

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**AGENDA ITEM IX-3**

CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Full-Time Faculty Report
Date:	February 18, 2026
Presenter:	Charles Lettenmaier, FTF President
Division/Department:	Full-Time Faculty Association
RECOMMENDATION:	Information Only

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

This is a monthly report for the Board's information.

Melissa Jones (Journalism Instructor)

Full-time Faculty Melissa Jones was named a Center for Community News Champion for 2026 from the University of Vermont's Center for Community News. This award recognizes leadership in building news-academic partnerships. She is one of 150 educators nationwide to win the award. She'll participate in a yearslong training and mentorship program that recognizes college journalists reporting stories for communities, addressing the crisis in local news.

Communications

FTF Kerrie Hughes, Lucas Hahn, Alyssa Sambor helped lead the 2025 Ireland study trip, which involved 36 participants and provided students with an immersive international experience that significantly increased their cultural awareness and sensitivity. Through academic visits, community engagement, and exposure to Ireland's history, culture, and contemporary society, students gained a deeper understanding of global perspectives beyond the classroom. Participants reported strengthened adaptability, improved cross-cultural communication skills, and a greater appreciation for cultural differences. Overall, the trip supported meaningful personal and academic growth, with students returning more globally minded and reflective about their role in an interconnected world.

Recruiting has begun for the 2026 trip. See attached flier.

Theatre Arts

Students and instructors are rehearsing for "Witch" by Jen Silverman, which will be staged in the Niemeyer Center from Feb. 26 through March 8. We hope you will join us to see your theater program in action.

Theatre will also be hosting the upcoming annual MHC One-Acts Festival on Feb. 20. A collection of schools: Clackamas, Nelson, Sandy, Gresham, David Douglas and Barlow bring about 200 students to compete in a one-act festival. Our Improv students perform throughout the day.

Coming in March is the Student Performance Showcase: A Collection of One-Acts, which will be performed March 3, 4, 6, 7.