



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 24, 2021, Board Meeting**

DATE: June 21, 2021

Return to Campus Update

Governor Phil Murphy recently signed legislation and Executive Order 244, ending the state's public health emergency due to COVID-19. This means that, after more than a year of virtual learning and teaching, of remote interactions and restrictions on gatherings, Ocean County College is now able to move forward with reopening plans. Most staff will return to campus on July 7, 2021, and all Student Services will be available in person beginning July 7. Planning continues to fully reopen the campus for the Fall semester.

In accordance with **CDC guidelines and gubernatorial directions, mask guidelines on campus will be as follows: Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear masks indoors. Vaccinated individuals can opt to wear or not wear masks. Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals should continue to wear masks for the protection of themselves and other non-vaccinated individuals.**

Academic Affairs

➤ Civics Literacy

As noted at the **April 16, 2021, Board meeting**, a review was undertaken of **current College course offerings** that include **civics education** as part of their syllabi. **Dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences Rosann Bar** and **Political Science Lecturer Jason Ghibesi** are ready to discuss their **findings** during a brief **presentation at Thursday's Board meeting**. They will also share their **goals** for the **Fall semester**, including **new curriculum ideas**, a **voter drive**, and **planned events sponsored through the Governmental Affairs Institute.**

➤ **School of Nursing and Health Sciences**

- A total of **150 students** completed the **Nursing Program requirements** during the **2020–2021 academic year** and **graduated** on **May 27, 2021**.
- The **School of Nursing** hosted the **Pinning Ceremony** for **122 students** from the **December 2020 and May 2021 classes** on **Tuesday evening, May 25, 2021**. Over **\$25,000** in **scholarships and awards** was presented to **current students and graduates** during the **Pinning Ceremony**. **Recipients** included:
 - **Graduate Awards**
 - **Paul Family Scholarship: Ian Horn**
 - **Joyce Previte Memorial Scholarship: Eileen McAndrew**
 - **D’Onofrio Foundation Scholarship: Graziella Devito**
 - **Gus Demme Award: Allison Cottrell**
 - **Community Medical Center Award: Kathleen Mairowicz, Megan Ross, Caitlin Sullivan-Kraus, and Alexa Esposito**
 - **Undergraduate Awards**
 - **Jesse Schulman Scholarship: Megan Bacorn, Demetra Aurelo, Deanna Milk**
 - **Dorothea Brayden Johnson Scholarship: Angela Plewa, Crystal Ashby**
 - **Jacqueline S. Baer Memorial Scholarship: Cheyenne Sauers**
 - **Janis Neary-Zimmerman Memorial Scholarship: Donna Michaels**
 - **Kotzas-Demos Scholarship: Laynise Lewis, Nancy MacMillan, Laura Dorsa**
 - **Carluccio, Leone, Dimon, Doyle and Sacks, L.L.C. and Stephan and Judith Leone Scholarship: Cara Waldron**
 - **Peter and Mildred Galanti Scholarship: Carissa Welch, Kaitlyn Graham**
 - **Pilot Sisters Survivor Award: Donna Michaels**
- The **School of Nursing** participated in an **annual workshop** from **May 18 to 26, 2021**. **Nursing Lecturers** completed an **assessment** of all **Nursing courses, program outcomes data, and licensure test plans** to **revise curriculum content** as needed. The **School of Nursing’s Systematic Plan of Evaluation**, which addresses **standards and criteria** required for **accreditation**, was also **reviewed**.

➤ **School of Arts and Humanities**

- At the **May 27, 2021, graduation ceremony**, **two members** of the **School of Arts and Humanities** won awards for excellence in teaching. **Associate Professor in English and Literature Jayanti Tamm** won **Outstanding Faculty of the Year** in the **ten-month category** and **College Lecturer in English and Literature Richard Carr** won **Outstanding Professional Educator of the Year** in the **twelve-month category**.
- **Students** who worked on **OCC’s literary magazine, Seascape**, held a **celebration** for its **annual publication** on **May 7, 2021**. This **group** is advised by **Associate Professor Jayanti Tamm**.
- On **May 6, 2021**, **Professor of Humanities and Fine Arts Marilyn Kralik** and **College Lecturer in Humanities and Fine Arts Stephanie Shestakow** led students on a **Virtual Metropolitan Museum of Art Talk**. The topic was **Museum Highlights**.

- The **Music Club** held its **virtual Spring 2021 Student Recital** on **May 14, 2021**. **Humanities and Fine Arts Instructor Karin Gargone, College Lecturer Brian Gilmore, and Adjunct Professors Mark Farley and David Marowitz** were the advisors for the project. For the first time, an OCC student, **Alexa Tabbacchino**, was the editor.
- On **May 20, 2021**, the **OCC Repertory Theatre Company** presented ***In the Shadow of the Globe*** by **Michelle Cameron**. ***In the Shadow of the Globe*** is a **verse novel** in **ten acts** of the **lives and loves of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre**. While primarily a **book of poetry**, it is also a **fusion of genre**. Because there is a **distinct storyline**, describing the **imagined lives of actual people**, it is **historical fiction**. As it is told in **many voices**, it can also be considered a **piece of theater**.
- **Associate Professor of Communications and Theater Elizabeth Brierley** attended the virtual event series called **Strategies for Recruiting Students to the Humanities** on **June 8, 2021**.
- On **June 9, 2021**, **Professor of English and Literature Jennifer Dellner** attended a **Tech Day** on campus, which included **learning about professional development opportunities** from **Discovery Education** as well as providing **feedback about new technology** incorporated into the **classroom**.
- A number of **Arts and Humanities Program Chairs**, including **Assistant Professor Kathleen Basilotto (American Sign Language), College Lecturer II Brian Gilmore (Music), Catherine Mancuso (Dance), Lee Kobus (Broadcast), and Renate Pustiak (Graphic Design)**, attended the **monthly meeting** of the **Ocean County School Counselors Association** to **speak to guidance counselors** about **OCC programs**.
- On **June 24, 2021**, several members of the **School and Tutoring Support Services** will present at **Macmillan Learning's Corequisite Composition Summer Camp**. The presentation, titled **Partnering for Student Success: Collaboration Between the Accelerated Learning Program and Writing Services**, will be offered by **Ms. Veronica Guevera-Lovgren, Assistant Dean of the School; Ms. Samantha Glassford, College Lecturer II in English; Ms. Brianna DeCicco, Associate Director, Academic and Tutoring Support Services; Ms. Krystle Wilmot, Professional Writing Tutor I; and Dr. Mary-Beth Brophy, Professional Writing Tutor I**.
- **School of Business and Social Sciences**
 - **Mr. Sean Bips, College Lecturer II in Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism Management**, announced that **four OCC students** will **compete** in this year's **Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference** that will take place **online**. **Students and their respective categories** include **Brandon Piserchia in Financial Services, Kyle Fischer in Macroeconomics, and Gianna Busichio in Management Concepts and Marketing Concepts**. The event began **June 7, 2021**, and runs through **June 23, 2021**; the **Awards of Excellence Ceremony and Competitive Events Awards** will be **announced June 26 and 27, 2021**. **Winners** will be **published in Tomorrow's Business Leaders, National Leadership Experience, Special Edition Online**.
 - **Dr. Katherine Toy, College Lecturer II in Economics**, announced that an **additional 32 students** completed the **Bloomberg Market Concepts Certificate Program** during the **2020-2021 academic year**. This brings the **total number of OCC students** who have **completed the Bloomberg Market Concepts Certification Program** to **130**.

Additionally, **Dr. Toy** announced that, in collaboration with **Ms. Marina Wassef**, College Lecturer II in Economics, with the financial assistance of CARES funding that was dedicated to enhancing the remote learning experience, dozens of economics students participated this past year in the **Capsim "Inbox" Microeconomics Simulation**. This game replicated the experience of a manager utilizing various economic concepts, such as revenue and market structure, all from the viewpoint of the manager's email inbox. Students had to apply classroom concepts to solve practical business problems throughout this game, and they offered positive feedback to their instructors following their participation.

- **Mr. James Hadley**, College Lecturer II in Accounting and Business, announced that, with CARES funding dedicated to enhancing the remote learning experience, 19 Accounting students participated this past year in the **Marketplace Simulations Accounting Mini-Simulation Bundle**, which included **Fundamentals of Accounting, Profitability, and Pricing**. The simulation provided students with the opportunity to apply the concept being covered in class to a simulated "real" business. The average grade on the Simulation was 94%, with several students earning 100%. An anonymous survey of students rated **Marketplace Simulations Accounting Mini-Simulation Bundle** an 8.87 out of 10. In general, feedback from the students was very positive. Students liked that it was web-based and interactive, and they could work at their own pace. They also said it reinforced concepts introduced in class, and it was more practical than a typical homework assignment.
- **Dr. Margaret Maghan**, College Lecturer II in Psychology, was recently selected as a reviewer and contributor to a life span development textbook published by McGraw Hill Publishing. Dr. Maghan will be listed as a contributor in the text book and will be credited as a Lecturer at Ocean County College. The book will be published in Spring 2022.

In addition, Dr. Maghan was selected as a representative of Psi Beta National to present research on community colleges and food insecurity at the American Psychological Associations (APA) National Convention in August 2021. Dr. Maghan, along with two other community college faculty members from across the country, will look at the role of basic needs access on community college students.

➤ School of STEM

- College Lecturer II in Mathematics Paul Kuehne attended the AMATYCNJ (American Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges of New Jersey) virtual meetings held in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 at community colleges around the state. Faculty and lecturers who attended shared best practices, while also discussing various instructional initiatives. Ms. Krista Camilo, Instructor of Mathematics, is Ocean County College's current representative at AMATYCNJ.

College Lecturer II in Mathematics Paul Kuehne also attended the AMATYCNJ meeting and hosted a Community College Roundtable on June 4, 2021. Discussion included COVID-19 Slide and Community College Students, Teacher Education Requirements, and the Changing Role of Community Colleges.

- Ms. Pam Bogdan, College Lecturer II in Engineering is pleased to announce another OCC Engineering and Technology student was placed in a summer job. The student is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering and will be working with a surveying crew all summer. The student expressed his excitement about the job placement, noting he knew he needed experience during his college years but did not expect he would be placed so soon.

- The **results of the Spring 2021 Engineering Design competition** were announced. The winners will be assigned **mentors** to guide them through development of **prototypes** of their designs.
- **Engineering Course Assignments Group – Individual**
 - **1st Place: Paige Sabolchick – Eraser (ENGR 181, Graphics for Engineers)**
 - **1st Place: Brendan Gesicki – Guitar Pick (ENGR 181, Graphics for Engineers)**
- **Engineering Course Assignments Group – Group (Common Group Assignment)**
 - **1st Place: Ethan Milak, Luis Morales, Tyler Whalen - Repurposing Aerodynamics (STSC 160, Student Success Seminar for Engineering Majors)**

Ms. Pam Bogdan announced students **Nicholas DeMartino** and **Jordan Minetti** have been awarded the **OCC Engineering Department's Request for Proposals (RFP) for Frictionless Pulley replacements** for the **Physics Lab**. They will **work** over the **summer** to **deliver** the **products** as specified in their **response**.

- **Dean of STEM, Dr. Sylvia Riviello, and College Lecturer II Pam Bogdan** co-wrote **CSIT – Applied Programming for All Majors: A Contextualized Course Based on Inter-Disciplinary Curriculum Development**, which will be **presented** at the **Frontiers in Education 2021 Conference** held from **October 13-16, 2021**.
- **Dr. Maria Steblyanko, College Lecturer II in Science, collected and analyzed data** that was subsequently **used** in a **poster** and **oral presentation** at the **AAI (American Association of Immunologists) national conference**. The **manuscript** summarizing **findings** is currently in **review**.
- Several **STEM School members** attended a **virtual conference** from **June 9 to 11, 2021**, the **STEM Institute for Student Success and Retention**, which was **hosted** by **Academic Impressions**. Those participating were **Dr. Sylvia Riviello, Assistant Dean of STEM Carolyn Showalter, College Lecturer II in Mathematics Sam Pinkava, and Dr. Maria Steblyanko**.
- **Mr. Neil Schiller, Associate Professor of Engineering, developed and ran a Virtual Robotics Race** for schools in **Ocean County**. The **division winners** were **Lacey Township High School** and **Manchester Middle School**. **Members** on the **winning high school team** each received a **certificate** and a **free three-credit class** at **OCC**. In addition, **Robotic Coach of the Year Certificates** were awarded to **Mrs. Maura Simister, Manchester Middle School, and Mr. John Setaro, Lacey Township High School**. These **coaching awards** honored their **dedication** and **leadership**, which allowed their **students** to **work safely** with the **hardware kits** and **win** their **events**.
- **Dr. Vandana Saini, College Lecturer II in Mathematics, presented her poster, Connecting Shrimps and Period-Doubling Cascades, at the SIAM (Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics) Dynamical Systems Conference on May 26, 2021.**
- **Mr. Scott Farrell, College Lecturer II in Chemistry and Advisor to HOSA – Future Health Professionals, is sponsoring an OCC student, Sara Sywancyz, who is competing virtually at the International Leadership Conference from June 20 to 27, 2021. After graduating with an A.S.**

degree in General Studies-Science, Sara is continuing at Rutgers University where she will be majoring in Biochemistry on a pre-med track.

Finance and Administration

The **Accounting Department** is continuing to **review the recently released HEERF III guidelines**, authorized by the **American Rescue Plan**, to understand **Congressional intent** for use of **Institutional Portion allocations**. The **funds** are intended to **help colleges and universities recover** from the **impacts of the pandemic**. Now that the **crisis and reactionary phases are behind us**, **institutions will be expected to support students effectively**, as we **return** to some sense of **normalcy**, and **proactively prepare** for and be **capable of responding to additional disruptive events** as they **arise** in the **future**.

➤ **OCC Foundation**

➤ **Summer Scholarship Celebration**

This year's **hybrid celebration** took place on our **beautiful campus mall** on **Friday, June 18, 2021**. **Appreciation** is expressed to **all who contributed** to this **Foundation fund-raising efforts; donations** totaled over **\$165,000**. This year, the **Foundation Board** honored **Dr. Henry A. Jackson, Dr. Teresa Walsh**, and the **200 Club of Ocean County**.

➤ **Major Gift Announcement**

The **Wintrode Family Foundation** pledged a **gift of \$2 million** to establish the **Roberta W. Wintrode Memorial Fund**. This **expendable fund** is intended to **immediately impact** the **students of Ocean County College** by providing **support** to all **opportunities of educational and intellectual value**. **Approved expenditures** include, but may not be limited to, **special program support; student travel, both foreign and domestic; guest lectures; capital projects; and scholarships and grants**.

Gratitude is expressed to **Mr. David Wintrode** and the **Wintrode Family** for their **continued, most generous support** of the **Foundation** and the **College**.

➤ **Blauvelt Speaker Series**

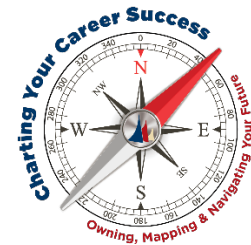
The **upcoming season** is scheduled to **begin** on **September 16, 2021**, with **Misty Copland**, the **first African American Female Principal Dancer** with the **American Ballet Theatre**. On **October 6, 2021**, **Ms. Doris Kearns Goodwin**, **world-renowned presidential historian, public speaker, and best-selling author**, will **visit the campus**, and many more **notable thinkers, innovators, and inspirational leaders** will **follow** throughout the **academic year**.

➤ **Scholarships**

The **scholarship application period** is **open** for the **Fall Semester** and will remain open through **August 16, 2021**. All students are **encouraged to apply** at www.ocean.edu/scholarships.

➤ Human Resources

➤ Employee Career Week 2021 - Charting Your Career Success - Owning, Mapping, and Navigating Your Future



The virtual fair was held **June 1 to June 4, 2021**. This initiative was developed with **multiple goals** in mind: 1) to help **employees** gain a **better understanding** of **different functional areas** within the **College**; 2) to inform **employees** about the **traits** and **competencies** that are **highly valued** by **managers** and **critical** to an **employee's success**; 3) to envision **opportunities** for **themselves**; and 4) to provide **real tools** to *Own, Map, and Navigate* their careers. By **equipping employees** in this way, the **College** builds a **talented** and **nimble workforce** that is able to **meet challenges** and take **advantage** of the **many opportunities** presented.

Event co-organizers were **Ms. Carol Appleby, Senior HR Specialist, Talent Acquisitions**; and **Ms. Jackie D'Amore, Senior HR Specialist, Talent and Organizational Development**. They were assisted by **Ms. Christina Matuszewski, Talent Acquisition Coordinator**; and **Ms. Alyssa Tipton, Talent and Organizational Development**.

The **Employee Career Week** sessions addressed:

- **Careers in the areas of Finance and Administration; e-Learning and Learning Enterprises; Student Affairs; Academic Affairs; and Institutional Planning, Effectiveness, and Compliance**
- **Career Exploration: Using Career Assessments to Plan Your Next Career Move!**
- **Competing as an Internal Applicant**
- **Educational Benefits**
- **OCC's Career Paths**
- **The Path I Took: Personal Career Success Stories**
- **Things I Wish My Boss Told Me**
- **Understanding OCC's Classification and Compensation Structure**

Ninety individuals participated in **27 sessions**; the **total attendance** at **all sessions** was **323**.

➤ College Relations

➤ TV Studio

The **OCC TV Studio**, in **collaboration** with the **Grunin Center** and the **Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission**, will hold a **virtual Salute to Ocean County**. **Salute to Ocean County** honors **outstanding cultural organizations, exceptional local artists, historians, preservationists, educators, and government leaders**. **Student performances** are also **Critiqued for Excellence** as part of the **2021 Ocean County Teen Arts Festival**. The **virtual event** will be held on **Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.** on **Ocean TV20**, as well as **live-streamed** on **Vimeo** and **Verizon Fios**.

➤ The Web

- **Mr. Nicolaus Burr, Social Media/Web Developer**, and **Ms. Maureen Conlon, Associate Director of Web Services**, collaborated on a **Memorial Day social media campaign** to **remember those who died in active military service** by **sharing past Memorial Day**

Ceremony photographs, a Memorial Day poem, and my Memorial Day remarks. The web team worked with Mr. Ryan Luurtsema, Assistant Director of Military and Veteran Services, on a special [remembrance of Corporal Rory Hamill](#), who was a Marine, Purple Heart Recipient, Congressional Veteran Spokesperson for NJ Veterans, Ocean County Divergent Mentor, and OCC alumnus. The Memorial Day campaign was viewed 16,496 times by social media users and was engaged 1,137 times.

- College Relations implemented an automated ADA compliance system, SiteImprove, which integrates into the existing content management system to identify opportunities for improvement in ADA compliance, quality assurance, and search engine optimization. During the web team's first month of usage, ADA compliance and search engine optimization increased by 7%, and quality assurance increased by 9%. The new software will be introduced to College website editors during a WordPress Community of Practice scheduled on June 28, 2021, and hosted by College Relations.

- **Alumni Affairs**

- The Local Alumni Network is resuming in-person events with a social networking gathering on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at Bahama Breeze from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The event will help connect local alumni for professional networking and provide information about services, benefits, and events available to them at Ocean County College.
- The Annual Alumni, Faculty, and Staff Picnic at the Jersey Shore BlueClaws stadium is set for Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 7:05 p.m. Each ticket is \$15 for admission and includes a voucher for a hot dog, soda, ice cream, and a boardwalk game ticket. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.go.ocean.edu/blueclaws.

- **Office of Information Technology**

The Office of Information Technology has worked with Academic Affairs and Facilities to review an analytics program to supplement the existing X25 scheduling system used by the College. The X25 web-based analytic tool provides the data in clear, colorful graphic reports to identify inefficiencies in space and equipment allocation, set improved policies, and justify construction, closure, or renovation. X25's dashboard navigation allows focus on the metrics that matter most. The program will provide the ability to drill down to explore and reveal space relationships on campus and generate reports to support master planning and campus vision. The new software will enable the following:

- Create clear, understandable graphic reports to pinpoint patterns, spot problems, and identify missed opportunities
- Modify the parameters and scope of each report as needed
- Generate reports on supply/demand for IT and other changing resources
- Supply data to support scheduling decisions
- View and compare results for critical periods, such as drop/add dates, end-of-term dates, and census dates
- Use dashboard functions to view and compare reports
- Compare levels of demand among venues to identify where new facilities are needed
- Perform simulated changes to existing X25 data and examine the utilization patterns and other effects of those changes

The **team** is looking forward to **implementing** the **analytics tool** and **optimizing** the **scheduling system** on campus.

➤ **Security**

In accordance with **New Jersey Public Law 2015, Chapter 220**, and **College Policy #2332, Reporting of On-Campus Criminal and Fire Events**, attached is the **monthly statistics report** of **crimes, fires, and other emergencies** on campus for the reporting period **May 18, 2021, through June 15, 2021**.

Student Affairs

➤ **The HUB/Enrollment Services**

➤ The **Express Enrollment Day** on **June 9, 2021**, was the **first on-campus event** held for **recruitment** in over a year. The event attracted **117 new Ocean students**, along with **parents and guests**, who received a **campus tour**, enjoyed **refreshments** and **Ocean gifts**, as well as were **acquainted** with many **Student Services departments**. Students were able to have **one-on-one appointments** with **Financial Aid** and **Advising representatives** and were **registered** for **classes** for the **upcoming Fall term**. This event was the **kickoff** to a **series of Express Enrollment events** that will **resume** on **July 15, 2021, weekly**, for **recruitment of new students** for **Fall 2021**.

➤ On **June 3, 2021**, **Ms. Jenna Puglisi** from **Enrollment Services** and **Academic Advising** met with **Lakewood High School seniors** to do **virtual advising** and **registration days**. Students were given **information** on how to **register**, **Ocean Connect**, and how to **complete the New Student Registration form**.

➤ To date, **549 new students** have been **enrolled** at **Ocean County College** for the **Fall** using the **New Student Registration form** found on the **College website**. Students complete a **short survey** that requests their **preferred major**, **days of the week for classes**, and other **pertinent information**. The **HUB** and **Enrollment Services** work together with **volunteers** from **Athletics** to **register students**, **schedule classes**, and provide additional **information** and **feedback**.

➤ **Advising**

➤ In **collaboration** with the **HUB** and other **Student Services Offices**, the **Advising Office** participated in the **Express Enrollment Day** on **June 9, 2021**. In **preparation** for the event, **advisors** reviewed **programs** and provided **schedules** for **140 students**. Each student met with an **advisor** to **review Fall semester schedules** and **revise** them if needed. Students were able to **ask questions** about their **degrees** and **courses**, and they **registered** for an **upcoming New Student Information Session**. **Associate Director of Academic Advising Shirley Baker** provided the **leadership** for this **project**.

➤ In order to **ensure accurate schedules** for **incoming students**, the **Advising staff** is currently performing **schedule review** for any **student** who **requests a schedule** via the **New Student Registration form**. **Assistant Director Michele Connolly** conducted **training** for the **staff** charged with **creating the new student schedules**, providing them with **resources** and **follow-up training sessions**. **Advisors** are **reviewing the schedules** on a **weekly basis** and **contacting students** as needed regarding **adjustments**. The **Advising staff** has **reviewed more than 480 schedules**, which entailed **assisting students** who **requested a change of major**, adjusting for **AP credit** and **higher-level math**, and **advising students** on **Guided Self-Placement**.

➤ Career Services

- As of **June 15, 2021**, there were **1,411 employers approved to post job and internship openings** on **Handshake**, including **local employers in New Jersey and many from out of the state**. The **benefit of approving out-of-state employers** is to provide **remote opportunities** for students. **Interim Career Services Coordinator Kirsten Bollinger** is **maintaining Handshake** and **developing policies for employer and job posting approvals**.
- **Career Services** is now **active on the OCC app**. There are currently **20 local job and internship flyers posted** to the **Career Services page** on the **app**. This page is **public to all users**, so **anyone can view the hiring flyers**. **Page members** receive a **notification** every time **Career Services posts** to the **page**.
- **Three students** are currently enrolled in **INTR 290, Internship**, for the **Summer Ten-Week term**. A **Liberal Arts student** is **completing a remote internship** out of **Los Angeles** in the **film industry**. A **Criminal Justice student** is **interning** at the **Toms River Police Department**, and the **third student** is a **General Studies, Business major**, completing a **product development internship** at **Plastic Place** in **Lakewood**. All **three students** have **faculty mentors** to lead them throughout the **summer**. **Ms. Kirsten Bollinger** has **facilitated** these **internships** and is the **point of contact** should the **students** have **questions or concerns**.
- **Ms. Kirsten Bollinger** is continuing to **meet with students** to discuss **My Plan career assessment results, career/major exploration, resume reviews, job searching**, and all other **career-related questions**. Most **students** have been **referred to Career Services** by **academic advisors, other departments, or faculty and lecturers** from across the **campus**. The **Career Services email** is also very **active**.
- **Career Services** participated in **Express Enrollment Day** on **June 9, 2021**. **Twenty new students** and their **families** stopped by the **Career Services table** to **inquire about internships and career/major exploration**. **Ms. Kirsten Bollinger** followed up with the **students** by **email** to provide her **contact information** and the **link to the Career Services webpage**.

➤ Southern Education Center

- As the **Spring 2021 semester concluded**, details of the **Southern Education Center Canvas page outreach** via **Announcements** were **finalized and reviewed**. **Announcements** were made throughout the **semester** to inform **remote, SEC, and MATES students** of **opportunities**, including the **OCC Foundation scholarships, Veteran Affairs programs, instant decision days at Kean Ocean, job opportunities through Handshake, counseling services, tutoring services, the HEERF grant program, CERT training program, EOF**, as well as details of **Fall 2021 registration**. Over the **Spring semester**, the **SEC Canvas shell Announcements** received over **11,600 student views**.
- Efforts to **expand awareness** continue at the **SEC** and are especially **focused** on the **southern county high schools**. Both **Barnegat High School** and **Pinelands Regional High School** received a set of **posters** highlighting the **benefits** of the **P.L.A.N. (Promoting Learners to Achieve Now) program**. The **posters** will be **placed** throughout the **high schools** to remind students of the **benefits of completing 24 college credits through Early College** prior to **high school graduation**. The **southern area high schools** also received lists of **Fall 2021 remote classes** that could be **available** for the **high school students**. Finally, **Mr. James Hauenstein, Director of the Southern Education Center**, was a **judge** at **Lacey Township High School's annual Marketing**

II Shark Tank program. Through this participation, he was able to **speak** with **students** regarding the **opportunities** at **OCC** as well as at the **SEC**.

- **Ms. Michele Marcum, Senior Student Services Technician,** continues to assist the **HUB** via **remote channels** in **responding** to **student inquiries**.
- **Mr. James Hauenstein** manned the **SEC table** at the **June 9, 2021, Express Enrollment event** in **Toms River**. As **students** and **parents** worked their way through the **various information tables**, those **residing** in the **southern portion** of the **county** were able to **learn** of the **opportunities** afforded to them at the **Manahawkin location**.
- Finally, work on the **Spring 2021 master schedule of classes** at the **Southern Education Center** has **begun**.

➤ **Veterans Department**

- As of **June 1, 2021**, the **Veterans Military Resources Center** has **expanded** its **team**, adding **Ms. Kencis Kleinschmidt** as the **newly appointed Veterans Program Coordinator and Advisor**. **Ms. Kleinschmidt** joins the **team** with **twenty years** of **military service** with the **Marine Corps** as well as **New Jersey National Guard**. The **Veterans Department** is **excited** to **work** with **Ms. Kleinschmidt** on the following:
 - The **focus** of the **Center** during **2021-2022** will be to provide additional **engaging opportunities** for **military-connected students** both **on** and **off campus**
 - **Increase enrollment** and **retention** of **military students** throughout **New Jersey**
 - **Lead future cohorts** of the **New Jersey Military and Veterans Administrative Program Officers**, as well as **advocate** for a **supported transition process** from **military duty** to **successful veteran and civilian pathways**
- The **VMRC** **completed** the **fourth episode** of **Veterans Voices** and will **record** the **fifth episode** at the end of **July**. The **fourth episode** showcases **OCC alumni**, and **Student Veteran President, Maryellen De Leon**, interviewing **VMRC Assistant Director Ryan Luurtsema**.

Episodes can be **watched** on **OceanTV20** and **Comcast Channel 24**:

- **Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**
- **Thursdays at 12:00 a.m.**
- **Sundays at 7:00 p.m.**

Additional information can be found at <https://www.ocean.edu/veterans-services/>

- In **November 2021**, the **VMRC** will be offering the **inaugural Green Zone Training: Military and Veteran Cultural Awareness workshops** to **staff, faculty, and community stakeholders**.
- The **Corporal Rory Hamill Lending Library project** is **moving forward** with the **purchase** of an assortment of **Chromebooks** and **laptops** that will be provided to **military- and veteran-connected students**, all made possible by the **Center of Veteran Student Success grant** and the **CPL Rory Hamill Foundation**.

- In **partnership** with the **OCC community** and managing departments of **Student Affairs, Student Services, and Academic Affairs**, the **VMRC** has developed the **Ocean County College Military Support Committee (MSC)**.
- **Thirteen independent Military and Veteran Liaisons** will be **members** of the **committee**; they will act as **points of contact** for **individual support** and **resources** to the **military** and **veteran student-connected community**.
- **MSC** will develop **mutual strategies** and **objectives** to **service** the **unique population** of **students** as well as create **future policy** and **procedures** across the **campus**.

e-Learning and Learning Enterprises

➤ e-Learning Personnel

The **e-Learning Department** welcomes **Ms. Jacquelyn Coletta** as the **new Executive Assistant to the Vice President of e-Learning and Learning Enterprises**. **Searches** are currently **underway** for an **Academic Administrator, Academic Technician, LMS Systems Administrator, and College Lecturer IIs in Business, Biology, Physics, and Psychology**.

➤ Professional and Course Development

- **e-Learning** will offer **training** on **two** of its **third-party integrated software products** in **July**. The **training** will cover **course preparation** and **best practices** in **Mind Tap** and **Web Assign**. **Presenters** will show **instructors** how to **fully utilize both programs**. The **department** aims to **empower instructors** by **demonstrating** how they can be **more involved** in the **teaching process** inside **pre-built master courses** with the **institution's publisher partners, Cengage and Pearson**.

In addition, **e-Learning** will offer **technical training** and **pedagogical application** in **Duolingo**, which will be **replacing Rosetta Stone** in **Spanish I** and **Spanish II** courses during the **Fall 2021 semester**. Eventually, **all online language courses** will utilize **Duolingo**, so **instructors** will be **trained** in **preparation** for this **change**. **Representatives** from **Cengage** will **partner** with **e-Learning trainers** to provide **updates** on each **platform** and **field advanced-level questions**. The **department** is **excited** to use **Duolingo** because it will provide increased **ease of navigation** for **students** and **instructors**. The **design updates** for the **language courses** will **reduce costs** by **\$50,000**.

- The **Instructional Design and Technology team** continues its **course development** for **Fall 2021**, with an **expected completion date** of **July 1, 2021**. A total of **24 Distance Learning Master Courses** will be revised for **Fall 2021**. The **Spring 2022 Course Development Schedule** is currently in **progress**, with **seven DL Master Courses** being revised with **NJEdge instructional design services** and **OCC Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)**. **NJEdge** will also **assist** in the **development** of **three Master Courses** for **Summer 2022: BUSN 163, Transportation Systems; CRIM 152, Introduction to Law Enforcement; and PSYC 273, Adolescent Psychology**. The **e-Learning Department** continues to explore **OER** as the **first option** for **all course development** to **reduce the overall cost of textbooks** for **OCC students**.

➤ **Honorlock Proctoring for Fall 2021**

Starting in Fall 2021, e-Learning faculty and lecturers will be setting up Honorlock proctoring in their class sections, which in previous terms was facilitated by the Instructional Design and Technology team. In addition, training and additional communication will be provided over the summer regarding the process and implementation.

➤ **International Programs**

➤ **July Visit to Egypt**

On July 4, 2021, Vice President of e-Learning and Learning Enterprises Eileen Garcia and I will fly to Egypt. Dr. Maysa Hayward, Associate Vice President of International Programs, and Dr. Howaida Wahby Eraky, Assistant Dean of e-Learning, International Programs, will leave a few days earlier to prepare for the visit. The July Egypt trip will include several meetings with the Ministry of Higher Education team and the presidents of Ain Shams, Badr, Helwan, Alexandria, El Galala, El Alamein, Arab Academy, and Ahran Canadian universities. The meetings will target several goals, the main one being to expedite and facilitate all pending agreements. The OCC team will attend the Special Program meeting of the Ocean/Kean/Ain Shams Program and sign the Cohort 6 OCC/Kean Business Program Agreement. All other university meetings will focus on start dates for programs and marketing plans.

➤ **Current OCC/Kean/ASU Program**

The current program's Cohort 6 agreement as well as six other special program agreements are under final review by Kean University. The International team is conducting a midway and exit assessment for Cohorts 4 and 5 to measure the students' progress and success. The team is also working with Kean's team on a marketing plan to increase enrollment in Fall 2021.

This May, four students from Cohort 4 received \$300 each towards tuition through the International Scholarship for achieving a GPA of 3.8 and higher. The students who received the awards are Joy Makram, Celesta Bekheet, Mohamed Wael Atef Shaheen, and Noha Eid. As always, we are proud of and commend these outstanding students.

➤ **NJCU Egypt**

The MES and OCC agreements with New Jersey City University were scheduled to be presented to NJCU's Board of Trustees on June 18, 2021. NJCU will be joining the OCC team on the Egypt trip if the agreements are finalized.

➤ **Special Programs**

➤ **William Paterson University**

Dr. Richard J. Helldobler, President of William Paterson University, visited the OCC campus on June 21, 2021, and signed the OCC/William Paterson/Egypt joint admission agreement for the Egyptian programs.

➤ **Southern New Hampshire University**

On **June 10, 2021**, the **International team** and **I** met with **Southern New Hampshire University** executives. Also in attendance were **Executive Vice President Sara Winchester**, **Vice Presidents Eileen Garcia and Joseph Konopka**, and **Executive Director of Articulation Eileen Schilling**. The meeting focused on the **curricula** and **financial model** of disciplines of interest for **joint admission agreements**, such as **Data Analytics** and **Computer Information Technology**.

➤ **Florida International University**

Ms. Eileen Schilling, **Dr. Maysa Hayward**, and **Dr. Sylvia Riviello** are mapping the curriculum of **OCC's Engineering A.S. degree** with that of **Florida International University** for a **potential joint agreement**.

➤ **Branding and Marketing**

The **International team**, under the **supervision** of **Dr. Eileen Garcia**, worked with **College Relations** to develop a **brand, name, and logo** for **Ocean International Programs**. The name **Ocean Global** has been selected. The word **'GLOBAL'** has been added to the **OCC logo** for **International Programs**.



Dr. Howaida Wahby Eraky is working diligently with **Associate Director of Web Services Maureen Conlon** on the **International website page**. The **link** will appear on the **main OCC site page**; it will present the ways in which **OCC's online programs** can assist **International students** in pursuing **2+2 degrees**.

Meanwhile, **OCC** and **Kean** are forming **promotional video clips** to use for the **marketing** for **Kean/OCC programs** in **Egypt**.

➤ **International Hub**

On **May 15, 2021**, **Dr. Eileen Garcia**, **Dr. Maysa Hayward**, and **I** met with **Dr. Hasan El Kalla**, **CEO and owner of Badr University**, in **Virginia**. **Dr. El Kalla** presented his **plans** for **involving OCC** in his **new international Hub** in **Egypt**. A **follow-up meeting** will occur during the **July trip** to **Egypt**.



REQUIRED REPORTING STATISTICS

Board of Trustees Meeting June 24, 2021

The following has been prepared for presentation to the Ocean County College Board of Trustees, for its regular meeting. This report consists of all offenses defined as reportable crimes under the federal Jeanne Clery Act, fires, and other emergencies, which occurred on campus during the reporting period of May 18 to June 15, 2021

1.) A count and classification of all criminal incidents (defined as reportable crimes under the federal Jeanne Clery Act) which occurred on campus and which were recorded by campus security, campus security authority (CSA) or local police departments.			
DATE	CRIME	SUMMARY	STATUS
Occurred: Reported:		NOTHING TO REPORT	
Occurred: Reported:			
Occurred: Reported:			
2.) A list of campus alerts, threats or emergencies which occurred on campus			
DATE	ALERT/THREAT	SUMMARY	STATUS
Occurred: NONE Reported:		NOTHING TO REPORT	
Occurred: Reported:			
Occurred: Reported:			
3.) A count and classification of all fire incidents which occurred on campus and which were recorded by campus security and local fire departments.			
DATE	FIRE INCIDENT	SUMMARY	STATUS
Occurred: NONE Reported:		NOTHING TO REPORT	
Occurred: Reported:			

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: *John A Lopez* – Director of Security