

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **June 1, 2017, Board Meeting**

DATE: May 26, 2017

Ocean County College Jazz Band

The Ocean County College Jazz Band performs regularly on and off campus in such venues as the Grunin Center for the Arts as a warm-up band to professional jazz bands and on its own; the Gateway Building Lecture Hall; the Strand Theatre in Lakewood; the Mancini Hall at the Ocean County Library; the Toms River Jazz Club, *One Flight Up*; and at community events, such as the New Jersey State Salsa and Chili Cook-Off in downtown Toms River and the Annual Tree Lighting at the Toms River Elks Club.

The OCC Jazz Band recorded its fourth music CD on May 19, 2017. Articles about the band have appeared in OCC publications, Ocean Views and The Viking News, and, most recently, in the June 2017 edition of Jersey Jazz Journal, which is the official publication of the New Jersey Jazz Society. The article is attached. The OCC Jazz Band has performed on TV-20, and a musical theme used in the TV show, Currents, is a recorded performance by the Spring 2014 OCC Jazz Band.

Over the past three and one-half years, the OCC Jazz Band has been instructed in jazz master classes given by internationally known jazz artists, such as saxophonist/Tonight Show musical director, Branford Marsalis; drummer for Motown recordings, Aretha Franklin, and Steely Dan, Bernard Purdie; Sony recording artist, trumpeter, and vocalist Bria Skonberg; musical director for Lavay Smith, Chris Siebert; and former New York Yankee center fielder, now guitarist, Bernie Williams.

I have asked Mr. Dave Marowitz, Director of the Jazz Band and Adjunct Faculty Member in Music, to attend Thursday's meeting with a few members of the Ocean County College Jazz Band to share with you some of their experiences.

Ocean County College Foundation Scholarship Celebration

This year's Ocean County College Foundation Scholarship Celebration is taking place on Friday, June 16, 2017, on the OCC campus. This premier event is held annually to assist the Foundation in its mission to make higher education accessible to Ocean County residents through scholarships and awards. This year's major sponsor is again Investors Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan D’Onofrio and The D’Onofrio Foundation are being honored with the 2017 Humanitarian of the Year Award. The D’Onofrios have been longstanding supporters of the College for many years. They are true philanthropists and have established their own private foundation to provide financial assistance to many local and national charities.

Please mark your calendars for the Ocean County College Foundation Scholarship Celebration.

Finance and Administration

➤ **Human Resources**

➤ **Leadership Academy – 2016-17**

- On April 19, 2017, the Leadership Academy (LA) Cohort #2 participated in a workshop entitled “Presenting for Professionals,” which was developed and delivered by one of OCC’s College Lecturers, Gary Schaffer. The workshop was well received by the cohort, and plans are underway to open the workshop to more employees.
- The members of LA Cohort #2 continue to meet and discuss the presentation of their special project proposal, utilizing the Leadership Challenge Workbook as a guide for this undertaking. Scheduling for a June PLT presentation is underway.
- A call for applications for the 2017-18 Leadership Academy has been communicated. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2017.

➤ **System/Process Advances**

- On April 11, 2017, Ms. Tracey Donaldson, Assistant Vice President of Human Resources, and Ms. Jackie D’Amore, Senior Human Research Specialist, Talent, participated with other OCC colleagues in a demonstration of Maxient case management software. This type of software is being considered for use in organizing and properly retaining information resulting from the myriad of student judicial, Title IX, and employee relations cases handled at OCC. Other demos for similar products are being scheduled.

➤ **Training and Development**

- Ms. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Executive Director of Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Compliance, and Ms. Tracey Donaldson have completed the first step towards the development of a succession planning program. The initial draft framework has identified mission-critical positions and the experiences and competencies necessary to be successful in each. The plan was presented to the President’s Leadership Team on May 8, 2017, for review and input. Next steps are to develop a presentation for the Board of Trustees and to continue developing supporting mechanisms (such as recruiting, career paths, training and development, and performance management) for

what ultimately leads to having a workforce with members ready to transition into higher-level positions.

- On April 18 and 20, 2017, twenty-two employees from various student-serving areas participated in The Ocean Way, a comprehensive service training program designed to align all employees with the standard of service OCC aims to deliver. Training will be conducted in phases until all faculty and staff have participated. Additional workshops will be scheduled in the summer months in order to ensure many employees are trained by the start of the Fall 2017 semester.
- Training opportunities are limited for the current period due to the leave of absence of the Employee Training Specialist. Efforts will be focused on The Ocean Way, Leadership Academy programming, and compliance training for the next few months.

➤ **Continuing and Professional Education**

- OCC's Business Engagement is partnering with the Protocol school to conduct customer service training to retail businesses and restaurants. A successful training was held at The Gables Historic Inn & Restaurant in Beach Haven. The Gables' owners hope to schedule a second session soon for other "front of the house" staff.
- Mr. Michael Forcella, Manager of Business Engagement, was invited as Special Speaker for Staff Development Day at the "Ocean County Library, a Community Anchor" program.
- The Foodie Entrepreneur Program, sponsored by Continuing Education and the Small Business Development Center, held on May 1, 2017, was quite successful with over 100 attendees. The participants will receive follow-up information regarding training and other initiatives.
- CPE has entered into an agreement with Prestige Medical to offer Certified Nursing Assistant Credentialed Programs beginning in Fall 2017.
- Summer camp registration is in high gear, with marketing taking place at events throughout the County. Additionally, planning is underway for Fall 2017 programming:
 - A new adult disabilities course, which will offer assistance with interview skills, resume writing, and socialization.
 - A new introductory voice course.
 - An Autism program from October 2017 to May 2018.
 - A new mediation series for families and teens.
 - A new Yoga for Addiction and Recovery course.
- The Academy for Lifelong Learning is offering a "Delight in the Joy of Summer" program in August. It will include a Poetry Writing session, a Senior Scams program, a session on the Second Half of Life: The Life and Work of Angeles Arrien, a cultural anthropologist,

award-winning author, educator, and consultant to many organizations and businesses, and a special Planetarium show.

➤ **The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts**

Upcoming June shows include:

- JAX Live in Concert – Friday, June 2, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.
- The Jazz Lobsters – Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 8:00 p.m.

➤ **Planetarium**

The Planetarium continues to update and improve all show formats to align with new science standards and address the need for exciting and visually entertaining education for patrons of all ages. A new lineup of full-dome movies will begin this summer, thanks to an ongoing relationship with the Milwaukee Public Museum’s Daniel M. Soree Planetarium. Dinosaurs, ancient Egyptians, and aliens will be arriving this summer to delight and educate not only our local patrons, but also visitors who will be vacationing at the Jersey Shore.

Ms. Amanda Boyle, Planetarium Manager, and Planetarium staff member Kevin Molnar created a new two-hour format for young patrons entitled *Mad Scientists PJ Night*. This format includes hands-on participation at the newly created experiment stations before the show, including the making of volcanos and instant snow. Ms. Cara Muscio, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Science, performed the PJ show as a Mad Scientist, explaining how scientific methods are used to make amazing discoveries. The show was such a draw, with the first show selling out in pre-sales, that a second show was added, which also sold out in less than 48 hours.

➤ **College Relations**

OCC is receiving the following grant awards:

- Ocean County Tourism (\$1,250) - This grant will cover marketing expenses for “The Telling Project for Veterans” this summer.
- National Endowment for the Arts – Arts Engagement in American Communities (\$10,000) - This grant will cover expenses for “The Telling Project for Veterans” this summer.
- Ocean First Foundation (\$5,000) - Funds will be used to support the Grunin Center for the Arts performance of Brundibar.

Mr. Mark Wilson, Director of Cultural Affairs, is the Project Director for each of these grants.

➤ **New Jersey Teen Arts Festival**

The New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival will be held from May 31 to June 2, 2017, on the OCC campus. It is the statewide celebration of the arts dedicated to inspiring New Jersey teen artists, educators, professional artists and arts advocates. The Festival recognizes the accomplishments of the Garden State's teen artists by showcasing their creative efforts in the literary, performing, and visual arts.

In addition to highlighting the accomplishments of the State’s talented teen artists, the Teen Arts Festival is committed to furthering the interests of all art lovers. Master class workshops for students and professional development for teachers will be provided. Also, a number of higher education institutions dedicated to preparing individuals for careers in the arts will be on campus.

➤ **Information Technology**

Ellucian Go Mobile Access is now available to OCC end users, students, faculty, and staff. Ellucian Go provides access to great features to make the campus experience more effective, more efficient, and more fun. The application is free, easy to set up, and provides anytime, anywhere secure mobile access to many online resources and self-service applications.

Students will have access to Student Planning, Finance, Registration, Financial Aid, Pay Online, Grades, Class Schedules, and many more self-service features. Faculty can access Class Rosters and Student Planning.

All users will gain access to CANVAS; important campus information, including maps, events, and news; Bookstore; OCC Catalog; Student Clubs; Faculty/Staff Directory; and other OCC sites on various social media platforms.

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➤ **Security**

In accordance with New Jersey Public Law 2015, Chapter 220, and College Policy #2332, Reporting of On-Campus Criminal and Fire Events, attached is the monthly statistics report of crimes, fires, and other emergencies on campus for the reporting period April 20, 2017, through May 24, 2017.

Student Affairs

➤ **Advising**

As of May 25, 2017, a total of 275 students have been registered for New Student Orientation (up from 158 students at this time last year). Over 200 additional students are currently signed up to attend Orientation through mid-June.

Sixty-four parents of new students attended Parent Orientation in April and May. Feedback has been excellent so far, with 100% of respondents indicating they were “very satisfied” with the information received. Three more Parent Orientations are scheduled from June to August.

e-Learning and Learning Enterprises

At Thursday's meeting, Mr. Jeff Harmon, Associate Vice President of e-Learning and Learning Enterprises, will provide a snapshot of summer enrollment data, along with a summary of marketing statistics.

➤ **Domestic e-Learning**

- On the local partnership front, OCC's partnership with the Ben Hudnal Memorial Trust (Kaiser Permanente's educational foundation) yielded eight students through February 2017; however, a spike in enrollments is occurring. As of April 11, 2017, the BHMT project has yielded 188 credits in Summer and Fall 2017. BHMT is paying 100% of the cost of attendance, including all books, lab kits, fees, and tuition for these students.
- Mr. Fahad Khan, Director of Domestic Business and Partnership Development, has recently joined OCC's e-Learning team. Mr. Khan will be developing new articulations with other online four-year schools. Penn State University's World Campus was recently engaged, and four articulations between OCC Online and PSU World Campus are planned. St. Francis Medical Center will also be approached with a Pre-Nursing package of General Education courses from OCC Online.
- e-Learning has begun an online instructor mentoring program that will pair up new online instructors with seasoned veterans of distance education at OCC.
- The efforts by e-Learning to optimize marketing is bearing fruit. As a result of targeting non-traditional students and the redesign of the e-Learning web page, there has been a 26% increase in leads.

➤ **International Projects**

In the Middle East, it is anticipated that there will be close to 200 new students in Fall 2017 resulting from OCC's partnerships with Ain Shams University; the Arab Academy for Science, Technology, and Maritime Transport; and Ahram Canadian University.

The Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education

Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Director of the Center for Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights Education, will update the Board on Thursday on the Center's activities. A week-long Holocaust Remembrance Program was held from April 23 to 28, 2017. This year's program was dedicated to the memory of the victims of Terezin Camp; it was a celebration of the creative spirit and enduring art and music. Included were lectures, films, and a key note speaker, a survivor of Terezin.

Holocaust Remembrance Week began on April 23 with Congregation B'nai Israel opening a commemoration ceremony in the Gateway Building, and it ended on April 28 with a lecture, "Entarte Kunst."

Last November, "Kristallnacht Remembered" was offered in concert with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) is considered by many as the beginning of the Holocaust in Europe. It occurred across Germany and Austria on November 9-10, 1938.

Dr. Botein-Furrevig will also discuss the Center's Spring 2017 semester film series, the theme of which was Religious Conflicts across the Globe, and lectures that were presented by several speakers.

Academic Affairs

In response to student focus group information, the Scheduling Taskforce launched a pilot for the Summer 2017 course schedule. Summer on-campus classes are being held two days per week, Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday, rather than the four day schedule that has been in effect for many years. So far, the two-day per week schedule has been well received by students; enrollment has increased by 7% over last year.

At the end of the Summer sessions, an analysis will be done to determine if the two-day per week schedule will continue next year.

➤ **School of Arts and Humanities**

As Spring semester came to a close, the School of Arts and Humanities conducted course-level assessment in Spanish, Philosophy, Art History, and Communications. The Visual Communications Technology program has undergone a year-long program evaluation. A General Education assessment day was held, where 32 faculty evaluated the general education goals of Written Communication, Information Literacy, and Scientific Reasoning. The School continues to work on new program ideas, such as Graphic Arts, Design, and Media, as well as the expansion of current programs to fit into Guided Pathways.

Other events of interest designed to encourage student participation and community learning included:

- Poetry Festival speaker Mihaela Moscaliuc performed in the Black Box Theatre on April 20, 2017, followed by an open mic session in the Student Center. The event was organized by Dr. Sandra Brown, Professor of English, and Ms. Jayanti Tamm, Assistant Professor of English.
- On May 1, 2017, several faculty and Lecturer IIs participated in Perkins Career Day activities, which included presenters and alumni from the areas of the Visual Communications Technology, Digital Mass Media, and American Sign Language Interpreter Training Programs. Participants included College Lecturer II in

Humanities/Fine Arts Lee Kobus, Television Production Director Ralph Bertini, Assistant Professor of Computer Graphics and Photography Richard Fallon, Assistant Professor of American Sign Language Kathy Basilotto, and College Lecturer II in American Sign Language Sandra Piscatelli.

- The Annual Speech and Theatre competitions ran from May 1 to 3, 2017. Both events were organized by College Lecturer II of Communications/Theatre Paul Chalakani and Associate Professor of Communications/Theatre Elizabeth Brierley. On May 9, 2017, students from THTR 190, Children's Theatre Performance, performed, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!" Students from several elementary schools attended this production by Professor Brierley.
- The History Club, co-advised by Mr. Stephen Downey and Mr. Rob Marchie, both College Lecturer IIs in History, held a recent food can drive; donations, totaling 300 pounds, were delivered to the People's Pantry. Additionally, a bake sale raised \$160. In total, close to \$600 in donations was presented to the People's Pantry. A bulk of the proceeds are heading to Vetwork in Forked River to assist veterans with their living arrangements.
- On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, the OCC Music Club held its annual Spring Student Recital, which was organized by Ms. Karin Gargone, Instructor of Music, and was attended by the all faculty and lecturers in the School of Arts and Humanities.
- Seascape, OCC's literary magazine, had its launch with a reading and party on May 5, 2017. The event was organized by the students and their advisor, Professor Jayanti Tamm. Copies of Seascape will be available for you at Thursday's meeting.
- Finally, Assistant Professor of Ceramics Lisa Cecere and Instructor of Visual Arts Nat Bard in the Fine Arts area hosted a visiting artist, Mark Burns, to teach a workshop for students on May 1, 2017.
- **School of Business and Social Sciences**
 - Eight Ocean County College students attended the 19th Annual New Jersey Emergency Preparedness Association (NJEPA) Convention on May 3, 2017, in Atlantic City, along with Associate Adjunct Professor in Criminal Justice Harry DiCorcia. Students attended sessions on Hazard Mitigation, Conducting Fast and Efficient Damage Assessments, Helping Communities Heal after Traumatic Events, and the Role of the K-9 Crisis Response Team. Student Tyler Linsley attended on multiple days and received several certificates of instruction. Student Hope Tomasella was honored at the NJEPA reception, where she was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and received personal congratulations from Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno.
 - Addictions Lecturer II Jeffrey Lang accompanied 40 students to the New Jersey Prevention Network Addiction Conference in Atlantic City in April. Governor Chris Christie was the keynote speaker. In addition, the Future Addiction Counselors of America and the Student

Activities Board are teaming up to form a sober softball league in Monmouth and Ocean Counties this summer to promote fun and fellowship for individuals in recovery.

- Professor of Social Science Lynn Kenneally, Professor of Business Studies Ed Kissling and Lecturer II in Political Science and History Jason Ghibesi facilitated a series of student-led presentations entitled "The Politics of Dr. Seuss," as part of the Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Lecture Series. The event took place on April 25, 2017, and included a multidisciplinary approach to analyzing the relationship between the works of Dr. Seuss and war and peace. This particular event involved student participants from Professor Kenneally's Children's Literature class, Professor Kissling's Business Law class, and Mr. Ghibesi's International Relations class.
- College Lecturer II in Business Studies Kathy Toy attended the Honors by Contract Ceremony honoring her student, Cassidy Quinn, who won third place for her project on the stock market. Political Science Lecturer II Jennifer Barnes also had a winning student, Dana Lukowski, who won second place for her legal brief, which addressed constitutional law issues.
- On May 2, 2017, Ms. Jennifer Barnes hosted Lt. Col. Dolly Livingston and Major John Cayangyang of the U.S. Army to speak with her American Federal Government students about national defense and foreign policy.
- **School of Nursing and Health Sciences**
 - The School of Nursing hosted the Pinning Ceremony for the classes of December 2016 and May 2017 on Tuesday evening, May 23, 2017, in the Grunin Center Theatre. Of the 128 graduates for the academic year, 112 attended the ceremony. Over \$19,000 in scholarships and awards was presented to current students and graduates during the ceremony.
 - Graduating students were provided with a three-day licensure review course by the HURST Company. The review course prepares the graduates for the examination required to obtain licensure to practice nursing. The course includes test-taking strategies, a review of Nursing program content, and practice examinations to prepare for the actual exam.
 - On May 6, 2017, Nursing Lecturer IIs Tamila Purpuro and Nancy Volk attended the Ocean County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Training Program in Freehold. Knowledge related to disaster management is required for students to successfully complete the State licensure examination. The Ocean County Department of Health is assisting the faculty to incorporate emergency preparedness throughout the curriculum. The MRC establishes medical shelters during a disaster to assist Ocean County residents who have medical problems with assistance should evacuation be necessary.
 - Ms. Maryann Kaufmann, MSN, RN, Skills, Simulation, and Student Retention Specialist, and Ms. Laura Skrable, MSN, RN, Assistant Nursing Skills Specialist, attended the Simulation User Network conference at Monmouth Medical Center on May 16, 2017. The focus of the conference was to discuss best practices, discover innovative strategies, learn

new techniques, and interact with nurses and industry leaders involved with implementing simulation within nursing programs.

- The School of Nursing Lecturers participated in an annual workshop held from May 17 to 25, 2017, at which they completed a systematic review of all Nursing courses, revised assessment and outcome data collection tools, and reviewed licensure test plans and outcomes for the purpose of revising curriculum content. They also reviewed the School of Nursing's Systematic Plan of Evaluation, which addresses all standards and criteria required for accreditation.
- The book selected for summer reading by returning Nursing students is "I Wasn't Strong Like This When I Started Out: True Stories of Becoming Nurses," written by Lee Gutkind. This book addresses the struggles of nurses as they begin their profession. The book is incorporated within courses throughout the Fall semester to stimulate discussions related to nursing standards of practice, ethical decisions, and the caring role of nurses.
- **School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**
 - Lecturer II of Mathematics Krista Camilo, Professor of Mathematics Vicki McMillian, and Assistant Professor of Mathematics Carolyn Showalter conducted a two-day training session for full-time and part-time instructors who are assigned to teach MATH 023, Algebra Basics, in the Fall semester. The day session had 14 attendees: 3 full-time and 8 part-time faculty; Ms. Gina Zippo-Mazur, Coordinator of Disabilities Services; Ms. Megan Parker, Coordinator of Tutoring Services; and Ms. Leslie Price, Part-Time Mathematics Tutor. The evening session had 6 attendees: 2 full-time and 2 part-time faculty as well as two distance learning instructors via WebEx. The emphasis of the training was the distinction between MATH 023 and MATH 011, Introduction to Algebra I, and the addition of math vocabulary for word problems and critical thinking skills.
 - Dr. Mary Ellen Rada, College Lecturer II in Anatomy, decorated the Hering Science Building for the Memorial Day commemoration weekend, decorated a hallway bulletin board to promote the Environmental Science Club and Holistic Health Club, and started a project to modify mannequins with pre-recorded science facts and motion sensors; the mannequins will randomly play those facts when a person walks by them.
 - Mr. Scott Farrell, Lecturer II in Chemistry, chaperoned the HOSA club visit to the Mutter Museum in Philadelphia.
 - Mr. Vijay Ramdeen, Lecturer II in Chemistry, has been conducting weekly science activities at Brick High School for the STEM Academy. The annual STEM Day for middle school students from non-profit organizations is scheduled for June 3, 2017.
 - Assistant Professor of Science Eric Antonelli, College Lecturer II in Biology Dr. Angel Camilo, and Mr. Steven Jones, a student, attended the New Jersey Academy of Science 62nd Annual Meeting at Kean University. The meeting included a poster competition

session where Mr. Jones presented his research work on collecting transpiration data from tree leaves using an Arduino Uno microcontroller and temperature and humidity sensors.

- Dean of the School of STEM Paul Silberquit chaperoned five students from OCC's South Jersey Junior Science Symposium (SJJSS) competition to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposia (JSHS) national competition in San Diego, California. The first and second place SJJSS winners participated in presentation competitions, and the remaining three students, who were in the top seven ranked students from SJJSS participated in table-top poster sessions. Ms. Jiwoo Lee placed second in her category and received an \$8,000 scholarship. Three of the SJJSS winners are high school seniors and will attend universities in the Fall semester:
 - Ms. Indrani Das will attend Harvard University.
 - Ms. Jiwoo Lee is undecided between M.I.T. and Stanford University.
 - Mr. John Lozada will attend the University of Rochester.
- Dr. Angel Camilo and Dean Paul Silberquit visited the Mechatronics manufacturer Festo USA manufacturing facility in Mason, Ohio. The visit included a tour of the manufacturing center, Mechatronics and Metal Machining labs that are used by Sinclair Community College, and a presentation by Ms. Carolin McCaffrey, Head of Learning Center Midwest and Chief Liaison Manager. The information obtained from the visit will be used to develop Mechatronics courses and programs for the OCC-Ain Shams University partnership in Egypt.
- **Center for Student Success**
 - Attending the Best Practices Conference on April 21, 2017, at Middlesex County College were Ms. Gina Zippo-Mazur; Ms. Diane DeFilippo, Academic Support Specialist; Ms. Veronica Guevara-Lovgren, Director of Academic Support; and Ms. Lorie Trachtenberg, Director of Testing.

➤ **First Year Experience Seminar**

- The name of the First Year Experience Seminar, is being changed to CSS 155, College Success Seminar, to address questions from students required to take the course who were not necessarily “first year.” The name change more accurately reflects the true value of the course for all students.

The course is undergoing a retooling with the addition of a significant counseling coordination and presence. Counseling will facilitate workshops on student results on the College Success Factors Index (CSFI), an instrument designed to detect early indicators that may inhibit student academic success.

The course advising component is also being revised to reflect a “flipped” learning experience for students, requiring them to research and apply crucial advising information for academic assessment.

- On Tuesday, April 14, 2017, Ms. Sabrina Mathues, Academic Skills Lecturer II, coordinated and hosted with Dr. Mary Ellen Carr, Professor of English and Literature, a lecture and discussion with award-winning author, Penny Colman. As one of the most knowledgeable women on the topic of women’s history, Ms. Colman has authored 18 women’s history books from children’s books to suffragist biographies. She has appeared on television and radio news programs and was honored by the New Jersey Legislature for her contributions to the advancement of women. Ms. Colman’s visit was a paid engagement offered through The National Women’s History Project, but it was then supported by an anonymous donor. Approximately 35 faculty, staff, and students were in attendance for the lecture.

➤ **Disability Services**

- On April 28, 2017, Disability Services hosted an Autism Awareness Month event. Dr. Samantha Herrick, Assistant Professor of Rehabilitation Counseling and Community Counseling at Rutgers University, and Mr. Bret Vaks, Executive Director of Autism Family Services of New Jersey, answered questions from an audience representing students, parents, and teachers.
- Ms. Gina Zippo-Mazur attended the Facing the Future Conference at Rutgers University, RWJ Medical School, which was sponsored by The Boggs Center and the New Jersey Association of People Supporting Employment First. In April, she also attended the Pathways to Access: 16th Annual Disability Symposium at the University of Pennsylvania.
- During the Spring 2017 semester, Disability Services included:
- 62 faculty consultations
 - 429 students with disabilities enrolled
 - 52 information sessions/disability registrations

- 49 academic coaching sessions
 - 185 accommodation requests
- **Academic Coaching/Advising/Peer Mentoring and Tutoring**
- Ms. Diane DeFilippo attended the New Jersey Association of New Students Advocates meeting, participated in ongoing meetings for EdReady design, and worked on the implementation of the OCC Transitions to College Program, which is ready to enroll its first seven students from Lacey High School in a pilot starting in July 2017.
 - Ms. DeFilippo attended College Readiness Institute at Middlesex County College on May 18, 2017, and is pursuing coaching certification through the International Coaching Federation.
- **Tutoring Services**
- Tutoring Services hosted the first campus-wide ‘Tutoring Summit’ training and professional development for all tutors, regardless of program affiliation, on April 5, 2017.
 - A Writing Center Canvas Community has been created to provide additional resources and services.
 - Ms. Veronica Guevara-Lovgren attended the Ace Women’s Network: Moving the Needle, on March 24, 2017, at Brookdale Community College; the DL Learning Conference on March 31, 2017, at Camden County College; and the College Readiness Institute at Middlesex County College on May 18, 2017.
 - Ms. Megan Parker, Coordinator of Academic Support, attended the College Reading and Learning Association conference at Princeton University on March 24, 2017.
 - Tutoring Services had the following activity during Spring 2017:
 - Writing Center: 997 visits
 - Mathematics Center: 1,933 visits
 - Supplemental Instruction/PAL: 388 visits
 - Tutoring by Subject: 129 visits
- **Testing Center**
- 2,491 tests were administered during the Spring 2017 semester.
 - The Center is assisting in the implementation of the Accuplacer Placement Test for e-Learning.
 - All members of the Testing Center are certified for PearsonVue Certification Testing and began test administration to accommodate onsite testing for Continuing and Professional Education students completing their coursework.

- Ms. Lorie Trachtenberg administered a Program Review for Bergen Community College on May 23, 2017. Additionally, she attended the College Readiness Institute at Middlesex County College on May 18, 2017.