OCC Foundation Receives Largest Donation in Its History

The Orange Coast College Foundation has 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.”

UCI Professor to Give Lecture on Coffee Origins in the U.S.

Orange Coast College will host University of California, Irvine professor Steven Topik for a guest lecture on Nov. 16 titled “Why Do Americans Drink Coffee: The Boston Tea Party or Brazilian Slavery?”

The lecture will take place from 9:30-11 a.m. in the College’s Robert B. Moore Theatre, and will include free coffee for all attendees courtesy of Macmillan Learning, Bedford/St. Martins and iClicker.

“Dr. Topik will discuss how coffee became the preferred hot beverage in the United States,” says organizer and OCC History Professor Jordan Stanton. “He argues that this occurred because of the cheap supply of coffee produced by slaves in Brazil, in addition to clever marketing by U.S. coffee companies and the large number of northern European immigrants in the States.”

For more information about the event, email Stanton at jstanton@occ.cccd.edu

OCC’s Garrison Honors Center Gives Official Space to 16 Honors Societies on Campus

Orange Coast College’s renovated Garrison Honors Center (GHC) officially opened its doors on Nov. 15. The structure, designed by famed architect Richard Neutra in the 1950s, will provide student honor societies with a meeting space and an area for honors instructors and their students to work together on GHC programs.

A dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony took place in the breezeway between Legacy Hall and the Global Engagement Center, next to the Clark Building on OCC’s campus. There was a plaque unveiling, and speeches were given by OCC President Dennis Harkins and Coast Community College District Board of Trustees President David Grant.

In addition to being more centrally located on campus, the relocation allows the Center...
to expand on the services it offers to students and the community. “We now have enough space to expand our Honor Society programs,” said GHC Faculty Coordinator, Dr. Dean Abernathy.

Named for late marine sciences professor Dr. Tom Garrison, who led OCC’s Honors Program for twelve years, the Garrison Honors Center at OCC has an innovative model that in one entity coordinates Honors instruction with the activities of 16 Honor Societies.

Thousands of OCC students are eligible to participate in the Garrison Honors Center’s Honor Societies.

### Arts Pavilion Exhibit Documents 300-Mile Lakota Tribe Pilgrimage

The Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion present, “Ken Marchionno: 300 Miles, The Oomaka Tokatakiya” through Dec. 2.

The documentary project features members of the Lakota tribes in North and South Dakota. OCC’s exhibition will highlight an annual event undertaken by three Lakota tribes — the Hunkpapa, Minnicoujou, and Oglala — as they embark on a nearly 300-mile ride by horseback across the Dakota winter.

“This pilgrimage embraces Lakota culture and history, and is an embodied memorial to the days that led to the Wounded Knee Massacre of 1890,” explains curator Kim Garrison Means. Each year, the ride starts on Dec.15 at the site where the Lakota Indian Chief Sitting Bull was killed and traces the trail taken by some of his tribe to join Chief Big Foot. It goes on to follow Big Foot’s effort to reach Chief Red Cloud in Pine Ridge and ends on Dec. 29, at the site where the Wounded Knee Massacre took hundreds of innocent lives in 1890. One hundred years after the massacre, the Lakota performed a Wiping of the Tears Ceremony to signify the end of their collective mourning.

“In 1990, after tracing the trail for four years, the ride was meant to end, but in 1992 the ride was restarted and aimed squarely at the future.

“While the ride is still in homage to Sitting Bull, Big Foot and those who lost their lives at Wounded Knee, the ride is now also meant as a cultural embrace, and an experience used to foster leadership qualities in Lakota youth,” says Garrison Means. "Along the way, the riders experience some of what their ancestors endured physically, intellectually and spiritually. Braving the brutal South Dakota winters, kids as young as seven ride up to 35 miles in a day."

Every year Marchionno brings cameras and computers for the youth on the ride so they can work together to tell the story. He works side by side with members of the Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, and Oglala Sioux Tribes to capture the ride and offer it a public face through social media, each day uploading images and videos from the field as the ride proceeds.

### OCC’s Ceramics Sale Set for Dec. 1 & 2

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community are invited to do their Christmas shopping at the OCC Mudslingers Holiday Ceramics Sale on Friday, Dec. 1 and Saturday, Dec. 2.

The sale will run from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on both days, and will be located in the College’s Art Center, room 113. Shoppers will find hundreds of unique items at the event, ranging from functional to sculptural and decorative objects.

The OCC Mudslingers Holiday Ceramics Sale has been an exclusive and well-run event since 1999 when then Mudslingers became the official name for the Ceramics club on campus. However, students have sold their ceramic work at OCC for more than 40 years.

“Students have worked hard throughout the summer, on into this fall preparing for the sale,” says ceramics instructor Kevin Myers. “Eighty-five percent of the proceeds go to the student and 15 percent goes to the Mudslingers Ceramic Club. These funds enable the ceramics program to purchase equipment that is necessary to maintain a high degree of studio integrity. It also motivates our students to continue making work as well as learning how to interact with the community and keeping our program visible campus wide.”
OCC Theatre Adapts ‘Animal Farm’ as Part of Social Justice Series

The College’s Theatre department will adapt George Orwell’s “Animal Farm” novella as part of OCC’s recently launched Social Justice Series. Performances will take place in the Drama Lab Theatre on Nov. 18-19 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinée show scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 19. Animal Farm tells the story of animals that revolt against their human owner, only to find themselves falling into the same tyrannical societal structure that they were hoping to escape.

“This show is an adaptation of George Orwell’s chilling parable about society, the abuse of power and a revolution gone terribly wrong,” says OCC theatre instructor and director Tom Bruno. “Although the novel was written by George Orwell as a parallel to the events that occurred during the Russian Revolution, the analogy remains pertinent to Western political systems as a whole, and to this country’s political climate in particular.”

Student actors will play key roles, including Dominic De Los Santos as porcine dictator Napoleon, Cesar Coto as Squealer, Kai Wiling as Snowball and Zion Aguilar as Boxer.

“The cast has certainly risen to the occasion,” Bruno says. “I am asking them to create physical characterizations that evoke, but do not imitate, the animals they are portraying. Their level of commitment is typical of what one would expect in a four-year or Master’s degree program.”

The retelling will include a soundtrack comprised entirely of Pink Floyd songs, and Bruno hopes to partner with local pet adoption agencies to promote the welfare of animals.

Tickets for Animal Farm run $10 in advance, and $12 at the door ($8/$10 for students and seniors). Tickets can be purchased at www.occtickets.com or by calling (714) 432-5880.

Campus Invited to ‘Walk With Warriors’ Honoring OCC Vets

The College’s Student Equity and Veterans Services programs invited students, faculty and staff to a “Walk With Warriors” event on Nov. 9 in honor of Veterans Day.

The event began at 11 a.m. with a walk to Heroes Hall at the Orange County Fairgrounds across the street from campus, followed by a lunch from in the Student Center Lounge. Attendees were asked to meet at the OCC Flagpole underneath the Veterans Day Banner, and veterans were encouraged to wear their unit t-shirts.

ASOCC Begins 32nd Annual Angel Tree Drive

The Associated Students of Orange Coast College has launched its 32nd annual Angel Tree Project this holiday season. The charitable event will end on Dec. 8.

Angel trees decorated with the gift tags can be found in various campus locations, including the Library, Lewis Center, Watson Hall, Math Lecture Hall, Technology Center, Student Success Center, Transfer Center, Counseling Office, Fine Arts Building, Computing Center, Forum, and the Bookstore. Students who want to receive extra credit must bring their gifts directly to the ASOCC Office in the Student Center. Each gift tag carries the name, age and gender of the gift recipient. Donors can place their new, unwrapped gifts in one of the decorated collection boxes next to each tree. Gifts and gift cards can also be dropped off at the Associated Students in the Student Center.

Students will deliver gifts to local charities for children and seniors, including OCC’s Cooperative Agencies and Resources for Education (CARE) program that supports full-time students who are single parents with at least one child under 14 years. Each child at the OCC Harry and Grace Childcare Center also receives a gift.
Save the Date! OCC is Participating in #GivingTuesday on Nov. 28

The College will take part in Giving Tuesday 2017 on Tuesday, Nov. 28. Donations can be made to OCC’s general fund, or can be directed to specific programs such as Adopt-a-Family, student scholarships or veterans services. All donations can be directed to the Orange Coast College Foundation, and employees are encouraged to explore different payment options such as payroll deductions.

Now in its sixth year, Giving Tuesday is an international effort to inspire personal philanthropy and charitable giving during the holiday season. Largely fueled by social media, the event takes place on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and widely recognized retail events like Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many people participate in end-of-year giving.

For more information contact the Foundation office at (714) 432-5749.

OCC Nominated for Orange County Business Council Award

Orange Coast College has been recognized by the Orange County Business Council (OCBC) as a local government organization that cuts through red tape to open the door to private sector job creation.

The College’s Recycling Center has been nominated for the Sustainable and Green Development program at OCBC’s 7th Annual Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Awards, which will take place on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Center Club in Costa Mesa.

The Recycling Center — which opened its doors at the beginning of the Fall 2017 semester — is an economic driver for the College and the local community, drawing approximately 400 visitors a day to exchange their recyclables for money. The Center also employs around 30 students, and all profits are poured back into Associated Students of Orange Coast College coffers.

Pirates Win OEC Championships With 9-6 Win Over Riverside

The top two teams in the Orange Empire Conference squared off at this year’s OEC Women’s Water Polo Championships and in the end, it was the Orange Coast College Pirates, who prevailed over Riverside City College, 9-6, on Nov. 4 at Cypress College.

After earning a bye in the quarterfinals, Coast took on Fullerton College in the semifinals and rolled to a 17-7 win. OCC goal scoring machine Bailey Lloyd led the way with seven goals, while Lilli Lindgard, Delaney Mazelin, Shawna Kedzie and Allison Williams each scored two goals.

The Pirates pulled away from the Hornets in the middle two quarters, outscoring FC 11-3 over that span. In goal, Avery Goodall notched 13 saves to help push Coast to the championship finals against the Tigers.

In the fourth meeting of the season between the two schools (RCC had a 2-1 edge in the series heading into Saturday), both teams battled each other for three quarters and the Pirates held onto a slim one-goal advantage (7-6).

But in the fourth quarter, the Pirate defense stepped up and held the Tigers off of the scoring sheet the rest of the match, while the offense picked up a pair of goals to give Coast some much-needed breathing room.

Goodall stepped up big in the fourth and finished the contest with 14 saves. Lloyd notched five more goals to bring her state-best total to 111. She also added to her state-best assist total with four against RCC to bring her season total to 63.