

Orange Coast College UPDATE

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Calendar

- **June 18 — Summer Sailstice**
OCC School of Sailing and Seamanship, Noon
- **July 15, 22, 23 — The Hobbit**
Drama Lab Theatre, 7 p.m.
- **July 16, 17, 24 — The Hobbit**
Drama Lab Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- **Save the Date!**
■ **Aug. 26 — Focus Day**
Location TBD, 9 a.m.

OCC Ranks High in Statewide Student Success Markers

Orange Coast College outperformed its community college peers in key areas of student success, including persistence, degree and transfer completion, and career and technical education completion, according to the 2016 Student Success Scorecard, an annual report compiled by the California Community College Chancellor's Office.

The CCC's Student Success Scorecard provides the California public with easily accessible performance outcomes for all 113 community colleges in the state. OCC was ranked 1st in the state for persistence, a marker that measures students from 2009-10 until 2014-15 who enrolled in the first three consecutive terms. During the same time period, Coast also ranked 5th in the state for degree/transfer completion, 2nd in the state for the number of students who completed at least 30 units, and 2nd for Career and Technical Education (CTE) certificate completion.

"To be the highest in the state [for persistence] is incredible," says OCC Vice President of Instruction Kevin Ballinger. "To have a persistence rate of 85% means that students come to OCC with a goal and they stay until they achieve that goal."

Other metrics addressed in the Scorecard included a measurement titled "Skills Builder" that assesses the

median earnings change for students who completed higher level CTE coursework without receiving a degree or certificate; students who fall under this category often take one or two courses in order to improve their skills for ongoing employment.

"So many students come to OCC to get a skill and then they leave," says Ballinger. "This is an excellent way to measure the return on investment that students receive from their education at Coast, even if their time here did not result in a certificate or degree, or transfer to a four-year institution."

At OCC, skills builder students saw on average a nearly 16% increase in their wages, with the highest increases in welding (38.9%), information technology (27.5%), and general health occupations (26%).

A link to OCC's complete Student Success Scorecard can be found on the College's homepage at www.orangecoastcollege.edu

OCC's 16th Annual Summer Sailstice Celebration Scheduled for June 18

Orange Coast College's School of Sailing and Seamanship will host its annual Discover Sailing and Summer Sailstice Celebration on Saturday, June 18, from noon to 4 p.m.

The afternoon will include fun, food and sailing at the school's Newport Beach waterfront facility at 1801 W. Coast Hwy. Admission is free and open to the public.

Those in attendance will have a chance to sail aboard one of OCC's sailboats, and the school also will be raffling off a certificate for a free beginning sailing class, youth summer sailing camp or safe powerboat class.

"This event is dedicated to getting new sailors on the water and for others to re-discover sailing on the longest sailing day of the year," said Sailing Program Coordinator Mette Segerblom. "If you've never sailed before, or want to share sailing with a non-sailor, this day is for you!"

Registration is now open at www.occsailing.com.

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OCC Planetarium Groundbreaking Slated for Thursday, June 16

The College will break ground on its long-awaited OCC Planetarium on Thursday, June 16 at noon. The event will take place at the site of the College's former planetarium and math wing.

The new Planetarium will include a state-of-the-art theatre and presentation room with a 40-foot dome and theater style seating for 125, plus a Foucault Pendulum, an interactive science exhibit hall, and a Science on a Sphere NOAA display globe that will give visitors a chance to see the planet's atmosphere in real-time. OCC also received a \$1 million grant from Base II to fund a telescope farm adjacent to the Planetarium.

The facility is meant to serve as a premier science center in Orange County, and will provide space for the College's astronomy courses in addition to hosting field trips and giving the local community an opportunity to attend shows, lectures and exhibits throughout the year.

For more information, contact OCC's Foundation at (714) 432-5707.



'Mr. OCC' Jim Carnett Inducted Into OCC Alumni Hall of Fame

The return of Jim Carnett for Orange Coast College's Alumni Hall of Fame honor could be called a homecoming of sorts — and rightly so. Carnett not only spent nearly his entire 36-year career at Coast, he was a student at the College in the early 1960s and credits OCC with helping him find his passion in public relations.

"I came to OCC in the Fall of 1962, and the College was my lifeline for many years. Without OCC, I would never have finished college," Carnett says. "It was really at OCC that I learned how to discipline myself. The best teachers I had in higher education were at Orange Coast [College]."

During his time at Coast, Carnett took three years off to serve in the army, later returning to finish his associate's degree and transfer to California State University, Fullerton, where he received a bachelor's degree in communications. From there, he continued on to Pepperdine University to complete his master's degree.

During his senior year at CSUF, Carnett decided to try his hand in public relations, and approached OCC's director of public information Don Jacobs to inquire about an internship, which he quickly got.

"I wanted to get into higher education as a PR guy, but I never allowed myself to think I could work at OCC," Carnett says. "Don assigned me a lot of challenging tasks and projects, and I just fell in love with the job. I thought 'This is perfect, this is what I can do, and this is what I enjoy.'"

Carnett would eventually land at OCC full-time, as an assistant in the College's public information office, and was promoted to director of public information a year later. He worked at the College for 36 years — as the director of public information and later as the director of community relations — before retiring in 2008.



At Coast he met his wife of 42 years, Hedy, who worked at the College as a telephone operator (coincidentally, Carnett's parents met at the Santa Ana Army Air Base that once occupied the same land that OCC is built on) and they have spent much of their marriage living right across the street in the Mesa Del Mar housing tract.

While at OCC, Carnett branched outside of his regular duties often, whether it was to serve as the announcer at football and basketball home games, or to play a role in one of the College's many theater productions.

It was little wonder that Carnett was eventually dubbed "Mr. OCC" during his years at Coast. "That was a total honor for me, because I could look around campus and see a dozen other 'Mr. OCC's'" Carnett says. "For me, the College always came first, and it's that passion for the place that caused that nickname to be coined. There've been many other 'Mr. OCC's' but I take great pleasure in knowing that for awhile, I was that person."

During his years as the director of community relations, Carnett served on the board for the National Council of Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) and was a founding member and for the California Community College Public Relations Organization (CCCPRO). He also was the president of the California Sports Information Directors organization and worked as a columnist for the Daily Pilot newspaper, a publication he still contributes to regularly.

Carnett was inducted into OCC's Alumni Hall of Fame at a ceremony on May 19 in the College's Library Classroom. A plaque bearing his likeness was mounted in the OCC Library, and he was formally recognized before the class of 2016 at the College's 68th Commencement Ceremony on May 20.

SSC's Susan Aube Awarded Hanging of the Orange For Suicide Prevention Training

Student Success Center Instructional Associate Susan Aube was recognized as the recipient of this year's "Hanging of the Orange" award.

Aube was honored for her work in a suicide prevention program called QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer). Aube received training four years ago at the College's Student Health Center, and has since continued to teach QPR classes to every tutor who is hired at the SSC.

"To date, she has taught more than 150 student employees how to respond to a suicidal fellow student or other individual they may encounter," says Student Health Center Director Sylvia Worden. "This is all over and above her regular job, and I think it really shows her dedication to meeting the needs of our students."

The Hanging of the Orange award originated in 2007 when OCC Foundation Director Doug Bennett was honored for creative action he took during the College's 2006 Commencement Ceremony. He noticed that the live citrus

trees used to decorate the stage were lacking in oranges, so he raced to the grocery store to purchase some to hang on the trees. He was honored the following year for his efforts, and today the tradition continues of honoring OCC faculty and/or staff members who provide service to the College that goes above and beyond the call of duty.



World Dance Celebration Featured Classic Indian Dance Bharata Natyam, Folklorico and More!

Orange Coast College held its 8th annual World Dance Celebration on May 20 in the Robert B. Moore Theatre.

This year's showcase featured classical Indian dance, Bharata Natyam, choreographed by guest instructor Ramya Harishankar. The performance also will include dances from Kuwait and Egypt, choreographed by OCC dance instructor



Angelika Nemeth, as well as music and movements from Iran, Korea, Mexico, Spain, and Tahiti.

There were two showings of the 60-minute concert — one at 11 a.m. that was free to elementary, middle and high school students, and the evening performance. The cast included renowned Coast dance faculty, members of the College's World Dance Ensemble, and guest artists.

"I am very grateful for the funding from the OCC Foundation which enabled us to provide school buses for the morning outreach show," says Nemeth. "We had about 800 students attend the morning show, and almost 500 people attended the evening show. Many said it was the best show yet."

Pirates Finish Fourth at CCCAA Men's Golf Championships

The Orange Coast College men's golf team capped off a tremendous 2016 season by finishing fourth overall at the 2016 California Community College Athletic Association Men's Golf State Championships on Monday at the Desert Island Golf and Country Club.

Coast, which won the 2016 Orange Empire Conference title and advanced to the state finals with a fourth-place finish at the Southern California Regionals, carded a two-round team score of 765. Reedley College won the title with a team score of 745, while College of the Canyons (751) and College of the Desert (754) rounded out the top three. Fellow OEC foe Santiago Canyon (773) finished fifth, followed by Santa Rosa (774), Monterey Peninsula (788) and Folsom Lake (789).

The Desert Island Golf and Country Club brought out the best in each competitor. Out of the 40 total rounds of golf played on Monday, players finished under par in only eight of those rounds.

In particular, the greens and the pin placements were described by coaches throughout the event as "diabolical", "humbling" and "treacherous", but OCC head coach Sean Collins believed it was the perfect surroundings for a state championship.

"I thought the course and the day was absolutely perfect," Collins said. "They had to compete and they did just that. As a team, we achieved our goals this year by winning conference and making it to state. Sure, we wanted to win it all, but to be a part of something like that, I truly believe it will be an experience they all will never forget. It was a great season for a great team."

One of those eight sub-par rounds was turned in by OCC freshman Austin Briggs, who took on the 6,716-yard course and finished his opening round with a 1-under-par, 71. After starting the front nine with a 1-over 37, Briggs came out strong on the back-nine and went par-birdie-par-birdie over the next four holes. After a bogey on the 14th, Briggs bounced back and finished his round with a birdie and three pars for a 34.

OCC's lone sophomore, Connor Hurst, capped off his Coast career with the team's lowest two-round score of the event, shooting a 77 and a 74 for a two-round total of 151. Briggs was second on the Pirates with a 153, followed by Jeremy Dorff (154), Justin Collins (154), Marcus De La Rosa (157) and Jordan Meas (165).

Hurst finished 12th overall with his 151, while College of the Canyons' Ben Campbell won the individual championship with a 71-71, 142.

OCC Sustainability Coordinator Mike Carey Gives Talk at National Zero Waste Conference

OCC's Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Mike Carey presented a workshop and gave a talk at the Zero Waste Business Conference on June 1-4 in Austin, Texas.

Carey is an elected board member and treasurer of the U.S. Zero Waste Business Council and chairs the organization's Zero Waste College and University Technical Committee. He hosted a four-hour workshop at the upcoming conference, which was attended by representatives from 50 colleges and universities from across the country. Following the workshop, Carey hosted a three-hour sustainability tour of the University of Texas at Austin.

He also was a speaker and moderator for a panel titled "Zero Waste Research and Training from Colleges and Universities."

Carey oversees OCC's Recycling Center, which currently is undergoing an expansion that will bring significantly more space and resources to the popular facility.

