



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **November 3, 2022, Board Meeting**

DATE: October 27, 2022

Academic Affairs

➤ Center of Workforce Innovation

Through the **Centers of Workforce Innovation (CWI) initiative**, which is **sponsored** by the **New Jersey Council of Community Colleges (NJCCC)** and the **New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA)**, the **Workforce and Professional Education Department** and the **School of STEM** are working together to **expand postsecondary education offerings** at the College. Under the leadership of **Dr. Sylvia Riviello, Dean of the School of STEM**, and **Ms. Elizabeth Metzger, Director of Customized Training and Business Engagement**, **OCC teams** are building **new curriculum** to serve the **learning lifespan** of students and workers.

At **Thursday's Board meeting**, **Dr. Riviello** and **Ms. Metzger** will **highlight** the **new courses and programs** that are under **development** in **advanced technology areas**, including **cybersecurity** and **software development**.

➤ HyFlex Classes

In the **summer of 2022**, **OCC** offered **26 HyFlex sections** and provided **HyFlex navigators** to **faculty and lecturers** who needed **support** with the **technology** in their **classes**. At the **end** of the **summer terms**, **two meetings** were held with the **faculty, lecturers, HyFlex navigators**, and a number of **administrative staff** to **learn** about **faculty/lecturer experiences** and make any **needed adjustments**. The **general consensus** was very **positive**. This **Fall semester**, **OCC** is offering **64 HyFlex sections**. As of the **end of Week 5**, the **results** continue to be **encouraging**. To get a **better understanding** of **student behavior** in **HyFlex classes**, the **attendance** of a **remote student** is being **tracked**. In the **sampling** of **seven HyFlex sections** with a total **enrollment** of **180 students**, on average, about **14%** of the **students** have **attended remotely**. In other words, in a **class of 30 students**, on **average**, about

four students have **attended remotely** per class in the **first five weeks** of this semester. OCC is planning to **offer** about **100 HyFlex sections** in **Spring 2023**.

At the **Fall 2022 Lecturer Institute**, plenary speaker **Dr. Adrienne Phelps-Coco** shared **tangible actions** that **faculty and lecturers teaching HyFlex classes** could **implement** to produce **high levels of student engagement**. A **HyFlex town hall discussion** was held on **October 18, 2022**. This provided a **forum** for **faculty and lecturers** to **share ideas** and **exchange best practices** for **teaching HyFlex classes**.

Ms. Catherine Mancuso, Dean of Faculty Development and Learning Innovation, will be holding a variety of **HyFlex training sessions** throughout **November** and **December** to help **prepare faculty and lecturers** for success in their **Spring 2023 HyFlex courses**. **HyFlex Basics: An Overview of Teaching HyFlex at Ocean County College** will be offered on **November 1, December 6, and December 8, 2022**, to provide **hands-on training** on setting up **HyFlex equipment** for classes in both **regular HyFlex rooms** and **Cisco rooms**, **troubleshooting basic technical issues**, and **creating interactive and engaging activities** for **remote and in-person students**. A **HyFlex course development series** will give **faculty and lecturers** an opportunity to **work on material** for their **Spring 2023 HyFlex classes**. Sessions will be offered as follows: **Organizing your HyFlex Classroom** (November 4, 2022), **In-Class Activities for HyFlex Classes** (November 11, 2022), and **HyFlex Assessments** (November 18, December 2, and December 9, 2022).

➤ Academic and Tutoring Support Services

Since the **beginning** of the **Fall semester**, **Academic and Tutoring Support Services** has held **two department-wide training sessions**. **Ms. Jamie Prioli, Assistant Director of Disability Services**, facilitated **September's training**; and **Dr. Kate Pandolpho, Director of Counseling and Student Development**, facilitated **October's training** on submitting **CARE reports**. There were **25 attendees** in each **training session**.

To provide **students** with **easy access** to **scheduling a tutoring appointment**, **Academic and Tutoring Support Services** created **QR codes** whereby **students** can **scan the code**, enter their **OCC credentials**, and then be **redirected** to the **scheduling system**. These **QR codes** have been **posted** all over **campus**, including the **Gateway Building**. As of **September 30, 2022**, there have been **534 scans**. The **flyers** were made in **collaboration** with **College Relations** and **Title III Program Director, Dr. Mary Gibson**.

➤ School of Arts and Humanities

➤ **Instructor of Fine Arts Nathaniel Bard** went to the **Art Alliance of Monmouth** to **curate an exhibition** for members, and some of his **paintings** were in the **storefront windows** for the **month of October**.

➤ **Dr. Mark Westmoreland, College Lecturer II of Philosophy**, was **nominated** to the **Committee on Philosophy in Two-Year Colleges** for the **American Philosophical Association**.

➤ **Led by English College Lecturers Dr. Madison Peschock and Kristyn Stout**, and in **conjunction** with the **Hospitality Club** and **Mr. Sean Bips, College Lecturer II in Business**, OCC recognized **Banned Books Week**, held this year from **September 18 to 24, 2022**, with **19 presentations** on works that had been **previously banned**, including *Genesis*, *Leaves of Grass*, and *Harry Potter*. Students were able to **attend the readings and discussions** and **enjoy a culinary treat** provided

by OCC's Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Management students. Contributions to the bake sale went to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

- On October 3 and 4, 2022, auditions were held for the OCC Repertory Theatre Company's presentation of *Tis the Wind and Nothing More*, which is set to open on November 11, 2022. Directed by College Lecturer II in Communications and Theatre Paul Chalakani, the play will have audiences traveling to some of the darkest corners inside Edgar Allan Poe's mind, as some of his favorite tales and poems are blended to create a chilling excursion.
- The Interpreter Training Program and OCC's American Sign Language (ASL) students attended the Mexican Theater for the Deaf's performance in the Grunin Theatre on October 12, 2022. After the performance, all attended a workshop presented by the actors.
- On October 12, 2022, faculty and lecturers from history, English, philosophy, ASL, broadcast and journalism, music, and graphic arts participated in OCC's Fall Open House. Everyone found the event to be extremely successful.
- On October 19, 2022, the English Department, in coordination with the Social Justice Series, hosted its annual "Shakespeare's Whistleblowers" event. The event was held both in person and virtually. A filmed version of scenes from *All's Well That Ends Well* was shown. Afterward, there was a discussion about how understanding Shakespeare can help in the fight against gender-based discrimination and sexual harassment today.
- History College Lecturer II Robert Marchie and the History Club, together with several other student clubs, hosted a Halloween-themed trivia night on October 25, 2022.
- Dr. Madison Peschock, English College Lecturer II, led October's English Adjunct Round Table on October 26, 2022.
- October 28, 2022, marked the first in a series of four recitals devoted to the music of Cesar Franck. The event featured OCC Adjunct Professors of Music Jee Sun Lee and DoYeon Kim and College Lecturer II of Humanities and Fine Arts Brian Gilmore. They performed Franck's Violin Sonata in A major and his Piano Trio in f# minor.
- History College Lecturers Robert Marchie and Justin Pfeifer joined OCC students on a field trip to Philadelphia on October 29, 2022. The trip included stops at Eastern State Penitentiary and Independence Hall.
- The Deaf Interpreter presentation/workshop was held with Summer Seiger, who offered students a first-hand perspective of what it's like working with the Deaf and as an interpreter.
- Throughout October, students in the Interpreter Training Program volunteered their time at the Point Pleasant, Little Egg Harbor, Stafford, and Barnegat branches of the Ocean County Library system. Students signed stories for Diversability Awareness Month.
- College Lecturer II in English Kristyn Stout and College Lecturer II in Business Sean Bips are co-leading a travel seminar to Las Vegas, Nevada, from March 18 to 24, 2023. They held an information session on October 5, 2022.

➤ **School of Business and Social Sciences**

- **OCC's annual Constitution Day celebration** took place on **September 19, 2022**. **Constitution Day** commemorates the signing of the **U.S. Constitution** on **September 17, 1787**. This year's event featured a **screening and discussion** of *Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, a **documentary directed and produced** by **Ms. Betsy West and Ms. Julie Cohen**. The **film** took a **candid look** at **Ruth Bader Ginsburg's exceptional life and career** as a **long-standing U.S. Supreme Court Justice, champion of women's rights, and pop culture icon**. This event was **sponsored** by **OCC's Library and Governmental Affairs Institute** and was **facilitated** by **Mr. Jason Ghibesi, College Lecturer II in Political Science**. **Pocket copies** of the **U.S. Constitution** were available for all attendees.
- **Business Studies College Lecture II Chris Bottomley** reported that the **Business Innovation Consortium (BIC)** has gained **44+ members** after the **first club fair meeting** on **September 20, 2022**, and the **first BIC meeting** of the semester on **September 28, 2022**. Through **coordinated and aggressive marketing** by the **Business Studies and Student Life teams**, **BIC** is back to **pre-COVID levels** of **interest and participation**.
- **College Lecturer II Sean Bips** hosted a **Hospitality Club field trip** to the **Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino** in **Atlantic City** on **October 21, 2022**. The **club toured** the **hotel and casino** and met with **key hotel management members** to help students gain a **clear understanding** of how the **front and back of house operations work** and what they do to serve the **guests in a casino hotel property**. The **tour** included visits to the **front office, banquet, catering event, gaming, and security departments**.
- **College Lecturers in Business Chris Bottomley and Ibrahim Moustafa** will host the **MKTG Symposium: Google Analytics with Jim Mahlmann of NetCetra**. This is a **microtargeted event** for the **marketing students** in the **School of Business and School of Social Sciences**. In this **symposium**, the **students will measure key performance indicators** to **track business return on investment**. This event will take place on **November 17, 2022**.
- **College Lecturer II in Education Nicole Kammer's** students in her **EDUC 140, Math for Professional Educators, class** are **corresponding as pen pals** with a **fifth-grade class** of students located in the **Township of Hamilton** for the **Fall semester**. The **goal** for **OCC students** is to understand **elementary school children's motivation and perspectives** regarding their **math class**. The **letters** will include **addressing social emotion issues**, including how to **manage stress** in school, dealing with **math anxiety**, and developing a **growth mindset** when **math is difficult**.

➤ **Ocean County College Library**

➤ **Employee Recognition**

- **Associate Professor Catherine Pontoriero, Librarian**, received her **Master of Fine Arts degree** from **Southern New Hampshire University**.
- **Library College Lecturer II Anastacia McCloskey** received her **Master of Educational Technology degree** from **Boise State University**.
- **Ms. Malia Padalino, full-time Information Access Technician**, received her **Master of Arts degree in English** from **Monmouth University**.

- **New Employees Welcomed**
 - **Ms. Madison Maresca, part-time Information Access Technician**
 - **Shawn Oates, part-time Information Access Technician**
 - **Mr. Malcolm Wagner, full-time Library Technical Services Technician**
 - **Ms. Madison Akins, OER and Business Librarian**
 - **Ms. Cheyenne Riehl, STEM and Outreach Librarian**
- **The Podcast Station is now open to all students, faculty, and staff at OCC and Kean Ocean. Located in the Library, the Podcast Station boasts professional-grade recording equipment, including microphones, boom arms, headphones, and a recording console designed specifically with podcasting in mind. Bookings can be made in advance at go.ocean.edu/PodcastStation.**
- **The Library is in the process of revising its Scavenger Hunt procedures. An announcement will be made soon.**
- **Each month, the Library curates a rotation of displays that feature relevant and interesting materials housed in the library. This month, materials are being showcased on Indigenous Peoples' Day, LGBT+ History Month, Christopher Columbus and Italian American Heritage, Health Literacy, Halloween, Dia de los Muertos, 247th Anniversary of the Founding of the Navy, Emergency Nurses Day, National Mad Hatter Day, and World Vegetarian Day.**
- **Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education**
 - **Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Part-Time Program Coordinator of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education, participated in the National Association of Scholars webinar, "Title IX Tyranny," hosted by NAS Policy Director and Heritage Foundation Legal Fellow Sarah Perry. The interactive workshop discussed the history and current abuses of Title IX.**
 - **The Center is bringing back its pre-COVID popular film series, "Cinema, Coffee, and Conversation," offered over the course of the academic year.**
 - **Dr. Botein-Furrevig and Dr. Justin Pfeiffer, History College Lecturer II, collaborated on writing a course proposal, History of the Holocaust, which will be recommended to the Curriculum Committee for approval. The course will be taught by Dr. Pfeiffer, and Dr. Botein-Furrevig will do several guest lectures.**
 - **On November 9 and 10, 2022, Dr. Botein-Furrevig will present a program commemorating the 84th anniversary of *Kristallnacht* (Night of Broken Glass) in Germany on November 9 and 10, 1938, which was the spark that ignited the Holocaust. The program will feature a discussion and survivor testimonies.**
 - **The theme of the 2023 Holocaust Remembrance Week, from April 17 to 21, 2023, will be "Not Like Lambs to Slaughter: Resistance and Survival During Nazi Occupation." The program features lectures, film, and keynote speaker Maud Dahme, who will discuss her experiences as a hidden child during that time.**

➤ **School of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- **Nursing faculty** attended a virtual educational program, *Next Generation NCLEX® #2023*, on **October 13, 2022**. Objectives of this program focused on **understanding the reason and research** related to the **new Registered Nurse licensure examination** that will become **effective in April 2023**. The program also focused on incorporating **case study design** to facilitate the **development of students' clinical judgment for successful outcomes on the new examination**.
- The **School of Nursing** submitted the **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) annual report** on **October 13, 2022**, which is **required to maintain national accreditation**. Information regarding **enrollment, faculty and staff vacancies, faculty and student demographics**, as well as **data on program outcomes and end-of-program student-learning outcomes** are **required** to be submitted for review by the **ACEN Board of Commissioners**.
- **Representatives from the School of Nursing** attended **OCC's Fall Open House** on **October 12, 2022**. **Staff and faculty** provided **prospective students** and their **families** with **information on admission** to the **School of Nursing**.
- **Pre-nursing information workshops** were held on **October 19** and **November 4, 2022**, both **in person and remotely**. These sessions are offered to **students** who intend to **enter the nursing program**. **Ms. Mary Fennessy, Director of Program Services**, collaborates with **representatives from the Advising Department** as well as **Registration and Records** to provide **key information** regarding the **nursing program** to **prospective nursing students**.

➤ **School of STEM**

- The **School of STEM** hosted a **free STEM workshop** for **parents**, which ran in **parallel** with the **STEAM workshop, Spatial VIS I**, from **October 17 to November 7, 2022**. **Parents** learned about the **nursing programs, careers, and helping their children** on a **STEM pathway**.
- The **Wednesday with STEMS Speaker Series** began again on **October 19, 2022**. The **first installment** highlighted various **OCC School of STEM K-12 outreach activities**, including the **Projects and Research Experience**. **Participants** from this activity **showcased** their **projects/research** that was **completed** during the **summer of 2022**.
- **College Lecturer II in Computer Studies Ken Michalek** is serving as a **coordinator** and **representing OCC** at **AI Incubator Network meetings**. He was requested to give an **overview** of the **OCC AI program** to the **other institutions** involved in the **AI Incubator Network**, focusing on how **OCC used grant funds to build an AI lab**. In addition, **Mr. Michalek** presented to **Toms River middle and high school students** about the **College's AI and Cybersecurity programs**. He is taking **Coursera machine learning specialization** from **Deep Learning Company** to ramp up on **new machine learning topics** and is preparing **course materials for CSIT 192, Machine Learning**, so it can be **offered next summer**. This is the **third course** in the **certification program**. It is anticipated the **last course for AI certification** will be **completed next summer** and be **offered** by **Fall 2023**.
- **College Lecturer II in Computer Studies Joe Brickley** and **STEM Dean Sylvia Riviello** met with **Rowan University's Fred Stinchcombe** to discuss our **2+2 articulation agreement**, which will ensure the **courses being developed** at **OCC** will offer students a **seamless transfer** to **Rowan**

University's computer systems technology degree. Mr. Brickley is also being trained through the Cisco Academy and receiving certifications in the areas of CCNA and Cybersecurity Ops to teach several Cisco courses at OCC in collaboration with Workforce and Professional Education. Through the funding awarded to OCC from the Centers of Workforce Innovations, the following courses are being developed: Foundations of Computer Forensics, Computing Fundamentals, and Penetration Testing Fundamentals.

- Assistant Dean Carolyn Showalter made a presentation on Inclusion and Equity to the School of STEM and attended an academic impressions webinar on "Rethinking Engagement for Gen Z Students."
- Student Mathematics League Competition was held on October 25, 2022. Round 1 is held during the Fall semester, and Round 2 is during the Spring semester. Students compete both as individuals and as team members representing their schools.
- College Lecturer II in Biology Lincoln Simmons reported that Jersey Central Power and Light has joined OCC's Environmental Management Advisory Committee. The Environmental Club hosted Terracycle, a new environmental committee member and global solid waste management company. The main discussion points were employment and project collaboration between OCC and Terracycle. Mr. Simmons attended the New Jersey STEM Pathways Network's quarterly meeting. He also attended the New Jersey Economic Development Authority Offshore Wind Workforce and Skills Development Grant Challenge on October 9, 2022.

Finance and Administration

➤ **Fiscal Year 2022 Audit**

The audit for fiscal year 2022 is underway. The auditors have completed the enrollment audit and are now in the process of conducting the financial audit. It is expected that financial statements and the complete audit report will be presented for approval at the December Board meeting.

Enrollment for the current semester, Fall 2022, did not meet budget projections. This will require adjustments in planned expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year. Currently, vacancies are under review to determine which positions can be frozen. In addition, other expense curtailment may be necessary to rebalance the 2023 fiscal year budget.

➤ **Presidential Search**

The search process to identify the next President of Ocean County College is on schedule. OCC attracted a strong and diverse pool of candidates from throughout the state, region, and nation. The College Search Committee has completed its work and has made recommendations to the Board Search Committee.

The Board Search Committee completed the semi-finalist interviews and is in the process of determining final candidates. The names of the final candidates will be released shortly, and it is expected that the final candidates will visit OCC the week of November 7, 2022. All finalists will spend a full day on campus and participate in public forums.

➤ **Update on Gateway 5th Floor**

The following **changes** have been **accomplished to date**:

- **Emergency exit door (red button)** is now **alarmed** to **sound loudly** at the **doorway** and in the **Security Office** when **breached**. **Signage** indicating “**Emergency Exit Only**” is **in place**.
- The **temporary fence** installed between the **4th and 5th floors** was **removed** by **order** of the **Fire Marshall**. A **large sign** indicating “**5th Floor is Closed**” is **in place** as well as a **chain** and **cones**.
- The **north patio door lock** has been **repaired**.
- All **exterior doors** on the **5th floor** are **checked daily** to ensure **magnetic locks** are **working**.
- **Elevator key access locks** to the **5th floor** have been **changed**; only **Security** and **Facilities** have the **key**.
- **5th floor atrium’s fire safety gates** are **down**, **closing off access** to the **interior floors below**.
- A **Security Officer** is **posted** in the **building** from **6 a.m.** through **11 p.m.** This will **end** when the **fencing** on the **4th floor** is **in place**.

Additional items in process:

- On **October 12, 2022**, **Carl’s Fencing** submitted a **proposal** and **drawing** to **install a permanent tall gate** with **interior push exit bar** on the **landing** between the **4th and 5th floors**. This **option** was **discussed** with the **Fire Marshall** and **Building Inspector**, and **approval** is **pending** their **review** of the **drawings**.
- A **proposal** was made to **install a motion sensor (analytic) camera** overlooking the **5th-floor stairwell** and **landing**. This **camera** would be **activated by motion** and have **advanced searching features**.
- **Permission** was **received** from the **Fire Marshall** on **October 12, 2022**, to allow **key locks** to be **installed** on **both exterior patio doors** on the **5th floor** in **addition** to **current swipe card access**; **locks** were **installed** by the **end of October**. The **Fire Marshall** also gave his **approval** to add a **key lock** to the **exterior patio door** in **Kean’s conference room 427**.
- **Integrated Systems** is submitting a **proposal** for an **elevator card access reader** to **replace the keys**. The **card access** will allow **Security** and **Facilities** to **know who accesses** the **5th floor** via the **elevator**.

To **address** the **walk** from the **emergency door** to the **fire stairs**:

- **Carl’s Fencing** submitted a **proposal** for **fencing** to **enclose** the **exterior walkway** from the **emergency door** to the **roof staircase** located on the **far end** of the **roof**. The **fencing** will be **6 feet tall** and be **secured** to **withstand high winds** and all **types of weather**. There is a **four to eight week delivery time**.

Items still to be **addressed** include:

- **Atrium barriers** will be **installed** on the **5th, 4th, and 3rd** floors.
- Additional **safety railings** will be **installed** for **maintenance areas/roof edges**.

It is noted that the **two patio swipe doors** have **always** had **restricted access**. Only **Security and Facilities personnel** are **cleared** to **open** those **doors**.

➤ **College Relations**

➤ **TV Studio**

- At **Thursday's meeting**, **Ms. Mary Granahan, TV Studio Director**, will provide an **update** on the **new initiatives** at **Ocean TV-20**:
 - **Ocean TV-20** has an **updated broadcast schedule** for the **fall/winter season**. **New programming** has been **added**, such as *Aging Insights*, *Family Historian*, and *Saturday Morning Cartooning*, while retaining **audience favorites**, including the **ever popular** *Sit and Be Fit*.

The **new schedule** is **comprised** of **themed time blocks** to keep our **viewers tuned in** by airing **similar programming back-to-back**. These **blocks** include:

- **News and Politics**
- **Children's Programming**
- **Arts**
- **Crafts**
- **Nature and Travel**
- **Technology**

Movies have been **rescheduled** to air **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings** and have been **paired** with **programs** to **enhance the experience**. *Creature Feature* on **Fridays** follows **paranormal programs**; **Saturdays** are '**dinner and a movie**' with **cooking and baking shows**, followed by *Retro Movies*; and on **Sundays** *Classic Movies* are **aired**, followed by **episodes** of *The Lucy Show* and *Bonanza*.

Currently, **pre-production** has **begun** on a **new thirty-minute monthly program**, *Shore of Support*, which will feature **non-profit organizations** in the **area**. Each **episode** will have a **theme**, the **first** being **food insecurity** with **guests** from **Fulfill and Plentiful Plates**. A **short video** has also been **created** for the **campus food pantry**, **Helping Hands**, which will **air** as a **commercial break** and be **promoted** on **OCC's channel** and **social media pages**.

- In **addition to long-form content**, the **studio** is **collaborating** with **faculty, lecturers, and staff** to create **promotional videos** for **courses** offered at **Ocean County College**. Recently, **studio personnel** worked with **College Lecturer II in Economics Sharmistha Banerjee** to create a **Supply Chain Management video** which, when complete, will be the **first** of this **series**. The **Viking Video Club** has been **formed** with **students** from the **Digital Mass Media (DMM) program**. This **club** will **enhance the DMM program** by offering **engaging projects** and hosting **guest lectures** from **industry professionals**.

The TV Studio staff looks forward to **growing** the **station** and appreciates the **administration's** and **Board's** continued **support** of **Ocean TV-20**.

➤ **Alumni**

- The quarterly **Alumni e-Newsletter** was sent early this month to nearly **20,000 alumni emails** to **promote events, alumni services, professional development, and ways to get involved** with the **College**.
- The **OCC Foundation's Annual Appeal** announcement is **complete** and is in **production** to be **mailed** to approximately **1,200 donors and prospects** to **solicit support** for **scholarships and special programs** at the **College**. A **series of supplemental emails** will also be **sent** in the **coming weeks** to the **recipients** to **encourage giving** and provide an **online portal** to **donate**. A **modified version** of this **appeal** will also be **sent electronically** to all **OCC alumni**.

➤ **Design**

- **Ms. Jan Kirsten, Executive Director of College Relations**, will provide an **update** on **awards won** by the **College Relations team** for **design**. The **awards** were **presented** at the **National Council for Marketing and Publications (NCMPR) conference** on **October 3, 2022**, in **Syracuse, New York**.

The **National Council for Marketing and Public Relations** is the only **organization** of its kind that **exclusively represents marketing and public relations professionals** at **community and technical colleges**. As one of the **fastest-growing affiliates** of the [American Association of Community Colleges](#), **NCMPR** has more than **1,600 members** from nearly **550 colleges** across the **United States and Canada**. The **National Council for Marketing and Public Relations** provides **professional growth** for those **working in marketing and communication** at **community and technical colleges**. With a **focus on learning, networking, and advocacy**, **NCMPR** helps **members** become **better** at their **jobs** and **supports two-year colleges** in their **mission** to **promote student success**.

- **Mr. Michael Leon, Associate Director of Graphic Design**, created **OCC's Campus Security Safety Report** for **2022-23**. The **annual booklet design** addresses **student and campus safety** and the **steps the OCC Security Department implements**. **Current Security staff, vehicle, and campus photography** was **produced** for this **project**. In **collaboration** with **Mr. Thomas DeSimone, Director of College Safety and Security**, the **booklet** will be shared this **Fall** with **faculty, lecturers, and staff** throughout the **campus**. **Content** includes **crime statistic updates, emergency preparedness, updated contact information, and safety instructions**. The **booklet** will be used across **multiple marketing platforms**, such as **print, social, and web distribution**.

➤ **OCC Foundation**

➤ **Annual Appeal**

The **Foundation's Annual Appeal** will once again **feature three donors**, each highlighting **"Why I Give."** **Special appreciation** is expressed to **two dedicated board members, Mr. Michael Manzo and Ms. Anne Kraljic**, as well as **Foundation stakeholder, Mr. Praveen Jeyarajah**, for

their **participation** in this **appeal**. The **completed piece** will be **mailed** this **Fall** and will be **supported** by **social media** and **email solicitations** for **support**.

➤ **The Legacy Campaign**

Officially launched this **summer** and since the **August 15, 2022, initial mailing**, **pledges** of over **\$1 million** have been **received** for the **Legacy Campaign**. The **first meet and greet/engagement event** for **elder law attorneys** in **Ocean County** is scheduled for **November 1, 2022**. **All Board members** are **invited** to **attend** the **event**, during which the many **opportunities** and **ways** to **participate** in the **Legacy Campaign** will be **reviewed** for the **attorneys** to **share** with their **clients**.

➤ **Endowment Reports**

As part of the **Foundation's** continued **stewardship efforts**, all **reports** are scheduled to be **distributed** by the **start** of **November**. As in **years past**, **custom reports** will be created for each of the **endowments** with **detailed financial information** as well as **reports** on the **distribution** of **funds** this **past academic year**.

➤ **Global Travel Experience**

The **Foundation** is very **pleased** to report both the **Exploring Italy** and **Theater in London** trips for this coming **winter** are **filled**. The **students** and **advisors** are **excited** about their **participation** in these **trips**.

➤ **New Member Orientation**

The **Foundation** **welcomes** **two new members** of the **Foundation Board**, **Ms. Julia Maroney** and **Mr. Michael Maschi**. The **Foundation** will be hosting a **new member onboarding meeting** in **November**, and the **terms** of the **new members** will **officially begin** on **January 1, 2023**.

➤ **Golf Outing**

Many **thanks** to all who **participated** in this year's **Foundation Golf Outing**, especially to the **Golf Committee Chair**, **Mr. Michael York**, and to **Ms. Sherri A. Bray**, **Associate Director of Advancement and Donor Engagement**, for **hosting** a **beautiful event**. Together, over **\$60,000** was **raised** to **support** the **mission** of the **Foundation** and the **students** of **Ocean County College**.

➤ **Foundation Events**

➤ The **Foundation Board** and **non-Board member volunteers** deserve **accolades** for their **efforts** as **donor engagement events** continue to **expand** in **variety** and **frequency**. Collectively, their **assistance** keeps the **Foundation** and the **College** at the **forefront** in the **community** throughout the **year**.

➤ The **Foundation's** **next scheduled event** is on **January 20, 2023**, when a **mini-golf tournament** will be **hosted** in the **Larson Student Center**. This **first-ever joint fundraiser** with **Community Medical Center Foundation** promises to be **great fun** as **funds** and **awareness** are **raised** for **both organizations**.

➤ **Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts**

- **Assistant Director of the Center, Ms. Jessica Zawerczuk**, reports that **two shows were sold out** from the *Grunin Presents Series*: the **first** with **Paul Riser** featuring **Vance Gilbert on October 8, 2022**; and the **second**, *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, on **October 29, 2022**.
- **Mr. Ricky Riccardi**, OCC alumnus and co-organizer of the *Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon Series*, hosted the **first event** of the season with the **Champion Fulton Trio** on **October 9, 2022**. The **concert** was **outstanding**, and it provided the **audience** with a **variety of original compositions** and **jazz standards** for their **listening pleasure**.
- The **Grunin Center** hosted the **second week** of a **two-week dance residency** for **Ephrat Asherie Dance Company** from **October 18 to 21, 2022**. As part of OCC's award of the **Arts Forward Grant** from the **Association of Performing Arts Professionals**, this **residency** included **three workshops**, **two** with the **Grunin Performing Arts Academy** and **Toms River North Dance Academy** as well as an **inter-generational workshop**. It also included a **school performance** and **public performance** of their **new piece, UNDERSCORED**, which they **developed in part** at the **Grunin Center**.

The **Grunin Center's superior technical crew**, who made this **residency possible**, deserves **recognition** for their **outstanding work**: **Ms. Bryn Farace, Mr. Stephan Caldwell, Mr. Mark Keeler, Ms. Erin O'Brien, Ms. Terri O'Neill, Ms. Mady McCabe, and Ms. Audrey Wilcockson**.

- **Assistant Director of Education and Community Engagement Jaclyn Wood** organized the **first Schools n' Stage performance** of the **2022-23 academic year** on **October 12, 2022**, with **Sena y Verbo: Teatro de Sordos (Mexican Theater for the Deaf)** and **partnered with Instructor of Humanities Sandra Piscatelli and Assistant Professor of Humanities Kathy Basilotto** to bring **American Sign Language (ASL) and Interpreter Training Program students** to both the **show** and to a **special workshop** with the **company on non-verbal communication**. This **program** was **funded by the Ocean County Board of Commissioners and Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation**.
- With the **assistance of Education and Community Coordinator Erik Stratton**, the **Center** organized **two pop-up concerts** in the **Student Center**. The **first** featured the **string quartet Brooklyn Rider**; and the **second** will feature **Matt and Eryn O'Ree**, who will hold a **guitar workshop** for **OCC Music Club students** and **perform** later that **evening** in the **Gia Maione Prima Theatre**.
- The **Center's new Assistant Director of Operations and Production, Laura Westmoreland**, has been **busy** the past **month**. **Two Theatre Technicians** were **hired, Mr. Christopher Regan and Mr. Joseph Goldman**; and **two usher trainings** took place. The **Center** now has **32 volunteer ushers** available for the **2022-23 season**.
- An **article** about the **Grunin Center** was **featured** in the **September issue** of the **Causeway Gazette**. Please see the **link below**:

<https://causewaycares.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Causeway-Gazette-September-2022.pdf>

➤ **The Novins Planetarium**

The **Planetarium**, in collaboration with the **Toms River School District**, is bringing **1,300 sixth graders** into the **dome** to learn about the *Reasons for the Seasons* throughout the **Fall**. In addition, around **1,000 third grade students** from the **district** are scheduled to come through the **Planetarium** this **Spring**. In total, this will bring over **2,300 local students** to more than **40 live shows** that reinforce the **Next Generation Science Standards** and align with **New Jersey’s science curriculum**. The **cooler Fall weather** is also bringing an **increase in private party and scout shows**.

➤ **Workforce and Professional Education**

➤ **Apprenticeship and Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities for Allied Health Students**

New cohorts of **apprentices** and **pre-apprentices** started in **occupational training programs** this **Fall**, including **12 Community Health Worker (CHW) students**, **12 Medical Assistants**, and **6 students** in the **newly-approved pre-apprenticeship program** in **Medical Billing and Coding**. The **CHW students** are part of a **collaborative project** with the **New Jersey Department of Health** and are taking part in the **“Earn While You Learn” model**. These **students** take an **imbedded competency exam** which is worth **9 college credits**. **Active apprentices** are already **matched with local employer partners**, and **pre-apprentices** are **completing training** prior to **job placement**. **Placement assistance** is supported by the **WPE Student Success Coach**.

➤ **At-Risk Youth Work Readiness Grant Awarded for Another Year**

The Work Readiness Assistant Program (WRAP) Grant was **re-awarded** in early **October**, at **\$252,000** of the **\$450,000 funding requested**. The **youth-focused program**, which will run through **September 30, 2023**, will **serve at least 42 participants**. The **Workforce and Professional Education Department** will provide an **in-person, seven-week training course** that offers **on-the-job learning, industry-valued credentials, a leadership academy, mentors, follow-up services, and additional career and work readiness skill development**. During the **October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022 program year**, **61 at-risk youth** were served by this **on-campus program**, with **completers enrolling in credit degree programs, OCVTs, and occupational training programs at OCC**.

➤ **Expanding Opportunities in Adult Basic Education**

Fall classes began September 10, 2022, with a total of **460 students** enrolled in **Title II courses (High School Equivalency (HSE): 69; ESL: 307; Civics: 84)**. **Fall classes will end December 22, 2022**, and the **Spring session will begin February 6, 2022**. A **waiting list** is already in **place for students interested in ESL**, and **marketing materials** are now available in a **variety of languages** during **outreach events** as well as on the **website** and via the **department’s phone tree**. A **new location** this **Fall** has **126 enrolled students**; and a **new, monthly, week-long Bootcamp** is being offered for **students who need only one or two subjects to pass the HSE exam**. This **Bootcamp** includes **16 hours of intense instruction**, and **students will test immediately following course completion**. At the end of the **fast-paced Summer session**, **four students** earned their **HSE Diploma**.

➤ **Helping Families Achieve Self-Sufficiency**

The Workforce and Professional Education Department has partnered with Waters & Sims Employment Services and St. Francis Community Center to provide services for Work First New Jersey (WFNJ) participants. The WFNJ grants provide ready to-work activities to recipients on Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), ensuring that public assistance is a short-term transitional experience. During this partnership, a self-paced, seven-week training course will be provided called Exploration of Career Pathways and Entrepreneurship, which offers on-the-job learning (OCC facilities, warehouse, security, maintenance), as well as a credential in Customer Service and Sales and certification in CPR/BLS. In addition, a community service component is offered to improve participant interpersonal skills, as well as employability and job retention skills.

➤ **Security**

In accordance with New Jersey Public Law 2015, Chapter 220, and College Policy #2332, Reporting of On-Campus Criminal and Fire Events, attached is the monthly statistics report of crimes, fires, and other emergencies on campus for the reporting period of September 17, 2022, through October 28, 2022.

Student Affairs

On October 13, 2022, Dr. Jerry Racioppi, Vice President of Student Affairs, presented his AACC presentation, “Ocean County College’s Unique One-Stop Drives Enrollment,” to Florence-Darlington Technical College in Florence, South Carolina. Dr. Jermaine Ford, President, and his Enrollment Management team were impressed to hear how OCC’s initiatives increased new student enrollment utilizing Reggie and revamped HUB procedures.

➤ **Advising**

➤ **Advise CRM Faculty CX (Instructor Alerts)**

OCC instructors are currently utilizing Faculty CX to submit alerts for students for issues including attendance, lack of participation, missed assignments, and low grades.

As of October 9, 2022, a total of 21 instructors have submitted 465 alerts for 370 unique students. The Success Coaches, supervised by Dr. Kathleen Mohr, Assistant Director of Enrollment Services, are responding to the alerts by calling students to discuss resources and strategies for success.

➤ **Advisor Training**

Advising and Transfer Services is hosting an Advisor Training Workshop Series this Fall. All campus advisors, as well as anyone interested in advising topics, are invited to participate. Topics include: Advising Using Student Planning, Utilizing Curriculum Tracks in Student Planning, Advising for Pre-Nursing Students, Advising for Transfer, Advising for Kean Ocean Transfer, and Using NJ Transfer.

➤ **Advising Information Sessions for Students**

Advising and Transfer Services is offering **Information Sessions** for students this **Fall**. Topics include: **Pre-Nursing; Registering for Spring 2023; Transfer for Nursing Majors; Transfer Admissions; Transferring Credits from OCC; Spring 2023 Registration for NJ STARS Students; Major Exploration: Top 10 Ways to Date Your Major; Pre-Nursing for NJ STARS Students; Transfer for Education Majors; and Transfer for Social Work Majors.**

➤ **Career Services**

OCC's Career Services Department welcomes to the team **Dr. Deborah Kepics** as the new **Director of Career Services**.

➤ **Events**

➤ The **Career Services** team participated in **OCC's Fall Open House**. **Ms. Taylor Dulemba, Career Services Coordinator**, presented **College to Career: How OCC Can Help You Land Your Dream Job** to **prospective students and families**. **Ms. Maria Galindo, Administrative Assistant**, and **Ms. Debbie Kepics, Director of Career Services**, **greeted and interacted with students** at the **tabling event**.

➤ **Ms. Maria Galindo** participated in **hosting a Career Services table** at the **Helping Hands Fair** held on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**.

➤ **Ms. Taylor Dulemba** participated in **presenting** at the **Pre-Nursing Information session** held on **October 19, 2022**, to offer **career services and support to students**.

➤ **Dr. Debbie Kepics** and **Ms. Taylor Dulemba** participated in the **Guidance Counselor Breakfast** held on **October 21, 2022**. This **event** provided the opportunity to **share services with local guidance counselors**.

➤ **Career Fairs**

➤ **Career Services** and the **Engineering Department**, led by **College Lecturer II in Engineering Pam Bogdan**, collaborated to **host a Civil Engineering Career Fair** on **Thursday, October 27, 2022**. This **event** gave **students** the opportunity to **meet with professionals, learn about the industry, and preview available job openings**.

➤ On **November 2, 2022**, **Career Services** hosted its **Fall 2022 Internship and Career Fair** virtually on **Handshake** from **2 to 6 p.m.**

➤ **Counseling Center**

➤ The **Counseling Center** held **several activities** during **September** to **recognize Suicide Prevention Month**, including **comfort dogs on campus** and a **session of Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR)**.

➤ **Counseling** is delighted to **announce** that the **Supporting Students in Recovery Program** has been **funded for a fourth year**. On **September 28, 2022**, **Counseling** hosted **"Recovery Speaks"** with its **community partner, Hope Sheds Light**. **Individuals** shared **powerful stories of recovery and overcoming adversity through music and the spoken word**.

- The **academic support intervention program, Restore Your Score (RYS)**, is **underway** for the **Fall semester**. There are **117 students** participating in **RYS**. The **staff** is reaching out to **students** through **Canvas** and **phone calls**.

The **outcomes** from the **Spring 2022 Restore Your Score** show:

- **87%** of the **engaged RYS students** from **Spring 2022** are currently **enrolled** for **Fall 2022** compared to **40%** of the **non-engaged students**. This is a **47% increase** in **retention**.
- **55%** of the **engaged RYS students** from **Spring 2022** had a **higher cumulative GPA** after the **Spring 2022 semester** as compared to **29%** of the **non-engaged students**. This is a **+26% difference** in **improved cumulative GPA**.
- **53%** of the **engaged Spring 2022 RYS students** had a **higher semester GPA** at the end of the **semester** than in their **prior term** as compared to **26%** of the **non-engaged students**. This is a **+27% difference** in **improved semester GPA**.
- Other **Fall programming** includes:
 - **Relax and Recharge** began in **October** both **virtually** and **in-person**.
 - The **Living with Loss support group** is holding **sessions twice a month**.
 - **Level Up Your Social Game** is held on **Tuesdays**.
 - **Empowerment and Self Defense** with **Ms. Rachel Piazza** took place on **October 18, 2022**.
 - More **sessions of Question, Persuade, and Refer (QPR)** are **scheduled** throughout the **semester**.

The **calendar of events** is available on the **Counseling Center's web page**.

- The **CARE Team** handled **151 reports** since **July 1, 2022**. An **increase** is being seen in **student mental health concerns, family issues, and housing insecurity**.
- The **Displaced Homemakers Program** is working with **9 new clients** and **100 returning clients**. **Three clients** are **enrolled** in **OCC degree programs**, and **two** are **enrolled** in **Workforce and Professional Education training**. **Clients** are participating in **computer skills classes**.
- The **status** of a **number** of **legislative bills** concerning **mental health in higher education** at both the **federal** and **state level** are being **monitored**, and some of the **required activities** are being **incorporated** into **OCC programs and services**.
- **Enrollment Services (HUB)**
 - The **Enrollment Services Department** hosted the **College's Fall Open House** and **Fall Fest** on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**. **Attendees** were treated to a **campus tour**, a **selection** of **workshops, refreshments, and swag**. They were able to **interact** with **faculty, lecturers, and staff**, and a **great time** was had by all.

- **Enrollment Services**, in collaboration with others across campus, hosted **250 Barnegat High School freshmen** on **Wednesday, October 12, 2022**. The students were able to **participate** in various activities, including a **planetarium visit**, **campus tours**, and a **presentation** called, “**Do You Speak College.**”
- The **Pathways presentations** continued through **October** with another **nine high schools** being visited. A **parent night** and **attendance** at the **Ocean County School Counselor Association fair** also took place.
- **Enrollment Services** received **326 applications** for the **Early College Foundation Grant**, which is awarded in collaboration with the **Ocean County College Foundation**, to **150 deserving high school students** taking college classes while still in **high school**.
- **Mr. Jim Campbell, Coordinator of Enrollment and Outreach**, attended the **Jobs Fair** on **September 16, 2022**, at the **Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library**. On **September 22, 2022**, **Mr. Campbell** attended a **Health and Wellness Fair** held at **Trinity Solar headquarters** in **Wall Township, New Jersey**.
- **Executive Director of College Relations Jan Kirsten** and **Mr. Jim Campbell** met with the **New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA)** on **September 26, 2022**. **OCC** and **NJBIA** will partner to connect with **businesses** to determine the **benefits** the **College** can offer to employees. **NJBIA** members employ over **1 million people** in **New Jersey**.
- **Office of Disability Services**
 - On **October 4, 2022**, the **Office of Disability Services** hosted a **campus resource fair** recognizing **Disability Awareness Month**. The event brought over **15 service providers** from **Ocean County** and **other state representatives**. Valuable **information** about **funding assistance**, **transportation**, **support**, and **counseling services** was shared with **attendees**.
 - **Disability Services staff** attended the **Fall Open House event** and discussed **services** available to **prospective students**. In addition, a **separate Accessibility Services table** was set up to provide **on-site accommodations**, such as **large print materials** and other **access services** for **visitors**.
- **Southern Education Center**
 - The **Southern Education Center (SEC)** celebrated **students completing** the **halfway point** of the **Fall semester**. **Academic Advisors Jeff Kurz, Toni Ann DiPasquale, and Jenna McAteer**, along with **SEC Director Brian Schillaci**, **greeted students** as they **arrived** to the **building** the week of **October 31, 2022**, with a variety of **snacks** to **congratulate them** on a **job well done**.
 - The **SEC Student Advising staff** continues to **assist students** through the **handling** of the **advisingoffice@ocean.edu email inbox**. The **advising team** did a **great job** reviewing **enrollment trends** and previous **course offerings** to **finalize** the **Spring 2023 schedule** of **classes**. Since the **Spring schedule** was **released** for **student view** last week, the **team** has been **responding** to **virtual appointments**, **walk-in visits**, and **phone inquiries** about **upcoming student schedules**.
 - **Director Brian Schillaci** met with **representatives** from **Kean Ocean** and **Stockton University** to coordinate **days** to be **on site** to discuss **future opportunities** with **students** at the **SEC**. There have also been a **number of days** set up this **semester** for **OCC representatives** from many of **OCC’s services** to visit the **SEC**. This affords **SEC students** the chance to gain a **stronger**

understanding of the **opportunities available** to them **closer to home**. Members of the **Advising team** engaged in **student connections/activities** on the **main campus** with **Barnegat High School**, as well as **visits to Pinelands Regional and Lacey Township High Schools**. **Academic Advisor Toni Ann DiPasquale and Director Brian Schillaci** also attended the **OCC Fall Open House**. These **connections** continue to give **students and families** a chance to **learn more about opportunities** at the **SEC**.

- The **SEC Canvas Announcement shell** continues to be an **effective message board** for **students**. **Academic Advisor Jenna McAteer** gave the **SEC main page** a “**facelift**,” making it **easier for students to access up-to-date information**. **Announcements** throughout **October** shared **dates** when various **services** would be represented at the **SEC**, as well as **updated students** about the **opportunity to register for the upcoming Spring semester**. The **analytics for Canvas Announcements** indicate approximately **900 views** during the **month of October**.

e-Learning and Learning Enterprises

➤ **Fall 2022 Open House**

In **preparation** for the **Fall 2022 Open House** held on **October 12, 2022**, several **e-Learning College Lecturer IIs** and **administrators** collaborated to **create an engaging presentation and experience for prospective students**. In addition to assisting **Enrollment Services** with **tours and managing program inquiries** from **students and parents** during the event, **e-Learning College Lecturer IIs** facilitated **virtual chemistry labs** embedded in the **online chemistry courses**, via **Webex**, with **attendees of the Open House**. The **presentation** allowed **prospective students** to explore the **interactive technology components** of an **online e-Learning class**.

➤ **Math Master Course Redevelopment**

To better **assist students** in **online mathematics courses**, a team of **e-Learning adjunct faculty course developers**, under the **leadership** of **College Lecturer II Ti Peng**, have been working to **redevelop** these **courses** using **Knewton Alta software**. Using **Artificial Intelligence**, the **Knewton software** creates **customized student active learning experiences** aligned to their **ability to complete the coursework**. Additionally, the **course content** completely **utilizes OER (Online Educational Resources)**. Once the **redevelopment is complete** in **Spring 2023**, the **e-Learning administration** will **evaluate longitudinal data** to see if the **tool positively impacts the Introduction to Statistics (MATH 156) and Calculus I (MATH 265) online courses**.

➤ **Professional Development**

➤ **Instructional Technology Council Leadership Academy**

This **Fall**, **Ms. Vivian Lynn, Dean of e-Learning**, completed the **Instructional Technology Council Leadership Academy** and was awarded a **certificate of completion**. At the **Academy**, **Dean Lynn** was able to **network with distance educator administrators** to **assess online education challenges and brainstorm practical solutions**, review **online program accreditation requirements**, and learn **strategic techniques** to foster **professional relationships**.

➤ **Master Course Development Kick-Off Meeting**

All **faculty selected to develop an online master course** are required to **attend the Master Course Development Kick-Off meeting** which is held in **preparation** for scheduled **master course**

development. This meeting provides the **pedagogical foundations** of course development with an **emphasis** on **communicating** the **importance** of **building** and **sustaining** a **professional relationship** between the **Subject Matter Expert, Designer, and Reviewer**, all of whom are the **builders** of an **online course**.

On **October 18, 2022**, the **e-Learning Deans** hosted the **Master Course Kick-Off meeting**. After participating in the **kick-off meeting**, the **Subject Matter Experts** and **Reviewers** will **self-enroll** in the **e-Learning Content Development Training**, the **next step** in the **preparation** of **master course development**. This **training** provides the **framework** for **developing** an **interactive online course** that is **student-centered** and **aligned** with the **course learning objectives**. Additionally, **training** examines the use of **Outside Educational Resources** to **build course content** and address **student learning styles** to construct **dynamic content** for the **online learner**.

➤ **October Adjunct Roundtable**

On **October 20, 2022**, over **35 online faculty** participated in the **October Adjunct Roundtable** entitled "**Don't Lose Your Head! It's Easy with Voice Thread! Using VoiceThread to Create Community in Online Learning.**"

VoiceThread is a **state-of-the-art, interactive media player** with a **discussion space** allowing **faculty** and **students** to **ask questions, comment, and critique work**. **Pictures, presentations, videos, and documents** are **uploaded** onto an **online board**, similar to a **slide presentation**.

Adjunct faculty discussed the **benefits** of this **interactive tool** that enables them to **create innovative assessments** to promote **active learning**. **VoiceThread** increases **student engagement** and enhances **student communication, critical thinking, and collaboration skills** in their **online courses**.

The next **Adjunct Roundtable** will focus on **networking**; it will be held on **November 17, 2022**, at **6:00 p.m.**

➤ **e-Learning Personnel**

The **e-Learning Department** welcomes **Dr. Cari Crumly, Lead Instructional Designer**, for the **instructional design** of **online courses** within the areas of **Business** and **Social Sciences**. **Dr. Crumly** has a **Ph.D. in Post-Secondary and Adult Education** and has worked in **instructional design** and **technology** for over **ten years**. She will oversee the **course design, development, and maintenance** of **e-Learning Business** and **Social Science Master Courses**. Additionally, **Dr. Crumly** will **collaborate** with the **department's Subject Matter Experts** to **design** and **create high-quality** and **engaging content** in **OCC's e-Learning course offerings**.

➤ **Instructional Design**

The **Instructional Design team** is completing **course development** for the **Spring 2023 semester**, and **11 e-Learning Master courses** were **developed** to **utilize OER**. With the **initiative** to **adopt OER** in **e-Learning course offerings**, the **College** continues to **reduce course material costs** to **students** and **move away from publisher-created textbooks**. To date, the **e-Learning Department** has nearly **48** out of **196 (24%)** total **e-Learning courses** across the **Schools of STEM, Arts and Humanities, and Business and Social Sciences** that **utilize OER**, with the **goal** of having **50%** of **online courses** using **OER** by **Fall 2024**.

Below is the **list of courses** that were **developed** using **OER** for **Spring 2023**:

- **Art History I, ARTS 181**
- **General Biology I, BIOL 161**
- **Environmental Science, ENVI 152**
- **English to Speakers of Other Languages, ESOL 096**
- **Western Civilization I, HIST 171**
- **Western Civilization II, HIST 172**
- **Elementary Italian I, ITAL 100**
- **Introduction to Critical Thinking, PHIL 190**
- **American State and Local Government, POLI 162**
- **General Psychology, PSYC 172**
- **Student Success Seminar, STSC 150**

The **e-Learning Department** will continue to **partner** with **Ms. Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Director of Library Services**, to **develop online courses** following **OCC's OER Task Force initiative**.

➤ **International Programs**

- In **partnership** with **Ain Shams University (ASU)**, **OCC's International Programs team** has been preparing to **start a new cohort** in the **School of Business** in the **Accelerated 6 term**. **OCC's academic team** has reviewed the **training materials** for **Cohort 6** and the **orientation materials** for the **new Cohort 7**, holding **Webex meetings** with **students** to address **questions** and **academic issues**.
- All **preparations** are in **place** for **receiving Cohort 1** of the **Ocean Badr Kean program** in **Management and Accounting**. In addition, **Associate Vice President of International Programs Maysa Hayward** will run **orientation sessions** and **training workshops** for **instructors, students, and facilitators** during the **first week of November 2022**.