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Community college president runs to advocate for students' needs



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GRANTS PASS, Ore.- An Oregon marathoner is making (literal) strides in advocating for the needs of college students.

Clackamas Community College President, Tim Cook, is running to every community college in Oregon over the span of 50 days.

Cook was greeted by Rogue Community College this morning on his 25th day of running.

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It's part of the Running for Oregon Community College Students Campaign– an initiative that highlights community college students' struggles– including facing homelessness, food and housing insecurity and more.

They're working to aid community college students financially.

"We had a student living in their Jeep off campus, and that Jeep was going to be repossessed– that was their house, and they're trying to go through school and everything. Our foundation was able to help pay some of those bills so that student could graduate. That student went on and got a four degree and now has a patent out," says Cook.

Cook says he's now run almost 700 miles and raised about $80 thousand for community college students. $11,000 of those donations are from people at RCC.

He was at Klamath Community College this past weekend.

Cook says he hopes the campaign garners the attention of legislators for the creation of long-term solutions.

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