



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **August 24, 2009, Board Meeting**

DATE: August 19, 2008

John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The **John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall Ribbon Cutting Ceremony** will take place **immediately following** the Board of Trustees meeting on **Monday, August 24th**. A short program is planned, and **light refreshments** will be available on the **campus mall** (weather permitting – otherwise, indoors).

I am very anxious for you to **tour the building** as I am sure you will find it most **impressive**, from its **“smart” technology** and **energy conservation measures** to its **thoughtful design** and **quality construction**. It is a **wonderful addition** to our **campus**, and it will provide an **outstanding learning environment** for our students.

Board of Trustees Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the next **Board of Trustees Retreat**, which is scheduled for **Friday, September 11th**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Technology Building Conference Room**. Please let me know if you have **specific issues** you would like to **discuss** at the retreat.

Fall 2009 Colloquium

The **Fall 2009 Semester Colloquium** will take place on **Thursday, September 3rd**, in the **Gymnasium**. The morning will **begin** with a **continental breakfast** and **meet and greet** at **8:00 a.m.**, with my **State of the College Address** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** The **theme** for the day is **Behavioral Intervention Preparation: When, How, and to Whom to Voice Your Concerns**. The **guest speaker** is **Mr. Scott Lewis**, a **partner** with the **National Center for Higher Education Risk Management** and a **faculty member** at the **University of South Carolina**.

If you are available, **please come** to the **Colloquium** to hear **Mr. Scott** speak on this important subject.

Ocean County College Foundation Gala

The date of the **Ocean County College Foundation Pride and Patriotism Gala** is **Saturday, September 12th**, at **6 p.m.** on the **campus mall**. This year's Gala is named in honor of **Mr. Leonard "Bud" Lomell**, who is being honored as the **2009 Humanitarian of the Year**.

Mr. Lomell is a **highly decorated** former **United States Army Ranger** who served in **World War II** and is known for his **actions** in the **first hours** of **D-Day** at **Pointe du Hoc** on the coast of **Normandy, France**, and for his **bravery** in the **Battle of Hurtgen Forest**.

For his **heroic actions** during **World War II**, **Mr. Lomell** received the **U.S. Army's Distinguished Service Cross**, the **Bronze Star**, the **British Military Medal**, the **French Legion d'Honneur**, and the **Silver Star**.

I hope you will **join us** on **September 12th** for a **wonderful evening**. The **proceeds** of the Gala will assist **deserving students** in continuing their education through **Ocean County College Foundation scholarships**.

Financial Aid

Financial aid statistics have been **compiled** for **FY 2009**, and they are **impressive**. The **number** of **students** served grew from **9,217** in **FY 2008** to **11,889** in **FY 2009**, a **29 percent** increase. **Aid distributed** also **increased 29 percent** from **\$16.6 million** in **FY 2008** to **\$21 million** in **FY 2009**.

Dr. Norma Betz, **Director of Financial Aid**, and **Mr. Don Doran**, **Vice President of Student Affairs**, will share with you at the **September Board meeting** the ways in which **financial aid** is **driving enrollment** and **supporting a large portion** of our **student population**.