- Give a Hoot Day
- April 21,'21
- \$160,000
- Challenge matches



- Alumni & Donor Engagement Virtual Events
- Giving Clubs & Societies



Revitalizing Oregon Tech's Track & Field Facility



Annual funds raised \$2.1M in FY21 vs. \$1.34M in FY20



## Government Relations

- Lobbying of 2021-23 biennial PUSF, OREC, ETSF, & Sports Lottery
- Legislations on transfers and common course numbering
- Oregon Tech's designation as "Oregon's Polytechnic University"
- New residence hall bonding authority
- New Center of Excellence in Additive Manufacturing at OMIC
- One-time funds for special projects at Oregon Tech
- **Office of Diversity, Inclusion, and Cultural Engagement (DICE)**

# Athletics

**Softball- – Record 48-10 (21-6 Conference) / Finished 2nd in the Country**

**Women's Soccer- Record 12-1-1 (Conference 9-1) / Advanced to the second round of NAIA playoffs**

**Men's Cross Country- Finished 11th in the Country**

**Women's Cross Country- Finished 15th in the Country**

**Women's Golf- Cascade Conference Champions, Finished 13th in the Country**

**Volleyball- – Record 12-6, Finished 3rd in the conference. Best finish in over a decade.**

**Men's and Women's Track- - Men Finished 17th & Women Finished 26th in the Country**

**Baseball- – Record 23-25 (18-14 Conference) / 2nd Place finish in the CCC / Best finish in over 10 years.**

# Athletics

**3.47  
GPA**

- **2020-21 Cascade Collegiate Conference Presidents' Academic Excellence Award**
- **2020-21 Cascade Collegiate Conference All Sports Trophy**
- **Howard Morris Hall of Fame**

# Faculty Accomplishments



**Dr. Charles "C.J." Riley**  
PROFESSOR, CIVIL ENGINEERING  
2021 ASEE PNW Outstanding Teaching  
Award



**Dr. Christopher J. Syrnyk**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, COMMUNICATION  
Appointed President of Western Regional Honors Council

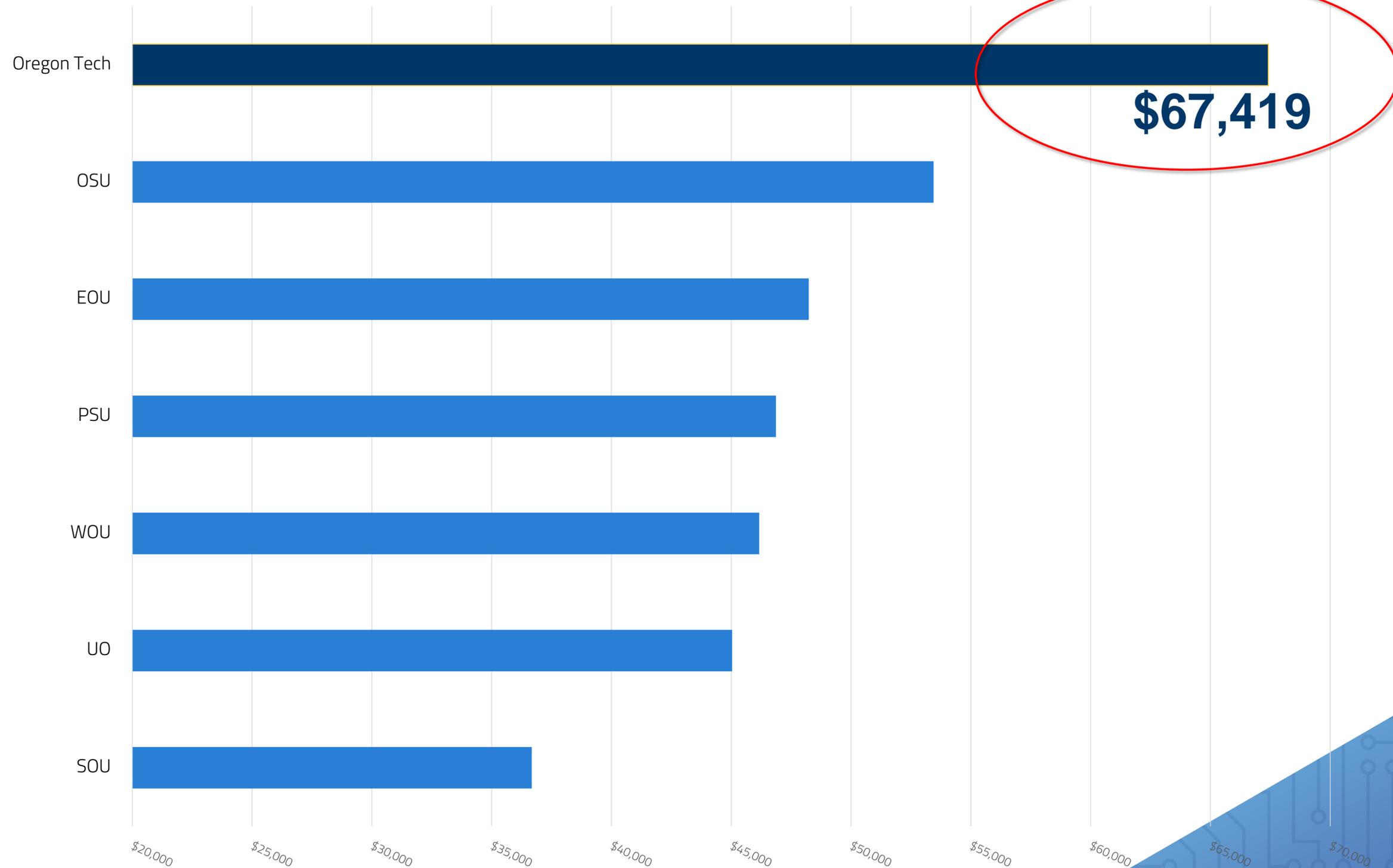


**Sharon Beaudry, J.D.**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, MANAGEMENT  
Fulbright grant Recipient

# Median Annual Earnings – 5 Years After Graduation

2019-20 Academic Year  
Oregon Higher Education  
Coordinating Commission. (2021)  
Statewide Higher Education  
Snapshots

Average cost of  
attendance at  
Oregon Tech (after  
financial aid): \$18,227



# MOVING FORWARD



# Newer higher education conversations...

- **Applied baccalaureate degrees at Community Colleges**
- **New legislations on transfers and common course-numbering.**
- **HECC's new strategic roadmap**
- **HECC's revised funding formula shifting \$ across Oregon's universities.**
- **Excess capacity among Oregon's Higher Education institutions**
- **Oregon higher education assessment study (OCOP & Community Colleges)**
- **Federal legislation supporting free community college education?**
- **Competition with similar programming at other universities.**

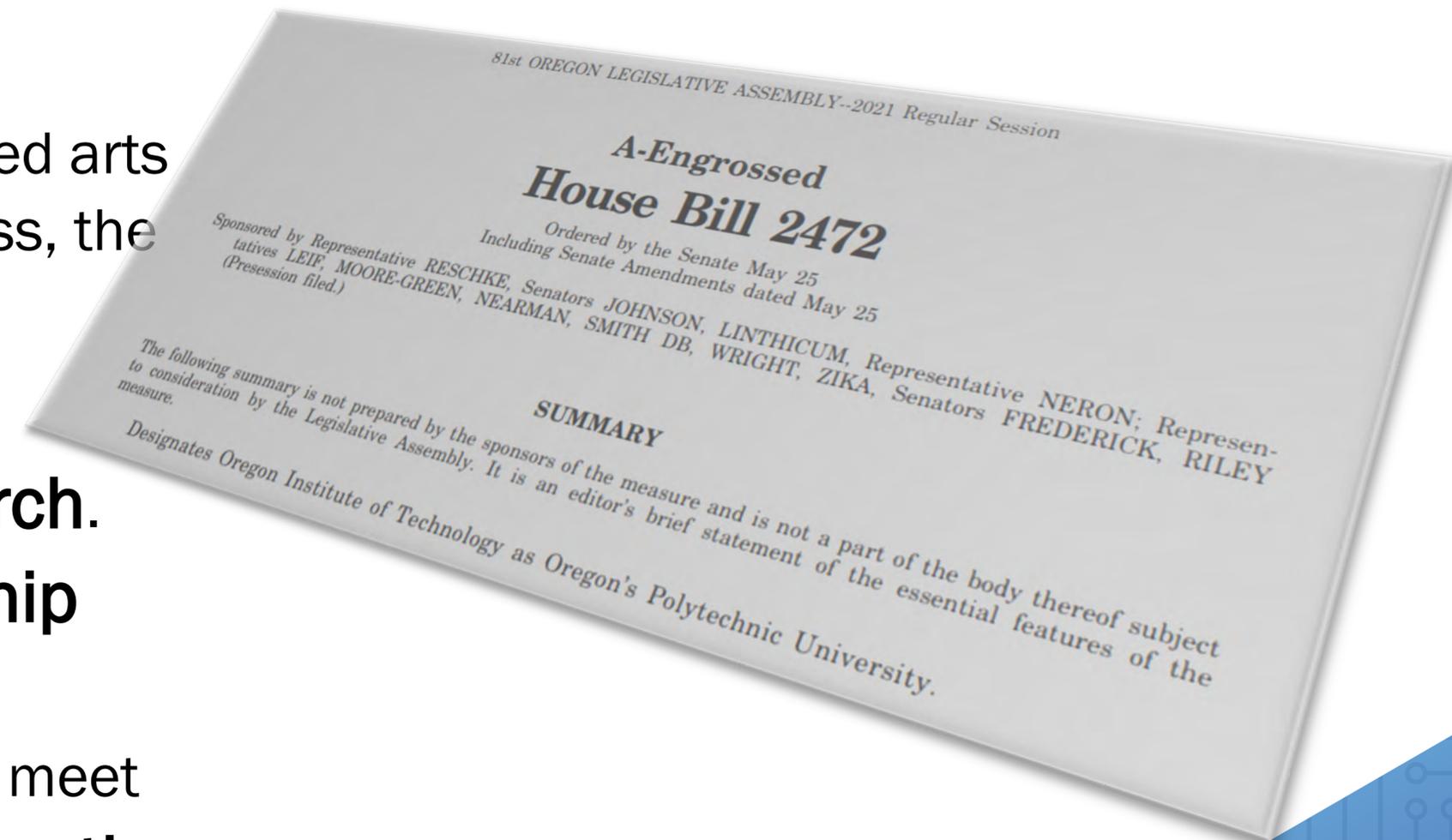
# Fall 2021 Non-dual Credit Enrollment (vs. Fall 2020) as of Friday, Sep 10, 2021

- New Freshman: Apps +8% ↑; Deposits +5% ↑
- New Transfer: Apps +10% ↑; Deposits +5% ↑
- Similar Day enrollment (headcount) ↓

<b>Continuing</b>	<b>-8%</b>
<b>All New</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>New Freshman</b>	<b>+6%</b>
<b>New Transfer</b>	<b>-4%</b>
<b>Returning</b>	<b>+9%</b>
<b>Net Difference</b>	<b>-5%</b>

# Our Mission

Oregon Institute of Technology (“Oregon Tech”), **Oregon’s public polytechnic university**, offers innovative, **professionally-focused undergraduate and graduate degree programs** in the areas of engineering, health, business, technology, and applied arts and sciences. To foster student and graduate success, the university provides a **hands-on, project-based learning environment** and emphasizes **innovation, scholarship, and applied research**. With a **commitment to diversity and leadership development**, Oregon Tech offers **statewide** educational opportunities and technical expertise to meet current and emerging needs of Oregonians as well as **other national and international constituents**.



# Strategic Plan Pillars: Guideposts defining today and our future



**Pillar I:**

**Commitment to  
Student Success**



**Pillar II:**

**Commitment to  
Innovation**



**Pillar III:**

**Commitment to  
Community**

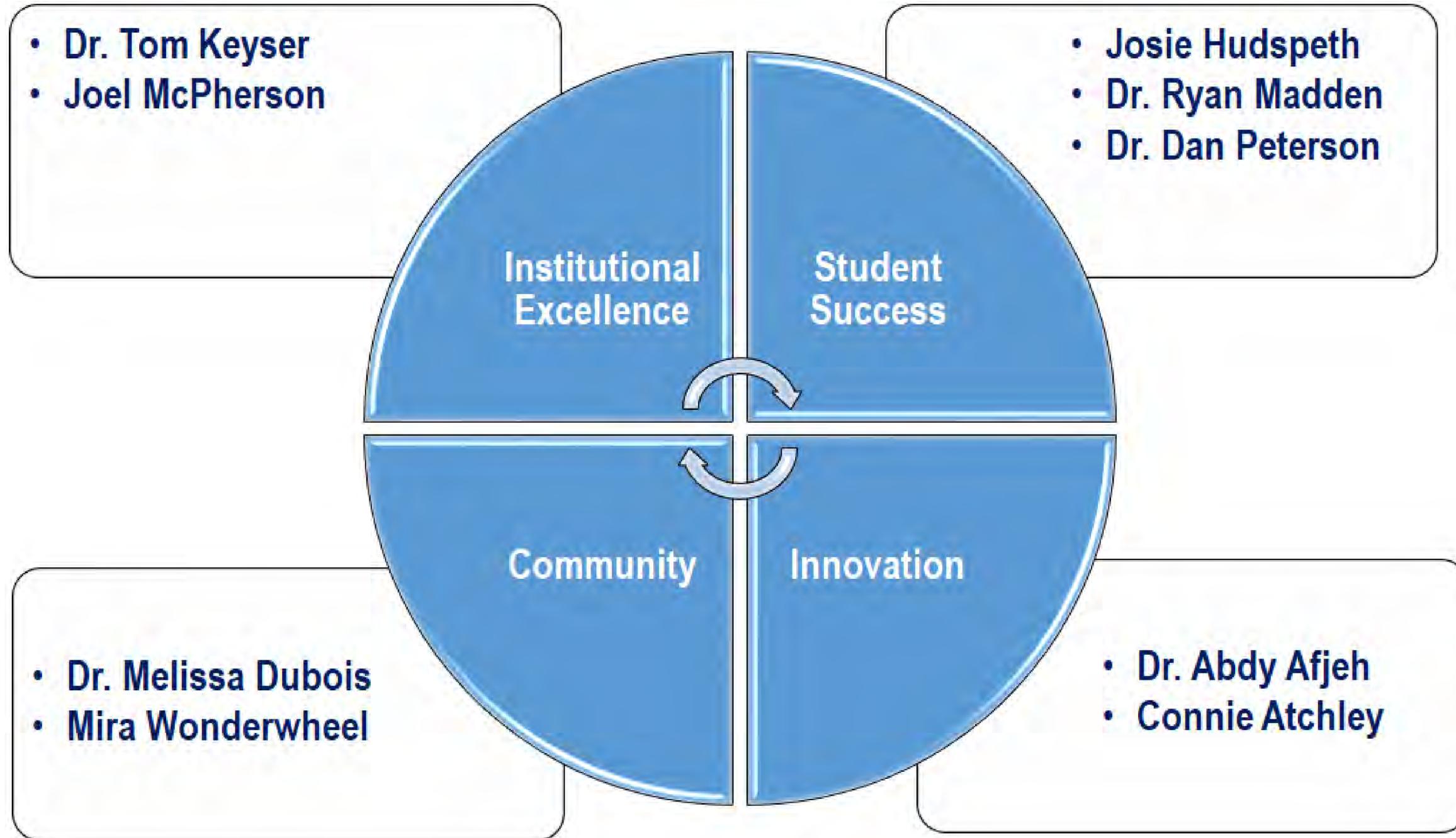


**Pillar IV:**

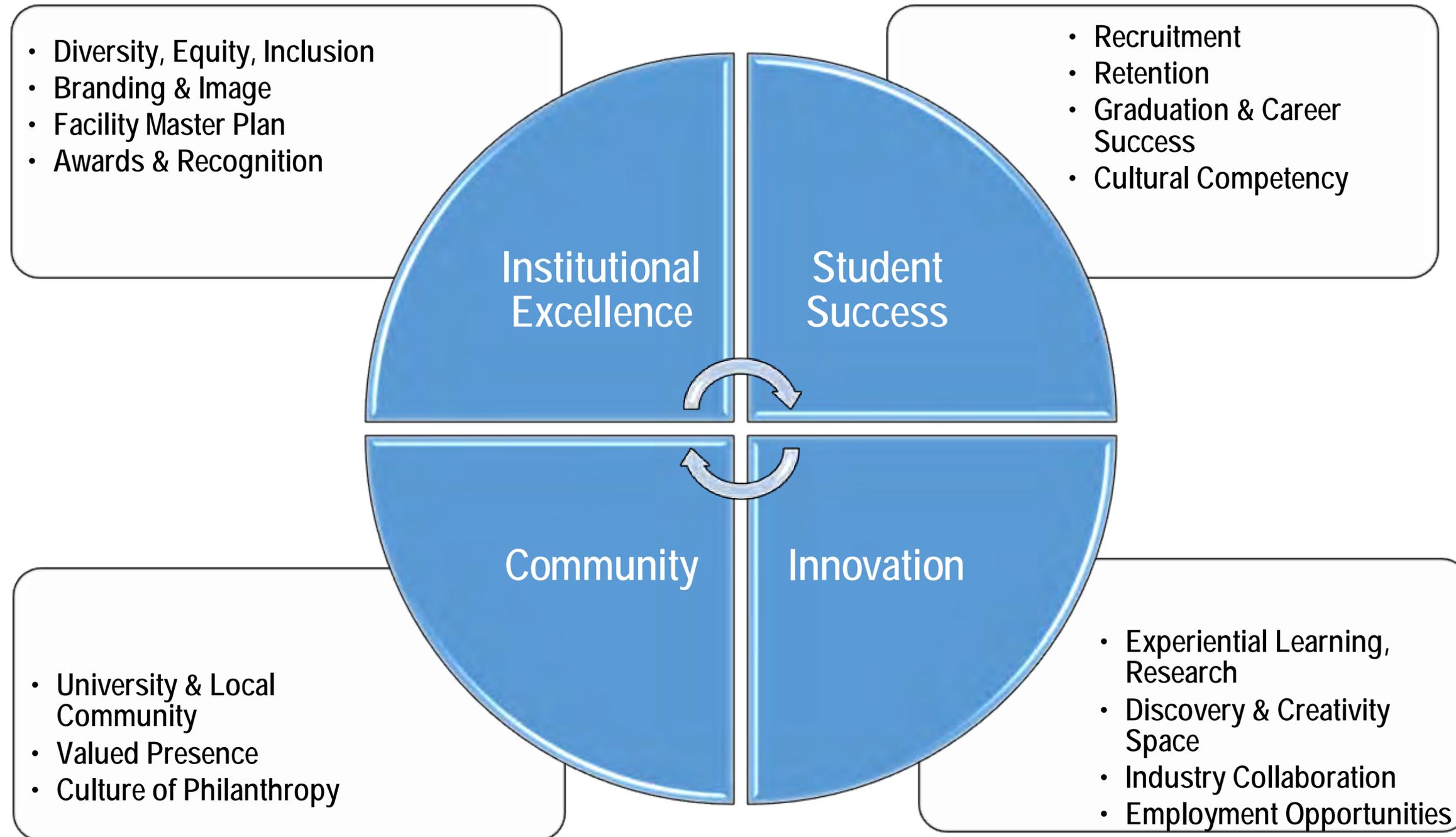
**Commitment to  
Institutional  
Excellence**

**4 pillars, 11 goals, 46 objectives**

# Strategic Plan Pillar Implementation Teams -- Co-leaders



# Strategic Plan Pillars -- Possible Themes for Implementation (Work in Progress)



# Oregon Tech Executive Think Tank

<b>Boeing</b>
<b>Cambia Health Solutions</b>
<b>CETI</b>
<b>ECONorthwest</b>
<b>Intel</b>
<b>Intel Foundation</b>
<b>IRZ Consulting and Engineering</b>
<b>Jeld Wen Board of Directors</b>
<b>Kestrel Advisors</b>
<b>Konica Minolta</b>
<b>Lemelson Foundation</b>
<b>N I C Industries Inc</b>
<b>NVIDIA</b>
<b>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</b>
<b>Oregon Business Council</b>
<b>Pacific Power</b>
<b>Portland General &amp; Electric</b>
<b>Providence Health &amp; Services</b>
<b>Sky Lakes Medical Center</b>
<b>University of Michigan</b>



# Furthering Student Success

- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning
- Academic Master Plan
- Facilities Master Plan
- Strategic Faculty Hiring Plan
- Climate Assessment
- Continued planning for COVID-19 including supplementary COVID leave



# Staff Awards

# Classified Staff Awardee #1

## Excerpts from nominations

- “While certainly many employees rose to meet the challenges which ensued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic this year, there is no doubt in my mind that [the awardee] bore the brunt of ‘other duties as assigned,’ at least with regards to the student population.”
- “I cannot emphasize enough what a support [the awardee] has been (and continues to be) in the face of the pandemic.”

# Classified Staff Awardee #1

## Mandy Hendrickson

Administrative Program Assistant  
Student Health



# Classified Staff Awardee #2

## Excerpts from nominations

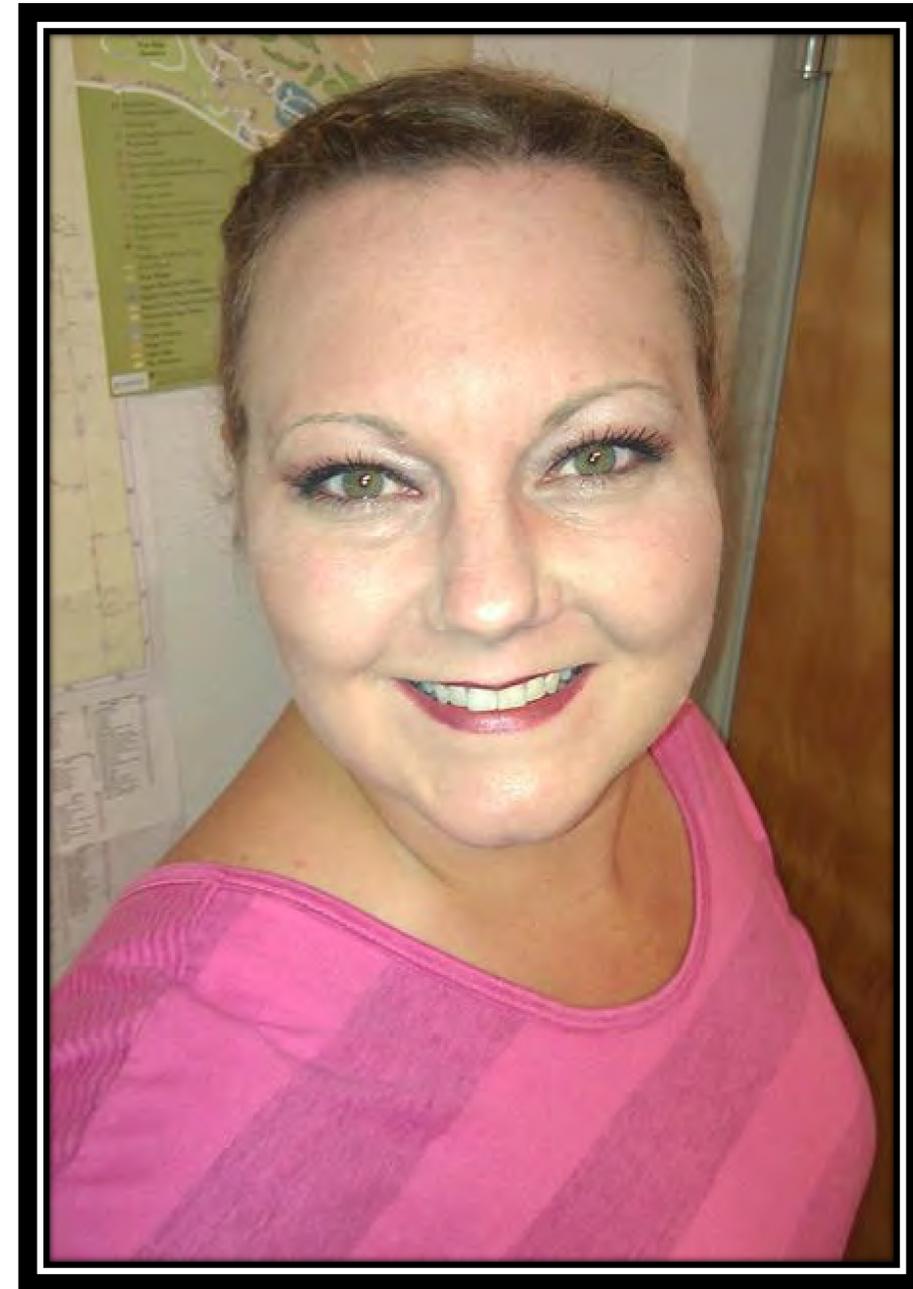
- “At a moment’s notice, she will use a forklift to unload a semi-truck; she will chase down a missing package or roll up her sleeve to deliver custodial supplies.”
- “She is the epitome of hard work, teamwork and intense dedication that is so vital in fulfilling the Facilities Services mission to our University.”

# Classified Staff Awardee #2

**Jessica Barnett**

Fiscal Coordinator

**Facilities Services**



# 2021 President's Staff Award

## Excerpts from nominations



- “Gaylyn used her counseling background to ensure all sick or exposed employees she assisted felt supported during a considerably stressful time for some.”
- “During extraordinary times, some people rise to the challenge. Gaylyn has done this and her efforts have kept our students and our employees safe.”



# Faculty Awards

# Congratulations!



**Dr. Addie Clark**  
NATURAL SCIENCES  
Rising Faculty Scholar  
Award



**Sharon Beaudry**  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
Rising Faculty Scholar  
Award Honorable Mention



**Don McDonnell**  
MEDICAL IMAGING  
TECHNOLOGY  
Excellence in Teaching  
Award



**Sandra Bailey**  
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
Faculty Achievement  
Award



**Phong Nguyen**  
COMPUTER SYSTEMS  
ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY  
Excellence in Teaching  
Award



**Cristina Negoita**  
MATHEMATICS  
Faculty Achievement  
Award

# Thank You!

