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MISSION STATEMENT

Orange Coast College serves the educational needs of its diverse local and global community. The College empowers students to achieve their educational goals by providing high quality and innovative programs and services leading to academic degrees, college transfer, certificates in career and technical education, basic skills, and workforce development to enable lifelong learning. The college promotes student learning and development by fostering a respectful, supportive and participatory campus climate of student engagement and academic inquiry.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 2016-17 edition of Orange Coast College's Annual Report. We have many exciting new developments at the College to share with you.

OCC's campus has undergone a transformation in the past 18 months; in August we officially opened our new Recycling Center, doubling down on our commitment to create a more sustainable and eco-friendly campus, while also expanding on a vital community resource (see story page 14). The transformation of our campus will continue between now and 2020 with major projects that include a new student life building, College Center, English and Behavioral Sciences building, Olympic size swimming pool, and student housing facility, all of which are well under way in various planning stages.

In the summer of 2016 we broke ground on OCC's Planetarium, with construction beginning in earnest in April as the walls for the facility's 129-seat immersive theater were erected, and then in June when the concrete dome was framed and poured (see page 12). In many ways, the Planetarium represents a vision for the future at OCC — as the world becomes more and more technologically advanced, our College is determined to remain a leader in science education in Orange County and beyond.

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Next year will mark the 70th anniversary of Orange Coast College, which welcomed its first class of approximately 500 students in the fall of 1948 (by comparison, this fall we welcomed approximately 24,000 students). Our campus has changed dramatically in the past seven decades, but one thing remains steadfastly the same: our mission of providing a high-quality education to all those who seek it.

By all accounts, we are succeeding in this endeavor: in the pages of this Annual Report you will read about a California Community College Maker Implementation grant awarded to OCC that will equip our students with STEAM skills to succeed in today's economy (page 35); a trip that OCC music students took to New York to perform in Carnegie Hall (page 30); and a partnership with an established jet aircraft operator that will provide scholarships for aviation students to pursue their goals (page 13).

It goes without saying that many of the stories of student success that you will find in the pages of this report would not have been possible without the commitment and hard work of thousands of OCC employees, as well as the generous support of our community partners and donors. I want to thank you for your continued commitment to helping OCC remain the standard of excellence in higher education, and I look forward to many more years of continued success.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dennis Harkins'.

Dennis Harkins, Ph.D.

MEET COAST COLLEGES' NEW CHANCELLOR DR. JOHN WEISPFENNING



After a long and intensive search, the Coast Community College District welcomed John Thomas Weispfenning Ph.D. as its newest Chancellor in April 2016. Dr. Weispfenning — who was vice president of instruction at Orange Coast College from 2012 until 2014, and later served as president of Santiago Canyon College — succeeded Interim Chancellor Gene Farrell.

Weispfenning, a former dean of instruction at Santiago Canyon College and dean of academic affairs and associate professor in the Department of Communication at Otterbin University in Westerville, Ohio, is the author of two dozen-plus scholarly publications and papers related to working with media organizations, processes and content. He has been noted for his published work in the Journal of Communication, Mass Communication Quarterly, and Mass Comm Review and brings his experience as a journalist and broadcaster with radio stations throughout the Midwest to the Coast District.

The native North Dakotan has years of experience in, and knowledge of, the California Community College System. Weispfenning served on the Executive Board of the California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers and on the Executive Board of the Council of Chief Librarians of the California Community Colleges.

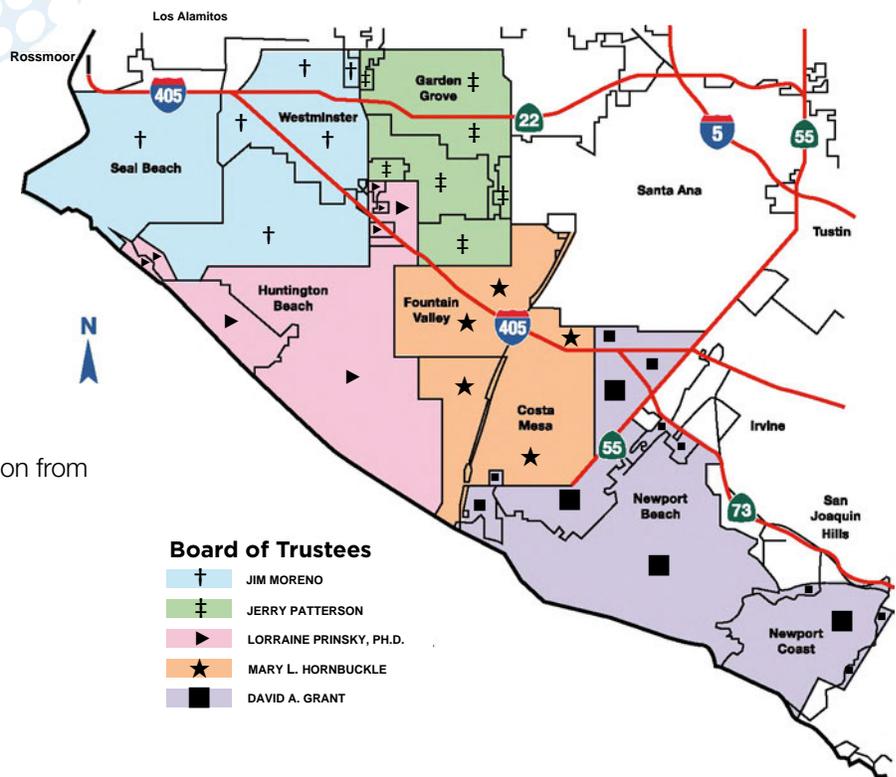
“As an academic leader at at both Orange Coast College and Santiago Canyon College, John Weispfenning has a firm understanding of the Coast

Community College District’s student populations. He also has a strong connection to the District’s surrounding communities. These two facets will be key in moving the District forward with our vision focused on student success,” said Board President David A. Grant.

Weispfenning received his doctorate from Purdue University and earned his Master of Science in Communication from North Dakota State University. He also earned a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication from Minnesota State University, Moorhead.

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MESSAGE FROM BILL WOOD/ DOUG BENNETT



Dear Friends of Orange Coast College:

Since 1985, the Orange Coast College Foundation has built a legacy of providing support for programs and projects that benefit OCC students. We are particularly grateful to the generous donors acknowledged in this report.

Their gifts — totaling more than \$11.2 million from Jan. 1, 2016 thru June 30, 2017 — have benefited students through funding for the new OCC Planetarium, the Sue & Bill Gross Career/Technical Education Scholarships, the Dixon Family Arts Fund, a new AstroTurf baseball field, support of the College's performing and visual arts, gifts to the College's nationally renowned School of Sailing and Seamanship, the recently completed OCC Recycling Center, and a myriad of other programs and projects.

The past 18 months have been the most financially successful period in the OCC Foundation's 30-plus year history — between October 2016 and September 2017, the OCC Foundation received four \$1 million gifts!

- Just over \$1 million from the trust of Jane Hilgendorf, longtime women's volleyball coach / Dean of Physical Education and Athletics to support an athletics endowment, the Friends of the OCC Library endowment and women's volleyball scholarships. *(see story on page 10)*
- \$1 million from OCC emeritus faculty member Mary McChesney to sponsor the Foucault Pendulum in the new OCC Planetarium. *(see story on page 5)*
- \$1.8 million from the estate of 38-year faculty member Professor David Johnston for scholarships for deserving OCC Philosophy students *(see story on page 11)*
- More than \$1.5 million from an anonymous donor to support the installation of AstroTurf on the baseball field at Pirate Park.

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As we look ahead to 2018, the completion and grand opening of the new OCC Planetarium next fall is sure to be a highlight of the year. The Planetarium project, which was initiated by the OCC Foundation Board of Directors in 2008, will be a one-of-a-kind learning destination that will serve the campus and the Orange County community, both through college-level courses and field trips for elementary school students. In February, OCC Baseball Coach John Altobelli's Pirates will start their season on a new AstroTurf field funded by an anonymous donor. The field and the improvements currently underway at Pirate Park will provide OCC players and fans with the best community college baseball experience in California.

We hope that you enjoy reading about the new and exciting developments at Orange Coast College, many of which are made possible by the support of our many generous donors and their gifts that benefit the students at OCC.

Sincerely,

C. William "Bill" Wood
Chair, Orange Coast College Foundation

Doug Bennett
Executive Director, Orange Coast College Foundation

SUE AND BILL GROSS DONATE \$240,000 TO SUPPORT TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT OCC

The Orange Coast College Foundation received a gift \$240,000 from the Sue and Bill Gross Foundation, to establish a “Sue and Bill Gross

Scholars” program that will support students pursuing career and technical education (CTE) at OCC. The gift not only benefits students who find themselves in the “forgotten middle” — students who have financial need but are ineligible for a full Pell Grant or other financial assistance

to pay for college — but also will serve as a boon to the regional economy, which has seen a shortage in skilled workers in recent years.

“Many of Orange Coast College’s CTE programs fill a vital need in Orange County’s local economy for a skilled workforce and we’re excited to be a part of that,” says Gross Family Foundation President Sue Gross. “However, for many students limited financial resources hinder their ability to complete coursework and find employment. Our hope is that these scholarships will alleviate those financial barriers.”

The Sue and Bill Gross Scholars program will provide scholarship support to students in CTE programs that lead to jobs in skilled occupations for which employment prospects are strong.

These programs can be completed in two years or less and, upon completion, offer students the opportunity to earn a living wage or more in Orange County.

The Grosses established a similar scholarship program at Saddleback College in 2014, giving 80 students there a chance to earn a scholarship that would prepare them for skilled jobs. “Sue has always been a champion of the

community college system, especially when it leads the student directly to a good paying job,” says Bill Gross.

“We are very excited to team up with Bill and Sue Gross in supporting our Career and Technical Education students as they pursue a rewarding and successful career path,” says OCC President, Dr. Dennis Harkins. “We hope that this generous contribution will inspire other local business leaders to see the value of investing in CTE programs, and to make the connection between the success of OCC students as it relates to our regional economy.”

During the demonstration phase of the Sue and Bill Gross Scholars Program, OCC’s Foundation will focus on CTE programs that hold the greatest promise of immediate

employment, including Respiratory Therapy, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Culinary Arts, the Professional Mariners Training Program, Welding Technology, and Manufacturing Technology.

Scholarships will be available to current OCC students, veterans, displaced workers, and other adult learners who possess a high school diploma or general education development credential and are currently enrolled in the above CTE programs. Graduating high school students who demonstrate an early commitment to a specific career pathway also will be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the program.

Scholarship recipients will be required to maintain a 2.5 GPA or better and to register full time in a designated CTE program. Scholarship award amounts will cover expenses for fees, books, supplies, Career Work Experience (CWE) and other college-related expenses excluding room and board, and students who receive a scholarship for more than one year must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress towards completion of a CTE program.



SUE & BILL GROSS CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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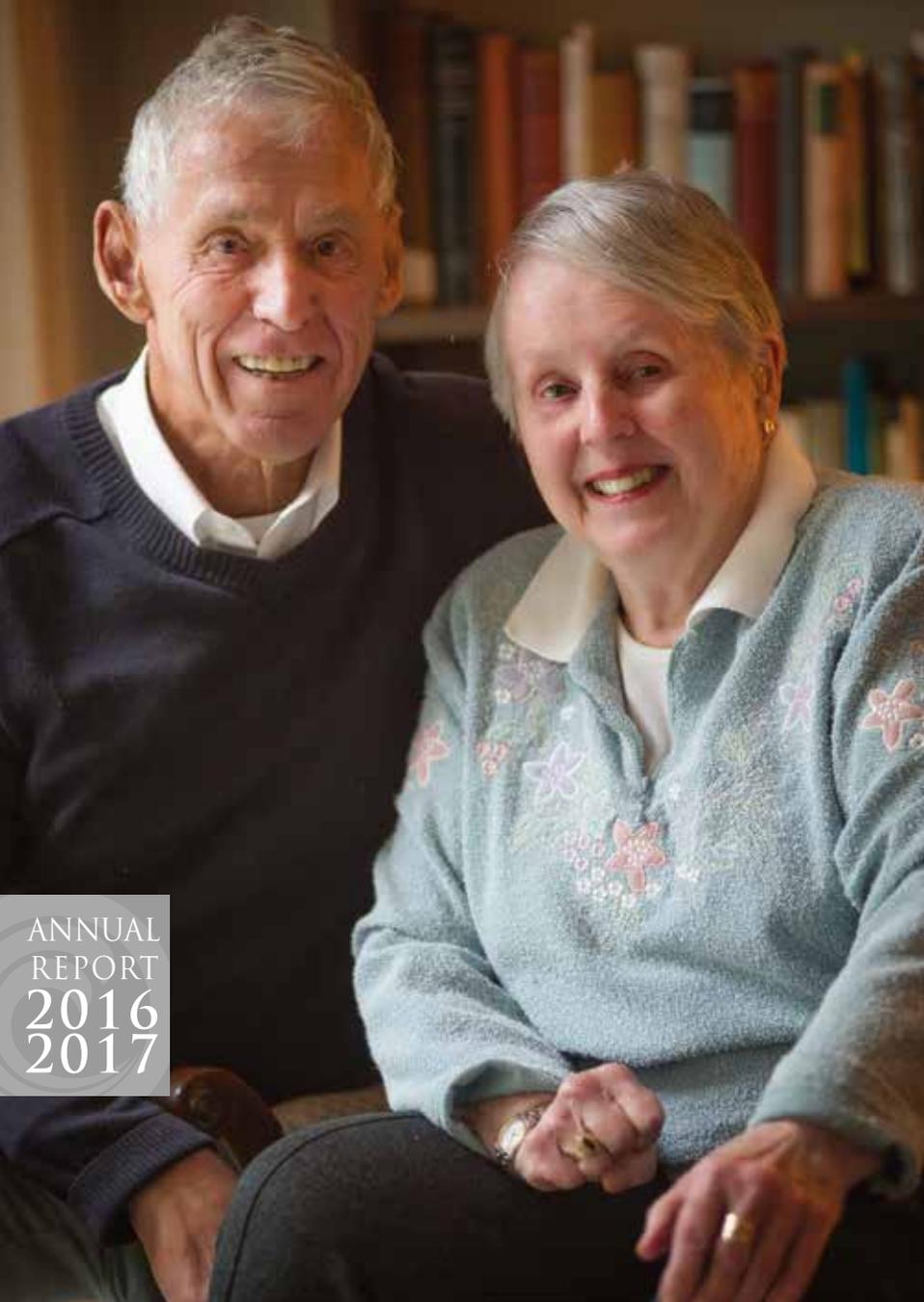
‘THE PROMISE FOR AN EXCITING FUTURE’

Each year, when it comes time for retired Spanish professor Mary McChesney to choose the students who will receive one of the scholarships she funds for Orange Coast College’s annual Honor’s Night, she has two requests — the first is she wants to see the applications of those who weren’t chosen the first time around.

The second is that she wants to remain anonymous.

“I have always worked closely with the scholarship committees, and I ask them to send me about a dozen people who meet my qualifications,” McChesney says. “I read the applications, and it gets so you can read between the lines — you can see who really needs the scholarship. What I’m looking for is someone who has real financial needs and realistic goals.”

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It's that pragmatic approach that likely propelled McChesney to gift \$1 million this past summer toward OCC's Planetarium, a decade-long dream of the College's Foundation Board of Directors. The building of a new Planetarium to serve as a premier science center in Orange County was undertaken as a project initiative by the OCC Foundation in 2008, but when the recession hit, fundraising stalled.

It wasn't until voters approved a new bond for construction on Coast campuses that new life was breathed into

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the project, and the Foundation's Board of Directors saw their chance. With OCC President and current Coast Community College District Board of Trustees Chairman Dave Grant and astronomy professor Nick Contopoulos championing the cause, the Foundation has set a goal of raising enough money to fund operating costs for the Planetarium in perpetuity. To date, the Planetarium Campaign has raised more than \$2.6 million toward that goal, and with the \$18 million construction costs paid for by Measure M, the realization of OCC's Planetarium is closer than ever.

OLD FRIENDS

For McChesney, the building of a Planetarium is a worthy endeavor for a College that played such a large role in her life.

“When I joined the faculty of Orange Coast College in 1950, I became a part of brother and sister scholars who loved to teach. That was the best decision I ever made,” McChesney says.

“I do remember when I first came down and I looked at those old army barracks, I was not very impressed. I was teaching at Berkeley at the time. But, I was impressed with Dr. Peterson, himself a Berkeley graduate,” she says. “In fact, I became much in awe of him. I returned to Berkeley and spoke with people who knew Dr.

Peterson. ‘If Orange Coast College is being built by Basil H. Peterson,’ they told me, ‘you can bet it will become one of the finest junior colleges in the country.’”

It's a sentiment that Grant shares, and he and his former professor have remained close since he was her student in the 1950s. Each year, it's Grant who hands out McChesney's scholarships at Honor's Night. “Even though it's anonymous I always tell them who it really came from,” he says.

And it was Grant who first showed McChesney the renderings of the facility that he had dreamed of building for years — a Planetarium that would be unlike anything else in Orange County, and which would inspire students of all ages to turn their imaginations toward the stars.

“When I saw the picture of the Planetarium, I found it simply beautiful, and I wanted to be a part of it,” she says.

FOUCAULT PENDULUM

McChesney’s gift will fund the Planetarium’s Foucault Pendulum, and was made in honor of her longtime partner and retired OCC German professor Adelyn Bonin, who passed away in 2016 and taught at Coast for 24 years (see sidebar).

“I know Lyn would be happy to do this. This is half hers,” McChesney says. “I like to think she sees what we’re doing, and she approves.”

OCC’s Foucault Pendulum will be one of only a few in the state, and the only Foucault Pendulum in Orange County. The pendulum — which is powered by an electromagnet and demonstrates the rotation of the earth — will be located in the Planetarium’s exhibit hall, alongside a Science on a Sphere National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration display globe.

“I have grown old, but my love for this College is very much alive. Here is the promise for an exciting future,” McChesney says.

She was an ambulance driver, a shoemaker, a nurse and switchboard operator, and ... an Orange Coast College professor.

Born in Germany just after World War I, the late Adalyn “Lyn” Bonin lived a life marked by adventure and, at times, tragedy. Bonin, who was Jewish, served in the British Army as an ambulance driver on the front lines in North Africa and Italy during WWII before immigrating to the United States in 1948. Her parents both perished in a transport to Auschwitz.

After moving to the U.S., Bonin held a number of jobs, including as a sales clerk, medical assistant and school bus driver, before enrolling at Riverside Community College where she would receive her Associates degree at age 35. From there she went to UC Riverside where she received a Bachelors degree in German, and later received a masters in German from University of California, Los Angeles and a doctorate from Nova University.

Bonin also completed additional graduate work at UC Berkeley, the University of Wisconsin and Goethe Institute in Munich.

In the fall of 1959, at the age of 39, Bonin was hired at OCC to teach German. She would stay at Coast for 24 years before retiring in 1983. She served as the director of the College’s Foreign Languages Lab and spent two terms on the Academic Senate, in addition to many other volunteer positions.

“Years ago,” she said during a 1979 interview with an OCC campus publication, “people used to describe the U.S. as a country whose streets were lined with gold. I believe the gold is still present. Only in the United States could an individual like myself, with no high school diploma, succeed in completing a doctorate and teach at a college.”



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Are you interested in supporting Orange Coast College’s mission but feel overwhelmed by the thought of writing another check or relinquishing your assets today? A simple, flexible and versatile way to make a gift is to include OCC in your will or living trust, known as a charitable bequest. By including a bequest to the Orange Coast College Foundation in your will or living trust, you will be leaving a lasting legacy that will benefit Coast students for years to come. For information on how to include the OCC Foundation in your will or trust please contact Doug Bennett, at (714) 432-5126 or dbennett@ccd.edu, or visit our website at www.occ.gift-planning.org

IMPACT ON LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY & RETURN ON INVESTMENT TO TAXPAYERS

OCC's total impact on the Coast Community College District economy was \$693.2 million in gross regional product (GRP), equal to 1.5% of the region's GRP.

OCC PAYROLL & EXPENSES SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

OCC employed **1,064** full-time and part-time faculty and staff, with an annual payroll of \$84.9 million. Much of this was spent in the Coast Community College District to purchase groceries, clothing, and other household goods and services.

The College is itself a buyer of goods and services and spent another **\$58.9 million** to support its operations during the analysis year.

The net impact of College payroll and expenses in the Coast Community College District was **\$94 million** in GRP.

OCC STUDENTS BOOST LOCAL SPENDING

The expenditures of these students added approximately **\$95 million** in GRP to the region during the analysis year.

OCC TRAINING SUSTAINS A SKILLED WORKFORCE

The effect of former OCC students on the regional economy amounted to **\$504.1 million** in GRP.

OCC INCREASES TAX REVENUE

- Approximately **93%** of OCC's students remain in California upon completing their educational goals. As students earn more, they pay higher taxes. Employers also pay higher taxes through their increased output and spending.
- Over the students' working lives, state and local government in California will collect a present value of **\$331.1 million** in the form of higher tax receipts.

OCC REDUCES GOVERNMENT COSTS

- OCC students who achieve higher levels of education are statistically less likely to have poor health habits, commit crimes, or claim welfare or unemployment benefits.
- As a result, taxpayers in the state of California will see a present value of **\$22.9 million** in savings to government over the students' working careers.

OCC IS A SOLID INVESTMENT FOR STATE AND LOCAL TAXPAYERS

- State and local taxpayers in California paid **\$103.4 million** to support the operations of OCC.
- For every \$1 of public money spent on OCC, taxpayers receive a cumulative return of \$3.40 over the course of students' working lives in the form of higher tax receipts and public sector savings.
- Taxpayers see an annual return of **10.4%** on their investment in OCC. This return compares favorably with the 1.1% discount rate used by the federal government to appraise long-term investments.

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RETURN ON INVESTMENT TO STUDENTS

EDUCATION INCREASES PEOPLE'S EARNING POTENTIAL

- Average annual earnings increase as students attain higher levels of education. On average, associate's degree completers in the Coast Community College District will earn \$46,700 at the midpoint of their careers, **\$11,900** more than someone with a high school diploma.
- Associate's degree completers will earn **\$2,008,100** (undiscounted) over their working lifetime, an increase of \$511,700 compared to someone with a high school diploma.

\$46,700 w/Associates Degree
\$34,800 w/HS Diploma only

Average Annual Earnings

\$2,008,100 w/Associates Degree
\$1,496,400 w/HS Diploma only

Average Lifetime Earnings

EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE BEST INVESTMENTS STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES CAN MAKE

- OCC's students will receive an average annual rate of return of **14%** on their investment in the College. This rate of return continues throughout their working lives.
- Had students and their families taken the money they spent on education and invested it instead in a standard bank savings account, they would have received a rate of return of less than 1%.
- On average, OCC's students will receive a cumulative **\$3.60** in higher future earnings for every \$1 they invested in their education.

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PIRATES DEDICATE GYM FLOOR TO JANE HILGENDORF



In late September, Orange Coast College took time to honor and dedicate the Peterson Gym floor to former longtime coach, administrator and lifelong friend of the Pirates, the late Jane Hilgendorf.

“It was great to see so many members of her family and friends as well as so many former co-workers of hers take the time to be here for this event,” OCC Athletic Director Jason Kehler said. “She will forever be a Pirate, not just on the gymnasium floor, but throughout this department.”

Hilgendorf began her OCC career in the fall of 1970 as a P.E. instructor, but not as a coach. Her first coaching stint began in 1971 when she helped develop OCC’s co-ed volleyball team. Two years later, Hilgendorf took over the Pirate women’s program and over the next 18 years, she helped build one of the more successful programs in all of California community college athletics.

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Over that span, Hilgendorf compiled a 233-100 record and helped guide the Pirates to 15 playoff appearances in 19 years, five conference titles and three state championships (1978, 1980, 1982).

Hilgendorf passed away on March 27, 2016 at the age of 74, but her memory will forever live on throughout Orange Coast College, thanks to an incredible \$1,012,500 donation following her passing. Per her requests, 75 percent will be donated to OCC Athletics, while the remaining 25percent will go to the Friends of the OCC Library. Additionally, \$20,000 was received from the trust for a scholarship benefitting outstanding transferring OCC women's volleyball players.

Hilgendorf's generosity has already made an impact in the Pirate women's volleyball community. At last year's Women's Volleyball Honors Night, OCC sophomore setter Measha Lindstrand was the first-ever honoree of the Jane Hilgendorf Scholarship (\$1,000) and is now attending Hope International University.

Following her coaching career, Hilgendorf moved to the administrative side of the Athletics Department, where she was the Assistant Athletic Director for seven years (1991-1998), and the Dean of Physical Education and Athletics – as well as Athletic Director – for three years (1998-2001).

In addition to her work on the OCC campus, Hilgendorf also was a member of the state Commission on Athletics from 1981-1987 and was the president of the Orange Empire Conference in 1998.

Hilgendorf's tireless work with the Pirates earned her an induction into the Orange Coast College Athletics Hall of Fame in 2007.

"Jane absolutely loved Orange Coast College," former coach and athletic director Barbara Bond said of her longtime co-worker in a statement. "She worked tirelessly as athletic director and dean to improve the athletic programs and improve the competitive experience for the OCC students. She was also one of the pioneers for women's athletics at the state level, ushering in Title IX and its impact on women's sports throughout the California community colleges."

OCC RECEIVES LARGEST DONATION IN FOUNDATION'S HISTORY FROM LATE PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR

This year, the Orange Coast College Foundation received the largest donation in its 32-year history — a gift of \$1.8 million from the estate of late philosophy professor David Johnston to establish the M.F. & Marvel Monia Johnston Scholarship Fund.

The gift will provide scholarships for financially deserving philosophy students, with the first grants set to be awarded at the College's Honor's Night in May 2018. In addition to his gift benefiting OCC philosophy students, Johnston left an equal bequest to UC Berkeley for students majoring in philosophy.

Johnston passed away at the age of 81 in February 2016. A Nebraska native, he joined the OCC faculty in 1960 after he completed a Masters in Humanities at San Francisco State College and a Bachelor's in Philosophy at UC Berkeley. He taught at OCC until 1998, during which time he challenged his students to question how they intuitively view the world.

"David was my philosophy professor in 1965 and colleague for 30 years," says retired OCC Sociology Professor Terry Timmins. "When I greeted him in the morning with a 'Good Morning, David,' he would often reply with 'What do you think?' I would have to stop and think: 'What was I thinking?' David, always the consummate philosophy professor ... Now I'm thinking 'Rest in Peace' my friend, colleague and teacher."



PLANETARIUM UPDATE

As 2017 comes to a close, OCC's Planetarium is under construction and well on its way to hit its target opening date of Fall 2018. Last summer, the concrete dome for the Planetarium's 129-seat immersive theater was framed and poured, giving shape to what will surely become a unique and iconic landmark in Orange County.

During the Fall 2017 semester, exterior walls for the Planetarium's offices and lobby have gone up, as well as framing for the facility's exhibit hall, which will house a Foucault Pendulum and a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Science on a Sphere globe that will display weather patterns from around the world.

To stay up to date on new developments and see a live construction feed for OCC's Planetarium, visit www.orangecoastcollege.edu/planetarium



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OC BOARD SUPERVISOR PRESENTS CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT TO CLAY LACY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

In early June, Clay Lacy Aviation announced that it would establish a scholarship fund for OCC students looking to earn their pilot's license. For student pilot Lex Lizotte, the help funding flight lessons is a much-needed weight off his shoulders.

"This scholarship will help me progress my private pilot learning and also progress my flight hours to hopefully get me up to my first solo, which means a lot," Lizotte says. "I've been working hard ever since I arrived at Orange Coast College, and I've been trying to save up some money to schedule time to fly. When I was told I had received a scholarship, I couldn't believe it. I was so happy."

Lizotte, of Huntington Beach, California, aspires to become a pilot for a major cargo company like FedEx.

OCC's aviation program is highly regarded, with curriculum that allows students to earn their Associate of Science degree in addition to their private, instrument and commercial pilot licenses. The program is known for being an affordable option for flight training in Orange County; in addition to being approximately 30 percent more cost effective than comparable programs in the area, students have access to two Redbird flight simulators that offer a chance to accrue some required hours at a fraction of the cost of traditional flying lessons. Graduates from OCC's Aviation program often go on to complete their studies at a four-year university or pursue a certified instructor rating, which allows them to teach others to fly.

"Orange County is fortunate to have a collegiate aviation program," says Scott Cutshall, Vice President of Marketing with Clay Lacy Aviation and a life-long Orange County resident who learned to fly at John Wayne airport. "We are delighted to be able to help the next generation of aviators pursue their passion of flight."



Lizotte, along with scholarship recipient Soraya Eftekhari, were notified in September that they would receive a commendation from Orange County Board Supervisor Michelle Steel.

Steel, who represents Orange County's second district, presented certificates of achievement to the student pilots at Atlantic Aviation at John Wayne Airport on Sept. 19. "It is inspiring to see local students with a strong passion for flight," she said. "I am delighted to join with Clay Lacy in honoring these remarkable future pilots."

Dr. Stanley Harriman who teaches and runs OCC's aviation pilot training program, and Dean of Technology Dan Shrader were on hand to watch the students receive their recognition. Supervisor Steel congratulated both for "building such an outstanding aviation school here in Orange County."

Upon graduation from OCC, both Lizotte and Eftekhari will have earned an Associate of Science degree and private pilot's license, and both plan to complete their aviation education and pilot certifications at a four-year institution. Eftekhari currently lives in Newport Beach, but grew up in Switzerland. Her goal is to fly and train other pilots in seaplanes.

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OCC RECYCLING CENTER TAKES SUSTAINABILITY TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Orange Coast College officially opened the doors of its new Recycling Center in early September in a ribbon-cutting ceremony that brought members from every corner of the Costa Mesa community together.

Costa Mesa Councilmember Katrina Foley was on hand to witness the event, along with officials from the Costa Mesa Sanitary District, and representatives from the U.S. Green Building Council, CalRecycle and architecture firm Dougherty + Dougherty. Several Coast Community College District trustees also were in attendance, including board chairman Dave Grant and trustees Lorraine Prinsky and Jerry Patterson.

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sits on a plot of land just east of the new center, and will be demolished in the upcoming months.

“The entire goal of our program when it started was that recycling would be so commonplace, and that we’d get our message across so well, that we would essentially put ourselves out of business,” says OCC Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Mike Carey. “That obviously hasn’t been the case. Presently there are no other recycling centers in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach.”

Carey, who has run OCC’s recycling program since 1985, was instrumental in the design, development and

OCC’s new recycling facility expands on the popular community resource, which originally opened in 1970. The former Recycling Center

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construction of the new center, and received one of OCC's highest employee recognitions at the event for his efforts, the Hanging of the Orange.

"One of the hardest things that we ask people on this campus to do is build buildings," said Executive Director of College Advancement Doug Bennett at the reception. "Mike has done a great job and we're pleased to honor [his] work in building this building with this year's Hanging of the Orange."

OCC's Recycling Center includes more square footage than its predecessor, including two classrooms funded by Janet and Cliff Ronnenberg, which the College plans to use for classes that explore subjects related to sustainability (see sidebar).

"It's been a longtime goal of mine to integrate education into our program on an official basis," says Carey. "The classrooms were built with the environment in mind, and we're hoping to host all of our environmental studies and environmental science classes there."

The new center also increases parking at the facility, from eight spots to 45, and includes men's and women's showers to encourage bicycle commuting among employees, solar tube lights, solar panels, and planter beds that will be used to teach community members about composting and organic farming.

Carey plans to seek the highest LEED (Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design) certification for the facility, in addition to SITES (Sustainable Sites Initiative) certification for landscaping and TRUE Zero Waste certification, making OCC's Recycling Center the only facility in the world with all three of those designations.

"Each of these certifications as a standalone certification is a big accomplishment," Carey says. "To be able to be an example, both to the collegiate community and the community at large, puts OCC at the forefront of being environmentally responsible."

The Recycling Center not only provides a valuable service to the local community, it also returns all profits to the Associate Students of Orange Coast College, which uses the funds for campus programs that directly benefit students, and employs several student workers each semester.

For more information about the Recycling Center, including hours of operation, visit www.orangecoastcollege.edu/recycling



RONNENBERG CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

When OCC re-opened a newer, bigger and better Recycling Center in early fall, it featured something that Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Mike Carey had dreamed of for a long time: classrooms.

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The Ronnenberg Center for Environmental Sustainability includes two eco-friendly classrooms, and was made possible through a generous \$500,000 donation from Janet and Clifford Ronnenberg, of Newport Beach.

The Ronnenbergs have deep roots in environmentalism in Orange County — Clifford Ronnenberg is the chairman, chief executive and founder of CR&R Inc. in Stanton. Janet Terrell-Ronnenberg — who describes herself as a "conservationist at heart" — was a longtime customer of OCC's Recycling Center during her 30 years living in Costa Mesa and has served as a board member for OCC's Foundation for the past 15 years.

"OCC's Recycling Center is obviously a leader in the nation, but it's also such an important part of our community here in Costa Mesa, especially for anyone like myself who is interested in teaching their children about environmental issues," Janet Ronnenberg says. "We all have an obligation and responsibility to care for the Earth and part of that is reaching out into the community and educating the next generation about sustainability."

THANK YOU

Orange Coast College and the Orange Coast College Foundation are appreciative of the continuing donations from the community in support of OCC students. The Orange Coast College Foundation has a legacy of financial prudence and responsibility. Gifts are managed with the fiduciary oversight ensuring the Foundation provides OCC students with the help they need.

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The dedication ceremony for the Dennis Kelly Public Aquarium caps the career of one of Orange Coast College's most highly regarded professors. Named for the man who was hired as the first aquarium director in 1974, the Dennis Kelly Aquarium boasts approximately 35 tanks and a total volume exceeding 4,000 gallons, making it the largest (and possibly only) student-run aquarium in the country.

SEP.
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Coast names the Dick Tucker Football Field in a ceremony before the Pirates' first home game on Sept. 17, 2016. Tucker coached at OCC for 23 seasons and served as the school's athletic director for 10 years before retiring in 1995. Along the way he guided the Pirates to two national titles as well as four conference championships and six postseason/bowl appearances. His 129 career wins is the most in OCC history.

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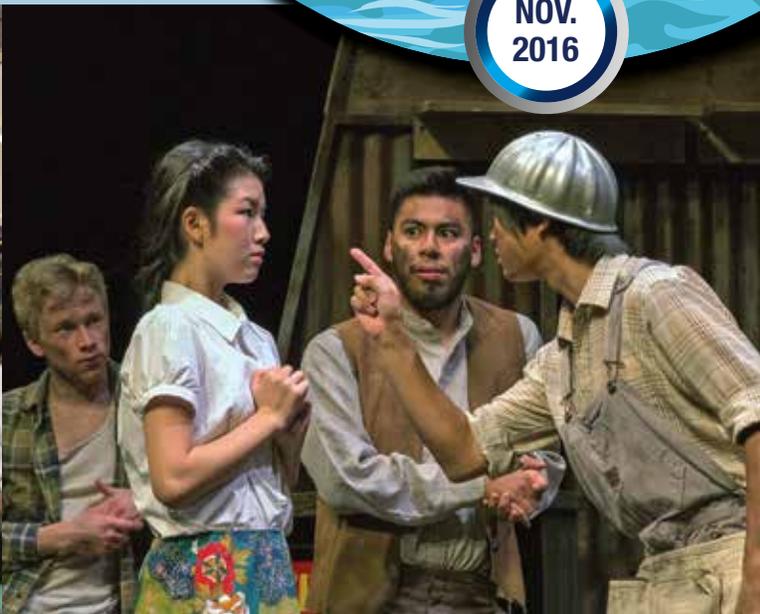
ABS Foundation, Inc
Douglas Bennett
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Kelly & Kim Christensen

The College's theatre department presents an adaptation of Bert Brecht's "The Good Person of Setzuan" as part of the OCC Theatre for Social Justice series. The play tells the story of a young prostitute who is determined to lead a good and moral life, in spite of an economic boon that leads to hard choices.

**DEC.
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The College hosted 40 highly competitive two- and four-year colleges at the Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Fall Championship Tournament. Schools in attendance included University of California Los Angeles, Arizona State University and Moorpark College. OCC's Speech, Debate, and Theater team placed 2nd overall.

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**JAN.
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The
 Orange Coast College
 dance team takes home the
 top prize in the open pom competition
 at the 2017 Universal Dance Association
 (UDA) College Dance Team National
 Championships in Orlando, Florida.
 It was the 20th national title for the
 College's highly competitive cheer and
 dance program, which holds tryouts
 each year in late spring.

The
 College's Student
 Equity office and Multicultural
 Center host a series of events
 during the month of February in honor
 of Black History Month, including a Hip Hop
 Workshop, Open Mic Night, Art Gallery and
 several scholarly talks.

**FEB.
 2017**



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 Jane McLaughlin
 Tracee Mercadel
 Mesa Verde Consulting, Inc
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 Kate Mueller
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 Orange County West
 Irene Naesse
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 Orange County Fine Arts, Inc.
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 Louise Casey
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 Jason Ciaglo
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 Alice Doppelhammer
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 Richard & Cathe Hutchison
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 Eleanor Katz
 Mary Kennedy
 Timothy & Ji Kinnear
 Bob Knight
 Matthew & Lori Lambert
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 Judith Lecocq
 Patricia Loftus Lee
 Wende Lightle
 Jack Lipton

OCC
 hosts its first Giles
 T. Brown Student Project and
 Research Symposium in the Frank
 M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. The Symposium
 gives students a chance to present the work
 they do inside or outside the classroom in
 three ways: with a poster, oral presentation or
 exhibition of work.

**APR.
 2017**

Orange
 Coast College hosts
 its inaugural OCC Pirate's
 Plank Competition. The event is a
 competition much like the ABC's Shark
 Tank show, with students pitching business
 ideas to a panel of judges to compete for
 prizes. Two students are awarded \$500 to be
 used toward developing their ideas further.

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Long Beach Junior Crew
 Los Altos Construction, Inc
 Dick & Jennifer Manoogian
 Marsh & McLennan Matching
 Gifts Program
 Richard Marston
 Olivia Martinez
 Marcello & Emy Mastrocola
 Sandra Mattson
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 Ed McDowell
 Marilynn McEnary
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 James & Kathleen Melvin
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 Curt & Nancy Moothart
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 Arabian Morgan
 Kandis Morton
 Tijai Nguyen
 John & Regina Nielson
 Kevin & Erin O'Neill

Orange County Auto Team
 Orange County Concierge Association
 Marven Orem
 Rich Pagel
 Greg Parker
 Josh & Nicky Parsons
 Keith Pershall
 Gordon Pershall
 Hue Thi Pham
 Tom Pletts
 Sherana Polk
 Rand Corporation
 Don & Tammy Reindl
 Robert Richey
 Irini Rickerson
 David Ritchie
 Nancy Ross
 Terry & Erin Russell
 Peter Ruth
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 Sawyer Schardt
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 Lon Stickney
 Earle Stubbs
 Alan Sudweeks
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 Arlene Vieau

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 Wells Fargo Foundation
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 Gary & Cheri Wu
 Robert Zhe

\$251 - \$500

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 Rowing Association
 Aquatic Life
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 Juergen Brinker
 Peter & Gretchen Brown
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 Kathryn Chambers
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 Diana Che
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 Ann Cleland
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**MAY
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OCC's Women's Tennis team defeats De Anza College 5-4 to win the state title at the California Community College Athletic Association's State Championships.

The Orange Coast College men's volleyball team bands together to win its seventh state championship, the team's first since 2014.

OCC physics professor Arnold Guerra III is named the "Most Outstanding and Influential Professor" in the School of Physical Sciences at University of California, Irvine, where he teaches part time. The honor is bestowed on him by the graduating class of 2017.

**JUN.
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 Richard & Shirley Dayton
 Betsy Densmore
 Douglas & Angela Dickey
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 Gregory Donald
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 Rhona Driggs
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 Laura Edwards
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 Sharon Jones
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OCC's horticulture department announces that it has an Amorphophallus Titanum, known as a "Corpse Flower," set to bloom. The rare plant is known for its pungent odor, which many people liken to rotting flesh. The College's Classified Senate organized a three-day viewing event for the bloom, raising \$2,400 for student scholarships.



AUG.
 2017

More than 1,000 people turn out for OCC's viewing event of a rare solar eclipse that cut across the entire continental United States. Astronomy professors set up nine solar telescopes for the public to view the celestial event.

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Suzan Varga
 Verve Press
 Hannah Veseth
 Jeff & Karen Weins
 Chris Wesierski
 Western Digital Foundation
 Jay Wexler
 Sione & Jamy White
 Paul Williams
 Nicolaas Winter
 Albert Wong
 Roger Wyett
 Patrica Anne Yeo
 Shinoka Yoshizumi
 Mark Zaffino
 Mark Zielinski
 Linda Zimmerman

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A. I. Acquisitions
 Michael Ahem
 Alexis Aiello
 Chris Allen
 Kim Allen
 Maria Alvarez
 Bryan Anderson

Jefrey Aron
 Lois Shafqat Attore
 Elliott Badzin
 Donna Barnard
 Alan Bartholomew
 Paul Beck
 Raymond Berg
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 Gregory Brewsaugh
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 Victor & Crystal Carlos
 Larry Cassidy
 Robert Castano
 Pablo & Brenda Catania
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 Julie Fischer
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 Kathleen Franz
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 Robert Frye
 Juani Funez-Gonzalez
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 Adriana Burton Furlong
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 Garden Fresh Restaurant Corp.
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 Arlo Gates

**SEP.
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OCC's campus safety department hosts a day of safety training in honor of National Preparedness Month. The Costa Mesa Fire Department hosts a "sidewalk CPR" training, and the OC Sheriffs Department is on hand to educate the campus about the Alert OC notification system.

More than 5,000 students from nearby elementary schools attend OCC's annual Science Night. Scheduled activities include drone rescue, robot battles, food and nutrition demonstrations, archaeological digs, and hands-on interaction with marine life.

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 Steven & Stephanie Goldner
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 Mark Gritton
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 Harborside Restaurant
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OCC's
 Garrison Honors
 Center officially opened its
 doors in mid-November. The center
 will provide student honor societies with
 a meeting space and an area for honors
 instructors to work together on
 GHC programs.



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Many donors to the Orange Coast College Foundation choose to make significant gifts to the College via their wills and estate plans. Below is an Honor Roll of individuals who believed enough in the work of OCC to ensure that Coast remains a force for good in the lives and careers of generations of students via such a gift:

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Total gifts and pledges to the OCC Foundation for the 18-month period between January 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 totaled over \$11.2 million. The Orange Coast College endowment fund is currently valued at over \$20.5 million. The fund is managed by Northern Trust Bank and for the year ending June 30, 2017 the fund earned 12.90 percent net of fees and over the last five years the fund has earned 7.46 percent per year net of fees. Audited financial statements and 990 tax returns for the OCC Foundation are available on the Foundation's website at www.orangecoastcollege.edu/about_occ/Foundation.

ASSETS



Cash
\$1,275,48



Other Assets
\$100,982



Accounts Receivable
\$41,481



Investments
\$18,189,978



Pledges
\$245,574



Property & Equipment
\$7,822,165



Total Assets
\$28,256,672

LIABILITIES



Accounts Payable
\$36,681



Boat Charter Deposits
\$249,366



Total Current Liabilities
\$316,602

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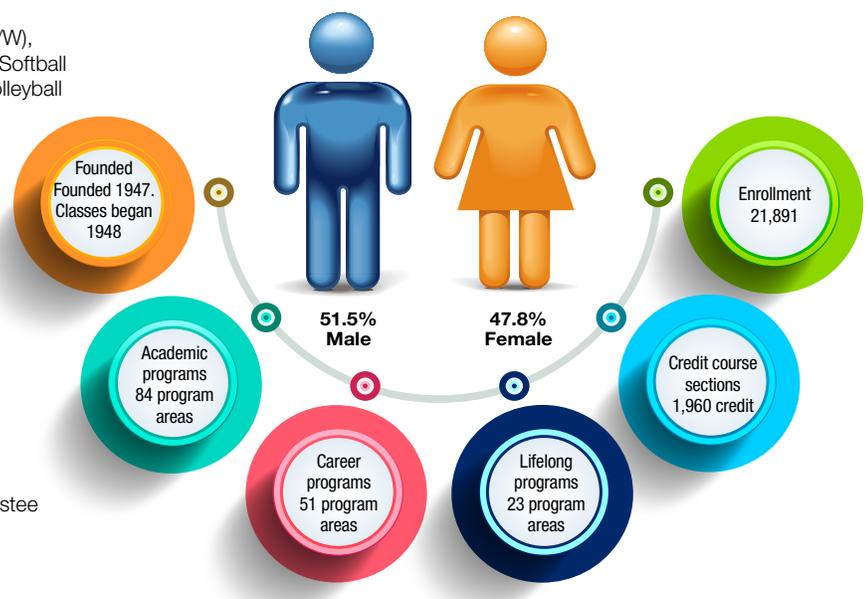
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ORANGE COAST COLLEGE GOES TO MARS

When Amazon founder and technology entrepreneur Jeff Bezos laid eyes on the structure that OCC architecture instructors Joseph Sarafian and Steve Fuchs helped design and construct using a new method of concrete casting, he called it “Insane. Which is the best compliment I can give.”

The structure — commissioned by Bezos for his annual MARS Conference in Palm Springs — was built using industrial robots and fabric Lycra sleeves, and the finished design hints at the intricate natural skeletal structures of microscopic organisms, such as Radiolarians, or zooplankton.



“Tapping into the way that natural organisms are designed allowed us to create structures with minimal waste, and brilliant structural redundancy, without the setbacks of traditional construction techniques,” explains Sarafian.

To build the 13-foot-tall dome-like structure, Sarafian and his business and design partner Ron Culver envisioned a system of interconnected concrete components that take a natural curve from gravity, much like a hanging cable, only inverted. Once the pieces are connected, they form a dome.

“Each concrete component is unique, but the steel connectors in between are all uniform, allowing for an easily bolted assembly system,” says Sarafian.

Once Sarafian and Culver had their concept, they reached out to OCC architecture technology professor Fuchs to collaborate on the construction. They also hired two interns — Coast technology student Andrew Lindauer, and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo student David Spiva — and teamed up with Walter P. Moore structural engineers to help solve the complex structural aspects of the design. After a month of fabrication, the pieces were assembled in three days, creating a visual feast for attendees at the three-day, invite-only March 2017 technology conference.

Following the MARS conference, the structure was moved to the Architecture and Design Museum in

MARS — which stands for Machine learning, home Automation, Robotics, and Space exploration — draws the top tech VIPs from around the globe.

Downtown Los Angeles, where it stayed until early October, after which it was disassembled and placed in storage. Yet, even as the structure’s time in the limelight comes to a close, Sarafian and Fuchs are eagerly looking ahead at the endless possibilities that their technique opens.

“[We want] to use OCC’s Makerspace and robots as a testing lab for future construction applications,” Sarafian says. “OCC students will have the opportunity to not only contribute, but to create their own robotic construction techniques to push the boundaries of fabrication.

Some future development ideas we are exploring include rapid construction for disaster relief and as a housing prototype in developing countries. ”

To see more of Sarafian and Culver’s work, visit www.formfounddesign.com

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STUDENT VETERAN RYAN NORTHRUP THROWS FIRST PITCH AT OCC NIGHT AT ANGEL STADIUM

The Pirates descended on Angel Stadium in late April as the Los Angeles Angels took on the Toronto Blue Jays. Hundreds of OCC students, faculty and staff bought discounted tickets for the special event in Anaheim, which included a customized OCC Angels Hat and field level seats.

Student veteran Ryan Northrup was invited to throw out the first pitch of the game, and was joined on the field by Student Athletes of the Year Clarisa Colling and Jordan Hoppe, as well as Dean of Kinesiology Michael Sutliff, Athletic Director Jason Kehler, and Vice President of Instruction Kevin Ballinger. As Northrup got ready to wind up the pitch, he was surprised with an announcement that he had been awarded a \$2,500 scholarship, to be given at the College's Honors Night in May.

Northrup transferred to University of Southern California in the Fall of 2017 where he plans to major in business. He carries with him fond memories of his time at Coast.

"My favorite memory at OCC were the barbecues that we hosted for the student vets on campus," he says. "It was cool getting them together and meeting new people."



OCC CHAMBER SINGERS PERFORM 'SONGS OF THE SLAVE AT CARNEGIE HALL IN NEW YORK

When Orange Coast College's Chamber Singers — along with five other choruses from California — took part in a performance of Kirke Mechem's "Songs of the Slave" at Carnegie Hall in New York City on June 24, the atmosphere was electric.

Perhaps it was the fact that OCC's top choir had spent months preparing for the 35-minute cantata, which focuses on Frederick Douglass and communicates a powerful message about freedom, justice and equality. Or perhaps it was the fact that the composer of the stunning piece was sitting in the audience with 40 of his closest family and friends. In any case, it was clear that the singers on stage poured their hearts into the music, and the audience responded in kind.

"Every single moment that I spent there is still in my heart clearly," says OCC singer Mai Soto.

"What impressed me most about this performance was when we received applause and a standing ovation from the audience. The moment we saw the composer Kirke Mechem, who composed 'Songs of the Slave,' stand up and clap made us feel overjoyed. It was the most precious moment of my life."

OCC's Chamber Singers spent two and a half days rehearsing the work in New York, before presenting it to a nearly full audience, who gave a lengthy standing ovation afterward. "The staff members of Manhattan Concert Productions, the company that organized and produced the performance, said over and over that they'd never seen a festival chorus that was so dedicated and so enthusiastic, and more than a few people told me over the course of the weekend that

our OCC students were the nicest group of kids they'd ever met," says Director of Choral and Vocal Activities Eliza Rubenstein.

Along with the other choruses, OCC's Chamber Singers were joined by soloists Marlyssa Hudson

(soprano) and Donnie Ray Albert (bass-baritone), as well as the New York City Chamber Orchestra.

"OCC gives me a lot of opportunities to grow as a skillful musician, such as concerts, classes, and private lessons," says Soto. "All of the faculty in the music department are very thoughtful, and it makes classes even more fun to learn musical skills. I am very happy to dedicate myself to study music with all of them."

"Every single moment that I spent there is still in my heart clearly."

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OCC'S NEWEST MAESTRO FINDS A FRESH START AT COAST

Three years ago, Maxim Kuzin's life took a sharp and unexpected detour.

Kuzin – hired in the Summer of 2017 as Orange Coast College's newest Symphony Music Director — was born in the Ukraine, where he spent his life studying and making music. From his time as an orchestral conductor at the Kyiv National Operetta Theater, to an appointment as the assistant conductor at the prestigious National President Orchestra of Ukraine, Kuzin was able to carve out an illustrious career as a well-known conductor in his home country.

That all changed in an instant in 2014, as Russia invaded Ukraine and Kuzin fled with his family to the United States. "We left so fast, without even taking warm clothes with us, and we have never gone back. That move was the hardest, unplanned and life-changing experience of our entire life so far, and my professional life in particular."

As Kuzin began to figure out his new reality, he was invited to conduct an orchestra, teach music theater and coach chamber ensembles at the Philadelphia International Music Festival in Bryn Mawr, Penn. After a year of living on the East Coast, he eventually moved with his family to Los Angeles, where he had been accepted into UCLA's Doctoral program for Musical Arts in Orchestral Conducting.

These days, Kuzin is finishing his studies at UCLA, and looking forward to what the future holds.

"Since my early working experience in Ukraine, I enjoyed working with students and youth. I was recommended by local conductors and musicians for this position, and after a few rehearsals with the orchestra, I can confidently say that the OCC Symphony is an amazing place for any thoughtful young music lover who is looking for an orchestral experience in Orange County," he says.

Kuzin brings with him a vision for growing the program, and connecting with classical music lovers in the area.

"We are planning exciting things, including outreach that brings OCC's classical music culture and activities closer to neighboring high schools and music schools. We want to make the OCC Symphony presence in the community more visible," Kuzin says.

He's also planning creative ways to bring together local musical talent, both within and outside of the College.

"We are going to launch a concerto competition that I hope eventually will become a venue

for not only talented OCC students but also community members and young talented instrumentalists and singers from around Orange County,"

Kuzin says. "The winner(s) of this competition will have a unique and precious chance to be featured as soloist(s) with the OCC Symphony on one of the four orchestra concerts throughout the year."

For now, however, Kuzin is settling in, and preparing for his new role at the helm of an orchestra that has been a staple in the local community for more than 55 years.

"It brings me a great joy to talk to audience members after a concert and to see how the hearts, minds, and spirits are touched, and sometimes even transformed, by the inherited and magical power of music," he says.

Are you interested in auditioning for the OCC Symphony? The College's music department is seeking experienced musicians to join its 70-member orchestra. For more information contact Eliza Rubenstein at erubenstein@occ.cccd.edu



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CARL MORGAN STARTS A FOOD RECOVERY MOVEMENT AT OCC

OCC librarian and founder of the OCC Food Riders Carl Morgan is undoubtedly doing more than his share of good in the world – last year alone, his group of bicycle riding humanitarians donated upwards of 11,000 pounds of food to needy individuals and families in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach, through the Share Our Selves Food Pantry and Lighthouse Church.

But Morgan would still be the first to humbly say that he's simply trying to give back to a school and a community that have given so much to him.

'REALLY LUCKY'

In the early 1990s, as Morgan was finishing up his masters degree in Library Science at San Jose State University, he found himself in an internship at Orange Coast College. It didn't take long for him to realize that this was where he wanted to start his career.

"Orange Coast [College] was clearly the place that I wanted to be. I just loved the atmosphere, I loved the people," he says. "I interviewed and I got really lucky because I came right out of library school without having had a full-time librarian job before. I'm so grateful to [former dean] Donald [Ackley] for taking a chance on me."

It was that gratitude that inspired Morgan to get involved at the College. He started with the Honors Program, and later joined the Sierra Club, which focused on environmental issues. It was there he learned about the hazards of food waste and the seed for OCC Food Riders was planted.

"I wanted to contribute back to the college that had given me such a great experience, and give back to the community at the same time," Morgan says. "[The

idea for the Food Riders] grew out of my awareness, through the Sierra Club, of environmental issues where I learned a little bit about food waste — what happens to food when it goes into a landfill, and how it becomes methane and how methane is one of the really major greenhouse gases, even more so than CO2."

He started small — in 2008 he began taking canned goods to Share Our Selves in Newport Beach on his bike, and got a feel for the facility. He learned very quickly that what the community organization really lacked was fresh food, especially food high in protein. So, he approached OCC's Food Services General Manager Thomas Selzer about donating any leftover food from the week, and Selzer was immediately supportive.

"He basically said the food is being thrown away and it has been for a long time, and if there's somebody who could use it, we'd love to see how it works and how it goes," Morgan says.

PARTNERING WITH STUDENTS

If there's one thing Morgan understood about starting a food recovery movement at OCC, it was that in order for it to grow, and thrive, he would need to partner with students. With that in mind, he approached Joseph Vu, a student worker at the OCC Library who was attempting to start a cycling club at the College.

"I said, 'Hey, Joseph, I know it's not the cycling club that you had envisioned but what if we used cycling to transport food if there is any?' Would he be interested in creating a group like that? And he was totally on board."

And so it was that Morgan and Vu showed up for their very first Friday delivery in the Spring of 2010, armed with bikes, helmets and a small cooler on a bike trailer,

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expecting to transport a few bags of vegetables. They realized very quickly that they grossly miscalculated the amount of leftover food the College was producing on a weekly basis.

“The first delivery we had [they] brought out this big speed rack of food. I thought, ‘Oh, my goodness!’ We thought this would be once a month, and I didn’t think they’d have this much food. I told Joseph ‘I think we’re going to need a bigger trailer,’” Morgan says. “We talked about it and said, ‘Okay, if we’re going to do this, let’s really do it well.’ So I bought a trailer from Bikes At Work in Iowa — a big six-foot long giant trailer.

Eventually Morgan and Vu settled on a twice-a-week food delivery schedule, on Wednesdays and Fridays.

They figured out the best times to pick up and deliver the food, and it wasn’t long before they had a group of students who regularly joined them on rides, including packaging the food beforehand.

Vu also suggested a solution for the months when the College’s cafeteria is closed, or operating on a reduced schedule. During summer and winter intersession, the Food Riders organize a canned food drive focused on high protein items, like peanut butter, tuna fish and beans.

NEXT STEPS

Eight years after his first Friday ride, Morgan and the students in the OCC Food Riders club have delivered tens of thousands of pounds of food to those who suffer from food insecurity in the local community. Currently, the Food Riders deliver food to both Share Our Selves and Lighthouse Church, oftentimes with the food being served before they have even left the building.

“We had a big delivery at the end of last spring semester with all of this amazing food that was really fresh,” Morgan says. “We had only been [at the Lighthouse Church] for maybe 20 minutes, but they had just run out of food on their hot food service. So when we brought this food in it literally went right out to the line and we could see people with their plates with the chicken and cornbread that we had just delivered.”



For now, Morgan is mostly concerned with staying the course; continuing to facilitate partnerships between OCC and community organizations like Share Our Selves, and inspiring students to do the same after they leave the College.

Several former Food Riders have gone on to spread awareness about food recovery after leaving OCC. One student currently is trying to start a food recovery group at Cal State Fullerton.

Another connected with a faculty member at the University of Dallas to create a handbook on how to start a food recovery operation like the one at OCC.

Since the creation of a handbook, Morgan and his current and former student partners have traveled to conferences around the state, including at University of California campuses in Irvine and Santa Barbara. By continuing to share the model that has worked for them, the Food Riders hope to inspire other large organizations such as colleges, hospitals, restaurants, and event spaces to consider putting excess food into the hands of those who need it instead of in a landfill.

“What I’d like to tell people is ‘Hey, if you can just help get the word out a little bit about food recovery... if you know of anybody who’s in the food business, who has a restaurant or is in a place with a professional kitchen.’ Because that’s really the key – making that connection between a food service and their local food pantry,” he says.

The OCC Food Riders also became a chapter of the Food Recovery Network two years ago, which gives them a broader reach and access to more resources.

More than anything else, Morgan is grateful to have an opportunity to do good work at a job that he loves.

“Orange Coast College is a special place,” he says. “For me, it seems like there’s always been an encouragement to be involved in a creative way. To kind of think a little differently about how you can serve the College. I’ve seen that from the top down since I’ve been here.

To learn more visit www.foodriders.org or follow the Food Riders on Facebook at www.facebook.com/occfidriders.

MAKER CULTURE

A grant from the State's Chancellor Office is bringing disciplines from across OCC's campus together

On any given day inside OCC's Makerspace, you'll find students from seemingly disparate areas of study working side by side. Their interests are as varied as architecture, fashion, business, chemistry, or filmmaking, but their goals are one in the same: to turn ideas into realities.

"Taking what we're already doing in architecture and other design disciplines, and expanding it into the cultural fabric of OCC's campus, is really important," explains Coast architecture Steve Fuchs. "It cuts across the grain of the silos of all the disciplines at OCC, and allows for collaboration to actually happen."

Fortunately for Orange Coast College, that collaboration is a goal shared by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. Earlier this year, OCC became one of only 24 colleges in the state to receive a CCC Maker Implementation grant from the chancellor's office. The \$340,000 grant — which is renewable for a second year — enables OCC to build an inclusive makerspace community, provide internships, embed making into its curriculum, and prepare students with STEAM skills to succeed in today's economy.

"There's a very non-traditional aspect of maker culture that I believe the state's Chancellor's Office is championing," Fuchs explains. "We were funded at the highest level, which really speaks to what they think we can do here."

The funding from the initiative will help grow a laboratory space that had already been in the making at Coast for a few years. That space — dubbed the "Co-Lab" — grew organically out of OCC's architecture department, and gave students from all disciplines across campus access to tools such as a 3-axis router, a vacuum former, a 3D printer, and several KUKA robots. The space also includes industrial sewing machines donated by the College's fashion department, among other tools.

"We know that students at OCC are interested in high technology, and that design is already embedded in so much of what we teach," says Fuchs. "Makerspaces, and the infrastructure to support them, bring that passion to our communities, and funding from the CCC Maker Initiative will help to further institutionalize a culture of making on our campus."

To learn more about CCC Maker visit <https://cccmaker.com/>

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2017 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL: A TEAM FOR HISTORY BOOKS



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The final point of the season, the point that etched the Orange Coast College men's volleyball team into the record books as the 2017 state champions, perfectly answered any final questions as to why this team was so successful ... teamwork, togetherness and tenacity.

It may go down as a kill by Jordan Hoppe to cap off OCC's 25-21, 25-21, 25-21 win over El Camino in the finals of the California Community College Athletic Association Men's Volleyball State Championship on April 29, but the beauty of this team goes way beyond the final result.

It was the seventh men's volleyball state title and first since 2014. Six different OCC players chipped into the Pirates' 50 kills and incredible .469 hitting percentage on the night, including Justin Kam (11 kills), Matt Ujkic (eight kills), Austin (six kills, no errors, .857 hitting percentage), Zane Moothart (five kills) and Bradley Hankus (four kills).

"For two years in a row, I've had tears on this court and believe me, it's so much better to cry happy than it is to

cry sad," Ujkic, a member of last year's state runner-up team said after the match. "Since we lost here last year, we had eight months to prepare for this season and this year, we didn't feel like we were picked as one of the favorites so we really got after it as a team. We put in the hard work, we switched things up a bit in our lineup and everything began to click."

For Hoppe, it's the sweetest of endings to a career filled with ups and a few downs along the way. After not being able to compete with his Pirate teammates in the 2016 semifinal and state title matches due to an eligibility issue, the Greendale, Wisc. native made it his mission to help get his team back to the title match.

"Getting back here was definitely my prime motivation," Hoppe said. "I didn't like the way 2016 ended and I really wanted to win this match, not only for our team, but for that team as well, and for all the OCC teams in the past that didn't quite get there. This school really has raised me up from being a boy to a man and it's been the greatest experience I could've asked for. Coach Travis (Turner) and the staff have been so great to me. It's been an unbelievable journey."

For Turner, seeing Hoppe slam the ball down for the final point of the match was the perfect ending. "This is what community college is all about and this is why OCC is the best place for a kid like Jordan," Turner said. "He needed time to figure things out and we were able to give him that time to him and look at him now. It's the perfect type of success story a player can have at this level."

And yet, for all the standout performances, it was a team effort that led to a 21-1 record, a 20-match winning streak and a permanent mark in the OCC history books.

"I love the heart of this team," Turner said. "It wasn't always pretty, but these guys are fighters and they did what they had to do to get it done. Every player, from No. 1 to 16, was on the same page all season and they all were working for the same goal and pulling for each other. In addition to the players, my assistant coaches (McKay Smith, Vince Rodriguez, Mike d'Alessandro) did an outstanding job with these players all year and they deserve a ton of credit as well."

The hard work from the 2017 Pirates paid off in a BIG way as several of those standout players have moved

on to the four-year level. Freshman Chris Orem moved on to attend UCLA, where he will most likely redshirt for the Bruins this year, and sophomore Matt Ujkic made the most of his two seasons with the Pirates and will be attending school and playing volleyball at UC Santa Barbara.

Sophomore Justin Kam will head down the freeway to play volleyball for the Anteaters of UC Irvine, and after earning State Tournament MVP honors, Jordan Hoppe committed to Concordia University and will start for the Eagles in 2018.

Trevor Giese used his strong academic skills to attend UC San Diego in the fall, where he will go to school, but not play for the Tritons, and after his spectacular freshman season, libero Chase Moothart will head to Columbus, Ohio where he will play for the two-time defending national champion Ohio State Buckeyes.

Former players Chris Guithues and Kupaa Harrison have remained at OCC, but are showing their athletic skills in other sports. Guithues will compete for OCC's men's crew in the spring, while Harrison will play with the Pirate men's basketball program.

CLARISSA COLLING FINISHES HER COAST CAREER WITH HONORS

Orange Coast College women's tennis standout Clarisa Colling wrapped up her Pirate career in grand fashion as she was selected for the 2017 International Tennis Association/Arthur Ashe Jr. Leadership and Sportsmanship Award.

The award — presented to Colling at this year's Awards Banquet on August 26 in New York — recognizes outstanding individuals in all divisions at the regional and national level of collegiate tennis.

Since 1982, the ITA/Arthur Ashe Award goes to NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and community college men's and women's players who have exhibited outstanding



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sportsmanship and leadership as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements. The nominated individuals are evaluated on a variety of criteria. On-court performance, scholastic achievements, extracurricular achievements, as well as a candidate letter are each taken into account when reviewing each nominee.

At the community college level, no one player has been a finer example of what this award means than Colling. A two-year MVP, Colling was twice named OCC's Female Athlete of the Year, the first back-to-back female AOTY since Zoila Gomez in 1999-2000.

After earning State Freshman of the Year and Orange Empire Conference Player of the Year last year, Colling has once again put herself atop of the best tennis players in the state. This spring, Colling has gone 18-1 in singles and 18-2 in doubles, helping Coast to a share of the Orange Empire Conference title with Irvine Valley. Her strong play helped enable the Pirates to capture the 2017 women's tennis team championship with a state finals win over De Anza.

Colling, who reached the finals of the California Community College Athletic Association Women's Tennis State Championships as a freshman last year, won the ITA Fall Regional Championships in October after reaching the finals of the event in 2015. As a freshman, Colling went 14-1 in singles play and a perfect 8-0 in the OEC.

In addition to her strong play on the court, Colling was a leader in the classroom as well, helping the women's tennis team win the California Community College Athletic Association Scholar Team Award by attaining the highest combined point total among all women's tennis programs in the state of California with regards to team GPA and athletic performance. Coast went 13-3 on the courts and the team had a 3.39 GPA as well.

Colling's tireless work, both on and off the tennis courts, earned her the opportunity to continue her athletic and academic careers at Sonoma State University.



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Transfer student Kadi Ali headed north this Fall to UC Berkeley, and is hoping to eventually attend law school.



One piece of advice I would share for incoming freshman is to BE INVOLVED. No matter how great your GPA is, if you don't network with other students and faculty, you will miss out on so many great opportunities.

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FOR GABRIEL CALIENDO, COOKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A WAY OF LIFE

The OCC Culinary alum shares his career trajectory, from a childhood behind the counter of his family's Italian deli, to being at the helm of one of the fastest growing eateries on the West Coast ... and everything in between.

When did you know that you wanted to be a chef?

It all kind of boils down to my family. They immigrated from Italy to New York, where they opened an Italian deli; I basically grew up in the back of a deli, eating prosciutto through the slots of my crib. That's where I got my love for culinary arts.

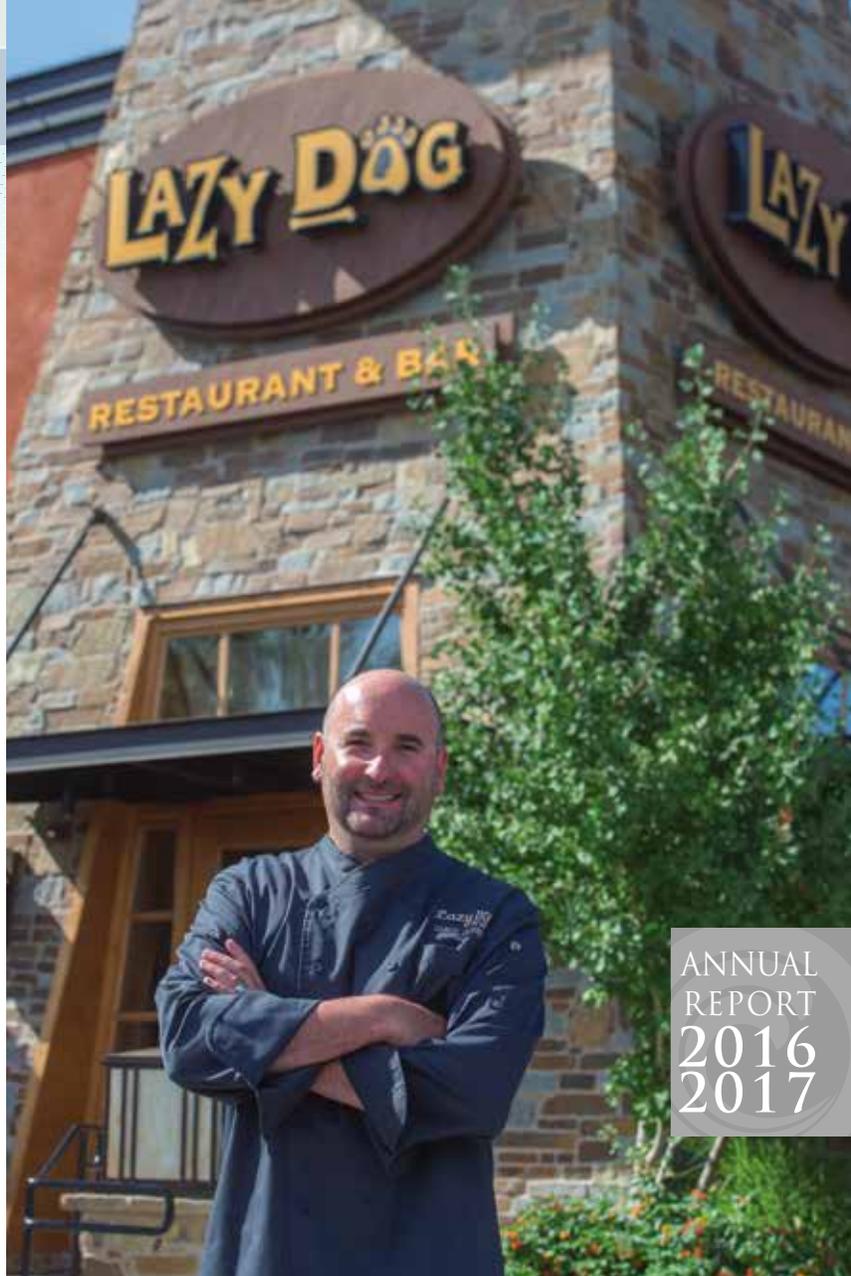
I worked at the deli after school and on weekends until I was 14, then I got a work permit and started working at a pizza place. When I was 19, I began working at the Ritz Carlton. They didn't have any culinary positions, so I took a valet parking job.

You took what you could get...

Yeah, exactly. And every day the chef would pull up in his Porsche and park, and I would say 'I'm trying to get a job in the kitchen, chef.' And he'd say 'I know, I know. As soon as we have an opening.' A year and a half later, I started as a cook in the banquet kitchen, making seven dollars an hour. I worked my way around the Ritz Carlton for 10 years and eventually became the head chef of the banquet's kitchen.

What made you decide to go back to school, and receive a formal education in OCC's Culinary program?

I wanted to enhance my education, in a different way. I had plenty of work experience, and I wanted to have some formal training that would complement that.



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Orange Coast College was a great fit. It was affordable, which was important because I was putting myself through college. And when I did a little research, I learned that students in OCC's culinary program were constantly winning competitions against fancier and more expensive schools.

Is there anything that surprised you about the culinary program once you arrived at OCC?

I didn't know what to expect because I had never been to culinary school. But once I became more immersed in the program, I was impressed by its efficiency. What I mean is, the students are producing food that's sold at the Student Union, or Captain's Table, or any number of other dining options on campus, which helps to fund

the program internally as a business. Being someone who had experience running a kitchen at a high level, I thought ‘This is a really smart way to do it. To have an outlet by which we can utilize the product, and to do so in a well-thought-out way, was impressive to me.

What did you do after graduation?

I got my certificate of achievement in Culinary Arts, Advanced Culinary Arts, and Restaurant Management and Catering. After graduation, I took the summer off, and during that time I was offered a teaching position at OCC in the fall, which was pretty neat. To me, it felt like a testament to all the training I had gotten from my parents.

I taught at OCC for five years, and also continued to work at the Ritz, until 2002 when I was introduced to Chris Simms, the eventual founder of Lazy Dog Restaurants. He told me he wanted to create a casual dining concept that was going to be better than anything that was happening at the time. I was excited by the idea of doing something new, so I left the Ritz and OCC, and became a founding partner and Vice President of Research and Development for Lazy Dog restaurants.

That was 15 years ago... how has Lazy Dog grown since then?

We opened our first restaurant in Huntington Beach in 2003. By the end of 2017, we will have 25 restaurants across four states: California, Nevada, Texas and Colorado. This year alone, we opened four new restaurants.

Why do you think people have responded so positively to Lazy Dog’s concept?

Well, first off, it’s a beautiful building. I think people might think it’s more expensive than it is because the materials are all authentic. But once people are here, they realize it’s a casual place – there could be a six-year-old’s birthday party happening next to two 85 year olds eating a pot roast, across from people taking shots at the bar for their 21st birthday. You’ve got this big eclectic, kind of high-energy atmosphere, in a beautiful space. And that’s before you get anywhere near the menu...

Which is where you come in...

Right. Chris had a good starting point in terms of the type of menu he wanted to have, with a lot of fun dishes on it. And then I brought it to life, and added what I thought might be missing. As with our customer base, you get a big breadth on the menu, with a lot of contemporary and classic items, and the pricing structure is really modest. To be able to get that type of beautiful environment, the large selection and quality of food and beverage, at a reasonable price point, is what separates us from other casual dining options.

Where do you see yourself going from here?

I’m so happy at Lazy Dog, and we’ve got a lot of momentum right now. We’ve got a lot of growth ahead of us. At some point, we’ll truly be a national brand, meaning from the East Coast to the West Coast, which is really exciting for me to think about. And I still have a lot of creative challenges ahead of me, in terms of research and development. So I can’t think of what else I would need.

How do you stay connected with Orange Coast College?

Initially when I left {my job teaching at} OCC I had about a dozen students who came with me to Lazy Dog. About five of them got promoted all the way up to executive chef positions at existing Lazy Dog restaurants. Others left to grow in their careers at other restaurants.

I constantly invite Orange Coast College culinary students to come and tour my R&D kitchen. I had a class come just last week and I did a little of this, a little of that with them, and they had some food. I usually host at least two classes per semester, and inevitably the students will say what I said when I was starting out: ‘I want to get a job in the kitchen, chef.’ I tell them if you’re really looking to get a job, you have to put in the work, and go through the right channels. Go to our website and apply. If you’re serious about being a chef, you have to be willing to start at the bottom, and put in the work to build your way up.



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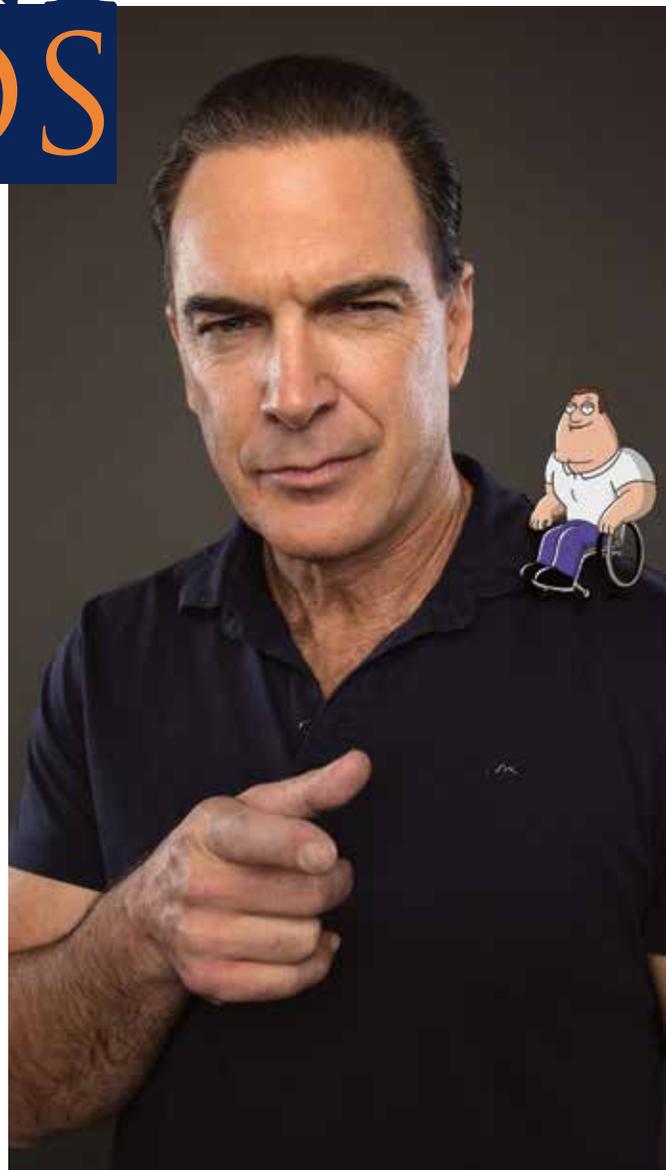
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Actor Patrick Warburton is an OCC alum who attended Coast in the 1980s and rowed crew. Warburton is known for playing several well-known roles, including David Puddy on “Seinfeld,” the title role on “The Tick,” and for providing the voice for Joe Swanson on “Family Guy.”



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