



Calendar

- May 1 – Piano Honors Recital, 7:30 p.m., Music 102 - Recital Hall
- May 2-4 – Swimming: State Finals, 9 a.m., Aquatics Pavilion
- May 3-5 & 10-11 – “Rent,” 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre
- May 5 – Wind Ensemble Concert: John Williams the Great, 3 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 8 – Service & Leadership Awards Ceremony, 3 p.m., College Center Ballroom
- May 8 – Honors Night, Reception at 4:30 p.m. and Ceremony at 6 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 10 – EOPS Graduation, 5 p.m., College Center Ballroom
- May 10 – Coast District Lavender Graduation, 5:30 p.m., Golden West College
- May 11 – OCC Symphony & Chamber Singers: Look at the Stars, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 12 – “Rent,” 2:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre
- May 15 – Spring Student Dance Showcase, 7 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 16 – Coast District Black Graduation Celebration, 5 p.m., Horticulture Gardens
- May 18 – An Evening Chat with Broadway, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 17-19 – OCC Repertory Theatre “The One Act Play Festival,” 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre
- May 19 – OCC Spring 2024 Classical Guitar Ensemble Showcase, 3 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 19 – OCC Repertory Theatre “The One Act Play Festival,” 2:30 & 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre
- May 20 – Studio Commercial Guitar Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theatre
- May 24 – Commencement, 5:30 p.m., Pacific Amphitheatre, OC Fair & Event Center



OCC Marketing and PR Area Earn National and State Honors

Orange Coast College’s marketing and public relations department won a Silver Paragon Award at the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations conference and awards ceremony in March in Seattle. Coast was honored in the Special Event or Fundraising Campaign category for its 75th anniversary promotion. More than 250 colleges submitted entries to the contest.

NCMPR Paragon Awards honor excellence and recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges from marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges. The organization has more than 1,700 members from more than 550 colleges in the United States and Canada. OCC received a Silver Paragon for its 75th Anniversary Campaign.

OCC also received five Community College Public Relations Organization awards on Thursday, April 11, in Santa Cruz. Coast was recognized with two gold, one silver, and two bronze awards for creative work produced during the academic year. CCPRO serves California’s 116 community colleges and public and governmental relations,

OCC Celebrates Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Orange Coast College will hold a series of planned events throughout May to celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The festivities will kick off with a campus-wide celebration on Thursday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the Main Quad. The celebration will include music and dance performances, a resource fair, and light refreshments.

The Multicultural Center will also host two enlightening movie screenings- “Barefoot Gen” and “The Lady.” The “Barefoot Gen” movie screening, to be held on Thursday, May 16 at 4 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, is a Japanese war drama film that offers a unique perspective on World War II in Japan. It is loosely based on the Japanese manga series of the same name by Keiji Nakazawa.

The movie “The Lady” screening will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 2:30 p.m., in the Science Hall. “The Lady” is an epic love story about how an extraordinary couple and family sacrifice their happiness at significant human cost for a higher cause. This is the story of Aung San Suu Kyi and her husband, Michael Aris. Despite distance, long separations, and a dangerously hostile regime, their love endures until the very end. It is a story of devotion and human understanding set against a background of political turmoil that continues today. “The Lady” is also the story of the peaceful quest of the woman at the core of Burma’s democracy movement.

The Multicultural Center website lists Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.



marketing, and design professionals. The annual conference allows marketing and public relations professionals to network with peers and share experiences, challenges, and advice.

Gold

- College Website: Specialty Page
- Promotional Item

Silver

- Photography: Mobile Device

Bronze

- College Website: Specialty Page
- College Promotional Video- Short Format

OCC Honors Coast Colleagues of the Year & Retirees

OCC's President's Office and the HR Professional Development Office honored employees and their exceptional service at the Outstanding Coast Colleagues of the Year and Retiree Recognition Celebration in April. A cherished OCC tradition since 1990, this celebratory event is a testament to the outstanding work and exceptional contributions of OCC's dedicated classified professionals, faculty, and administrators.



This year, 31 Coast Colleague of the Year nominees were honored with the following four winners:

- Classified Professional – Jeanette Grimm, Division Area Coordinator, Student Success and Support Services
- Full-time Faculty – Laurie Barton, ESL Instructor, Literature and Languages Division
- Part-time Faculty – Gabriela Serna, Astronomy Instructor, Math and Sciences Division
- Manager – Sheri Sterner, Dean of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness

Additionally, 14 Coast retirees with a collective of 390 years of service dedicated to the college were honored.



Sustainability Hits the Runway at OCC Fashion Event Celebrating Surf & Skate Culture

The Orange Coast College Fashion Department presented its second annual Green Coast Day fashion show and marketplace with this year's theme of Retro Surf and Skate Revival on Wednesday, April 17, in the Main Quad. This sustainability-focused event included a fashion show and a joint marketplace in celebration and collaboration with Green Coast Day. This one-of-a-kind event had a unique fusion of surf, stake, and sustainable fashion.

Attendees explored classic cars, browsed runway looks by students and faculty, and shopped at the marketplace of sustainable local businesses offering sustainable, secondhand/vintage, and upcycled/refashioned garments and products.



Denim Day 2024

The Orange Coast College campus community participated in Denim Day by wearing their jeans with a purpose on April 24. The Denim Day campaign hopes to bring awareness to victim blaming and destructive myths that surround rape and sexual violence.



Retro Surf and Skate Revival was designed to showcase the timeless styles of the past and the vibrant energy of coastal living in Costa Mesa. From retro prints to bold colors, the designs featured in the show evoked a sense of nostalgia while promoting eco-friendly practices and materials.

Event highlights included a sustainable marketplace, American Sewing Guild and Fashion Department scholarship award announcements, junior high and high school Rising Star awards, and pop-up photo opportunities with vintage cars.

"We are excited to highlight our sustainability program and celebrate fashion innovation with students and the community," says Fashion Program Director Lauren Becker.

OCC Fashion offers one of the most highly acclaimed fashion programs in the state, nurturing innovation and creativity within the fashion world. Through collaboration and hands-on experience, OCC Fashion inspires the next generation of fashion leaders to make a significant and positive impact on the world of fashion and sustainability.

CLEEO Project Center Celebrates Formal Inauguration

The CLEEO Project Center hosted a formal inauguration with an event titled "Arte, Cultura, Sabor, y Amor" on May 1.

The event centered around food and culture—two essential characteristics of the community CLEEO serves. The CLEEO Project started in 2016 to support access and success of Chicanos and Latinos in higher education by providing cross-cultural learning experiences and opportunities.

Last year, the CLEEO Project celebrated the center's soft opening with guest speaker Father Greg Boyle of Homeboy Industries.

This year, the CLEEO Project Center's formal inauguration showcased a unique presentation and art exhibition by Hedy Torres. Her artwork, a poignant portrayal of street vendors, immigrants, and the unseen, hardworking, and often forgotten people of Los Angeles, was a highlight of the event.

Additionally, Yuca's Restaurants of Los Angeles, a James Beard American Classic Category recipient, created a tamale-tasting culinary experience.

Pride Week at OCC Celebrated in April

Orange Coast College Pride Scholars held a week-long series of events tailored for students to engage in workshops and activities that center LGBTQIA+ needs and voices.

Pride Scholars is a community for LGBTQIA+ students and their allies to connect with one another. Over the years, Pride Scholars has grown to provide students with a safe space to find community, enjoy fun events, and participate in drop-in hours.

Pride Week at OCC kicked off with its annual Trans Visibility event, which included an open mic. The event showcased art from trans-identifying students and partnered with the Cove Closet to provide students with access to gender-affirming clothes. Additionally, community partners shared resources with students.

The festivities continued with a workshop facilitated by Jayda. Jayda used the “Yes-to-No Spectrum of Consent” framework to guide folks through sensual mindfulness exercises, helping people of all sexualities develop a sensual connection to their bodies and their environment.

Pride Week concluded with a GAYme Nite at The Harbour that included games and snacks.

OCC Celebrates Black Student Success Week

Orange Coast College participated in the State Chancellor’s Office annual Black Student Success Week. This year’s theme, “Building a Better Future Together: the Urgency is Now,” focused on innovative approaches to ensuring Black and African American students succeed in community college.

Black Student Success Week hosted daily #TheBlackHour webinars to share insights and approaches for improving student success among Black and African American students in community colleges. The Umoja Program at OCC held three #TheBlackHour watch parties in Umoja Village and the Student Union Multipurpose Room. Additionally, Umoja hosted a Porch Talk with Garcel Zardes, an engineering manager and Umoja alumnus, who shared his story and journey from adversity to achievement.

Discover OCC Welcomes Dozens of Prospective Students to Campus

The Future Pirate Team welcomed dozens of prospective students to Orange Coast College on April 30 for its annual event-Discover OCC.

The event was an opportunity for prospective students to explore OCC and learn more about the programs offered at the College. Discover OCC included presentations, a resource fair, and general campus tours.

Additionally, prospective students interested in STEM were invited to the MESA Center’s Open House. The STEM-focused event included application sessions, counseling opportunities, faculty meet-and-greets, department informational sessions, and visits to the MESA Center.

OCC Film Fest Showcases Films Produced by OCC Students

OCC Film Fest 2024 is an opportunity for OCC students to present their films to the campus community and their peers. The showcase will be held on Wednesday, May 15, from 6-9 p.m. in Fine Arts 119. The event will include a reception at 6 p.m. followed by film screenings starting at 7 p.m.

All films are produced by OCC students. Tickets will be issued at the door on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission is free.

