

TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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President

SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **May 23, 2016, Board Meeting**

DATE: May 18, 2016

49th Annual Commencement Week Activities

Please **join us** for some or all of the **annual commencement activities** scheduled for **next week**:

- **Tuesday, May 24 – Nursing Pinning Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Theatre of the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts**. It is expected that **125 students** will be **pinned**.
- **Wednesday, May 25 – OCC Awards Ceremony at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Theatre of the Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts**.
- **Thursday, May 26 – OCC's 49th Commencement at 6:00 p.m.** on the **College campus**. We are delighted to have as our **guest speaker** this year **United States Congressman Thomas MacArthur**.

A **reception** will be held for the **platform party** from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** in the **Boardroom** of the **Administration Building**. At **5:00 p.m.**, the **platform party** will **robe** for the **ceremony**. **Members** of the **College community** will be **invited** to a **reception** prior to **Commencement** from **4:30 to 5:30 p.m.** in the **Black Box Atrium in the Grunin Center for the Arts**.

This year, in the event of **rain**, **Commencement** will move to **Friday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.** on the **College campus**.

At **3:00 p.m.** prior to **Commencement**, a **ceremony** honoring our **veterans** will take place at the **Veterans Memorial** on the **campus mall**. The **guest speaker** will be **Colonel Martin F. Klein**, **Deputy Commander, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst**.

We look forward to **another exciting and successful week** for our **students** this year.
Academic Affairs

➤ **School of Arts and Humanities**

- The **Communications faculty** hosted a successful **Speech Competition**, sponsored by **Pearson**, on **May 5**, at which **students** presented **persuasive speeches** on **topics** of their

own choosing. This **competition** has been held for the **past several years**, with **faculty nominating students** to participate. The **winners** were:

- **1st place - Marc Ellsworth**
- **2nd place - Jessica Siedler**
- **3rd place - Christina Vincent**

- **Finalist - Kathryn Latona**
- **Finalist - Nicholas Leight**
- **Finalist - Matthew Schoenberger**

- The **OCC Jazz Band**, under the **direction** of **Adjunct Assistant Professor David Marowitz**, **performed** at the **Strand Theatre** in **Lakewood** on **May 4** to a **large crowd**.

- To celebrate **National Poetry Week** in **April**, **Dr. Heidi Sheridan**, **Assistant Professor of English and Literature**, hosted the **15th Annual Poetry Festival**. **Mr. Gerald Stern**, the author of **16 books** of **poetry**, **read** from his **work** and **discussed poetry and life** with **students**. The event was held in the **Black Box**, which was **filled to capacity**.

- The **student publication**, **Seascope**, had its **launch party** on **April 26**. **Seascope** is the **annual literary and art magazine** produced by the **OCC Seascope Literary Magazine Club**. **Founded in 1965**, the **publication** is **produced** by **student editors** and is **composed** of **student, alumni, and faculty work**. **Professor Heidi Sheridan** serves as the **advisor** for **Seascope**. **Copies** will be **distributed** to you at **Monday's meeting** and can also be **found** throughout the **campus**.

- The **Fine Arts Department** hosted a **display** of **student work** on **May 6** in the **Grunin Center for the Arts**. **Mr. Wesley Holman**, a **student** enrolled in **Modernism and the Arts**, taught by **Dr. Sandra Brown**, **Professor of English**, won the **Honors by Contract award** for his **project** completed in **fall 2015**. His work **combined** a **study** of **painting** with **mathematical principles**.

The **Honors by Contract Program** allows **high achieving students** the opportunity to **work individually** with **faculty members/lecturers** on directed **higher-level educational activities** that are related to **course objectives** while being **enrolled** in a **regular course**. The student completes the **regular course assignments** in addition to **faculty-directed, higher-level academic assignments**.

- **Dr. Jayanti Tamm's** new **play**, "**Black Friday**," was **selected** to be **staged** by the **Luna Stage Theatre Company** in **West Orange, New Jersey**, for its **New Play Festival**. The play **opened** on **May 9**. **Dr. Tamm** is an **Assistant Professor of English and Literature**.

- **School of Business and Social Sciences**

- **Ocean County College** received **confirmation** from the **Executive Director of NAADAC**, the **Association for Addiction Professionals**, that the **OCC Addictions**

Counseling Program has received **national accreditation** from the **National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)**. This **recognition** was due, in large part, because of the **efforts of Mr. Jeffrey Lang, College Lecturer II in Addictions/Counseling**, who was **instrumental** in completing the required **self-study document** and **application** for this **accreditation**.

- The **national business honor society, Alpha Beta Gamma**, joined with **Lambda Epsilon Chi**, the **national honor society founded by the American Association for Paralegal Education**, for the **annual Initiation Ceremony** on **May 6**. Approximately **80 students** received **membership** in **Alpha Beta Gamma**, and **one student** was **inducted** into **Lambda Epsilon Chi**.

Alpha Beta Gamma was **founded in 1970** to **recognize and encourage scholarship** among **two-year business and professional college students**. **Mr. Henry Schwartz, Associate Professor of Business Studies**, and **Ms. Katherine Toy, Lecturer II of Business**, advise this group of students. **Professor of Business Studies Edward Kissling and Mr. Torris Anderson, Jr., Associate Professor/Reference Services Librarian**, provide the **leadership** to the students in **Lambda Epsilon Chi**, which was **established** to **recognize academic excellence in paralegal studies**.

➤ **Nursing and Health Sciences**

- **Ms. Denise VanSant-Smith, MSN, RN, Nursing Lecturer II**, presented a **poster** titled, “**The Psychosocial and Physiological Effects of Teaching Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction to Adolescents with Type I Diabetes**,” at the **Eastern Nursing Research Society Conference**, which was held from **April 13 - 15, 2016**, in **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**. **Ms. VanSant-Smith’s presentation** was part of her **dissertation** for completion of a **Ph.D. from Duquesne University School of Nursing**; she received a **\$500 scholarship** from **Duquesne University** to support the **presentation** of her work.
- **Nurses from Community Medical Center Obstetrics and Labor and Delivery Departments** collaborated with **OCC** to utilize **equipment** within the **Simulation Labs** for completion of **State-mandated competencies in high risk delivery procedures**. **Sixty nurses** from **Community Medical Center** were able to **practice** these **required skills** during **spring 2016**.
- **Ms. Maryann Kaufmann, MSN, RN, Nursing Simulation, Skills, and Student Retention Specialist**, was **inducted** into the **Kean University Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society** on **May 1**. **Ms. Kaufmann** is a **Ph.D. student** at **Kean University**. This **program** is held on the **Kean Ocean campus**.
- **Ms. Tracy Walsh, MSN, RN-BC, Dean of Nursing and Health Sciences**, was **inducted** into the **Kean University Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society** on **May 3**. **Ms. Walsh** is a **Ph.D. student** at **Kean University** on the **Kean Ocean campus**.

➤ **School of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**

- **Assistant Professor of Science Eric Antonelli and Dr. Angel Camilo, College Lecturer II of Biology, received one of two first place awards for their research and presentation on “The Use of Cell Phone Digital Media with QR Codes in Science Labs” at the 17th Annual NJEDGE.Net Faculty Showcase at Stevens Institute of Technology on March 23. They first presented their research, which was followed by a poster session. Dr. Edmond Hong, College Lecturer II in Computer Studies, provided invaluable technical support and research for this project, which is already being utilized here at the College for our students and for training adjunct faculty.**

Both **Professor Antonelli and Dr. Camilo** have been invited to **participate** at the **national NJEDGE Annual Conference** from **November 16 - 18**. The **theme** of the **conference** is the **Junction of Technology and Teaching**. The **conference** will take place in **Princeton**; **Professor Antonelli and Dr. Camilo** will receive **free passes** and **hotel lodging** to attend.

- **Two Phi Theta Kappa students, Steven M. Jones and Shivani Patel, have been conducting research with Professor Antonelli and Dr. Camilo. On Saturday, April 30, they presented a paper titled, "Substrate Colonization Preferences by Fungi," at the 61st Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Academy of Science hosted by Kean University. The paper was accepted and published on that date. We are all very proud of the hard work and dedication these students demonstrated and appreciate the mentorship from Professor Antonelli and Dr. Camilo.**

The New Jersey Academy of Science is a **private, non-profit, scientific and educational organization** of **scientists and others** interested in **science**, the **purpose** of which is to **stimulate science education and research** throughout New Jersey.

- **Dr. Caterina Gibson, College Lecturer II of Science, and 44 students in her General Biology classes participated in an ecology/beautification project this spring. The project combined lessons learned in the classroom about various plant species and their life cycles with the actual planting of flowers at the entrances of the Hiering Science Building and the Technology Building. Not only did the students gain knowledge through this project, but the campus community will continue to enjoy their project.**
- **Ms. Cassandra Camacho, an Honors by Contract student working with Dr. Mary Ellen Rada, College Lecturer II of Science, presented a PowerPoint lecture on the Zika virus and the biological and sociological aspects surrounding the virus, how to control the mosquito populations, and the connection to human development and pregnancy.**
- **The Spring Tech Prep High School Competition was held on the OCC campus on May 11. Replacing the traditional Cardboard Canoe competition was a unique Robotics Challenge that allowed high school teams to be creative with performing any task of their choice. With 79 students attending the event, 63 participated from 6 area schools:**
 - **Brick Township High School (3 teams) - Ping Pong Ball Launcher, Rubik's Cube Solver Robot, and Egg Stair Climber Carrier and Egg Cracker Robots**

- **Brick Memorial High School (spectators)**
- **Manchester Township High School (3 teams)** - Remote Control Camera Dolly, Robotic Car, Electronic Piano
- **Manchester Middle School (1 team)** - Robotic Forklift
- **Lacey Township High School (2 teams)** - Ping Pong Ball Launcher, Motion-Following Bubble Shooter
- **Ocean County Vocational-Technical School (1 team)** - Robotic Dog

The winners of the competition were:

- **1st Place: Ocean County Vocational-Technical School, Robotic Dog**
- **2nd Place: Lacey Township High School, Motion-Following Bubble Shooter**
- **Tied for 3rd Place: Lacey Township High School, Ping Pong Ball Launcher, and Brick Township High School, Egg Climber Carrier and Egg Cracker Robots**

Each student from the winning teams received OCC tuition vouchers that varied in amounts: \$500 for 1st Place, \$250 for 2nd Place, and \$125 for 3rd Place.

Finance and Administration

- From April 17 - 20, Ms. Sara Winchester, Executive Vice President of Finance and Administration, attended the Ellucian Live conference in Denver, Colorado. The conference was dedicated to the future development of the Ellucian ERP system. Ms. Winchester was able to learn a great deal about the Colleague Cloud initiative from Ellucian's perspective. She, along with Mr. Chuck Keeler and Ms. Chrissy Coley, Ellucian General Manager and Principal Strategic Consultant, Managed Services, respectively, presented a session entitled, "Building Business Partnerships to Enhance Student Success."
- On April 22, Ms. Winchester presented a session entitled, "New Jersey Community College Cloud Consortium," at the Best Practices Conference. The session covered the following topics:
 - What is Colleague in the Cloud and Why Should We Want to Go There?
 - Financial Implications
 - Consortium Procurement of Colleague
 - Governance of Colleague in the Cloud
 - Next Steps

The session was well received by faculty and staff from various New Jersey community colleges.

The Best Practices Conference is sponsored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. This year it was held at Middlesex County College.

- **Accounting**

The **Cashier's Office** is offering a **discount** to **students** who **register early** for **fall 2016 semester courses**. Students can **secure a schedule** with a **minimal deposit** of **\$100** for **full-time students** and **\$50** for a **part-time students** and pay only **half** of the **Payment Plan Fee**. The **normal cost** of the **Payment Plan** is **\$50** for **full-time students** and **\$30** for **part-time students**. In effect, for as little as **\$125** for **full-time** or **\$65** for **part-time**, **students** can **register early** and have **no additional payment** until **July**.

This **offer** is one of many efforts **designed** to **combat declining enrollment** and **encourage early registration**. It **ends June 30**; the **first payment** on the **Payment Plan** is not **due** until **July 12**.

➤ **Purchasing**

OCC has been **selected** to **coordinate new procurements** for the **New Jersey Community College Joint Purchasing Consortium**. **Staff time** devoted to this effort will be **charged** to the **Consortium**. This **month**, the **OCC Purchasing Office** coordinated the **procurement** of **state-wide Title IX training** for all **New Jersey community colleges**. This effort will result in **cost-effective live training sessions** at **three** strategically located **colleges** to allow **participation** by all **New Jersey community colleges**.

➤ **College Relations**

An **update** on **activity** follows:

- **UB/Tech Harman Innovation Awards, \$25,000**; application was submitted and not funded
- **University of Washington, Curriculum Development Grant, \$4,000**; application was submitted
- **State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Math and Science Partnership Grant, \$377,358**; application was submitted and not funded
- **Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation, \$5,000**; application was submitted
- **Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, \$5,700**; application was submitted and pre-approved for funding

➤ **Facilities**

- Throughout the year, **MEL Safety Institute (MSI)** holds **safety training classes** on campus for **Ocean County College employees** and other **municipalities** in the **County**. The **MEL Institute** trains over **30,000 employees** each year in a broad range of **safety topics** required by the **Public Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act (PEOSHA)**.

This week, the **MEL Institute** conducted **Office Safety training**, which reviewed the **main hazards** that are faced in an **office environment**, such as **electrical hazards; workstation ergonomics; slips, trips, and falls; and emergencies and hazard communication**. Employees are **more aware** of **safety hazards** and **concerns**, enabling them to be **more proactive** for their **own well-being** as well as for the **safety** of their **co-workers** and the **College community**.

➤ **Human Resources**

- A **workshop** on **Emotional Intelligence** was conducted for **members** of the **Leadership Academy** on **April 21**. **Mr. Earl Haddad** of **Skillpath** presented a **full day** of **training**, focusing on understanding how our **emotions** contribute to **performance** and **professional success**. **Future workshops** on this topic are **being planned** and will be **offered** to **all College employees**.
- In **compliance** with various **state and federal laws**, **Ocean County College** has **implemented** an **online interactive Title IX training program** for **all employees**. The **Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence: Title IX, Violence Against Women Act, and Clery Act training program** provides employees with the **knowledge** and necessary **tools** to enable them to **appropriately act** should they **encounter** or **observe sexually violent or harassing behaviors** in the **workplace** or be notified as a “**responsible employee**” that a **Title IX violation** may have occurred.

All employees were **notified** of the **training** via email on **April 27**. The **training** is **mandatory**, but, more importantly, it allows each of us to do **his or her part** in maintaining a **safe and respectful campus culture**.

- **Ms. Tracey Donaldson**, **Assistant Vice President of Human Resources**, presented “**Lead like a GRRL**” at the **Ocean County College Women’s Leadership Conference** held on **April 27**.

On **April 29**, **Ms. Donaldson**, as **OCC’s Title IX Coordinator**, joined **Ms. Ilene Cohen**, **Executive Director of Judicial Affairs and Athletics**, and **Dr. Kate Pandolpho**, **Director of Career and Counseling Services**, in presenting “**Sexual Assault and Title IX: What Counselors Need to Know**” to the **New Jersey Community College Counselors’ Association** at its **annual Spring Mini-Conference**, which was held in the **Gateway Building**.

Ms. Donaldson also attended the **College University Personnel Association's Eastern Regional Conference** on **May 2 and 3**, in **Boston, Massachusetts**.

- On **April 28**, **Ocean County College** hosted a **"Bring Your Sons and Daughters to Work Day."** By all accounts, the **day** was a **success** as the **children** enjoyed **yoga**, a **scavenger hunt/campus tour**, a **forensics crime lab** experience, a show at the **Novins Planetarium**, participating in **broadcast/camera** work in the **TV Studio**, and **lunch** in the **Larson Student Center**.

Special appreciation is expressed to the **members** of the **planning team**, who worked tirelessly to make this event a **positive experience** for **employees** and their **children**:

- **Ms. Amanda Boyle, Part-Time Planetarium Retail Business Operations Manager**
- **Ms. Cindy Fallon, Human Resources Staffing and Recruiting Technology Specialist**
- **Ms. Kerry Holzschuh, Camp and Youth Coordinator**
- **Ms. Linda Pagnotta, Human Resources Technician**

Additionally, the **following individuals** are acknowledged for their **ideas, time, donations, and assistance**, without which the day would not have been such a **rich and fun experience** for the children:

- **Mr. Mark Wilson, Director of Cultural Affairs**
 - **Ms. Donna Rosinski-Kauz, Director of Library Services**
 - **Mr. James Marshall, College Lecturer II, Librarian**
 - **Ms. Catherine Pontoriero, Assistant Professor/Librarian Reference Services**
 - **Dr. Roseann Bar, Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences**
 - **Mr. Joseph Kirchhofer, Associate Professor of Social Sciences**
 - **Mr. Ralph Bertini, Television Production Director**
 - **Ms. Jan Kirsten, Executive Director of College Relations**
 - **Mr. Scott Bruinooge, Manager of Graphic Design**
 - **Ms. Karen Papakonstantinou, Controller**
 - **Ms. Allison Noone, Assistant Director of Student Life**
 - **Mr. Kevin Molnar, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Computer Studies**
 - **Ms. Laura Giacobbe, Assistant Bookstore Manager**
 - **Mr. Bob Salvatore, Planetarium Presenter**
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- On **May 6**, members of the **Leadership Academy** presented a **project proposal** to the **President's Leadership Team**. **Researching** and **proposing** a **project** related in some way to the **Strategic Plan (Charting Our New Course)** was an **assignment** for the **first Leadership Academy cohort**. The **2016 cohort** presented **"The Ocean Way,"** a **program** that would serve to **codify, communicate, and implement** a **focused approach** to OCC's **student/customer service**. It is expected that the **program** will be **absorbed** into the **Student Success Experience** initiative and **supported** by the **Office of Human Resources**.

- **Open enrollment periods are underway for Dental and Section 125 programs through the end of May. Details are being provided online and through a series of informational sessions.**
- **The Jay and Linda Grunin Center for the Arts**
 - **In partnership with Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the College was fortunate to have Switchback give a successful workshop for middle school and OCC students on Irish music and history.**
 - **On May 7, The Bronx Wanderers performance was another sold out event. A new dinner sponsorship was formed with Toms River restaurant Il Giardinello for this event.**
 - **Upcoming Events**
 - **On June 1, 2, and 3, Ocean County College and the Grunin Center for the Arts will host the New Jersey State Teen Arts Festival. An estimated 5,000 students will be visiting the College for their art to be adjudicated and to participate in workshops throughout the day.**
 - **On June 3, Adam Pascal and Daphne Rubin-Vega, the original Roger and Mimi in Broadway's "Rent," will be giving a master class at 3:00 p.m. and a performance at 8:00 p.m. Anyone who has fallen in love with the hit songs from "Rent" should purchase tickets now.**
- **Information Technology**
 - **During April, the Office of Information Technology offered 36 distinct workshops to introduce faculty to the new Learning Management System, Canvas. During May, OIT is continuing the Canvas training efforts, including special topic workshops. On May 16, 17, and 18, Canvas trainers will be on campus to provide additional training to faculty. A self-paced online training course has also been developed that can be used as a supplemental learning resource.**
 - **OCC is a Beta site for Ellucian "Cloud Analytics," a Software as a Service (SaaS)-based solution. Ellucian is currently working on the first module of this Analytics solution, "Recruiter Analytics," and it is expected that this module will be completed by the fall semester. Resources from various departments will need to be assigned to participate in the evaluation and testing of this Analytics solution.**
 - **Many activities and tasks for Colleague enhancement have been completed during the past four weeks:**

- **Implementation** of the **National Student Clearing House eTranscripts solution**, which provides **faster service** for our students, **saves printing supplies**, and **reduces the need to manually process transcript requests**.
- The **reimplementation** of the **ACCUPLACER scores import process** to **increase efficiency** in the **Testing Center** and **expedite processing** of new students.
- In **Student Planning**, students are now able to **view their unofficial transcripts**.
- OIT worked with the **OCC Foundation** to **automate** the upload of **students' records** into **Academic Works**.
- OIT is working with **Facilities and College Relations** to **redesign the facilities request form** and define a **new workflow** to improve the **event scheduling approval process**.
- **Ocean** is participating in the **Beta testing** of the new **Ellucian Time Entry and Approval self-service solution**.
- **Continuing Education**
 - **Customized Training/Workforce Development**
 - **Mr. Michael Forcella, Manager of Business Engagement**, coordinated a **College Fair** at **Lakehurst Naval Air** on **May 4**, with **Ms. Lisa Kasper, Director of Admissions**, and **Dr. Roseann Bar, Dean of Business and Social Sciences**, in attendance. This initiative is a result of **Mr. Forcella's networking** at **Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst** at all levels, with **special emphasis on educational functions**.
 - **Customized Training** continues to work with **McDonald's Corporate** in servicing its **franchises** with **ESL training** through the **New Jersey Business and Industry Association/Coalition 19 Grant**. **Ocean County College** was featured in an **Asbury Park Press** article that highlighted a recent **graduation ceremony** of **workers** who completed the **training**. The **article** is available at:

<http://www.app.com/story/money/business/main-street/2016/04/06/mcdonalds-english-classes-employees/82621166/>
 - **Workshops** continue to be **offered** to **unemployed workers** through the **Ready-To-Work grant** and **Coalition 19**. The **welding course** will be **finishing** in **June**; **additional courses** will be offered in the **future** to meet the **needs** of the **unemployed**.
 - **Technology and Specialized Careers**
 - Several **new technology and business classes and certificates** are being offered for the **fall semester**, including classes in **Microsoft 360, Office Accounting Specialist**,

and an **Online Sharing class** focused on using **Dropbox** and **MS360** to **send/share documents** with **personal email accounts**.

- **CPE's online survey to evaluate courses** launched this **spring semester**. This **evaluation** will **increase the efficiency and viability** of **course offerings** in the **future**.
- **CPE** will begin using **electronic signature contracts** for **instructors** for the **fall semester**. Doing so will **reduce costs** associated with **mailing, supplies, and administrative hours** used for **paper contracts**.
- **Targeted marketing campaigns** through **social media, online advertising, and postcard and email blasts** are being utilized to **increase enrollment** by educating **Ocean County businesses** about the **variety of CPE offerings** that are available to them.
- **Camps/Youth/Community Programs**
 - A **Kids on Campus training program** has been created on **protocols and procedures** for all **staff, instructors, and counselors**. **Mr. Frank Iannone, Director of College Safety and Security**, provided input to ensure **consistency with College policy**.
 - **Kids on Campus programs** will be **marketed at two upcoming events, Family Fun Day on May 21 and the Point Pleasant Summerfest on June 4**.
- **Allied Health**
 - A **commercial** for the **Veterinary Assistant certificate program** has been **completed** and has **aired on Facebook and YouTube**. You may **view it at**:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_Pv3rbHBDDuT0RDQ09BQjMxWGc/view?usp=sharing
 - **CPE Health Care students** continue to **obtain employment** after **fast-track training**. **Two** of the current **Veterinary Assistant students** already have a **promise of employment** upon **course completion in June**.
 - The **spring Medical Office Specialist, Medical Assistant, and Phlebotomy programs** will **graduate 45 students in May**, and **several students** already have a **promise of employment**. These **programs** are showing **strong summer enrollment**.
- **New Jersey Labor and Workforce Development Collaboration**
 - **All community colleges** have been tapped to **deliver training** on the **new Career Connections initiative** 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**. The **New Jersey Council of County Colleges Consortium** has arranged for **OCC** to receive **compensation** for the **sessions**.
- **Civil Service testing** for **police officers** will be held at **New Jersey community colleges** from **October through December** on **Saturdays**. Colleges will be **compensated** for **room rent** and **proctor expenses**.
 - **OCC Foundation**
 - The **Ocean County College Foundation's 2016 Scholarship Celebration** is being held on **Saturday, June 11**, at **6 p.m.** in the **Jon and Judith Larson Student Center**. This year, the Foundation is **recognizing Investors Bank** and **Mr. Richard Spengler, Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer**, with the **Humanitarian of the Year Award**. The event co-hosts are **Mr. Kenneth J. Malagiere** and **Ms. Victoria Magliacane**. All **proceeds** from the **Celebration** will benefit the **Foundation's mission** to support the **growth and development** of the **College** through **scholarships, endowments, and capital and special projects**. **Gourmet food** will be served, **music** will be provided, and a **silent auction** will take place.
 - The **Ocean County College Foundation's 100 Women Campaign** recently celebrated its **one-year anniversary**. The **100 Women Campaign's mission** is to bring together **dynamic, innovative, and accomplished Ocean County women** who will **support each other's life and career goals**, **share their insights and experiences**, and **encourage education** through **Ocean County College**. Since its **inception**, over **100 women** from **Ocean County** committed their **time, talent, and resources** to helping **OCC** students, over **\$65,000** in **scholarship support** was **pledged**, and over **50 students** took part in the **mentoring program**.
 - The **Ocean County College Foundation** recently **launched the application cycle** for **fall 2016 scholarships**, with a **deadline of July 8**. The **Foundation** awards a **variety of scholarships**; in the **2015-16 academic year**, over **\$500,000** in assistance was **awarded**. **Scholarships** are available for recent **high school graduates, new students, current students** and **returning students**.
 - **e-Learning and Learning Enterprises**
 - **International Partnerships**

Dr. Maysa Hayward, Dean of **Instructional Outreach**, and **Mr. Jack Kelnhofer**, Dean of **e-Learning**, recently **returned from Cairo, Egypt**, following **contracted training** with **Ahram Canadian University (ACU)**. Training was completed for **15 faculty**, who will serve as **in-class (on the-ground) facilitators** for **OCC's and ACU's upcoming Master's Bridge Program** this fall. This **program** will serve to **supplement Egyptian students** with necessary **ESL, developmental, and general American higher education nuances** as they pursue **graduate degrees** in the **domestic United States**.

In addition, **e-Learning and Learning Enterprises** is putting the final touches on the **dual-degree program** with the **Arab Academy for Maritime Science and Transport (AAST)**, which intends to **launch** this fall.

Two major presentations are being prepared for a **multi-country project** spanning from **Morocco to Cairo**, which includes **seeking U.S. State Department funding**. This **project** aims to build upon the needs for **efficient educational infrastructures** in the **Middle East**.

➤ **Domestic e-Learning**

The **reimplementation** of **OCC's online marketing and recruitment campaign** is **underway**. Coming off the **Pearson contract**, in which **all services** were **centrally clustered**, the **new model** calls upon the **talents** of **marketers** and **recruitment agents** **separately** through **OCC's contract** with **Inside Track (ITK)**. The **new campaign**, which will **leverage** all of **OCC's recent innovations**, including the **accelerated 7.5-week terms** to market a **16-month associate degree**, begins in **July**. Efforts are currently underway to **streamline** the **recruitment process**, building upon **lessons learned** from working with **Pearson**. These efforts **coincide** with the **campus-wide migration**, including **faculty, staff, and student training** on **Canvas**.

Additionally, the **new ITK recruitment effort** includes both **retention services** with a **design thinking test** to empirically **prove efficacy** of **efforts** as well as a **new marketing and recruitment campaign** for all **students** who are **24 years or older**.

Lastly, **OCC Online** will capitalize on the **7.5-week term innovation** and **forgo** the fall **10-week Quick Term** in lieu of **two sequential 7.5 week terms**. A **15-week term** will also be used for **online courses**.

➤ **Domestic Partnerships**

e-Learning is currently **exploring** many **domestic partnerships**, including **expansion services** to **Eastwick College** and **Sussex County Community College** as well as securing **new entities**. **OCC** recently **completed** its **negotiations** with **Mission United/United Way**. **OCC** is now set to **receive veterans** from all over the **world** into its **online degree programs** through a **dedicated pathway** utilizing **OCC's Veterans Affairs Office** and **cross-listing** each other on **OCC and Mission United websites**.

Mr. Jeff Harmon, **Associate Vice President of e-Learning and Learning Enterprises**, has been **invited** to **present** at a **large scale meeting** of all **K-12 educators** in **New Jersey** (**CSI meeting**) to **review** and **discuss** the ways in which **OCC** can **support** the **K-12 communities** in the area of **foreign language instruction**.

➤ **Colorado State University Global**

e-Learning has just developed a **major articulation agreement** with **Colorado State University's Global Campus**. This **articulation** maps **13** of **OCC's degree programs** to **online programs** at **Colorado State University (attached)**

➤ **Grants**

The **UISFL grant**, under the **direction** of **Dr. Maysa Hayward**, is now in **year two**. The grant **subsidizes** the **study abroad trip** to **Morocco**; this year, **24 students** and **2 faculty members** will participate. Additionally, through **utilization** of **grant funds**, **OCC** will be a **Lanyard Sponsor** at the **Middle East Studies Association** conference this **November** in **Boston, Massachusetts**. **OCC** will **proudly display** its **outreach accomplishments** and **new projects** in the hopes of **additional networking**.

Student Affairs

➤ **Registration and Records**

As noted above, the **Registration and Records Office** is very pleased to now be offering a new **eTranscripts ordering service** through the **National Student Clearinghouse**.

Current and **former students** will now have **access** to **24/7 online transcript ordering** and **fulfillment**, with the **option** to order **pdf or electronic transcripts** and **receive order status updates** via **e-mail** and **text messaging**. To **order a transcript**, students can visit **go.ocean.edu/transcript** and follow the provided instructions.

➤ **Advising Office**

- The **Advising Office** hosted the **first 2016 Parent Orientation** on **April 26**. **Turnout** was **excellent** for **April**, with over **30 parents** attending. **Representatives** from several **offices** spoke at the **program**: **Academic Affairs**; the **Center for Student Success**; the **Career, Employment, and Counseling Services Office**; **Academic Advising/NJ STARS**; and **Financial Aid**.

➤ **Veterans Advising**

The **Advising Office** assisted the **Veterans Services Office** with preparation for an **April 29 Veterans Compliance Survey**. **Assistant Director of Academic Advising Pamela Donohue** and **Academic Advisor Jennifer Kipp** conducted **detailed degree audits** on **26 student academic records**, as requested by the **Veterans Administration** for **review** during its **on-site visit**.

➤ **Transfer Services**

The following **colleges** visited **OCC** in **April**: the **University of the Sciences, Pfeiffer University, Valley Forge University, Centenary College, and Wilmington University.**

St John's University, with whom OCC has an **articulation agreement** for **scholarships** and **credits**, was on **campus** for an **instant decision day**. The representative interviewed **three students** and **accepted** all of them for **fall 2016**.

Fairleigh Dickinson University Scholars meetings were also **successful** in helping **OCC students transfer** to **FDU**. The representative met with **six students** in various stages of their OCC studies. The representative also reported that **two former OCC students** are ready to graduate from the **FDU program**, and **one** will be joining **FDU** for a **joint master's degree**.

The **Advising Office** hosted **Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences**. The event was very **successful**, with the representative meeting with **15 students**. The representative was able to **review transcripts** and **advise OCC students** on conducting a **successful transfer**.

Ms. Laura Wills, Coordinator of Transfer Services, continues to stay **current** on **transfer information**. **Ms. Wills** is a **member** of the **Transfer Advisory Boards** for **Rider University** and **Rutgers University**, where she attended meetings this month to learn about **changes** as well as **new innovative programs** for **transfer students**. In addition, she attended the **state transfer meeting** at **Montclair State University** for the **New Jersey Transfer Coordinators Association** to network and discuss **transfer issues**.

➤ **Athletics**

The **Ocean County College Athletics Department** is extremely pleased to announce that, for the **first time** since the program began in **1977**, the **Viking Softball Team** has **won** the **Region XIX Championship** and will be traveling to **Rochester, Minnesota**, to **compete** for the **NJCAA National Championship**. **National tournament play** began on **Thursday, May 19**.

➤ **Financial Aid**

The **Financial Aid Office** is in its **eighth year** of running its **Opening Pathways to Education Now (O.P.E.N) FAFSA Workshop Series**. The program is an **initiative** that seeks to **increase awareness** of the **affordability** and **access** to **postsecondary education**. These sessions are designed to **assist parents and students** in **completing the FAFSA application** and to discuss the **basic concepts** of **financial aid**, including **cost of attendance**, **estimated family contribution**, and the **differences** between **grants and loans**. Building on the State's **College Goal Sunday/FAFSA Days initiative**, OCC has opened its doors to almost **2,000 participants** (students/parents/guardians) since the **program** was **initiated** in **2009**.

Through **April 16**, workshop **participants** totaled **176 over 7 sessions**. The **O.P.E.N. program** is marketed to the **State, County high schools, County libraries**, and numerous other **community partners**. **Additional sessions** for the remainder of the **year** are scheduled in **June, July, October, and November**.