

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 **February 26, 2008, Board Meeting**

DATE: February 21, 2008

“My Boss is a Patriot” Award

The New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NJESGR) is a Department of Defense volunteer organization that provides free education, consultation, and mediation for employers of Guard and Reserve employees. Its goal is to support and recognize New Jersey’s employers who share their employees with the Department of Defense to ensure our national security.

The NJESGR sponsors an awards program designed to recognize employers for employment policies and practices that are supportive of their employees’ participation in the National Guard and Reserve. Mr. Alan Smith, OCC Adjunct Instructor of History, and Training Director for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, nominated Ocean County College for the “My Boss is a Patriot” award.

In conjunction with this **nationally recognized award**, a **“Statement of Support”** is signed by the employer. The **Chairman of the New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Mr. Carmen Venticinque**, and **Mr. Smith** will attend **Monday’s meeting**, at which time a **“Statement of Support”** ceremony will take place and the **Certificate of Appreciation** will be presented.

Official Spring 2008 Enrollment

The **first day** of the **Spring 2008 Quick Term** is **Monday, February 25th**. As of **today**, there are **429 students** registered for a total of **2,022 credits**, representing an **increase in total enrollment of 4.6%** and an **increase in total credit hours of 19.9%** over the same time last year. **Full-time** enrollment is **up 60% (24 students)** while **part-time** student enrollment is **up 2.5% (405 students)**.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** has **invited** all **trustees** to attend its **Trustee Education Seminar** on **Monday, February 25th**, at **5 p.m.** at the **Forsgate Country Club**. This special seminar features **Dr. Richard Chait**, a **Professor** at the **Harvard Graduate School of Education**, who is one of **America’s leading experts** on **nonprofit governance** and **college and university management**. Dr. Chait will discuss **three modes of governance, fiduciary, strategic, and generative**, that lead to **effective trusteeship**.

If your schedule permits, please **consider attending** this important seminar. You are also **invited** to join the **presidents** for **dinner** from **6 to 6:30 p.m.** I would be pleased to have you **ride with me** if you plan to attend.

Community College National Legislative Summit

As I mentioned to you in last month’s report, I attended the **2008 Community College National Legislative Summit** in **Washington, D.C.** from **February 11th through February 13th**. **Mr. Van Thulin, Mr. Dave Wolfe, and Ms. April Wennlund** accompanied me to the conference.

We were fortunate that **Mr. Wolfe** was able to secure personal **appointments** for us to meet with both of our **Congressional delegates, Congressman H. James Saxton and Congressman Christopher H. Smith**. We discussed several issues with the Congressmen, including **funding requests** for **three important OCC projects**:

- ◆ **The Center for Peace, Genocide, and Holocaust Studies** - To **facilitate educational programs** to **enhance public discourse** regarding **diversity, civility, and democracy**.

- ◆ **The Center for Coastal and Environmental Studies** - To foster excellence through environmental education, science, and conservation and to promote environmental sustainability.
- ◆ **The Math and Science Initiative** - To engage parents, students, and teachers through advocacy and educational programs to view mathematics and science as meaningful for technological careers and to pursue studies in these disciplines.

Mr. Thulin, Mr. Wolfe, and I have attended this conference for several years and the trip has always been quite beneficial. I do, however, want to commend **Ms. Wennlund** for her participation this year. She was an outstanding representative for both the college's students and Board of Trustees. She was interested, inquisitive, and engaging, so much so that several trustees and presidents from other colleges commented on our good fortune to have **Ms. Wennlund** as a member of our Board.

Ocean County College Athletics

- ◆ **Ms. Oriana Smith** was named the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Ms. Smith led Ocean County College to a 73-67 win over Middlesex County College on January 5th, with 9 of 18 successful shots from the field (.500) and 11 of 14 from the charity stripe (.786). **Ms. Dana Kovich**, first-year coach of the women's basketball team, nominated **Ms. Smith** because of her consistent play, her athletic ability, and her leadership qualities.

These attributes led to Ms. Smith being selected as the 2007 Ocean County College Athlete of the Year. She and other female athletes from all colleges and high schools throughout New Jersey were honored February 3rd at Seton Hall University as part of the state recognition of National Girls and Women in Sports Day.

In addition to basketball, Ms. Smith has been a standout player in softball. As a freshman, she earned All-Region and All-Conference honors as OCC's clean-up hitter and centerfielder. Ms. Smith is also an outstanding student and is a NJ STARS Student Athlete.

- ◆ The NJCAA Region XIX men's basketball game between Ocean County College and Atlantic Cape Community College on Tuesday night, February 5th, was an historical event.

Two of the players, one from Ocean and one from Atlantic Cape, scored 1,000 junior college points. With 16.17 remaining in the second half, Atlantic Cape's guard, **Ricky White**, reached 1,000 points, the first player at Atlantic Cape to reach this milestone. Later in the game with 3.23 left, OCC's guard, **Anthony LaBruno**, scored the 1,000th point of his junior college career, making him the 5th male athlete to achieve 1,000 points. OCC won the game with a final score of 68-

53. Mr. LaBruno also was **recognized** as an **All-Region** and **All-Conference** player as a **freshman**.

Congratulations are expressed to both **Ms. Smith** and **Mr. LaBruno** for their **outstanding accomplishments**.

Women's History Month

The **month of March** is designated annually as national **Women's History Month**. This year's theme is **Women's Art: Women's Vision**. Many **activities** are being **developed** and **presented** by **faculty and administrators** to **honor** women's **contributions** to **America's development** as **leaders, writers, educators, politicians, artists, administrators, and informed citizens**.

It is **respectfully requested** that the trustees **adopt a resolution** to **proclaim March** as **Women's History Month** at Ocean County College and, further, to **encourage participation** by the college community in **activities** on campus.

Dates to Remember

- ◆ **Monday, March 3rd – New Jersey Council of County Colleges Trustee Ambassador Day, the Statehouse in Trenton**
- ◆ **Friday, March 14th – Board of Trustees Retreat, 12 noon to 3 p.m. in the Technology Building Conference Room**
- ◆ **Wednesday, May 14th - The 7th Annual Ocean County College Foundation Golf Outing at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood. The rain date is Wednesday, June 25th.**

**OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE
Board of Trustees**

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, March is designated as Women’s History Month and the national theme for the 2008 celebration is “Women’s Art: Women’s Vision”; and

WHEREAS, Ocean County College wishes to celebrate the contributions of Women to America’s development as leaders, writers, educators, politicians, artists, administrators, and informed citizens; and

WHEREAS, the faculty and administrators of Ocean County College have joined together to develop and present many original activities honoring the contributions of Women to our college, county and country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the month of March 2008 be proclaimed as Women’s History Month at Ocean County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the college community and the public are invited to participate in the presentations that will be offered here at Ocean County College for Women’s History Month.

Linda L. Novak
Secretary

Adopted: February 25, 2008