

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **September 26, 2005, Board Meeting**

DATE: September 21, 2005

Board of Trustees Retreat

A trustee retreat is scheduled for **Friday, October 14th**, at **The View Restaurant** at the **Eagle Ridge Golf Club**, 2 Augusta Boulevard, in Lakewood. The retreat will **begin at 2:00 p.m.**, and **dinner** will follow at **5:00 p.m.**

Several topics will be discussed at the retreat, among which are the **annual Board self-evaluation, trustee expectations, and collective bargaining matters**. If there are other items you would like to explore, please let me know.

New Jersey Council of County Colleges

The **New Jersey Council of County Colleges** is beginning the new academic year by hosting a **Trustee Education Seminar** on **Monday, September 26th**, at the **Holiday Inn** in **Monroe Township**. The topic will be **“Leading your Community College into the Future: Strategic Community and Workforce Development.”** Its focus will be on **identifying high growth industries** important to the local economy, **developing innovative programs** for these industries, and **establishing a clear leadership role** for the college in community and workforce development. This is the **third of four seminars** scheduled this calendar year. The **fourth seminar** will be held on **Monday, November 21st** at the **Forsgate Country Club**, also in Monroe Township.

These seminars are offered by the Council **as a service** to **enhance your experience** as a trustee. If you are **interested in attending**, please **let me know**. You are invited to stay for **dinner with the presidents** following the seminar.

Fall 2005 Semester Enrollment

The **official enrollment statistics** for the **fall 2005 semester** will be available on **Wednesday, September 21st**. **Dr. Richard Parrish, Vice President of Planning and Administration**, will provide you with an **enrollment report** at **Monday’s Board meeting**.

Speaking Opportunity

I was invited to be the **special guest speaker** at the annual meeting of the **Jewish Federation of Ocean County** on **Thursday, September 15th**, at The Strand Theatre in Lakewood. I spoke to the group about my recent **trip to Israel** as a participant in the **Israel Institute for University Presidents**, which was sponsored by the **Jewish Federation of Ocean County, the United Jewish Communities, and the Jewish Council for Public Affairs**. I enjoyed sharing my experiences with the Federation members.

I have **attached** a copy of **my speech** for your review. Also attached are **two articles** regarding my trip: **“OCC’s Larson makes Israel connection”** and **“A special trip to Israel teaches university leaders.”**

Ocean County College Sailing Program

On **Saturday, September 17th**, and **Sunday, September 18th**, the Ocean County College Sailing Team **hosted its third annual fall regatta**. The **Crossroads Realty/Ocean County College Fall Open Regatta** was held on the **Toms River** off the main dock of the **Toms River Yacht Club**. The two-day intercollegiate regatta began each day at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 4:00 p.m.

OCC’s team finished in **fifth place** behind St. Mary’s College of Maryland (first), the University of Pennsylvania (second), Loyola University (third), and Fordham University (fourth). Among the other competing intercollegiate teams were Christopher Newport University, Cornell University, Drexel University, Hampton University, Lehigh University, Monmouth University, Penn State University, Princeton University, Queens University, Salisbury University, Stevens Institute of Technology, University of Maryland – Baltimore County, Washington College, and Webb Institute.

We are appreciative of the **support from Crossroads Realty**, which **provided regatta t-shirts** to the participants and the **food for the weekend**.

The Ocean County College Foundation

The **Ocean County College Foundation’s** annual **Summer Gala**, held on campus on **Saturday, August 20th**, was extremely successful, **raising over \$300,000** for its scholarship fund. The live and silent auctions raised over \$32,000.

The Gala, which was attended by **over 400 people**, honored **Mr. Dave Wintrode** with the prestigious **2005 Humanitarian of the Year Award**. The **Ocean First Foundation** was recognized as the **major sponsor** for the event.

The OCC Foundation continues to be committed to meeting the **educational needs of Ocean County residents** through **scholarships, endowments, and capital and special projects**.

Ocean County College Alumni Association

On **Thursday, October 27th**, the **Ocean County College Alumni Association** will host its **third annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner** at 6:30 p.m. at the **Eagle Ridge Golf Club** in Lakewood. **Mr. Kevin Williams, Sports/Community Relations Director for WOBM AM/FM**, will serve as the **master of ceremonies**. The **inductees this year** are:

Michael G. Fogarty '86	Basketball and Baseball
Herbert E. McGrath '72	Basketball
Delores Dee Scott '90	Basketball, Field Hockey, and Softball

The **Alumni Association** is sponsoring its **Campus 5K Run and Fitness Walk** on **Sunday, November 6th**. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m., with the event starting at 10:00 a.m. This **United States of America Track and Field** sanctioned event, with a certified course, takes place on the OCC campus and includes mile splits and water stops. Proceeds from the event will **benefit the students of OCC**.

5K awards will be presented to the **top three male and female overall winners** as well as the **top OCC alumnus and alumna**. Awards also will be given to the **top three males and females** in each **age group**: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, and 70 plus.

NJ STARS Program

At OCC, there were **130 NJ STARS students** during the **fall 2004 semester**. Of those 130, **100 are continuing** here at OCC. Additionally, **8 students** began the **spring 2005 semester** in the program and are continuing here.

As of **September 20th**, there are **121 new students this fall semester** who have applied for the NJ STARS Program, bringing the **total number of eligible NJ STARS students** at OCC to **229**. The students have until **October 1st** to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to determine if they are **eligible for financial aid**, which will **influence the total number** of students in the NJ STARS Program at OCC.

International Education Activities

- ◆ **CCIS German Programs: Self-Study and Program Review** – The college-sponsored **semester programs in Germany** recently completed a **self-study and review process** by the parent organization, the **College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS)**. It was recommended by both the paper and on-site reviewers that **CCIS continue to offer** both the **Intensive German Language and Business/Liberal Arts programs**.

- ◆ **2006 Study Abroad Seminars – Theatre in London, January 4th to 16th; World of the Maya (Mexico), January 6th to 17th; Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein: A Literary Travelogue (Switzerland), May 30th to June 9th.**
- ◆ **Faculty Exchange Program with Xi’an International Studies University – Following Associate Professor Karl Kleiner’s successful visiting professor experience at Xi’an International Studies University in China this past spring semester, we are working with Kean University to bring Professor Wei Zhang from Xi’an to OCC in 2006. Professor Zhang has been offered a temporary appointment as a Visiting Professor in the Business Studies and English Departments from January 1st to December 31st.**

I have asked **Professor Kleiner** to attend Monday’s meeting to provide you with a **brief report** on his experiences in China.

- ◆ **Russian Medical Professionals to Visit OCC – The International Education Office is coordinating a reception for medical professionals from Russia to network with OCC business faculty and allied health staff on Tuesday, October 4th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Technology Building Lobby. The Russian group is visiting New Jersey through the Center for Citizen Initiatives, which implements programs that assist Russian citizens in securing economic and political reforms and fosters cooperative partnerships and relations between the United States and Russia. Ms. Gale Wayman, OCC Foundation Board member, is the local coordinator for the group of 13 visitors.**
- ◆ **Partnership with TraveLearn - The college has joined the TraveLearn network of 300 colleges and universities in the nation that offers educational tours for adults in 17 countries worldwide. On-site lectures, seminars, and field experiences are provided by faculty escorts and in-country specialists. This format fosters an understanding of foreign cultures that is not available on more conventional travel tours. The TraveLearn program will be marketed to OCC Academy for Lifelong Learning members and the Ocean County community.**

Soccer Player of the Week

The National Junior College Athletic Association has named OCC’s Maggie Chussler as its **Division I Women’s Soccer Player of the Week** for **September 4th to 10th**. Maggie plays in a **forward position** for the team and **led the team to a 3-0 record** during the week with a **6-2 win over Genesee, a 5-0 shutout against Bergen County, and a 2-1 conference win over Sussex County**. In the **first two games** of the week, she had **5 goals and 1 assist for 11 points**. She closed the week **scoring both goals** in the **2-1 win over Sussex**. For the week, she collected **15 points on 7 goals and 1 assist**.