



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **December 6, 2010, Board Meeting**

DATE: December 1, 2010

Ocean County College Athletics

- ◆ The **Ocean County College Women's Cross Country Team** has had a great deal of **success** under **Head Coach Ed Baynes**. Last year, the team won the **National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III National Championship**; **this year**, the team finished as the **NJCAA National Runner-Up**.

The NJCAA Championship meet was held on **November 13th** at **Sunken Meadow State Park** in **Long Island, New York**. **Angela Ciardelli** was **OCC's fastest runner**, finishing **7th overall** with a time of **21:05.80**. **Priscilla Robinson** was the **2nd OCC runner** to finish in **14th place** with a time of **21:43.05**. **Alyssa Collier** finished immediately after Priscilla in **15th place** with a time of **21:45.00**. For their **excellent performances**, **Angela, Priscilla, and Alyssa** were all named **2010 NJCAA Cross Country All-Americans**.

Stephanie Paluchowski, Meghan Duffield, and Theresa Messano rounded out the **Viking team** with **20th, 29th, and 42nd place** finishes, respectively, out of the **111 runner field**. **Mohawk Valley College, Utica, New York, won the meet**, and **SUNY Delhi, Oneonta, New York, placed third**.

Assistant Athletic Director AJ Trump will attend **Monday's meeting** with **Mr. Baynes** and **members of the Women's Cross Country Team** so we may **recognize their fine accomplishments**.

The **OCC Men's Cross Country Team** finished its season in **13th place** in the **nation**. **Congratulations** are extended to both the **men's and women's teams**.

- ◆ I am delighted to inform you that **Athletic Director Ilene Cohen** has been selected by the **New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women** to be **honored** at the **National Girls and Women in Sports Day Luncheon** that will be held on **Sunday, February 6, 2011, at Seton Hall University**.



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To receive this honor, a **nominee** must have **New Jersey connections** and have made **significant contributions** to **girls and women in sports**. The nominee can be an **athlete, coach, official, administrator, or professional**. The nominee must have a significant **measure of success** in her area of expertise.

Ms. Cohen is certainly **deserving** of this **honor**, and we are very **proud** of her.

Spring 2011 Colloquium

The **Spring 2011 Colloquium** is scheduled for **Friday, January 21, 2011**, in the **Theatre of the Arts and Community Center**. The **Evening Colloquium** for **adjunct faculty** will take place on **Thursday, January 20, 2010**.

Friday morning will begin with a **continental breakfast** from **8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.** in the **Center Lobby**. I will address the **faculty and staff** at **9:00 a.m.** The **Colloquium topic** will focus on various **revisionary aspects** of the **College Restructuring Plan**, including **curricular transformation**, a subject **faculty** have been **discussing** regularly since **January**. **Four faculty subgroups** have been **established**, and **each** will **present a workshop** following my presentation in an effort to create a **campus-wide conversation** on **curricular transformation**. The **topics** of the **workshop** have been **identified** by **faculty** as **important concerns** for our **academic programs**.

Additional details about the **Colloquium** will be shared with you as they **become available**. In the meantime, please **note the date** on your **calendars**.

Ocean County Arts High School Program

The **Arts High School Program**, administered by the **Arts and Education Center**, has been **operating** for **many years** in **Middlesex and Monmouth counties** and will **begin** in **Ocean County** in **February 2011**. The program is a **special released-time opportunity** for **artistically gifted and talented teens** to attend **classes** at **OCC**, and the **successful completion** of the **courses** will satisfy **high school graduation requirements**. The **classes** have also been **accredited** by **OCC**, and the **credits** may be used by the students to **achieve an A.S. Degree in Performing Arts**.

The **program** is open to all **students** in **9th through 12th grades**, and participants are **selected** for the **program** by **audition**; **Ocean County auditions** will be held on **Saturday, December 11th**. **Arts High School classes** will meet for a **14-week term** from **February to May 2011**. The **courses of study** include **multi-genre writing, poetry, modern dance, jazz improv, music composition, brass ensemble, woodwind ensemble, percussion ensemble, musical theatre, theatre arts, visual arts, photography, and film making**.



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The program is **made possible** in part by a **grant** from the **New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State**, a **partner agency** of the **National Endowment for the Arts**. **Dr. Nancy Gerry, OCC Director of School Relations**, will be **coordinating** the **program** for the College.

Ocean County College Arts and Community Center

A **number of events** are scheduled in our **newly renovated Arts and Community Center** for the **College community** and the **residents of Ocean County**:

The **month of December** will feature several **holiday performances**:

- ◆ The **OCC Concert Band** presents *The Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, **2:00 p.m.** and **8:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, December 4th**
- ◆ **Ballet for Young Audiences** presents *The Nutcracker*, **1:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, December 5th**
- ◆ The **Community Chorus of OCC** presents *Holiday Journeys*, **8:00 p.m.** on **Saturday, December 11th**, and **2:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, December 12th**
- ◆ **Yates Musical Theatre** presents *A Christmas Carol*, **1:00 p.m.** on **Sunday, December 19th**

In addition, the **Ocean County College Arts and Community Center Gallery** will **host exhibits** featuring **local** and **national artists**:

- ◆ **Now through December 12th**, **American Artists Professional League**
- ◆ **January 14th through February 13th**, **Photographer Diane Clayton** and **Glass Sculptor Yvonne Yaar**
- ◆ **February 14th through March 16th**, **Ocean County Teen Arts Festival**
- ◆ **March 21st through April 29th**, **Ocean County College Student/Faculty Art Show**
- ◆ **May 2nd through May 31st**, **Louis Riccio** and **Students**, and **Ceramicist Judi Tavill**
- ◆ **June**, the **Annual 2011 Senior Citizens Art Show**



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Several **recitals** are also scheduled for **December**, all of which are **sponsored** by the **School of Languages and the Arts**:

- ◆ **December 7th** – **Student Recital** with **music of various styles, 2:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **December 8th** – **Guitar Recital** by **students** of adjunct instructor **Dr. Keith Calmes, 5:30 p.m.**
- ◆ **December 9th** – **The Art of Marimba**, with **Greg Giannascoli** on **marimba** and **Yukyung Kim** on **piano, 11:00 a.m.**