Exciting things are happening at Clackamas Community College at the Harmony Community Campus. Thanks to a $90 million bond measure that voters approved in November 2014, we will soon be saying goodbye to the old Oregon Institute of Technology building and replacing it with a new workforce development and training facility.

This Harmony Community Campus has a long history of serving and educating the community, from elementary students to adult learners. I am proud CCC is continuing that tradition. This bond project will expand the Health Sciences programs, aiding students seeking to complete certificates or degrees.

The new, 43,000-square-foot building will host classrooms, labs, a bookstore and community space. Although the new building will be state-of-the-art and beautiful, it is what the building will offer that is truly special.

We heard from the community that what you value most from your community college is an affordable education for degrees and certificate programs that lead to careers and family-wage jobs. As a result, we are working to grow our workforce programs, career pathways and increased general education offerings while, at the same time, reducing costs and transportation barriers.

The community played an important role in envisioning this campus and its future and in passing the bond measure. We want the community involvement to continue as we break ground this spring and complete the project in the fall of 2017.

To keep up the conversation going, CCC is hosting a bond project update and open forum on Saturday, Jan. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Harmony Campus, 7738 S.E. Harmony Road. Join us for a discussion about the Harmony Community Campus, which is also home to the North Clackamas Aquatic Park, the Small Business Development Center and the Three Creeks Natural Area. Learn about our bond projects and what is happening from current and future campus stakeholders.

Also, please mark your calendars for another opportunity to be involved. We are also hosting an open house on Wednesday, March 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Harmony Community Campus.

For more information about the Clackamas Community College bond projects, please visit Clackamas.edu/BondInformation.

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