



## #GIVINGTUESDAY™



### Giving Tuesday Campaign Raises More Than \$70k For Students

OCC took part in Giving Tuesday 2015 on Dec. 1, raising more than \$70,000 for student programs and scholarships. The annual event is fueled largely through social media and kicks off the holiday giving season on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

The College raised more than \$35,000 through donations, and anonymous donors matched that amount to bring the total to more than \$70,000. Donations were made to a variety of programs across campus, including men's crew, women's basketball, the photography department, chorale program, and more.

"The donors exceeded all of our expectations in their generosity," said OCC Foundation specialist Liz Parker. "They truly supported programs across our curriculum, and we could not be more grateful."

### Coast Christmas Classic Remembers Former Basketball Standout

OCC's annual Christmas tournament now bears the name of a former women's basketball player who passed away in 2010.

This year's Erin Tomlinson Coast Classic will take place on

Dec. 17-19 in the Peterson Gymnasium. The College has invited 7 neighboring schools to compete.

Tomlinson played basketball at OCC from 1998-2000 and later moved on to play for UC Irvine. She passed away due to complications from a viral infection at the age of 30.

### Guitar Ensemble's End-Of-Year Concert Featured Grammy-Winning Guitarist

OCC's Guitar Ensemble gave their final concert of the year on Dec. 6 in the Robert B. Moore Theatre. The show featured 35 guitarists from the College's music program, with a special solo performance by Grammy award-winning guitarist William Kanengiser.

Kanengiser is a member of the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet and teaches music at the University of Southern California.

"He rarely plays solo concerts in Southern California, so this was quite a treat," says the OCC classical guitar program's director Adam Pettit.

The show showcased soloists, small ensembles and a large guitar orchestra on classical guitars, as well as student guitarists performing jazz and modern rock/pop standards on acoustic and electric guitars.

## Calendar

- Dec. 10 – Emeritus Luncheon**  
Student Center Lounge, 11:30 a.m.
- Dec. 11-13 – Christmas at the Longhorn Sage Saloon**  
Drama Lab Theatre, 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.
- Dec. 17-19 – Erin Tomlinson Coast Classic**  
Peterson Gymnasium, times vary



## Photo Dept. Partnered with Irvine Developer for Architectural Photography Project

Irvine community developer FivePoint recently partnered with the OCC's photo department for a unique on location photo shoot as part of the department's A289 Architectural Photography class.

Jann Rowe, VP of Marketing, collaborated with photo faculty member Damian Tsutsumida in creating an assignment which provided a real world experience with a corporate client. FivePoint — along with Tim Jones at K. Hovnanian Homes — opened their doors to Silvermist, a luxury single family home collection

at Beacon Park at Great Park Neighborhoods in Irvine. The class of 20 students worked from dusk to dawn photographing four separate model homes, with a strong emphasis on professional lighting and camera techniques.

"Jann and her team at FivePoint have given our students a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience an on-location photo shoot at Beacon Park, Great Park Neighborhoods," said Tsutsumida. "This award winning community challenged our students to problem solve and deliver high end architectural photography in real time. This is something that no other college level architectural photography class can offer."



In addition to their collaboration, FivePoint generously provided a \$5000 in-kind donation to the OCC Photo Foundation.

"FivePoint marketing was excited to offer this opportunity to the students of OCC's photo department" Rowe said. "We believe that 'life will be different' at Great Park Neighborhoods, and partnering with these 20 students confirms that. We are looking forward to future collaboration!"



## Theatre Dept.'s Holiday Melodrama Is Fun For the Whole Family

The College's Repertory Theatre Company will stage "Christmas at the Longhorn Sage Saloon," a Christmas Melodrama and Ice Cream Social on Dec. 11-13 in the Drama Lab Theatre.

Adults and children alike are invited to boo the villain, cheer the hero, sing holiday songs and enjoy a free ice cream treat at performances at 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and 2:30 p.m. matinees on Saturdays and Sunday.

Advance tickets are available for \$7 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors at [www.occtickets.com](http://www.occtickets.com) or at the OCC Bursars Office at (714) 432-5880. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$9 for adults and \$7 for children and seniors.

Parking is free for the performance in Lots C and D. There will be a visit by Santa and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

## Julie Clevenger Appointed Director of College & Community Support

Longtime OCC staffer Julie Clevenger has been appointed Director of College and Community Support. The position is new, and oversees Community Education, the OCC Swapmeet, the Recycling Center, Facilities Rentals, the Mailroom and Reprographics.

Clevenger previously was the executive assistant to the president, a position she has held since 2010. Prior to that she was a staff assistant in the OCC Foundation, and a senior secretary in Instructional Programs and at the School of Sailing and Seamanship. She also worked as a student assistant and accounting technician in Community Education from 1987 until 1995.

"This really is full circle for me because I started as a student assistant in Community Education," Clevenger said. "I'm really excited for the opportunity and eager to get started."

Clevenger will slowly transition out of her former position until the end of the fall semester, and will start in her new role in January. Her hours will be from Thursday-Monday.



## English Professor Gary Hoffman's New Book Release Schedule for January

Coast English professor Gary Hoffman's newest book, "Pomegranate Gospel: Bible Revivals For Secular Tastes" is scheduled for release in January on both Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble Booksellers. The book will also be available in the OCC Bookstore.

The "Adios, Strunk and White" co-author explores the Bible as literature, and includes a variety of writing styles such as literary analysis, epistles, Q&A, narratives and more.



Jack Alan Scott, scholar-in-residence at Claremont Graduate University and former state senator and chancellor of the California Community Colleges, writes "Hoffman offers a fresh, candid, often humorous, at times controversial, interpretation of the Bible. Most Bible films have a holy aura, which can be offensive and unrealistic. Hoffman clearly avoids that sin."

Gary has been teaching writing at Coast since 1971. He retired from teaching full-time in 2011, and has been teaching at the College part-time ever since.

## Toy Drive Collects More Than 3,000 Toys For Cancer Patients

OCC's Spirit of Ability Club collected more than 3,000 toys at a toy drive to benefit the Jessie Rees Foundation last month. The club exceeded its initial goal of collecting 1,000 toys during the month-long toy drive, filling more than 200 "Joy Jars" and sibling boxes to be given to children battling cancer.

Joy Jars were first conceived by Jessie Joy Rees, granddaughter of recently retired OCC kinesiology professor Leon Skeie. She delivered more than 3,000 jars to children in hospitals during her 10-month battle with two inoperable brain tumors before she passed away in 2012. To date, the Jessie Rees Foundation has donated more than 100,000 jars to kids with cancer around the world.

"The members of OCC's Spirit of Ability Club are proud to have spearheaded this drive to keep Jessie's spirit and dream alive," said club adviser and kinesiology instructor Robin O'Connor. "She was a special little girl and we are grateful to her Pappy Leon Skeie for sharing her with us years ago. This will be an annual event."

Small toys were requested to fit inside each jar, including hot wheels, Crayola crayons, beanie hats, small travel games, stickers, puzzles, wooden crafts, teething rings, packaged pacifiers, Lego minis, figurines, markers, notepads, earbuds, Slinkys, play jewelry, sports items, activity books, pens, and more.

## Speech and Debate Team Takes 5th Place at Regional Tournament

The Orange Coast College Speech and Debate Team competed in the 22nd Annual Griffin Invitational Tournament against 25 colleges from California to Texas at Grossmont Community College in San Diego on Nov. 14.

The forensics team is building in strength and advanced more than 60 percent of their events to semifinal and final rounds. "This is a rare achievement," said assistant coach Raffaella Baker.



Contributing to a 5th place overall finish were multiple honors including:

**Debate:**

- Nicci Stebbins — Bronze in Novice IPDA
- Caroline Sell — Bronze in Novice IPDA
- Austin Smith — Gold in Open IPDA

**Individual Events:**

- Jessica Elderkin 1st in Open Prose
- Asha Wasuge 2nd in Open Poetry and 3rd in Open Speech to Entertain
- Sebastian Valdez 2nd in Open Informative Speaking
- Rachel Steele 1st in Novice Prose
- David Sonnenberg 3rd in Novice Prose
- Jessica Hernandez Finalist in Novice Persuasive Speaking

Director of Individual Events, communications instructor Shaw Davari said “We are proud of the students and all their hard work. They stepped up their preparation and it paid off.”

The team’s next tournament is the PSCFA Fall Championships at Mt. San Antonio College in December.

## Lab School Earns National Certification for “Nature Explore” Classrooms

OCC’s Early Childhood Lab School has earned national certification for two age-specific Nature Explore Classrooms from the Dimensions Educational Research and Arbor Day foundations. Nature Explore Classrooms are part of the Nature Explore program, a collaborative project sponsored by both foundations to promote nature-based outdoor learning environments for children.



“Orange Coast College has shown tremendous leadership in growing the next generation of environmental stewards,” said Nature Explore Outreach Director Susie Wirth in a prepared statement. “Their commitment to providing research-based and nature-rich learning offers a wonderful example to educators throughout the country.”

The Lab School created one space for younger preschool children and another for pre-school and pre-k children. The spaces offer interactive elements such as musical instruments made from natural materials, garden or pathway areas, and natural materials for building and creating art.

OCC’s Early Childhood Lab School is part of the College’s Early Childhood Education program and offers students the chance to observe and, in some cases, be assistant teachers to preschool-age children.

## Office of Marketing and Public Relations Hires Webmaster James Nguyen

OCC’s Marketing and Public Relations department hired James Nguyen as Webmaster in mid-November. The position is new, and Nguyen will be tasked with managing the OCC website and internal Web pages. He also will be responsible for training the Web editors for all areas on the College’s recently refreshed website functions.

Nguyen has a bachelor’s degree in computer science from California Polytechnic University in Pomona, and a master’s in information technology from Claremont Graduate University. He previously was an applications support programmer at Pitzer College.

Nguyen was born and raised in the Bay Area and currently lives in Rancho Cucamonga with his wife.

