



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **June 16 2008, Board Meeting**

DATE: June 11, 2008

Ocean County College Security

In **April 2007**, I requested that the College's **emergency management systems and procedures** related to **campus security** be **reviewed** and **updated**. Since that time, the **OCC Emergency Manual** has been **revised** and, utilizing **new technologies, communication systems** have been **implemented** to better **communicate** with **students and employees**.

I have asked **Dr. Jim McGinty, Executive Vice President**, to provide you with a **brief summary** on **Monday** of the actions that have been taken to **improve security and emergency communication systems** on campus.

Middle States Periodic Review Report

The College's **five-year Periodic Review Report** is due to the **Middle States Commission on Higher Education** by **June 1, 2009**. This report will take the form of a **modified self-study**, which will include **six sections**: An **executive summary**, a **status report** on the **2004 Middle States** visiting team **recommendations**, a **brief summary** of the College's **major challenges and current opportunities, enrollment and financial projections** for the next **five years**, evidence that the **outcomes assessment processes** are **in place** and the **results** being **utilized**, and evidence that **linked planning and budgeting** are **in place**.

Since **October 2007**, the **Steering Committee** was **established**, **subcommittees** were **identified** and have **met** to **review documents and collect data**, and **reports of findings** are being **drafted**.

Ms. Janet Hubbs, Assistant to the President for Institutional Quality and Chair of the Steering Committee, will **update** you on **Monday** on the **progress** being made on the **Periodic Review Report**.



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New Jersey Council of County Colleges

I hope you will be able to join us for the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges' "Best Practices and Best Principles"** conference for New Jersey community college **trustees, presidents, and foundation board members** on **Monday, June 16th**, from **3 to 8 p.m.** at the **Trenton Marriott at Lafayette Yard Hotel**.

OCC was **selected** to be **one** of the **three presentations** at this **conference**. **Judge Robert Fall** and **Mr. Dave Wintrode** will present OCC's best practice, **"The Reach for the Stars Campaign: A Success Story."**

The recipients of the **2008 New Jersey Council of County Colleges Legislative Excellence Award** and the **2008 New Jersey Community College Spirit Awards** will also be **recognized** at the **June 16th conference**.

The Ocean County College Foundation

The **OCC Foundation's Executive Board**, at its meeting on **Wednesday, June 11th**, **approved** the **concept** of a **new scholarship program, OCC STARS 21**, which will provide **financial assistance** to Ocean County **students** who **graduate** with a high school **class rank** of **21% to 30%**. As you know, the **NJ STARS Program** provides **full tuition** aid to high school **students** who **graduate** in the **top 20%** of their **class**. This new Foundation program will **recognize** and **reward** those **students** in the **next 10%** who are also **high achievers** and **deserving** of **scholarships**.

It is anticipated that **OCC STARS 21** will begin in **fall 2009** following a **fundraising campaign** during the **next year** to gain **support** for the **program**. The **specific criteria** for the program will also be **determined** during the **next year**.

American Association of Community Colleges

I am attending the **American Association of Community Colleges' Presidents Academy Summer Institute** in **Kennebunkport, Maine**, from **Sunday, July 13th**, through **Thursday, July 17th**. This Institute is **dedicated** to the **professional renewal** and **recognition** of **community college CEO's** and is considered one of the **premier professional development experiences**, providing an opportunity for **in-depth examination** of **various topics**, using **veteran presenters** and **actual case studies**.

Dr. Robert C. Messina, President of Burlington County College, is currently serving as **Chair** of the **Presidents Academy**. **Support** for the **Summer Institute** is being provided by **Phi Theta Kappa** and **Sungard Higher Education**.



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Middle States Commission on Higher Education

On **Thursday, June 12th**, I attended a meeting of the **Middle States Commission on Higher Education's Committee on Evaluation Reports** at which I presented my **confidential brief to recommend Commission action on the reaccreditation of Lehigh Carbon Community College**. This visit brings **closure** to my **Chairmanship** of the **Evaluation Team** that visited **Lehigh Carbon Community College** in **April**. Following the **presentation** of my **Chair's Brief** to the **Commissioners**, my **responsibilities as Chair** are **fully discharged**.

Announcements/Reminders

- ◆ The **OCC Foundation Gala** will take place on **Saturday, September 6th**, at **6 p.m.** on the **campus mall**. This year's honoree is **OceanFirst Foundation** in recognition of its **outstanding commitment** to the **OCC Foundation** and the **Ocean County community**.
- ◆ **Judy and I** will be **participating** in the **Mystical Ireland Tour** sponsored by **OCC's Academy for Lifelong Learning**. We will **depart** on **Sunday, June 22nd**, **arrive** in **Dublin** on **Monday, June 23rd**, and travel throughout the country during the **ten-day trip**, returning **home** again on **Wednesday, July 2nd**. During my **absence**, **Dr. Jim McGinty** will assume the **responsibilities** of **Acting President**.