



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees
FROM: Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.
President
SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **November 8, 2010, Board Meeting**
DATE: November 3, 2010

Ocean County College Nursing Program

The **National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) program reports**, which provide detailed information about the **performance of program graduates**, recently became available. I am **extremely pleased** to share with you that **all 72 graduates from Ocean County College's Nursing Program** who sat for the **examination between October 2009 and March 2010** **successfully passed the test**. **Seventy-one** of the graduates **applied for licensure in New Jersey and one in Virginia**.

This **100 percent pass rate** is even **more outstanding** when it is **compared** with other **Nursing programs** in the **state** and across the **nation**:

Rank of OCC's Nursing Program Based on Percentage of Graduates Passing

All Programs in OCC's Jurisdiction (refers to all RN graduates within the state)	1 of 19
All Similar Programs across Every Jurisdiction (refers to RN graduates from the same type of program)	1 of 584
All Programs across Every Jurisdiction (refers to all RN graduates within the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Territories)	1 of 972

This is the **second consecutive year** that the **OCC Nursing Program** has been ranked **number one** in both the **state** and the **nation**. The **success rate** of our graduates **demonstrates** the **academic excellence** of our **Nursing Program** and the **quality education** received by our **students**. **Hearty congratulations** are extended to **Ms. Coleen Manzetti, Assistant Dean of Nursing**, the **Nursing faculty and clinical instructors**, and **all others** who **support the program**.



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Campus Safety and Security

The **Campus Safety and Security Committee** of the **New Jersey Presidents' Council** is charged with addressing the **safety and security concerns** of **higher education institutions** in New Jersey as they relate to **crime prevention, response and recovery, emergency management, public health, and facilities**. The Committee also has the responsibility of **revising and updating**, as necessary, the *Homeland Security Best Practices Guidelines for the Higher Education Sector* as well as encouraging the **implementation** of those **guidelines** by all colleges and universities.

New Jersey colleges and universities have made **great progress** in ensuring their **campuses** are **safer** through the **Best Practices Guidelines**. One of the **initiatives** in support of the guidelines is the **process** of **peer assessment**, which **began** in **June** of this year, wherein **peer reviewers** visit campuses to **evaluate security and safety**. **Two peer reviewers** were on **our campus**, one from **Georgian Court University** and one from **Burlington County College**, on **Thursday, October 26th**, for **four hours**; their **report** has been shared with **Mr. Bob Kumpf, Director of Security**, and **me**, and it is quite **favorable**.

Mr. Kumpf has received the **mandated training**, as designated by the **Presidents' Council**, from the **New Jersey College and University Public Safety Association** to become a **peer reviewer**. In fact, **Mr. Kumpf** is **certified** as a **lead peer reviewer** and has **conducted several** New Jersey **campus evaluations**.

Mr. Kumpf will be with us at **Monday's meeting** to provide **additional information** on the outcome of the **College's review** as well as **future plans** to continue to **improve safety and security** on campus. He will also share with you the College's *Campus Safety and Security Report*, an **annual publication** required by the **Clery Act**, a **Federal statute** that requires **all colleges and universities** to keep and disclose **information** about **crime** on and near their **campuses**.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

The **Ocean County College Athletics Program** continues to bring **great recognition** to the College:

- ◆ The **Women's Soccer team** won the **final game** of the **National Junior College Athletic Association Region XIX Tournament** on **October 30th** by a score of **2-1** over **Brookdale Community College**. The team is currently playing in the **National Championship**, from **November 4th to 7th**, at **Prince George's Community College** in **Largo, Maryland**.
- ◆ **Men's and Women's Cross Country teams** will be **competing** in the **National Meet** hosted by **Suffolk County Community College** on **Saturday and Sunday, November 13th and 14th**, at



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Sunken Meadow Park in Kings Park, New York. The **Woman's Team** won the **NJCAA Region XIX Tournament** and the **Men's Team** finished in **third place** in the **Region**.

- ◆ The **Men's Soccer team** played a **great game** in the **Region XIX finals** but, unfortunately, was **defeated** by a score of **1-0** against **Brookdale Community College**.

As we receive information regarding the success of the teams, we will share it with you.

Grants/SunGard Higher Education

SunGard Higher Education is assisting **Ocean County College** to **increase its grants function capacity** and its **revenue through grants funding**. Services began on **July 1, 2009**, and will continue through **December 31, 2010**.

SunGard has been providing the following **services** to the **College**:

- ◆ **Organizational Development and Funding Roadmap**, wherein the SunGard Grants Services team assesses the College's **capacity** for **pursuing and managing grant awards**.
- ◆ **Applications and Proposals**, with the **research of best practices, facilitation and leadership** in project planning activities, and the development of **complete application packages** for submission.
- ◆ **Compliance Management and Evaluation**, including improving **compliance protocols** for existing and new awards and providing **ongoing monitoring** to facilitate the **submission of reports and data** required by the funder.
- ◆ **Professional Development** for staff on **grant-related topics** identified through the **assessment process**.

With the **assistance of SunGard**, the College has received several exciting, significant **new grant awards**:

- ◆ **Student Support Services Grant** - **\$1,100,000** over **five years** from the **U.S. Department of Education** to improve the **retention and success of low income, first generation students**.
- ◆ **Health Information Technology Grant** - **\$430,470** from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** to provide **training programs for electronic medical records**.



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- ◆ **Disengaged Adults Returning to College - \$75,000** from the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education to provide services to **returning OCC students** who left **without** earning a degree.

Ms. Gina Suriano-Guarino, Director of Resource Development, will provide additional **information** to you at **Monday's meeting** on all of the **existing College programs** that are being made possible through **grant funding**. Given the **financial challenges** anticipated in the future, the receipt of **grant funds** to support the College's mission is very important.

Ocean County College Recognition

- ◆ **Two representatives** from the **U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services Division** will attend **Monday's Board meeting** to commend our **Student Services** area. **Special Agent Charles J. Rozzi** and **Supervisory Special Agent Francis B. Reynolds**, both from the **New Jersey Field Office**, will present a **certificate of appreciation** to **Vice President Don Doran** and his **registration team** to recognize the **excellent customer service** and **assistance** provided to the **agents**.

The **U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Federal Investigative Services Division** conducts **background investigations** on **Federal employees**, **applicants** for Federal employment, and **government contractors** to determine their **suitability** for **Federal employment**. It serves more than **100 Federal agencies**, including the **Department of Homeland Security** and **Department of Defense**.

Special Agents Rozzi and Reynolds have contacted the College on many occasions to **verify** the level of **education** of **candidates** for **Federal employment**. They request information on the candidate's **attendance**, **full- or part-time status**, **course work**, **degrees earned**, **major of study**, and **disciplinary actions**, if any.

This **recognition** of the **Student Services** area by the Federal agency is certainly a **wonderful honor** for **Ocean County College** and an **impressive tribute** for the **fine work** of the **employees**.

- ◆ The **National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR)** recently held its **District I Conference Award ceremony** in **Providence, Rhode Island**, from **October 24th to 26th**. **Ocean County College** was recognized with a **bronze award** for its **Annual Report**.

District I includes colleges and universities in **Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont**, the **Canadian provinces** of **New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island** and **Quebec**, and **United Kingdom**.



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Congratulations are extended to **Ms. Tara Kelly, Director of College Advancement, Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations, and their team** for the **outstanding quality** of their publications.

Ocean Views

The **Autumn 2010** edition of [Ocean Views](#), the **newsletter** for Ocean County College **alumni** and **employees**, was recently **published**. I will provide a **copy** to you on **Monday**. I do hope you will take the time to read *Ocean Views*; it is an **outstanding, professional, first-rate publication** that contains **interesting, informative, relevant information**. I might call your **attention** to the **Alumni Spotlight** on our own **Steven Spino**.

Commendations go to the **College Advancement** team: **Ms. Tara Kelly, Vice President of College Advancement; Ms. Gina Suriano Guarino, Director of Resource Development; Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations; and their creative, hard working staff.**

Global Education

Once again, the **Ocean County College Global Education Committee** is sponsoring several **activities** on campus to **heighten** the understanding of **students** and **community members** of the **interconnectedness** of **diverse cultures** and **nations**. The committee's **main focus** is to foster a college **climate** of **global citizenry**. The ultimate **goal** is to **educate students** about the **world** in which they live.

Attached you will find the **events** scheduled for **Global Education Week**, from **November 15th through 19th**.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The **Ocean County College Veterans Day Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, November 11th**, at **12:00 noon** at the **Ocean County College Veterans Memorial** on the **campus mall**. Our **guest speaker** will be **Colonel Joseph M. Poth, Deputy Joint Base Commander McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**.

Colonel Poth has held numerous **Military Police assignments** throughout his career. He has served as a **Platoon Leader** and held **two Company Commands** in **Military Police Combat Support** units. He served in the **324th Military Police Battalion** in **Baqubah, Iraq**, and then commanded the **400th Military Police Battalion** in **Baghdad**. **Colonel Poth** earned a **Bachelor of Arts degree** in **History** from **Duquesne University** and a **Master's degree** in **Strategic Studies** from the **U.S. Army War College**.



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A **reception** will be held in the **Library Tower Room** immediately **following** the ceremony. I hope you will be able to **join us** for this **very important event**.

Board of Trustees Retreats

The following **dates** for the **2011 Board of Trustees Retreats** will be recommended for approval at Monday's reorganization meeting:

- ◆ **Friday, March 11, 2011**
- ◆ **Friday, June 10, 2011**
- ◆ **Friday, September 9, 2011**
- ◆ **Friday, December 9, 2011**

All **Retreats** will **begin** at **12:00 noon** and will be held in the **Technology Building Conference Room**.

The **last Retreat** of **this year** is scheduled for **Friday, December 10th**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Technology Building Conference Room**. The **regular public Board meeting** is on **Monday, December 6th**.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** is hosting its **annual Trustee Retreat** on **Monday, December 6th**, from **3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at the **Enterprise Center** at **Burlington County College** in **Mt. Laurel**. The **trustee education seminar** will focus on the **trustee's role** in the statewide **"Big Ideas"** project.