



# 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**



**OCEAN**  
COUNTY COLLEGE

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*

**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:



**OCEAN**  
COUNTY COLLEGE

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*

- ◆ 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



**OCEAN**  
COUNTY COLLEGE

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*

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



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.*

**OCEAN**  
COUNTY COLLEGE

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.