



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **July 27, 2009, Board Meeting**

DATE: July 22, 2009

John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall

A **dedication ceremony** for the **John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall** will be held immediately **following** the **August 24th Board of Trustees meeting**. The dedication **program** will include **remarks** by **Mr. Bartlett, local dignitaries, trustees, and me**. Refreshments and a **brief tour** of this **impressive building** will be provided to **ceremony attendees**.

New Jersey State Budget

Governor Corzine signed the **FY 2010 State budget** on **June 29th**. At **\$29 billion**, it is nearly **\$4 billion below** the **FY 2009 budget**, a **12 percent cut**. Although the **budgets** of most all **other departments and agencies** were cut, **community colleges** were **fortunate to receive**:

- ◆ **Level operating aid**
- ◆ **Full funding of Chapter 12 capital program** (9 percent increase)
- ◆ **Full funding of the NJ STARS program** (21 percent increase)
- ◆ **Full funding of Tuition Aid Grants for part-time community college students** (11 percent increase)

The **community college sector** is very **appreciative** of the **Governor's support** in **FY 2010**. However, the **sector** also **recognizes** that the State's **long-term financial picture** is **not** at all **encouraging**, and it is evident that **community colleges** will be **facing** the same **budget cuts and restrictions** in **FY 2011** experienced by **State institutions** and **other agencies** this year. In order to **continue** our **academic excellence** and **service to students** in the **coming years**, we need to **plan strategically**, consider **innovative ways** to fulfill our **mission**, and **reduce** our **expenditures**.



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Energy Reduction Project

The **Energy Reduction Project** is a combination of **energy conservation measures** and **lighting control improvements**. Our **buildings** will become **smart** by **sensing the presence of people in rooms**. As individuals **enter or leave** a room, **lights** will **turn on or off** automatically, **fans** will adjust their **speed** as necessary, and **air conditioning or heating power** will be **regulated** as appropriate based on the **heating or cooling load demand**. These **energy conservation measures** will assure a **comfortable environment** when the **rooms are occupied** and **reduce energy** when the **rooms are empty**.

In addition to realizing true energy savings, **older unreliable equipment** will be **replaced**. The **Library, Administration Building, Health Sciences Building, Health and Physical Education Center, College Center, and W. Kable Russell Building** are all being **retrofitted** with this **new equipment**. **'Green' lighting upgrades** are also being **implemented** throughout the **campus**.

This **project** is **budgeted** at **\$2.65 million**. The College will receive **\$20,000** in **rebates**, and it is anticipated that our **annual energy savings** will be **\$285,000 initially**, and **more** as energy costs **increase** in the **years ahead**.

Mr. Ken Olsen, Director of Facilities Engineering and Operations, will provide **additional information** at **Monday's meeting** as well as **answer any questions** you may have.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

The **Ocean County College Athletics Program** was named by the **National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletics Administrators (NATYCAA)** as **ninth best program in the country** in its **2008-2009 Non-Scholarship Division Top 10 Cup winners**. The **NATYCAA Cup program**, which was **established in 2004**, recognizes **excellence in two-year college athletics** based on **success in championship competition**.

Now in its **23rd** year, **NATYCAA** is the **professional organization of two-year college athletics administrators**. **Membership** is open to all **two-year institutions** throughout the **country**.

To be **recognized nationally** for our **athletics program** is an **outstanding achievement** for the College, and it is with great pleasure that I extend **congratulations** to **Ms. Ilene Cohen, Director of Athletics, Mr. AJ Trump, Assistant Director Athletics**, our **many coaches**, and especially our **student-athletes**. This recognition could not have been achieved without the **tremendous effort and hard work** of **all involved** with the **Athletics Program**.



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Community College Week

Community College Week, a biweekly publication providing news stories, feature articles, and guest opinion columns dedicated to community, technical, and junior college issues, recognized Ocean County College in its June 15th edition as part of its analysis of Top 100 associate degree, one-year certificate, and two-year certificate producers.

The current analysis pertains to degrees and certificates awarded during the 2007-2008 academic year. The data was collected by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set (IPEDS) completion survey. The Top 100 listings include institutions that have awarded the largest number of associate degrees and certificates. The analysis includes community colleges, less than two-year institutions, and four-year colleges and universities and is limited to institutions accredited by either a regional or specialized accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ocean County College was ranked 21st in the number of Criminal Justice associate degrees awarded in 2007-2008 (111) and 26th in the number of degrees awarded in the Security and Protective Services category (112).

It is noteworthy that this year's Top 100 list shows that the top spot in overall associate degree production now belongs to the online campus of the University of Phoenix. This only reinforces Ocean County College's efforts to continually increase the number of distance learning courses to meet student demand.

Phi Beta Lambda

The mission of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) is to advance the academic and professional knowledge of its members through State and National conferences and combine their education and life experiences to become actively involved in Ocean County College and the community. This past year, PBL recruited 116 new student members who work with the chapter's 14 professional members.

In the last four years, PBL's emphasis has been placed on aid to the community. Many nonprofit organizations, such as Providence House, Oceans of Love, the Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Ocean and Monmouth County Food Banks, Relay for Life, and the Ocean County College Harvest Party have benefited through monetary and tangible goods donations as well as from numerous hours of volunteer work.

The Phi Beta Lambda National Conference was held in Anaheim, California, in June. Several students attended the conference for the second time and received awards:



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- ◆ **Rudy Leustek, 4th in the Nation in Client Services and 13th in Impromptu Speaking**
- ◆ **Frank Gorman, OCC PLB President and State Membership Director, recognized in Who's Who in New Jersey**
- ◆ **Carmen Shepherd, placed as an Outstanding Officer**
- ◆ **Rondel Lewis accepted OCC's PBL awards for Most Professional Memberships for the Eastern Region and Gold Seal Chapter Award of the Nation**

It should be noted that **PBL students** may only travel to **one national conference** utilizing **Student Life funding** while at OCC, so the **second year students** mentioned above **paid their own travel expenses**.

Students who attended the conference for the **first time** were **Nicole Galanos, who placed 14th in the Nation for Public Speaking, Ray Brophy, Christie Nann, Travis Cheney, Nicole Scerbo, and Josh Hahn.**

The **winners** of these **highly competitive** and **prestigious awards** were selected from among **PBL's membership of 250,000 students and advisers** and represent some of the **best and brightest of today's youth**.

The **success of OCC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter** is due to the **dedication** and **commitment** of many whose **efforts on behalf of our students** are **deeply appreciated**:

- ◆ **Ms. Katherine Dillon, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Advisor and Phi Beta Lambda Executive Board**
- ◆ **Ms. Jennifer Fazio, Director of Student Life, who serves as Student Advisor mentor**
- ◆ **Ms. Wendy Giarratana, Administrative Assistant, who won the Outstanding Professional of the Year award representing New Jersey**
- ◆ **Ms. Barbara Napolitano, Associate Professor of Business Studies**
- ◆ **Mr. Francis Polk, Provost of Off-Campus Programs**
- ◆ **Ms. Virginia Reilly, Professor of Business Studies**
- ◆ **Mr. Henry D. Schwartz, Associate Professor of Business Studies, who won the Local Chapter Professional of the Year award**