



Calendar

- **May 5 — Cinco de Mayo Event**
Student Center, 4 p.m.
- **May 6 — OCC Recycling Center Groundbreaking**
Adams Parking Lot, Noon
- **May 6 — Janet Napolitano Meet & Greet**
Faculty House, 1 p.m.
- **May 6-8 — 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
Drama Lab Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 7 — OCC Symphony and Chamber Singers**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 9 — Transit of Mercury Viewing**
Adams Parking Lot, 6:30 a.m.
- **May 11 — Honors Night**
Main Quad & Robert B. Moore Theatre, 4 p.m.
- **May 13 & 14 — 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
Drama Lab Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **May 15 — 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
Drama Lab Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- **May 20 — 2016 Commencement Ceremony**
Pacific Amphitheatre, 5:30 p.m.

OCC Foundation Raises More than 16k at I Heart OC Giving Day

OCC took part in the second annual “I Heart OC Giving Day” on April 27 and 28, raising more than \$16,000 for student scholarships and programs.

The charitable event was hosted by the Orange County Community Foundation and was intended to inspire the local community to come together in support of Orange County nonprofits. More than 400 nonprofits participated this year, including the Orange Coast College Foundation, which supports OCC through scholarships, programs, facilities and resources through generous donations from community members, corporations, alumni, staff and faculty.

Donations were made to OCC’s Men’s and Women’s Crew teams, the Harry and Grace Steele Children’s Center, and the vocal studies program, as well as several scholarships including the Jane Hilgendorf Memorial Scholarship and Rachel Perez Hamilton Scholarship.

Recycling Center Groundbreaking Is Slated for May 6

Orange Coast College will break ground on its new recycling center on Friday, May 6 from noon until 1:30 p.m. near the Adams parking lot between the softball field and the current recycling center.



The new Recycling Center will expand on the popular community resource by adding two classrooms and administrative offices, and increasing parking spaces from eight to 45 spots. The new center also will include raised planter beds, where recycling center staff plan to demonstrate organic gardening, composting and mulching, and men’s and women’s showers to encourage bicycle commuting, and provide student workers with an area to clean up.

In addition to being more environmentally friendly, the increased square footage of the new recycling center will allow OCC to expand on the services it offers to local residents.

“We’re going to have enough space to possibly expand the types of materials we collect and possibly expand the types of materials we pay for,” said OCC Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Mike Carey. “The additional room also will allow us to collect and store materials for a longer period of time and ship less frequently, thereby reducing the carbon footprint involved in transporting materials.”

The Recycling Center’s new administrative building will be LEED certified, and power will be generated for the facility with solar panels. The current Recycling Center will remain operational during all phases of construction.

All are invited to attend the groundbreaking, and a light lunch will be served.



Pulitzer Prize Winning Photojournalist Carol Guzy Shares Her Work with Students

Four-time Pulitzer Prize winning photojournalist Carol Guzy visited OCC as a guest speaker on April 21 in the College's Fine Arts 119 classroom.

Guzy has made her mark in the world of photojournalism covering various hot spots around the world, including Haiti, Ethiopia, Sierra Leone, and Kosovo. She most recently worked as a photographer at the Washington Post, and is one of only four people to have won the Pulitzer Prize four times (she is the only journalist to have done so.)

Students, faculty and staff attended the talk, where Guzy shared her experiences and how they affected her life and career during the past 30-plus years. Following her speech, she shared a slideshow of photos set to music, and closed with a question and answer session.

Speech & Debate Team Wins National Championship Second Year in a Row

The College's Speech, Debate and Readers Theater team reclaimed its crown at the Phi Rho Pi National Championship tournament on April 3-9, racking up the highest point accumulation in school history along the way.

OCC's team took first place with a total of 222.5 points, besting Mt. San Antonio College and Moorpark College, who both received 175 points, and Los Angeles Valley College with 142.5 points.

The tournament — held on OCC's home turf in Costa Mesa — brought together 100 nationally ranked community college forensics teams for a seven-day showdown. Fourteen OCC students took home 14 bronze, four silver and nine gold medals, in addition to five special awards. The team placed first overall, first in Individual Events, and second in the Debate category.

"Winning back-to-back championships is an amazing feat," says Director of Individual Events Shaw Davari. "Very few schools achieve it because the competition is tough."

This is the 10th national title for OCC's Speech and Debate team, which has been a competitive powerhouse in forensics since the early 1970s. Coast now is tied with Moorpark College for the highest number of national wins of any community college speech and debate team.

"This team is a story of perseverance, talent, and hard work," says Director of Forensics Courtney Anderson. "Each member of this team was crucial to our success and this incredible accomplishment is one that we'll never forget. Back-to-back national champions, and winning in our hometown.... Go Pirates!!!"

Two OCC Students Receive Top Recognition by National Honor Society

Orange Coast College students Lukas Gemeinhardt and Jessica Artinger were named to the All-California Academic First Team at a ceremony sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) and the Community College League of California on March 24.

Gemeinhardt and Artinger — both of whom belong to OCC's chapter of PTK and were selected to represent the College in the statewide PTK/All-California Academic Team — were among 31 community college students from around the state to receive the top honor at the Sacramento Convention Center.

Both students were recognized for their leadership and service on the local, regional and national level. In addition to their academic scholarship, both have amassed hundreds of hours of community service during the 2015-16 school year, including participating in OCC Food Riders, a group that delivers food to local homeless shelters, and advocacy of OCC's soon-to-be-built Planetarium, which will bring valuable Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education to the local community.

OCC's Literary Journal Now Available, Includes Fiction, Poetry, Artwork

Orange Coast College's journal of literature and art — the Orange Coast Review — was released on April 27 at a publication event outside the College's Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion.

The event included a gallery exhibit of art from the Review, readings, and an open buffet, and was open to the public. Books and posters were available for purchase, and all OCC students in attendance received a free copy of the book.

The 2016 Orange Coast Review features a wide range of fiction, creative nonfiction and poetry, including work by

several UCI MFA candidates and writers who teach or study at OCC.

Retired OCC English professor Gary Hoffman contributed a chapter from his recently published book, "Pomegranate Gospels: Bible Revivals for Secular Tastes," and current English instructors Ken Parker and Erik Rangno contribute to the journal as well. John Garriott, an OCC creative writing student, wrote a moving poem about the marginalized that will be featured, and former OCC creative writing student Sharon Niederhaus writes a humorous memoir about a home improvement project gone hopelessly awry.

The Review also features a number of international contributors from the U.K., Australia, Germany, Japan and Ireland.

The journal publishes an array of visually striking paintings and prints in the color section of the 2016 issue. The art featured in the OC Review will be on display at the Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, from April 27-May 19.

OCC Shorts Screen at Newport Film Festival

Orange Coast College student filmmakers saw their work displayed on the big screen as part of the Newport Beach Film Festival on April 24 in the South Coast Village Theatre.

This was the 13th year that Coast submitted short film entries — titled OCC Shorts — to the Newport Beach Film Festival. The College was one of the few schools invited to screen films at the Village Theatre, which is known for showing mainly independent films.

Seven short films created by 10 student filmmakers were selected to be part of OCC Shorts, and the entries were chosen by a committee of OCC film instructors and alumni of the program who narrowed down the finalists among dozens of hopefuls looking to snag the highly coveted spots.

The topics covered by the selected films run the gamut, from "13 Angels Stand Guard Around Your Bed," a period drama about the tragic tale of prostitutes and patrons at a brothel in Baltimore during 1865, to "Right to Row: OCC Women's Crew," a documentary about OCC's women



rowers and their fight to leave a legacy one boat at a time.

Other films featured were "Memory," a film that examines how memories affect who we are, and "The Most Handsome Man," a comedy film in which a magazine convinces a reader to kill a fashion model. "Out of Touch" is a drama that explores double standards and misogyny in relationships, "Cruce" is a drama about starting over, and "Stroke" is a drama in which a girl must decide whether or not to remove her father from life support.

"For me, making this film was all about making sure I had a strong female character. The writing process was an emotional time, but I had fun," said "Stroke" director and writer Liliana Maldonado.

Being selected for OCC Shorts has boosted Maldonado's confidence in her abilities, and she plans to submit "Stroke" into other film festivals in the coming months. "OCC Shorts is a good start," she said. "I remember starting out in the film department — I never thought something of mine would be accepted. So it's pretty cool that it was."

Other student directors see this opportunity as a first step in making a name for themselves in the industry. "Being a part of the Newport Beach Film Festival gives me an air of legitimacy," says "The Most Handsome Man" director Sean Golden. "I can have a page on IMDb as a director now — I could potentially find investors for my next project. When I got the email saying I was in NBFF, I immediately called my star and co-star and said 'Pack your bags: we're going straight to the top!'"

Coast Employees Honored as Outstanding Colleagues

Three Coast employees were honored on April 21 at the College's annual Outstanding Coast Colleague recognition event, held in the Student Center Lounge.

OCC Foundation assistant Rene Kinn was named Classified Staff Member of the Year, after being nominated by Foundation Executive Director Doug Bennett. Rene has worked at OCC for 22 years, including 15 years as a key contributor to the OCC Foundation. She is an active member of the Classified Senate, the Professional Development Committee, and helps organize community events on campus such as Belle of the Ball and the annual Orange County Children's Book Festival. "I have the greatest job in the world," Kinn said when accepting the honor. "I get to work with all these wonderful people. We have a unique opportunity on campus — where else do you get to come to work and then go to events and hang out with your colleagues and friends?"

Part-time Communications Studies Instructor Sean Connor was named part-time faculty member of the year. Connor was nominated by Sha Davari, the recipient of last year's part-time faculty member of the year award, and student Jessica Elderkin. Connor plays a key role as a Readers Theatre coach on OCC's National Champion Speech, Debate and Readers Theatre team. The team claimed the top spot in the country for the second year in a row this

past month, building on OCC's reputation as a Forensics powerhouse.

Dr. Farah Sogo was named the Full-Time Faculty Member of the Year, nominated by Dr. Jan Goerrissen. Dr. Sogo has taught biology at Coast since 1999, and in addition to a full teaching load, she participates in student support programs such as Bridges to Baccalaureate and Doctors of Tomorrow. While accepting the honor, Dr. Sogo acknowledged how much she's enjoyed teaching at OCC. "It's been an amazing experience. I want to thank the administration and my colleagues for allowing me to work in an environment that is so incredibly supportive."

OCC Welcomes Two New Hires to Campus

Orange Coast College has filled two vital positions on campus.

Starting last week, Larry Valentine has joined the College as its new Director of Mental Health Services. Mr. Valentine is a licensed marriage and family therapist and comes to OCC after 20 years at the Mental Health America Village in Long Beach where he worked as a team director overseeing services for clients with severe and chronic mental illness. In his new role, Mr. Valentine will oversee comprehensive mental health care program services and activities at OCC, and will serve as a consultant to the campus's Behavioral Assessment Team (BAT) and respond to incident reports from mental health concerns and/or problems.

OCC also has named Larissa Nazarenko as its newest Dean of Visual and Performing Arts, effective June 1. Ms. Nazarenko previously served as the Dean of Academic Affairs at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, where she oversaw the fine arts, health sciences and industrial technology departments, in addition to the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts. She will be at the helm of a robust division at OCC that includes dance, digital media arts, film and video, music, photography, and theatre arts programs. Ms. Nazarenko grew up in Russia, where she studied, performed and taught dance.

Pirates Claim 18th-Straight OEC Women's Swimming Title!

While former Los Angeles Lakers head coach Pat Riley coined the expression "Three-peat", there still hasn't been an expression trademarked for a team that has won 18 consecutive titles. However, the Orange Coast College women's swim team managed to complete its "Eighteen-peat" by winning the Orange Empire Conference title for the 18th straight year this past weekend at Fullerton College.

Led by another strong performance by Rebecca Aguilar, the Pirates rolled through the three-day meet and topped the field with 886 total points, well ahead of runner-up Riverside (583) and third-place Cypress (487).

Aguilar was named the OEC's Co-Swimmer of the Year after putting together a performance worthy of such an honor, winning three individual events and helping the Pirates to OEC titles in four relay events.

The El Toro HS grad ripped through the field in three freestyle events, earning OEC titles in the 50 free (23.48 seconds), the 100 free (51.10) and the 200 free (1:52.71).

Taking the anchor leg in all four relay wins, Aguilar joined Nacinda Paap, Alta Cox and Lucy Lightle and won the 200 free relay (1:38.29). She then finished up the 400 medley relay and helped Alexa Clayfield, Hannah Veseth and Alexis Hill to a winning time of 3:37.05.

In the 800 free relay, it was Paap, Cox, Clayfield and Aguilar who claimed the top prize in the 800 free relay with a time of 7:44.93. That same foursome wrapped up the OEC Meet



by winning the 400 free relay with a 3:31.5.

Coast managed to earn two new OEC Meet records throughout the championships. The first came in the 400 individual medley where Clayfield touched the wall first with a record-setting time of 4:36.16, blistering her own meet-record time of 4:42.06, which was set last year. On Day 1, Clayfield also earned the OEC title in the 200 individual medley with a winning time of 2:12.04.

In the 200 butterfly, freshman Lauren Weins raised the bar with a meet-record time of 2:10.06 in the prelims, but she was topped in the finals by teammate Lexi Hill, who defended her OEC title from last year with a time of 2:10.78, edging out Weins, who touched the wall with a 2:11.17.

Another double winner for the Pirates came from freshman Hannah Veseth, who claimed victories in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.55) and the 200 breaststroke (2:31.24). She edged out teammates in both events, with Paap in the 100 breast (1:08.19) and Morganne Goodson in the 200 breast (2:36.75).

In the 200 medley relay, Weins, Veseth, Hill and Clayfield topped the field with a winning time of 1:47.33. In all, OCC won 12 titles in individual races and relays.

The Pirates will wrap up the season at the 2016 California Community College Athletic Association State Swimming and Diving Championships, held at East Los Angeles College, from May 5-7, beginning at 10 a.m. on each day.