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## OCC Celebrates Women's History Month With Activities and Events

Orange Coast College's Global Engagement Center, Student Life, and Student Equity Programs teamed up to plan several online events and activities in honor of Women's History Month in March.

Students and employees were invited to participate in a Virtual Shout Out wall where they could share stories and accolades for women and allies. The virtual wall can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/womensShoutOuts](https://tinyurl.com/womensShoutOuts). OCC also hosted a women's leadership roundtable on Zoom titled "Redefining Leadership" on March 23.

Orange Coast College partnered with the Coast

Community College District and its two sister campuses for a weeklong leadership series that highlighted women leaders from each campus and the District. The series, which ran from March 22-25, invited one woman each day to share her personal story, and included OCC President Angelica Suarez, Golden West College Dean of Students and Library Dr. Carla Martinez, Coastline College Dean of Instruction Dr. Dana Emerson, and Coast District Board Vice President Mary Hornbuckle.

Finally, the Coast District partnered with each campus to organize a social media spotlight campaign, highlighting women leaders throughout the Coast District during the entire month of March. Interview questions included "what advice do you have for women looking to go into leadership roles?" and "who are your role models?" Women from OCC who were featured included Eliza Rubenstein, Kisha P. Williamson Champion, Irene Naesse, Tara Giblin, Flavia Ruzi and Jasmine Nguyen.

# UCI Community College Honors Research Conference

## OCC Students Present at UCI Research Conference

Fourteen students represented Orange Coast College by presenting talks and demonstrations at the 21st Annual UCI Community College Honors Research Conference on Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27.

The conference was held virtually with pre-recorded presentations followed by live question and answer sessions, and admission was free. More than 200 students from throughout California presented their research over the two-day event, and their work encompassed dozens of academic disciplines including the physical, natural, biological, social and behavioral sciences; business; literature; the fine and performing arts; technology; culture; languages, and more.

The following is a list of OCC student presenters and their projects:

Matthew (Matt) Sereno  
*Race and Recollection*  
(POSTER)

Justin Yeo  
Celine Tran  
*Social Media Effects on Vaccination Attitudes and Action*

Luke Lyons  
*Brains in a Dish: Cerebral Organoids as Models for Human Disease*

Kimiya Mansour  
*How Sleep Deprivation Impacts the Glymphatic System*

Magdalena (Maggie) Polite  
*Glycolic Acid in Skincare*  
(POSTER)

Morgan Reyes  
*Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome*

Jillian Paul  
*Biochemistry of Endometriosis*

Thien Nguyen  
Khanh Doan  
Thanh Nguyen  
Vy Le  
*Factors in Preventing ADHD in Offspring*

Isabelle Phan  
*Marijuana Exposure During Pregnancy*

Kaylan Billings  
*Reviving Historical Methods of Paint-Making*  
(DEMONSTRATION)

## Ticket Sales for Virtual Banff Film Festival Support OCC Friends of the Library

Orange Coast College's Friends of the Library (FOTL) is hosting the online 2021 Banff Mountain Film Festival, with proceeds benefiting the non-profit group. This year's event will be held online and, as with in-person events from years past, will feature an international selection of films that present a wide range of outdoor adventures and portraits, including climbing, mountain expeditions, remote cultures and the world's last great wild places.

Tickets are available for four exciting World Tour programs - Amber, Onyx, Ruby & Sapphire - via an affiliate link that is specific to OCC's FOTL. Select "See All Film Programs" on the Banff website at [tinyurl.com/occbanff2021](https://tinyurl.com/occbanff2021) to view the complete list of rental options. "We have an opportunity to earn a percentage of all ticket sales through this URL," says Coast Librarian Carl Morgan. "This is a wonderful way to support our Friends of the Library!"

Anyone can choose individual programs for \$15 each or two-program bundles for \$28 (Ruby/Sapphire or Amber/Onyx). Individual programs have three-day rental periods, and the bundles have 14-day periods. Also, an EPIC Bundle that includes all four programs is available for \$52 (14-day period).

"We hope that everyone enjoys this new way to experience the Banff Film Festival!" says Morgan. "We have truly appreciated the continued support over the years for the Banff World Tour at OCC and our Friends of the Library."





has more than 1,700 members from more than 550 colleges in the United States and Canada.

Examples of the marketing and public relations department's work can be found on the College's marketing website at [www.orangecoastcollege.edu/mpr](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/mpr)

## OCC Hosts First Ever Virtual Research Symposium

Organizers, students and their mentors met online to share their research projects, exhibits and pre-recorded performances at the 5th Annual Giles T. Brown Research Symposium at Orange Coast College on March 19. This year's event was the first to ever be held virtually, in an effort to promote social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The event was a huge success, and, by all accounts, a good time was had by all," says OCC history professor and OCC Research Symposium committee member Jon Mochizuki.

OCC's Research Symposium gives students a chance to present the work they do inside and outside the classroom, highlighting many different disciplines on campus. In addition to a Poster Presentation session, students also are able to participate in an Exhibition of Work (suitable for creative works such as sculpture and machined products) and Oral (or Paper) Presentation, featuring a 15-minute oral presentation. This year, participants were required to pre-record their presentations, which were sent to evaluators in the days leading up to the event.

The day kicked off with a recorded welcome greeting from OCC President Angelica Suarez that was followed by six concurrent question and answer sessions where presenters met with evaluators and other attendees on Zoom to answer questions about their project, exhibit or performance.

Morgan Reyes took home the First Author Award of \$1,500 for her presentation titled "A Comparative Approach to the Treatment Options for Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome." Other first place winners received \$750 in scholarships, including: Sarah Guidroz for a poster presentation titled "Who Killed Kennedy? A Re-Examination Through the Lens of Power and Politics"; Jillian Paul for an oral presentation titled "An Examination of the Current Understanding of the Biochemistry of Endometriosis"; and Marimar Lopez Tovar for her dance performance titled "Glitch in the Brain." A total of nine students received a monetary award for their presentations, to help fund future research.

## OCC Marketing and Public Relations Picks Up Three National Awards

Orange Coast College's Marketing and Public Relations department won three awards at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) Virtual Paragon Awards on March 17. This year's national conference and awards ceremony took place entirely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OCC took home the top prize for its "Forever Pirates" alumni website, which was entered in the "MicroSite" category. The College also received a silver award for its 2019 Annual Report electronic viewbook, and a bronze award for the "Jim DeFrance: A Retrospective" video created in collaboration with OCC's Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion.

"Our team is proud of this strong showing despite the many challenges of 2020," says Director of Marketing and Public Relations Juan Gutierrez. "OCC is consistently among the top colleges recognized for its marketing and communications material, underscoring our efforts to be the standard of excellence among our peers."

NCMPR annually presents Paragon Awards to recognize outstanding achievements in communication at community and technical colleges around the country. It's the only national competition of its kind to recognize excellence among marketing and PR professionals at two-year community and technical colleges, and the organization

