



## Calendar

- **Feb. 8 – Opening Reception, Jim DeFrance: A Retrospective**  
Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 8 – Lunar New Year Celebration**  
Multicultural Center, 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 8 – Opening Reception, Helix2: Sculptures by Eric Johnson**  
Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 9 – Baseball vs Mt. Sac**  
Wendell Pickens Field, 2 p.m.
- **Feb. 9 – Women’s Basketball vs Santa Ana**  
Peterson Gymnasium, 5 p.m.
- **Feb. 9 – Men’s Basketball vs Fullerton**  
Peterson Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 10 & 11 – The 24-Hour Play Festival ... Again!**  
Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 13 – Club Rush & Student Services Fair**  
OCC Campus Quad, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- **Feb. 14 – Softball vs Santa Ana**  
Softball Complex, 3 p.m.
- **Feb. 15 – Spring Flex Day**  
OCC Campus, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- **Feb. 20 – Eyes of Freedom Opening Ceremony**  
Student Center Lounge, Noon
- **Feb. 23 & 24 – Opera Magnifica, Sing to Love**  
Music Recital Room, 7 p.m.
- **Feb. 24 & 25 – Opera Magnifica, Sing to Love**  
Music Recital Room, 3 p.m.
- **March 10 – Invitational Dance Concert**  
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.



## Coast Dance Team Defends Title, Picks Up One More at UDA National Championship

Orange Coast College’s nationally ranked dance team took home two first-place trophies at the Universal Dance Association Cheerleading and Dance Team National Championship in Orlando, Fla. on Jan. 14, defending their title in the Open Pom division and earning the top spot in the Jazz division.

The UDA National Championship — held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex — is the largest and most prestigious collegiate cheer and dance competition in the country. As the only community college to advance to UDA’s dance national championships, OCC’s 14-member team bested dancers from every four-year university in the Open Division, including University of San Diego, University of Indianapolis, and Northwest Missouri State University.

These latest wins bring the OCC dance team’s national title count to more than 20 since the team began competing 22 years ago. “Winning the Collegiate National Dance championships is amazing,” says Coast dance coach and choreographer Dan Sapp. “Winning two divisions is a rarity, and winning back to back in one division is phenomenal. But winning as the only community college against all universities in the competition is extraordinary.”

## Orange Coast College Welcomes New Doyle Arts Pavilion Director Tyler Stallings

After an extensive search, Orange Coast College is pleased to announce that Tyler Stallings has been appointed director of the College's Frank. M. Doyle Arts Pavilion in Costa Mesa.

Stallings — who will be the first full-time gallery director at the Doyle Arts Pavilion in seven years — comes to Coast from the University of California, Riverside, where he held various roles including interim executive director of UCR ARTSblock, and artistic director at the Culver Center of the Arts.

Prior to his role at UC Riverside, Stallings cut his teeth in the Orange County arts world as the chief curator at the Laguna Art Museum and as director of programs at the Huntington Beach Art Center. "In essence my professional curatorial career was really built in Orange County," says Stallings. "It's a great opportunity to be able to come back."

OCC's 3,400-square-foot gallery includes exhibition space and a project gallery, and hosts several shows each year, in addition to hosting special events, performances, films, installations and more. Last fall's Arts Pavilion schedule saw a breadth of dynamic exhibits, including "*tere'ferme*" a survey of work by noted Los Angeles artist, Kim Abeles, and "Ken Marchionno: 300 Miles, The Oomaka Tokatakiyaa," multimedia documentary project highlighting a yearly pilgrimage undertaken by members of the Lakota tribes in North and South Dakota.

"I've always had an awareness [of the Doyle Arts Pavilion] — it's just such a beautiful space," Stallings says. "One of the things I've been really impressed with is the reputation of the Visual and Performing Arts Division, and how it really stays abreast of what's new."



## Orange Coast College Officially Opens Doors to Pirates' Cove Food Pantry

OCC kicked off the New Year with the grand opening of its Pirates' Cove food pantry on Jan. 22. Members of the media and the general public, in addition to faculty and staff, attended the event, which was sponsored by Whole Foods.

Pirates' Cove expands on the College's previous food pantry with more fresh food options and a workspace intended to help students connect with representatives from community programs.

"The idea behind the Cove is that it could be a one-stop location for students who need immediate help, such as those experiencing food insecurity or homelessness," says OCC Student Equity program coordinator Maricela Sandoval. "In addition to building a larger food storage area, we've created a space where representatives from our partner organizations, such as CalFresh, can meet with students to see if they qualify for aid."

OCC has partnered with Second Harvest Food Bank Orange County to stock Pirates Cove, as well as student clubs and honor societies who have contributed through food drives, such as the OCC Food Riders club.

The College also received one-time funding to set up the Cove through the California Community College Chancellor's office via a program titled "Hunger Free Campus," which seeks to address nutritional deficiencies among college students.

"We have been so fortunate to partner with some amazing organizations, including local nonprofit Second Harvest OC, which is providing the majority of the food in our pantry and has loaned us a refrigerator so that we can give students access to fresh food items," says Sandoval. "Right now, we are hoping the Cove will serve as a hub for access to basic needs, so that students who are trying to better their lives through education don't have to worry about hunger on top of everything else they might be challenged with."

The Pirates' Cove is located in OCC's Journalism building, on the northwest side of campus.





## OCC Hires Planetarium Manager Scott Mitchell

With construction entering its final phase, Orange Coast College has announced the hiring of Scott Mitchell as its Planetarium manager.

Mitchell, who started at OCC just after the New Year, comes to Coast from the University of Maine,

where he worked at the Maynard F. Jordan Planetarium and Observatory, part of the school's recently constructed Emera Astronomy Center. While there, he worked as both acting director from 2014-2015 while he was an undergraduate student, and as assistant director once a permanent director was hired and while he continued his studies as a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in engineering physics.

The Jordan Planetarium underwent a large renovation while Mitchell was there, with the construction of a new digital planetarium completed in 2014. Having had firsthand experience in the construction of a planetarium, Mitchell already has an idea of what he hopes to accomplish at OCC.

"The OCC Planetarium will serve three major groups: the first is the K-12 school system, and we're working really hard to integrate our content with the next generation of science standards so that it can fit into schools' curriculum easily," Mitchell says. "There's also the public — we're going to host 'public nights' where anyone can purchase a ticket to see a show. And then, of course there's the OCC community."

Mitchell has plans to invite instructors at OCC to develop programs that utilize the unique features that the planetarium has to offer, such as an immersion theater and Science on a Sphere National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration globe.

"We would like professors to be able to show their students things in the planetarium that they wouldn't be able to see otherwise," he explains. "A lot of people think a planetarium is just a tool for astronomy but it can do so much more than that. It's really a very powerful visualization tool for many subjects, including marine biology, graphic design, chemistry, and theater, just to name a few."

OCC's Planetarium — scheduled to open in September of this year — will serve as a premiere science center in Orange County, offering the community access to state-of-the-art technology that no other local facility has, such as a Foucault pendulum, which demonstrates the rotation of the earth.

"There are only so many of these facilities in the world," Mitchell says.

Students at OCC also will play a large role in helping to run the Planetarium; Mitchell has plans to hire student workers



to give presentations, lead field trips, and more. "Students are going to be the backbone of the Planetarium, and I think they'll learn just as much as they teach," he says.

Mitchell lives in Costa Mesa with his cat, Apollo.

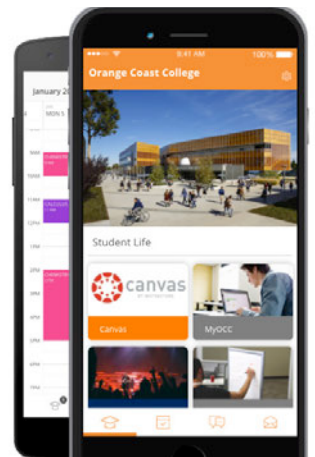
## OCC Launches Redesigned App in Continuing Effort to Improve Communication on Campus

As the Spring 2018 gets under way, Orange Coast College has launched a new and improved mobile app that will help students, faculty and staff stay more connected on campus.

The app — which is available on Apple and Android devices — includes features like a schedule planning tool, message board, calendar of events, news, and interactive map.

In recent years, OCC has made strides to improve communication between different constituency groups on campus, including its "5 Things to Know" notification system on all employee computers campus wide, a weekly newsletter updating faculty and staff on important news, announcements, and events, and updated website and portal intranet design. The College also surveys employees each year to gauge campus climate, and has plans to launch a news blog in the near future to complement its communication strategy.

To learn more about how to download OCC's app, visit [www.occ.campusapp.com](http://www.occ.campusapp.com)



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- 1 Starting this semester, OCC has implemented evening hours for several essential services on campus, including financial aid, adult education, counseling and more.
- 2 The College has launched a re-designed mobile app, allowing faculty, staff and students to stay more connected on campus.
- 3 Show your colleagues you care by sending them a "Coastgram" this Valentine's Day! All profits will go toward student scholarships.
- 4 In a continuing effort toward compliance with federal requirements for financial aid, the College asks that faculty update their rosters to reflect no-show or dropped students no later than Feb. 11.
- 5 Two exhibits open at the Doyle Arts Pavilion this week: "Jim DeFrance: A Retrospective" and "Helix2: Sculptures by Eric Johnson."

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## Dietetic Professor Beth Blake Wins Outstanding Educator Award

College faculty and clinical educators from across the Western United States recognized Orange Coast College dietetic technician professor Beth Blake last month for her work as a teacher of nutrition and dietetics.



The Nutrition and Dietetic Educators and Preceptors (NDEP) named Blake its Outstanding Educator of the Year for the Western Region. The group, which advocates for and empowers dietetics educators, includes members who work in community colleges, hospitals, community nutrition agencies, and private industry.

“Nutrition and dietetics is a profession of dedicated, enthusiastic, and very intelligent

practitioners,” Blake says. “I’m constantly impressed by the work being done by my peers. So I feel very humbled to be recognized by them as I know we are all working hard to shape the future of nutrition and dietetics.”

Blake was a driving force behind the creation of the recently opened Pirates’ Cove food pantry on OCC’s campus. She is a member of the Nutrition Advisory Board at Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County, and helped to facilitate a partnership between the organization and Orange Coast College.

“Several years ago I gave an informal survey to one of my nutrition classes at OCC. I was shocked to see how many students reported not having enough money to buy food, or [who were] skipping meals because they could not afford them. At that moment I vowed to do something to help the situation.”

## Davis’ Monster Night Propels Pirates Past Hawks in OT

The never-say-die Orange Coast College men’s basketball team kept its dream season rolling with a 96-91 overtime win over visiting Santiago Canyon on Friday night inside the Peterson Gym.

In a matchup of two of the top teams in Southern California, the Pirates (17-7, 8-1 in Orange Empire Conference) rode the big shoulders of center Joshua Davis, who dominated down low with a season-best 35 points and 19 rebounds against the Hawks (17-8, 4-5). Davis was 16-of-25 from the floor and used 12 offensive rebounds for several second-chance points throughout the game.



Kupaa Harrison added 20 points and eight rebounds for the Pirates. Lloyd Wright added 13 points, while Robert Nixon came off the bench and knocked down 10 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

For the Hawks, Rodney Henderson, the state’s third-highest scoring player, scored 32 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, while Antoine Jenkins added 28 points and eight assists.

The win, combined with Fullerton’s win at Saddleback on Friday night, keeps the Pirates a game up on the Hornets with three games remaining. OCC will host Fullerton on Friday night at 7 p.m. after playing at Saddleback on Wednesday night (7 p.m.).

It was a game that epitomized the Pirates’ incredible run that’s seen them win eight conference games in a row and 15-of-17 games overall. Both teams exchanged leads 18 times throughout the night, but in the end, it was the Pirates who corralled the FINAL lead of the night.

Leading 42-36 at the half, Coast came out strong and built up an 11-point advantage early in the second half.

But Jenkins, who scored 21 of his 28 points in the second half and OT, came alive for the Hawks, who hit 7-of-14 from 3-point range over the final 25 minutes.

SCC went on a 25-14 run over a 10-minute stretch of the second half to get even with OCC at 63 and from there, it was a back-and-forth slugfest all the way down to the final whistle.

A Shaun Maeder 3-pointer with 4:43 left pushed SCC’s lead up to 73-68 before back-to-back treys by Harrison and Leonard Stallings put the Pirates back in front, 74-73.

With the game tied at 84, Robert Nixon took a nice pass from Davis and scored with 23 seconds remaining to put OCC up by two, but the Hawks forced overtime when Jenkins worked the clock, used a nice screen and drove to the lane uncontested to tie the game at 86.

A pair of layups by Harrison early in the OT helped give OCC a 90-87 lead before a pair of Jenkins’ free throws with 2:44 remaining brought the Hawks to within a point at 90-89.

But that would be as close as Santiago Canyon would get the rest of the night as the Pirate defense clamped down and held the Hawks scoreless over the next 2:30 of OT, going 0-for-4 with a turnover over their next five possessions.

From there, Coast went 6-of-8 from the foul line down the stretch to pull away and preserve the hard-fought win.