



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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TO: Members, OCC Board of Trustees

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SUBJECT: Items of Interest for the **July 27, 2009, Board Meeting**

DATE: July 22, 2009

John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall

A **dedication ceremony** for the **John C. Bartlett, Jr., Hall** will be held immediately following the **August 24th Board of Trustees meeting**. The dedication program will include **remarks by Mr. Bartlett, local dignitaries, trustees, and me**. Refreshments and a **brief tour of this impressive building** will be provided to **ceremony attendees**.

New Jersey State Budget

Governor Corzine signed the **FY 2010 State budget** on **June 29th**. At **\$29 billion**, it is nearly **\$4 billion below the FY 2009 budget**, a **12 percent cut**. Although the **budgets of most all other departments and agencies** were cut, **community colleges** were **fortunate to receive**:

- ◆ **Level operating aid**
- ◆ **Full funding of Chapter 12 capital program** (9 percent increase)
- ◆ **Full funding of the NJ STARS program** (21 percent increase)
- ◆ **Full funding of Tuition Aid Grants for part-time community college students** (11 percent increase)

The **community college sector** is very **appreciative of the Governor's support in FY 2010**. However, the **sector also recognizes** that the **State's long-term financial picture is not at all encouraging**, and it is evident that **community colleges** will be

facing the same **budget cuts** and **restrictions** in **FY 2011** experienced by **State institutions** and **other agencies** this year. In order to **continue** our **academic excellence** and **service to students** in the **coming years**, we need to **plan strategically**, consider **innovative ways** to fulfill our **mission**, and **reduce** our **expenditures**.

Energy Reduction Project

The **Energy Reduction Project** is a **combination** of **energy conservation measures** and **lighting control improvements**. Our **buildings** will become **smart** by **sensing** the **presence** of **people** in **rooms**. As individuals **enter** or **leave** a **room**, **lights** will **turn on** or **off** automatically, **fans** will **adjust** their **speed** as necessary, and **air conditioning** or **heating power** will be **regulated** as appropriate based on the **heating** or **cooling** load **demand**. These **energy conservation measures** will assure a **comfortable environment** when the **rooms** are **occupied** and **reduce energy** when the **rooms** are **empty**.

In addition to realizing true energy savings, **older unreliable equipment** will be **replaced**. The **Library**, **Administration Building**, **Health Sciences Building**, **Health and Physical Education Center**, **College Center**, and **W. Kable Russell Building** are all being **retrofitted** with this **new equipment**. '**Green**' **lighting upgrades** are also being **implemented** throughout the **campus**.

This **project** is **budgeted** at **\$2.65 million**. The College will receive **\$20,000** in **rebates**, and it is anticipated that our **annual energy savings** will be **\$285,000** initially, and **more** as **energy costs** **increase** in the **years ahead**.

Mr. Ken Olsen, **Director of Facilities Engineering and Operations**, will provide **additional information** at **Monday's meeting** as well as **answer** any **questions** you may have.

Ocean County College Athletics Program

The **Ocean County College Athletics Program** was named by the **National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletics Administrators (NATYCAA)** as **ninth best program** in the **country** in its **2008-2009 Non-Scholarship Division Top 10 Cup winners**. The **NATYCAA Cup program**, which was **established** in **2004**, recognizes **excellence** in **two-year college athletics** based on **success** in **championship competition**.

Now in its **23rd** year, **NATYCAA** is the **professional organization** of **two-year college athletics administrators**. Membership is open to all **two-year institutions** throughout the **country**.

To be **recognized nationally** for our **athletics program** is an **outstanding achievement** for the College, and it is with great pleasure that I extend **congratulations** to **Ms. Ilene Cohen**, **Director of Athletics**, **Mr. AJ Trump**, **Assistant Director Athletics**, our **many coaches**, and especially our **student-athletes**. This recognition could not have been

achieved without the **tremendous effort and hard work** of all involved with the **Athletics Program**.

Community College Week

Community College Week, a biweekly publication providing **news stories, feature articles, and guest opinion columns** dedicated to **community, technical, and junior college issues**, recognized **Ocean County College** in its **June 15th** edition as part of its analysis of **Top 100 associate degree, one-year certificate, and two-year certificate producers**.

The current analysis pertains to **degrees and certificates** awarded during the **2007-2008 academic year**. The data was collected by the **National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)** through the **Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Set (IPEDS)** completion survey. The **Top 100 listings** include institutions that have awarded the **largest number of associate degrees and certificates**. The analysis includes **community colleges, less than two-year institutions, and four-year colleges and universities** and is limited to institutions **accredited** by either a **regional or specialized accreditation agency** recognized by the **U.S. Department of Education**.

Ocean County College was ranked **21st** in the number of **Criminal Justice associate degrees** awarded in **2007-2008 (111)** and **26th** in the number of **degrees** awarded in the **Security and Protective Services category (112)**.

It is **noteworthy** that this year's Top 100 list shows that the **top spot in overall associate degree production** now belongs to the **online campus of the University of Phoenix**. This only **reinforces Ocean County College's efforts** to continually **increase the number of distance learning courses** to meet student demand.

Phi Beta Lambda

The **mission of Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)** is to **advance the academic and professional knowledge** of its **members** through **State and National conferences** and combine their **education and life experiences** to become **actively involved in Ocean County College and the community**. This past year, **PBL recruited 116 new student members** who work with the chapter's **14 professional members**.

In the **last four years**, **PBL's emphasis** has been placed on **aid to the community**. Many **nonprofit organizations**, such as **Providence House, Oceans of Love, the Salvation Army, March of Dimes, Ocean and Monmouth County Food Banks, Relay for Life, and the Ocean County College Harvest Party** have **benefited through monetary and tangible goods donations** as well as from **numerous hours of volunteer work**.

The **Phi Beta Lambda National Conference** was held in **Anaheim, California, in June**. Several students attended the **conference** for the **second time** and received **awards**:

- ◆ **Rudy Leustek, 4th in the Nation in Client Services and 13th in Impromptu Speaking**
- ◆ **Frank Gorman, OCC PLB President and State Membership Director, recognized in Who's Who in New Jersey**
- ◆ **Carmen Shepherd, placed as an Outstanding Officer**
- ◆ **Rondel Lewis accepted OCC's PBL awards for Most Professional Memberships for the Eastern Region and Gold Seal Chapter Award of the Nation**

It should be noted that **PBL students** may only travel to **one national conference** utilizing **Student Life funding** while at OCC, so the **second year students** mentioned above **paid their own travel expenses**.

Students who attended the conference for the **first time** were **Nicole Galanos**, who placed **14th in the Nation for Public Speaking**, **Ray Brophy**, **Christie Nann**, **Travis Cheney**, **Nicole Scerbo**, and **Josh Hahn**.

The **winners** of these **highly competitive** and **prestigious awards** were selected from among **PBL's membership of 250,000 students and advisers** and represent some of the **best and brightest of today's youth**.

The **success of OCC's Phi Beta Lambda Chapter** is due to the **dedication** and **commitment** of many whose **efforts on behalf of our students** are **deeply appreciated**:

- ◆ **Ms. Katherine Dillon, Associate Professor of Business Studies, Advisor and Phi Beta Lambda Executive Board**
- ◆ **Ms. Jennifer Fazio, Director of Student Life, who serves as Student Advisor mentor**
- ◆ **Ms. Wendy Giarratana, Administrative Assistant, who won the Outstanding Professional of the Year award representing New Jersey**
- ◆ **Ms. Barbara Napolitano, Associate Professor of Business Studies**
- ◆ **Mr. Francis Polk, Provost of Off-Campus Programs**
- ◆ **Ms. Virginia Reilly, Professor of Business Studies**