

56th Commencement

AWARDS
CEREMONY

MAY 24, 2023



OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE 2023 AWARDS CEREMONY

STUDENT AWARDS

CHARLES READ MEMORIAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of OCC's first professor of Music, Charles Read, who taught at OCC from 1966 until 2000. Professor Read was also the founder and director of the OCC Community Chorus. \$100 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.5 GPA or higher in all music classes who has been accepted into a four-year institution as a Music major.

WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS AT OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

\$100 each is awarded to graduating students nominated in 2022, for significant contributions to Ocean County College in the areas of scholarship and leadership.

Viking Athletics Commitment Award

\$100 is awarded to a student who has shown outstanding commitment and support of the athletics program and loyalty to the College.

DR. MARY T. MCGIVERN SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Dr. Mary T. McGivern, \$120 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student in Science.

ARMANDO QUIROZ AWARD

Donated by Dr. Marilyn Kralik, \$200 is awarded to a graduating student for commitment to biliteracy and second language learning or advocating for cultural responsiveness in the community.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE AWARDS

(in memory of Thomas J. Brady)

Donated by Student Life, \$300 is presented by Student Government to graduating students displaying a consistently strong record of involvement in a cocurricular program.

CHRISTOPHER W. MANNION SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Marilyn Kralik, \$200 is awarded to a graduating student who is pursuing a degree in Art or History.

GRAHAM PRESTON SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Marilyn Kralik, \$200 is awarded to a graduating student who is pursuing a degree in Art or History.

PATRICK CARROLL AWARD

\$200 is awarded to a student who has excelled academically, whose influence has been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and who has exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

ALLAN PETER FURREVIG SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig, Director of the OCC Center for Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights, in blessed memory of her husband, Allan Peter Furrevig. \$250 is awarded to a student pursuing studies in either Finance, Corporate Management, Business Analysis, Banking Operations, or Investments and Trust Management.

THE BOTEIN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student pursuing a degree in Holocaust Studies, Jewish Studies, Law or Social Justice. Donated by Dr. Ali Botein-Furrevig in memory of Ruth and Herman Botein, Dr. Herman Botein and Sarah Leonson-Botein, Ethel Botein-Webster and Justice Bernard Botein.

JENNIE HORNE CECE AWARD

Donated by Dottie Cece LaPosa in honor of her mother, Jennie Horne Cece, a working mom with eight children, \$250 is given to a working mother raising her children and pursuing her education simultaneously.

JOHN MORRISON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Dr. Beth Brierley, \$250 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to a four-year institution who has been an active participant in OCC's Performing Arts programs.

JUDITH A. LAURIE MEMORIAL AWARD

Donated by Judith Laurie's sister, Joan Herder, \$250 is awarded to a student demonstrating excellence in the study of the Spanish language.

MEALS ON WHEELS OF OCEAN COUNTY AWARD

(in honor of Virginia and Jack Lamping)

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student interested in pursuing a career in Public Affairs, Policy, or Government.

OPERATION OCEAN HERO SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 is awarded to a graduating military & veteran-affiliated student who has made an impact on student engagement and activity through SALUTE honor society, student VA, VMRC work-study program, or other student organization.

PROBATION OFFICER TODD BENINTENTE SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program in honor of Probation Officer Todd Benintente, who served and protected his community over his long career.

RICHARD M. TRIMBLE SCHOLARSHIP

\$250 is awarded to a graduating student who has excelled in historical research and academic development in the field of history. Donated by the OCC History Club in conjunction with the Jersey Shore Civil War Round Table in recognition of the late Richard Trimble.

INTERNATIONAL AWARD

Donated by Dr. Maysa Hayward, \$300 is awarded to five OCC/Kean/ASU students upon successfully completing their degree studies at OCC, in recognition of academic excellence (a GPA of 3.75 or higher) while continuing their BSc. Degree in Business through ASU and Kean University.

JOSEPH HATHAWAY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AWARD

Donated by Student Life, \$300 is awarded to the student commencement speaker in honor of Joseph C. Hathaway Jr., commencement speaker for the Class of 2012.

JULIE FOUKARAKIS MEMORIAL AWARD

\$300 is awarded to a female student who has excelled academically, whose influence has been most constructive in the field of Athletics, and who has exhibited satisfactory scholarship, sound citizenship, and loyalty to the college.

DR. ALBERT SOCOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

\$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in Mathematics.

DR. CHARLES ABELES

\$500 is awarded to a student demonstrating outstanding aptitude in languages, literature, or philosophy.

DONALD W. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by DW Smith Associates, \$500 is awarded to one graduating student pursuing an education in Civil Engineering, Surveying, Planning Landscape Design, and/or Environmental Services.

JAMES INMAN AWARD

\$500 each is awarded to two students demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship, loyalty, citizenship, and contribution to extracurricular activities.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION OF OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE

Donated by the Faculty Association of OCC, \$500 is awarded to one outstanding student transferring to a four-year institution.

JANET THOMPSON MEMORIAL AWARD

Donated by her son, \$500 is awarded to a graduating non-traditional student who has worked and raised their family while getting their degree.

JOAN M. KENNEALLY AND WILLIAM J. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP

A \$500 scholarship donated by Professor Lynn A. Kenneally and Jeffrey J. McWeeney in recognition of Professor Kenneally's parents, who encouraged education.

MICHAEL D. VENA MEMORIAL MUAA SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by the Municipal Utilities Authorities Association of Ocean County, \$500 each is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution and majoring in Environmental Sciences or directly related fields.

NORCIA ASPIRING ATTORNEY AWARD

Donated by OCC alum RJ Norcia (Class of 2010), \$500 is awarded to a graduating student who has demonstrated interest in attending law school and becoming a practicing attorney in the State of New Jersey.

OCEAN COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION ART AWARD

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of Art.

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE ADJUNCT AWARD

\$500 is awarded to four outstanding graduating students.

PAULINE S. MILLER AWARD

Donated by the Ocean County Cultural & Heritage Commission, a certificate and \$500 is awarded to an outstanding student in the field of History.

PHI THETA KAPPA FRATERNITY AWARD

\$500 is awarded to a student who best exemplifies the ideals of the Phi Theta Kappa fraternity, for making significant contributions to the work of the Tau Iota chapter, and promoting intellectual and cultural growth.

PHI THETA KAPPA OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD

(Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. William Rickert)

\$500 is awarded to a student who has made outstanding contributions to the activities of the Tau Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. The recipient must exemplify the ideals of Phi Theta Kappa as outlined in the four Hallmarks, namely: Leadership, Scholarship, Service, and Fellowship.

DR. STEPHEN A. KUBOW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by his former colleagues in memory of Kean Ocean's Associate Vice President, \$500 is awarded to a graduating student transferring to Kean University or Kean Ocean.

JOYCE PREVITE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$700 is awarded to an outstanding graduate of the Nursing program who has maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

MATH CLUB AWARD

A total of \$750 is awarded to two graduating students who have completed at least 12 credits in Mathematics, demonstrating superior ability and achievement in that area.

PAUL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

(in memory of Joyce Previte)

\$750 is awarded to a student who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Nursing with the intent to pursue a career in Nursing.

SOROPTIMIST CLUB OF TOMS RIVER SCHOLARSHIP

\$750 is awarded to a graduating female student continuing her education at a four-year institution.

SOROPTIMIST SIGMA AWARD

This scholarship aims to empower women, foster their personal and professional growth, and promote a more equitable and inclusive society. \$750 is awarded to a female graduating student.

ANDREW T. BARAN SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student who has enrolled in a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

ALFRED & BARBARA LONGO GRADUATION SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Dr. Alfred and Mrs. Barbara Longo, \$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student who has enrolled in a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in Psychology or Education.

CARLEEN STERLING ORSI MEMORIAL AWARD

\$1,000 is awarded to two graduates transferring to a four-year institution. (Renewable for a second year.)

DOUGLAS C. KING MEMORIAL

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program who is pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice.

HONORS BY CONTRACT GRADUATING AWARDS

Donated by the Ocean County College Foundation, up to \$1,000 is awarded to the top graduating students who have completed the Honors by Contract program.

JOSEPH J. QUATTROCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 is awarded to a non-traditional graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution and majoring in Business Administration, Computer Science, or a related curriculum.

LAVERNE D. AND ROBERT R. WEIGOLD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding student demonstrating scholarship abilities and an interest in the area of English or the Humanities.

OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by the Ocean County Sheriff's Foundation, \$1,000 is awarded to a graduate of the Criminal Justice program pursuing a four-year degree in Criminal Justice who has demonstrated academic success and service to the community.

OCEAN COUNTY SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AWARD

\$1,000 is awarded to a student for outstanding achievement in Engineering.

PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP TEAM SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 is awarded to two non-traditional students who have demonstrated commitment to successfully completing their academic requirements and persistence in managing demanding, outside responsibilities not experienced by traditional students, and who will continue their education at a four-year institution.

ROBERT J. NOVINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CONTINUED STUDY

\$1,000 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.0 GPA or better continuing in a four-year institution, majoring in Political Science and Government Studies.

SHELDON LINZ MEMORIAL AWARD

Donated by the family of Jennifer Linz Cooper, \$1,000 is awarded to an outstanding Photography student.

OCEAN COUNTY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

Donated by the OCC Board of Trustees, \$1,500 is awarded to four graduating students who have achieved outstanding academic performance at Ocean County College and who will continue their education in the Kean Ocean Program.

D'ONOFRIO GRADUATING AWARD

\$2,000 is awarded to a student with a 3.0 GPA or better who demonstrates aptitude in the study of Health/Medicine, with the intent to pursue a career in a related field.

D'ONOFRIO BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AWARD

\$2,000 is awarded to a graduating student with a 3.5 GPA who has achieved outstanding academic performance at Ocean County College. Preference is given to a Business Major.

DOLLIE & HARRY DAVID SUSSNA SCHOLARSHIP

Donated by Dollie and Harry David Sussna, an initial \$1,500 each is awarded to two outstanding students transferring to four-year institutions. Possible \$2,000 is renewable upon re-enrollment.

WILLIAM T. HIERING SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 is awarded to an outstanding student who has completed 60 credits at Ocean County College and maintained a 4.0 GPA.

PHILIP G. ZITELLI SCHOLARSHIP IN LEADERSHIP

Donated by Phil Zitelli, a member of the first graduating class of Ocean County College in June 1968, \$5,000 is awarded to an outstanding graduating student leader, with a 3.5 GPA or better, continuing in a four-year institution.

ROBERTA W. WINTRODE MEMORIAL AWARD

Established to honor the memory of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Roberta's love for education, biology, nursing, and arts was present in every aspect of her career and avocation. \$5,000 each will be awarded to two graduating students.

OUTSTANDING TEACHER AWARDS

For commitment to excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership. All candidates are considered excellent teachers in their disciplines, and the Award Review Committee will recommend them without reservation. Recipients receive an award, the Gold Apple, and \$1,000.

CATEGORIES:

FULL-TIME FACULTY AWARD

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

ADJUNCT FACULTY AWARD