



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **September 27, 2010, Board Meeting**

DATE: September 22, 2010

Fall 2010 Semester Enrollment

The official ten-day enrollment statistics for the fall 2010 semester indicate that a total of 10,367 students registered for 105,979 credit hours. This represents a drop of 0.5 percent in student head count and a decrease of 0.8 percent in credit hours as compared to the fall 2009 semester. Full-time enrollment is down 2.2 percent (5,775 students) while part-time enrollment is up 1.9 percent (4,592 students).

A recommendation is being made at Monday's meeting to amend the College's FY 2011 budget to reflect decreased revenue from student tuition as well as a reduction in expenditures accordingly.

Higher Education Opportunity Act - Textbook Provision

Beginning July 1st, textbook publishers and colleges must adhere to new requirements included in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA). The textbook provision of the Act requires all higher education institutions that receive federal financial assistance to provide students with accurate textbook information, including retail prices and ISBN numbers, at the time they register for courses.

The College has complied with this provision by linking the student registration system to the online Bookstore. When a student looks up a course online, the Bookstore link will provide

information about the required textbook for the course. The student may then purchase the book online from the Bookstore or shop elsewhere for the book.

Ms. Carol Kaunitz, Director of Auxiliary Services, will provide a brief explanation on Monday and demonstrate the College's compliance with HEOA and the ease of purchasing textbooks from the online Bookstore.

Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration

Over 325 people attended the Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration, "An Evening by the Sea," on Saturday, September 11th. The OCC Gymnasium was transformed into an elegant venue in which to honor Jim and Marion Caldwell as the 2010 Humanitarians of the Year. Through ticket sales, journal sponsorships, donations, and the live and silent auctions, over \$220,000 was raised to support the Foundation's general scholarship program for the benefit of our students. This year, Investors Savings Bank was the major sponsor of the event, with a \$50,000 donation.

Sincere congratulations are extended to Ms. Sandy Broughton, Executive Director of Resource Development, Ms. Kathy Buffum, Assistant Director of Resource Development, and Ms. Nancy Heroy, Foundation Assistant, for their efforts in planning and preparing for the Gala. In addition, I want to commend Ms. Judi Madigan, Fine Arts Technical Supervisor, for her outstanding coordination of design and decorations and Mr. Stephan Caldwell, Jim Caldwell's son, for volunteering his professional entertainment services.

World Trade Center Steel

A brief ceremony was held on Monday, September 13th, to unveil a segment of steel from the World Trade Center, a donation from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno spoke at the ceremony and presented the steel to the College.

The 3 foot long, 116 pound section of the steel support structure was acquired as a result of a proposal submitted by the Ocean County College History Club under the leadership of Assistant Professor of Humanities Richard Trimble. It will be permanently displayed on our campus mall so we never forget the devastating attack on our country on September 11, 2001.

Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

The Gallery of OCC's Arts and Community Center was recently filled with an exciting exhibit of artwork submitted by senior artists from throughout Ocean County. The event was the 34th Annual Senior Citizens Art Exhibit hosted by the Resource Development and College Relations Departments in collaboration with the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Ocean County Office of Senior Services. Artwork was submitted by 137 artists in 9 categories, which included every medium from acrylic painting to sculpture.

During the awards ceremony on August 13th, 58 ribbons were awarded in both professional and non-professional categories. Since this year's exhibit was the county level of the New Jersey Senior Art Show, the 18 first place award recipients are eligible to participate in the state's show held at Meadow Lakes in East Windsor, which opens to the public on September 27 and closes with an awards ceremony on October 29th. In past years, several Ocean County artists have won awards at the state level.

This annual exhibit continues to showcase the extremely talented senior artists in Ocean County and highlights the collaborative efforts of our community partners.

Ocean County College Sailing Program

This past weekend, on September 18th and 19th, the Ocean County College Sailing Team and the Toms River Yacht Club hosted the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) fall qualifying regatta. Ocean's Sailing Team finished in 6th place both this week and in last week's regatta held at Cornell University.

Again this year, OCC's team was among 18 conference teams in competition. Other teams included the U.S. Naval Academy, Princeton University, University of Delaware, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Monmouth University, Penn State University, Drexel University, University of Maryland at Baltimore County, St. Mary's College, Villanova University, Christopher Newport University, Queens University, Washington College, Fordham University, Columbia University, and Loyola College.

Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame

The Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is being held on Saturday, October 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. on the College campus. As noted previously, nine sailors will be inducted:

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| ◆ Ms. Faye Bennett | ◆ Mr. Andy Schoettle |
| ◆ Mr. F. Gardner Cox | ◆ Mr. Walter Smedley, Jr. |
| ◆ Mr. Donald Launer | ◆ Mr. Allan K. Terhune, Jr. |
| ◆ Dr. Albert Mulford | ◆ Mr. Jonathan Wright |
| ◆ Mr. Robert B. O'Brien, Jr. | |

We would be delighted if you would join us for the evening.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The Ocean County College Veterans Day Ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 11th, at 12:00 noon at the Veterans Memorial on the campus mall. A formal invitation will be extended to you in October.