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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

FROM: Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.
President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **January 26, 2009, Board Meeting**

DATE: January 23, 2009

Ocean County College Foundation

The **OceanFirst Foundation** has been the **major sponsor** of the **Ocean County College Foundation summer galas** for **many years**, dating back to when **Senator and Mrs. William Hierung** hosted the **event** at their **home**. Last year, OceanFirst **continued** its **commitment** to the event with a **three-year pledge** of **\$165,000**.

On Monday, we will **welcome** several **OceanFirst officers** to our meeting. **Ms. Nina Anuario, Vice President of Business Development, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Vice President of Trust and Asset Management, and Ms. Kathy Durante, Executive Director of the OceanFirst Foundation**, will present a **\$55,000 check**, representing the **second installment** of the **pledge**, to **Mr. Joseph Coronato, Vice Chair of the OCC Foundation, Ms. Sandy Broughton, Executive Director of Resource Development, Mr. Van Thulin, and me**.

The presentation on Monday will provide us with the opportunity to **express** our **deep gratitude** to **OceanFirst** for its **support**, especially in light of the **current difficult economic environment**.

Ocean County College FY 2010 Budget

The proposed **Ocean County College FY 2010 budget** will be **recommended** for **approval** by the trustees at **Monday's meeting**. Following Board approval, the **budget** will be **presented** to the **Ocean County College Board of School Estimate**; a meeting **date** has **not yet** been **determined**.

In keeping with **New Jersey Statutes**, the **Board of School Estimate** is comprised of **three freeholders** and **two trustees**. This year's Board of School Estimate **members** are **Freeholders John C. Bartlett, Jr., James F. Lacey, and Gerry P. Little** and **Board**



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Chair Van Thulin and Board Treasurer Jerry Dasti. Mrs. Linda Novak also attends the meeting as the Board Secretary.

Spring 2007 Enrollment

As of **this morning**, there are **9,141 students** registered for the **spring 2009 semester**, for a total of **94,294 credits**, representing an **increase in total enrollment of 9.5 percent** and an **increase in total credit hours of 12.2 percent** over last year. This is a **point-in-time comparison**; that is, a **comparison** of data for **one day prior** to the semester start date. The semester **begins Thursday, January 22nd**. **Full-time enrollment** is up **13.5 percent (5,158 students)**, while **part-time student enrollment** is up **4.7 percent (3,983 students)**.

Mr. Chengbo Yin, Research and Assessment Administrator, will provide **updated enrollment data** at **Monday's meeting**.

Spring Semester Colloquium

On **Tuesday, January 20th**, the **college community** came **together** for a very meaningful **2009 Spring Colloquium**. I have shared with you a copy of my **state-of-the-college address**, "**An Environment of Positive Change**," a **theme** drawn from the **work** of our **keynote speaker**, **Professor John Gardner**. Professor Gardner is the **Executive Director** of the **Center for the Foundations of Excellence in the First Year of College** at the **University of South Carolina**.

As I informed you in my **November President's Report**, **Ocean County College** was selected as **one of 50 colleges and universities** nationwide to **participate** in **Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year**, a **comprehensive, guided self-study** and **improvement process** that **enhances** an institution's **ability** to **realize** its **goals** for **student learning, success, and persistence**. The **purpose** of this project will be to **produce** an **evidence-based action plan** for **change** that will **improve** the **quality of education** for **students** during the **first college year**.

Professor Gardner was an **interesting, stimulating, and entertaining speaker**, who was extremely **complimentary** of **Ocean County College**. He **recognized** our **leadership** in many areas, such as **learning assessment, program offerings, and student orientation activities**, among others. This was especially **rewarding** in that Professor Gardner has **visited** many **colleges** over the past **several years** as he travels **nationwide** to support his program. In fact, he noted that he will **reference Ocean County College's successes** as he speaks to other colleges in the **future**.



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Professor Gardner was **available** for the **entire day**, meeting with **faculty, students, and administrators**. In addition, he addressed **adjunct faculty** at the **Evening Colloquium**.

Mr. Van Thulin, Dr. Bruce Greenfield, and Mrs. Linda Novak joined us for **Colloquium**, and their **presence** was very much **appreciated**.

Student Leadership Development Conference

Once again, I attended the **College's Student Leadership Development Conference** and, as always, this continues to be an **outstanding activity** for **all participants**. The conference was held on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 7th, 8th, and 9th**, at **Villa Roma** in **Callicoon, New York**. Each year, I am **invigorated** by the **program** and **my interaction** with the **students**. I have said it before but I must **tell you again**, this program, **led** by **Vice President Don Doran** and his **staff**, is the **finest** I have ever encountered. The conference is **stimulating**, **students** have the opportunity to **learn** and **grow**, and strong **personal relationships** are developed by **students, faculty, and staff**.

This year, **42 students** participated in the conference. In addition to **Mr. Doran** and **me**, other **faculty** and **administrators** included **Ms. Jennifer Fazio, Ms. Dana Lauro, Ms. Nancy Polonitza, Ms. Megan Procaccini, Ms. Maureen Reustle, Dr. William Rickert, Ms. Elaine Schardien, Mr. Richard Strada, Dr. Kathy Tietge, and Mr. AJ Trump**.

New Jersey College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is an **annual event** designed to **assist low income and first generation students** in **completing** the **national application** for college **financial aid**, the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, and providing information on available **financial aid resources**. **Co-sponsored** by the **New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA)** and the **Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA)**, with a **grant** from the **Lumina Foundation**, this program will take place on **February 8th** at **1:00 p.m.** in the **Technology Building**, with a **snow date** of **February 15th**.

As a result of the **efforts** of **Dr. Norma Betz, Director of Financial Aid**, Ocean County College is **one** of **nine New Jersey colleges** that will **host College Goal Sunday** this year. The event is **publicized** in the **high schools** and encourages **low income students** to **attend college**. **Volunteers** from our **Financial Aid, Educational Opportunity**



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Fund, and **Accounting** areas will **assist** the **students** at the event. **Presentations** will be made in **English** and **Spanish**.

Dr. Betz will be at **Monday's meeting** to provide **additional information** on this **important offering**.

Black History Month

February is designated **nationally** as **Black History Month**. I respectfully request that the Board of Trustees **adopt** the attached **resolution proclaiming February** as **Black History Month** at **Ocean County College**.

The **Offices of Student Life, Multicultural Services, and Educational Opportunity Fund** are sponsoring **several events** to celebrate **Black History Month**:

- ◆ **Thursday, January 29th – 12:00 noon, Black History Month Opening and Raising of the Black Flag** on the campus mall, with a **reception** following in the **College Center Solar Lounge**, featuring **percussionist Michael Wingfield, "Songs and Rhythms of the African New World."**
- ◆ **Monday, February 2nd – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Read-In Day: Quest for Black Citizenship in the Americas**, sponsored by the **English Department**. **Refreshments** will be served; **College Center Solar Room**.
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 10th – 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble**. **Refreshments** will be served; **College Center Solar Lounge**.
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 17th – 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Blacks During the Civil War – A Living History**, featuring presentations from the **re-enactment groups** of the **6th U.S. Colored Troop Regiment** and **Teretha Jones of Ladies of the Civil War Civilians**. A **reception** will follow; **College Center Solar Room**.
- ◆ **Thursday, February 26th – 12:00 noon, Lowering of the Black Flag** on the campus mall, with a **reception** following in the **College Center Solar Lounge**.

OCC Interpreter Training Program

Seventeen students celebrated the **completion** of the **Interpreter Training Program** at the **fifth graduation ceremony** held on **Friday, January 16th**. A total of **128 students** have now received **certificates of completion** for this **challenging program** since its **first graduation** in **January 2005**.



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To date, **21 students** have passed the **Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA)**, which is **required** to work as an **interpreter** in **New Jersey public schools**. **Eight graduates** have passed the **written portion** of the **national Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID)**. When they are successful on the **performance segment** of the test, they will be **nationally certified interpreters**.

In addition, **Ms. Michele Stover** successfully **passed** the **Skills Competency Proficiency Interview (SCPI)** in order to become a **teacher** of the **deaf**. She was informed by her interviewer that she was the **only one** of **three hearing people** who received a **score** of **superior** in his **13 years** of **administering** the test.

Ocean County College was **designated** recently as a **RID Supersite**. **RID** is the **only national certifying body** for **sign language interpreters**. Any individual who would like to take the **National Interpreter Test** can now do so here **on campus**. Further, **Ms. Kathleen Basilotto, Assistant Professor of Humanities**, has become a **Licensed Test Administrator** for both **NIC** and **EIPA**.

Periodic Review Report, Middle States Commission on Higher Education

In December, the **Periodic Review Report Steering Committee** met for its **final reading** of the **draft Periodic Review Report**, which is due to the **Middle States Commission on Higher Education** on **June 1st**. It will be **reviewed** by the **College Assessment Committee** on **February 11th**, **campus-wide public hearings** will be held during the **week** of **February 23rd**, and the **Steering Committee** will **edit** and **prepare** the **final document** in **April** and **May**.

A copy of the **draft report** will be **distributed to you** at **Monday's meeting** for your review.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

Attached is a copy of the **Winter 2009 Ocean County College Viking Update**, a **newsletter** from the **Department of Athletics**. Please take a few minutes to **read** about the **achievements** of **OCC teams** and **athletes**, such as:

- ◆ **Women's Soccer Team** – 2008 Conference Champions, Region XIX Champions, District C Champions, and National Runner-Up
- ◆ **Women's Tennis Team** – 2007 Conference Champions, Region XIX Runner-Up, and 2008 National Runner-Up



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- ◆ **Men's Swim Team** – 2008 National Runner-Up
- ◆ **Women's Swim Team** – 2008 3rd place in Nation
- ◆ **Men's Golf Team** – 2008 Region XIX Champions, National Championships Participant
- ◆ **Individual athletes** who earned **2008 academic honors** in the Garden State Athletic Conference and Region XIX
- ◆ **2008 All-Americans**, National Junior College Athletic Association and Garden State Athletic Conference

In addition, please note the **article** highlighting the efforts of **OCC teams** to **support local children** in the community through **participation** in **Kevin's Kids Christmas Drive**, an organization which helps Santa **visit** the **homes** of **disadvantaged children**. The **fundraising efforts** were **led** by the **Men's Basketball team**, and **\$1,200** was **raised** in just **two weeks**.

Community College National Legislative Summit

The **Association of Community College Trustees** and the **American Association of Community Colleges** is again **sponsoring** the **2009 Community College National Legislative Summit** in **Washington, D.C.** from **Monday to Wednesday, February 9th to 11th**.

Mr. Van Thulin, Mr. David Wolfe, and I will be meeting with **state and national legislators**, including **Congressmen Chris Smith and John Adler**, to discuss **items of importance** to **Ocean County College** specifically as well as to support the **AACC/ACCT** and the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** agendas. We will also attempt to **meet** with President Obama's new **Environmental Protection Agency Administrator**, former NJ DEP Commissioner, **Ms. Lisa Jackson**.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** has the following **events** planned for the **spring semester**:

- ◆ **Trustee Ambassador Day – March** (date not yet determined) at the Statehouse in Trenton



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- ◆ **Best Practices Conference – April 23rd and 24th** at Hudson County Community College
- ◆ **Phi Theta Kappa Day – May 11th** at the Marriott Hotel in Trenton
- ◆ **Annual Trustee Conference/Spirit Award Dinner – June 15th** at the Marriott Hotel in Trenton

Board of Trustees Retreats

The following **dates** have been scheduled during **2009** for **Board of Trustees Retreats**, which will be held in the **Conference Room** of the **Technology Building**. All meetings will **begin** at **12 noon**.

- ◆ **Friday, March 6, 2009**
- ◆ **Friday, June 5, 2009**
- ◆ **Friday, September 11, 2009**
- ◆ **Friday, December 11, 2009**

Commendations

- ◆ **Congratulations** are extended to the **College Advancement** team, which was recently notified of **two special awards**:
 - ◆ The **Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)** awarded Ocean County College a **CASE District II Accolade Silver Award in Webcase/Podcast/CD/DVD Features** for its **Student Recruitment, "A Celebration of Scholarships,"** video. **CASE District II**, the **largest** of the **eight CASE districts**, is a **regional organization** of **advancement professionals** in the areas of **alumni relations, communications, and philanthropy**. Its **purpose** is to **advance the knowledge** of its **members** through **training programs, communication, and networking**.
 - ◆ The **National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR)** announced that Ocean County College will receive an **award** at its **national conference** in **March** in the **logo design** category. NCMPR represents **marketing and public relations professionals** at **community and technical colleges** and offers a broad range of **professional growth opportunities** and **support services**. It includes



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more than **1,500 members** from nearly **600 colleges** across the **United States, Canada, and other countries.**

- ◆ I also want to recognize the students in the **College's NJ STARS Program**, who worked with **seventh- and eighth-grade students** at **Lavallette Elementary School** to teach them how to be **good role models** for others in their community. In a **joint project**, the group **raised funds** for **Simon's Soup Kitchen** in **Seaside Heights**, which bought **toys** for the Kitchen's **Christmas party** as well as added to its **general fund** to **purchase food**. The **goal** of the program was to **raise students' social consciousness** through helping someone their own age.

Athletic Program Nationally Ranked

In the Summer 2008 Special Edition of the *JUCO Review* published by the National Junior College Athletic Association, Ocean County College Athletic Program was ranked among the top 20 athletic programs (#17) in the nation by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA). We also had over half of our teams (6) recognized as Academic Team of the Year (Team GPA of 3.0 or higher) with our Men's Swim Team having the highest GPA of all Men's Swim teams in the nation. Other sports recognized with a 3.0 team GPA or higher were Women's Swimming, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer and Men's Tennis.

OCC's Athletic Department has many opportunities for students to participate on our teams. Presently we are offering: Tennis, Baseball, Swimming, Basketball, Golf, Soccer, and Softball on the Varsity level, and club sports set up through our Student Life Office including Judo, Sailing, and Cheerleading. Many collegiate athletic programs have one trait that continually fuels successful seasons. We are proud to have a time honored tradition of achievement both in the classroom as well as with our teams.

To learn more about OCC Athletics, visit the "Athletics" quick link located on the college webpage, www.ocean.edu.



Top 5 National Poll Womens Soccer

- 1 Broome Community College
- 2 **OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE**
- 3 College of DuPage
- 4 Jefferson Community College
- 5 Finger Lakes Community College

OCC Teams Finish in the Final Four



Ocean County College Women's Soccer Team • 2008 Conference Champions • 2008 Region XIX Champions • 2008 District C Champions • 2008 National Runner-Up

OCC WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM



- 2007 Conference Champions
- 2007 Region Runner-Up
- 2008 National Runner-Up

OCC SWIM TEAMS



- Men – 2008 National Runner-Up, Non-Scholarship Division; Women – 2008 3rd place in the Nation, Non Scholarship Division

The women's soccer team played in the NJCAA National Division III Tournament held at Richland College in Dallas, Texas in November 2008. The team won the opening game to advanced to the finals; then coming up short in the final game to Broome Community College by a score of 2-1. Four of the OCC Vikings earned All Tournament Team Recognition: Ashley Bechtle, Catherine Dyciewski, Kristen DeMuth and Stefanie Bonsky. OCC Womens Soccer coach Karen Trump earned Fall 2008 Coach of the Year honors for both the GSAC and Region 19 division III of junior colleges.

Womens Tennis finished second in the nation in the NJCAA National Division III Tournament in Tuscon, Arizona in May 2008. OCC swim teams for the non-schol-

arship division, the men finished second in the nation and the women finished third. Their tournament was held in Ft. Pierce, Florida in March 2008. The OCC mens golf team won the championship of the Region 19 tournament and competed at the NJCAA Division III finals in Jamestown, NY.

OCC MEN'S GOLF TEAM



- 2008 Region XIX Champions
- 2008 National Championships Participant

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

New Facilities Coming to Campus

Here on the Toms River campus, a new athletic facilities construction project will begin in Spring 2009. This will include new tennis courts, a multi-purpose turf field, a walking path, and additional campus parking. These facilities will enable the college to host high school and collegiate regional and national tournaments.

2008 AWARD WINNERS NJCAA ALL-AMERICANS

Women's Soccer

Ashley Bechtle, *Brick Memorial*
Danielle Pagano, *Notre Dame*

ALL-REGION 2008 NJCAA Reg. 19

Men's Soccer

Clayton Gashlin, *Central Regional*
Keil O'Donnell, *Toms River North*
Ryan O'Donnell, *Toms River North*

Women's Soccer

Ashley Bechtle, *Brick Memorial*
Stefanie Boksky, *Southern Regional*
Cathy Dyciewski, *Brick Memorial*
Danielle Pagano, *Notre Dame*

Women's Tennis

2nd Doubles

Jaclyn Britton, *Brick Memorial*
Allison Huggan, *Toms River South*

4th Singles

Jaclyn Britton, *Brick Memorial*
Rachael Bonofide, *Toms River South*
3rd Doubles
Rachel Bonafide, *Toms River South*
Larissa Burgdorfer, *Toms River East*

ALL-CONFERENCE 2008 Garden State Athl. Conf. (GSAC)

Men's Soccer

Clayton Gashlin, *Central Regional*
Noah Morris, *Brick Township*
Keil O'Donnell, *Toms River North*
Ryan O'Donnell, *Toms River North*

Women's Soccer

Kristen DeMuth, *Jackson Memorial*
Rebecca Fromosky, *Pinelands Reg.*
Kristen LaCour Point, *Pleasant Boro*
Kristina Laureigh, *Lacey*

Women's Tennis

2nd Doubles:

Jaclyn Britton, *Brick Memorial*
Allison Huggan, *Toms River South*

Teams Give Back to the Community

The OCC teams joined together this December to support local children in the community. Kevin's Kids Christmas Drive is an organization set up to help Santa visit the home of many disadvantaged children. The fundraising efforts were led by the Men's Basketball Team with assistance from other athletic teams. The total amount raised over the 2 week period came to \$1,200. Numerous toys and clothes were also donated.



OCC athletes participated in Kevin's Kids Christmas Drive fundraiser.

ATHLETES EARNING ACADEMIC HONORS, FALL '08 SEMESTER

ACADEMIC ALL GARDEN STATE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (GPA 3.0+)

Mens Soccer

Andrew Allen Jackson Memorial

Women's Swimming

Alyssa Kriegstein Central Regional

Men's Swimming

Ryan Connolly Southern Regional
Brian Mahoney Central Regional
Joe Vargovic Toms River South

Women's Basketball

Michelle Colantoni Brick Township
Robynn Frank New Egypt
Nicole Nelson Brick Memorial

ACADEMIC ALL REGION XIX AND ACADEMIC ALL GSAC (GPA 3.25+)

Women's Tennis

Jaclyn Britton Brick Memorial
Larissa Burgdorfer Toms River East
Maggie DeBenedictis Point Pleasant Borough
Mallory Garbaravage Pinelands Regional
Joelle Kisthardt New Egypt

Women's Soccer

Ashley Bechtle Brick Memorial
Kristen DeMuth Jackson Memorial
Cathy Dyciewski Brick Memorial
Alley Fumosa Toms River South
Kristen Graham Toms River North
Becky Hodnicki Lacey
Alyse Newman Brick Memorial

Men's Soccer

Nick Crenshaw Jackson Memorial
Clayton Gashlin Central Regional
Eric Istvanditsch, Jr. Toms River North
Noah Morris Brick Township
Keil O'Donnell Toms River North
Ryan O'Donnell Toms River North
Daniel O'Neil Toms River North
Jordan Panecki Toms River South
Kyril Petrosyan Lakewood
Joe Shore Toms River East

Women's Basketball

Melissa Berkheiser Southern Regional
Courtney Kroeze Brick Memorial
Deirdre Leifer Southern Regional
Kristie Martino New Egypt
Ria Zanetch Point Pleasant Borough

Men's Basketball

Ray Bickel Brick Memorial
Nick Cittadino Brick Memorial
Joshua Johnson Lakewood
Scott Packen Central Regional
Matt Rotonda Toms River East

Women's Swimming

Lauren Ashman Toms River South
Marion Burke Red Bank Catholic
Nicole Crimmins Point Pleasant Borough
Sarah Gallini Not Listed
Courtney Guadagno Central Regional
Jamie Hinshelwood Lacey
Jenny Lo Toms River East
Brittnay Nycz Toms River East
Ernie O'Conner Toms River South
Lydia Robinson Not Listed
Samantha Stutler Manchester
Bethany Wozniak Central Regional

Men's Swimming

Jeffery Capone Toms River South
Jason Jennings Southern Regional
Chris Lombardo Toms River East
Richard Maier Toms River South
Alan Miranda Toms River East
John O'Keefe Toms River South
Marc Syslo Monsignor Donovan



Athletic Director/Softball • **Ilene Cohen**
Asst. Athletic Director/W.Soccer • **A.J. Trump**
Athletic Office Manager • **Darlene LaMonica**
Trainer • **Mike Klecan**

Men's Basketball • **Rory Caswell**

Asst. Men's Basketball • **Taurean Fisher**

Women's Basketball • **Dana Kovich**

Asst. Women's Basketball • **Nicole Ciocher**

Swimming • **Steve Stout**

Baseball • **Ernie Leta**

Asst. Baseball • **Jason Leta**

Men's Soccer • **Jason Asch**

Asst. Men's Soccer • **Brian Huttemann**

Women's Soccer • **Karen Trump**

Asst. Softball • **Jill Romanovsky**

Tennis • **Stan Friedman**

Golf • **Kevin Beirne**

Club Cheerleading • **Patricia McNally**

Club Sailing • **Roy Wilkins**

Intramurals • **Ellen Eagan**

Information

- Athletic Department 732.255.0345
 - www.ocean.edu
- (click "Athletics" in the Quick-link area)
- OceanTV20 on Comcast
 - www.njcaa.org
 - www.region19.org