



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **September 27, 2010, Board Meeting**

DATE: September 22, 2010

Fall 2010 Semester Enrollment

The **official ten-day enrollment statistics** for the **fall 2010 semester** indicate that a total of **10,367 students** registered for **105,979 credit hours**. This represents a **drop of 0.5 percent** in **student head count** and a **decrease of 0.8 percent** in **credit hours** as compared to the **fall 2009 semester**. **Full-time enrollment** is **down 2.2 percent (5,775 students)** while **part-time enrollment** is **up 1.9 percent (4,592 students)**.

A **recommendation** is being made at **Monday's meeting** to **amend** the **College's FY 2011 budget** to reflect **decreased revenue** from **student tuition** as well as a **reduction** in **expenditures** accordingly.

Higher Education Opportunity Act - Textbook Provision

Beginning **July 1st**, **textbook publishers** and **colleges** must adhere to **new requirements** included in the **Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA)**. The **textbook provision** of the Act requires **all higher education institutions** that receive **federal financial assistance** to provide students with **accurate textbook information**, including **retail prices** and **ISBN numbers**, at the time they **register** for courses.

The **College** has **complied** with this **provision** by **linking** the **student registration system** to the **online Bookstore**. When a student looks up a course online, the **Bookstore link** will provide information about the **required textbook** for the **course**. The student may then **purchase** the book **online** from the **Bookstore** or **shop elsewhere** for the book.

Ms. Carol Kaunitz, Director of Auxiliary Services, will provide a **brief explanation** on **Monday** and **demonstrate** the **College's compliance** with **HEOA** and the **ease of purchasing textbooks** from the **online Bookstore**.



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Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration

Over **325 people** attended the **Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration, "An Evening by the Sea,"** on **Saturday, September 11th**. The **OCC Gymnasium** was **transformed** into an **elegant venue** in which to honor **Jim and Marion Caldwell** as the **2010 Humanitarians of the Year**. Through **ticket sales, journal sponsorships, donations,** and the **live and silent auctions,** over **\$220,000** was raised to **support** the Foundation's **general scholarship program** for the **benefit** of our **students**. This year, **Investors Savings Bank** was the **major sponsor** of the **event,** with a **\$50,000 donation**.

Sincere 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,** for their efforts in **planning and preparing** for the **Gala**. In addition, I want to **commend Ms. Judi Madigan, Fine Arts Technical Supervisor,** for her **outstanding coordination of design and decorations** and **Mr. Stephan Caldwell, Jim Caldwell's son,** for **volunteering his professional entertainment services**.

World Trade Center Steel

A brief ceremony was held on **Monday, September 13th,** to **unveil** a segment of **steel** from the **World Trade Center,** a **donation** from the **Port Authority of New York and New Jersey**. **New Jersey Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno** spoke at the ceremony and **presented the steel** to the **College**.

The **3 foot long, 116 pound section** of the **steel support structure** was acquired as a result of a **proposal** submitted by the **Ocean County College History Club** under the **leadership** of **Assistant Professor of Humanities Richard Trimble**. It will be **permanently displayed** on our **campus mall** so we **never forget** the **devastating attack** on our **country** on **September 11, 2001**.

Senior Citizens Art Exhibit

The **Gallery of OCC's Arts and Community Center** was recently filled with an exciting **exhibit of artwork** submitted by **senior artists** from throughout **Ocean County**. The event was the **34th Annual Senior Citizens Art Exhibit** hosted by the **Resource Development and College Relations Departments** in collaboration with the **Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders** and the **Ocean County Office of Senior Services**. Artwork was submitted by **137 artists** in **9 categories,** which included every **medium** from **acrylic painting to sculpture**.

During the **awards ceremony** on **August 13th,** **58 ribbons** were **awarded** in both **professional and non-professional categories**. Since this year's exhibit was the **county level** of the **New Jersey Senior Art Show,** the **18 first place award recipients** are eligible to **participate** in the **state's show** held at **Meadow Lakes** in **East Windsor,** which opens to the public on **September 27** and **closes** with an



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awards ceremony on **October 29th**. In past years, several **Ocean County artists** have **won awards** at the state level.

This **annual exhibit** continues to **showcase** the extremely **talented senior artists** in **Ocean County** and highlights the **collaborative efforts** of our **community partners**.

Ocean County College Sailing Program

This past weekend, on **September 18th and 19th**, the **Ocean County College Sailing Team** and the **Toms River Yacht Club** hosted the **Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA)** fall qualifying **regatta**. Ocean's Sailing Team finished in **6th place** both **this week** and in **last week's regatta** held at **Cornell University**.

Again this year, **OCC's team** was among **18 conference teams** in competition. Other teams included the **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**.

Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame

The **Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** is being held on **Saturday, October 2nd**, at **6:00 p.m.** on the **College campus**. As noted previously, **nine sailors** will be **inducted**:

- ◆ Ms. Faye Bennett
- ◆ Mr. F. Gardner Cox
- ◆ Mr. Donald Launer
- ◆ Dr. Albert Mulford
- ◆ Mr. Robert B. O'Brien, Jr.
- ◆ Mr. Andy Schoettle
- ◆ Mr. Walter Smedley, Jr.
- ◆ Mr. Allan K. Terhune, Jr.
- ◆ Mr. Jonathan Wright

We would be delighted if you would **join us** for the evening.

Veterans Day Ceremony

The **Ocean County College Veterans Day Ceremony** will take place on **Thursday, November 11th**, at **12:00 noon** at the **Veterans Memorial** on the **campus mall**. A **formal invitation** will be **extended** to you in **October**.