



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 **February 25, 2013, Board Meeting**

DATE: February 20, 2013

Student Award

The League for Innovation in the Community College is an international organization dedicated to the community college movement. It hosts conferences, develops Web resources, conducts research, produces publications, and leads projects and initiatives to make a positive difference for students and communities.

At its annual conference, the League presents various awards to both community college leaders and students. This year, Ms. Mary Burke, Professor of Computer Science, nominated OCC student Nicholas Tyler for the 2013 Terry O'Banion Student Technology Champion Award, and we were recently informed that he was selected to receive the award. The League Selection Committee was impressed by Nick's demonstrated dedication to and passion for the technology field.

Nick will receive a \$1,000 award and will be announced as the award winner at the League's Innovations Conference in Dallas, Texas, in March. Nick and Professor Burke were invited to attend the conference to receive his award; instead, however, we will make the necessary arrangements for Nick to participate through teleconferencing. A reception will be held in his honor on the evening of award presentation.

We are extremely proud of Nick and congratulate him on this wonderful international recognition. I have invited him to attend Monday's meeting so we can all recognize this extraordinary achievement. Ms. Loretta Cramer, Learning Disabilities Specialist in the Center for Academic Excellence, will accompany him.

Employee Recognition

During each Spring Colloquium, we recognize employees who have reached significant milestones in their service to Ocean County College. Unfortunately, an anomaly in the computer system used to identify these employees resulted in their omission from the recognition lists.

All of the affected employees have been invited to Monday's meeting for the presentation of their appropriate Loyal Service Certificates, although not all are able to attend. Our apology and sincerest belated congratulations are extended to:

20 Years of Service

Dr. Alfred Atanda, Assistant Professor of Social Science, Retired
Michael B. Berman, Adjunct Professor of Business Studies
Eileen Burdge, Community Services Specialist
Rudolph Chesko, Adjunct Professor of Social Science
Kathleen Collis, Part-Time Evening Nurse, Retired
Albert DeAngelo, Adjunct Professor of Science, Retired
Paul DeMarco, Part-Time Security Officer
Milton Estelle, Adjunct Professor of Science
Bridget Feneis, Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Thomas Fikslin, Adjunct Professor of Science
Linda Henderson, Professor of Mathematics
Sandra P. Kearns, Assistant Professor of Nursing
Thomas Lesniak, Adjunct Professor of Science
Leonard Luzky, Adjunct Professor of Social Science
Deborah Maher, Adjunct Professor of Mathematics
Vicki McMillian, Professor of Mathematics
Steven Ninivaggi, Adjunct Professor of English and Literature
Kenneth Olsen, Assistant Vice President of Facilities Planning and Construction
Julius Raichle, Manager of Safety and Environmental Compliance
Barbara Roshak, Adjunct Professor of English and Literature
Bridget Root, Office Manager of Registration
Neil Schiller, Associate Professor of Engineering
Laurino Vacca, Adjunct Professor of Social Science
Xiao-Ming Yang, Professor of English and Literature
Yuan Zhong Xu, Professor of Mathematics
Judith Zinis, Professor of English and Literature, Retired

30 Years of Service

Wanda Marshall, Test Administrator Technician
Florisa Torres, Building Maintenance Worker

40 Years of Service

Mary Burke, Associate Professor of Computer Studies

Dr. James Mack, Adjunct Professor of Science

Academic Affairs Initiatives

Academic Affairs continues working on the following ongoing and new initiatives:

- ◆ Currently, Ocean County College offers its students global education opportunities through Theatre in London, World of the Maya, Native American Southwest Travel Seminar, and the Annual Seminar in Washington, D.C, at the United States Institute of Peace. Marketing efforts are underway to attract more students to these travel programs. When the Global Studies degree is finalized and approved, all students working towards that degree will be required to participate in a travel program to complete the requirements of the degree. With much appreciated financial scholarships from the Ocean County College Foundation, many of our participating students are able to offset the cost.
- ◆ The Addictions Counseling certificate program is in the process of applying for accreditation. Two work-study students are assisting the College in this initiative as interns.
- ◆ Discussions continue with Fairleigh Dickinson University regarding a Tourism and Hospitality program and joint efforts to attract students, especially those students who are admitted into Fairleigh Dickinson but cannot afford to enroll. It is hoped that OCC can offer those students a real alternative by providing the first two years of the program.
- ◆ The Developmental Education Committee, math and science faculty, and several members of the President's Leadership Team will attend a presentation by McGraw-Hill Higher Education regarding ALEKS PPL, a program designed to increase student performance and retention with individualized assessment and learning. The program is being considered by Academic Affairs for three groups of students—new students before they take math placement tests, students who require developmental math classes as a result of testing, and students who are currently enrolled in college level math courses. The goal is to increase student completion rates and reduce failure and withdrawals.
- ◆ Academic Affairs has begun the process of using program review and other institutional data to analyze student success or lack of it and to develop improvement strategies, including the encouragement of full-time faculty members to explore various ways to improve student success.
- ◆ All four school deans are working together to improve the fall 2013 semester scheduling processes to reduce internal scheduling conflicts. For long-term scheduling improvement, a task force has been formed with representatives from the student body, advising, faculty, administrators, and staff to develop recommendations for more student-oriented scheduling.

- ♦ An Instructional Technology Task Force has been established that is charged with the development of recommendations to meet both immediate and long-term needs for instructional technology. The ultimate goal is to provide basic technology in all classrooms, to provide adequate technology for specialized classrooms, and to maintain a reasonable schedule for upgrades and replacements.
- ♦ A meeting is being scheduled for next week to provide an update on the College's Foundations of Excellence project, to make plans for the next step of implementing recommendations previously developed by subcommittees, and to discuss exciting new initiatives. This project is the College community's effort to increase first-year student engagement.

Ocean County College Senior Living Expo

The Third Annual Senior Living Expo is being hosted by Ocean County College in the College Gymnasium on Wednesday, March 27, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Admission to the Expo is free.

This event has been extremely popular for Ocean County's senior population and the County's businesses and organizations that participate. Expo highlights will include:

- ♦ Health and wellness screenings presented by Community Medical Center.
- ♦ AAA's National Senior Driver demonstrations, including CarFit, Roadwise Rx, and AAA Roadwise Review.
- ♦ The Blue to You Van to assist in arranging medical appointments and transportation services, as well as providing support for medical claims issues.
- ♦ Free food samples from area eateries and restaurants.
- ♦ Musical entertainment.
- ♦ Door prizes and free giveaways.

AAA and Barnabas Health/Community Medical Center are major sponsors of the Ocean County College Senior Living Expo 2013. Also providing sponsorship is Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Blue to You, and New Jersey Natural Gas.

Ms. Joanne Padrone, Director of Resource Development, and the Office of College Relations are coordinating this event.

Ocean County College Athletics

At the December Board meeting, Ms. Ilene Cohen, Executive Director of Athletics, was hopeful that Ocean County College would be ranked by the National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) as one of the top ten programs in the country. I am proud to inform you that, after fall semester competition, Ocean County College is ranked third in the country.

NATYCAA is the professional organization of two-year athletic administrators, which recognizes excellence in athletics. Its rankings are based on success in championship competition. Rankings are made twice during the academic year, in January and June.

At the end of each athletic season, the Athletic Department sponsors a Sports Awards Dinner to recognize the performance of players and coaches. This year's event will take place on Monday, March 11, at Hemingway's in Seaside Heights. During the evening, every player is acknowledged, and special awards are presented to the most valuable players of each team.

The Sports Award Dinner is always a wonderful affair. An invitation is extended to all trustees to join us for the evening.

The Winter 2013 edition of the Ocean County College Viking Update, a newsletter from the Department of Athletics, will be shared with you on Monday.

Career, Employment, and Counseling Services

Career, Employment, and Counseling Services at Ocean County College provides free assistance to students for setting and achieving goals. Students may address a wide array of personal and interpersonal issues that can interfere with daily living, achieving success, and experiencing a strong, positive sense of well-being.

The Center also offers many workshops and seminars on a continuous basis throughout the year, some of which are:

- ♦ On Friday, February 15, Ms. Allison Blake, Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, chose to visit Ocean County College to meet with participants in the State-funded Displaced Homemakers Program. This program helps women who have lost their primary source of income to become financially self-sufficient by providing training and assisting them in finding employment. The OCC program now has approximately 60 clients, and there are 1,200 clients in 15 programs throughout New Jersey.

Several of the women at the workshop shared their compelling stories with Ms. Blake. Compounding their struggles to support themselves and their families, two of the women were victims of Super Storm Sandy, losing their homes and their possessions. With the support of the Displaced Homemakers Program and the College, both women are continuing their OCC courses despite facing additional difficult challenges.

- ♦ A workshop entitled, “Dress for Success: Your Competitive Edge,” is being offered by the Center on Tuesday, March 19, in the College Center. Participants will learn why first impressions matter as well as gain insight on what it takes to develop an improved, polished, and professional style, one that best fits their professional and personal lives. This event is also being sponsored by the OCC Office of Student Life and the Kean University Career Development and Advancement Office.
- ♦ “Embracing Change in Life and Career” will be offered on Saturday, March 23, in the College Center. The Displaced Homemakers Program and the Center are co-sponsoring this event, the purpose of which is to help participants view change as a part of life that cannot be avoided and understand that it does not have to be a crisis. Two presentations will be made during the day, the first, “Embracing Change in Non-Traditional Employment,” and the second, “Embracing Change in Life and Career.”

Career, Employment, and Counseling Services continues to provide excellent programs and essential services to our students under the leadership of Dr. Kate Pandolpho, Director. Dr. Pandolpho and her staff are commended for their outstanding efforts.

Women’s History Month

Every year, March is designated as Women’s History Month throughout the country. Women’s History Month is widely recognized, with celebrations, community events, plays, essays, and other projects being undertaken. These events provide important opportunities for sharing research and stories about women’s roles, struggles, and successes today and throughout history. The 2013 theme for Women’s History Month is “Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.”

Attached is a listing of the many activities that are scheduled for the month of March at Ocean County College. All programs are free and open to the public. Ms. Lynn Kenneally, Professor of Social Science, is coordinating these events.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be the Board Retreat scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2013, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. in the Boardroom. If there are any specific issues you would like to discuss, please let me know.

The regular monthly public meeting of the Board in March is being rescheduled from Monday, March 25, to Friday, March 22, at 12:30 p.m. in the Boardroom. Appropriate notices will be distributed.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2013

Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month with the following programs.

Monday, March 4	9:30 a.m.	Speaker: Professor Rick Trimble Topic: Warrior Women
	11:00 a.m.	Speakers: Professor Geraldine Ryder Topic: Lizzie Borden: You Can't Chop Your Father Up in Massachusetts
Tuesday, March 5	11:00 a.m.	Speaker: Maureen Alexander Topic: Women Lighthouse Keepers
Thursday, March 7	9:30 a.m.	Speaker: Professors Judy Angona & Sandra Brown Topic: "Choice, Love, and Passion: The Power of Woman's Voice"
Friday, March 8	9:30 a.m.	Speaker: Kate Pandolpho, Ph.D.
	11:00 a.m.	Topic: Women and Work
	12:30 p.m.	This program will be repeated at the times listed.
Monday, March 11	11:00 a.m.	Speakers: Professor Joaquin Rolon, Professor Jack Kelnhofer, Professor Heidi Sheridan and Professor Lynn Kraemer-Siracusa Topic: "Topdog/Underdog" by Suzan-Lori Parks
	2:00 p.m.	Speaker: Provost Francis Polk Topic: "The Woman Behind the Founding of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine" Location: Room 117 • Manahawkin Campus
Tuesday, March 12	2:00 p.m.	Speaker/Topic: Student papers will be presented on Famous Women in History Co-sponsored by the OCC History Club
	2:00 p.m.	Speaker: Provost Francis Polk Topic: "The Woman Behind the Founding of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine" Location: Room 117 • Manahawkin Campus
Thursday, March 14	12:30 p.m.	Speaker/Topic: Students in Professor Barbara Napolitano's BUSN 215 class will present projects on Topic: "Notable Business Women in History."
Friday, March 15	2:00 p.m.	Speaker/Topic: Student papers will be presented on Famous Women in History Co-sponsored by the OCC History Club
Tuesday, March 19	11:00 a.m.	Speaker/Topic: Professor Jason Ghibesi's American Government class will speak about Women in Politics.
Thursday, March 21	9:30 a.m.	Speaker/Topic: Professor Chris Kitchin will present a program on Dian Fossey and the Mountain Gorillas.
Saturday, March 23	9:00 a.m.-1 p.m.	Topic: Women's Career & Life Event: How to Embrace Change Location: Solar Lounge

All programs are free and open to the public, and held in Conference Rooms A & B of the Bookstore (unless otherwise noted).



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