



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July 6, 2016

*From the desk of UCC President Debra Thatcher*

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Dear Umpqua Community College Community,

I am excited to begin my service as the president of Umpqua Community College. What a wonderful place to be! During my interview in April and since our arrival in Oregon on June 24, James and I have been welcomed by the friendliest of people on campus and in the community, and we already feel at home. As a bonus, we now find ourselves residing in a place so beautiful that most people only dream of vacationing here. How many colleges are located next to a river as magnificent as the Umpqua?

I am both honored and humbled to have been selected to lead UCC. It is a privilege to be associated with a college that has made a significant difference in the lives of so many people, and I am humbled by the significance of the community college enterprise. I look forward to working with the strong and talented members of the UCC and Douglas County communities. We will build upon your resolve and imagination to continually improve students' experiences and to serve the needs of the county, region, and state.

I extend my thanks to the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, and community members who participated in the search process. I will work diligently to be worthy of your trust.

Warm regards,

Dr. Debra Thatcher  
President, UCC