

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 24, 2012, Board Meeting

DATE: September 19, 2012

Commendation

Dr. William Rickert, Professor of Mathematics, will attend Monday's meeting to be recognized for his 35 years as an advisor to the Ocean County College Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The Phi Theta Kappa Center for Excellence, located in Jackson, Mississippi, sent a letter to me expressing its sincere appreciation to Dr. Rickert for his service and time as an advisor.

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. OCC's Tau Iota Chapter has achieved great success and has been a vital student organization on campus. Throughout the years, Tau Iota has received Five-Star Chapter status many times and many PTK members have been acknowledged for their accomplishments.

Our Chapter has evolved into a strong organization as a result of the quality of leadership and commitment of its advisors. It gives me great pleasure to congratulate Dr. William Rickert on behalf of the College and the Phi Theta Kappa Center for Excellence. His dedication to the College, Phi Theta Kappa, and our students has been extraordinary.

Global Education

The Ocean County College Global Education Committee sponsors and promotes events that heighten student, campus, and community understanding of the interconnectedness of diverse cultures and nations as well as fosters a college climate of global citizenry.

The committee, in conjunction with the Student Life Committee, is again presenting the Drepung Gomang Monastery Sacred Arts Tour on our campus from Monday, October 29,

through Friday, November 2. Last on our campus in January 2011, the monks have been sent to the United States to spread a message of wisdom and compassion, to share unique Tibetan Buddhist teachings, culture, and traditions, to generate a greater awareness of the endangered Tibetan civilization, and to raise support for the refugee monks' community in Southern India. All proceeds from the sale of merchandise go directly to support, educate, house, feed, and clothe the nearly 2,000 refugee monks now residing at Drepung Gomang.

Attached is a flyer with the schedule for the week. Of particular interest and fascination, the Drepung Gomang monks are renowned for the construction of the Sacred Art of Sand Mandala, which begins Monday morning and ends with its ceremonial disposal into the lake on College Drive on Friday afternoon. Also, this year, in conjunction with the full moon, a Puja Ceremony will take place on the field next to the College Center early Monday evening.

Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame

In my July report, I informed you of the Barnegat Bay Sailing Hall of Fame induction ceremony scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2012, in the College Gym. Inductees are individuals with ties to the Barnegat Bay who have achieved excellence in and/or contributed to the sport of sailing on the Bay in some extraordinary manner.

Representing the fifth class inducted, those being honored this year are:

- ♦ Britton Chance, Jr. - Mantoloking Yacht Club
- ♦ Charles J. Horter – Island Heights Yacht Club
- ♦ John P. Harkrader – Bay Head and Manasquan River Yacht Clubs
- ♦ John J. Applegate – Lavalette Yacht Club
- ♦ Mark Schleckser – Shore Acres and Lavallette Yacht Clubs
- ♦ Roger Brown – Metedeconk River Yacht Club
- ♦ Paul Coward – Brant Beach Yacht Club
- ♦ Doug and Peg Galloway – Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club (posthumously)

Please join us on October 6 if you can.

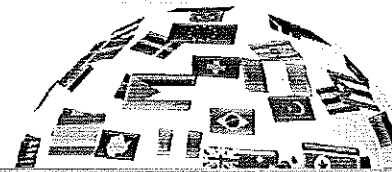
Middle States Self-Study Report

Dr. Ellie Fogarty, Middle States Commission on Higher Education's liaison to Ocean County College, will visit the campus on Friday, September 21, to meet with Ms. Janet Hubbs, Chair of the Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee, and me. We will share with her our progress to date on the Self-Study, and she will, no doubt, continue to provide useful, personal insight on our efforts.

First-draft chapters of the Self-Study have been received, and the committee will meet on Friday, October 19, to review this preliminary draft report. Under the excellent leadership of Ms. Hubbs and Dr. Carolyn Lafferty, the self-study process continues to be on schedule.

The Global Education Committee presents

October 29 – November 2, 2012



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THE 2012 DREPUNG GOMANG MONASTERY Sacred Arts Tour

College Center Solar Lounge



OCTOBER
monday
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9:30 AM – 10:30 PM....Opening Ceremony/ Begin Sacred Sand Mandala Creation
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM....Historical Background on the Drepung Gomang Monastery
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM....Introduction to Buddhism
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM....Basic Meditation
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM....Cultural Presentation
7:30 PM.....World Peace and Healing Puja Ceremony (held in the "Onion Field")

OCTOBER
tuesday
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9:45 AM – 10:45 PM....Make your own Mandala Demonstration Workshop
11:00 AM – 12:15 PM....Historical Background on the Drepung Gomang Monastery
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM....Introduction to Buddhism
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM....Basic Meditation
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM....Cultural Presentation
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM....Daily Closing Ceremony

OCTOBER
wednesday
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9:30 AM – 9:45 PM....Daily Opening Ceremony
9:45 PM – 12:15 PM....Expanded Meditation Practice
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM....Concurrent Workshops
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM....Overtone Chanting/ Tibetan Meal
7:30 PM – 7:45 PM....Daily Closing Ceremony

NOVEMBER
thursday
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9:30 AM – 9:45 PM....Daily Opening Ceremony
9:45 PM – 10:45 PM....Traditional Tibetan Buddhist Debate
11:00 PM – 12:15 PM....Lecture on Karma
12:30 PM – 3:00 PM....Traditional Tibetan Meal/ Cultural Presentation
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM....Lecture on Impermanence
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM....Daily Closing Ceremony

NOVEMBER
friday
02

9:30 AM – 9:45 PM....Daily Opening Ceremony
9:45 PM – 10:45 PM....Traditional Tibetan Buddhist Debate
11:00 PM – 12:15 PM....Lecture on Karma
12:30 PM – 1:45 PM....Lecture on Impermanence
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM....Closing Ceremony Procession
4:00 PM.....Procession to Ocean County College Lake Ceremonial Disposal of Sand

Merchandise from the Drepung Gomang Sacred Arts Tour will be available for purchase at ALL events.
100% of ALL proceeds go directly to support, educate, house, feed and clothe the nearly 2000 refugee monks at Drepung Gomang Institute in Southern India. Your support is appreciated.

All Events are Free and Open to the Public!

No pre-registration is needed.

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For tickets and information, contact Dr. Kathy Galt at 386-2272 or Dr. Gloria at 386-2133