### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.

TO:

Members, OCC Board of Trustees

FROM:

Jon H. Larson, Ph.D.

President

SUBJECT:

Items of Interest for the January 24, 2011, Board Meeting

DATE:

January 20, 2011

### **Gateway Building**

A Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Gateway Building will take place at 2:00 p.m. following Monday's Board meeting. The brief program will include remarks from Mr. Van Thulin, Mrs. Linda, Novak, Dr. Dawood Farahi, Freeholder John Bartlett, Jr., and me in the Technology Building. Participants will then move to the area adjacent to the Technology Building for the actual groundbreaking and return to the building for a dessert reception.

Please plan to stay for the ceremony as we celebrate the Kean-Ocean partnership with this milestone event that will lead to outstanding opportunities for the residents of Ocean County.

### Ocean County College FY 2012 Budget Request

At Monday's meeting, a recommendation will be made to the trustees to approve the proposed Ocean County College FY 2012 budget. The budget is consistent with the financial information included in the OCC Restructuring Plan/Reduction in Force approved by the Board in December.

Following approval by the Board of Trustees, the budget will be presented to the Ocean County College Board of School Estimate at a meeting to be scheduled in February. In keeping with New Jersey Statutes, the Board of School Estimate is comprised of three freeholders and two trustees. This year's Board of School Estimate members are Freeholders John C. Bartlett, Jr., James F. Lacey, and Joseph H. Vicari and Board Chair Van Thulin and Board Treasurer Jerry Dasti.

### **Nursing Program**

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 54 of the 56 graduates of the Ocean County College Nursing Program received their nursing pins at the December Annual Pinning Ceremony. The students successfully completed the requirements for an associate in applied science degree in nursing. During the ceremony, special awards in Nursing were also presented.

This year's guest speaker was Dr. Minnie Campbell, Chair of the Department of Nursing at Kean University This was especially significant because so many of our graduates take advantage of the Kean-Ocean partnership by continuing their studies to achieve a bachelor's of science degree in nursing right here on the OCC campus. In fact, a number of Nursing students enroll in Kean courses on our campus while still working toward their associate degrees.

As always, the Pinning Ceremony was an emotional and exciting evening to celebrate the students' accomplishments in our very rigorous and nationally ranked program.

### **Grant Awards**

Three grants are being recommended for acceptance at Monday's Board meeting, two from the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission to support the Ocean County College Community Chorus and the Ocean County College Theatre Company. The third is a \$475,000 grant from the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA) for the installation of a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Plant on campus.

This competitive grant program was supported by the Clean Energy Solutions American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and was jointly developed by the EDA and the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU). The program offered project-based grants to support the development, design, and construction of commercial, institutional, and industrial entity CHP projects in New Jersey. Only six projects were funded in the state, and Ocean County College is the only educational institution to have received a grant.

To be located behind the Instructional Building, the CHP Plant's gas generator and chiller/heater will distribute hot and cold water to campus buildings, which will enhance energy efficiency, reduce existing electric power demands, and produce a significant energy cost savings to the College.

Mr. Kenneth Olsen, Director of Facilities and Operations, who will serve as the project director, worked closely with our grants team, Ms. Gina Suriano, Director of Resource Development, and Ms. Sharla Trimm and Ms. Ann Fisher from SunGard Higher Education in securing this noteworthy award. Sincere appreciation is expressed to them for their efforts.

### Marketing/Advertising

With an increased focus on enrollment marketing and recruitment, the College Relations department launched a comprehensive advertising and promotional campaign to assist in the

goal of obtaining more students during this economic crisis. Mass media messaging was distributed to various media outlets as illustrated by example in the packet attached to this report. The campaign includes an aggressive TV, print, billboard, radio push along with a robust internet advertising strategy that is already showing results of increased traffic to our website.

The combination of repetitive messaging and strategic direct marketing is intended to support the efforts of the Recruitment department and will help to position OCC as an affordable, quality choice for students in Ocean County.

### **Community College National Legislative Summit**

The Association of Community College Trustees and the American Association of Community Colleges is sponsoring the 2011 Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., from Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, to Wednesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

This year, Mr. David Wolfe and Mr. Bray Barnes will accompany me to the Summit. We are scheduling appointments to meet with state and national legislators, including Congressmen Chris Smith, Jon Runyan, and Rodney Frelinghuysen. We also plan to visit Ms. Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration at the U.S. Department of Labor, and Ms. Lisa Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

We are looking forward to a successful and productive visit to the Capital.

### College Goal Sunday

College Goal Sunday is an annual event designed to assist low income and first generation students in completing the national application for college financial aid, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and to provide information on available financial aid resources. Co-sponsored by New Jersey Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NJASFAA) and the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), with a grant from the Lumina Foundation, this program will take place on Sunday, January 30, 2011.

One of eight sites selected in New Jersey, Ocean County College will host College Goal Sunday for the third year. A call has gone out campuswide for volunteers to assist with a variety of activities on the day of the event. Last year, 159 students and their families were provided with assistance, and it is anticipated that this year's College Goal Sunday will be even more successful.



### Displaced Homemakers Program At OCC

Women who have lost their primary source of financial support due to death, separation, divorce, or disability or military deployment of a spouse can find assistance through the Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County, located on Ocean County College's main campus on College Drive in Toms River.

Displaced homemakers are women of various ages, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds who are affected by a shortfall in fiscal stability and need to obtain or upgrade their skills for transition into the paid labor market.

In 1979, the New Jersey
Displaced Homemakers Act was
signed into law by then-governor
Brendan Byrne. The measure mandated that action be taken to address
the problem of displaced homemakers, many of whom are emotionally
or vocationally unprepared to enter
the job market, require additional
training or education, are working
but underemployed, or are unaware
of community resources.

Ocean County College is pleased to offer the Displaced Homemakers Program, which provides services to individuals looking to become economically self-sufficient. Through support, counseling, and training, the Displaced Homemakers Center at OCC can assist a woman in reaching her full potential.

Services include academic advising, employment and life counseling, training opportunities, career planning, connection to social and community organizations, assistance with the job search, health and wellness programs, and selfesteem and confidence building.

All of the services available at OCC's Displaced Homemakers Center are intended to enhance employability and earnings, and to impact positively on the quality of life for the displaced homemaker and her entire family.

Center coordinators draw on a wide range of contacts within the area to help individuals find the assistance, skills, and confidence they need.

The Displaced Homemakers

Program at OCC is funded through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Division on Women.

For additional information on the Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County at Ocean County College, call 732.255.0400, ext. 2297, or visit www.ocean.edu.



Have you lost your major source of financial support because of separation, divorce, disability or death of the primary family provider? As a result of this loss are you:

- emotionally or vocationally unprepared to enter the job market;
- · in need of additional training or education;
- · working but underemployed;
- unaware of community resources

### The Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County can help!

The Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County provides free services to individuals who have lost their primary source of income due to separation, divorce, disability or death of the primary family provider and helps them become economically self-sufficient.

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Technology (HIT) field is
growing rapidly, and Ocean County
College can now assist information
technology and healthcare technicians and professionals through an
exciting new Health Information
Technology Grant Program that
prepares individuals to support IT
in public health settings.

Over the next five years, \$1,000 qualified health IT workers will be bired to meet the needs of hospitals and physicians' offices as they adopt an electronic health care system.

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forth a plan for advancing the use
of health information technology
to improve quality of care for citizens. As part of this initiative, OCC
received a two-year grant to train
individuals and upgrade their skills
to fill employment gaps.

The training program, based on OCC's main campus in Toms River,

includes intensive non-degree training courses that can be completed in six months or less, accommodates each trainee's skill gaps, and is flexibly designed to allow each trainee to enroll in just those courses he or she needs to attain the desired level of competency. Instruction in IT and/or healthcare areas is provided as is necessary, and participants will receive a Health Information Technology Certificate upon successful completion of the coursework. Tuition reimbursement is available for those who qualify. Both health care and IT technicians and professionals are encouraged to apply to the program to ensure the rapid and effective utilization and development of health information technologies.

For additional information, or to apply, contact Project Coordinator John Knight in the Ocean County College Department of Continuing and Professional Education's Healthcore Information Technology Grant Office, at 732.255.0511, or visit www.ocean.edu/HIT.



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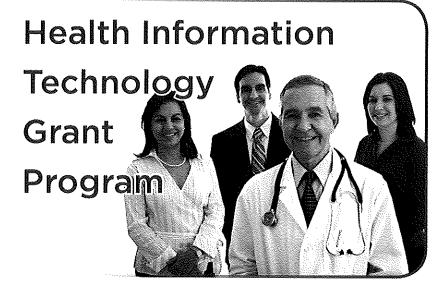
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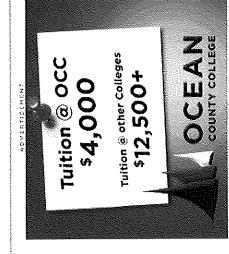
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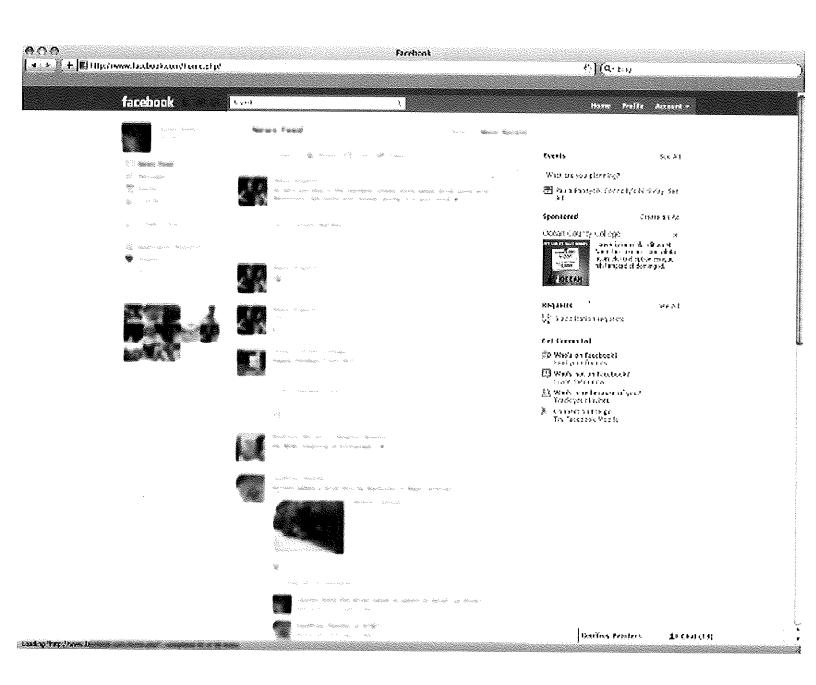
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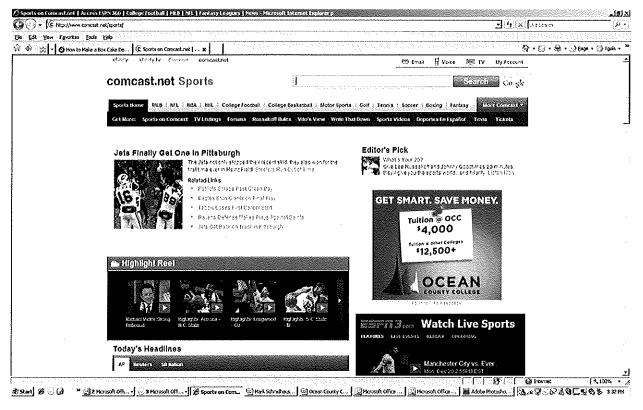


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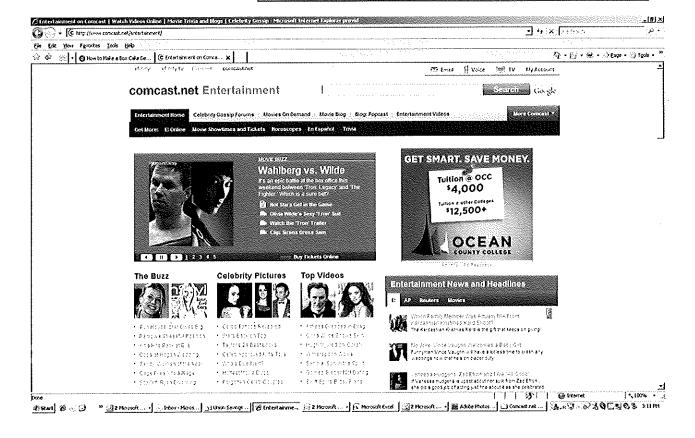
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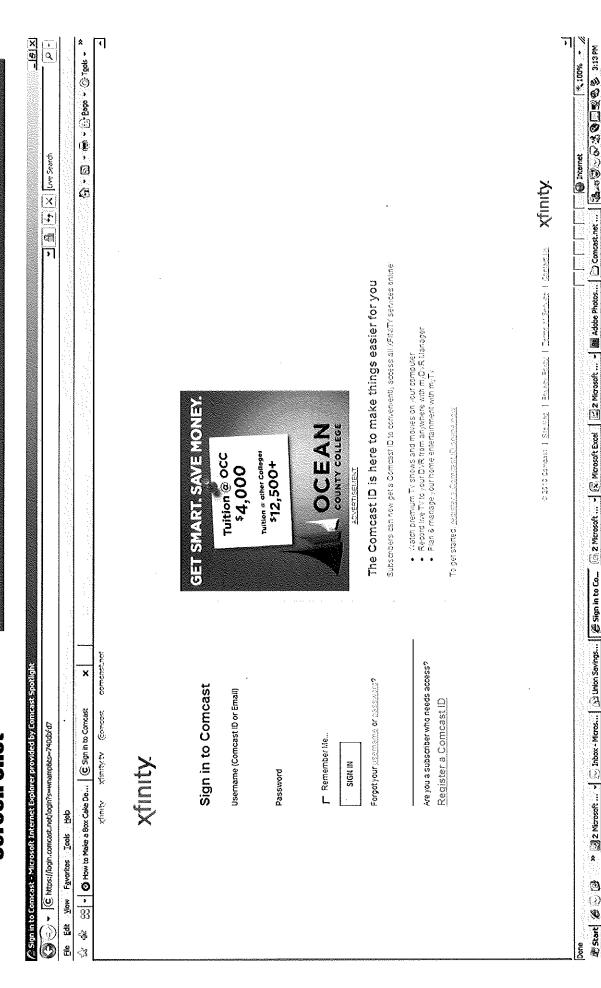
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# Sign-In Page Screen Shot

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### **Scheduling Considerations**

- The new health care law does not require students to be full time to be on their parents' health insurance.
- The economy is creating an increased need for students to work. (If they have
  jobs they are typically in retailing and food service/hospitality, where peak hours
  of work are Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- The day and evening schedules do not complement one another causing students to be on campus additional days in many cases or simply not scheduling classes.
- Students simply do not have the money. ("How many credits can I buy for \$900.00?")
- Many middle/working class students and parents are reluctant to borrow money for anything.

### **Recruitment Considerations**

### Immediate interventions-on-going now

- Phone calls to remind students to pay their bill
- Email blast to inquiry pool / stop-outs. Message: it's not too late to register. *Population: inquired but did not apply, applied but did not register, attended in the SP10 or Fall10 did not re-register.*
- Email blast re: Quick term registration
- Phone calls to inquiry pool / stop-outs registration reminder. *Population: inquired but did not apply, applied but did not register, attended in the SP10 or Fall10 did not re-register*
- Mailing Quickterm flyer to local businesses, libraries, schools, etc...

### Strategic

- Next month or so scheduling days at each high school "OCC Instant Admit Day"
- March: College Planning Conference (Open House) for the community
- "Build Your Future Not Your Debt" campaign.
- Outreach to returning veterans, displaced homemakers, adults returning to college, "at risk" students (all grant programs). Separate outreach to Millennial and Gen X generations who never came to college (just take one class theme). These students tend to be part-time.