

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Frank Toda
President
Columbia Gorge
Community College

Dr. Frank Toda is a Gorge native, growing up in Dallesport and graduating from Lyle High School. He spent a distinguished 30 years in the Air Force before becoming President of CGCC in July 2001. In his application letter to the Board, Dr. Toda gave three reasons for seeking the job: a longstanding intention of working in education administration, "a lifetime preparing for this opportunity," and a desire to return home and make a contribution to the community. Dr. Toda's hobbies outside work include cars and technology.

Member Since: 2007

Columbia Gorge Community College

Columbia Gorge Community College has been providing quality post-secondary education in the Gorge since 1977. CGCC offers pre-college/ developmental courses, Adult Continuing Education courses, academic certificates and Associates degrees, including Oregon's Associate of Arts Transfer Degree. CGCC offers a Renewable Energy Technology program that was the first of its kind on the west coast and is nationally recognized as a leader in wind turbine technician training.

As the only higher education institution in the Gorge, CGCC expanded from the main campus in The Dalles to a new satellite campus in Hood River in 2008. CGCC's 95 employees served 892 full-time equivalent students in winter term 2010, an increase of 22.5% from the previous year.

Approximately 80% of the students reside in the Gorge, with 28 being the average age of full-time students (all students average age is 38).

CGCC is a member of the GTA to stay connected to the growth and development of technology in the Gorge. The college

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regularly reaches out to the technology sector to assess whether new programs and courses are needed to fulfill the workforce demands.



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