

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **November 7, 2005, Board Meeting**

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Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program

In October, Ocean County College was notified that the **Barnegat Bay National Estuary Program (BBNEP)**, sponsored by and housed at OCC, was approved for a **federal grant of \$512,000** by the **United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)**. The grant period covers BBNEP activities from **October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006**. This is the **third year** that the BBNEP has been successful in **obtaining funding** from the USEPA to **underwrite the salaries** of its **four staff**, as well as to **implement coastal environmental management activities** in Ocean County. Of the **28 National Estuary Programs** in the **United States**, **5** are located on **university or college campuses**. Of the five, **OCC** is the **only two-year community college** hosting a national program.

Some of the **activities** to be undertaken with this year's grant include:

- ◆ **Silver Bay Watershed Protection** (BBNEP/OCC/Cattus Island Park)
- ◆ **Municipal Stormwater Roundtables** (Jacques Cousteau National Estuary Research Reserve, Rutgers University)
- ◆ **Barnegat Bay Data Loggers** (Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences, Rutgers University)
- ◆ **Shellfish Restoration in Barnegat Bay** (Cooperative Extension and Research of Ocean County)

- ◆ **Long Swamp Creek Watershed Protection** (Dover Township/Ocean County Planning Department)
- ◆ **Water Supply Wells/Drinking Water** (U.S. Geological Survey)

New Jersey Council of County Colleges Trustee Seminar

The next **Trustee Educational Seminar** sponsored by the **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** will be held on **Monday, November 21st** at the **Forsgate Country Club** in **Monroe Township**. The title of this seminar is ***Bringing Bachelor's Degree Programs to Community College Campuses***, and I am delighted to inform you that **Dr. Jerry Ryan, President of Raritan Valley Community College**, and I will be **presenting** the seminar.

Dr. Ryan and I will discuss how New Jersey's community colleges can provide to their students a **pathway** that leads to a **bachelor's degree**, whether through a **partnership** with **one four-year college or university** or by establishing a **university center** on campus with **several partners**. We will share how Ocean County College and Raritan Valley Community College have **joined forces** with **four-year colleges and universities** to provide this **high-demand service** to students in our counties and how other community colleges can do the same.

Ocean County College Women's Soccer Team

The **Ocean County College Women's Soccer Team** won the **Region XIX Championship** Friday night, **October 28th**, at the host site **Mercer County College** by **defeating** the **#2 seed Sussex County Community College** by a score of **2-0**. Many OCC staff members, family members, and fellow student athletes watched as **OCC dominated** the game. Goals were scored by **Ms. Maggie Chussler** and **Ms. Beth Root**. **Best offensive player** of the game was **Ms. Nicole Lauriagh** of OCC, and **Best Defensive Player** of the game was OCC's **Ms. Amy Feyko**.

This win is the **first Region Championship** under **Director of Athletics Ilene Cohen**. The **coaching staff** of **Karen Trump, Terry Burns**, and **AJ Trump** has led the team to an **11-2 season**.

Ocean County College will now **host** the **District Playoffs** on **November 4th to 6th**. OCC gets a bye in the first round and will play the **winner** of the **Monroe Community College/Community College of Rhode Island** game. The **Lady Vikings** will play in the **final of the District** on **Sunday, November 6th**, on **our home field**. The game will begin at **12:30 p.m.** I encourage you to **come and watch the game** as it is sure to be an **exciting event**.

Department of Environmental Protection Award

The College has been selected by the **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection** to receive its **2005 Environmental Excellence Award** in the **clean air**

category for our fuel cell. The **PMK Group**, the **engineering firm** that worked on the project, submitted the application on the College's behalf. The award **will be presented** at the **New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference** on **November 15th**.

The **New Jersey Environmental Excellence Awards Program** was established by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to recognize **outstanding environmental performance, programs, and projects** in the state. **2005** marks the **sixth year** of the program. In addition to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the **New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology** and the **State League of Municipalities** are **co-sponsors** of this program.

Ocean County College Sailing Program

The **Ocean County College Sailing Program** is sponsoring a **book launch and cocktail party** on **Saturday, December 10th**, from **5 to 8 p.m.** in the **College Center Gymnasium**. **Mr. and Mrs. Peter and Cynthia Kellogg**, members of the **OCC Sailing Advisory Board**, are the **benefactors for the event**, at which **Mr. Gary Jobson** and **Mr. Roy Wilkins** will introduce their **new book, *A-Cats: A Century of Tradition***. The **proceeds** of the book will **benefit the Sailing Program**.

On **Saturday, November 5th**, and **Sunday, November 6th**, the Ocean County College Sailing Team will **host the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) 2005 Club Championships** at the **Toms River Yacht Club** on the Toms River. OCC's **two-day intercollegiate regatta** will begin each day at **9:00 a.m.** Each day's racing will end around **4:00 p.m.** The **MAISA Club Championships** are **sponsored by the Law Firm of Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle, and Sacks, LLC**, and the **Toms River Rotary Club**.

The following intercollegiate teams will be competing: Ocean County College, Colgate College, Columbia University, Cornell University, Drexel University, Fordham University, Lehigh University, Loyola College, Penn State University, Princeton University, Queens University, Rochester University, Skidmore College, United States Military Academy, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, University of Maryland, University of Maryland – Baltimore County, and Webb Institute.

Interpreter Training Program

A **recommendation** will be presented to the trustees at the November 7th meeting to **approve a new associate in applied science degree in Interpreter Training**. Our **Interpreter Training Certificate Program** has proven to be **extremely popular** since its inception, and the program's **graduates** have met with **great success**. Some of the **highlights** of the program include:

- ◆ **Ms. Michele Stover**, who received her **Interpreter Training Certificate** in **January 2005**, recently passed the **Sign Communication Proficiency Interview**, which will allow her to be not only an **interpreter for the deaf** but also a **teacher of the deaf**.

She received a **“superior” rating** on the test, only the **third person** in **13 years** who received such a rating **from her tester**.

- ◆ To date, **nine** of the **January graduates** who are interested in **educational interpreting** have **passed** the **New Jersey Educational Interpreting Proficiency Assessment**. Interpreters must pass this test before they can work in **New Jersey schools**.
- ◆ The students who will graduate from the program in January 2006 spent two days at **Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.**, in September to **tour the campus** and **meet with students**.
- ◆ The Interpreter Training Program is now **affiliated with Northeastern University**, which recently was **awarded both regional and national grants** under the **Training of Interpreters for Individuals who are Deaf and Individuals who are Deafblind**. Northeastern will be supporting **new and ongoing initiatives** in these areas.
- ◆ **Ms. Kathleen Basilotto**, one of the program’s faculty members, was **accepted** into the new **on-line MA program in Teaching Interpreting**, which is being offered by **Northeastern University**. From **over 50 applicants**, Ms. Basilotto was **one of only 17** who were **accepted into the program**.
- ◆ The College’s **Interpreter Training Program’s Sign Language Society** recently **donated \$500** to the **Louisiana School for the Deaf in Baton Rouge**. The students **raised the money** from their recent **American Sign Language Rock and Roll Show** that took place on **October 1st**. Following **Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**, the School **opened its doors** to students' families and to members of the deaf community who had been displaced.

College Relations Recognition

The **National Council for Marketing and Public Relations** held its **annual district conference** in Mystic, Connecticut, from **October 15th to 17th**. Our **College Relations** team was **recognized** with an **Honorable Mention Medallion Award** in the **Wildcard Entry** for the **OCC Heritage Society planned giving pamphlet**. **Congratulations** are extended to **Ms. Tara Kelly, Ms. Jan Kirsten, and Mr. Glenn Foster** for again creating an **exceptional publication**.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day will be observed by a **service** on **Friday, November 11th**, at the **OCC Veterans Memorial** on the **campus mall**. The ceremony will **begin at 1:30 p.m.**, with a **dessert 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 speaker** will be **Captain Phillip Beachy, United States Navy, Executive Officer, Naval Air Engineering Station, Lakehurst**. 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 Holiday Party

The annual **Ocean County College Holiday Party** is scheduled for **Saturday, December 3rd**, at **7 p.m.** at the **Crystal Point Yacht Club** in **Point Pleasant**. Formal attire is requested, black tie optional.

Board of Trustees Retreats

Please **mark your calendars** with the dates of the **Board Retreats** in **2006**:

Friday, January 27th
Friday, May 5th

Friday, July 28th
Friday, November 10th