



## Orange Coast College Welcomed Thousands to Orange County Children's Book Festival

Orange Coast College welcomed the community to join in celebrating the 20th annual Orange County Children's Book Festival on Sunday, October 1.

Guests participated in fun, family-friendly activities such as storytelling, conversations with featured authors, book signings, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) activity area, face painting, train rides, bounce house, and photo opportunities with popular sci-fi characters.

Authors and events were presented on five stages—Entertainment Stage, Storyteller Stage, Illustration and Inspiration Stage, World Stories and Adventure Stage, and Animal and Nature Stage, sponsored by San Diego Wildlife Alliance.

The OCCBF's 2023 Special Guests included actor and comedian Jesus Trejo- author of *Papa's Magical Water Jug Clock*; actress Leslie Stratton, author of *Let's Share, Panda Bear*; and former LA Clipper Craig Smith, author of *Craig and His Magical Basketball*.

## OCC Planetarium to Host Viewing Event for "Ring of Fire" Solar Eclipse Oct. 14

The Orange Coast College Planetarium invites members of the public to experience an annular solar eclipse via the College's solar telescopes on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The annular or "ring of fire" solar eclipse will cross North, Central, and South America and be visible to millions in the Western Hemisphere. This is the last annular solar eclipse that will be visible from the United States until June 21, 2039.

During the viewing event, solar telescopes will be available for guests to observe the eclipse



## Calendar

- Now-Nov. 30 – "Seriously! Art & Humor in Challenging Times," Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion
- Now-Nov. 30 – "Julia Bui: The Couch Surfing Paintings," Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion
- Oct. 1-31 – LGBTQIA+ History Month
- Oct. 7 – OCC Symphony Concert, 7:30-10:30 p.m., OCC Robert B Moore Theatre, Lot C parking
- Oct. 10 – Transfer Day: College Fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., College Center Quad
- Oct. 11 – Latinidad Heritage Social, 9-10:15 a.m., Multicultural Center, GEC Room 110
- Oct. 11 – "Stand and Deliver" Film Screening, 5:30-7:15 p.m., CLEEO Project Center, GEC Room 109
- Oct. 12 – Football: Golden West at OCC, 5 p.m., LeBarb Stadium
- Oct. 13-15 – OCC Repertory Theatre production of "Comedy Tonight!", 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab/Studio
- Oct. 14 – Annular Solar Eclipse Event, 8 a.m.-noon, Planetarium, Parking Lot D-the peak of this event is from 9:15-9:25 a.m.
- Oct. 16-20 – Undocumented Student Action Week
- Oct. 16 – Undocumented Student Action Week Kick Off, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., College Center Quad
- Oct. 16 – CLEEO Summit 15.0: Dr. Gloria Itzel Montiel presents "Dreams & Belonging: Pathways for Undocumented Students in a Post-DACA Era", CLEEO Project Center
- Oct. 19 – Great ShakeOut, 10:19 a.m., the District and all campuses will participate in a coordinated effort to evacuate all district and campus buildings to designated evacuation zones
- Oct. 19 – Chemistry Building Topping, 11:30 a.m.-noon, Site at Lot H
- Oct. 26 & 27 – Annual OCC Faculty Dance Concert, 7:30-10 p.m., OCC Robert B. Moore Theatre, Lot C parking



## Did you Know?

By Kevin Ballinger

**P**irates vs. Rustlers Football...

Did you know that OCC won the first "Battle of the Bell" with a score of 30-20 on September 20, 1969? This was not the first time OCC played GWC in the

famous rivalry, but the first time the rivalry had a Bell tradition. The Pirates have been competing with their intra-district sports teams, including football, since the first semester of GWC in 1966. One of our founding Trustees, Harry R. LeBard, was a big supporter of athletics and never missed an OCC football game. He had made public remarks that he couldn't wait until the new GWC campus would be finished so that he could see what he predicted would be the biggest District rivalry. Unfortunately, he passed away in November 1965, only ten months after that first match. When the Bell tradition started, the football stadium was named after Harry LeBard (October 1967).

The history of the Bell (trophy) is rather fascinating. As you can see from the article below, the bell was from the first motorized fire engine in the Huntington Beach Fire Department. The score is entered each year, and the college who wins proudly displays the bell, often in the President's office.

Support OCC, and let's root for the Pirates to get the Bell back!!! Thursday, Oct. 12 at 6 p.m. in LeBard Stadium at OCC. Go Pirates!

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up close safely, and eclipse glasses will be available for purchase. During an annular eclipse, looking directly at the sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing is never safe.

Faculty and OCC's Astronomy Department students will be available to provide insights and answer any questions about this extraordinary celestial event.

OCC's event will take place in the OCC Planetarium, with solar telescopes in Lot E and the new telescope farm near the Planetarium. Guests are welcome to arrive at 8 a.m. to witness the peak of the annular solar eclipse from 9:15 to 9:25 a.m. Though guests will not be able to see totality from OCC, they will have the opportunity to observe a significant portion of the eclipse. The moon will cover approximately 77% of the sun's diameter, creating a remarkable sight in the sky. The event will conclude at noon.



## OCC Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month

**O**range Coast College honors the history, heritage, and accomplishments of Hispanic and Latino Americans of past and present during National Hispanic Heritage Month.

From Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, OCC will host the "Latinidad Heritage Celebration," which celebrates the cultures and contributions of the Hispanic people.

The CLEEO Project "promotes Latin@s access and success in Higher Education in an equitable and culturally supportive context. Our focus is cultural competency and developing an educational pathway toward attainment of associate's, bachelor's, and professional / post-graduate education."

For more information go to [orangeoastcollege.edu/cleeo](http://orangeoastcollege.edu/cleeo).

## OCC Creates Career Mobility, Adds Millions to Local Economy

**A** new study shows that Orange Coast College's economic impact totaled \$956.2 million in the 2020-21 fiscal year, enough to support 9,894 jobs.

According to Lightcast, the labor market data firm that conducted the study, Orange Coast College graduates will see an increase in earnings of \$10,600 each year compared to a person with a high school diploma or equivalent working in California. Annually, the student's investment in OCC has an average annual internal rate of return of 28.2 percent, which is impressive compared to the U.S. stock market's 30-year average rate of return of 10.5 percent.

"The transformational power of an education at Orange Coast College is evident in this study," said President



Angelica Suarez. "OCC proves to be an institution for educational excellence that is changing the trajectory of families and communities in Orange County and beyond."

The analysis results demonstrate that OCC is a strong investment for students, taxpayers, and society. OCC is a value-add to the region and local economy and a driver for career mobility for graduates of the College.



## OCC Celebrates LGBTQIA+ History Month

Orange Coast College joins the celebration of the history and achievements of the LGBTQIA+ community for National LGBTQIA+ History Month. Various events are scheduled throughout the month for students to find community and connect in safe and inclusive spaces.

LGBTQIA+ History Month at OCC kicked off with an LGBTQIA+ Resource Fair on Tuesday, Oct. 3 on the OCC Main Quad hosted by Pride Scholars.

## OCC Horticulture to Honor Day of the Dead with Marigold Sale Oct. 27

The Orange Coast College Horticulture Department will host a marigold sale on Friday, Oct. 27 celebrating the Day of the Dead, or Día de los Muertos. The holiday honors and remembers deceased loved ones, and is celebrated annually in Mexico and throughout Latin America, typically on November 1 and 2.

The marigold flower, or cempasúchil, is native to Mexico, and is traditionally used to adorn ofrendas (altars) built by family members of the deceased. The musky fragrance of the bright orange and yellow flowers is said to lead souls from their burial places to their family homes.

The marigold sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at OCC Horticulture.



## Save the Date! Chemistry Building Topping-Off Ceremony, Oct. 19

Orange Coast College will host a topping-off ceremony for the College's new Chemistry Building on Thursday, Oct. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

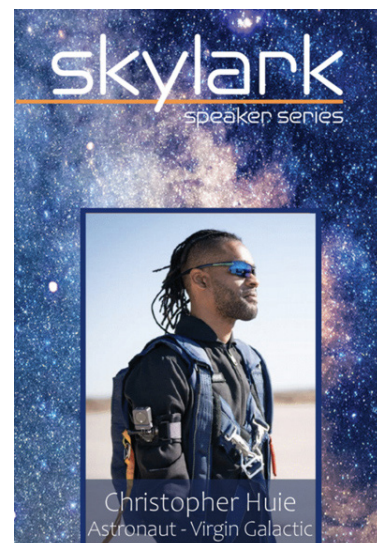
In construction, a topping-off ceremony is a tradition to celebrate the completion of the major structural components of a building. The tradition includes adorning the final beam with a small evergreen tree on one end and an American flag on the other.

When complete, the Chemistry Building will serve multiple programs and feature updated instructional technology and infrastructure systems. The two-story building will include laboratories configured to accommodate larger class sizes and increase lab capacities with individual student workstations. The 43,786-square-foot project will feature lecture halls, faculty offices, a resource library, and additional meeting spaces.

## OCC Planetarium Skylark Series Returns with Virgin Galactic Astronaut

Orange Coast College's Planetarium is re-introducing the Skylark lecture series featuring guests discussing popular astronomy and space science topics.

The Skylark series debuted on Friday, Sept. 29 with a lecture by Christopher Huie, Aerospace Engineer and Senior Manager on Virgin Galactic's Flight Sciences Engineering Team. Huie discussed



his experience with the VSS Unity and VMS Eve- having worked on nearly every component of the spaceship's and mothership's designs. He also recounted his recent flight into space to his lecture and answer questions about his experience as an aerospace engineer and Virgin Galactic Astronaut.

## OCC's Career Mentorship Program

Orange Coast College is partnering with Mentor Collective to offer students a career mentor to help them set and achieve goals, make connections, and prepare for their future careers. Mentors will be identified and recruited from alumni pools, local industry partnerships, and advisory boards.

"We've set a goal of 100 matches for the Fall 2023 semester," says Director of Workplace Development and Career Services Ginger Neel.

OCC's mentoring program is a free service offered to students, who will be matched with their mentors based on career interests, goals, needs and preferences. Once a student is matched with a mentor, they will be expected to check in monthly, at minimum, either virtually or in person.

"A key measurement of student success is how students navigate the path from higher education to employment. We want to help our students overcome any barriers between them and their chosen careers. What better way to do that than to match them up with a mentor who can show them the ropes?"

Mentor Collective has delivered over 700 unique mentorship programs, established over 160 institutional partnerships, and formed 160,000 mentoring relationships through expert-led research, services, and technology, as an impact-first investment of the Lumina Foundation, Mentor Collective partners with forward-thinking institutions that are committed to equity, inclusion, and relationship-centered education.



## OCC Transfer Fair Helps Students Navigate Process on Oct. 10

The Orange Coast College Transfer Center is sponsoring Transfer Day 2023. The event will take place Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in the OCC Main Quad.

Students and parents can visit various public, private, and out-of-state four-year institutions in one place. Admissions representatives will be available to discuss transfer planning articulation and obtain information on the application process, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities.

Between 1 and 2:30 p.m., select campuses will host individual student appointments, and admissions presentations from the University of California and Cal State University Systems will be available.

The event is free and open to all Orange Coast College students. For more information, call (714) 432-5894 or visit [www.orangecoastcollege.edu/transfer](http://www.orangecoastcollege.edu/transfer)

## Save the Date! Science Night Nov. 3 | 5-8 p.m.



All ages are welcome! Join us for an open house with OCC faculty showing off their exciting programs. Free admission and hot dog barbeque.