

Orange Coast College Planetarium Ceremony Set for March 22

OCC's long-awaited Planetarium will officially open its doors on March 22 at 4 p.m.

In addition to the campus community, members of the local community will be at the celebration, including the Foundation Board of Directors, local officials, representatives from the architecture and construction firms who worked on the Planetarium, and donors.

There will be an inaugural showing of "Explore" in the Planetarium's state-of-the-art immersive theater. Showings will begin immediately following the dedication ceremony.



OCC Speech & Debate Takes Home Top Prize at Spring Championship Tournament

The Orange Coast College Speech, Debate, and Theatre team swept the competition at the PSCFA Spring Championship Tournament, held on Feb. 22-24 at Palomar College. The tournament is significant since it's the last tournament before both two- and four-year schools head off to their respective state and national invitational tournaments.

Typically, programs bring their best competitors to the spring tournament in order to prepare for the next phase of competition. "We have been working non-stop throughout our winter break to make sure that we were prepared for this weekend," said Director of Interpretive Events, Shaw Davari. "I'm thrilled with the success of the team and it's a good signal for how well we will do at our upcoming state championship!"

In addition to a first-place finish, many OCC students walked away from the tournament with top awards. "We were able to be successful in a variety of events throughout the tournament," said Director of Platform Events, Sean Connor. "So many forensic programs only specialize in one category of speech. The fact that our team provides opportunities for our students to compete in all areas of the activity truly provides an enriching experience and is the key to our continued success as a program."

The Orange Coast College Speech, Debate, and Theatre team's next tournament will be the CCCFA State Championship Tournament held March 12-17 in Woodland Hills, Calif.

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Calendar

- **March 9 — OCC Dance Invitational**
Robert B. Moore Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **March 14 — Baseball vs Irvine Valley**
Wendell Pickens Field, 2 p.m.
- **March 15 — Giles T. Brown Research Symposium**
MBCC & Horticulture Garden, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.
- **March 15 — Softball vs Golden West**
OCC Softball complex, 2 p.m.
- **March 15-17 — Radium Girls**
Drama Lab Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **March 19 — Hailing César**
Fine Art Lecture Hall, 6 p.m.
- **March 20 — Kudos & Koffee**
Student Center Lounge, 9 a.m.
- **March 21 — Baseball vs Fullerton**
Wendell Pickens Field, 2 p.m.
- **March 22 — Planetarium Grand Opening**
OCC Planetarium, 4 p.m.
- **March 22 & 23 — Radium Girls**
Drama Lab Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
- **March 24 — Radium Girls**
Drama Lab Theatre, 2:30 p.m.
- **April 6 — OCC Day at Angel Stadium**
Angel Stadium, 1:05 p.m.

‘Hailing César’: Grandson of Popular Labor Rights Icon to Visit OCC

Eduardo Chavez, grandson of well-known civil rights activist César Chavez, will screen his documentary “Hailing Cesar” at OCC on Tuesday, March 19 at 6 p.m. in the Fine Art Lecture Hall.

The event will include a viewing of the 60-minute documentary and will be followed by a discussion by Chavez, and Sirous Thampi, the film’s producer. The film includes animation, interviews, archival and current footage and music by Macklemore and other artists.

The younger Chavez grew up in the Bay Area and played golf professionally before deciding to work in the fields of Northern California in order to better understand the struggles of farmworkers. He hopes by sharing his story to inspire, motivate and educate audiences about an important chapter in American history.

The screening is free to attend and all are invited to attend.



SAVE THE DATE! OCC Day at Angel Stadium Set for April 6

Mark your calendars for OCC Day at Angel Stadium on Saturday, April 6, as the Angels take on the Texas Rangers at 1:05 p.m.

Employees are encouraged to purchase tickets through OCC in order to receive a complimentary OCC Angels hat. There also will be a pre-game event in the gate 5 courtyard that all employees are invited to attend.

Details about purchasing tickets are forthcoming. If you have questions, contact Jason Kehler at jkebler@occ.cccd.edu or by calling (714) 432-5770.

Giles T. Brown Research Symposium Set for March 15th

Orange Coast College is hosting its third annual Giles T. Brown Student Project and Research Symposium on Friday, March 15 in the College’s Math, Business and Computing Center and Horticulture gardens. The Symposium will give students a chance to present the work they do inside or outside the classroom, and aims to highlight many different disciplines on campus in a single event.

Students will present their work in one of three ways:

- Oral Presentation — The oral presentation (sometimes called a paper session) will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. in various MBCC classrooms and will include 15-minute oral presentations with 5 minutes of questions. Some examples of a research presentation might include topics like the effect of visual input on brainwaves, the effects of caffeine on VO2max, the comparison of performance on a rubric as judged by an instructor compared with final grade, or the effect of messaging on exercise seeking behavior.



The Giles T. Brown Student Project & Research Symposium 2019

Every division represented in over 80 works

The Giles Brown Student Project and Research Symposium provides a venue for all students from any field at OCC to showcase work they've done in class or independently with faculty mentors. There are several ways work can be shared, including poster, oral presentation, or exhibition of work.

Event March 15, 2019

Kickoff speech

9:30 a.m. at MBCC 162

Oral presentations

10 a.m.-1 p.m. at MBCC

Poster presentations & Exhibition of work

11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Horticulture

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Lunch for presenters

& mentors (only)
1:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Horticulture

Awards ceremony

2:30 p.m. at Horticulture

Website

www.orangecoastcollege.edu/sprs



- **Poster Presentation** — The poster session will take place from 11 a.m. until Noon in the College's horticulture gardens, and provides the opportunity to share work through a visual presentation and includes a question and answer period. Posters will be on display throughout the Symposium and the author(s) is/are present, which will provide an opportunity to communicate with peers in an informal and intimate setting.
- **Exhibition of Work** — The exhibition of work session will run concurrently with the Poster Presentation from 11 a.m. until Noon in the horticulture gardens, and is a category suitable for creative works including sculpture, machined products, architectural design, and ice sculptures.

Lunch will be provided for all presenters and their mentors from 1:15-2:30 p.m. in the horticulture gardens. All sessions will be followed by an award ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

The top prize is a First Author award of \$1,000, with \$500 for a subcategory win and \$100 for runner-up awards. Subcategories include oral presentation with original research, oral presentation with project or literature review, poster presentations, and projects, technology and creative works.

Last year's first place winner was Jonathan Stockman with a project titled "Accommodating the Baby-boomer Generation." Other winners included Mahdokht Hamidan with a poster

presentation for a fruit preservation cream, and Lyvia Yoho, with a project on selective reporting of crime by the media. This year saw a significant rise in project proposals, with more than 80 presentation submissions by students.

OCC Theatre for Social Justice Presents: Radium Girls

Orange Coast College's theatre department is staging a production of "Radium Girls" on the weekends of March 15-17 and March 22-24 in the College's Drama Lab Theatre. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee scheduled for Sunday, March 24, in lieu of the nighttime show.

Radium Girls tells the story of how young women in the early 20th Century suffered radiation poisoning after working in factories that used radium to paint popular luminous watches.

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Radium Girls

A faculty-directed production for the OCC Theatre for Social Justice series

Written by D.W. Gregory
Directed by Naomi Buckley

In 1926, radium was a miracle cure, Madame Curie an international celebrity, and luminous watches the latest rage--until the girls who painted them began to fall ill. Inspired by true events, called a "powerful and engrossing" drama by critics, Radium Girls offers a wry, unflinching look at health, wealth and the commercialization of science.

Drama Lab Theatre
Admission: \$10 advance,
\$15 at the door. Student/senior
\$8 advance, \$10 door.

March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23
at 7:30 p.m.
March 24 at 2:30 p.m.

This event is ADA compliant. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made no later than five business days prior to this event by contacting Visual & Performing Arts Division at (714) 432-5629

After years of denials and cover-ups from the companies who owned the factories, an ensuing lawsuit changed worker conditions in the U.S. and led to the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

“This is a compelling moment in history where female workers were able to sue and hold accountable a large corporation for work-related injuries that they had suffered,” explains Director Naomi Buckley. “It paved the way for many more class action lawsuits that would allow for greater workplace accountability and worker safety. There are themes of class inequality, gender equality in the workplace, and big ethical issues that the show raises.”

OCC’s Social Justice Series was launched in 2016 in an effort to raise public awareness, educate and engage audiences on issues related to societal injustice and human rights. Past productions have delved into topics like immigration rights and social equity. Student actors are challenged to perform scenes that are often emotionally complex.

“I hope that what the audience takes away from ‘Radium Girls’ is the courage that it took for these girls to come forward and persist in spite of being severely ill and disabled by the end,” explains Buckley. “Their story is one of the real bravery that so many men and women show that then paves the way for others. It’s a story of heroism really.”

Tickets for “Radium Girls” can be purchased at www.occtickets.com for \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door.

Pirates Notch Statement Win With 2-1 Triumph Over Hawks

There are wins that make a team feel good ... and there are wins that make a statement. A 2-1 win over conference power Santiago Canyon did a little of both for the Orange Coast College softball team as the Pirates topped the Hawks for the first time in recent memory, dating back to the beginning of the SCC program 13 years ago.

The Pirates (9-1, 3-1), a team that has been struggling to earn respect in the always-tough Orange Empire Conference, picked up a hard-fought, well-deserved win against a talented Hawks team that was top-five seed in the Southern California Regional playoffs for the past two years as well as the 2016 state champion.

OCC righty Jordyn East (4-1) pitched a masterpiece for the Pirates, holding the Hawks to just one run on four hits with no walks and three strikeouts. She out-pitched SCC starter Ashlynn Clifford (5-2), who took the loss after allowing two runs on five hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

Santiago Canyon grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, thanks to a two-out double by Cozette Zoch and an RBI-single by Sabrina Rivera. But from there East kept the Hawks in check.

It stayed 1-0 until the bottom of the sixth. That’s when Liana Castro got a hold of a 2-1 pitch and launched her fifth home run of the season over the left-field fence, tying the score at 1.

SCC threatened in the top of the seventh with two outs after a single and hit batter put runners on first and second, but East coaxed a harmless foul pop-up to Castro to end the frame.

In the bottom of the seventh, Blake Hesla led things off and battled Clifford for nine tough pitches before finally earning the game’s lone walk. After a sacrifice bunt by Joanna Michaels moved Hesla to second and a fly out by Shawna Aguerrebere moved her to third, Brooklyn Pack came through with a game-winning, RBI-single to left to snap OCC’s decade-long losing streak to the Hawks.

Castro finished with two hits, while Pack, Madison LeClaire and Janae Gomez each collected hits for the Pirates.

