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DONATIONS ASSIST OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

TOMS RIVER – The **OceanFirst Foundation** of OceanFirst Bank recently presented the **Ocean County College Foundation** with a \$55,000 check that represents the third installment of a \$165,000 pledge to support OCC Foundation galas, as well as a \$50,000 check to support fifty \$1,000 scholarships for OCC students in 2010.

OceanFirst Bank is noted for its strong commitment to helping families, organizations, and schools in its communities, and one of its top priorities is supporting youth development and education. For many years, the OceanFirst Foundation has been the major sponsor of the Ocean County College Foundation summer galas, and, in 2007, OceanFirst pledged \$165,000, to be given over the course of three years in donations of \$55,000. The final \$55,000 check supported the 2009 OCC Pride and Patriotism Gala.

This year, the OceanFirst Foundation is also providing a grant to support fifty \$1,000 scholarships for Ocean County College students, which may be used for tuition, fees, and/or books. Applicants must be high school graduates entering OCC as full-time freshmen for the fall 2010 semester and have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

Michael O'Brien, OceanFirst Vice President of Trust and Asset Management, and Kathy Durante, OceanFirst Foundation Executive Director, recently joined the OCC Foundation trustees to present the \$55,000 check for the galas and the \$50,000 check for the 2010 scholarships to Dr. Jon H. Larson, OCC President; Joseph Coronato, OCC Foundation Chair; Sandy S. Broughton, OCC Foundation Executive Director; and Carl Van Thulin, OCC Board of Trustees Chair.

“The generosity of the OceanFirst Foundation has had a tremendous impact in our community,” said Broughton. “The Ocean County College Foundation is proud of its partnership with the OceanFirst Foundation. In keeping with the combined missions of our Foundations, we are dedicated to the educational growth and development of our community – together we are changing lives.”

The Ocean County College Foundation is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth and development of the college through scholarships, endowments, and capital and special projects.

For more information on the OCC Foundation, call 732.255.0492.