



Dean Tara Giblin Named ACE Fellow for 2018-19

The American Council on Education (ACE) has named Orange Coast College Dean of Mathematics and Sciences Dr. Tara Giblin an ACE Fellow for the 2018-19 academic year.

Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows Program is designed to strengthen institutions and leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for senior positions in college and university administration through an intensive nomination-driven, cohort-based mentorship model. The program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, visits to campuses and other higher education-related organizations, and placement at another higher education institution to provide valuable on-the-job experience and skills development in a single year.

"I'm excited to be part of the ACE Fellows program because I'm interested in leadership styles and how senior officials at institutions with different challenges approach situations to successfully create change," says Dr. Giblin. "I'm particularly interested in how, in our competitive environment, colleges ensure they are developing relevant programs and creating a campus-wide culture of innovation that the faculty and staff recognize and support; I'm curious if the strategies used at public colleges are different than those at tuition-driven institutions."

More than 2,000 higher education leaders have participated in the ACE Fellows Program over the past five decades, with more than 80 percent of Fellows having gone on to serve as senior leaders of colleges and universities. Following nomination by the senior administration of their institutions and a rigorous application process, 45 Fellows were selected this year.

"I believe Dr. Giblin is a senior level administrator who has been at the forefront of working with faculty and moving not only the Math and Science Division, but the school to the next level," says OCC President Dr. Dennis Harkins. "This is one of the most prestigious leadership programs in higher education, and I am pleased to have Tara represent Orange Coast College."

In addition to her role as Dean of Math and Sciences at Orange Coast College, Dr. Giblin currently is the Vice President of the Coast District Management Association, is a co-developer of a Women's Leadership group campus and was awarded Manager of the Year in 2017. A proponent of experiential learning as a mechanism for student engagement in campus, she is a co-founder of the OCC Student Project and Research Symposium.

Prior to working at OCC, Dr. Giblin served for 13 years as the Kimball Endowed Chair of Natural Science at Stephens College, teaching and working on research with students. During this time, she earned a Fulbright Scholarship to Kathmandu, Nepal to research the success of students in active learning classrooms versus the didactic setting.

Dr. Giblin earned her Doctorate in Biochemistry from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1997 and completed post-doctoral studies at the USDA and University of California-Riverside.

At the conclusion of her year as an ACE Fellow, Dr. Giblin will return to OCC with new knowledge and skills that contribute to capacity-building efforts, along with a network of peers across the country and abroad.



Calendar

- **April 2-19 — The Box featuring "RVCA"**
Literature and Languages Courtyard, 10 a.m. until 8 p.m.
- **April 5 — Financial Aid Tea Party**
OCC Quad, 2-6 p.m.
- **April 5 — Pirate's Plank Business Pitch Competition**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
- **April 6 — Spring Plant Sale**
Horticulture Greenhouses, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **April 7 & 8 — Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind**
Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- **April 10 — Career Fair**
OCC Main Quad, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
- **April 14 — Baseball vs Fullerton**
Wendell Pickens Field, 2 p.m.
**70th Anniversary Event*
- **April 14 — Crew vs UC Irvine @ Collins Cup**
Newport Harbor, 8 a.m.
- **April 14 & 15 — Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind**
Drama Lab Studio, 7:30 p.m.
- **April 19 — Green Coast Day**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 9:30 a.m.
- **April 20 — Softball vs Saddleback**
Softball Complex, 2 p.m.
- **April 24 & 25 — Friends of the Library Book Sale**
Library, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
**70th Anniversary Event*
- **April 27 & 28 — Student Dance Concert**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **April 30 — OCC Jazz Ensembles**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.

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"I appreciate the support of OCC's leadership in allowing me the time to engage in the ACE fellowship program, and I hope I can bring back to campus a better understanding of how other types of institutions are addressing the challenges of enrollment and student success, as well as helping their staff develop into leaders ready to meet the pressures facing higher ed right now," says Dr. Giblin.



Orange Coast College Culinary Team Headed to Nationals After Regional Win

Orange Coast College's 2017-2018 Hot Food Team won a ticket to the national stage after winning the top prize at the American Culinary Federation California Western Regional Championships on March 18. The event was held at OCC's kitchens and food service facility.

The members of the culinary team and program coordinator Professor Bill Barber.

OCC's team earned a gold medal and first place overall with a score of 93, edging out the second place team from Utah Valley University, who had score of 90.79 and also earned a gold medal. The winning circle was rounded out by Colorado Mountain College, who earned 84.3 points (silver medal) and Kapi'olani Community College who earned a bronze with a score of 76.87.

"I am extremely proud of each and every team member and our coaches," said OCC's Program Coordinator of Culinary Arts, Professor Bill Barber. "The team was extremely focused and organized, and were able to increase their score by 10 points since the state competition. This all comes through dedication, hard work, lots of 5 a.m. practices and long hours in the kitchen. And of course, we could not have done it without the help of expert guidance from the volunteer coaching staff."

For the regional tournament, teams are scrutinized by a panel of four ACF certified judges, including two "certified master-chefs" and several certified executive chefs. The competition is broken down into two phases; in Phase One basic skills are picked at random, and then demonstrated relay style and

under a strict time constraint. Fish butchery, chicken butchery, specific vegetable cuts and established pastry skills are to be completed in under 80 minutes or teams lose points. In Phase Two, teams have 90 minutes for cooking and service for a four-course meal for four. One course is a predetermined dish from the Escoffier Cookbook, while the other three courses are up to the team to develop.

OCC's Culinary department hosted the competitions for the ACF Western Regional convention "Chef Connect" taking place on March 19 and 20 at the Newport Beach Marriot and Spa in Newport Beach. "This is so exciting to watch... go team OCC!" said student volunteer Megan Lattimer as she peered through a crowd of onlookers during the team's "plate-up window" on Sunday.

Pastry chefs, chefs and culinary students competed in other categories on Saturday at the OCC, and dozens of Coast culinary students volunteered throughout the weekend, preparing and serving meals to all in attendance. "It was quite an undertaking, hosting the event," said Chef Barber. "It is amazing to see all of the student volunteers working so hard to bring this all together — the students are the ones that really deserve the credit ... many have put in over 30 hours in just the past few days!"

OCC's Hot Food Team has been practicing since late August, arriving before sunrise each Friday and some Mondays, and spending 8-10 hours in the kitchen. The days of the competition students are exposed to networking with other students and have an opportunity to receive feedback from highly accomplished chefs.

For the past 25 years, OCC Culinary has put forth student Hot Food Teams, winning the Western Region a total of 9 times over the years. The team will now advance to the ACF National Competition July 15- 19th to be held in New Orleans to compete against the other three regional winners.

Speech & Debate Wins State Championship for 4th Year in a Row

The College's Speech, Theatre, and Debate Team's finished in first place at the California Community College Forensic Association State Championship Tournament on March 11.

The State Championship was a challenging tournament with 24 community colleges in attendance, 139 debate entries, and 347 individual events. "Our students rose to the occasion with all of the challenges that were placed before them," says Assistant Debate Coach and adjunct OCC faculty member Hannah Haghighat. "They were fierce competitors who gave this tournament everything that they had. The coaching staff could not be more proud of our students."

This is the fourth year in a row that OCC's Speech and Debate team has brought home the top prize from the State Championship tournament.

"It is always fascinating to see what the students from Orange Coast College can do," says Director of Platform Events Shauhin Davari. "Every year we are fortunate to have such a

strong student body that can rise to the occasion and show our community just how intelligent and powerful they truly are.”

OCC’s team amassed 285 points, with Moorpark College coming in second place with 206.25 points and Solano College taking third place with 93.75 points. In fourth place was Mt San Antonio College with 86.25 points, and in 5th was LA Valley College with 83.75 points.

The team’s next tournament will be the Phi Rho Pi Speech and Debate National Tournament held in Daytona Beach, Florida on April 10–14.

Marketing & PR Dept. Wins Several Awards at National Conference

OCC’s department of Marketing and Public Relations cleaned up at the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR’s) 2018 National Conference, bringing home two national Paragon Awards and nine regional Medallion Awards.

The annual conference, which took place in Las Vegas from March 18–21, included an awards ceremony for NCMPR’s District 6, which includes Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah and areas around Guam.

OCC won a silver and bronze award at the national Paragon awards, and one gold, six silver, and two bronze awards at the District 6 Medallion awards ceremony. Coast was recognized in categories like “Original Photography,” “Print: Magazine,” “Print: Flier,” and “Excellence in Writing.”

“I am extremely proud of OCC’s marketing team for their achievements at both the national and regional level,” says Director of Marketing and Public Relations Juan Gutierrez. “This strong showing is indicative of not only the talent of

our team, but also their dedication to helping the College showcase its excellent programs and services.”

NCMPR annually presents Paragon Awards to recognize outstanding achievements in communication at community and technical colleges around the country. It’s the only national competition of its kind to recognize excellence among marketing and PR professionals at two-year community and technical colleges, and the organization has more than 1,700 members from more than 550 colleges in the United States and Canada.

Examples of the marketing and public relations department’s work can be found at www.orangecoastcollege.edu/newsstand

OCC’s Pirates Plank Business Pitch Competition Mimics ABC’s Show ‘Shark Tank’

OCC will host its second annual Pirate’s Plank Business Pitch Competition on Thursday, April 5 from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Robert B. Moore Theater.

“This event is an OCC student business pitch competition much like the ABC’s Shark TV show,” says business instructor Mark Grooms. “The purpose is to encourage our students to solve problems and inspire their entrepreneurial spirit.”

Students will present their business ideas to a panel of judges who are also local business leaders and owners. The judges will listen to the presentation and ask questions regarding the viability of the product in the marketplace. Judges also will offer advice on how to improve the product and presentation. Two winners will be selected and will receive cash prizes of \$500 each.

As the event organizer, Grooms emphasizes that the environment is one of learning and nurturing, and all students who are selected to present will receive invaluable advice and a memento of the event.

“When I was hired here at OCC, I vowed to produce a business pitch competition here,” Grooms says. “What’s so wonderful [at OCC] is the makeup of the students. We have many divisions represented with diverse business ideas. I hope this first event shows students, faculty, staff, and administrators what is possible.”

OCC’s Pirates Plank Competition is sponsored by First Bank and Simple Green.





Final Spring Plant Sale Scheduled for Friday, April 6

OC's horticulture department will host its final Spring Plant Sale on Friday, April 6 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

OCC's annual sale is a popular event for local gardeners, with a large selection of vegetables, herbs, and perennials, including heirloom and modern tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers, and more. Hundreds of plants — which are produced by students who attend OCC's horticulture program — will be on sale at the event, and faculty members and students will be on hand to answer any customer questions and to offer advice. The sale will take place in the horticulture area's garden nursery, near the campus' Adams parking lot.

OCC's horticulture department has sponsored the annual Spring Plant Sale for more than 30 years. Proceeds go toward student projects and scholarships

Financial Aid Office Hosting "Mad Hatter" Tea Party for Awareness Day

Students will have a chance to apply for financial aid while enjoying tea, finger sandwiches, and other delights at a "Mad Hatter Tea Party" from 2-6 p.m. on Thursday, April 5 in OCC's Main Quad.

The special event is in celebration of OCC's Financial Aid Wellness Kickoff and Financial Aid Awareness Day. There will be activities, entertainment, and prizes, and all students will have access to financial aid staffers who will assist them in filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms.

Rave Review: OCC Chamber Singers Garner High Praise for German Requiem Performance in Long Beach

Orange Coast College's Chamber singers brought down the house when they joined forces with the Long Beach Chorale and Chamber Orchestra to perform Johannes Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem" on Saturday, March 24.

Sitting in the audience was music critic Jim Ruggirello from the Grunion Gazette in Long Beach, who writes: "Every section sounded terrific, and they blended together seamlessly. They made a beautiful, hushed, appropriately spooky piano sound in the opening section, which made the ensuing fortissimo repetition all the more powerful. [Director Eliza] Rubenstein's groups always sound good, but the weight of the augmented chorus raised things to a higher level. This was a world-class performance."

OCC's Chamber Singers are the top choral ensemble at OCC — a group of approximately 40 auditioned students dedicated to performing the best choral music in a wide range of styles and genres. The group has made four trips to New York and Chicago to perform at Carnegie Hall and Orchestra Hall in the past several years, and will be returning to New York in 2019 to perform another major choral-orchestral work.

In the News: Doyle Arts Pavilion Manager Tyler Stallings Profiled in Coast Magazine

Art critic Laura Bleiberg sat down with Orange Coast College's new gallery manager, Tyler Stallings in early March to discuss his plans for the College's Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. In her introduction, Bleiberg writes: "A prolific writer and artist with an MFA from California Institute of the Arts, Stallings likes to mix the fine arts and popular culture, and he hopes the Doyle will become a place where the larger community can gather with students, staff and faculty."



The interview was featured in the March issue of Coast Magazine, a lifestyle magazine spin off of the Orange County Register newspaper.

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