



Calendar

- Oct. 8 - OCC Symphony Presents: Viennese Masterworks, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- Oct. 11 - CLEEO Summit 13.0 with Dr. Frances Contreras, 3 p.m., Zoom
- Oct. 11 - Transfer Fair, 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., Main Quad
- Oct. 14 - Science Night, 5 p.m., OCC Library Quad
- Oct. 18 & 19 - FOTL Book Sale, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., OCC Library

OCC One of 12 Colleges Selected to Participate in California Caring Campus

Orange Coast College is among the twelve California community colleges selected to participate in the Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC) Fall 2022 Caring Campus partnership cohort.

Supported by IEBC coaching and guidance, teams at OCC will engage in a coaching-based approach to ensure that all Classified Professional staff play a role in supporting every student's academic success. The Caring Campus partnership first began in 2018 and, to date, 62 California colleges have participated.

"We are thrilled to have been selected for this year's IEBC Caring Campus cohort," says OCC President Angelica Suarez. "Research has shown that many students leave college because they do not feel connected to the institution. Caring Campus recognizes and leverages the value of connectedness to increase the likelihood that students will continue towards, and succeed in attaining, their educational goals."

Funded through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), IEBC will work with 30 California community colleges (including OCC) during Spring and Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. The objective of IEBC's Caring Campus program is to

increase student retention and success in community colleges by utilizing the expertise of staff to create and cultivate caring environments so that students feel welcome and a sense of belonging.

"OCC already exhibits many behaviors of a Caring Campus," says OCC Human Resources Director and Caring Campus project lead Rebecca Morgan. "This initiative will further enhance and solidify our practices of being a welcoming campus and ensuring our students feel connected to our campus, which leads to an increase in student retention and success."

More than 90 colleges currently are implementing Caring Campus across the country. They have seen improvements in course retention and success, increased term-to-term persistence, and improved completion and transfer. Achievement gaps are being closed rapidly among demographic groups, and job satisfaction and relationships between staff, faculty and leadership also improve.

"We are excited to see the ways in which Caring Campus will empower Classified Professionals at OCC by giving them the necessary tools to forge strong and productive connections amongst various campus operations," says OCC Classified Senate President Jeanette Grimm. "I expect that these connections will not only benefit Classified employees, but also students by creating a warm and inclusive campus community."

Staff interaction with students can set the stage for successful enrollment, persistence, and completion. It is particularly important for students from historically underserved populations,

students less familiar with college, non-majority students, students from low-income households, and first-generation students to feel welcome and that they belong in college.

The Institute for Evidence-Based Change (IEBC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping education stakeholders — community colleges, universities, K-12 school systems, employers, and others — use coaching, collaboration, and data to make informed decisions and craft solutions that improve practice and dramatically increase student success. Learn more about IEBC at www.iebcnow.org

a screening of the documentary “Mariposas del Campo” on Oct. 5 at OCC’s Planetarium, and a virtual guest lecture on Oct. 11 by Dr. Frances Contreras, Dean and Professor of the UC Irvine School of Education, about becoming Latinx conscious and responsive within the context of Hispanic Serving Institutions.

Both events are part of the CLEEO Summit 13.0.

Mariposas del Campo highlights the stories and experiences of indigenous teenagers from Mexico who are striving to change their families’ destinies in the strawberry fields of Oxnard, Calif. Through a stormy year of sanctioned racism and anti-immigrant sentiment, Mariposas del Campo captures their journeys — with help from the characters’ own videos — as they navigate cultural identity, parental expectations, economic challenges, and the justice needs of their migrant farmworker community. The screening was followed by a panel presentation with the film’s producers and directors.

Dr. Contreras is the third dean in the history of UCI’s School of Education and first Chicana/Latina dean to head a school of education in the University of California system. A first-generation college student, Contreras joined UCI this past January from UC San Diego, where she was associate vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and a professor in the Department of Education Studies. For more information or to RSVP for Dr. Contreras’ talk, contact Professor Eric Cuellar at ecuellar@occ.cccd.edu

OCC’s CLEEO Project promotes Latin@s access and success in higher education in an equitable and culturally supportive context. The program’s focus is cross-cultural awareness and developing an educational pathway toward attainment of associate’s, bachelor’s and post-graduate degrees.

OCC Planetarium Kicks Off Skylark Series with UCLA Astronomer

Orange Coast College’s Planetarium debuted a new monthly speaker series on Sept. 26 with a lecture by Dr. Abhimat Gautam, an astronomer from the University of California, Los Angeles. The series, dubbed the “Skylark Series,” features guests discussing popular topics in astronomy and space science.

Dr. Gautam’s guest talk discussed a project he participated in which identified a supermassive black hole in the center of the Milky Way and which won the 2020 Nobel Prize in physics. He also demonstrated how to find the center of the Milky Way in the night sky, how astronomers observe the center of the universe using powerful telescopes, and recent exciting discoveries of other unique objects located in our home galaxy.

The sold-out lecture was free to attend, and was followed by a question-and-answer session with Dr. Gautam. The next Skylark Series events is schedule for October 27 and will feature Dr. Jennifer Burt, an astrophysicist working at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Labs who will be talking about exoplanets.

CLEEO Summit

Counseling Latin@s for Equity & Engagement at Orange Coast College

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CLEEO 13.0
October 11th, 2022
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
ZOOM Webinar

<https://bit.ly/5DIRbLg>

“Becoming Latinx Conscious & Responsive”

Dr. Frances Contreras
Dean and Professor
UC Irvine School of Education

Orange Coast College campus community invited

Hosted by Eric Cuellar, Associate Professor of Counseling
Supported by International Multicultural Committee
Funded by Student Equity & Achievement



OCC CLEEO Project Recognizes Latinidad Culture with Documentary Screening, Guest Lecture

In recognition of Hispanic/Latinx History Month, Orange Coast College’s Counseling Latinos for Equity and Engagement (CLEEO) project organized two events for the month of October:



Chicana/o/x Artists Recapture and Reconstitute Concepts of Nature at The Doyle

From the urban center to farms, deserts and forests, “For some memory or some land” re-builds nature through installations, photographs, paintings, and sculpture, on display at Orange Coast College’s Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion now until Dec. 1. The group exhibition features artists who recapture images of nature, sometimes overgrown and freeing; otherwise refashioned from urban decay. Land is not lost within city limits; nor is the absence of people felt beyond its walls.

The eight artists in the exhibition include Jackie Castillo, Juan Gomez, Álvaro D. Márquez, Narsiso Martinez, Aydinaneth Ortiz, Jynx Prado, Gloria Gem Sánchez, and Christopher Anthony Velasco, and was curated by Dakota Noot, who is also OCC faculty in the art department. Castillo and Gomez are OCC alumni.

“The artists in ‘For some memory or some land’ at The Doyle utilize myth-building, pushing natural elements as gateways into

the fantastical, in which nature can be regrown and renewed,” says Noot, guest curator for the exhibition.

Examples of works in the show include Jackie Castillo’s use of surface, material, and ruins, creating installations to examine how an internalized loss of identity may render the self as unreal and estranged, as in *Turning No°2*, 2022, utilizing transferred laser prints on reclaimed bricks.

Narsiso Martinez’s drawings and mixed-media installations include multi-figure compositions set amidst agricultural landscapes. Drawn from his own experience as a farmworker, Martinez’s work focuses on the people performing the labors necessary to fill produce sections and restaurant kitchens around the country. Martinez’s portraits of farmworkers are painted, drawn, and expressed in sculpture on discarded produce boxes collected from grocery stores.

A preview reception took place on Sept. 29, and an opening reception is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1, from 2–4 p.m. including curator-led exhibition tour from 2–3 p.m. An additional curator-led tour by Noot will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 13, 12:15–1 p.m. Admission to all events is free.

Concurrent exhibitions at The Doyle in Fall 2022 includes “Spirit of the Land: Artists Honor Avi Kwa Ame,” a group exhibition of a group exhibition of artists honoring the plants, animals, geology, history, and culture of the Avi Kwa Ame landscape in southern Nevada, open now until Dec. 1.

The Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion at Orange Coast College focuses on contemporary visual culture and creates dynamic programming that inspires interaction and dialogue between artists, students, scholars, and local and international communities. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., and First Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. The gallery is closed on Fridays and school holidays.

OCC Friends of the Library Book Sale Slated for Oct. 18 & 19

The Orange Coast College Friends of the Library will host their Fall Book Sale on Tuesday, Oct. 18 and Wednesday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on both days (9–10 a.m. on Tuesday will offer a pre-sale exclusive for OCC FOTL members).

A huge variety of used books will be available from bestsellers, romance, and mysteries to science, art, history and computers, with most books priced at \$1. The last two hours of the sale on Wednesday afternoon will culminate with “\$2-a-bag” sale.

Anyone may join FOTL prior to the book sale to take advantage of the first day one-hour “pre-sale” for Friends members. The book sale will be held in the OCC Library Lecture room. Masks will not be required for this event, but they are recommended.