

President's
Report
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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for **June 26, 2006, Board Meeting**

DATE: June 21, 2006

Ocean County College Foundation Gala

The **Ocean County College Foundation “Happy Days” Gala** has been scheduled for **Saturday, September 9th**, at **6 p.m.** on the college **campus mall**. This year’s **Humanitarian** is **Mr. Zev Rosen**.

The **OceanFirst Foundation** has been a **major sponsor** of the Gala for **many years**. Once again **this year**, OceanFirst is supporting the Gala with a **donation of \$55,000**. At Monday’s meeting, two representatives from OceanFirst, **Ms. Kathy Durante, Executive Director of the OceanFirst Foundation**, and **Mr. Michael O’Brien, Senior Vice President of Trust and Asset Management**, will present this check to **Mr. David Wintrode, OCC Foundation Chair; Mr. Thomas Hourigan, OCC Foundation Gala Committee Chair; Ms. Sandy Broughton, Executive Director of the OCC Foundation; Mr. Van Thulin, and me**.

I am extremely pleased that the **College** and the **Foundation** will enjoy a **closer relationship** as we move into the future. This partnership will **benefit both parties** by achieving a **greater integration** of our **activities** and **eliminating duplicated efforts**, which will ultimately translate into **more opportunities** to provide **financial assistance** to our **students**.

Articulation Agreement with Franklin University

I am pleased to announce that **Ocean County College** and **Franklin University** have formed a **unique alliance** that allows students to earn a **Bachelor of Science degree online**. The **Community College Alliance Program's** online format provides students with the **flexibility** to attend class and complete coursework **without leaving their community**. Throughout the completion of the bachelor's degree, Ocean County College and Franklin University will work together to **provide** all of the **resources** needed to reach each **student's educational goals**.

Students start out by **earning an associate degree** (or at least 60 credit hours of transferable credit) from Ocean County College. **All associate degree credits will transfer** toward the **bachelor's degree** at Franklin University. Next, students will take **Franklin University's Learning Strategies course**, which is designed to **prepare them** for **online learning** at Franklin University. Students then are able to **finish their degrees** through a **combination of required courses** at **Ocean County College** and **online courses** through **Franklin University**.

Available majors include: accounting, applied management, business administration, computer science, digital communication, healthcare management, human resources management, information technology, management, management information sciences, marketing, and public safety management.

Enrollment

FY 06 Enrollment – The total number of **full-time equivalent students** for the **2005-2006 fiscal year** is **up 3.8%** over the last fiscal year, which is a **record high** for the college, and the total **number of students**, 12,033, who attended the College during **FY 2006** is the **highest number** in **OCC's history**.

Summer 2006 - For the first three summer terms, the **first five-week** session, the **ten-week** session, and the **twelve-week** session, the total **headcount is up 3%** and the total number of **credit hours is up 1%** as compared with last summer. **Registration** is still **ongoing** for the **remaining three summer terms**, the second five-week, the six-week, and the three-week post session, but **preliminary data** shows that both **headcount** and **credits** have **increased** compared with last year at this point in time.

Fall 2006 – As of **June 15th**, the preliminary data shows the total number of **applications for fall** is **up 25%** compared with last year. The number of **registered students** is **9% over** this point in time last year, and the total **credit hours** are **up 12%**. The Office of Research and Assessment will continue monitoring the fall enrollment throughout the summer.

The current **increases** in enrollment and credits are **expected to continue** throughout the coming year. Some of the **contributing factors** for the **upswing** in enrollment include the availability of the **NJ STARS program** to students in the top 20% of their high

school class, our evolving **partnership with Kean University** and the increasing number of courses being offered on our campus, and the **proactive enrollment management** that has been ongoing in the **Student Affairs area**.

Fall 2006 Colloquium

The **Fall 2006 Colloquium** is scheduled for **Thursday, August 31st**, in the Fine Arts Theatre. This year's theme is "**The Millennial Student: Global and Local Connections in the Classroom.**" **Mr. Richard Sweeney**, University Librarian at New Jersey Institute of Technology, will present to the group and then facilitate a panel of ten OCC students who are millennial learners. Following his presentation, the **faculty**, both full-time and adjuncts, will **break into groups** for discussions on **teaching strategies** to serve this generation.

The tentative **schedule of events** is:

- ◆ 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **Meet and Greet for Continental Breakfast**
- ◆ 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **My State-of-the-College Address**
- ◆ 10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Mr. Sweeney's Presentation and Student Panel**
- ◆ 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **Faculty Discussion Groups**
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. **Faculty Department Meetings**

A new **adjunct faculty orientation program** will be offered on Wednesday evening, **August 23rd**. We are also planning an **Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Day** on a Saturday **in October**.

New Programs

I am pleased to report that the **Executive Committee** of the **New Jersey Presidents' Council**, at its meeting on April 17th, **favorably reviewed** OCC's two new degree programs, the **A.A.S. Degree in Interpreter Training**, and the **A.A.S. Degree in Technical Studies**, with an **Industrial Technical Option** and a **Computer Technology Option**.

The **Interpreter Training Program** continues to be **extremely popular** and we are delighted with the **success** of several of our **graduates**:

- ◆ **Ms. Amy Jones**, who graduated in January 2006, has been **accepted** into the **Bachelor of Arts program** at **Gallaudet University** for the **fall semester**. This is quite **exciting** because Gallaudet **admits** only a **handful** of **non-deaf students** each year.
- ◆ **Ms. Alison Holder**, also a January 2006 graduate, and **Ms. Deborah Montemaro**, who graduated in January 2005, have both **passed** the very difficult **written examination** for **National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf certification**.

They are now preparing for the **performance examination**, and, if successful, they will be **nationally certified**.

- ◆ Another January 2005 graduate, **Ms. Deidre Operato**, passed the **New Jersey Educational Interpreter Proficiency Assessment** and is now **certified** to work as an **educational interpreter** in New Jersey **public schools**.

Publication Award

At the **2006 District II** conference of the **Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE)**, which was held in February, OCC received a **gold Accolades Award** in the category of **Fundraising Publications: Fliers and Pamphlets** for the **OCC Sailing Endowment brochure**. CASE is an organization for **advancement professionals** who work in **alumni relations, communications, and development**.

Congratulations are extended to **Mr. Glenn Foster**, OCC's Graphics Specialist/Photographer, **Ms. Jan Kirsten**, Director of College Relations, and **Vice President Tara Kelly**, for this achievement.