



## Calendar

- Now-March 21 – “Roger Whitridge: Order and Chaos” & “Monroe Isenberg: nowhere is here,” Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion, Free admission
- Feb. 7 – Women’s Basketball vs. Golden West, 6 p.m., Peterson Gymnasium
- Feb. 8 – Baseball vs. Southwestern, Noon, Wendell Pickens Baseball Field - John Altobelli Park
- Feb. 8 – OCC Lunar New Year Celebration, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad
- Feb. 10 & 11 – OCC Repertory Theatre production of “Plays Made in a Day,” 7:30 p.m., Drama Lab Studio
- Feb. 12 – “Exploring the Life of Mansa Musa of the Mali Empire,” 1 p.m., Student Union Room 213
- Feb. 14 – “Stories, Songs, and Reflections with Ms. Fikes,” 1 p.m., College Center Ballroom
- Feb. 14 – Softball vs. LBCC, 2 p.m., Softball Field
- Feb 15 – Men’s Basketball vs. Golden West, 5 p.m., Peterson Gymnasium
- Feb. 22 – Spring Flex Day
- Feb. 23 – Swimming: Sprint Invite, 9 a.m., OCC Pool
- Mar. 2 – OCC Symphony presents “Spring Celebration,” 7:30 p.m., Robert B. Moore Theater

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## OCC Umoja Celebrates Black History Month

Orange Coast College Umoja will celebrate Black History Month throughout February by embracing the theme “Honoring the Past, Embracing Our Now” with planned events.

“Stories, Songs, and Reflections with Ms. Fikes” will be the featured event for the month-long celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 14, starting at 1 p.m. in the College Center Ballroom. Civil rights icon Ms. Bettie Mae Fikes is a founding member of the Freedom Singers, a core member of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) Freedom Singers, who traveled with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Smithsonian Institute’s ‘Museum of Tolerance inductee.

Hailing from Selma, Ms. Fikes became known as “the voice of Selma” and was there during what’s now known as “Bloody Sunday,” where she witnessed marchers being chased down and beaten. The OCC campus community will have the unique opportunity to hear from this celebrated 1960s Civil Rights Movement icon as she shares her stories about diversity and civil rights. Light refreshments will be served.

EOPS Counselor and Umoja Coordinator Andrea Eke-Amacker is the lead organizer for the Black History Month programming

at Orange Coast College.

This year, she wanted to recognize the life and legacy of Africans and African Americans that aren’t widely discussed but have contributed to our rich history and experiences. The Sankofa principle of the Akan people of Ghana means “go back and get it,” or as we move forward, we must remember the past. This is why Black History Month isn’t just about remembering or celebrating the contributions of African and African Americans in February but should be a form of practice that is incorporated regularly.

A complete listing of Black History Month events can be found on the Umoja website.

## OCC Celebrates Lunar New Year

The Global Engagement Center and Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Program will host a Lunar New Year Celebration on Thursday, Feb. 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Quad.

The celebration will raise awareness of how the Lunar New Year is celebrated worldwide, including the Chinese New Year, Seollal in Korea, Tet in Vietnam, and more.

Activities will begin at 11 a.m. with a resource fair featuring many local organizations supporting the OCC Asian community. During the celebration, the campus community can win prizes, participate in photo opportunities, enjoy Asian appetizers, and hang New Year's wishes on a Wishing Tree. The celebration will culminate with a Lion Dance and an Acrobatic Dragon Dance beginning at noon.

Lunar New Year is celebrated across the globe to celebrate the arrival of spring and the start of a fresh year based on the Chinese lunisolar calendar. This year, the Lunar New Year will begin on Feb. 10, kicking off more than two weeks of festivities, customs, and plenty of feasts.

The upcoming year's dragon sign is perhaps the most famous zodiac creature, associated with many positive qualities such as nobility, wealth, and wisdom.



## Memorial Cup Series Honors John Altobelli's Lasting Legacy

Orange Coast College's men's baseball team again participated in the annual Memorial Cup Series on Jan. 26, 27, and 30 between the OCC Pirates and the El Camino Warriors.

The Pirates took the trophy in 2023 but could not defend the title and bring it back home to OCC this year. El Camino won the Memorial Cup trophy for taking the first two games of this best-of-three series.

The Memorial Cup series began in 2022 between the Pirates and Warriors as a way to honor former OCC head coach John Altobelli, who died with his wife Keri and daughter Alyssa, back on Jan. 26, 2020, and for former ECC player Slayden Mohl, who died during the Warriors' 2019 season. In a speech before the inaugural Memorial Cup, OCC's Sports Information Director and brother to John, Tony Altobelli, told both teams, "You guys are playing for each other. We are going to make sure they are not forgotten."

## OCC Welcomes Pirates to Spring 2024

The Future Pirate Team welcomed hundreds of new Pirate students to campus on Jan. 23 for Navigate OCC. The event is traditionally held the week before each semester starts and is the ideal time to take care of any last-minute things before the start of the semester.

As students checked in, they were greeted with essential OCC swag, including totes and notebooks, before heading on a campus-wide tour with their peer tour guides. The Future Pirate Team was also available to assist and support students with adding classes, applying for financial aid, making counseling appointments, and any other questions to help the new students feel better prepared for their first semester at Coast.



In addition, the Future Pirate Team also hosted Welcome Week tables during the first few days of Spring 2024, where staff was available to answer basic questions and help students locate classes.

This Spring, 2024, OCC will have more students on campus, with an enrollment increase of approximately 3 percent compared to last Spring semester.

## OCC's Meghan McIntyre Makes 22-23 3C2A State Honor Roll

Former Orange Coast College women's basketball player Meghan McIntyre was a star not only on the court but also in the classroom.

The current Southern Oregon University student-athlete was recently named part of the 2022-23 California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) Scholar-Athlete Honor Roll for achievements at OCC. With nearly 24,000 student-athletes in the 3C2A, the accomplishment is something to be incredibly proud of.

McIntyre will be honored at the 3C2A Scholar-Athlete Luncheon on Wednesday, March 27, as part of the annual 3C2A Convention in Sacramento.

After transferring to St. Anthony High School out of Huntington Beach High School, McIntyre averaged 17.3 points and 6.3 rebounds a game. However, with the COVID pandemic in full swing, getting offers to play at Division I or four-year level was hard to come by. Hence, Meghan began to look at the community college level, where schools like Santa Ana College, Long Beach City, Cerritos, and Golden West piqued her interest.

McIntyre eventually landed on GWC, where, as a Rustler, she was one of the top all-around players in the state as a freshman.

"I remember the first time OCC came to play us in our gym, and I liked what (Coach Sammy Doucette) was doing and how she was running her program," McIntyre said. "Something hit me, and I decided that OCC would be a better overall fit for me, so I reached out to Coach Sammy after the season and started the process."

"When Meghan first came to OCC, right off the bat, she proved to everyone in our practices, workouts, and scrimmages that she would play a pivotal role in our program and also be a huge leader for us on and off the court," said former teammate Savannah Seiler.

McIntyre's accolades from the season include Orange Empire Conference Player of the Year, State Tournament MVP and First-Team, and All-State honors.

After guiding the Orange Coast College women's basketball program to a season for the ages by winning the state championship, Pirate sophomore Meghan McIntyre was selected as the OCC Female Athlete of the Year, as voted on by the school's head coaches from all 24 sports programs.

McIntyre averaged 20.1 points, 9.4 rebounds, and 7.2 assists, leading the Pirates to a 32-1 season record and the school's second-ever women's basketball state championship. Her leadership and superior play helped the Pirates achieve several record-setting stats throughout the season. OCC's 32-1 record and (.970) winning percentage is the best all-time for one season in Pirate history. OCC's 20-game win streak was the longest in school history, and the Pirates' 20-0 record was the most wins in a row to start a season.

McIntyre led the STATE in assists with 236, finishing fourth in the state in points (662) and 12th in the state in rebounds.

