



# 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 27, 2012, Board Meeting**  
**DATE:** August 22, 2012

## Fall 2012 Colloquium

The **Fall 2012 Semester Colloquium** will take place on **Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>**, in the **Arts and Community Center Theatre**. As always, the day 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.**

Two presentations will follow:

- ◆ **10:15 to 11:30 a.m.** – “**The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**” - FERPA is a **Federal law** that **protects the privacy** of **student records**. This presentation will explore the **applications** of the **law**, especially with regard to **requests** from **parents** and **student discipline** issues.
- ◆ **11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** – This workshop, “**Peer Review of Teaching**,” is for **faculty only**. It will **highlight** the **work** of the **College's Task Force on Peer Review**, and members will share their **impressions** of **peer evaluation**, including **logistical, collegial, and labor/management concerns**.

At **2:00 p.m.**, an **Academic Affairs Reception** will be held for **faculty and staff** in the **Technology Building Atrium**.

The **Evening Adjunct Faculty Colloquium** will be held at **5:30 p.m.** My presentation will be followed by a **summary** of the **morning presentation** by the **Task Force on Peer Review**.

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



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## Ocean County College Foundation Scholarship Celebration

The Ocean County College Foundation's "Come Fly with Me" Scholarship Celebration is taking place on **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, at **6 p.m.** in the **OCC Gym**. This year, the Foundation is **honoring Gary and Amy Lotano** as the **2012 Humanitarians of the Year**.

Both **Amy and Gary Lotano** have been actively **involved, professionally and personally**, in the **Ocean County community** for almost **30 years**. The **support** they have provided to a variety of **organizations and businesses** has been **invaluable** to the **growth and success of Ocean County**.

Through all of their efforts, **Mr. and Mrs. Lotano** have **given unselfishly** of their **time, energy, and resources**; together they have made a **significant impact** on the lives of many **Ocean County residents**.

The **proceeds** from this year's **Scholarship Celebration** will be **dedicated** to the **continuing development** of the **OCC Foundation's endowment**, which provides **scholarships to hundreds of students** annually.

I look forward to seeing on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** for a **wonderful evening** which will **benefit many Ocean County College students**.

## The Barnegat Bay Foundation

Established in **1992**, the **Barnegat Bay Watershed and Estuary Foundation** has recently been **renamed** as the **Barnegat Bay Foundation**. The Foundation is currently **rebuilding** its **volunteer board of trustees** to ensure **representation** from **civic and business leaders** from **communities** throughout the **estuary**.

The **purpose** of the **Foundation** is to **support** the **Barnegat Bay Partnership** in its work to **restore, maintain, protect, and enhance** the natural resources of the **Barnegat Bay Estuary**. The Foundation will **raise funds** for **activities** essential to the **mission** of the **Barnegat Bay Partnership** that cannot be funded through **public money**.

**Dr. Mary Ann Bageac**, an **emergency room physician** and **long-time Toms River resident**, has been selected to serve as the **Barnegat Bay Foundation's new Board of Trustees Chairperson**. At **Monday's meeting**, **Dr. Stan Hales, Program Director of the Barnegat Bay Partnership**, will **introduce Dr. Bageac**, who will say a few words on behalf of the Foundation.



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## Commendations

- ◆ Ocean County College's **Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa**, whose **purpose** is to **recognize** and **encourage scholarship** among **two-year college students**, has achieved **great success** and has been a **vital student organization** on campus. Throughout the years, **Tau Iota** has received **Five-Star Chapter status** many times and a number of **PTK members** have been acknowledged for their **accomplishments**.

Our **Tau Iota Chapter** has evolved into such a **strong organization** as a result of the **quality of leadership** and **commitment** of its **advisors**. It gives me **great pleasure** to **congratulate Dr. William Rickert, Professor of Mathematics**, who has served as an **advisor** of **Tau Iota** for **35 years**. The **Phi Theta Kappa Center for Excellence**, located in **Jackson, Mississippi**, sent a letter to me expressing its **sincere appreciation** to **Dr. Rickert** for his **service** and **time**. **Dr. Rickert** will attend **Monday's meeting** so we, too, can **honor him** for his **extraordinary dedication** to our **PTK students** and to **Ocean County College**.

- ◆ **Dr. Mary Morley, Director of Institutional Research**, was recently named, along with her fellow research team members, as a **co-inventor** of a **computer-based testing software program** that was awarded a **patent** by the **United States Patent Office**.

While working at the **Educational Testing Service**, **Dr. Morley** and **eight team members** began the project in **1996**. The **patent** was **filed** in **2000**, and it was just **granted** on **June 19, 2012**.

**Patents** granted for **software programs** are **relatively new** and **rare**. This is indeed a **noteworthy achievement**, one that deserves our **commendation**.

- ◆ As I shared with you several months ago, **Dr. Jennifer Dellner, Associate Professor of English and Literature**, was selected to receive a **National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship** to attend a **five-week summer seminar** in **Dublin, Ireland**. From **June 18<sup>th</sup>** to **July 30<sup>th</sup>**, **Dr. Dellner** studied **James Joyce's Ulysses: Text and Contexts**. Among the **16 college professors** selected, **Dr. Dellner** was the **only one** from a **community college**.

**Dr. Dellner** will join us on **Monday** to provide a **brief report** on her summer **fellowship experience**.

- ◆ **Mr. Benny Castillo, former Dean of Social Sciences and Human Services and returning Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice**, just returned from **Afghanistan**, where he spent the last year, from **August 2011** to **August 2012**, training **Afghani police officers**.



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The **Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA)**, a component of the **U.S. Department of Defense**, works directly with **defense suppliers**, such as **DynCorp International, Inc.**, a leader in providing **experienced law enforcement and security professionals** to **missions** around the world. Because of **Mr. Castillo's experience** as a **New Jersey State Police Officer**, he was contracted to **advise, train, and mentor** the **Afghanistan National Police**, with the **goal of increasing** Afghanistan's **overall capability** to provide **police presence, improve public security, and support the rule of law**.

**Mr. Castillo** will be with us at **Monday's meeting** to talk about his **experience** in **Afghanistan** and to present to the **Board of Trustees** and the **College** an **American flag** that flew over **Camp Phoenix, DCMA Afghanistan Headquarters** in **Kabul**.

## Board of Trustees Retreat

The next **Board of Trustees Retreat** is scheduled for **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Boardroom**. If you would like to add any items to the agenda for discussion, please let me know.