



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **June 28, 2016, Board Meeting**

DATE: June 23, 2016

Academic Affairs

➤ School of Arts and Humanities

- At the end of the spring semester, the **Fine Arts faculty** presented a **student exhibit** in the **Grunin Center for the Arts** that was **judged** by **professional artist David Wallace**. **Mr. Wallace** is a **collage artist, painter, and graphic designer** living in **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**, whose work has been shown in many cities in the **United States and overseas**.

The **Fine Arts faculty** were proud to report that their **students** have been **successful** in **transferring** to **prestigious art departments** at the following colleges: **Montclair State University, Pratt Institute, Temple University's Tyler School of Art, Dartmouth College, University of Massachusetts, and Maine College of Art**. Many students received **scholarships** based on the **quality** of their **portfolios**.

- **Ceramics faculty member, Ms. Lisa Cecere, Assistant Professor of Humanities**, is traveling to **China and Japan** to participate in a **seminar** with **Mr. Bai Ming, Director of Shangyu Celedon-Modern International Ceramic Art Center**. **Ms. Cecere** has also been invited to **organize** the **first group of American Ceramic Artists and Educators** to a **residency** at the **Center** and to attend as a **resident artist** from **June 14, 2016, through July 28, 2016**.
- The **Ocean County College Repertory Theatre Company** has begun **rehearsals** for its **summer production** of **"Guys and Dolls,"** directed by **Mr. Paul Chalakani, College Lecturer II, Communications and Theatre**. **Dr. Elizabeth Brierley, Associate Professor, Communications and Theatre**, is the **choreographer**, with **set design** being executed by **Mr. Dirk Durossette, Adjunct Faculty in Performing Arts**.



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- As **Chair of the Global Education Committee**, Ms. Erica Carboy, **Lecturer II in English**, has initiated *programming* for **Banned Books Week** and other events at OCC, which will be scheduled for **Fall 2016**.
- The School is reviewing its **courses for general education**, revising the **graphic design curriculum**, and compiling **English Course-Level Assessment data** from **Spring 2016**.
- **School of Business and Social Sciences**
 - The **Associate in Science degree in Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Management** was **approved** by the **New Jersey Presidents' Council** at its **June meeting** and is now an **official Business program**. Ms. Jennifer Evans, **Lecturer II in Marketing**, is acknowledged for her **significant contribution** to ensuring **approval** of the **program**.
 - The School collaborated with the **School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics** in hosting a **STEM Day** for **35 middle school students** from the local community as part of the **Investors Bank grant**. Students viewed a **mock crime scene**, **lifted evidence** from the site, **analyzed the evidence** in the science laboratory, and **solved a kidnapping mystery**.
 - Under the leadership of **Mr. Jeffrey Lang, Lecturer II of Addictions and Counseling**, the **Addictions Certificate Program** was recently **accredited** by the **National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission**. A **nationally known expert**, **Mr. Darryl Inaba, PharmD, CADC III**, was invited to campus to **speak** to nearly **140 addictions counselors, specialists, and members of the community** about **marijuana and opioid use**.
 - **Ms. Jennifer Barnes, Lecturer II of Political Science and Director of the Political Science Institute** at OCC, attended the **New Jersey Federation of Republican Women's 86th Annual Convention** and the **New Jersey State League of Municipalities Mini Conference**. She also **chaperoned students** attending the **New Jersey State Bar Association's Annual Conference** in **Atlantic City**. Ms. Evans escorted **Criminal Justice students** to the **Ocean County Justice Complex** to view a **criminal trial and sentencing proceedings**, as well as visited the **Ocean County Sheriff's Office CSI Laboratory**. In addition, she conducted an **on-campus presidential political poll** of **400+ students**.
 - **Two students** who participated in the **Honors by Contract program** within the **School of Social Sciences** were awarded **\$1,000 scholarships** at the **Scholarly Horizons Honors Conference** on **May 3, 2016**. **Mr. Leo Fasolo**, a student mentored by **Mr. Jason Ghibesi, Lecturer II in Political Science**, created a **comprehensive analysis** of issues relating to **demographic changes in Asia** for his **Global Issues class**. **Mr. Fasolo** explored the **impact** that **overpopulation and aging populations** have on a variety of factors, such as the **economy**. **Ms. Nancy Gray**, a



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student mentored by Ms. Jennifer Barnes, completed a **detailed legal brief** for her **Constitutional Law** class. Ms. Gray analyzed an array of issues pertaining to the **Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments**.

➤ Library

- The **Library** is currently undertaking an **inventory project** to **assess its holdings** and to **align cataloging metadata records** with the **materials** on the **shelves**. **Mr. James Marshall, Library Lecturer II**, who is **overseeing the project**, is using **Sirsi MobileCirc software**, along with the **Library's tablet and portable bar code scanner**, to inventory shelf material. As of **June 10, 2016**, Library staff have completed **38%** of the **inventory** and **estimate** that the **Library** currently holds approximately **80,028 volumes**. **Side projects** resulting from the inventory will include **weeding the collection, metadata reconciliation, and collection development analysis**. The Library staff will **complete inventorying shelf materials** by **mid-July**.
- In partnership with the **Center for Access and Equality**, the Library has begun developing a **designated space and collection** for **LGBT materials and resources**, named **LGBT C.U.E.**, which stands for **Collection Uniting Everyone**. This area reflects the **College's commitment** to develop a **safe, open, and inclusive environment**. **Design and furnishing** of the space is in **progress** and is slated to be **completed** in time for the **Fall semester**. The **Librarians** will be reaching out in the **Fall** to the **Ocean County K-12 schools** to provide sessions for their students in the **OCC Library**.
- **Library teams** are also **curating pull-out collections** to promote **expanded interest** in its resources and to create a more **thought-provoking path** through the space. Starting with a **generous donation of materials** from **Adjunct History Professor Richard Trimble**, **Mr. James Marshall** is developing the **Military History Collection**. **Mr. Torris Andersen, Reference Services Librarian**, is creating a **Mystery Nook** in a secret spot on the second floor. Library staff create **rotating displays** of materials on the first floor of the Library, and Library visitors enjoy seeing the **frequently changing displays** throughout the year.

➤ School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- On **May 4, 2016**, **Dr. Angel Camilo, Lecturer II of Biology**, and **Mr. Edmond Hong, Lecturer II of Computer Studies**, presented at an **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) training program** for **K-12 teachers** held at **Brookdale Community College**. Their presentation was based on the use of the **Scribe Pen** for **teaching electricity, electric circuits, and Ohm's Law**. The evening event provided **Mr. Paul Silberquit, Dean of the School**, to have a conversation with an **IEEE representative** and to learn about **IEEE grant opportunities** for **OCC**.



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- The **Science Club** and **Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Club** held two **fundraising events** to assist with **projected expenditures** for a **July HOSA Club trip and competition in Washington, D.C.** The two fundraising events were a **Blue Claws baseball game** on **May 19, 2016**, and a **breakfast at Applebee's** on **May 22, 2016**.
- The **Makers Club** continues to meet each **Wednesday** during the summer where student **club members** work on **building a robot** and **exploring electrical items**, such as **Raspberry Pie** and the **Scribe Circuit Pen**.
- On **June 16, 2016**, a **Tech Prep meeting** was held with participating **Ocean County schools** and the **STEM staff** who will work with the **Tech Prep schools** in the **2016-2017 competitions**. The **attendees** had a **positive response** to the **Unique Robotics Competition** held in the **Spring**, which allowed students to **expand their abilities** after the **Fall Robotics Competition**. **Dean Silberquit** shared his **vision** for the **Spring 2017 competition** to include students who are **not robotics, computer, or electronics oriented**. He recommended a **Cardboard Bridge competition** that would include **students outside STEM** and would **not require costly equipment**.
- **School of Nursing and Health Sciences**
 - The **School of Nursing** hosted the **Pinning Ceremony** for the classes of **December 2015** and **May 2016** on **Tuesday evening, May 24, 2016**, in the **Grunin Center Theatre**. The total **number of graduates** for the **academic year** was **145**, and **126** attended the **ceremony**. Over **\$21,000** in **scholarships** and **awards** were presented to current **students and graduates** during the ceremony.
 - **Graduating students** were provided with a **three-day licensure review course** by the **HURST Company** from **May 4, 2016, through May 6, 2016**. 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.
 - The **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) Evaluation Review Panel** met on **June 6, 2016**, and recommended the **OCC School of Nursing** for **full accreditation** by the **ACEN Board of Commissioners** for an **eight-year period**. This was the **third of four steps** required for **completion of the accreditation process**; the **fourth and final step** is **approval** by the **ACEN Board of Commissioners**, which is scheduled for **July 2016**.



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- **Ocean County College** was listed as one of the **top five blood donor groups** from colleges and universities by **New Jersey Blood Services**, a **Division** of the **New York Blood Center**. The **School of Nursing** was **recognized** at a **reception** held on **May 25, 2016**.
- The **Nursing faculty** participated in an **annual workshop** from **May 17, 2016, through May 20, 2016**, and **May 24, 2016, through May 25, 2016**. During the workshop, faculty completed a **systematic review** of all **Nursing courses**, revised **assessment** and **outcome data collection tools**, and reviewed **licensure test plans** and **outcomes** to update **curriculum content**. Faculty also reviewed the **School's Systematic Plan of Evaluation**, which addresses all **standards and criteria** required for **accreditation**.
- **Ms. Maryann Kaufmann, MSN, RN**, who is **OCC's Skills, Simulation, and Student Retention Specialist**, and **Ms. Laura Skrable, MSN, RN, Assistant Nursing Skills Specialist**, attended the **Simulation User Network conference** in **Atlantic City** on **May 23, 2016**. 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**.
- **Faculty** attended a presentation titled, "**Interactive Education: Strategies to Engage Student Nurses**," presented on **May 25, 2016**. The **presenter** was **Dr. Marian Nowak, DNP, RN, MPH, EdD, PN, CSN, Assistant Professor of Nursing at Rowan University**. **Dr. Nowak** discussed **techniques** that faculty can utilize within the **learning environment** specific to the **nursing program**.
- On **June 3, 2016**, **ten members** of the **School of Nursing**, including faculty and administrative staff, attended the **New Jersey Council of Associate Degree Nursing Programs' Annual Workshop** titled, "**Managing Difficult Students: From Conduct to Crisis**." **Mr. Christopher Jeune, MA**, and **Mr. Brian Oland, MA, LAC**, presented the workshop, which was held at the **Forsgate Country Club** in **Monroe, New Jersey**. The **workshop** focused on tools to utilize during **interactions** with **students**, strategies to **resolve conflict** and **de-escalate tense situations**, and implementation of **plans** to **collaborate** with **resources** provided by the College.

Finance and Administration

- **Ms. Sara Winchester, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration**, has been participating in **negotiations** with the **Players Development Academy (PDA)**, a **local soccer organization**, in order to allow it to use the **Ocean County Stadium turf field** for **five years** in exchange for **purchasing** and **installing lighting** for the **stadium**. Use of the **turf field** by **PDA** will primarily occur during **evening hours** when the turf field is not in use by **OCC**. In addition, **PDA** has an **affiliation agreement** with the **Toms River Futbol Club (TRFC)**. **TRFC** may **occasionally**



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utilize unused time by PDA. However, Ocean County College athletic teams and academic programs will have priority at all times over PDA and TRFC to use the turf field. This agreement will bring many young Ocean County athletes and their families to the campus and allow them to become familiar with the many athletic and educational opportunities available at OCC.

➤ Accounting

- OCC has contracted with Duff and Phelps (formerly known as American Appraisal), a property valuation consulting firm, to perform a full on-site physical asset inventory. The field work is occurring this week. Duff and Phelps will be searching for any item that had an original acquisition cost of \$500 or more, which should have a bar-coded OCC inventory tag, such as furniture, media, IT, and lab equipment. The company will also be valuing College buildings. The last physical inventory performed at the College was in 2009.
- Ocean County College is serving as a beta site for Web Time Entry Self-Service. The implementation is in the very early stages and should take approximately one year to complete. This system will assist tremendously in both Affordable Care Act reporting and the new Fair Labor Standards Act guidelines that will be released in December.
- As an incentive for early registration for the Fall 2016 semester, the College has been offering half-price fees on payment plans since April 2016. To date, 481 payment plans have been established for the Fall term and many more are expected.

➤ TV Studio

Digital Mass Media student Alex Podolyanchuk won the National Association of Broadcasters New Jersey Chapter's Don Brooks Scholarship for his work on the Viking Video Club's production of "Currents," the student magazine show. The program features OCC students, faculty, and Student Services staff. The summer production will soon be recorded and will feature a roundtable discussion on the challenges facing foreign students who attend OCC and another on the NJ STARS program. The air date for the show is planned for August.

➤ College Relations

The New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival took place from June 1, 2016, through June 3, 2016, on campus. Ocean County College worked in collaboration with the Arts and Education Center to host this wonderful event. The festival provided an opportunity to bring exceptional students to the College to showcase their talents in visual and performing arts. Over 1,500 students attended the event with adjudicators and guests from all over New Jersey.



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➤ Human Resources

- **Ms. Tracey Donaldson, Associate Vice President of Human Resources**, attended the regular monthly meeting of the **New Jersey Human Resources Affinity Groups (NJHRAG)** on **May 26, 2016**. Topics included the **State budget status** as related to **higher education**, which was presented by **Dr. Stephen Rose, President of Passaic County Community College**, and an in-depth **discussion** regarding the **revisions** to the **Fair Labor Standards Act** that will be **effective December 1, 2016**. Additionally, the group voted on **revisions** to the **NJHRAG bylaws** for **approval** by the college presidents.

➤ Employee Learning and Development

The new **OCC Summer 2016 Training Catalog** was distributed to all employees via a **broadcast message** on **June 8, 2016**. The **training offerings** cover a **wide range** of categories, including **compliance, soft skills, technical/software, safety, and managerial skills**. By giving **advance notice**, **managers and staff** will be able to **plan** the **scheduling** of **employee training** in order to **ensure coverage** for their areas. This initiative aligns with **Strategy 3, Develop Leadership at All Levels**, and **Strategy 5, Create a Challenging, Supportive Work Environment, of Charting Our New Course**.

➤ Emotional Intelligence Workshop

On **June 15, 2016**, **Mr. Earl Haddad of Skillpath** presented a **full day** of **training**, focusing on understanding how our **expressed emotions contribute to or detract from performance and professional success**. **Future workshops** on this topic are being **planned** and will be **offered** to all OCC employees.

➤ The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts

- **Ocean County College and The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts** will be presenting a **Humanities project** called, **"Beyond the Classroom: Global Education for Girls."** The project is a **joint effort** between **OCC, Georgian Court University, and the Toms River Library**. Other **key sponsors** include **Kean Ocean, the OCC Global Education Committee, Middle Eastern Studies Program, Ocean Pride, EOF, Writing Center, Girl Scouts of Jersey Shore, and Toms River NOW**.

Beginning **October 3, 2016**, people from **diverse backgrounds** will be brought together in **conversations** through **lectures, artists-in-residency, artistic reflections, panel discussions, documentary films, and Q&A sessions**, all focusing on the **importance** of **educating girls**



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around the **world**. The project will offer **opportunities** to **support** the **education** of all **girls** as well as highlight the **obstacles** that **prohibit** it.

Speakers will include:

- **Ms. Joan Osa Oviawe, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Grace Foundation-Nigeria**, an **international nonprofit** that provides programming to support the **empowerment of children, youth, and women**. **Ms. Oviawe** will share her **experiences** about **gender, leadership, and education issues**.
- **Ms. Mary Mihelic** will serve as the **artist-in-residence** inspired by all the people around the world who **risk their lives** in order to be **educated**. She has been making **artwork**, aptly titled "**53 Running Girls**," about the **courage** of the **schoolgirls** who **ran** for their **lives** and **escaped** from the **Boko Haram terrorists** in **Nigeria** when they **attacked** their **school** on **April 14, 2014**.

Ms. Mihelic will continue her **work** on the **Running Girls series** on **campus** in a **studio space** where she can easily **interact** with students through an **open and inviting studio environment**. All students will be **welcome** to **visit** to her; if desired, she will also **collaborate** with **students** on **artwork**.

- **Tunisian singer/activist Emel Mathlouthi** will share her story as a **singer/songwriter** living in **Tunisia** during the **Arab Spring**. This will be a **first-hand account** of how her **music** helped **change** the **movement**. **Dean of Instructional Outreach Maysa Hayward** will serve as **moderator**.
- **Ms. Lisa Gazzara, Community Affairs Liaison, Providence House Domestic Violence Services of Ocean County**, which provides **domestic violence services** to help **end the cycle of abuse**, will share information that is important in order to **identify domestic violence** in relationships and provide information on **counseling services**.
- **Dr. Elizabeth Brierley, Ms. Jayanti Tamm, Assistant Professor of English, and Ms. Stephanie Shestakow, Lecturer II, Humanities and Fine Arts**, will share the **history of women's education** in the **fine arts**, the meaning of the "**woman artist**," and how **women** have had to **consistently justify their work** and make it **relevant**. This **event** will be **moderated** by **Dr. Amy Gilley, Dean of Arts and Humanities**.
- **Ms. Caridad De La Luz, aka "La Bruja,"** was **born and raised** in **The Bronx, New York**. She is regarded as one of the **world's greatest poets** and has **traveled** the **world** performing her **poetic rhyme skills** on **television, film, theater, and radio**. **Ms. De La Luz** will perform



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a **melting pot** of **urban rhymes** on **October 19, 2016, and October 20, 2016**, during which the **audience** will be encouraged to **interact** and ask questions in both **English and Spanish**.

Also on **October 20, 2016**, **Ms. De La Luz** will work with a **creative writing class** and share her **favorite personal tips** and **techniques** that she has used throughout her **twenty-year career**.

- **Ms. Patty Caneda**, owner of **Caneda's Restaurant** in **Toms River**, will share her **life experience** as a woman who found herself **married one minute and alone the next**. Her story is about the **cruelty and fear** she faced as she found **inspiration** and **purpose** in the **eyes** of her **children**. She will offer her thoughts on what it takes to find **strength in loss** and **power in the art of staying focused**.
- **Ms. Jenny Nordberg**, author of the "**Underground Girls of Kabul**," tells the **unlikely story** of how she first discovered that **Afghan girls and women disguise themselves as boys and men** in one of the **most secretive, closed nations on Earth**. The story follows her work to **find, document, and win the confidences** of **Afghan women and girls** who eventually decide to **speak openly** about **sexuality, religion, and society** in the **war-ravaged country** named the **world's worst place to be born a girl**.
- "**He Named Me Malala**" is a **2015 American documentary film** directed by **Mr. Davis Guggenheim**. The film presents the **young Pakistani female activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai**, who has spoken out for the **rights of girls**, especially the **right to education**, since she was very young. The film recounts how she **miraculously survived** and has become even **more eloquent** in her **quest** after being **hunted down and shot** by a **Taliban gunman** as part of the organization's **violent opposition** to **girls' education** in the **Swat Valley in Pakistan**. The **title** refers to the **Afghani folk hero Malalai of Maiwand**, after whom her father named her.
- After the audience watches his film, "**To Educate a Girl**," **Mr. Oren Rudavsky, documentary filmmaker**, will speak of his experience in **Gulu and Abim Uganda** and his partner's experience in **Nepal**. **Mr. Rudavsky** will share details of "**Time for School**," his other project about the girl he followed for **twelve years** in **Rajasthan, India**, as well as other **girls** from **Benin, Afghanistan, and Romania**.

Georgian Court University and **OCC** will offer this event on **November 7, 2016**, in two sessions; the first will be at **6:00 p.m.** and the second at **7:30 p.m.**

- To celebrate the **ten-year anniversary** of the **Visiting Writers' Reading Series** at **Ocean County College**, **Mr. Stephen Kay** and **Ms. Piper Perabo** will host an engaging **discussion**



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about **navigating** through the **television and film industry**. **Mr. Kay and Ms. Perabo** will share their **insights** into **creating compelling characters** as well as the unique **challenges of filming abroad**. There will be a **session** for **audience questions** and a **special film screening**. This **event** is **free and open** to the **community**.

➤ Continuing Education

- The next **Active Adult Program** will be held **August 2, 3, and 4, 2016**, with programs featuring **jazz**; an all-day **writing workshop** on **creating autobiographies** by **Dr. Jayanti Tamm**; and a program by **Mr. Richard Trimble** on **Contentious Elections in the United States**.
- The **Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grant Program** funded a **two-year membership** in **NROC/EdReady Remedial Math and English**. **EdReady** is an **online program** that can be used to check **mastery** in a **course of study**, to **plan for college and career opportunities**, and to **prepare** for commonly used **placement exams**, such as **AccuPlacer**. **Membership** will **begin on June 20, 2016**; many students will **benefit** from the **program**.
- **Continuing and Professional Education** will **partner** with **Rutgers University** to respond to the request for proposals from the **Transitional Education and Employment Management (T.E.E.M.) Gateway on Youth Success Network of Ocean County**. The **program** focuses on **connecting local workforce development resources, education and training, and student services** for **out-of-school/at-risk youth aged 16 to 24**. The **grant award** for the **first year** is expected to be approximately **\$500,000**.
- **OCC** is **collaborating** with the **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development** as part of the **Career Connections Initiative**, for which all **New Jersey community colleges** have been tapped to **deliver training** beginning in **June**. **OCC** will be responsible for training the **One Stop Centers, public libraries, and all organizations** that service **job seekers** and receive **State funds**. To date, **OCC** has **trained over 60 employees**.

➤ Information Technology

- **New Jersey Regional Users' Group (Ellucian)**

Mr. Hatem Akl, Chief Information Officer, Ms. Lee Manning, HRIS Supervisor, Ms. Karen Papakonstantinou, Executive Director of Strategic Projects, and Ms. Elise Barocas, Controller, attended the New Jersey Regional Users' Group (NJRUG) meeting at Brookdale Community College on June 15, 2016. The general purpose of NJRUG is to advance technology use in support of New Jersey higher education. The specific purpose is to



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advance professionally the work and expertise of **technical** and **functional users** of **Ellucian** products, services, and related issues.

- **OIT** continues to work on the following **initiatives**:
 - **Barnes & Noble Implementation** - OIT continues to work with **Barnes & Noble** to build an **interface** between the **OCC student system** and the **B&N system**. The **Barnes & Noble system** will be **updated** with relevant **student aid information multiple times a day**, and a **daily file** will be received from **Barnes & Noble** of all **transactions** from the **previous day** to update the College's **General Ledger**.
 - **InsideTrack Implementation** - OIT is working with **eLearning** to integrate into **Recruiter** contact **information** on **students** who have contacted **InsideTrack** representatives.
 - **Canvas Implementation** - Starting with the **first summer session**, **Canvas** is being used in all **face-to-face courses**. OIT will continue to provide **Canvas faculty workshops** throughout the **summer**.
 - **Student Success Experience** - OIT installed **Self-Service version 2.12**, the latest version of **Colleague self-service** in a **test environment**. **Key end users** are working to **complete** their **testing** by the end of **June**. The **new version** will go **live** on **July 5, 2016**. By completing this upgrade, **Financial Aid** will be positioned to **introduce Financial Aid Self-Service** to **students** and **Accounting** will have the ability to begin setting up **student payment plans** in the **new environment**.
 - **Analytics Solution Beta** – OCC is participating in the **design efforts** of the new **Ellucian "Cloud Analytics,"** a **Software as a Service (SaaS) reporting and analytics solution**. **Recruiter Analytics** is the **first module** to be **implemented**, which is scheduled for **September 2016**. The necessary **resources** from the **various departments** will need to be committed to **participate** in the **beta**.
 - **Campus Infrastructure Improvements** - OIT continues to work with the **TV Studio** and **Security** to **update** their **technology** and **develop maintenance plans** to ensure that the **technology** stays **relevant** and **operates efficiently**.
 - **New Health Sciences Building** – The **Cambridge Construction trailer** has been connected to the **campus network** for **phone and computer access**, which will remain **active** until the **completion** of the new **building**. The **video surveillance solution** currently **recommended** for the **building** is being **re-evaluated** to ensure that it will be **scalable** and **compatible** with the **new technology direction** planned for the **Security Department**.



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➤ Bookstore

On **June 3, 2016**, the **College** contracted with **RGIS** to conduct a full physical inventory of all **textbooks and merchandise**. The report provided a **current value** of the **inventory** at **\$1,172,163.60**.

The **renovation work** by **Barnes & Noble** for the **new Bookstore** located in the **Jon and Judith Larson Student Center** began on **June 13, 2016**. While the **Bookstore** space was new, **Barnes & Noble** needed a **few changes** to ensure the **best possible student experience**. A few examples of those changes for the student experience are:

- Moving the **text book stacks** to the **open floor** from behind the counter so students can see the **various pricing** for **new, used, rental, and digital books**
- Providing a **pick-up window** for **online orders**
- Allowing **Financial Aid students** to **pre-order online**
- Designating **areas** where **students** can **sit** and plug in their **electronic devices** (**phones, tablets, laptops**)

The **renovation work** is expected to be **completed** by **July 1, 2016**; however, the **existing space** will remain **open** to accommodate **book sales** for the **Second Summer Five-Week Session** until **July 7, 2016**. The **current store** will **shut down** at **5:00 p.m.** on **July 7, 2016**. At that time, **Barnes & Noble** will conduct a **complete inventory** of **OCC-owned text books and merchandise** to determine what they will be purchasing from this inventory. The **new OCC Bookstore** will **open for business** on **Monday, July 11, 2016**, at **8:30 a.m.**

Mr. Justin Holder has been **appointed** as the **Manager** of the **OCC Bookstore**; he comes to OCC with over **ten years' experience** with the **Barnes & Noble College organization**, where he has held **various management positions** at **two- and four-year institutions**. **Mr. Holder** is very **excited** about this **opportunity** and is **looking forward** to **working** with our **students**.



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➤ e-Learning and Learning Enterprises

➤ Kaiser Permanente

OCC has been sought out by the **healthcare insurance provider, Kaiser Permanente (KP)**, to submit a **proposal** to serve as **KP's exclusive partner** in providing **online education** to **KP employees** sponsored through the **Ben Hudnall Memorial Trust**. OCC would serve as the **provider of online science education** to **KP employees**, co-mingling **KP employees** with **OCC students**.

➤ Canvas, Marketing, Recruitment, and Retention

The **e-Learning team** is finalizing the **migration** to the new **LMS Canvas** by **Instructure** and simultaneously **launching** the **new recruitment and retention campaign** with **InsideTrack** and **marketing initiative** with **Kiosk** beginning **July 1, 2016**.

In **collaboration** with **College Relations** and **Admissions**, **e-Learning** will be launching **myriad campaigns**:

- **Accelerated 16-Month Online Degree**
- **Spotlight on the Four Most Desirable OCC Online Degrees**
 - **Liberal Arts**
 - **General Education**
 - **Engineering**
 - **Business**
- **Online Science Disciplines**
- **Foreign Language Courses**

These **campaigns** will be **intertwined** with **campus** and **hybrid**, as **marketing efforts** are aimed both **inside** and **outside** the **county** and **state**.

Student Affairs

➤ Academic Advising

- **New Student Orientation** has **moved** to the **Jon and Judith Larson Student Center**. The new venue showcases OCC's **beautiful new building**, providing the ability to **host students** in a **more welcoming, pleasant environment**. The program has been reformatted from a **lecture format** to a **small group advising session**. **Student response** has been **excellent**, with **97%** of students thus



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far indicating they understand how to **plan** and **register** for **courses**, and **95%** indicating their **questions** and **concerns** were **addressed** at **orientation**.

- **Three Parent Orientations** have been hosted with approximately **100 parents** participating to date. **Speaking** at the programs were **representatives** from **Academic Affairs; the Center for Student Success; Career, Employment, and Counseling Services; Academic Advising/NJ STARS; and Financial Aid**. **Two additional orientations** are scheduled this **summer**.

➤ Student Life

- **Ms. Kathy Dillon**, Associate Professor of Business and Advisor to Phi Beta Lambda, will be travelling with **12 students** to **Atlanta, Georgia**, to **compete** at **Phi Beta Lambda's National Leadership Conference** from **June 23, 2016, through June 28, 2016**. These students all **competed** at the **state level** in **March** in order to earn the ability to compete at the **national level**. The students participating are **Danielle Wittman, Janelle George, Samantha Toll, Nicholas Leight, Leticia Adames, Matt Yostpille, John Lauria, Nicole Murphy, Nina Rogers, Amanda De Sombre, Gabe Belyayev, and Kenneth Rapsas**.
- From **June 21, 2016, through June 27, 2016**, Ocean County College's chapter of **Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA)** will be sending **three students** with **Mr. Scott Farrell, Lecturer II of Chemistry**, to **Nashville, Tennessee**, for **HOSA's International Leadership Conference**. Students traveling are **Adrienne Merchant, Steven Jones, and Christina Fichner**.
- At **HOSA's State Conference**, the **top five winners** of each event **win an award**, and the **top three** for each event are entered to **compete** at **HOSA's National Conference**. **Six OCC students competed** at the conference against other schools across New Jersey, including **Rutgers University** and **NJIT**. The **impressive results** of the students in the **first year** of **HOSA competition** were:
 - **Steven Jones** won **first place** in **Biomedical Laboratory Science**
 - **Christina Fichner** won **first place** in **Job Seeking Skills**
 - **Adrienne Merchant** received the **Barbara James Service Award** for having over **160 hours** of **community service** in the **health field**

➤ Athletics

On **June 29, 2016**, **OCC Athletics** will **induct seven** of its **former student-athletes** at the **2016 Hall of Fame Ceremony**, which is being held in the **OCC Gymnasium** at **6:00 p.m.** **Mr. Kevin Williams, local radio announcer**, will **host the event**.