



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**TO:** Members, OCC Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Jon H. Larson, Ph.D., President  
**SUBJECT:** Items of Interest for the **August 22, 2011, Board Meeting**  
**DATE:** August 17, 2011

## Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration

This year's **Ocean County College Grand Slam Celebration** is scheduled for **Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**, at **6:00 p.m.** The event will again be held in the **OCC Gymnasium**. The **Foundation** is honoring **Judge Robert A. Fall** as the **2011 Humanitarian of the Year**.

**Judge Fall** has been **extremely active** in the **Ocean County community** both **professionally** and **personally**. At **Ocean County College**, he has been a **member** of the **Board of Trustees** and is currently a **member** of the **Ocean County College Foundation**. He was at the **forefront** of the major **Reach for the Stars fundraising campaign** to **renovate** and **renew** the **Robert J. Novins Planetarium**. As an **Ocean County College Trustee Ambassador** to the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges**, **Judge Fall** was a **strong advocate** for the **New Jersey community college sector** on **legislative issues** for the **benefit** of our **students**.

Through all of his efforts for **Ocean County College** and the **Ocean County College Foundation**, **Judge Fall** has **given unselfishly** of his **time, energy, and resources**; he has made a **significant impact** on the **lives** of many **Ocean County residents**.

The **proceeds** from this year's **Summer Celebration** will be **dedicated** to the **continuing development** of the **OCC Foundation's endowment**, which is devoted to making the dream of a **college education** a **reality** for **hundreds of students** annually.

I hope you will **join us** on **August 27<sup>th</sup>** for a **wonderful evening**.

## Fall 2011 Colloquium

The **Fall 2011 Semester Colloquium** will take place on **Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, in the **Arts and Community Center Theatre**. The morning will **begin** with a **continental breakfast** and **meet and greet** at **8:00 a.m.**, with the **President's State of the College Address** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** The **theme** for the **Colloquium** this fall is **"Academic Innovations."**



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At **10:15 a.m.** several **faculty workshops** will be offered:

- ◆ *Technology with an Emphasis on Smart Boards, HD Video Conferencing in the Classroom, and OceanCruiser's Online Grade Book*
- ◆ *Distance Learning Outreach Programs and the Pearson Partnership*
- ◆ *Homeland Security Program, Our Partnership with Monmouth University, and Professional Collaborations with Governmental Agencies*
- ◆ *A Doctoral Program Showcase: Recent Graduates Discuss their Dissertations*

An **Evening Adjunct Faculty Colloquium** will be held at **5:30 p.m.** My presentation will be followed by the **faculty workshop on technology, video conferencing, and the online grade book.**

If you are available, **please come to the Colloquium.**

## **9-11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference**

In recognition of the **tenth anniversary** of the **unprecedented attack** on the **United States**, the College has scheduled a **9-11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference**. This event will take place on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**, on the **College campus**.

The **Commemoration** will be held from **9 to 10 a.m.** in the **Arts and Community Center Theatre**. Our **guest speaker** will be **Mr. Charles Amoroso**, the **father** of a **Port Authority Police Officer**, who **lost his son** at the **World Trade Center**. We are still awaiting confirmation from others who have been asked to participate.

At **11:15 a.m.**, several **Homeland Security panel discussions** will begin in **Bartlett Hall**, Room 203. They are:

- ◆ 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - *The Pieces of the Puzzle: Who are the Actors?*
  - ◆ **The Federal Response to the Challenges of Terrorism – Mr. Joseph Arata, Assistant Director of the National Recruitment Office, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol**
  - ◆ **The State Response to the Challenges of Terrorism – Professor Joseph Kirchhofer, Professor of Criminal Justice and retired New Jersey Police Officer**



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- ◆ **Counterterrorism at the Local Level – Lt. Vincent Petrecca, Special Investigations Unit, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office**
  
- ◆ **1:15 to 2:15 p.m. – *Emergency Management and Homeland Security; the Nexus***
  - ◆ **Mental Health Concerns in Emergency Response – Mr. Steve Crimando, Director of Training Disaster and Terrorism Branch, Office of the Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services**
  - ◆ **Coordination of Treatment for the Dead and Injured – Mr. James Bruncati, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services**
  - ◆ **Challenges in a WMD Attack – Ms. Joy Spellman, Director of the Center for Public Health Preparedness, Burlington County College**
  
- ◆ **2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – *Homeland Security and the Way Forward***
  - ◆ **What is the Cost of Homeland Security? – Dr. Joseph Patton, Political Science Department, Monmouth University**
  - ◆ **Working Smarter with Less in an Era of Budgetary Constraints – Mr. Joseph Arata**
  - ◆ **Future Challenges – Charles Grinnell, Esq., Senior Counsel and Deputy Attorney General, Gangs and Organized Crime Task Force, New Jersey Department of Law and Safety**

**Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations, and Dr. Richard O'Meara, Social Science Professor, are coordinating the activities of the day. I extend an invitation to you to attend the Commemoration and any of the Panel Discussions.**

## **College Advancement**

Two very attractive **brochures** have recently been **developed** by the **Office of College Relations** for the **Continuing and Professional Education Department**, which are being **mailed** throughout **Ocean County** and are available on the **OCC website**. Both of these publications have a **refreshed look** that will, hopefully, **attract** and **appeal** to **individuals** in many **different demographics** in the **County**.

I will **distribute** the brochures to you at **Monday's meeting**:



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- ◆ *Love Your Job? Need a Job?*, which focuses on **career training** leading to **employment** and/or **certification** in specific **employment fields**
- ◆ *Engage Yourself!*, a brochure with emphasis on **personal enrichment**, including classes in **foreign language, art, swimming, fitness, and day trips**

Ms. Kirsten and her staff, Mr. Scott Bruinooge, Coordinator of Publications, and Ms. Nicole Howard, Graphics Specialist, are commended for their **fine work** on these **outstanding publications**, as is Ms. Maureen Conlon, Manager of Web Services, for her **administration** of the **Ocean County College website**.

On **Monday**, Ms. Tara Kelly, Vice President of College Advancement, will provide a brief **report** on various other **activities** within her **area**.

## **Board of Trustees Retreat**

Please mark your calendars for the next **Board of Trustees Retreat**, which is scheduled for **Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**, 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**.