



Calendar

Now-Nov. 20

"Split Ends," Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion

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"Within the Chaparral," Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion

OCT. 2

The Hub Open House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Watson Hall, Room 110

OCT. 4

The Doyle Opening Reception: "Split Ends" & "Within the Chaparral," 1-3 p.m., Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion

OCT. 7

CLEEO Project Summit 19.0 "The Photography of Luis C. Garza: Visual Literacy & the Chicano Lens," 3-4:25 p.m., CLEEO Project Center, GEC 109

OCT. 8

Take a Break with Chancellor Yamamura, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., In front of Clark Center, Room 101

OCT. 9

OCC Mid-Autumn Festival, 2-3 p.m., College Center A

OCT. 13

Hispanic Heritage Day, Noon-2 p.m., Main Quad

OCT. 14

CLEEO Project Summit 19.0 Film Screening: "Walls of Passion," 9:35-11 a.m., CLEEO Project Center, GEC 109

OCT. 16

Great ShakeOut, 10:16 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. 17-19

OCC Repertory Theatre production of "From the Beginning," 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Studio

OCT. 24

Community Science Night, 5 p.m., Planetarium & surrounding buildings

OCT. 28 & 29

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Library



OCC Awarded \$50,000 NASA MUREP Prize to Host NASA Robotics Competition

Orange Coast College has been awarded a \$50,000 prize from NASA's Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) to host NCAS Robotics: Engineering the Future. OCC is one of nine community colleges nationwide to receive the MUREP Partnership Learning Annual Notification (NASA MPLAN) award.

The prize money will be used to host a week-long, on-campus NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) Robotics Competition in partnership with Southwestern College (SWC) in Chula Vista. OCC has hosted this competition for several years with SWC. NCAS not only supports academic growth, but the program also prepares students for careers in aerospace. OCC students have a track record of being selected for NASA internships after completing the program and may even land

themselves a NASA job after graduation.

"We're thrilled to continue our long-standing collaboration with Southwestern College on the NCAS Robotics Competition," says OCC Planetarium Director Jessica Artinger. "Having successfully hosted the program for several years, this new funding through NASA's MUREP allows us to make NCAS more robust than ever. We're especially excited to connect our MESA programs for the first

time, strengthening the pipeline of future innovators and creating even greater opportunities for students to explore STEM in hands-on ways."

MUREP is committed to engaging underrepresented and underserved students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with authentic learning experiences to sustain a diverse workforce.

The organizers for the NCAS Robotics: Engineering the Future are OCC Planetarium Director Jessica Artinger, OCC MESA Director Theresa De Los Santos, SWC MESA Director Dr. Mourad Mjahed, and SWC Math Faculty Dr. Minerva Garcia.

NCAS Robotics: Engineering the Future will take place in June 2026.

OCC's 26th Annual Community Science Night Returns Oct. 24



Orange Coast College will welcome thousands of elementary and middle school students to campus for the 26th annual Community Science Night on Friday, October 24, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Science Night is a signature event for OCC, with faculty showcasing their programs with interactive, hands-on experiments and experiences. Participating departments include chemistry, marine science, astronomy, geology, engineering, health science, biology, and many more. Activities will take place across nine campus buildings and various outdoor spaces.

Throughout the evening, attendees can explore the OCC campus, including the Dennis Kelly Aquarium, Planetarium, and Horticulture Gardens. Popular and unique activities include the touch tank at the Aquarium, tours of the Aquaponics Lab, planetarium shows, an excavation and

artifact exhibit, robotics demonstration, fun engineering activities, and the ever-popular volcano demonstration. Additionally, OCC's Telescope Farm will have several telescopes available for visitors to gaze at the night sky.

The event is free to the general public, and attendees will receive a complimentary hot dog and chips while supplies last. For more information, visit the Community Science Night website.

OCC Waterfront Campus Boat Auction & Marine Gear Sale Slated for Oct. 18

The Orange Coast College Waterfront Campus will host its famous Boat Auction & Marine Gear Sale on Saturday, October 18, at the OCC Boatyard, located at 1370 Adams Avenue in Costa Mesa.

The Marine Gear Sale opens at 8 a.m., featuring hardware, rigging, electronics, sails, plumbing, and electrical gear. At 9 a.m., the Boat Auction begins, offering a variety of vessels at low minimum bids. All sales are final. To participate in the auction, attendees must register on site. Registration and paddle pick-up open at 7:30 a.m.

A preview day will be held on Friday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., giving interested buyers the chance to view available boats ahead of the auction.

This sale comes as the Waterfront Campus prepares to transition into a smaller storage yard, making it a unique opportunity to find quality boats and marine gear at excellent prices. Proceeds from the event help support OCC's sailing and seamanship programs.



For more information, email waterfrontcampus@occ.cccd.edu or call 949-645-9412.

Orange Coast College Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



Orange Coast College, a designated Hispanic-Serving Institution, will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by bringing together the campus community to celebrate and learn about Hispanic and Latinx culture and provide a space to amplify Latinx voices through a series of planned events.

National Hispanic Heritage Month runs from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 and celebrates the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx people. The celebration at OCC commenced with a Counseling for Latinos for Equity and Engagement (CLEEO) Project 19.0 event on Sept. 23. The event, titled "Latinidades and Philosophy: The Next 25 Years," will be led by Dr. Manuel Vargas, Professor of Philosophy at UC San Diego. He discussed Latina/o/x/e philosophy and the upcoming challenges and opportunities over the next quarter-century.

There are three additional CLEEO Project 19.0 events including, "Preventing AI from Hijacking Education," presented by Dr. Stephen J. Aguilar, Associate Professor of Education at USC Rossier School of Education; "The Photography of Luis C. Garza: Visual Literacy & the Chicano Lens," presented by Luis C. Garza; and a film screening of "Walls of Passion."

Additionally, the Student Equity Office hosted Lunchteria, on Sept. 30, which included delicious Hispanic-inspired food and a few exciting rounds of lotería.

Hispanic Heritage Month celebration activities will continue with Hispanic Heritage Day on Monday, Oct. 13, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Main Quad. This event, organized by Puente, UndocuScholars, and The Harbour, will celebrate Hispanic heritage through music, tasty treats and cultural activities.

Orange Coast College Recognized in OC Register's Best of Orange County 2025

Orange Coast College was voted one of the top three community colleges in Orange County Register's Best of Orange County 2025 balloting. Placing second in the category, Orange Coast College shares this achievement with Saddleback College and Fullerton College.



OCC offers more than 135 academic and career programs, including one of the country's largest public nautical programs, located at the College's Waterfront Campus in Newport Beach.

In May 2025, the college announced a new partnership with MM-SEAS, a provider of U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) licensing software. As part of the partnership, all students enrolled in for-credit maritime programs at OCC, including degree and certificate programs, will receive a three-year membership to MM-SEAS PRO, a benefit valued at \$297.

OCC to Celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival Oct. 9



OCC's AANHPI Student Achievement Program will host a Mid-Autumn Festival on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of Clark Center, Room 101.

The Mid-Autumn Festival is a cherished tradition across many Asian cultures. OCC's event will include cultural performances, delicious food and tea tastings, and an exhibition of mooncakes. There will also be a resource fair and cultural activities. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the festival's folklore and how mooncakes are made. Free event open to everyone on campus.

Book Lovers Invited to OCC Friends of Library Fall Book Sale Oct. 28 & 29



The Orange Coast College Friends of the Library will host their annual Fall Book Sale on Tuesday, October 28, and Wednesday, October 29, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The book sale will include a variety of used books ranging from bestsellers to romance, mysteries, science, art, history, and computers. Most books are priced starting at \$1.

The event will conclude with a "\$2-a-bag" deal during the last two hours of the sale on Wednesday, October 29, from 1 until 3 p.m.

Friends of the Library (FOTL) members and OCC students can enjoy a pre-sale exclusive from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 28. Those interested in becoming a FOTL member can complete a FOTL Membership Application before the book sale to take advantage of the one-hour pre-sale exclusive.

The book sale will be held in the Library Lecture Room (Room 112), near the front entrance.

The event is free to the general public. Attendees can park in Lot E and purchase a parking permit online through Passport Parking. Visit OCC's Friends of the Library website for more information.

J-Pop Artist Genki Iwahashi Performs at OCC



The Global Engagement Center hosted Japanese pop artist Genki Iwahashi for a live performance on Sept. 16 in the Main Quad. The performance was followed by a talk about Iwahashi's experience in the Japanese music industry.