



Calendar

■ **June 24 – Summer Sailstice**
OCC Boathouse, Noon until
4 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

■ **August 25 – Fall Flex Day**
Campus Quad, 8:30 a.m.



OCC's 17th Annual Summer Sailstice Celebration Scheduled for June 24

Orange Coast College's School of Sailing and Seamanship will host its annual Discover Sailing and Summer Sailstice Celebration on Saturday, June 24, 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

OC Children's Book Festival Co-Founders Named 2017 OCC Community Partners of the Year

Barry Ackerman and Pat Burns, co-founders of Timeless Learning Inc. and the Orange County Children's Book Festival, have been selected as Orange Coast College's 2017 Community Partners of the Year.

Ackerman and Burns co-founded the OC Children's Book Festival 14 years ago, which has brought more than 250,000 children and their families to OCC over the years. Attendees of the Festival experience a day of excitement about learning, including meeting with favorite authors and illustrators, engaging in storytelling and crafts, visiting book and food vendors, and even taking a turn on a trackless train ride around campus.

"Our goal is to inspire children to read and to love books, and judging by the longevity of the Festival and the continuing partnership with OCC, it looks like we have succeeded," says Ackerman. "We are grateful that OCC has continued this partnership which benefits so many."

Organization of the OC Children's Book Festival is 100 percent volunteer-based, and many well-known guest speakers have participated, including Jamie Lee Curtis, Molly Shannon, Buzz Aldrin and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

"We find it to be so heartwarming to have this recognition, and to be able to share that recognition with our all-volunteer team," says Burns. "The OC Children's Book Festival is a labor of love and for us to be recognized by such an established icon in the community as Orange Coast College is huge to us. We are very, very honored."

Four OCC Students Recognized at Les Miller Award Dinner

Two student athletes and two students who excel academically were honored at the Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce's annual Les Miller Outstanding Student Awards ceremony.

Students who are recognized come from schools all over Costa Mesa and are nominated by their teachers for outstanding academics, community service and athletics. This is the 38th annual ceremony, and the event was held at Turnip Rose in Costa Mesa.



OCC Prof. Arnold Guerra Named UCI Outstanding, Influential Professor

Coast physics professor Arnold Guerra III was voted the "Most Outstanding and Influential" professor in the School of Physical Sciences at University of California, Irvine.

Guerra teaches at UCI part time, and has won the award before, in 2006 and 2009. He was nominated by students who are graduating in UCI's class of 2017.



Coast Report Wins Top Award at California Newspaper Contest

OCC's student-run newspaper, the Coast Report, took home a first place win in General Excellence in the California Newspaper Publishers Association's Better Newspaper Contest.

The award was specifically for the Coast Report's May 4, 2016 and May 11, 2016 issues, which covered sanctions placed on OCC's athletic teams and a pro-Trump rally held across the street from the College, at the OC Fairgrounds.

Student Journalist Zachary Boetto also won a 2nd place prize in the news photo category for a picture he shot from the same Trump rally.

The Better Newspapers Contest honors both college and community newspapers around the state. Comments from the judges included: "Good mix of news, features and sports, excellent photo coverage and design on Trump protest. Opinion page has good mix of lively topics."



School of Allied Health Champion Honored as Alumni of the Year

Margaret “Peg” Knoll has been named the 2017 OCC Alumni Member of the Year and was recognized at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 24.

Knoll manages University of California, Irvine’s Cardiovascular Center at UC Irvine Health in Orange. She graduated from OCC’s Cardiovascular Technology Program in 1979, in the program’s first graduating class, and went on to work in the field, first at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Long Beach and later at University of California, Irvine Medical Center in 1986.

Knoll worked to establish a program at UCI Medical Center to bring OCC students to clinical rotations at the hospital, and has remained a steadfast supporter of the CVT program at Coast for more than 35 years. She serves on the College’s CVT advisory board and has hired many OCC graduates in her current role, a position she will retire from this summer.

“I’m humbled, honored and embarrassed to be receiving honors at my age. This is truly a great honor and a wonderful way to end my career, where it began,” Knoll says. “Life is good ... I’ve been very fortunate and it all started at Orange Coast College.”

OCC conferred 4,919 associate degrees and certificates at the College’s 69th commencement ceremony at the Pacific Amphitheatre.

OCC Pirate’s Plank Competition Winners Receive Their Prize

Coast business students Michael Ambrose and Raheela Maniar each received a check for \$500 for winning the College’s inaugural OCC Pirate’s Plank Business Pitch Competition on April 6.

The competition — which mimicked ABC’s Shark Tank television show — invited students to present potential product ideas to a panel of judges, who listened to the presentations and asked questions regarding the viability of the product in the marketplace.





Dominguez Captures 10,000-Meter Title at State Meet!

Orange Coast College distance specialist Danny Dominguez put forth a final 400 meters for the ages as he rallied to shock the field and win the 10,000-meter run at the California Community College Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships on Friday afternoon at American River College.

Competing against the best distance runners in the state and some tropical weather conditions, Dominguez was a full five seconds behind San Bernardino Valley's Luis Ortega with one lap to go before finding a final-lap push that will go down in OCC history as one of the best in this event.

"With about 350 meters left, Danny went for it," OCC distance coach Marco Ochoa said. "He managed to pull away from his

pack and go after the leader and he was able to grab the lead with about 40 meters to go."

From there, Dominguez and Ortega went neck and neck down to the wire and in the end, the Pirate standout crossed the finish line first with a time of 32 minutes, 10.88 seconds. Ortega finished second with a time of 32:11.83 and Santa Ana's Paulina Sanchez (32:15.4) took third.

"Danny ran the final 400 meters in 63 seconds ... runners that compete in the 1,500 rarely run a 63-second final lap," Ochoa said. "That was an incredible push from an incredible young man. What a great way to end his OCC track career."

On the second day of the meet, Dominguez competed in the 5,000 and nearly pulled off the same final-lap magic. With one lap to go, Dominguez was in second place, a full TWELVE seconds behind Hartnell's Jorge Sanchez when he turned on the jets yet again and went after the lead runner. With another solid final 400 (1:03.5), he shaved nearly eight full seconds off of Sanchez and settled for the silver medal with a time of 15:19.08. Sanchez (15:14.77) took home the gold, while Mt. San Antonio College's Manuel Fernandez (15:19.71) finished third.