



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*

**TO:** Members, OCC Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.  
President

**SUBJECT:** Items of Interest for the **April 27, 2009, Board Meeting**

**DATE:** April 22, 2009

## Ocean County College Commencement Week

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Ocean County College Commencement will be held on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, at **6:00 p.m.** on the college mall. In the event of **rain**, the ceremony will be moved to the **Ritacco Center in Toms River**.

Leading up to commencement will be the **Nursing Pinning Ceremony** on **Tuesday evening, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Gymnasium**, and the annual **Awards Ceremony** will follow on **Wednesday evening, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 p.m.**, also in the **Gymnasium**.

**Members of the college community** will be invited to a **reception** prior to commencement from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** in the **Arts and Community Center Atrium**. At **5:30 p.m.**, the **trustees and platform party** will robe for the ceremony in the **Boardroom**.

As we discussed previously, the trustees would like to **honor Mr. Leonard G. "Bud" Lomell**, not only for his service on the **Ocean County College Foundation** from 1997 to his **retirement in February of this year** but also in **recognition of his extraordinary heroism in combat and service to our nation** as a member of the **United States Army Rangers** from 1942 to 1945. Mr. Lomell has been **recognized as the single individual**, other than **General Dwight D. Eisenhower**, to be **most responsible for the success of the D-Day invasion at Pointe du Hoc on the coast of Normandy, France**. For his actions during the **early hours on June 6, 1944**, Mr. Lomell was awarded the **United States Distinguished Service Cross**, the **French Legion of Honor Medal**, and the **British Military Medal for Outstanding Valor**.

For these reasons, I **respectfully request** that the trustees **adopt** the attached **resolution** at Monday's meeting to **award** an **Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree** to **Mr. Leonard G. "Bud" Lomell**.

### New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is hosting a trustee seminar on *Our Community College Journey from Good to Great in Challenging Times* on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, following our Board meeting. There will be a trustee networking session from 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the seminar will run from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and the dinner meeting of the Council will follow.

The seminar keynote speaker is Dr. Idahlynn Karre, Associate Director of the Leadership Academy in Mesa, Arizona. She will use the findings from the recent bestseller, *Good to Great*, to explore and advocate for best practices, strategic initiatives, and decisive actions that can be taken to help community colleges achieve greatness.

I am proud to inform you that Dr. Lawrence Nespoli, President of the Council, has extended an invitation to Ocean County College's own Charis Chambers, NJ STARS student, to attend Monday's Council meeting. Charis testified at the public hearing of the New Jersey Assembly Budget Committee on March 26<sup>th</sup> in Trenton. Students are not normally invited to routine Council meetings, but Dr. Nespoli was so impressed by Charis and her testimony that he would like other community college presidents and trustees to have the opportunity to hear her story.

### Electronic Work Order System

An electronic work order system was recently implemented in the college's Physical Plant, which provides on-demand management solutions for facilities operations. This program is easy to use, increases efficiency, and improves service.

Some of the features and benefits of the system include:

- ◆ Quickly generates simple and detailed reports
- ◆ Automatically sends email messages of work assignments and completion notices to requestors
- ◆ Reduces the need for phone calls and data entry for work requests
- ◆ Provides the ability for technicians to receive and complete work online
- ◆ Includes interactive calendar for resource scheduling
- ◆ Enables requestors to submit and check the status of work order requests online

On Monday, Ms. Susan Fusco, IT System Analyst, and Ms. Natalie Stites, Information Resource Technician, will provide you with a brief overview of the system. Ocean County College has received recognition for a training program that was developed by Ms. Stites; in March, Ms. Stites and Ms. Fusco presented a

workshop on the training program at the international conference of users of this work order system.

### **Phi Theta Kappa**

The spring Phi Theta Kappa induction ceremony was held on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Gymnasium, at which a record number 169 students were sworn in to this national honor society for two-year colleges. Membership in OCC's PTK chapter, Tau Iota, continues to grow, which can most likely be partially attributed to the increasing number of high school graduates who are choosing to participate in the NJ STARS Program.

Two Ocean County College students, Jilian McLeer and Kathryn Napolitano, were recently named by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges as members of the 2009 Phi Theta Kappa New Jersey All-State Academic Team. These students are among 37 New Jersey Phi Theta Kappa students who are being recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities as members of PTK.

The Council will be honoring the members of the New Jersey All-State Academic Team at its annual Phi Theta Kappa celebration on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Lafayette Yard Marriott Hotel in Trenton. Representatives from the Governor's Office and the State Legislature will be invited to this event to congratulate the students for their accomplishments. Mr. Van Thulin, Assemblyman Dave Wolfe, and I plan to attend.

### **Ocean County College Athletics**

The Ocean County College Women's Softball team defeated Sussex County Community College this past weekend, 5-4, in the second game of a doubleheader, which earned Head Coach Ilene Cohen her 350<sup>th</sup> career victory. Ms. Cohen has been coaching for 18 years and is in her 7<sup>th</sup> year at OCC; she previously coached at Middlesex County College. Congratulations are extended to Ms. Cohen for this wonderful achievement and for her admirable leadership as our Athletic Director.

Ms. Cohen will attend Monday's Board meeting to present a Gold Glove Award to Kyle Lamar, OCC's 2008 collegiate player for Men's Baseball.

### **Ocean County College Sailing Team**

The Ocean County College Sailing Team won the Spring 2009 Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) Central Qualifier Regatta, hosted by Princeton University at the Raritan Yacht Club on the Raritan Bay on April 4 and 5.

The OCC Sailing Team consisted of Brendan Hogan and his crew Luci Sacaceno, along with Holden Muehleisen and his crew Stephanie Pretty.

**Winning this regatta** allows Ocean County College to **compete** in the **MASIA Championships** to be held at **SUNY Maritime** on the **East River** in **New York**. Only the **top 18 qualifiers**, out of **48 teams**, can **compete** in the **championships**. This is the **fifth consecutive year** the OCC sailors have **qualified** for the **American Trophy regatta**. OCC is the **only community college** in the **nation** to **participate** in an **Intercollegiate Sailing Association regional championship**.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ The **Department of Continuing and Professional Education** and the **Academy for Lifelong Learning** were recently welcomed back to the **campus** from their **home** since **2002** at **150 Brick Boulevard, Brick**. Following **Monday's Board meeting**, a **brief tour** will be conducted for the **trustees** and others who are interested of their **new offices and classrooms** in the **Arts and Community Center**. I hope you will have the **time** to **accompany** us on the **tour**.
  
- ◆ The **Ocean County College Civility Team** and the **Full-Time Faculty Constituency** are **co-sponsoring** an **Employee Picnic** on **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, on the **College Center patio** from **12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.** If it **rains**, the picnic will be moved **inside** the **College Center**. The **cost** is **\$5 per person**. If you are available, we would be pleased to have you **join us** for this **fun event**.
  
- ◆ You are **cordially invited** to attend the **annual Student Spring Dinner/Dance**, which is being held on **Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:00 p.m.** at **Martell's Water Edge Restaurant** in **Bayville**. **Judy and I** always **attend** and have a **great time** with the **students**. Please **consider attending** with us.

# OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE RESOLUTION



**WHEREAS**, Mr. Leonard G. "Bud" Lomell is a highly decorated former United States Army Ranger who served in World War II and is best known for his actions during the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lomell entered the Army in 1942, first serving with the 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division before volunteering to serve with the Army Rangers; and

**WHEREAS**, as Acting Platoon Leader, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Lomell, at age 24, led the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion in the first hours of D-Day at Pointe du Hoc on the coast of Normandy, France, in what was described by then Lieutenant General Omar Bradley as one of the most difficult missions he had ever given any soldier in his command; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being wounded, Mr. Lomell discovered and disabled five 155-millimeter coastal artillery guns that would have been devastating to the Allied troops landing on the Omaha and Utah Beaches; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lomell occupies a special place in the history of World War II, being recognized as the single individual, other than General Dwight D. Eisenhower, to be most responsible for the success of D-Day; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of his courageous actions, Mr. Lomell was awarded the *United States Distinguished Service Cross*, the second highest medal for valor in America; the *French Legion of Honor Medal* for valor, the highest such award in France; and the *British Military Medal for Outstanding Valor* from England; and

**WHEREAS**, following his discharge from military service in 1945, Mr. Lomell returned to New Jersey, became a prominent attorney in Toms River, and was an active volunteer in the community, serving on the boards of a number of County organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of higher education opportunities for the residents of Ocean County, Mr. Lomell became a member of the Ocean County College Foundation in 1997 and, serving on the Scholarship Committee, assisted many students in attending Ocean County College; and

**WHEREAS**, upon his retirement from the Ocean County College Foundation in February 2009, Mr. Lomell was named a *trustee emeritus*, and he was recently selected to receive the Foundation's most prestigious honor, the 2009 Humanitarian of the Year Award;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the President and Board of Trustees, on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff of the College, express their profound appreciation to Mr. Leonard G. "Bud" Lomell for his extraordinary heroism in combat and in service to our nation as well as for his commitment to civic duty in Ocean County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees, in recognition of his exceptional contributions, hereby awards Mr. Leonard G. "Bud" Lomell an Honorary Doctor of Letters Degree.

*Adopted: April 27, 2009*

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*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*  
*President*

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*Carl V. Thulin, Jr., Chair*  
*Board of Trustees*