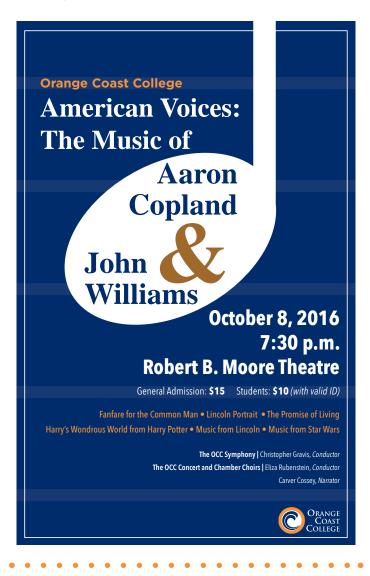
Orange Coast College UPDATE

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Symphony, Chamber Choirs Will Present Music of Great American Composers

Orange Coast College's Symphony and Concert and Chamber Choirs will present the work of well-known American composers Aaron Copland and John Williams on Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the College's Robert B. Moore Theatre.

Both Copland and Williams have written music for popular films and concert music, and their recognizable themes have become emblematic of musical Americana.

"In a season when each of us is preparing to exercise our democratic right in the national election, I thought it would be a fitting opportunity for our musicians to play a concert program that embraces our American ideals, and to also celebrate the unique voices of two of our most idiomatic composers," says OCC Symphony conductor Christopher Gravis.

The program will feature Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," which will feature narrator Carver Cossey reciting powerful excerpts from the 16th United States President's most significant speeches.

The Symphony and Chamber Choirs also will be performing some of Williams' Academy Awardnominated score for the 2012 Stephen Spielberg film "Lincoln."

Other pieces that will be performed include Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" and "The Promise of Living."

"These pieces of music speak to the best of who we are as Americans and I believe they'll speak very deeply to our audience in an uplifting and inspiring manner," says Gravis.

The concert will finish with William's highly enjoyable music from scores to Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Star Wars.

Calendar

- Oct. 7 Fall Plant Sale
 Horticulture Greenhouses,
 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Oct. 8 American Voices Symphony Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 Men's Soccer vs.

 Golden West

 OCC Soccer Fields, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 12 Flu Shot Clinic Administration Building 108, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- Oct. 14 Women's Soccer vs. Norco OCC Soccer Fields, 3 p.m.
- Oct. 19 Women's Volleyball vs. Irvine Valley
 Peterson Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 15 & 16 Tales From the Script
 Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Great California Shakeout

Main Quad, 10:20 a.m.

- Oct. 22 & 23 Tales From the Script
 Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Football vs.
 Golden West
 LeBard Stadium, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Piano Scholarship Winners Recital
 OCC Music Recital Hall,
 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 Faculty Dance Concert Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available on www.occtickets.com for \$10 for students, and \$15 for the general public. Tickets also will be available at the door.



OCC Ranked 12th in the Nation for Graduate Earnings

Orange Coast College ranked high in a recent college salary report compiled by PayScale Inc., the world's leading provider of compensation data and software.

OCC was ranked 12th amongest 381 two-year institutions in the United States for producing the highest-paid graduates in PayScale's 2016-2017 College Salary Report.

The report showed that OCC alumni earned on average a salary of \$38,700 within five years of employment, and a salary of \$65,200 after 10-plus years of experience. The study also showed that 47 percent of Coast grads feel that their work is meaningful and makes the world a better place, and 13 percent of degrees awarded by OCC are in science, technology, engineering or math subjects.

Among two-year schools, computer engineering degrees produced the highest median mid-career pay, at \$77,300.

PayScale's report also included data on nearly 1,000 bachelor's-degree-awarding institutions, and nearly 400 graduate-degree-awarding institutions. The creator of the world's largest database of salary profiles offers its services to large and small businesses around the globe, including Bloomberg BNA, Time Warner and Signature HealthCARE.

To see the complete report visit www.payscale.com.college-salary-report

OCC Foundation Saw All-Time Record in Donations for 2015-2016

Orange Coast College's Foundation is celebrating its best fiscal year ever, with cash and property gifts totaling \$7,042,452 between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

The year's donations mark an increase of 120 percent over the prior year's total of \$3,207,303 and a 26 percent increase over the Foundation's previous giving record of \$5.580.688 in 2003-2004.

Nearly \$1.5 million of last year's total was in the form of cash gifts, including \$100,000 from CR&R to support the College's new Recycling Center, and \$106,544 from the estate of Marion Dixon of La Jolla. Dixon's gift will benefit OCC's art department.

The Foundation also saw \$756,724 in scholarship support for students, and \$4,846,249 in in-kind gifts of property, including a 67-foot sailing yacht from Ardell Yacht & Ship Brokers, and a Sovereign 110-foot sailboat.

"We are honored by the tremendous level of support that our donors have provided to benefit OCC students," says Doug Bennett, Executive Director of the Orange Coast College Foundation. "Their gifts help students across the campus with scholarships, funding for our new OCC Planetarium, athletics, performing arts, the School of Sailing and Seamanship, and more."

The Orange Coast College Foundation was founded in 1985, and to date has received gifts totaling \$89 million to support OCC's programs and activities. Currently, the Foundation holds more than \$20 million in assets, and last year awarded nearly \$400,000 in scholarships to deserving students.

Guidance and leadership for the OCC Foundation is provided by a 25-member volunteer board of directors. Leadership for the board over the past year includes Peggy Fort, California Marketing Concepts, Chair; Bill Wood, Laguna Niguel, Vice Chair; Marc Harper, West Family Holdings, Treasurer, and Shana Jenkins, Pretty of Corona del Mar; and Past Chair Janet Terrell of Newport Beach.

Sue & Bill Gross Donate \$240,000 to Support Technical Education at OCC

The Orange Coast College Foundation has received \$240,000 from PIMCO founder Bill Gross and his wife,

Sue, to establish a "Sue and Bill Gross Scholars" program that will support students pursuing career and technical education (CTE) at OCC. The gift will not only benefit 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.



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.

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.



OCC Horticulture Hosting Fall Plant Sale Friday, Oct. 7

The Horticulture Department will host a Fall Plant Sale on Friday, Oct. 7 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

OCC's Horticulture Department is renowned for its annual poinsettia and spring sales, which are scheduled for early December and mid- to late-April respectively. This will mark the fourth year that the department has hosted a fall sale, which comes just in time for Orange County's prime planting season.

This year's selection will include succulents, perennials and fall/winter vegetables. Students and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions and offer advice. All proceeds will benefit the horticulture department and grounds.

The event is free to the general public. For more information, please visit the horticulture department's website at www.occhorticulture.com or visit them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/occ.horticulture

Victoria Lugo Named Interim Dean of Students

Vice President of Student Services Dr. Madjid Niroumand has announced that Victoria Lugo has been selected to serve as OCC's Interim Dean of Students, effective Sept. 26.

Lugo last worked as the dean of student services at Ventura College, a position she retired from last year. She has worked at various colleges over the course of her career, and has held several roles such as dean of counseling, dean of student development, and director of equity and diversity.

Lugo will be in the ASOCC Dean's Office, and will be primarily assisting in the areas of Associated Students, student conduct, BAT, and related assignments as the College recruits a permanent Dean of Students.

Children's Book Festival Brings Authors, Illustrators to Campus

CC hosted the 13th annual Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sept. 25. The festival brought more than 100 authors, illustrators and storytellers to campus, and gave families a chance to spend the day meeting with favorite authors and artists, as well as dozens of exhibitors like Discovery Science Center, PBS SoCal, Lakeshore Learning Materials and IKEA of Costa Mesa.

Other activities offered at the event included face painting, a petting zoo, musicians, dancers, balloons, drawing lessons and a trackless train ride around the College.

This year's Tween/Teen/Young Adult Stage featured authors from a wide variety of genres, including sci-fi, horror-fantasy, mystery, and coming-of-age stories. Author Shannon Messenger was on hand to meet fans of her "Sky Fall" and "Keeper of the Lost Cities" series'. Other stages include Early Reader, Illustrator, Storyteller, Entertainment, and an Animal stage.

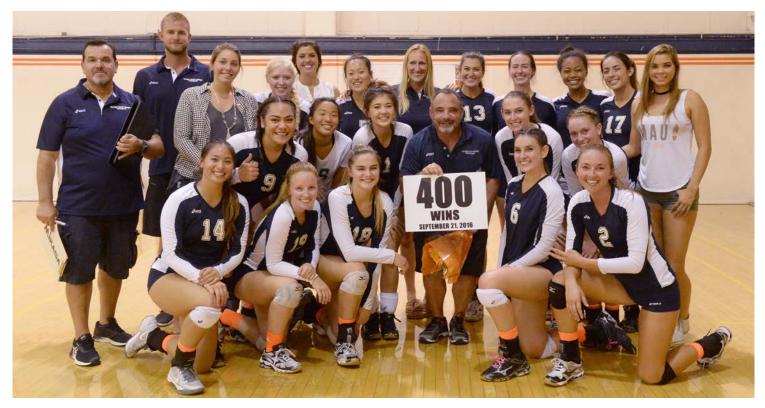
Parking and attendance for the event was free, and food vendors were on hand. More than 30,000 people attended.

Pirates Top Hornets as Cutenese Notches Win No. 400!

ongtime head coach Chuck Cutenese recently picked up his 400th career win in women's volleyball as the Orange Coast College Pirates topped the Fullerton College Hornets, 20-25, 25-17, 25-10, 25-23, inside the Peterson Gym on Sept. 21.

Cutenese, whose 400 career wins is second among all active W-VB coaches (El Camino College's LeValley Pattison — 462), now has 644 career wins in a 25-year span that includes coaching duties with the men's team (234) and with sand volleyball (10).

"The entire day was like a total flashback," Cutenese said.



"I looked around the stands and saw former players and all day, I was thinking back to my former assistant coaches who all were a big part of making this happen," Cutenese said. "Perhaps my most rewarding part of all of this was that Adrian (longtime assistant coach Adrian Delgado) has been here for all of it. He's seen the ups and downs ... the state championships and the seasons where we weren't so good. He's taken a much larger role over time and his contributions have been incredible."

As for the match, the Pirates (6-6, 1-1 in the Orange Empire Conference) were led by Funaki Hansen, who ripped 13 kills on just 17 attempts with only one error. She also notched 15 digs and a pair of solo blocks.

Setter Megan Ritchie came off of the bench and really jump-started the offense for the Pirates, who lost the opening set, 25-20 before outscoring the Hornets 50-27 over the next two sets. The sophomore distributor had 30 assists to go along with four kills, and seven digs.

Sierra Lim anchored the defense with 25 digs, while Tileree Johnson and Aubrey St. Laurent added offensive firepower with nine kills apiece.

It was a ragged start to things as Fullerton (2-6, 0-2) used a 12-3 run to pull ahead in the opening set, thanks in large part to 10 hitting errors along the way.

Ritchie came into the match and immediately turned things around for the Pirates. After leading 16-13, Coast pulled away with a 6-2 run, with a pair of St. Laurent kills and single putaways by Hansen, Johnson and Ritchie sparking the outburst.

OCC took advantage of several Hornet mistakes in the third set and jumped out to a 20-8 advantage before cruising from there.

In the fourth set, it looked like another runaway for the Pirates as they led 11-2, but the Hornets continued to fight and clawed back to trail 20-17 and forced Cutenese into taking a timeout.

From there, the set went back and forth and twice, Fullerton got to within a point of the Pirates, but could never even things up as a kill by Gardner ended the contest.

"I always challenge each team to leave a mark with our program and I've also set goals for myself as well," Cutenese said. "I wanted to have more state titles than Jane (hall of fame coach Jane Hilgendorf) and we are tied, 3-3. To be able to coach for 25 years and win 400 matches, I'm very grateful to have been able to coach for this long.

"Looking back at the state titles ... I treat each one like they were my children. I'll never forget that feeling after the first title in 2005. In 2006, with all of the pressure to return to the top, that team was able to overcome and get it done. And in 2009, the way that team climbed all the way from the loser's bracket in the opening round and come all the way back — they are all extremely special to me."

Is there enough gas in the tank for 500 wins? "I don't see why not," Cutenese said with a smile. "I still continue to challenge myself and it helps keep me current. I feel great, my energy level is high and I've got several more years of coaching left for me to do."