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Oregon TECH

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2020

Thrive

The Treehouse

The Treehouse is a student-run program under Multicultural Life and is housed in the student programs suite on the second floor of the College Union (Klamath Falls campus). The staff works actively against oppression, hate, sexism, racism, inequality and other injustices to promote a safe and welcoming environment for women, people of color, the LGBTQIA+ community, and other diverse groups.

Our vision is centered on a deeper understanding and appreciation for diversity, inclusivity, and equality for the people of Oregon Tech, Klamath Falls, and the world at large.

The Treehouse formed when the Women's Resource Center and Diversity Center merged programs in order to provide more support to the students of Oregon Tech.

THE TREEHOUSE
Rooted in diversity and inclusion

Room Features

- Printing
- Study Space
- Refrigerator
- TV and Large Screen
- Space for Cultural Club Meetings

We also have a Quiet Room, for those on campus looking for a space to pray, meditate, or relax.

The Treehouse regularly plans events that take place during fall, winter, and spring terms. They are stand-alone as well as reoccurring, and events can be in conjunction with other student programs and clubs.

Women of Color Collective

This event occurs regularly each term and invites the campus community to understand better the complexities and diversity of the lived experiences of Women of Color, build solidarity, and grow community. Free dinner is served at every event.

Cultural Hours

Cultural Hours are an opportunity for the campus to engage in cultures that may be different from their own, by listening to an invited speaker talk about their culture and/or experience. Past cultural hours **have included: Chinese New Year, World Religion Day, LGBTQ+ History, and more.**

Cultural Club Dinner

Once a term, The Treehouse invites the cultural clubs on campus to attend a dinner where we focus on building community and solidarity. We also ask the cultural clubs how we can better support them and talk about campus issues that concern them.

Women's Health Banquet

Every spring, The Treehouse features a Women's Health Banquet, inviting keynote speakers and professionals to present on women's health issues.

Oregon Tech Around the World

Each fall, The Treehouse coordinates an event that highlights the diversity of Oregon Tech students, staff, and faculty by inviting the campus to participate in Oregon Tech Around the World. Community members and cultural clubs present information on their cultures, where they come from, and sometimes serve foods and drinks.

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RESILIENT
INDIGENOUS

To celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day this past fall, Oregon Tech hosted a flag dedication ceremony in the Learning Resource Center, hanging flags from the nine sovereign tribes of Oregon and a plaque to honor their ancestral homelands and traditional territories. The Office of Multicultural Affairs led the efforts in obtaining the flags after former Native American Student Union President Olivia Simpson, a senior in the Radiologic Science program, suggested the idea as a way to highlight the support and representation of Native American students and community on campus. Local tribal leaders, including Chairman of the Klamath Tribes Don Gentry and members of the Klamath Tribes Youth Council, attended the ceremony and spoke of the significance of the occasion, recognizing it as an important step in the healing and reconciliation of this community. President Naganathan also spoke and vowed to continue to find more ways for Oregon Tech to honor the state's indigenous people.

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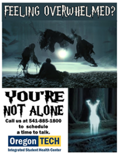
Integrated Student Health Center

Oregon Tech reminds students that "You Are Not Alone"


FEELING OVERWHELMED?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE
Call us at 541-885-1800 to schedule a time to talk.
Oregon TECH
Integrated Student Health Center

Here we are in the middle of Winter term and life may be getting pretty stressful for students. It was a strange start to the term, with the snow days causing extra work to pile up, and not very much sun. The Integrated Student Health Center (ISHC) has launched a campaign to remind students that they are not alone. Pulling images which represent struggle from pop culture movies and television shows (such as *Harry Potter*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *Game of Thrones*), the campaign counters those overwhelming moments with images of hope and encourages students to contact ISHC if they are struggling. The campaign, which launched recently, also encourages students to contact ISHC if they are concerned for a friend who appears to be struggling. So, please encourage your student to consider reaching out if they are feeling overwhelmed. The counseling at ISHC is free (since they have already paid for it in their Student Health fee), and confidential (which, you might want to point out, means that ISHC will not share anything about what they discuss with anyone – including parents and caregivers). Thanks for encouraging your students to seek help if they – or someone they care about – needs it.

Housing and Residence Life

Housing welcomed back all our residents to some cold and wintery weather in the Basin! With two snow days during the second week of term, there were opportunities for impromptu activities with lots of snow related fun! The students enjoyed making snow people for the rest of campus to enjoy as well as sledding throughout campus-putting our hills to good use.

In addition to the snow days, Housing and Residence Life student staff hosted another successful Tech Con with many students and Klamath Falls community members coming together to enjoy current and retro gaming, console gaming, LAN parties, cosplay, casino games and much more! This is an annual event we host to help our students enjoy the long weekend that occurs so quickly after winter break. We are so excited so many students joined us for the fun with all kinds of games! With this year's Tech Con in the books, plans are moving forward to gear up for our big programs next term with Spring Fling the week of May 11-15, 2020. More information will be out as we get a little closer, but encourage your students to mark their calendars now for this whole week of events coming soon!

Winter term also kicks off the Housing Selection season. The selection process for 2020-2021 Residence Life student staff team has begun! Although the application deadline has passed, if your student shared they are applying to join the Res Life team, encourage them as this process goes through to Spring term.

If your student is looking for an on campus job, Housing and Residence Life is looking for dedicated students who have an interest in giving back to their communities. We are currently hiring for student custodians as well as a position or two for housing office assistants. All positions are posted with Career Services, encourage your student to check out these and other job opportunities online with Career Services Handshake.

If your student is thinking about living on campus with Housing for the 2020-2021 academic year the housing application and meal plan application are now available at Apply Now for Housing. Anyone looking to live on campus for 2020-2021 academic year can sign up now! During the last week of April, Choose My Room will kick off for our current students, giving them a chance to save a double room in the Residence Hall or secure a bedroom in the Village apartments. We hope you and your student consider joining the on campus housing community for the 2020-2021 academic year!

The Housing Shuttle Service is running again this term on the second Saturday of each month-weather permitting. If we are not able to run on Saturday, we will try for Sunday, and if not then we will work to run the shuttle the next weekend. With mother nature sharing lots of snow in the Basin, our first priority is to make sure our on campus community is safe, and if the roads are not clear, then we will not run the shuttle into town events in town have a ride to and from campus. Even though it seems early, Housing is also planning for our shuttle runs to and from the train station for spring break. If your student is traveling by train we are happy to drop them off and pick them back up when they return. In early March, Housing and Residence Life will send out a link to all current residents sharing the link to sign up for a ride to and from the train station.

If you have any questions about on campus housing, please contact us at 541-885-1094 or email us at housing@oit.edu.

Student Project Symposium

Oregon Tech invites you **Friday, May 29th from 11am- 2pm** to the Student Project Symposium & Open House. This is an annual event during which students from all departments are invited to present their junior, senior or capstone projects, and departments open their doors to share exciting things happening within the University.

Music Garden Festival

Join us **Saturday, May 30th** for our 6th annual Music Garden event! An outdoor music festival for all!

Academic Calendar

Remaining Winter Term 2020

Date	Event
Feb 17	Registration for Spring Term begins
Feb 21	Last day (5:00 pm) to Withdraw from an individual course with a "W"*
Mar 13	Last day (5:00 pm) to Completely Withdraw*
Mar 16-20	Final exam week
Mar 20	Winter Term ends

Spring Term 2020

Date	Event
Feb 17	Registration for Spring Term begins
Mar 30	Classes begin
Apr 3	Last day to use Web for Student for all registration changes
Apr 10	Tuition and Fees due
Apr 10	Last day (5:00 pm) to drop courses with 100% refund
Apr 10	Last day (5:00 pm) to drop without a "W"*
Apr 10	Last day to pay fees or register without a late charge
May 1	Registration for Summer Term begins
May 11	Registration for Fall Term begins
May 15	Last day(5:00 pm) to Withdraw from an individual course with a "W"*
May 25	Campus closed for Memorial Day Holiday
Jun 5	Last day(5:00 pm) to Completely Withdraw*
Jun 8-12	Final exam week
Jun 12	Spring Term ends
Jun 14	Portland-Metro Commencement

Cashier's Calendar

Remaining Winter Term

2/17/20	Late Fees assessed on accounts with balances greater than $99*
2/17/20	Interest assessed on balances over 30 days @ 1%/month*

2/17/20	Statements generated (available on CASHNet Feb. 18)
3/20/20	Final Payment Plan payment due (ANY remaining balance)
3/20/20	Last Day of Winter Term
3/23/20	Interest assessed on balances over 30 days@ 1%/month
3/23/20	Late fees assessed on accounts with past due balances greater than $99*
3/23/20	Final Winter Statements generated (available on CASHNet Mar. 24)

Spring Term 2020

DATE	Event
2/17/20	Spring Term Tuition & Fees available on Web for Student after student registers
3/23/20	Spring Term Statements generated (available on CASHNet Mar.24)
3/26/20	Financial Aid begins disbursing to students' accounts
3/30/20	Spring Term classes begin
4/10/20	Last day to drop courses for 100% refund (Deadline is 5:00 p.m. PDT/PST)
4/10/20	Full Spring Term balance due or 1st Payment Plan payment (at least 1/3 of balance)
4/13/20	Holds placed on accounts for students that failed to pay balance due or 1st payment plan payment
4/15/20	Statements generated (available on CASHNet Apr. 16)
4/17/20	Last day to drop courses for 50% refund (Deadline is 5:00 p.m. PDT/PST)
4/24/20	Last day to drop course for 25% refund (Deadline is 5:00 p.m. PDT/PST)
4/27/20	Processing of refunds due to students for dropped courses begins this week
5/1/20	2nd Payment Plan payment due (second 1/3 of balance due)
5/4/20	Holds placed on payment plan accounts for students that failed to make 2nd payment plan payment
5/15/20	Late Fees assessed on accounts with balances greater than $99*
5/15/20	Interest assessed on balances over 30 days @ 1%/month
5/15/20	Statements generated (available on CASHNet May. 18)
6/12/20	Final Payment Plan payment due (ANY remaining balance)
6/12/20	Last day of Spring Term
6/15/20	Late fees assessed on accounts with past due balances greater than $99*
6/15/20	Interest assessed on balances over 30 days @ 1%/month
6/15/20	Final Spring Statements generated (available on CASHNet June 16)
	*Only one late fee per student per term will be charged.

Succeed

Career Services

The Key to a Great Job After Graduation, Part-time Employment While in School, or an Amazing Internship Opportunity Before Graduation

Students have a few great opportunities coming up and reminders to them are always welcome!

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All Majors
Career Fairs

On the Portland-Metro Campus: Wednesday, February 19 from 2-5 pm

On the Klamath Falls Campus: Wednesday, February 26 from 1-4 pm

We already have a great group of employers who are registered and eager to talk to students about internships and jobs. Students can see the list of employers on Handshake.

Also, we have a NEW resource for students, a "course" on Canvas that they can access at any time. There are no tests or grades, just a lot of valuable resources about topics like resumes, cover letters, interviewing, and LinkedIn. Students can find this on their Canvas home page. Please encourage them to check it out!

Tech Opportunities Program

The Tech Opportunities Program (TOP) is here to support first-generation students, low-income students, and students with disabilities in reaching their educational, career and personal goals. Our dedicated and compassionate staff uses proactive and holistic advising to foster students' connections on campus, to assist students with academic, career and financial aid planning, to provide supplemental tutoring and peer mentoring, and to advocate for students. We are razor sharp focused on helping students stay in good academic standing, persist from term to term, and graduate into fulfilling and successful careers. Please visit our website to meet our team, to read about our graduates, and to learn more about the application process: www.oit.edu/top. Please also feel welcome to stop by our offices during your next visit to campus. We are located on the Klamath Falls campus in the Learning Resources Center on the 2nd floor. We always enjoy meeting students and their families.

As a federally funded TRIO program, TOP serves 160 eligible students annually. All services are free of charge.

Peer Consulting Services

Peer Consulting Services (PCS) is a completely FREE academic support service available to all students at Oregon Tech. The consultants who work at Peer Consulting are your student's peers, have taken the same classes your student has, and have earned a 3.0 or greater.

PCS is here to help your student develop the skills they need to become successful both academically and professionally.

What we offer:

- Scheduled individual or group tutoring appointments
- Drop-in tutoring
- Online tutoring for distance students
- Supplemental Instruction study sessions
- Help with math, physics, chemistry, writing, and much more!

Supplemental Instruction (SI) incorporates a student SI leader into historically difficult courses. SI leaders are junior and senior students who have previously completed the course with a 3.0 or better. SI leaders attend class lectures and collaborate with faculty to provide at least one study session each week for their class. The mission of SI is to increase academic success by providing a collaborative learning environment to help students strengthen their foundational knowledge, improve study skills, and foster critical thinking. The fall 2019 term will have SI's available in the following courses: college algebra, trigonometry, differential calculus, physics, general chemistry, and anatomy & physiology.

PCS is located on the second floor of the Learning Resource Center (Library) in LRC 233. Using our services is easy. Students are free to drop in or make scheduled appointments through our online scheduler accessed via the Student Resources tab in TECHweb.

PCS is open Monday through Thursday from 8am to 7pm, Fridays 8am to 5pm, and Sundays from 1pm to 5pm. Students can get help making an appointment by emailing us at peerconsulting@oit.edu or calling us at 541-851-5226.

Whether it is your student's first year or fourth year, we are here to help empower your student to become successful in their academic career and reach their graduation goal. Here are some of the things current students have to say about Peer Consulting:

> *"The Peer Consultants are an invaluable asset to any student."*
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> *"Every person has been extremely helpful and kind. I utilize this service very often, and I appreciate it a lot."*
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> *"Really helpful for studying for the final. I got an A, and it brought me to an A in the class."*
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> *"…the SI leader for my class was absolutely fantastic. It was very helpful to have him in class because he knew exactly what was happening in class compared to the homework. He was very helpful and worked very closely with my professor. Having SI session was essential for me to do well in this class."*

ASOIT Leads Oregon Tech Students to the State Capital to Advocate for their education!

WHO: Students who are willing to meet with legislators to lobby for higher education funding in Oregon.

WHAT: Mingle with fellow students from across Oregon, meet with legislators to advocate for your education while learning about the lobbying process.

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 13th, 2020. This is an all-day event. We will depart from the Klamath Falls campus on Wednesday Feb. 12th

WHERE: Oregon's state capital in Salem

Financial Aid

Department of Education Informed Borrower Tool

Students and their parents will soon see how much they owe in federal student debt before agreeing to borrow more money to pay for a degree. The Department of Education's Informed Borrowing Confirmation process must be completed once each award year for the first loan a borrower receives for that award year, starting with loans associated with the 2020–21 Award Year.

As of April 2020 Colleges will be required, before disbursing a federal loan to confirm that parent and student borrowers have completed the informed borrower confirmation on the StudentAid.gov website. Borrowers will be required to acknowledge that they've seen the full debt total before schools can make the first disbursement of the first Direct Loan that a student or parent borrower receives for each new award year.

The tool will pull data from the recently redesigned College Scorecard, a federally operated website that allows students to compare the cost of colleges with the earning potential of their graduates. The tool will also calculate borrowers' monthly payments and the median salary that students can expect to receive after graduating from a specific college. It will also break down basic loan concepts such as interest accrual and capitalization and the difference between private and federal student loans.

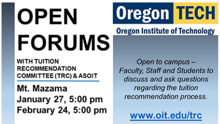
Scholarships

Winter is the time to apply for a host of scholarships including Oregon Student Access and Completion (OSAC) scholarships for **Oregon residents**, due March 1st https://oregonstudentaid.gov. This application opens around November 1st.

The Oregon Tech Foundation Scholarship process opens in early December and expects to award over $375,000 in scholarships. With this one application, students can apply for multiple scholarships. Students must submit their application by March 1st. The selection process will take place in April and students can expect to be notified of their award in May. Additional scholarship opportunities are listed on our website at www.oit.edu/scholarships. If you have specific questions regarding scholarships, please contact Julie Daniels at julie.daniels@oit.edu.

Student Tuition Forums

Each year, students are invited to learn about the Tuition & Fee setting process and engage in a dialogue with Oregon Tech's Finance & Administration leadership.



OPEN FORUMS

WITH TUITION RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE (TRC) & ASOIT

Mt. Mazama
January 27, 5:00 pm
February 24, 5:00 pm

Oregon TECH
Oregon Institute of Technology

Open to campus – Faculty, Staff and Students to discuss and ask questions regarding the tuition recommendation process.

www.oit.edu/trc

Oregon Tech Foundation & Alumni Association

The Oregon Tech Foundation and Alumni Association are here to support student success! Philanthropic efforts from Oregon Tech's community of alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff support faculty and student innovation funds, cutting-edge equipment and technology in classrooms and labs, student project funds, and scholarships. Through donor and alumni support, together we strive to further the goals of the university and enrich the educational experience for all students. For the 2019-2020 academic year, $845,000 was awarded to more than 300 students through scholarships. The application process for 2020-2021 scholarships is now open! Please encourage your student to apply at www.oit.edu/otfscholars by the March 2nd deadline.

The Alumni Association strives to engage students while achieving their educational goals at Oregon Tech, as well as build and strengthen our alumni network after graduation. By providing students with an insight into what their future career has in store through connections with experienced Oregon Tech alumni, the strength of the alumni network has a direct benefit. Alumni have the opportunity to support, engage and give back to the university in many different ways such as participating in student mentorship programs, making donations to their program, club or scholarship of their choice, or attending any of our free alumni or low cost events throughout the year.

For more information contact Alumni Relations Manager Rebecca Burkeen at 503-821-1145, or via email at rebecca.burkeen@oit.edu Oregon Tech Foundation Student Support

An Oregon Tech education offers hands-on, real-world experiences that prepare students both professionally and for life. Student experiences are enhanced through the following activities:

- Academic projects & student clubs
- Regional and national competitions
- Campus Life & Student Affairs

You can support these causes and more through the Oregon Tech Foundation. Discover more about generosity in action: www.oit.edu/spotlight.

Alumni Spotlight: Elissa Stoltz '16

Elissa Stoltz '16 epitomizes what successful student athletes at Oregon Tech look like. She ran cross country all four years, achieving All-American status, and is now enjoying a career as a MRI Technologist.

Read Elissa's Story Here

SAVE THE DATE for the 1st Annual "Give-a-Hoot Day"

April 22, 2020 – A one day extravaganza to raise money for Oregon Tech! More information to come.

Spark the Next Big Idea – With a Gift to Oregon Tech

Make a gift to Oregon Tech today and accelerate the leading-edge innovations of tomorrow. With your gift—to what you care about most—you are investing in the power of an Oregon Tech education to positively transform the future whether you support the university's greatest needs, scholarships, academic programs, or your own personal passion.

Go to www.oit.edu/idea to make a donation and enhance your student's experience today. Thank you!

Contact: University Development, 541-885-1130 or university.development@oit.edu

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Spread *S'MORE* Cheer with Campus Life

Campus Life welcome students to Winter Term with a free S'MORES event for all. Students chose from a wide variety of wacky treats to top their vegan or traditional SMORE. It was an event that no one could get enough of!

SPREAD
S'MORE
CHEER!
Gluten Free
Vegan
Halal
Traditional
Oregon TECH Campus Life

Volunteer Owls Mobile Connection

Campus Life has taken our mobile life one step further! Now, students can find local volunteering opportunities and track their service hours with NobleHour. Anyone who is interested in seeing what is available can go to www.noblehour.com/oregontech. The platform is available for any local organizations to contribute events and opportunities for students to find.

Students will also be able to use this tool to track community service hours for clubs and scholarships.

FIND & TRACK VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
noblehour
Time to make things better.
Find it on the Oregon Tech app or at oit.edu/community-service

Hustle

Basketball

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FINAL
95
OregonTechOwls.com

No. 5 Oregon Tech (18-5, 8-5 CCC) blasted past Evergreen State College (3-18, 0-15 CCC) 95-67 during the 11th Annual Pink-Out for cancer awareness on February 1st night at Danny Miles Court in another Fink-dominated game.

An 8-1 run propelled the Geoducks to an early advantage in the first half, with Lane Kennedy and Elijah Fuller providing long-range shots to help maintain the lead. But the nationally ranked Owls were quick to respond, blasting out of the deficit with a 20-4 run.

Senior and 1st Team All-American *Mitchell Fink* contributed 11 points during the streak, including two long range baskets. Tech added an 8-0 run to end the half up 14, 42-28.

The second half saw more back and forth action, but the Owls managed to expand their lead through a 9-2 run and an 18-7 push that gave them their largest lead of 28 points.

Fink had game high honors with 29 points and seven assists, scoring four long range baskets of 10 attempts. Junior *Garret Albrecht* notched another 18 points with nine rebounds, shooting with 89% accuracy. Sophomore *Lachlan McKimm* and senior *Jordan Henderson* scored 11 and 10, respectively off-the-bench.

For Evergreen, Fuller scored 14 points with Gloire Biongo was just behind him with 13 points while Mana Niu scored an additional 12 for TESC.

Oregon Tech shot at 63% from the field and earned an 18-4 advantage from the charity stripe. The team also took a 44-23 rebounding advantage and held a 19-10 assists edge.

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89
FINAL
101

Freshman *Maddyson Tull* and sophomore *Kristin Farrell* contributed career-high scoring on the same evening to help lead Oregon Tech (13-10, 7-6 CCC) to a 101-89 victory over Evergreen State (4-14, 4-11 CCC).

"It was good to see the Lady Owls show up in force tonight," said head coach Scott Meredith. "We had a number of outstanding performances and our bench contributed heavily once again. Not too happy about giving up 89 points, but after the way the last couple weeks have played out, we are thrilled to get the victory on Pink Out Night for our fans."

Farrell opened the night with a three-pointer and contributed a second to boost along a 14-3 Tech run to the lead. The Lady Owls would hold the lead from that point on.

The Geoducks retaliated near the tail end of the quarter, going 14-for-4 to cut the deficit to only four points, but Oregon Tech went 8-0 into the second quarter to regain their buffer. Evergreen went 8-for-2 with help from long-range shooting from Anna Cook and Jerri Maluyo, but the Owls scored 10 to reach their largest lead of 15.

Evergreen State took control of the third quarter, with an 8-2 run boosting them to a six-point advantage in the quarter, which ended 24-18. However, Tech's advantage proved to be too much to overcome, and a 10-3 fourth quarter run wrapped up the game for the Lady Owls.

Farrell led Oregon Tech with 23 points, scoring 7-of-10 from long range. Sophomore Courtney Clemmer and Tull followed with 20 points each. Clemmer made 10-of-11 from the field and Tull tallied six rebounds. Junior Amanda Constant notched another 12 points and seven boards.

Trinity Betoney – who leads the Cascade Conference in points per game – took game high honors with 33 points and seven rebounds. Maluyo tallied another 20 points and seven assists and Merrily Jones and Cook rounded off the double-digit scorers with 14 and 10, respectively.

The Owls shot at 60% from the field and 58.8% from long range, thanks in part to Farrell's hot shooting.

Junior Abby Kreiser contributed 15 assists – along with seven points and rebounds – to lead Tech to a 25-17 assisting edge. The team also took a 30-5 advantage from the bench and a 35-27 rebounding edge.

Quartet of Owls Tabbed for CCC Player of the Week

4 OWLS EARN CCC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
CASCADE CCC
ANGEL VALDEZ
MEN'S INDOOR T&F
DANIELLE DE CASTRO
WOMEN'S INDOOR T&F
MICAH JIO
BASEBALL PLAYER
ZACH SCHERMAN
BASEBALL PITCHER

Four Oregon Tech athletes, Angel Valdez and Danielle De Castro in track & field, along with Zach Scherman and Micah Jio from baseball, received the honor of CCC Player of the Week.

Track and Field

Valdez, a senior from Klamath Falls, Oregon (Mazama HS), was named the Red Lion Men's Track Athlete of the Week as he set a new school record by more than three seconds in the men's 600-meter run to lead Oregon Tech at the Ed Jacoby Invite. He finished second in the event with a time of one minute, 21.85 seconds.

De Castro, a senior from Seattle, Washington hit an automatic NAIA mark with a time of two minutes, 56.78 seconds in the 1K event at the Ed Jacoby Invite. She currently has the second-fastest time in the 1K, just .2 seconds behind No. 1.

Baseball

Scherman a junior from Danville, California, was named the Red Lion Baseball Pitcher of the Week, he was instrumental in the Owls going 2-0 this past weekend as he picked up the win in the first game of the season and the save in the second. He pitched six total innings, where he did not allow any hits and struck out six batters.

Jio a junior second baseman from Kula, Hawaii, was named the Red Lion Baseball Player of the Week. He led the Owls to a 2-0 start – their best since 2015 – as he was 3-for-7 at the plate with two walks. Jio scored three times and drove in a total of four-runs, while boasting a .429 batting average.

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SCHOLAR ATHLETES
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9 Oregon Tech Athletes Earn Winter Academic All-CCC Honors

A total of 9 Oregon Tech Athletes joined a list of 164 Cascade Collegiate Conference student-athletes in the winter sports of men's and women's basketball and men's and women's wrestling have earned U.S. Bank Academic All-CCC honors for their performances in the classroom, the conference office announced.

To earn recognition as a CCC scholar-athlete, a student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 and sophomore standing.

Scotty Burge	Sr.	Men's Basketball	Bio-Health Sciences
Courtney Clemmer	So.	Women's Basketball	Communications
Amanda Constant	Jr.	Women's Basketball	Civil Engineering
Seth Erickson	Sr.	Men's Basketball	Bio-Health Sciences
Kristin Farrell	So.	Women's Basketball	Health Care Mgmt-Admin
Mitchell Fink	Sr.	Men's Basketball	Communications
Jesse Higgins	So.	Men's Basketball	Bio-Health Sciences
Abby Kreiser	Jr.	Women's Basketball	Communications
Matt Van Tassell	So.	Men's Basketball	Civil Engineering

OREGON TECH BASEBALL SWEEPS!

Hustlin' Owls Open Season with California Sweep

Oregon Tech opened up its 2020 season with a sweep. First the Owls knocked off Menlo College 8-3 then followed that with a 12-9 win over Simpson University at Historic Tiger Field.

Game 1 Oregon Tech 8 Menlo College 3

Josh Overstreet made his season debut on the hill going 5-innings allowing just two runs and five hits with four strikeouts to get the Owls off to a great Sart.

The Owls pounded out 13-hits in game 1 led by Payton Harris who had four-hits and three RBI with Josiah Peterson, and Micah Jio adding two-hits each in the win. Sophomore Andy Schubert had a pinch-hit solo home run for the Hooter.

The Owls got solid relief pitching as Zach Sherman as he pitched three-hitless innings with two-strikeouts to pick up the win, with Trask Telesmanich pitching the final inning.

Game 2 Oregon Tech 12 Simpson 9

In game 2 the Owls scored 9-runs in the sixth inning on the way to the 12-9 win.

The Red Hawks led 9-2 after five-innings but the Hooter held Simpson scoreless over the final four innings to win 12-9. In a sloppy game that had 11-hits but 7-errors that led to 21 total runs.

Overstreet, Jio and McKinnon Bennett had 2-RBI each to lead the Owls offensively. Five Owl pitchers contributed to the win with freshman Patrick Arman getting credited with the win while junior Zach Scherman picked-up the save with three hit-less innings in relief.

The Owls will head back to Redding next weekend for a four game series against Simpson and Holy Names University in the Simpson Tournament starting at 11:00 am Friday against the host Red Hawks at Tiger Field.

Oregon Tech Softball at No. 8 in NAIA Preseason Coaches' Top 25 Poll

NAIA Preseason
Coaches Poll
#8
Oregon Tech Softball
NAIA

The Oregon Tech softball team will start the season at No. 8 in the 2020 NAIA Postseason Coaches' Top 25 Poll announced by the national office. The first regular-season Top 25 edition will be announced Wednesday, March 4.

After an eighth place NAIA world series finish last year that ranks in the top three finishes in program history, Oregon Tech softball returns eight players for the 2020 season, which opens with a doubleheader against Pacific University in Medford at U.S. Cellular Field at 12:00 pm on February 1st.

The Owls finished the 2019 season with a 44-17 record that included head coach Greg Stewart's 500th career win on February 24. The Lady Owls had a 23-4 conference record that gave them a second-place seed in the Cascade Conference tournament, also earning them a berth to the NAIA Opening Round Championship. It marked their eleventh appearance in the NAIA National Tournament, including their ninth appearance in the last 10 years. Tech has now played in the NAIA opening round championship game six years in a row.

1st Team All-Conference and World Series All-Tournament pitcher Sarah Abramson is among the key returners, having led the Cascade Conference last year in strikeouts with 229. 2nd Team All-Conference catcher McKenna Armantrout returns as well, along with Maddie Deverna who ranked No. 1 in the NAIA in fielding percentage.

Nine new players join the team this year, including junior standout pitcher Emily McAdams, who was the California Community College co-player of the year, along with Oregon 4-A co-player of the year Kaila Mick from Henley high school.

The Lady Owls ranked second in the CCC preseason poll despite the loss of seven seniors, including 1st Team NAIA and NFCA All American pitcher/DP Ali Graham – who led the team with a .418 batting average last year – and 1st Team All-Conference and ALL-NFCA first baseman Dre Sotelo – who led the CCC with 64 RBI – and second baseman Kiahna Brown.

The Lady Owls kicked off the season with a doubleheader against Pacific University in Medford, Oregon on February 1st with games against Dominican University of California and Simpson California the following weekend in the Simpson Softball Tournament. The team will play their home opener and first Cascade Conference game on February 28th against College of Idaho at the John and Lois Stilwell Stadium.

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