

President's
Report
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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for **August 28, 2006, Board Meeting**

DATE: August 22, 2006

Sambol/Citta Gardens

Mr. Dave Wolfe, Senior Assistant to the President, will report to the trustees on the progress of the new **Sambol/Citta Gardens**, which will be located on the **campus mall**. This project is being funded by **Mr. Richard Sambol** and **Mr. Joseph Citta** as a **replacement** for the **arboretum**, which they established and funded for many years.

The students of **Phi Theta Kappa** have assumed **responsibility** for this exciting project, and they have embarked on an **ambitious plan**. Working with **Mr. Ken Olsen, Director of Facilities**, a request for proposals was developed for **architectural consulting services** for the **design** of the gardens, with proposals due by August 14th. A recommendation for a contract award will be made at Monday's meeting.

It is envisioned that the garden will include **plants, flowers, and trees** indigenous to the Ocean County area, an **arbor**, a **raised rock garden**, **seating areas**, and a **decorative fountain**. Also part of this project will be **lighting, irrigation, and paver walkways**.

PTK students **Sue Taylor, April Wennlund, and Triche Sherman** will attend Monday's meeting to provide you with additional information. PTK advisors are **Dr. William Rickert, Ms. Carolyn Showalter, Mr. William Scott, and Ms. Robin Weitz**, all of whom will be guiding the group through this project.

Egyptian Fulbright Scholar

I am delighted to share with you that **Dr. Inas Abou-Youssef, Associate Professor in the College of Mass Communications at Cairo University in Egypt**, has been chosen to be a **Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence** at OCC during the **fall 2006** and **fall 2007** semesters.

Dr. Abou-Youssef earned both her **master's degree** and her **doctorate** at **Cairo University**. She has written on the **representation of the Middle East** in the **western press**, the roles of **women in journalism**, and **women's rights** in the **Middle East**. She has extensive experience **teaching in English**, not only at Cairo University, but also in presenting workshops for **UNESCO, UNIFEM, UNICEF**, and various **non-governmental organizations** in Egypt, the Middle East, and Europe. She has been a forceful **advocate for human rights**, particularly the **rights of women**, in the Middle East and was recently assigned by **Egyptian presidential decree** as a **board member** of the **Egyptian National Council of Women**.

Dr. Abou-Youssef's presence on campus will allow students to concentrate on **Middle Eastern studies**. She will **teach three courses** during **each of the semesters** she will be with us and may be a **guest lecturer** and **collaborator** in other academic courses related to her area of expertise.

Dr. Abou-Youssef is the **sister** of **Dr. Maysa Hayward, Associate Professor of English and Literature**. I have asked both Dr. Abou-Youssef and Dr. Hayward to attend Monday's meeting so that I may have the opportunity to introduce them to you.

Fall 2006 Colloquium

The **Fall 2006 Colloquium** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 31st**, in the Fine Arts Theatre. This year's theme is "**The Millennial Student: Global and Local Connections in the Classroom.**" **Mr. Richard Sweeney, University Librarian at New Jersey Institute of Technology**, will present to the group and then facilitate a panel of ten OCC students who are millennial learners. Following his presentation, the **faculty**, both full-time and adjuncts, will **break into groups** for discussions on **teaching strategies** to serve this generation.

The morning **begins at 8:30 a.m.** with a **meet and greet** for **continental breakfast**, and I will present my **state-of-the-college address** at **9 a.m.** I would be delighted to have you **join us** for this important beginning-of-the-semester activity.

Ocean County College Foundation Gala

The **OCC Foundation Gala**, which will have a **'50's Happy Days** theme, will take place on **Saturday, September 9th**, at **6 p.m.** on the **college campus**. **Mr. Zev Rosen**, former member of the Foundation Board and chair of Good Friend Electrical Supplies, will be honored as the **2006 Humanitarian of the Year**.

I look forward to seeing you at the Gala, a **premier event that raises funds** to support the **continuing development** of the **Foundation's scholarship fund**.

Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame

The **2006 Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**, sponsored by the **OCC Sailing Advisory Board**, will be held on **Saturday, September 30th**, at **7 p.m.** in the **Fine Arts Theatre**. A **cocktail reception** in the **Health and Physical Education Center** will immediately follow the ceremony.

This year's inductees are **Betsy Alison, Bill Campbell, Jim Carson, Peter Commette, Jody Lutz, James "Buzz" Reynolds, Alicemay Weber-Wright and, posthumously, Slade Dale, Charles Mower, and Edwin Schoettle**.

Ocean County College Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend the **OCC Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner** on **Wednesday, October 18th**, at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Eagle Ridge Golf Club**, which is sponsored by the **Alumni Association** and the **Department of Athletics**. **Mr. Kevin Williams, Sports/Community Relations Director of WOBM**, will serve as **Master of Ceremonies**.

Inductees include **Laury Haskamp Cuddihy ('89, swimming), Jim Francis ('97, swimming), Jeanne Legg Keefer ('79, swimming), Shannon Dinkjian McCurry ('92, basketball and tennis), and Lawrence Sheehan ('76, basketball)**.

Association of Community College Trustees

The **annual conference** of the **Association of Community College Trustees** is being held in Orlando from **October 11th to 14th**. The theme of the conference is **"The Mandate for Trusteeship; the Changing Landscape,"** with seminars focused on **effective Board governance, working effectively with a college-related foundation, the new rules of business, crisis communications, collaborating with the community on strategic planning, and the community college baccalaureate**.

If you are interested in attending this conference, please let me know as soon as possible. The deadline for **advance registration** is **August 30th**.

Kean University

Kean University is holding an **Open Advisement/Registration Day** on **Wednesday, August 30th**, from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the **College Center**. Kean is offering courses towards a **bachelor's degree** in criminal justice, education, English, history, nursing, physical education recreation, and sociology on our campus. **Graduate courses** are also available, including counselor education and educational leadership.

Ocean County College Center for Peace, Genocide and Holocaust Studies

The **OCC Center for Peace, Genocide, and Holocaust Studies** and the **Office of Student Life** are cosponsoring the **Fall 2006 Religious Experiences Speaker Series**, which presents the **diversity of religious experiences** within Ocean County and the surrounding area. This free event is **open to the public**.

The first in this speaker series is “**The Christian Theology of Peace**,” which will be presented by **Reverend Trevón Gross, Hope Cathedral**, Jackson, on **Tuesday, September 26th**, at **3:00 p.m.** in the Technology Building Lecture Hall.