



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 August 22, 2011, Board Meeting

DATE: August 17, 2011

Ocean County College Foundation Summer Celebration

This year's Ocean County College Grand Slam Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 27th, at 6:00 p.m. The event will again be held in the OCC Gymnasium. The Foundation is honoring Judge Robert A. Fall as the 2011 Humanitarian of the Year.

Judge Fall has been extremely active in the Ocean County community both professionally and personally. At Ocean County College, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees and is currently a member of the Ocean County College Foundation. He was at the forefront of the major Reach for the Stars fundraising campaign to renovate and renew the Robert J. Novins Planetarium. As an Ocean County College Trustee Ambassador to the New Jersey Council of County Colleges, Judge Fall was a strong advocate for the New Jersey community college sector on legislative issues for the benefit of our students.

Through all of his efforts for Ocean County College and the Ocean County College Foundation, Judge Fall has given unselfishly of his time, energy, and resources; he has made a significant impact on the lives of many Ocean County residents.

The proceeds from this year's Summer Celebration will be dedicated to the continuing development of the OCC Foundation's endowment, which is devoted to making the dream of a college education a reality for hundreds of students annually.

I hope you will join us on August 27th for a wonderful evening.

Fall 2011 Colloquium

The Fall 2011 Semester Colloquium will take place on Thursday, September 1st, in the Arts and Community Center Theatre. The morning will begin with a continental breakfast and meet and greet at 8:00 a.m., with the President's State of the College Address beginning at 9:00 a.m. The theme for the Colloquium this fall is "Academic Innovations."

At 10:15 a.m. several faculty workshops will be offered:

- ♦ *Technology with an Emphasis on Smart Boards, HD Video Conferencing in the Classroom, and OceanCruiser's Online Grade Book*
- ♦ *Distance Learning Outreach Programs and the Pearson Partnership*
- ♦ *Homeland Security Program, Our Partnership with Monmouth University, and Professional Collaborations with Governmental Agencies*
- ♦ *A Doctoral Program Showcase: Recent Graduates Discuss their Dissertations*

An Evening Adjunct Faculty Colloquium will be held at 5:30 p.m. My presentation will be followed by the faculty workshop on technology, video conferencing, and the online grade book.

If you are available, please come to the Colloquium.

9-11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference

In recognition of the tenth anniversary of the unprecedented attack on the United States, the College has scheduled a 9-11 Commemoration and Homeland Security Conference. This event will take place on Monday, September 12th, on the College campus.

The Commemoration will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Arts and Community Center Theatre. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Charles Amoroso, the father of a Port Authority Police Officer, who lost his son at the World Trade Center. We are still awaiting confirmation from others who have been asked to participate.

At 11:15 a.m., several Homeland Security panel discussions will begin in Bartlett Hall, Room 203. They are:

- ♦ 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. - *The Pieces of the Puzzle: Who are the Actors?*

- ♦ The Federal Response to the Challenges of Terrorism – Mr. Joseph Arata, Assistant Director of the National Recruitment Office, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Patrol
- ♦ The State Response to the Challenges of Terrorism – Professor Joseph Kirchhofer, Professor of Criminal Justice and retired New Jersey Police Officer
- ♦ Counterterrorism at the Local Level – Lt. Vincent Petrecca, Special Investigations Unit, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office
- ♦ 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. – *Emergency Management and Homeland Security; the Nexus*
 - ♦ Mental Health Concerns in Emergency Response – Mr. Steve Crimando, Director of Training Disaster and Terrorism Branch, Office of the Assistant Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Human Services
 - ♦ Coordination of Treatment for the Dead and Injured – Mr. James Bruncati, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
 - ♦ Challenges in a WMD Attack – Ms. Joy Spellman, Director of the Center for Public Health Preparedness, Burlington County College
- ♦ 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. – *Homeland Security and the Way Forward*
 - ♦ What is the Cost of Homeland Security? – Dr. Joseph Patton, Political Science Department, Monmouth University
 - ♦ Working Smarter with Less in an Era of Budgetary Constraints – Mr. Joseph Arata
 - ♦ Future Challenges – Charles Grinnell, Esq., Senior Counsel and Deputy Attorney General, Gangs and Organized Crime Task Force, New Jersey Department of Law and Safety

Ms. Jan Kirsten, Director of College Relations, and Dr. Richard O'Meara, Social Science Professor, are coordinating the activities of the day. I extend an invitation to you to attend the Commemoration and any of the Panel Discussions.

College Advancement

Two very attractive brochures have recently been developed by the Office of College Relations for the Continuing and Professional Education Department, which are being mailed throughout Ocean County and are available on the OCC website. Both of

these publications have a refreshed look that will, hopefully, attract and appeal to individuals in many different demographics in the County.

I will distribute the brochures to you at Monday's meeting:

- ♦ *Love Your Job? Need a Job?*, which focuses on career training leading to employment and/or certification in specific employment fields
- ♦ *Engage Yourself!*, a brochure with emphasis on personal enrichment, including classes in foreign language, art, swimming, fitness, and day trips

Ms. Kirsten and her staff, Mr. Scott Bruinooge, Coordinator of Publications, and Ms. Nicole Howard, Graphics Specialist, are commended for their fine work on these outstanding publications, as is Ms. Maureen Conlon, Manager of Web Services, for her administration of the Ocean County College website.

On Monday, Ms. Tara Kelly, Vice President of College Advancement, will provide a brief report on various other activities within her area.

Board of Trustees Retreat

Please mark your calendars for the next Board of Trustees Retreat, which is scheduled for Friday, September 9th, at 12:00 noon in the Technology Building Conference Room. Please let me know if you have specific issues you would like to discuss at the retreat.