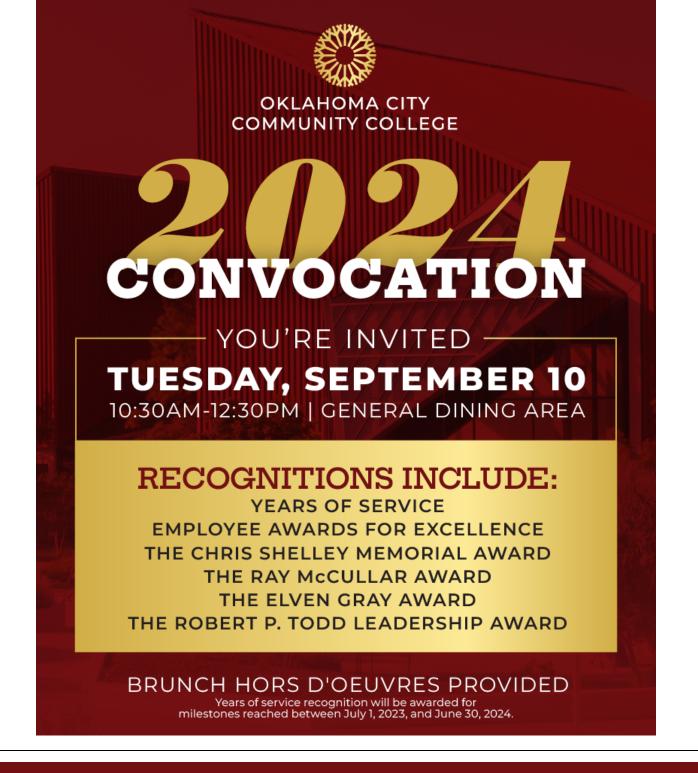
#### **CORRECTIONS:**

Please note new contact information for the Office of Institutional Equity.



# September 2024

# **Updates & News**



### **New Winter Break Schedule**

Winter Break is Dec. 19, 2024 through Jan. 3, 2025.

Last day of work is Dec. 18 with a return to work on Jan. 6.

### **Years of Service**

15 Years

**Bradley Walker** 

#### **5 Years**

Crystal Mohamed

Alexi Bollwerk

Genia Shannon

Beatriz Meyer

Melanie Wilkerson

#### 1 Year

Betsey Streuli

Wilma Ruiz

Abi Phillips-Roe

Hayley Holland

### A Warm Welcome to OCCC's Newest Team Members

#### **Thomas Routson**

Professor of EMS

#### **Natalie Flaming**

Professor of Psychology

#### **Jason Weger**

**Professor of Nursing** 

#### **Kylie Spencer**

Professor of Nursing

#### **Daniel Murphy**

Professor of Automotive Technology

#### Michael Maxey

Political Science Instructor

#### Dr. Mayank Puri

Professor of Chemistry

#### **Natalie Boussontie**

Professor of Biology/Chemistry

#### <u>Deborah Morgan</u>

Professor of Sociology

#### Rebecka Finney (Becky)

Professor of Computer Science

#### Jonathan Bevenue

Police Dispatcher

#### LaTrina Rich (Trina)

Recruiting and Onboarding Coordinator

#### Jacob Kelley

Multimedia Marketing Specialist

#### Valen McCloure

Financial Aid Advisor

### **Benefits & Wellness**

## **Have Retirement Questions?**

Paul Mariconda, 403b Corebridge Financial Advisor, has added some dates to his meeting schedule for any employee who may need to meet with him concerning their 403b/Roth 403b retirement account. This would also be an excellent opportunity for new employees to meet with Paul to learn more about the 403b and Roth 403b benefits offered by OCCC. Paul will be available for both virtual and in-person meetings, or employees may arrange to schedule meetings on additional dates by contacting him at **paul.mariconda@corebridgefinancial.com**.

To schedule please click the links below or send Paul an email to schedule a different date.

Click here for in-person appointments

Click here for phone/virtual appointments

Please feel free to contact your Benefits Team at ext. 7569 if you need further information or assistance with your 403b.

Thank you,

Your OCCC Benefits Team

## A Quick Shot Can Help You Stay Healthy





Each year, millions catch the flu and hundreds of thousands are hospitalized. Experts recommend everyone six months and older to get a flu vaccine.

<u>Time it right.</u> Get your flu vaccine in early fall before flu season begins. It can take up to 2 weeks for the vaccine to become fully effective.

<u>Know your options.</u> Find out which type of flu vaccine is best for you. Your doctor can make recommendations based on your specific needs.

Repeat every year. The flu virus changes from year to year, so you need the latest vaccine to fight the newer strains.

<u>Make it easy.</u> Talk with your doctor about where you should get a flu shot. Many places offer them, making the process quick and convenient.

### Get your flu shot at OCCC!

On Wednesday, Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 10 from 7:30 a.m. to noon, OCCC will be providing an opportunity for you to get your flu shot. Stay tuned for more details and ways to sign up.

## Office of Institutional Equity



## PREGNANT WORKERS FAIRNESS ACT (PWFA)

#### WHAT IS PWFA?

The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (PWFA) is a federal law that requires covered employers to provide "reasonable accommodations" to a qualified worker's known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, unless the accommodation will cause the employer an "undue hardship." An undue hardship is defined as causing significant difficulty or expense.

A "reasonable accommodation" means a change in the work environment or how things are usually done in order to remove work-related barriers.

# WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PREGNANT WORKERS?

- Schedule changes or time off to go to health care appointments
- Extra bathroom breaks
- A chair or stool to sit on while working
- The ability to telework full or part-time
- A private place to pump breast milk
- Leave to recover from childbirth
- Breaks to eat and drink
- Light duty



# WHAT OTHER FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT LAWS MAY APPLY TO PREGNANT WORKERS?

Other laws that apply to workers affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, include:



- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 which prohibits employment discrimination based on sex, pregnancy, or other protected categories (enforced by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC))
- The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) which prohibits employment discrimination based on disability (enforced by the EEOC)
- The Family and Medical Leave Act which provides unpaid leave for certain workers for pregnancy and to bond with a new child (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor)
- The PUMP Act which provides nursing mothers a time and private place to pump at work (enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor)

Learn more at www.EEOC.gov/Pregnancy-Discrimination

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact

Dr. Carolyn Eastlin, Director of Institutional Equity

Ext 7850, reporting@occc.edu

## **Employee Assistance Program**

Six free, confidential face-to-face sessions or unlimited phone counseling - for you and your family!

OCCC EAP provider: SupportLinc

<u>Supportlinc@curalinc.com</u> <u>www.supportlinc.com</u>

**Access Code:** occc 1-888-881-5462

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