

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

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for **November 6, 2006, Board Meeting**

DATE: November 1, 2006

Enrollment

Mr. Chengbo Yin, Research and Assessment Administrator, has provided the following updated **enrollment information**:

◆ **2006 Fall Quick Term**

The **total headcount** for the **2006 Fall Quick Term** is **465**, representing an **increase of 32.1%** over the 2005 Fall Quick Term. The **credit hour total** is **2,138**, a **40.5% increase** over last fall semester.

◆ **NJ STARS**

OCC had the **highest enrollment** in **NJ STARS students** among the **19 New Jersey community colleges** in the **fall 2005 semester**. Over \$300,000 was awarded to **212 NJ STARS students** who attended OCC, which also was the **largest amount** among the **19 community colleges**.

In the **fall 2006 semester**, OCC again has the **highest NJ STARS student enrollment** among its sister colleges. By October 31st, a total of **453 STARS students** enrolled, with over **\$630,000 awarded** to students through the program. Both the **number of students** and the **amount awarded doubled** this fall semester.

◆ Online Student Enrollment

Last fall, the **total number of students** enrolled in **online courses** was **729**, representing **3,318 credits**, which was **4% of total credits**. A total of **37 online courses** with **60 sections** were offered in the **fall 2005 semester**.

In the **current fall semester**, **47 online courses** with **73 sections** are offered, a **27% increase** in the number of courses offered **last fall**. The **most popular online course** is **HEHP 225, Contemporary Health**, with **99 students** enrolled in that course. The **next most popular** online courses are **ENGL 151, English I**, and **ART-181, Art History I**.

The **definition of online enrollment** is enrollment in courses that are **taught 100% online** with **no physical presence** on campus required.

OCC Nursing Program

The college recently received the results of the **Nursing Program graduates** on the **National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)**. Of the **58 graduates** who took the test during the **spring semester**, **52 were successful**, for a **90% pass rate**. I **commend the Nursing Department personnel** and all others associated with our Nursing students for the **success** of these **graduates**. **OCC's Nursing Program** continues to provide its students with an **outstanding education**.

Benefactor Software Program

The **Benefactor Program** is **fundraising management software** that **integrates** with the **Datatel system**, the college's **main data base**. The program will be used to manage the college's **fundraising campaigns, special events, grants, and donor information**. After **two years of planning, training, and coordination**, the **implementation** of Benefactor is **complete**.

Ms. Tara Kelly, Vice President of College Advancement, will introduce **Ms. Barbara Caldwell, College Advancement Office Manager**, and **Ms. Lisa Battista, Systems Analyst, Office of Information Technology**, who assumed **responsibility** for the **Benefactor implementation** and who will give a **brief report** at Monday's Board meeting on the ways in which it is proving to be **beneficial** to the college.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges Trustee Seminar

The next **Educational Seminar** sponsored by the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** for community college trustees will be held on **Monday, November 20th**, at the **Forsgate**

Country Club in Monroe Township. The topic of this seminar will be *The Role of Community Colleges in the Corzine Administration*. Ms. Jane Oates, Executive Director of the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and Senior Policy Advisor on Higher Education to the Governor, will be the Council's guest. She will discuss how New Jersey's community colleges fit into Governor Corzine's overall plan to strengthen the state's economy and higher education system.

Please consider attending this seminar, which, I am certain, will be very informative for the trustees.

OCEAN, Inc., Child Development Center

A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the OCEAN, Inc., Child Development Center will be held following Monday's Board meeting at 2:30 p.m. on November 6. A dessert reception will follow the ceremony.

Mr. Zachary Lewis and Mr. Theodore Gooding, the Board Chairperson and President of OCEAN, Inc., respectively, will speak at the ceremony. In addition, Mr. Van Thulin and I will provide brief remarks.

Please join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking for this long awaited child development center on campus. A van will be available to take you to Parking Lot 2 for the ceremony after the Board meeting.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day will be observed by a service on Friday, November 10th, at the OCC Veterans Memorial on the campus mall. The ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m., with a reception immediately following in the College Center Solar Lounge. In the event of rain, all activities will take place in the Fine Arts Theatre.

The guest speakers this year will be Captain L. Bret Gordon, Commanding Officer at the Naval Air Engineering Station in Lakehurst, and Lieutenant Colonel Charles A. Smith, U.S. Army Military Police Officer currently serving as the Fort Dix Installation Special Projects Officer. Also participating in the program will be the Color Guard, Marine Corps League, Attachment 796, Toms River; the OCC Concert Band Trombone Ensemble; and the Rifle Squad, American Legion, Post 129, Toms River. "Taps" will be played by Mr. Frank Richetti, United States Marine Corps League.

Ocean County College Athletics

The OCC fall sports season just recently ended:

- ◆ Men's Soccer, under the coaching staff of Mr. Jason Asch and Mr. Brian Huttemann, finished just under .500 this fall, with a strong performance late in the season. Two

members of OCC's team earned recognition: **Bobby Wynn, All Conference/All Region, and Jason DeBartolomeis, All Region.**

- ◆ **Women's Tennis**, with new head coach **Stan Friedman**, had a great season, finishing **second** in the **Conference** and in the **Region** tournament with the following players earning honors:

Ashley Ferone	All Conference/All Region
Olga Brylevskaya	All Conference/All Region
Tia Ryan	All Conference/All Region
Rachel Planer	All Conference/All Region
Sirena Fredricks	All Conference/All Region
Lindsey Most	All Conference/All Region
Shannon Witte	All Conference/All Region

- ◆ **Women's Soccer** had another **great year**, finishing **second** in the **Conference** and in the **Region**. The team was ranked in the **top ten** in the **country** for the **NJCAA Division III** during **most of the season**. **Four players** earned recognition in All Conference and All Region, with **Nicole Lauriegh**, the **high scorer** for OCC, being the **#1 ranked player** in the **Region**, which earned her **All American honors** for the **second year**. **Ms. Karen Geiger Trump, Mr. AJ Trump, and Mr. Terry Byrnes** provided the **coaching leadership** to this team. The **players honored** are:

Nicole Lauriegh	All Conference/All Region NJCAA All American
Amy Feyko	All Conference/All Region
Erin Roche	All Conference/All Region
Katie Replinger	All Conference/ All Region

The **winter sports teams** are preparing for their seasons, which will **begin** in **mid-November**, with new additions to the coaching staff: **Ms. Karen Trump** and **Ms. Nicole Ciocher** for **Women's Basketball**, **Mr. Ryan O'Rourke** and **Mr. Rory Caswell** for **Men's Basketball**, and **Mr. Steve Stout** is back to guide the **swim team** this season.

Employee Recognition

- ◆ **Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations**, recently completed **Leadership Shore**, a **one-year program** administered by the **Business and Community Development Department** at **Brookdale Community College** and cosponsored by the **Monmouth-Ocean Development Council**. The program provides a unique forum to gain an **in-depth understanding** of the **issues** that affect the **future of our communities**. Participants **broaden** their **community perspective**, **network** with community contacts, **problem-solve** with local leaders, and enhance their **leadership effectiveness** in order to assume leadership roles.

Ms. Kirsten, one of **ten 2005-2006 program participants**, was elected by her peers to **speak on their behalf** at their **graduation ceremony** earlier this month.

- ◆ **Ms. Deborah Robinson, OCC's Director of Business Education**, will be a **presenter** at the **Workforce Development Institute**, which is being held at **George Mason University** in Fairfax, Virginia, on **Thursday, November 16th**. The **National Employment Counseling Association** is co-hosting the Institute with the **International PostSecondary Research Development Center** of George Mason University, the **Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board**, and the **United Planning Organization of Washington, D.C.** The **theme** of the Institute is *Navigating the Passages to Employability in the Global Marketplace*, and Ms. Robinson's session is entitled *Developing Skills and Behaviors for Success in the Workplace*.