



Oregon Coast STEM Hub
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Dear Oregon Coast STEM Hub Community,

As some of you may know, Dr. Lisa Blank recently accepted a position as Dean of Career and Technical Education at Coconino Community College in Flagstaff, Arizona. Lisa will continue to support STEM and CTE initiatives for families and communities near and far from Arizona.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge our transitional plan and recognize the accomplishments of the OCSH under her leadership. In Lisa's own words from her letter to the Leadership Council,

Together, we have updated the Hub website and messaging materials, provided teacher professional development along the coast in Wee Engineer, Culturally Responsive STEM Teaching, Research Experience for Teachers, and Next Generation Science Standards, initiated and lead the statewide effort to establish K-12 computer science plans, connected to tribal partners, launched the Marine Scientist and Educator Alliance, strengthened ties with STEM business and industry, began work-based learning conversations in Curry County, and quickly responded to COVID-19 with STEM family engagement supports.

Our STEM Hub partners, backbone staff, and the Leadership Council have stepped up to support Interim Director Tracy Crews during this transition. Together, we will continue to carry on current and new OCSH projects and programs for the coast and the state. Together, we will continue the work of the STEM Hub to support our coastal communities, especially our school districts during these challenging times. And together, we wish Lisa well and thank her for her leadership as the Director of the Oregon Coast STEM Hub. She will be missed.

With deepest gratitude,
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Chair, OCSH Leadership Council