



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the July 25, 2011, Board Meeting

DATE: July 20, 2011

Energy Reduction/Savings

In the spring of 2009, Ocean County College made a commitment to a comprehensive energy reduction project. The project included many buildings on campus with multiple strategies to reduce overall energy usage. New Jersey State law allowed a selection of energy conservation measures that would self-fund over a ten-year period; OCC's project will self-fund sooner, within seven years.

The energy reduction project resulted in 1.8 million kilowatt-hours of electricity savings, 47,000 therms of natural gas savings, and an overall energy cost savings of \$346,000 in the first full year of operation. With rising energy costs, the ten-year energy savings should exceed \$4,000,000.

The environmental impact of the project is a carbon dioxide (CO₂) greenhouse gas savings of 1.6 tons, which is equivalent to planting 7,852 trees or the removal of 275 cars from our roads. In addition, several buildings included in the project qualified to participate in New Jersey's Pay for Performance (P4P) incentive program. The incentive payments totaled \$383,222; this incentive money will be used at OCC to pursue greater savings with combined heat and power projects (with a potential additional \$1,000,000 in P4P energy incentive funds).

In our current climate of high energy costs, dwindling supplies, and environmental concerns, OCC is leading the way among New Jersey colleges in securing a greener, more energy efficient future.

I have asked Mr. Ken Olsen, Director of Facilities and Operations, to provide additional details about our innovative and successful energy savings program at Monday's meeting.

NJ STARS Program

The New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship (NJ STARS) Program for community college students and the NJ STARS II Program for juniors and seniors at New Jersey's public colleges and universities will remain unchanged for 2011-2012.

NJ STARS will provide full tuition community college scholarships for students who graduate high school in the top 15 percent of their class. NJ STARS II will provide \$6,000 per year tuition scholarships to NJ STARS students who earn their associate degrees with grade point averages between 3.25 and 3.49 and transfer to New Jersey public colleges to complete their baccalaureate degrees. For NJ STARS students who complete their associate degrees at community colleges with grade point averages between 3.5 and 4.0, NJ STARS II will provide \$7,000 per year tuition scholarships.

Athletics

Ms. Ilene Cohen, Director of Athletics, will be at Monday's Board meeting with two students who recently received well deserved recognition for their outstanding accomplishments:

- ♦ **David Kalash** – As reported to you last month, David, a member of OCC's baseball team, was recognized for the second year in a row by Rawlings as a Gold Glove Award Recipient for his excellent play in the outfield. He did not commit an error and had a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage during the baseball season.

The Rawlings Gold Glove Award is the benchmark of excellence and performance on the diamond in Major League Baseball and is a most prestigious award to receive.

- ♦ **Dan Wroblewski** – Dan was just recently selected to receive the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region XIX Robert Zifchak Male Scholar Athlete Award for 2010-2011. As a goalkeeper on the men's soccer team, Dan only allowed 32 goals in his 39 game career at OCC and posted 19 career shutouts. He was named to All-Region and All-Conference teams, was on the NJCAA Academic Team, and has been on the President's Honors List every semester he has been at OCC.

The Robert Zifchak Award is given annually to one male student athlete in Region XIX who has earned at least a 3.5 grade point average, has received recognition at the Regional, Conference, or National level, and has contributed to his College campus.

In addition, we are very proud to announce that OCC's women's basketball team was honored as the 2010-2011 Region XIX Team Champions of Character recipient. This award recognizes a Region XIX athletic team for outstanding results in character

development of its student athletes and coaches by embracing the true spirit of competition through the five core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, and sportsmanship. The recipients also demonstrate outstanding involvement in the community, which results in positive character development through sport.

The OCC women's basketball team made a significant impact both on and off the court this 2010–2011 season and has clearly demonstrated a commitment to the ideals of the Champions of Character Award. On Monday, Ms. Cohen will also share with you more information about the team and this award.

Phi Beta Lambda

In March, members of Phi Beta Lambda, the College's student business group, reported to you about their participation at the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference in February at Mercer County College, at which they received many individual and chapter awards and honors. On Monday, Alexander Daudier, the Vice President of OCC's Chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, and member Frank Gorman will again be joining us to share with you the success of Phi Beta Lambda at the National Leadership Conference, which was held from June 23-26 in Orlando, Florida. Professors Katherine Dillon and Edward Kissling accompanied the students to the conference.

Some of the national awards received include:

- ♦ Rebecca Tray – Top 15, Job Interview
- ♦ Frank Gorman – 2nd Place, Future Business Executive
- ♦ Edward Day – 5th Place, Marketing Concepts
- ♦ Nekiesha Hatch – 2nd Place, Client Services

In addition, Frank Gorman was elected to serve as Eastern Region Vice President, Professor Katherine Dillon received a Regional Advisor Award, and OCC's Phi Beta Lambda was named a Gold Seal Chapter.