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## OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONORED AT OCC AWARDS CEREMONY

TOMS RIVER – Ocean County College presented awards to outstanding students at its 43rd Annual Awards Ceremony on Wednesday, May 26, in the Gymnasium.

The awards recipients are:

*Charles J. Abeles Memorial Award* – **Stacey Folkenflik** – \$100 to a student demonstrating outstanding aptitude in languages, literature, or philosophy.

*John Morrison Memorial Scholarship* (Donated by Dr. Beth Willetts-Brierley) – **Melanie Sudia** – \$200 to a graduating student who has been an active participant in the Speech and Theatre Club and/or OCC's Performing Arts programs and is transferring to a four-year institution.

*Judith A. Laurie Memorial Award* (Sponsored by her sister, Joan Herder) – **Jessica Herrera** – \$200 to a student demonstrating excellence in the pursuit of the Spanish language.

*Dr. Mary Jean McGivern Memorial Award* – **Danielle Clancy** – \$100 to a graduating student for outstanding study in the field of biology.

*Chemistry Club Scholarship* – **Wendy Brownlee, Alyssa Kriegstein, Keely O'Donnell, Felicia Sciolino, and Brian Sandy** – \$100 each to active members of the Chemistry Club, a student affiliate of The American Chemical Society, for recognition as invaluable members who demonstrate qualities of teamwork and leadership while maintaining good academic standing.

*The Thomas & Maria Tamburro Chemistry Scholarship* – **Brian Sandy** – \$100 to a graduating student who has demonstrated academic excellence in Chemistry; is an active member of the Chemistry Club; and demonstrates qualities of leadership, perseverance, integrity, and community service.

*Phi Theta Kappa Alumni Award* (Awarded by the Alumni Association of PTK Alumni of OCC) – **Melanie Sudia** – \$200 to a member of PTK who has made significant contributions to the programs and activities sponsored by PTK's Tau Iota Chapter.

*Phi Theta Kappa Fraternity Award* – **Marion Burke, Charis Chambers, Kaitlin Caulfield, and Kevin Rutz** – \$200 each to students who best exemplify the ideals of PTK, making significant contributions to the Tau Iota Chapter, promoting intellectual and cultural growth.

*Phi Theta Kappa Longevity Award* (Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. William Rickert) – **Martha Molinini** – \$200 to a student who has made a significant contribution to the activities of PTK's Tau Iota Chapter with participation during two or more academic years. The recipients must exemplify the ideals of PTK as set forth in the four hallmarks of leadership, scholarship, service, and fellowship.

*The Dr. Albert Socol Memorial Scholarship Award* – **Christopher Capozzola and Christopher Lawrence** – \$300 each to outstanding students in mathematics.

*Associated Students of Ocean County College Awards* (Donated by Student Life, student government, in memory of Thomas J. Brady) – **Samantha Arcieri, Brittany Bond, Theresa Bungay, Carissa Krapf, Robert McCombs, and Robert Norcia** – \$250 each to graduating students displaying consistently strong records of involvement in the co-curricular program.

*Who's Who Among Students at OCC* – **34 recipients** – \$100 each to graduating students nominated for Who's Who Among Students at OCC in 2010, making significant contributions to OCC regarding scholarship and leadership.

*James Inman Award* – **Marion Burke, Kaitlin Caulfield, Melanie Sudia, and Nahom Gil Viron** – \$250 to students demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship, loyalty, citizenship, and contribution to extra-curricular activities.

*Community Services Inc. of Ocean County Award* (In honor of Virginia and Jack Lamping) – **Samantha Dealmeida** – \$250 to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public affairs, policy, or government.

*Virginia & Jack Lamping Memorial Award* – **Robert Norcia** – \$250 to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public affairs, policy, government, or the arts.

*Computer Science Award* (Donated by the Computer Science Department) – **David Berroa and Tamara Litwin** – \$200 each to graduating students in the Computer Science Program.

*Digital Mass Media Award* (Donated by Gary Shaffer) – **Samantha Arcieri** – \$250 to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in public relations, journalism, broadcasting, or communications.

*Fellows, Read and Weber Scholarship* – **Robert McCombs** – \$350 to a graduating student of the Engineering Program continuing his/her education in engineering at a four-year college.

*Clayton Sterling Award* – **Jamie Armstrong** – \$200 to the student demonstrating greatest aptitude in real estate.

*Cornelia Wismer Memorial Award for Criminal Justice* (Donated by her family) – **Bernadette Warren** – \$300 to an outstanding graduating student completing at least 64 OCC credits, with a 3.0 GPA or better, in the field of criminal justice.

*Patrick Carroll Award* – **Dara McKeon** – \$400 and plaque to a male student who has excelled academically; whose influence has been most constructive in the field of athletics; and who has exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

*The Julie Foukarakis Memorial Award* – **Jennifer Nelson** – \$400 and a plaque to a female athlete who has excelled academically; whose influence has been most constructive in the field of athletics; and who has exhibited scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

*The American Chemical Society Award* – **Ellen Miller, Erine O'Connor, and Joshua Price** – \$750 awarded to three Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society who have demonstrated

academic excellence and are currently enrolled in Organic Chemistry II. Students will be pursuing a degree in chemistry or a related field.

*The American Chemical Society Presidential Challenge Award* – **James Gilroy, Ellen Miller, Erine O'Connor, Joshua Price, and Daniel Schnell** – \$1,350 awarded to the five members of the Chemical Club Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society who diligently worked on a video to promote chemistry and uphold the principles of the society. The recipients demonstrated dedication, commitment, and teamwork while creatively educating others about chemistry.

*Andrew T. Baran Scholarship* – **Steven Spino** – \$500 to a graduating student who enrolls in a four-year college in pursuit of a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

*Barnegat Bay Watershed & Estuary Foundation Award* – **Benjamin Ackerman** – \$500 to a student interested in the environmental sciences who ideally has advanced this interest through extra-curricular activities.

*Dr. Marshall R. Boggio Award* – **Martha Molinini** – \$500 to a student in an engineering or engineering technology program. The recipient should be a “non-traditional” student who represents the ideals of continuous lifelong learning.

*Ciba Geigy Award* (Donated by CIBA Geigy) – **Erine O'Connor** – \$500 is awarded to a graduating student majoring in one of the sciences.

*Faculty Association of Ocean County College Award* (Donated by the Faculty Association of OCC) – **Marion Burke, Kaitlin Caulfield, Charis Chambers, and Martha Molinini** – \$400 each to outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions.

*FAOCC William Kanouse Memorial Scholarship* (Established in memory of former FAOCC President Bill Kanouse and donated by the Faculty Association of OCC) – **Samantha Arcieri** – \$500 to an outstanding student transferring to a four-year institution.

*NJ Alpha Delta Kappa Lambda Chapter Award* – **Courtney Turner** – \$750 to a female student continuing her education at a four-year institution in the field of education.

*Ocean County Probation Officers Association Scholarship* – **Ashley DeBlasi** – \$500 to a graduate of the Criminal Justice Program pursuing a four-year degree in criminal justice.

*Carleen Sterling Orsi Memorial Scholarship* – **Martha Molinini** – \$500 to a graduate transferring to a four-year college or university. (Renewable for the second year. **Renewal: Mallory Garbaravage**).

*Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission Art Award* (Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Historical Commission) – **Lindsay Kramer** – Certificate and \$500 to an outstanding student in the field of art.

*Pauline S. Miller History Award* (Donated by the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission) – **Kevin Rutz** – Certificate and \$500 to an outstanding student in the field of history.

*Soroptimist Club of Toms River Award* – **Charis Chambers** – \$500 to a graduating female student continuing her education at a four-year college.

*Ocean County Society of Professional Engineers Award* – **Christopher Lawrence** (engineering) and **Frank Uhl, III** (technology) – \$500 to students for outstanding achievement in engineering and technology.

*The Paul Family Scholarship* (In memory of Joyce Previte) – **Anne Paxton** – \$525 to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of nursing with intent to pursue a career in a related field.

*Support Staff Association of OCC Award* – **Leann Wardell** (student worker) and **Theresa Bungay** (SSA family member) – \$500 each to a graduating student who has been in the College Work-Study Program and a graduating family member of a Support Staff Employee.

*Donald W. Smith Scholarship* – **Joshua Beninson** (engineering) and **Nicholas Parker** (technology) – \$500 each to graduating students pursuing education in civil engineering, surveying, planning, landscape design, and/or environmental services.

*The Veterans Scholarship* (Donated by the Adjunct Association) – **Nahom Gil Viron** – \$500 awarded to a graduating student who is a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces or a member of the National Guard who will transfer to a four-year institution.

*The Viking Spirit Scholarship* – **Kelly Osowski** – \$500 to a graduating EOF student who exemplifies leadership, service, and character.

*The Neil LaBute Scholarship* – **Cosette Lyncheski** and **Matthew Robertson** – \$1,000 each to outstanding students who have demonstrated a passion and commitment to the theatre.

*Toms River Township Police Foundation Scholarship* – **Kevin Licknack** and **David Museliani** – \$1,000 to graduating students from Ocean County College who are continuing on to a four-year institution and majoring in law enforcement.

*Michael D. Vena Memorial MUAA Scholarship Award* (Sponsored by Municipal Utilities Authorities Association of Ocean County) – **Bennett Wong** and **Jade Murphy** – \$1,000 each to two graduates transferring to a four-year college or university and majoring in environmental sciences or directly related fields.

*Dollie and Harry David Sussna Scholarship* – **Initial: Charis Chambers and Kevin Rutz** – \$1,500 to two outstanding students transferring to a four-year institution. **Renewal: Ernest Muska and Amanda Ruppel** – \$2,000 to the 2009 recipients upon re-enrollment at a four-year institution.

*William T. Hering Scholarship* – **Charis Chambers** – \$2,000 to an outstanding student who has completed graduation requirements at OCC and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

*Ocean County College Board of Trustees Award* (Donated by the OCC Board of Trustees) – **Daniel Dowd, Stacey Folkenflik, and Steven Spino** – \$1,000 each to three graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance at OCC and who will continue their education in the Kean@Ocean program.