



Staff Recieve Commendation for Emergency Rescue

Campus Safety officers Tim Winer, Tony Bryant, Joe Garcia, and Maintenance and Operations specialist Pilo Jimenez were honored this week for their efforts in responding and saving an individual's life on campus. A person in distress was identified by Jimenez, who contacted Campus Safety. Officers Winer and Garcia arrived on the scene and administered aid to the unresponsive person with a dose of NARCAN emergency treatment. Officer Bryant directed paramedics to the location and assisted with support.

They displayed outstanding teamwork and communication, which resulted in the prevention of a drug overdose death. Their selfless dedication and tireless efforts to serve the OCC Campus Community have touched one of our campus visitors today.



Vice President of Administrative Service Dr. Rich Pagel; Campus Safety Director Jim Rudy; President Dr. Angelica Suarez; Campus Safety officers Tim Winer, Tony Bryant, and Joe Garcia; Maintenance and Operations Specialist Pilo Jimenez and Maintenance and Operations Director Rick Garcia.

OCC Celebrates Black History Month

Umoja is presenting a series of events Through Our Lens... Culture, Business, Legacy is co-sponsored by EOPS, Student Equity, and the Multicultural Center.

Celebrating African Culture Through Dance was presented by African Soul International on Feb. 6 in the Quad. The group entertained the OCC community with live music and dance and encouraged the crowd to participate in the performance.

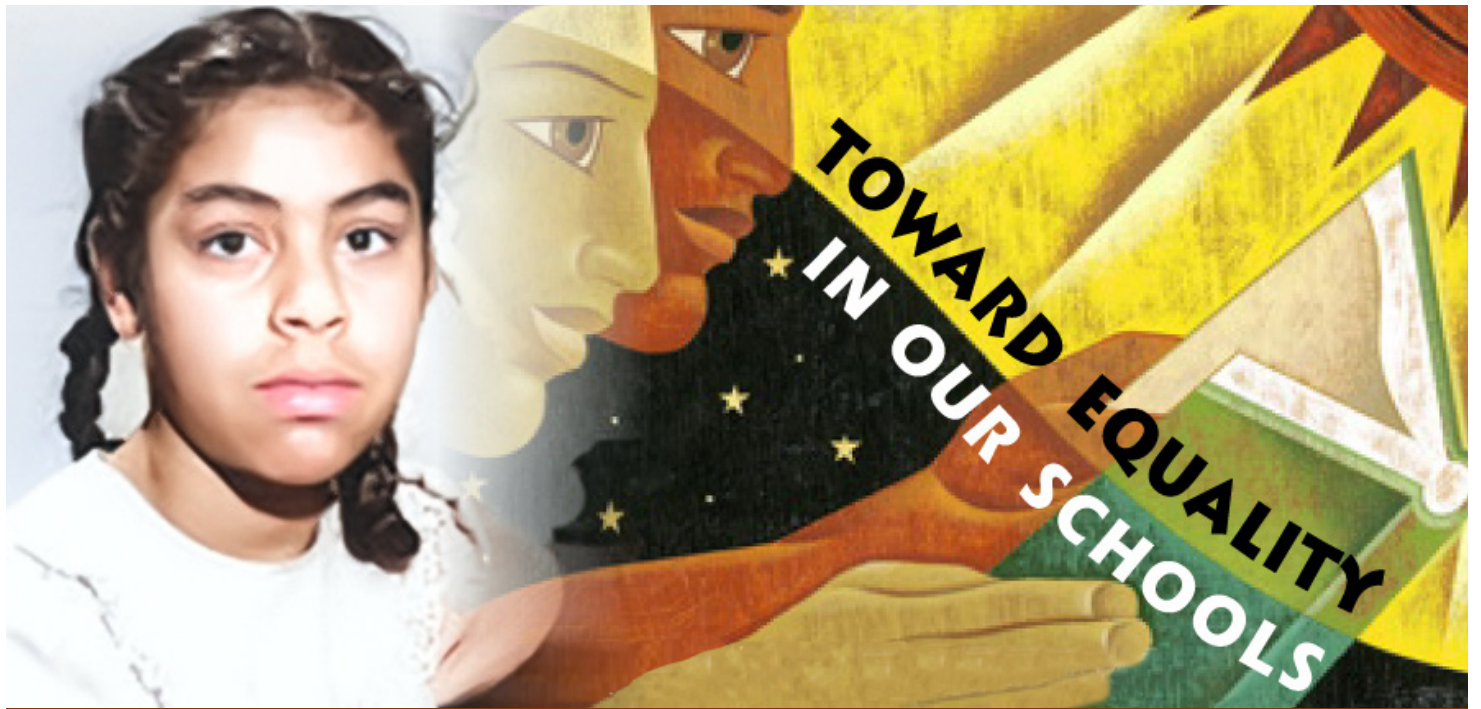
A complete list of OCC Black History Month activities can be found at <https://orangecoastcollege.edu/services-support/gec/multicultural-center/index.html>



Members of African Soul International led the OCC community in song and dance on Feb. 6 in honor of Black History Month.

Calendar

- March 4 - OCC Symphony Concert, 5:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater
- March 17 - OCC Coast Classic Track Meet, 10 a.m., Jim McIlwain Track
- March 19 - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time Play, 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab/Studio 101
- March 22 - 75th Anniversary Women's Softball Match OCC vs. Golden West College 2 p.m., OCC Softball Field
- March 31 - 75th Anniversary Men's Volleyball Match OCC vs. Irvine Valley College 6 p.m., Peterson Gym



MENDEZ, et al v. WESTMINSTER 1947

Mendez v. Westminster 1947 Event

Orange Coast College is proud to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the landmark decision, Mendez v. Westminster, that sparked the desegregation of schools in Orange County with a lecture on Feb 22 at 9:30 a.m. in the OCC Science Hall. Reception to immediately follow in the Multicultural Center, GEC 110.

OCC Friends of the Library Spearhead new Book Bins

The OCC Foundation and the OCC Friends of the Library collaborated to update book donation and library return bins in lot E. The new bin effort was led by Eileen Lewis, President of the Friends of the Library, and designed by the Marketing and Public Relations Office.



OCC Night with the Angels Tickets are on Sale Now!

The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim will be hosting "Orange Coast College Night" on Friday, May 19, against the Minnesota Twins, beginning at 6:38 p.m. Tickets include an Angels and Orange Coast College co-branded hat! The event is also part of OCC's 75th Anniversary celebration. <https://www.mlb.com/angels/tickets/specials/orange-coast-college>



Did you Know?

By Kevin Ballinger

Did you know Orange Coast College is prominent in the City Seal of Costa Mesa? OCC began five years before the City of Costa Mesa was incorporated in 1953. The city leaders wanted a seal, and one of the council members

approached an area sign maker to design something. The Council wished to represent the importance of education, farming, and the ocean activities industry to the area. With the generous help of Mary Ellen Goodard from the Costa Mesa Historical Society, she located the language of the City Council decision from July 1953 that said the design was by L.W. Pierce from "more than a score of suggestions." In the speech of the decision, it said, "top center of the seal features the library building at Orange Coast College..." Mary Ellen also found a transcription of an old interview from an original City Council member who said that he asked a local sign painter to design something that had Orange Coast in the center and that would reflect the importance the city had of being an educational center. The sign painter, Forrest Paull, said he was not good with design but recommended talking to L.W. Pierce, a local artist. Mr. Pierce and his family have lived in Costa Mesa since 1944.



The library building at the center is the first building OCC built in 1951 with our first bond. Featured prominently is the clock tower, which is still operational today. Two graduates are facing OCC, ready to face the future. Vanguard University moved from Pasadena to Costa Mesa in 1950 - originally Southern California Bible College.

Note: The banner in the center, "City of the Arts," was added in 1999 to reflect the City logo, which was added in 1884.

Student Health Center Expands Scheduling Resources

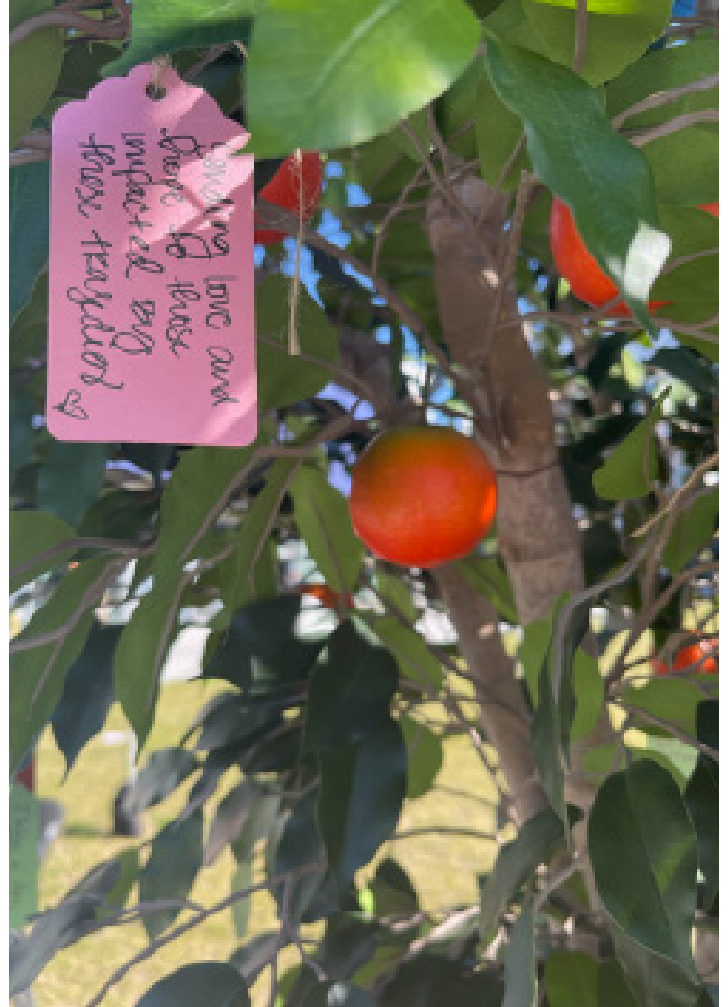
The Orange Coast College Student Health Center mental health number has been separated from the physical health number. During the pandemic, the department's numbers were combined but now with new staff secured the second line was created to separate the department resources.

This line is a service where students in need of mental health services can ask questions, schedule appointments, change appointments, and even get after-hours support.

"People can get help with resources on and off campus and to see what we offer," OCC Student Health Center Director of Mental Health Services Larry Valentine said. "It is access to get help quickly."

Mental Health Resource Number: 714-714-7715

Mental Health Services at the OCC Student Health Center



Expression Session Brings Hope and Promise

Orange Coast College held an Expression & Reflection for Hope and Justice event on Feb. 7 and 8 in the Quad.

This was a time for the OCC community to share their thoughts, feelings, and hopes about recent incidents of violence including the mass shootings in Monterey Park, the death of Tyre Nichols, and the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Campus staff and mental health counselors were on site to support students to connect and share their thoughts utilizing unique opportunities including a reflection tree, virtual and in-person expression boards, messaging thoughts on padlet, and sharing awareness of mental health resources that OCC offers.

"There is a lot going on in the world," Global Engagement Program Facilitator Gladys Calderon said. "The campus wants to show that we care and are invested beyond academics."

Thoughts, hopes, and fears were left on the Reflection Tree by the OCC community in the Quad on Feb. 8.



Pirates go into lion's den, escape with OT win at Cypress

It was another "Game of the Year" between Orange Coast College and Cypress College on Wednesday night, as the Pirates overcame a rowdy crowd and a talented Chargers' squad to pull off a 77-73 overtime win to widen their lead in the Orange Empire Conference standings.

Separated by just one game in the OEC standings, the state's third-ranked Pirates (24-1, 8-1 in the OEC) pulled off the comeback win against their respected rival Chargers (18-7, 6-3) to extend their first-place gap to two games with just three games left to play. Coast will play at Golden West on Friday before wrapping up the regular season at home against Santa Ana on Tuesday and Riverside on Thursday. All games will begin at 5 p.m.

Meghan McIntyre continued to show why she's one of the best all-around players in the state with a near-triple-double performance against the 15th-ranked team in the state, scoring 22 points (8-of-17 from the floor, 3-of-5 from 3-point range) with 12 rebounds, five assists and three steals. Annie Trinh equalled McIntyre's scoring with 22 points, including forcing overtime with two made free throws in the final second of regulation. Savannah Seiler had one of her best

games of the year with 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

For the Chargers Ashley Hawkins led the way with 23 points (10-of-27 from the floor), seven rebounds and four assists, while Jasmine Uy and Thao Truong each added 14 points.

Cypress took advantage of the "black out" atmosphere early on and carried a 15-9 lead after the first quarter of play, holding the Pirates to just 4-of-15 from the floor through the first 10 minutes. The Cypress lead doubled to 12 at 28-16 with 5:21 left in the first half before Coast settled down and starting making some shots, using an 11-0 run to get back to within a point at 28-27. That one-point lead remained for the Chargers as both teams ran off the floor to end the first half, 32-31.

Coast saw the deficit widen to five after three quarters before rallying in the fourth. Down 49-44, OCC used a 10-4 run to grab a 54-53 lead with 6:32 remaining, thanks to made 3-pointers by McIntyre and Karina Cabrera.

Hawkins and the Chargers regained their lead and pushed it to four (63-59) with just over 2 minutes remaining before Trinh countered with a big 3-pointer of her own to pull OCC to within a point at 63-62.