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The birth of Ocean County College (OCC) was the culmination of years of planning. Interest in establishing a facility for higher education in Ocean County dates back to 1957, when the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders went on record favoring a study of the need for such a facility within the country. The plans for a new institution of higher learning was set in motion on Election Day - November 5, 1963 when the citizens of Ocean County approved by public referendum the establishment of a college.

On January 15, 1964, the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders adopted the resolution to establish in Ocean County the first county college in the State of New Jersey. From that point on, things moved very quickly. In September 1966, 579 full-time and 400 part-time OCC students met for their first classes at Toms River High School (now Toms River South). In 1969, OCC was the first to receive full accreditation from the nationally-recognized Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Higher Education.

My, How We’ve Grown!

Over the past 50 years, there have been many changes at OCC. With each passing year, OCC’s campus has grown larger, its student population has increased, its program offerings have been enhanced, and its position in the community and academia has been elevated - it is now considered an institution to be admired and copied among its peers. Throughout the College’s history, student enrollment has grown dramatically, from just 979 students in the fall of 1966 to 9,477 in the fall of 2013. As of May 2014, the alumni base increased to over 37,000 graduates. The fact that a high percentage of OCC graduates - many of whom complete degree programs designed for transfer to four-year institutions - eventually return to live and work in the Ocean County area is good for business, the economy, and the community.
The OCC Campus: For 50 Years, a Place to Call Home

OCC’s Main Campus, located off Hooper Avenue on College Drive in Toms River, has seen its share of growth over the years. During the first three phases of a four-phase construction plan, from 1966 through 1974, 11 major building were completed.

The 1980s and the 1990s saw significant growth not only to the student population but to the campus as well with the construction of five new buildings. Another addition came in the form of the H. George Buckwald access road. Opened in April 1988 to relieve congestion, this road helps to maintain safety on College Drive.

As OCC approached the new millennium, construction continued and the campus expanded to include 12 new structures between 2000 and 2011. Of note, in 2000, the OCC Southern Education Center in Manahawkin, which serves residents in the southern part of the country, became OCC’s permanent “off-campus” site.

Most recently, the Gateway Building, a joint venture between OCC and the Kean University, opened in 2013. And with an eye toward the future, campus construction continues; 2014 saw the official groundbreaking for the College’s newest project, an ultra-modern Student Union.

They Proudly Serve

When OCC opened for the 1966 fall semester, 30 full-time and 33 part-time faculty were employed to teach credit courses. By 2014, there were 86 full-time faculty, 18 profession educators, and 376 part-time faculty employed to teach credit courses, while 215 instructors conducted continuing and professional education programs and courses. In addition, 319 full-time and part-time administrators, managerial/technical and supportive staff members are employed in various services, programs, and operations.

While their numbers are too great to list here, we thank them for their current service and dedication to the students of Ocean County College.
Despite some light snow in the early morning of Wednesday, April 26, 2014, more than 600 people attended Ocean County College’s Fourth Senior Living Expo held at the OCC Gymnasium on the Main Campus at Toms River. Sponsors for OCC’s Senior Living Expo included AAA, Community Medical Center – Barnabas Health, Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey and the New Jersey Natural Gas Company.

Thanks go to all of our area food vendors who generously provided food samples throughout the event including: Bayside Bagels, The Black Pearl, Chipotle Mexican Grill, The Clarion, Devil Brownies, and Koi.

Area vendors included many OCC Rewards Program partners along with local community and national organizations who provided interactive displays and information. There were many door prizes and free giveaways! Everyone walked away with an abundance of information to help them enjoy all the benefits of living as a senior in Ocean County!

SAVE THE DATE! Thursday, March 18, 2015* • 10am–2pm
FIFTH ANNUAL SENIOR LIVING EXPO
FREE ADMISSION!
Snow Date: March 19, 2015*

REDUCED TUITION FOR SENIORS!
Ocean County residents 65 years of age or older, who are fully retired, may enroll in credit courses on a space available basis with a reduced tuition (not including textbooks). Registration will only be accepted the day before classes begin for the semester. For more information please contact the Registration & Records office at 732-255-0304.
SENIOR ROAD SCHOLAR PROGRAM 2014
September 29 • September 30 • October 1

Monday, September 29 • 8:30am–1:00pm
The War of 1812 - America’s “Second War of Independence”
Presented by Robert Hodges, Ph.D.
8:30am-9:30am ..........Coffee & Conversation
9:30am–11:00am .......Session #1
11:00am–11:30am .......Break
11:30am–1:00pm .........Session #2

Tuesday, September 30 • 9:00am–2:00pm
Legacy Writing Presented by Carol Walkner
The ReClam the Bay Organization
9:00am-10:00am .......Coffee & Conversation
10:00am–11:30am ......Session #1 Legacy Writing
11:30am–12:30pm .......Lunch
12:30pm–2:00pm........Session #2 ReClam the Bay Organization

Wednesday, October 1 • 1:00pm–3:30pm
What Makes Opera Grand?
Presented by Maestro Anthony LaGruth of the Garden State Philharmonic
1:00pm-2:30pm ..........Presentation
2:30pm ..........................Dessert Buffet

Cost for all three days of the program is only $60. Please call 732-942-5272 to register or for additional information. Seating is limited.

Would You Like to Hold a Senior Road Scholar Program at Your Adult Community?
Please call Joanne Padrone at 732-255-0400 ext. 2065 for further information. Each program is created in response to the interests of your community.
38th Annual Ocean County Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

Thirty-three professional and 36 non-professional artists placed at this year’s exhibit in the categories of first, second, third, and honorable mention. Artists, 60 years of age or older, who are residents of Ocean County submitted artwork in one of 11 categories including acrylic, craft, digital, drawing, mixed media & collage, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture, and watercolor.

**ALL FIRST PLACE WINNERS WILL GO ON TO THE 48TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY SENIOR CITIZENS ART SHOW IN EAST WINDSOR**

**ACRYLIC**
First Place Professional: Howard Koslow, “Moraine Lake, Canada”  
First Place Non-Professional: George S. Chosich, “The Red Scarf”

**CRAFT**
First Place Professional: Marcie Falconetti, “Floatation”  
First Place Non-Professional: Norma E. Orge-Paz, “Under the Sea: Challenge”

**DRAWING**
First Place Professional: Irene Bausmith, “Roxy”  
First Place Non-Professional: Harriet Wolf, “The Fire Tender”

**MIXED MEDIA & COLLAGE**
First Place Professional: Carol Colvin, “Cattus Island”  
First Place Non-Professional: Janet Ballard, “Southern Charm”

**OIL**
First Place Professional: Audrey Linstrom, “Winter Wonder”  
First Place Non-Professional: Marilynn Cresho, “Foiled Again”

**PASTEL**
First Place Professional: Connie Purves, “The Gathering”  
First Place Non-Professional: Lois Linde, “After the Rain”

**PHOTOGRAPHY**
First Place Professional: Bill Unger, “Nature’s Bounty”  
First Place Non-Professional: Bill Chester, “My Wheel Barrow”

**PRINT**
First Place Professional: Leslie Ovechka, “Dinner at the Ritz”  
First Place Non-Professional: Doris Z. Taylor, “Nude in the Mist”

**SCULPTURE**
First Place Professional: Richard Maxwell Sr., “Platonic #1”  
First Place Non-Professional: Walt Zimmerman, “I Ain’t Got No Body”

**WATERCOLOR**
First Place Professional: Beverly Golembeski, “Cocky”  
First Place Non-Professional: Clint Lehman, “Maine Reflection”
THE REWARDS OF BEING A MEMBER!

You are entitled to a variety of membership benefits, including the Academy Rewards Program!

Your benefits include:

✓ Discounts, special offers, and incentives at local, regional, and national businesses when you use your OCC Academy Rewards Card. To see the full rewards listing, visit www.ocean.edu.

✓ Free Academy newsletters.


If you did not receive or have lost your Academy for Lifelong Learning Rewards Card, please call 732-255-0469 or visit www.ocean.edu to get your new card. (Please Note: First issue cards are free-of-charge; however, there is a $10 replacement fee for lost cards.)

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY FOR LIFELONG LEARNING?

Complete the form below, send it to us & we’ll mail your Rewards card to you!

MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!

Please mail the completed form to:

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE Office of College Relations
College Drive • PO Box 2001 • Toms River, NJ 08754-2001
Phone: 732-255-0469 • Fax: 732-864-3856 www.ocean.edu

*Members must be at least 55 years of age to join.

Name: _______________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _________ Zip: ___________

Telephone: ____________________________ Date of Birth (Required)*: _________

Email: _______________________________________________________________
PAJAMA PARTY
Saturday, September 13 • 5:50pm
LASER BEATLES
Saturday, September 20 • 8:30pm
The Robert J. Novins Planetarium
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 732-255-0400 ext. 343
THE JERSEY FOUR
Saturday, September 27 • 8:00pm
Special Presentation
THE BRONX WANDERERS
Saturday, October 19 • 8:30pm
Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts
For more information or to purchase tickets, call 732-255-0400 ext. 500