



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 **September 21, 2009, Board Meeting**

DATE: September 16, 2009

Fall 2009 Colloquium

We had a very **successful Colloquium** on **Thursday, September 3rd**, at which time I gave **my State of the College Address**, which is **attached** to my **report** for your information. The **theme** of the Colloquium was **Behavioral Intervention Preparation: When, How, and to Whom to Voice Your Concerns**. The **guest speaker** was **Mr. Scott Lewis**, a **partner** with the **National Center for Higher Education Risk Management** and a **faculty member** at the **University of South Carolina**, whose presentation was **engaging, informative**, and offered **meaningful and practical advice** to faculty and staff.

Ocean County College Foundation Gala

Because of **rainy weather**, the **OCC Foundation Pride and Patriotism Gala** was moved to the **Poland Spring Arena** at the **Ritacco Center** on **Saturday, September 12th**. The move, however, did not dampen the **enjoyment** of the **evening**. Over **350 tickets** were **purchased** for the Gala, and **nearly \$200,000**, and counting, was **raised** to **support the mission** of the **Foundation** through **student scholarships**.

Mr. Leonard "Bud" Lomell was recognized as the **2009 Humanitarian of the Year**. As you know, Mr. Lomell is a **retired Toms River attorney** and a **highly decorated former United States Army Ranger**. The Foundation **acknowledged** and **commended** Mr. Lomell for his **extraordinary heroism**, his **service** to our **nation**, his **commitment to civic duty** in **Ocean County**, and his **dedication to Ocean County College**.

At **Monday's meeting**, I will play for you the **enlightening and moving video**, narrated by **Mr. Tom Brokaw**, which was **shown** at the **Gala**. The video, which was so **professionally prepared** by **Ms. RoseAnn D'Urso**, **Manager of Promotional Programming**, and **Mr. Ralph Bertini**, **Television Production Director**, is quite **impressive**. I commend **Ms. D'Urso** and **Mr. Bertini** for their **fine work**.



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Congratulations are extended to **Ms. Sandy Broughton, Executive Director of Resource Development, Ms. Kathy Buffum, Assistant Director of Resource Development, and Ms. Nancy Heroy, Foundation Assistant**, as well as all others who were involved in the **planning and preparation** for the **Gala**. I also want to **acknowledge** the **Toms River School District** for again **supporting** the **College** through the **use** of its **facilities**.

Financial Aid

As indicated at last month's Board meeting, I have asked **Dr. Norma Betz, Director of Financial Aid**, to provide you with information about the ways in which **financial aid** is **driving enrollment** and **supporting a large portion** of our **student population**. Dr. Betz will share with you the **latest statistics** on **funding** as well as the **number and type** of students now being **processed** through the **Financial Aid Office**. **Ms. Eileen Buckle, Assistant Director of Financial Aid**, will join Dr. Betz at the meeting.

Ocean County College Sailing Program

This **weekend**, on **September 19th and 20th**, the **Ocean County College Sailing Team** and the **Toms River Yacht Club** will **host** the **Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA)** fall qualifying **regatta**.

Eighteen elite teams from the MAISA conference will **converge** on the **Toms River** and compete for **two consecutive days** sailing over **36 races**. Racing will **begin** on both days at **9:30 a.m.** on the **waters** directly **south** of the **Toms River Yacht Club** in **Money Island**. The **top two teams** will receive **bids** to the **War Memorial regatta**, which is the **MASIA conference championship**. This year the **championship races** will be held at **St. Mary's College**.

The **impressive list** of **teams** attending the **OCC regatta** are: **Ocean County College, U.S. Naval Academy, Princeton University, University of Delaware, University of Pennsylvania, Cornell University, Monmouth University, Penn State University, Drexel University, University of Maryland at Baltimore County, St. Mary's College, Villanova University, Christopher Newport University, Queens University, Washington College, Fordham University, Columbia University, and Loyola College**.

Sailing for Ocean County College will be **Bradford Wright, Lavallette; Jamie Wasco, Brick; Holden Muehleisen, Tuckerton; Autumn Hoover, Lanoka Harbor; Tyler Kennedy, Pine Beach; Sarah Salter, Toms River; Derek Douglas, Rochester, New York; and Kristin Kilar, Brick**.



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Distance Learning Degree Programs

Distance education at Ocean County College continues to **expand** its **offerings** and has reached a **maturity point** wherein students have the **option** of **completing** their entire **degree program online**. As of this **fall 2009 semester**, all of the courses for **three full degree programs** and **two certificate programs** are offered **online**. It is anticipated that by the **spring 2010 semester** **additional** distance learning **degree and certificate programs** will be **identified** and **offered** to our students.

As the **E-Learning School** continues to **evolve**, it is anticipated that the number of **course offerings** and **students registered** will **increase dramatically**. Our new **Executive Director of E-Learning, Ms. Patricia Fenn**, will be working with the **Academic Deans** to ensure that courses are offered in a **timely and efficient manner** for **degree completion online**. They will also **collaborate** to ensure **quality instruction** and **high student satisfaction** in the **teaching and learning process**.

Mr. Chuck Jannarone, Coordinator of E-Learning, Dr. Carolyn Lafferty, Assistant Vice President of Assessment and Curriculum, and Ms. Janet Hubbs, Assistant to the President for Institutional Quality, are **acknowledged** and **commended** for assisting **Ms. Fenn** by **contributing** to the **goal of expanding** our **distance education degree offerings**.

Online distance education degree programs and certificates are scheduled to be **offered** as follows:

Fall 2009

- A.A. Degree in Liberal Arts
- A.S. Degree in Business Administration
- A.A.S. Degree in Business
- Small Business Management Certificate of Completion
- Business Studies Certificate of Completion

Spring 2010

- A.S. Degree in Business Administration, Economics Option
- A.A.S. Degree in Allied Health

Fall 2010

- A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice
- A.A.S. Degree in Business, Paralegal Studies Option
- Criminal Justice Certificate of Completion
- Accounting Certificate of Completion

I have asked **Ms. Fenn** to provide you with a **brief summary** at **Monday's meeting** of her **current projects** and **future plans** for our **Distance Education program**.



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Ocean County College Cross Country

Men's and Women's Cross Country teams were **re-introduced this year** to the **OCC Athletics Program**. Under the **guidance of Head Coach Ed Baynes**, the team has made an **immediate impact** in the **Garden State Athletic Conference** and **Region XIX**. In fact, **OCC's Women's Cross Country team** has already been **ranked #1** in its **inaugural season** in **Division III** of the **National Junior College Athletic Association**.

As a runner, **Coach Baynes** was a **Division I All-Region standout**, and he is excited to pass on his collegiate **running experience** and **success** to his **runners** at **OCC**. We, too, are extremely **pleased** he has **joined** the **OCC Athletics Program**.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Please **mark your calendars** for the **Ocean County College Veterans Day Ceremony** that will take place on **Wednesday, November 11th**, at **12:00 noon**. A **formal invitation** will be **extended** to you in **October**.

Board of Trustees Retreats

The next **Board of Trustees Retreat** is scheduled for **Friday, December 11th**, at **12:00 noon** in the **Technology Building Conference Room**. For your information and planning, the following **retreat dates** have been **selected** for **2010**:

- ◆ **Friday, March 5, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, June 4, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, September 10, 2010**
- ◆ **Friday, December 10, 2010**