



## OCC Community Science Night Returns Nov. 3

Orange Coast College will welcome thousands of elementary school students to campus for the 24th annual Community Science Night on Friday, November 3, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Science Night is a signature event for OCC, with faculty showing off their programs with interactive, hands-on experiments and experiences. Participating departments include chemistry, marine science, astronomy, geology, engineering, health science, biology, archaeology, and more.

Attendees can explore the OCC campus, including the Dennis Kelly Aquarium, Planetarium, and Horticulture Gardens. Telescopes will be available to gaze at the night sky.

The event is free to the general public. All attendees receive a free hot dog. Visit the Community Science Night website for more information.



## OCC President Angelica Suarez Honored with NASPA Regional President's Award

The National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Region VI recognized Orange Coast College president, Dr. Angelica Suarez, as the honoree for its President's Award – the first community college president to be honored with this prestigious award.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected for the NASPA President's Award," said OCC President Angelica Suarez. "This recognition represents a life-long journey to positively impact students' lives through education, thus changing the trajectory of families for future generations. As we know, the heart of an institution is its students, and this award reaffirms our collective purpose to create an environment where every student can thrive."

Since Dr. Suarez began her presidency at OCC in 2019, she has emphasized a "Culture of Care," which set the foundation for a revision of the Educational Master Plan in 2021, and the development of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Plan in 2022.

"As a college leader who inspires change and sets an example of care, Dr. Suarez serves as an excellent model of centering the needs of students and the work of student services professionals in



## Calendar

- Nov. 2 – Día de Muertos, noon until 4 p.m., OCC Multicultural Center
- Nov. 2 – Día de Muertos Presentation & Art Installation, 1 to 2 p.m., CLEEO Project Center
- Nov. 3 – Science Night, 5-8 p.m., Planetarium (and surrounding buildings)
- Nov. 3-5 – OCC Theatre production of "ILLIUM," 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Mature Audiences, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 3 – Men's Soccer, Saddleback at OCC, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 5 – OCC Wind Ensemble's War and Peace Concert, 3 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 8 – Veterans Day Appreciation, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad
- Nov. 8 – Women's Volleyball, Irvine Valley at OCC, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 9 – Women's Soccer, Santa Ana at OCC, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 10 – Veterans Day, Campus closed
- Nov. 10-11 – OCC Theatre production of "ILLIUM," 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Mature Audiences, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 11 – OCC Chorale's "The Journey of Life" Concert, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 12 – OCC Theatre production of "ILLIUM," 2:30 p.m., Drama Lab Theatre, Mature Audiences, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 16 – Women's Basketball, Mt. San Antonio at OCC, 6 p.m.
- Nov. 18 – OCC Symphony Fall Showcase - London Calling, 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater, Parking Lot C
- Nov. 18 – Women's Basketball, LA Valley at OCC, 3 p.m.
- Nov. 23-26 – Thanksgiving holiday, Campus closed
- Nov. 28 – Giving Tuesday

the college experience and college strategic planning,” said Dr. Whitney Yamamura, Chancellor of the Coast Community College District.

The NASPA Region VI President’s Award is a special recognition given to a college or university president who has, over a sustained period of time, advanced the quality of student life on campus by supporting student affairs staff and programs.

Award recipients must show evidence of direct involvement in enhancing the quality of student life on campus, active attempts to involve students and student life staff in governing the institution, and demonstrable contributions to the profession that have an impact beyond an individual campus.

The award will be presented at NASPA’s Western Regional Conference in Las Vegas in November.

OCC’s 11th president is the second woman and the first Latina to hold the position. Her narrative as an immigrant and first-generation college student connects her very directly to the shared experiences of California community college students. Her educational background includes a doctoral degree in educational leadership and policy studies from Loyola University Chicago, a master’s degree in counseling psychology from California State University at Long Beach, a bachelor’s degree in psychology from CSULB, and an associate’s degree from East Los Angeles College.

NASPA, Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education is the leading association for the advancement, health, and sustainability of student experience on campus through their support of student affairs staff and programs.

## California Surgeon General to Visit OCC’s Child Development Programs Nov. 2

OCC’s Child Development programs, Early Childhood Lab School and Children’s Center, have been selected as a tour site for California Surgeon General Diana Ramos and her staff.

First 5 Orange County is facilitating the tour on Thursday, Nov. 2. The site visit will begin with a presentation followed by a walk-through of the Lab School and Children’s Center. The site visit intends to showcase the learning environments and observe programming that can be duplicated across other lab schools and child development programs.

The Office of the California Surgeon General focuses on advancing the health and well-being of young children, along with educating early care and education teachers and specialists with the resources needed to respond to young children experiencing stress and trauma.

OCC’s Child Development programs provide children with a solid foundation for social and emotional development, a strongly valued component of the center’s mission and learning environments. The programs provide safe spaces that children, families, and students have access to on campus.



## Did you Know?

By Kevin Ballinger

Allied Health...Did you know that OCC offered medical and dental transfer majors in our first college catalog? You may not know that our first certificate/degree was in Nursing, which

started in 1951. Nursing was a very active program at OCC until it transferred to Golden West College in 1966. OCC’s oldest continually operating Allied Health Program started in 1955 as “X-Ray” Technology (changed to Radiologic Technology in 1970).

All Allied Health programs, including Nursing, were initially housed under the Fine and Applied Arts Division, except for Medical Assisting, which originated in the Health, Physical and Business Education Division. OCC’s Nursing became so large that it split into its own division in 1961. After GWC opened and Nursing (along with Auto and Police Science) moved from OCC, a restructuring of divisions at OCC occurred. In 1968, all Allied Health programs and the former home economics programs moved to a new division called Consumer and Health Sciences.

OCC also offered health occupation programs that moved to four-year schools due to licensing requirements, such as Medical Lab or Clinical Lab Technology (1957-1963) and Radiation Therapy (1979-1989).

The current allied health programs and their origin dates are:

- X-Ray (Radiologic Technology) - 1955
- Dental Assisting - 1961
- Medical Assisting - 1965
- Hospital Food Service - 1967
- Medical Transcription (now part of Medical Assisting) 1969
- Respiratory Care & Dietetic Technology - 1970
- Electrocardiography (now Cardiovascular Technology) - 1971
- Electroencephalography (now Neurodiagnostic Technology) - 1971
- Emergency Medical Technology - 1974
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound) - 1978
- Polysomnography - 1991
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant - 1998

Upon graduation from these programs, the College has a Pinning Ceremony for graduates. The earliest evidence of a pinning ceremony was in 1953 for Nursing and in 1963 for Dental Assisting.

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## Orange Coast College Celebrates Día de los Muertos

Orange Coast College kicked off a celebration for Día de los Muertos with OCC Horticulture’s Marigold Sale, which included face painting for attendees. The sale sold out of marigold plants in under two hours. The Día de los Muertos celebration will continue with an observance of Día de Muertos on Nov. 2, from noon to 4 p.m. at the OCC Multicultural Center hosted by OCC’s International Multicultural Committee and CLEEO. There will be a viewing of a Día de Muertos ofrenda. At the CLEEO Project Center, a Día de los Muertos art installation and presentation by artist Monique D. Lopez will be held from 1-2 p.m.

## OCC Celebrates Construction Milestone for New Chemistry Building

Orange Coast College hosted a topping-off ceremony for the College’s new Chemistry Building on Thursday, Oct. 19. The ceremony included a signing of the final beam by campus and community members, and a signified a major construction milestone.



When completed in Fall 2024, the Chemistry Building will include one large lecture room, two medium lecture rooms, two organic chemistry labs, and seven chemistry labs, among other features. The 43,786-square-foot project will serve multiple programs and feature updated instructional technology and infrastructure systems, and include laboratories configured to accommodate larger class sizes and increase lab capacities with individual student workstations. The two-story building will open its doors for students in Spring 2025.



## Two New Exhibitions Unveiled at the Doyle Arts Pavilion

The Doyle Arts Pavilion unveiled two concurrent exhibitions, “Seriously? Art & Humor in Challenging Times” and “Julia Bui: The Couch Surfing Paintings.” Both exhibitions will be displayed at The Doyle until Nov. 30. Admission is free for all exhibitions. The Doyle will be open on Saturday Nov. 4, from noon until 4 p.m.

“Julia Bui: The Couch Surfing Paintings” explores international cultural exchange and hospitality in her oil painting portraits. Bui’s models were “couch surfers,” members of an online network connecting travelers for free lodging and cultural exchange. Bui offered them accommodation in exchange for modeling. Julia Bui, a professional counselor, self-taught artist, and Vietnamese-American based in Orange County, California, merges art and psychology in her work.

“Seriously? Art & Humor for Challenging Times” is an intriguing multi-media exhibition featuring nine artists from Los Angeles and Orange Counties. By leveraging satire, parody, and irony, they shed light on grave social, cultural, and environmental challenges we confront today. With their materials and subject matter, they tactfully probe sensitive aspects of our history, culture, psyche, and daily life. Their work culminates in a visual language that seamlessly blends humor with pathos, offering a wry smile in response to our disconcerting times.

Learn more about the exhibitions at the Doyle Arts Pavilion website.



## OCC Foundation Hosting Scholarship Opportunity Drawing

The OCC Foundation is hosting a 75th Anniversary Scholarship Opportunity Drawing for a chance to win a Yamaha WaveRunner and trailer. Raffle tickets are available for purchase, and all proceeds will go toward student scholarships. The winner will be announced on Giving Tuesday. Make your donation at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/75thwaverunnerdrawing>



## OCC Participating in Giving Tuesday this Holiday Season

The Orange Coast College Foundation is participating in this year's Giving Tuesday on Nov. 28. This will mark the eighth year that the College participates in Giving Tuesday.

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.



## CARE Launches Holiday Fundraising Campaign for Students in Need

OCC's Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), CalWORKs, UMOJA, and Guardian Scholars programs are launching a Care for Kids fundraising campaign to raise money for student parents who need assistance for the holidays. Deadline for donations is Friday, Dec. 8. All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be made online at [weblink.donorperfect.com/careforkids](http://weblink.donorperfect.com/careforkids)



## Veterans Appreciation Ceremony Scheduled for Nov. 8

Orange Coast College will hold its annual Veterans Day Appreciation event on Wednesday, Nov. 8, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Main Quad.

This event, hosted by OCC's Veterans Resource Center, celebrates Veterans Day in honor of veterans and active military for their service. The OCC community is invited to join in the celebration of appreciation with guest speakers, community partners with resources, and planned activities.

The VRC, located on the second floor of the Student Union, provides a safe space on campus for student veterans and veteran dependents to come together as a community to study and connect. The staff, both student and professional, are available to assist these students with referrals to various on- and off-campus resources, services, and programs. For more information, including resources available and hours of operation, visit the VRC website.